

WMRSD Winter Carnival offers fun for all ages

BY DONNA RHODES

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TILTON — Families enjoyed a number of fun activities, camaraderie and even the crackling warmth of an evening bonfire last Thursday when Winnisquam Regional School District held their second annual Winter Carnival with the courtesy and cooperation of Tilton School.

Inside the Tilton School gymnasium, children were able to take part in a number of games as well as some inflatable fun provided by a bouncy house and a bungee cord pull challenge.

There were also games and crafts sponsored by Hall Memorial Library, face painting, information booths from local businesses and sporting venues, and

plenty of good food to enjoy.

Hot dogs, chips and dessert treats from the district's PTO groups, along with chili and Uno's pizza were on the menu along with pastries, coffee and energy drinks from Aroma Joe's.

"I really like the bungee pull, it's a lot of fun, and the muffins from Aroma Joe's were awesome," said nine-year-old Willow, one of the enthusiastic participants in the night.

Throughout the event Winnisquam Middle School's Assistant Principal Mike Bryant kept everyone moving to the beat of some lively music. He said he was pleased with the number of people who came out to have some fun on

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Willow, Tommy and Anthony had a great time playing games and enjoying a bouncy house last Thursday night, when the Winnisquam Regional School District held its second annual Winter Carnival at Tilton School.

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Multiple fires keep Sanbornton Fire-Rescue occupied

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SANBORNTON — Last week was a busy time for the Sanbornton Fire & Rescue, with two building fires in four days, beginning with a chimney fire that broke out on Saturday, Feb 3., at 3:22 p.m. in a home located at 27 Taylor Rd.

The worrisome part of that incident was that upon arrival, smoke was showing from the roof, around the base of the home's chimney, which implied that it could extend into other portions of the home.

Sanbornton Fire Chief Paul Dexter reported that those first on scene checked the interior of the residence where they found a light smoke condition inside the building. Raising a ladder and hose line to the roof of the residence,

they soon found the source of the problem.

"The roof was opened, and active fire was found to be in the void space between the ceiling and roof. As Mutual Aid companies were arriving, they were quickly put to work in the building to check for any extension of the fire," Dexter said in his written press release.

The scene was eventually cleared by the department at 7:07 p.m., approximately three and a half hours after the fire was reported.

An investigation into the cause of the blaze uncovered that it did indeed originate from the chimney and it was deemed an accidental fire.

Dexter said damage was contained to the chimney and structural area surrounding it,

with some water damage on the first floor. Additionally, there were no reported injuries to firefighters or civilians in the incident.

Local fire departments assisting Sanbornton at the scene that day were Laconia, Franklin, Belmont, Gilford and Meredith, while New Hampton and Stewarts Ambulance covered the Sanbornton station.

Three days later Sanbornton was tones out to yet another structure fire, this time in an attached garage at 16 Threshing Mill Rd.

The call came in at 2:26 a.m. on Feb. 6 and the first companies to arrive found that a 24-foot-by-24-foot garage was fully involved in flames, endangering the residence that was attached through a breezeway. A

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Jamie Dolpies and Bonnie Tisdale of All In Fitness in Tilton invite everyone to come experience their new location at the Tanger Outlets and also join them for a special March 3 Grand Opening Celebration.

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All In Fitness celebrates new location, new programs

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TILTON — Jamie Dolpies of All In Fitness has expanded her operations with a move to a new location at the

Tanger Outlets, as well as the addition of a new partner, Bonnie Tisdale of Bristol, who brings new programs and fitness challenges to the center.

Dolpies said Tisdale is trained and certified in Piyo, Pilates and other strength and conditioning programs, while much of her own background is in fitness through dance and movement.

"We compliment each other very well. As soon as I met her last year, I knew she was the right fit for me as a partner," Dolpies said.

Dolpies came to New Hampshire in 2008 after dancing salsa competitively in New York City for a number of years. When she moved to the Winnisquam area, she began teaching dance at Creative Steps but also noticed there were no local dance fitness programs available for men and women. That inspired her to open All In Fitness with Zumba and other fun programs in 2013 and her business has grown from there.

In the meantime, Tisdale, a life long athlete, began teaching group fitness classes in 2009 and has been running Shape Up Newfound at the Tapply-Thompson Community Center in Bristol. Among some of the programs she loves to teach are P90X Live, Piyo Live, Turbo Kick, and CIZE Live, which is an energetic Hip Hop-style cardio dance class.

"When I met Jamie, she said she liked my hip hop class and wanted to run some early morning classes, so I said sure, and became a partner with her last August,"

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Fire District training facility named in honor of supportive commissioner

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TILTON — Before the February meeting of the Tilton-Northfield Fire District Commissioners got underway last week, Fire Chief Michael Sitar and representatives of his department made a special presentation to Commissioner Dennis Manning, announcing that their new training building was being named in his honor.

"We're gathering here tonight to recognize someone who has done a tremendous deed for the fire department," Sitar said.

Shift Captain David Hall, who headed up

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Members of the Tilton-Northfield Fire and Rescue Department recently thanked Fire Commissioner Dennis Manning for his support by naming their new training facility in his honor. From left to right are Chief Michael Sitar, Deputy Chief Tim Joubert, Firefighter Derek Farrell, Manning, Capt. David Hall and Firefighter Zack Mellet.

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Volunteers weigh fish at derby headquarters on Meredith Bay.

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Tents keep visitors out of the rain on Sunday at the Rotary Derby.

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Fishing Derby sees large turnout

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MEREDITH — Thousands took to the ice over the weekend to try to catch the big one during the 39th annual Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby.

Anglers set up their bobhouses and equipment on lakes across the state for the chance at catching the weekend's biggest fish and winning some big cash prizes.

Derby chair Don Trudeau said the weekend was a big success.

"We were blessed with some good ice, blessed with some good weather," Trudeau said. "We've had a tremendous turnout."

The weather was ideal on Saturday, though Trudeau said the rain on Sunday was unfortunate. Overall, he said there were around 5,000 people taking part in the derby over the weekend.

Trudeau said the ice was good all weekend. After talking with both



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER
The top three winners of the Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby: Grand prizewinner Douglas Shanahan, second place winner Judith Demarais, and third place winner Derek Wescott.

Fish and Game and people out on the ice, the ice was at least more than 15 inches thick, and up to around 20 inches and

above in areas.

"You get good ice and the fishermen will come," Trudeau said.

He said safety was the

most important thing for the weekend.

"We want people to be safe, have a fun family event, and make some money for Rotary," Trudeau said.

Fish and Game held their annual kids fishing clinic on Saturday, which Trudeau said likely had a record turnout.

"The kids had a great time," Trudeau said.

The final drawings took place on Sunday afternoon where the biggest fish of the weekend were entered in a raffle for the grand prizes.

The grand prize of \$15,000 went to Douglas Shanahan of Laconia. Shanahan caught the largest cusk, weighing in at 8.16 pounds and measuring 28 inches on Lake Winnepesaukee. He said he found the fish on his line that morning.

"Kind of had trouble getting it through the hole," Shanahan said.

Shanahan said he has been taking part in the derby since he was

three-years-old.

"I still kinda don't believe it," Shanahan said right after his name was announced.

The second place prize of \$5,000 went to Judith Demarais of Derry, who caught a 2.34-pound, 15.5-inch black crappie.

Demarais caught the fish in Lake Winnepesaukee on Saturday night.

She said she has been taking part in the derby since it began.

"You meet new people all the time," Demarais said.

Demarais' husband George Demarais was also on the board after catching the second largest black crappie of Sunday.

Derek Wescott of Webster won third place after catching the weekend's largest lake trout at 10.32 pounds and 34 inches. Wescott also caught his winning fish on Winnepesaukee.

"It's exciting, it's definitely exciting," Wescott said.

Wescott said he has been doing the derby his whole life. He said he loves everything about the derby, especially the atmosphere, the prizes, and everything else.

The largest pickerel of the weekend, 4.45 pounds and 23.75 inches, was caught by Romano Duncan of Andover, Mass. Brad Sykes of Chelmsford, Mass., caught the largest rainbow trout weighing 3.91 pounds and measuring 20.5 inches. The largest white perch of the weekend was caught by Robert Baxter of Foxboro, Mass. (3.27 pounds, 16 inches). Travis Williams of Meredith caught the derby's largest yellow perch, weighing 1.77 pounds and measuring 14.25 inches.

This year, the derby raffled off a trip for four to Walt Disney World by Penny Pitou Travel, which includes airfare, lodging, and meals. Gary Wilson of Milton was chosen as the winner.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 510 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Jan. 29 and Feb. 4. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged with a crime,

have been withheld.

Arrested during this time period were James Piscopo (for Driving Under the Influence), Jared Lamprey (for Driving After Suspension and Possession of Drugs), Noah Beardsley (for Theft), Tonya Luba (in connection with a warrant), William Me-

jia-Delisle (in connection with a warrant), Kristen Soukone (in connection with a warrant), Henry Rowley (for Willful Concealment), Amanda Dwyer (for Willful Concealment), Gregory Beck (for Theft By Deception), and John Inman (for Facilitating an Underage Alcohol Party).

Visiting hours suspended at Veterans Home

TILTON — As of Monday, Feb. 12, visiting hours for residents at the New Hampshire Veterans Home remain suspended as the Home's medical staff deals with a confirmed outbreak of norovirus, a highly contagious intestinal ailment that causes vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain and headaches.

NHVV Commandant Margaret D. LaBrecque shut down visiting by family, friends and service groups on Friday, Feb. 9, after consultation

with the New Hampshire Division of Public Health. The halt will continue for the duration of the current outbreak, though visits to severely ill residents and those in hospice-type care will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The suspension aims to protect the health of the Homes' population of around 200 frail elderly veterans, keeping new infections from coming from outside, and avoiding carrying any viruses out of the facility.

Contact NHVV Program Information Offi-

cer Len Stuart at number below for additional information.

The New Hampshire Veterans Home, founded in 1890, provides high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans. Currently home to about 200, it is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State dedicated exclusively to veterans.

For directions to the Home, please visit the NHVV Web site at www.nh.gov/veterans.

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SANBORNTON POLICE LOG

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Police Department responded to 28 calls for service during the week

ending Feb. 10. The breakdown was as follows: one alarm, one animal complaint, one arrest on warrant, two requests to assist other departments, one request for citizen assistance, one criminal trespassing complaint, one domestic assault, one fraud complaint, one harassment complaint, one medical emergency, two money relays, one motor vehicle accident, two motor vehicle summons, five motor vehicle warnings, one reckless operation complaint, two road hazard complaints, one stopping/standing incident, two reports of a suspicious vehicle or activity, and one welfare check.

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MillRiver Wealth Management, MVSB and Merrimack County Savings Bank sponsor NH Jump\$Start Coalition

REGION — Sister companies, Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB), Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) and MillRiver Wealth Management (MillRiver) have joined together to support the NH Jump\$Start Coalition. As gold level sponsors, each company contributed \$3,000 to NH Jump\$Start, which aims to improve the financial literacy of pre-kindergarten through college-age youth by providing advocacy, research, activities, standards and educational resources.

Additionally, employees of MVSB, the Merrimack, MillRiver and New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB), the holding company for the sister organizations, previously contributed to

NH Jump\$Start through a recent Jeans Day. Each NHMB Jeans Day allows employees the opportunity to wear jeans on a Friday, in exchange for a personal donation to the nonprofit being honored that day.

“Beginning financial education early and reinforcing those skills throughout a student’s educational career carries tangible benefits into adulthood and beyond,” said Paul Provost, President of MillRiver. “NH Jump\$Start has been incredibly successful at teaching practical habits such as working toward goals, spending less than one earns and avoiding and eliminating debt.”

“MVSB, the Merrimack, MillRiver and NH Jump\$Start share a commitment to the financial education of our youth.

By collaborating, more resources and expertise are available to accomplish this task,” added Rick Wyman, President of MVSB. “Analyzing real-world concepts such as credit rating helps our children and teens adopt good lifelong habits.”

“Jump\$Start’s FinLit300 competition is a unique consumer knowledge tournament for high school students,” continued Philip Emma, President of the Merrimack. “There, they are able to apply classroom-based financial education in a contest of knowledge and skills. Teaching students about financial responsibility from a young age paves the way for an independent and self-sufficient adulthood.”

“Our vision is for personal finance to be



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Left to right: Linda Lorden, SVP Retail Banking Officer, the Merrimack, Philip Emma, President, the Merrimack, Daniel Hebert, President, NH Jump\$Start Coalition, Rick Wyman, President, MVSB, Paul Provost, President MillRiver, Marcus Weeks, SVP Senior Retail Banking Officer, MVSB, Kimberly Carter, VP Loan Servicing, New Hampshire Mutual and NH Jump\$Start Board Member.

included as part of the educational curriculum for all students,” said Daniel Hebert, President of NH Jump\$Start Coalition. “We’re made up of organizations and individuals that share a common commitment to this mission. Thanks to the wonderful support from like-minded companies such as MillRiver, MVSB and the Merrimack, we’re much closer to reaching that goal.”

FinLit300 empowers high school students to apply classroom-based financial education in competitions that culminate in an annual championship each May. Topics are based on the Jump\$Start National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education, which include spending and saving, credit and debt, employment and income, investing, risk management and insurance and financial decision making. This year’s event is scheduled for May 1 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

NH Jump\$Start is dedicated to improving the personal financial education of students. Founded in 2000, NH Jump\$Start has reached thousands of children and teens with information about financial literacy and smart con-

sumer behavior, preparing young people for a lifetime of sound financial decision-making.

Its success can be traced back to volunteer efforts of individuals bound by the common passion of teaching sound financial habits. For more information, visit nhjumpstart.org.

MillRiver Wealth Management offers trusted financial advice in the New England tradition of neighbors serving neighbors. With New Hampshire roots reaching 150 years, MillRiver combines the financial expertise and local insights of Merrimack County Savings Bank and Meredith Village Savings Bank, each with a legacy of trusted service dating back to the 1860s. Customized financial planning include solutions for investment management, retirement planning, financial planning and trust, estate and fiduciary services. For more information, please call 223-2710 or visit millriverwealth.com.

For nearly 150 years, MVSB has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Central NH. MVSB and its employees are guided by the values of accountability, mutual-ity, excellence, respect,

integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Hampton Falls, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsvb.com.

The Merrimack recently celebrated its 150th year anniversary of serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities in central and southern New Hampshire. The Bank and its employees are inspired by Merrimack style, which is guided by the values of accountability, mutual-ity, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. The Merrimack was honored with the 2017 Business of the Year Pinnacle Award by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, was voted “Best Bank” by the Capital Area’s People’s Preferences for the ninth consecutive year and was named 2017’s “Bank of the Year” by the Capital Regional Development Council. To learn more, visit any of the local offices in Bow, Concord, Contoocook, Hooksett and Nashua, call 800-541-0006 or visit themerrimack.com.

Sam Charpentier achieves Dean’s List

CEDARVILLE, Ohio — Sam Charpentier of Sanbornton was named to the Cedarville University Dean’s List for fall 2017. This recognition requires the student to have a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester, and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Cedarville Univer-

sity, located between Dayton and Columbus, Ohio is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,963 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study.

Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic

Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings, and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.

Sanbornton resident named to Endicott College Dean’s List

BEVERLY, Mass. — Endicott College is pleased to announce that Jack Musil, son of Jan and Janet Musil of Sanbornton, a senior majoring in Business Management, has been named to the Dean’s List students for fall 2017.

In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a “C,” have

no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

About Endicott College

Located in Beverly, Mass. on 235 acres of oceanfront property, Endicott College offers doctorate, master’s and bachelor degree programs in the professional and liberal arts. Founded in 1939, Endi-

cott provides an education built upon a combination of theory and practice, which is tested through internships and work experience. Studying at the Beverly campus, regionally, and internationally are approximately 2,850 undergraduate and more than 2,400 adult and graduate students. For more information, visit www.endicott.edu.

Sable Muzzey named to Dean’s List at Merrimack College

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. — Sable Muzzey of Tilton was named to the Merrimack College Dean’s List for Fall 2017.

One of only two Catholic Augustinian colleges in the U.S., Merrimack College is a coeducational institution with more than

4,000 undergraduate, continuing education and graduate students from 34 states and 36 countries, comprising schools of liberal arts, science and engineering, health sciences, education and social policy, and business. The college’s 220-acre cam-

pus is approximately 25 miles north of Boston in North Andover and Andover, Mass. Merrimack is a Master’s Colleges & Universities/Medium Programs institution in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

Christian Smith fulfills internship requirement

NEW LONDON — Christian Smith is currently completing Colby-Sawyer’s internship requirement with Colby-Sawyer College Human Resources Department in New London.

Smith, a resident of Sanbornton, majors in business administration. Internships are field experiences designed to provide a student learning opportunity under collaborative supervision between Colby-Sawyer College faculty, staff, and work site professionals. Internships offer the opportunity for students to enhance their academic

programs with work experience related to career interests in all industry areas in national and international settings.

About Colby-Sawyer College

Colby-Sawyer College is a comprehensive college that integrates the liberal arts and sciences with professional preparation. The college’s faculty, staff and students strive for excellence in an engaged teaching and learning community that fosters students’ academic, intellectual, and personal growth. With a strong emphasis

on learning outcomes, including breadth and depth of knowledge, self-growth, creative and critical thinking, and effective communication, Colby-Sawyer prepares students to thrive post-graduation and make a positive impact upon a dynamic, diverse and interdependent world.

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

On the darkest of days

BY LARRY SCOTT

Sitting in my office one Saturday afternoon, I was relaxed, listening to the music my wife had on in the living room of our home. Bill Gaither and his Vocal Band has always been a favorite of ours, but one song that afternoon brought back dark memories of a time I shall never forget. As the quintet began to sing, "At the Cross," an old Christian hymn, I broke into tears.

I remembered well the day I first heard the Vocal Band sing this same rendition. I was half-way across Texas in my 18-wheeler going nowhere. Where I picked up the CD or cassette with that particular song, I do not know. I just know that as the Vocal Band began to sing, something electric began to happen. "At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burdens of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day."

But I wasn't. Far from enjoying my ride through life, it was a time of trauma, uncertainty, and despair. I began to sing with them. The song was well-known, a hymn with which I was familiar from my earliest days. But this time was far from routine. I began to sing with them, but never made it though the chorus. I wept uncontrollably, and for a few moments, the cab of my truck became a sanctuary. God was there and that day marked the beginning of my reconstruction. Slowly, without fanfare, I began to put my life back together.

I realize that many of those who read this column from time to time have little interest in what I have to say. They have no understanding of my deep-felt appreciation for what God has done in my life but that, I think, is because they don't know how far I have come from the lowest of all lows. No, it wasn't drugs, or alcohol, or women, and my conscience was clear. No one person was at fault, but I had made some terribly unfortunate choices and life had thrown me a wicked curve and I was left dangling in the wind.

You would be amazed at how many of us who preach the Gospel, sometimes with such enthusiasm and conviction we come across as "just another fanatic," have, in one way or another, been to hell and back. When we talk of what God can do in a man's life, we often speak from experience and with deep conviction. We have been there.

When I reflect on where my sweetheart and I are today, it challenges believability. If you knew me better you could easily understand my love for Jesus Christ. Standing unrecognized in the darkness, but watching carefully over my progress, he was there. My friends will tell you I am no fanatic, but I am deeply grateful for what God – and I know it was God – has done in my life. He is a God of second chances, a God of the impossible, and the thoughts about which I write are more than empty words. They are the story of my life.

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarry-scott@gmail.com.



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PET OF THE WEEK

TREVOR

Trevor is only just one year old and already has quite the story to tell.

Originating in South Carolina, Trevor is acclimating to our New England winter with not a bother at all.

He's got those big ears that make him look like he wants to take flight, but really are all the better to hear you with when you call his name and spend quality time with him.

We adopted him out but his new doting owner realized after three months, that work time and "Trevor Time" were not compatible.

Young Trevor has been enjoying canine enrichment and rehabilitation here at New

Hampshire Humane Society. He is anxious and really doesn't want to be alone. Although barely out of puppyhood, he would blossom in some confidence building/socialization classes with other dogs where he can make canine friends appropriately. We offer such classes at NHHS.

Of course anyone would be smitten with his unusually marked coat, but look past that and see in those big brown eyes a dog that needs love and companionship, structured play and exercise in a home that will keep him engaged. Are you that someone?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A tribute to Bette Lee Elliott

To the Editor:

On Feb. 1, our community lost a great lady.

Twenty years ago, each month, I'd chaperone a group of Tilton School students as they chose groceries, cooked, and served dinner at Bread and Roses in Franklin.

The Bread and Roses manager, Bette Elliott, always greeted us with her warm smile and a twinkle in her eye. She really enjoyed working with the kids, even though having a crew of inexperienced students must have been way more of a challenge than most of Bette's groups of adult cooks.

Bette was an expert manager: always organized, observant, calm, and friendly. She worked beautifully with the students.

My favorite memory of Bette Elliott involves two young men: one a grade-school aged guest and the other, a 3-season athlete at Tilton School.

On this particular evening, the Tilton School student was new to cooking, so I assigned him salad duty. After he had snapped on his latex gloves, he enthusiastically tackled making salad for 50 people. At one point, Bette calmly came over to me and, suppressing a smile, said quietly, "You might want to check on your salad man." Sure enough, the young athlete was earnestly kneading the salad greens into submission. I encouraged a lighter touch for salad making.

Later, when we served dinner, the salad-maker became the salad-server. Bette and I stood at the end of the table, next to each other, overseeing the process.

The Tilton student was a natural, politely asking guests if they'd like salad, and then serving a generous portion if they did. Bette's quiet smile told me she was pleased with our "salad man." Along came a young guest, a boy about 10 years old. The Tilton student asked him if he'd like some salad. The young guest shook his head, no.

As Bette and I watched, the friendly Tilton student pulled himself up to his most imposing stature and asked gently, "When you grow up do you want to be big and strong like me?" The young guest nodded eagerly. "Then," said the salad man, "you eat your salad!"

In that instant, the young Bread and Roses guest became a willing salad-eater.

I looked at Bette; she had a huge smile on her face and tears in her eyes.

Soon, our church, Sanbornton Congregational, UCC, is cooking at Bread and Roses. But Bread and Roses will not be the same because Bette Lee Elliott will not be there.

She will be greatly missed.

*Rhu McBee
Tilton*

A legislative update

To the Editor:

This is the 36th of my regular reports on what is happening in the legislature in Concord. Over the last week or so, my time was devoted to committee hearings. The full House will not meet until the Standing Committees complete more of their work. Plus, today is a snow day... so I drove to and from Nashua for my wife's radio show. But then, we flatlanders are a hardy lot.

The Criminal Justice Committee, on which I serve, voted Ought To Pass (OTP) the bill to prevent Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) 21:0. I was more than pleased. I expect the bill to pass the full floor vote, after which it proceeds to the Senate. I hope they concur. I reviewed the sign-up sheets for opinions and testimony. No one registered in opposition. This speaks highly of you, who took the time to clearly state that this barbarous practice should not be allowed in New Hampshire.

The committee also voted to end Driving Under the Influence check-points. When all the rules for notification and inspections are applied, these check-points they lose their effectiveness. Officers

catch more by patrolling. Thus removing eight to 10 patrol cars from the road to conduct a check-point is not a productive use of resources. The bill was voted OTP 12:8. The bill now goes to the full House for an up or down vote. I was on board once I heard how ineffective check-points are.

The Committee voted against the reduction of penalties for first time drug offenders 18:1 (Inexpedient To Legislate [ITL]). It is all part of the move to treat a choice as an illness and ease the pain on the user. It made no sense to me, nor most of the Committee, when New Hampshire is in the middle of a drug crisis.

Then came the "feel good" bill addressing a pet left in the car. The bill authorizes a citizen to break your car window if they think a pet is in distress. Of course, the pet might not be in distress, might escape, might attack the "rescuer" or run into danger and be killed. Many people feel compelled to protect Fido or Fifi, but I wonder why there is not the same passion when the pre-born in the womb is the subject. The baby and it's wellbeing are not considered. Concerns are expressed about the stability of our underfunded Social Security and Medicare or the aging population. But 60 million persons, plus their offspring, who would be paying taxes to keep Social Security and Medicare solvent have been sacrificed. The individuals who provide the resources that support Social Security and Medicare and our workforce begin as babies. The Committee voted this bill ITL 18:2.

Several more bills were heard. I'll report on more next week. Please contact me by phone at 320-9524 or email at dave@sanbornhall.net with your concerns.

Cheers!

*Dave Testerman
State Representative
Franklin and Hill*

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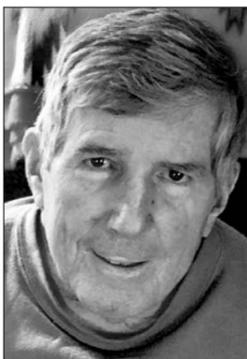
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North Country Notebook

She lived 'way back in the day when snow was friend, not foe



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

It was late on an early February afternoon, and the sun's rays were downright warm, even at near Zero, as they came barreling across the snow and smacking into the front porch. The mountains known to the geologists as the Blue Mountain Pluton stood against the southeastern sky.

It was a scene I'd seen countless times before, except that this time a couple of things made it different. First, there was that certain angle and intensity of the light. Second, there was the handiwork of one Robert (a.k.a. "Baker Bob") Washaw.

Way back when, Bob helped my parents out with all kinds of stuff, things not made easier by time, and now he helps me, the kind of generational thing about the North Country we both love. In his real life he's the head baker at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield, one of New Hampshire's few remaining (and vibrant) ties to the days of the grand hotels.

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Bob had been throwing snow around to make a little space in the scheme of things for Millie, who is a dog but doesn't know it. Her tiny form has to have some place to exist in a land of deep snow. She is, after all, as longtime cribbage partner Norma Lay used to say so protectively about any tiny creature, "just little."

Bob's shoveling gives Millie a runway of sorts for her outside patrols,



JOHN HARRIGAN

The light was just right to send me running for the camera, this time not the old 4 by 5 Speed Graphic I'd trained on 50 years ago, but instead a newfangled digital.



COURTESY

A snow-roller and team ready to go, champing at the bit somewhere up in Maine.

which believe me on a 25-below night are pretty damned brief. In summer, she lalligags. In times of deep snow and 20 below, not so much.

There was something about the way the sunlight was catching the snow, and the bold outlines of the mountains, that made me run for my camera, the way I've been running for cameras ever since I got my first newspaper job at the Nashua Telegraph, back in 1968. I'd never worked at my parents' newspaper in Colebrook. It was all new to me.

The day before, on a whim built on bitter cold and snowmelt running down my neck as a yard hand at the Lorden Lumber Company in Milford, I'd bamboozled a job at the Telegraph, an after-

noon daily with a circulation of 21,000—the second-largest daily paper in the state, behind the statewide Union Leader.

The Telegraph had hired me as a darkroom trainee, not as a reporter or photographer, and I knew utterly nothing about either. Nonetheless, City Editor Mike Shalhoup stuck an ancient four-by-five Speed Graphic into my hands a couple of mornings after I'd been hired, and growled "Go get me a front page picture." Which I did, totally by happenstance.

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Newspapering, which I've been at for nearly 50 years now, surely has its rewards, or else I wouldn't have been here

this long. One of them is very unusual and interesting people, and you never know just where or when.

A while back, I wrote something about snow-rollers, those huge barrel-like rigs drawn by teams of horses or oxen and used to pack down snow so people could get out and about and get to town with their sleighs and pungs.

This brought a wonderful card, with songbirds all around it, from Eunice Vittum of Bristol. In oh-so-neat handwriting, she told me of her girlhood days in nearby Plymouth, and what life was like in the days of snowrollers and sleds and sleighs.

"Thank you for your columns, which ap-



COURTESY

This is a 4 by 5 Speed Graphic camera like the one I trained on, so often seen in movies featuring the old-time press, which I'm not, it says here.

pear in the Bristol Enterprise," she wrote. "I remember the days of the two-horse team and wooden snow plow. In Plymouth ours was drawn by a beautiful team of chestnut-colored horses."

In downtown areas, kids, dogs and sheer activity often packed snow down enough that sleighs and pungs—very light two-passenger affairs, like light-weight buggies—could get around. But in the countryside, the arrival of the snowroller, keenly anticipated almost before the snow stopped falling, was a much heralded event.

In a world far removed from today's fear-mongering, hunker-down, "Winter Storm Watch" TV news mentality, Eunice Vittum's society didn't just cope with winter, it embraced it. "Winter, though cold, was a fun time for us," Eunice (she gave me a pass on the informal) wrote. "Sliding, skiing on wooden skis held on with jar-rubbers, and of course riding on the old traverse with the older kids in control of the steering."

"...Plymouth had a big toboggan slide, and several ice rinks around town. You were lucky to get a spot to skate if the big boys were playing hockey. There were 6 or 7 one-room schools around the town. Some people had to walk a few miles, no matter what the weather."

Eunice Vittum misses walking downtown, temporarily thwarted by a muscle problem. She plans to be out and

about in time to battle the bugs. She is 92.

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The Speed Graphic was a great camera to learn on. It taught shutter discipline, for sure—no cranking off a dozen shots per second.

This huge camera had a wooden negative-holder that slid into place behind the frosted glass on the camera's back end. To get ready to make an exposure, you cocked the shutter aside the snowroller, keenly anticipated almost before the snow stopped falling, was a much heralded event. When you'd framed your shot (and, believe me, you thought a lot about it), you hit the trigger to make your exposure. Then you slid the protective cover back into place and flipped it and pushed it back in for your next (and probably last) shot, unless your subject stood still.

It was a hard camera to run, and it's hard to make some people believe that my training preceded the advent of the 35mm single-lens reflex, but it did, and with this old and cumbersome rig I did some of the very best photographic work of my half-century career.

(This column is syndicated in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Address letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or to Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Volatility returns!



BY MARK PATTERSON

Going back about eight years ago I recall very vividly that on the Friday morning when the job numbers were announced, market action was extremely predictable. At 8:30 a.m., the number of jobs created by our then economy was not good, which made the equity futures market go negative slightly, but typically by the open of trading the markets were heading up. During that period of time, bad news for the economy was good

news for the equity markets. Doesn't make sense at first blush but it explains what is putting our equity markets into a corrective phase.

The Federal Reserve open market committee has stated that full employment and inflation are their mandates. So, when those job numbers came out poor going back about eight years ago, institutional traders and investors believed that the Fed would continue monetary easing which means lowering interest rates on the very short end of the yield curve. The Fed put us in a spot where you could no longer be a saver in low risk, fixed income instruments such as CDs or treasuries. It forced us into the equity markets to dividend paying stocks, master limited partnerships, real estate investment trusts or even high-yield bonds

a.k.a. junk.

When the Friday jobs number came out in early February, we are seeing a reversal of the past decade. The jobs number came out very strong, the market forces raised interest rates believing that the Fed would be raising to quell inflation which has been nonexistent in recent times. Then, the air started to come out of the equity markets. Unlike 2008, our economy is fundamentally sound. The last real market correction in 2008 culminating in 2009 was in response to some real underlying issues with mortgages and derivatives connected to them.

Black Swan events such as 9/11 will always disrupt the equity markets, but what we are seeing now should not panic anyone that was involved with the quick ride up in equity values over the past year. If you

had all your money in stocks and did not diversify your portfolio you should not be surprised to be leading this correction on the downside. If you are approaching retirement or in retirement and you are relying totally on the equity markets for growth and did not diversify your portfolio, do not bury your head in the sand and wait for things to turn around. Call an advisor who works as a fiduciary and have them begin the process of structuring your investable assets for a more normalized market.

I do believe after this correction we will return to growth in the equity markets, just not in the "melt up" fashion we experienced in January.

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William A. Chavanelle, 56

TILTON — William A. “Billy” Chavanelle, 56, of Ashuelot Drive, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon after complications from a massive stroke.

He was born on Sept. 25, 1961 in Manchester, the son of Donald W. and Geraldine M. (Mahoney) Chavanelle. Billy was a graduate of Central High School in Manchester. He worked for many years as a self employed tile contractor in the Lakes Region. In earlier years, he also worked as a bartender for the Back Room Restaurant in Manchester and also the Lochmere Golf & Country Club in Tilton. Billy was a basketball coach for the Pines Community Center in Northfield and was an avid New England sports lover. He was the former champion of the Silver Lake Open Golf Tournament and also champion of the Silver Lake Horseshoe Tournaments. Billy loved boating and was known throughout the Silver Lake community, especially when piloting his favorite boat, “Thun-



der”. He also enjoyed vacationing with his family on Anna Maria Island in Florida. For those who knew him, Billy had the biggest heart and would do anything to help people. He has been known and will continue to be known for his Silver Lake legacy.

He is survived by his wife, his sweetheart and best friend, Marylynn “Mindy” (Campbell) Chavanelle of Tilton; his two sons, Billy Chavanelle and Ryan Chavanelle, both of Tilton; his mother, Geraldine M. Huckins of Belmont; two brothers, Michael Chavanelle of Belmont and Scott Chavanelle of Tilton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Donald W. Chavanelle.

Calling hours were held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at Saint Joseph Parish, 96 Main St., Belmont.

A celebration of life will also be held on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018 at the Lochmere Golf & Country Club, 360 Laconia Rd., Tilton, beginning at 1 p.m.

Burial will be private. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the National Stroke Association, 9707 East Easter Lane, Suite B, Centennial, CO 80112.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinson-beane.com.

Brent M. Porter, 23

LACONIA — Brent M. Porter, 23, of Funspot Drive, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2018.

Brent was born on Feb. 6, 1994 in Laconia, the son of Matthew Porter of Laconia and Amy Thomson (Watts) of Belmont. Brent was a graduate of the Class of 2012 from Laconia High School. He worked as an HVAC technician alongside his father, for Porter Heating and Cooling. Brent loved his family as well as being outdoors. Some of his favorite hobbies were skiing, watching and playing sports, fishing, golfing with his uncle Pat and spending time with family and friends.



Brent is survived by his girlfriend, Katherine Ayn Scott of Claremont; father, Matthew Porter of Laconia; mother, Amy Thomson of Belmont; two brothers, Keaton Porter of Meredith and Cody Porter of Laconia; a sister, Jasmyn Murgatory of Laconia; grandpar-

ents Peter and Jewel LaPointe of Belmont, Geraldo Porter of Laconia and Donna Berry of Bristol; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by grandparents, Walter Berry and Roger and Gloria Watts.

Services will be at a later date.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Leo R. Lachance, Sr., 79

LACONIA — Leo R. Lachance, Sr., 79, of Academy Street died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018.

Leo was born Feb. 5, 1939 in Franklin, the son of the late Clement Lachance, Sr. and Gladys Lachance (Cullen). Leo served in the United States Navy for four years. Following his military service, he managed a few grocery stores in the Lakes Region.

Leo was an avid golfer, and enjoyed building puzzles, and would challenge you anytime to a game of cards or cribbage. Leo also enjoyed time at his camp in Meredith. He was a member of both the Elks Lodge and American Legion.

Leo is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia (Ramsay) Lachance; a daughter, Melissa Lachance Pelletier, and her husband Joseph; a daughter-in-law, Jane



Stewart; six grandchildren (Angela, Sydney, Mackenzie, Liberty, Kaleb, and Reese); a brother, Joseph Lachance; three sisters, Marie Riley, Bettina Thayer, and Linda Sharon; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Leo was predeceased by a son, Leo R. “Robbie” Lachance, Jr., and two brothers, Clemencia Lachance, Jr. and Stephen Lachance.

Calling hours were held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018

at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

Burial took place at a later date at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen.

For those who wish, the family suggest memorial donations in Leo’s name be made to the American Lung Association, 20 Warren St., Suite 4, Concord, NH 03301.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinson-beane.com.

Raymond J. Clegg, 58

TILTON — Raymond J. Clegg, 58, of 27 Mountain View Drive, formerly of Norton, Mass. and Warwick, R.I., died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018 in his home after a period of declining health.

He was born on Oct. 28, 1959 in Brighton, Mass., the son of Ralph A. and Marilyn (Gaboury) Clegg. Ray spent his life working in the automobile field. While living in Warwick, he coached at Warwick Continental Little League. He lived for his boys. He enjoyed fishing, camping, boating and being out on Narragansett Bay. Ray was a dog lover, especially his rottie, Dave.

He is survived by his loving wife and life partner for over 32 years,



Laura (Carpenter) Clegg of Tilton; his two sons, Jason A. Clegg and his wife Megan of Mansfield, Mass. and Nicholas J.L.C. Clegg of Newport; his brothers, Thomas Clegg and his partner Bob Gormley, Matthew Clegg and his wife Andrea, all of Florida. He is also survived by his sister, Marybeth Abrahamson, and her husband George of South Attleboro, Mass.; and many uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandmother, Beatrice (Plante) Gaboury of North Attleboro, Mass.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A memorial service will immediately follow the calling hours at 7 p.m., also at the funeral home.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Alfred L. Fillion, Jr., 89

TILTON — Mr. Alfred L. Fillion, Jr. of Tilton died on Feb. 6, 2018 at Pine Rock Manor in Warner.

He was born in Northfield on Feb. 28, 1929, the daughter of Alfred L. Fillion, Sr. and Aurelie (Gravison) Fillion.

Mr. Fillion resided in Tilton for several years. He served in the US Air Force as a Staff Sgt. in the early ‘50’s.

Following his military service, he attended Boston University where he received both Bache-

lors and Masters degrees upon graduation he was employed as a Dean of Students at BU. Returning to New Hampshire several years later, to be closer to family he became employed by Concord Technical School as the Dean of Students.

Al, or “Deanno,” as he was referred to by many of the students at the Tech, found comfort in life not from material items, but rather from daily devotion and prayer. His commitment to his Savior was

reflected in the manner in which he offered guidance to his students throughout his career.

Family members include nieces and nephews as well as friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul Church in Franklin on Feb. 12, 2018. Spring burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Thibault-Neun Funeral Home in Franklin is assisting with arrangements. www.neunfuneralhomes.com.

Stefania W. Caverly, 89

LACONIA — Stefania W. Caverly, 89, of Taylor Community, died on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Mrs. Caverly was born Aug. 4, 1928 in Chiscopee, Mass., the daughter of Zachary and Helen (Skibel) Wasuta.

Mrs. Caverly resided in Massachusetts for many years before moving to Laconia in 1993. She had been employed at New England Telephone in Springfield,

Mass. for 36 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Survivors include several step-children, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Caverly was predeceased by her husband, Gardner A. Caverly, in 1996, three brothers and two sisters.

There will be no calling hours.

A private graveside service will be held.

For those who wish, the family suggests, that memorial donations may be made to the Sunshine Fund of the Taylor Community, 435 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246. Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

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Geneva M. Weldon, 91

SANBORNTON — Mrs. Geneva M. Weldon, 91, of Sanbornton, died at her home on Feb. 7, 2018.

She was born in Holbrook, Mass. on April 1, 1926 the daughter of Leroy and Gladys (Chandler) Annis of Bridgewater, Mass.

Geneva moved to Northfield in 1980, and later to Penacook in 2002. She made her home with granddaughter, Sharolyn Fortin in Sanbornton in 2002.

She was employed at Park N 'Go in Northfield as a cashier and in the bakery at the former



A&P in Tilton.

Her husband of 43 years, John C. Weldon, died on July 8, 2001.

Family members include her daughter, Pam Duquette, and husband Leo of Sanbornton; grandchildren Sharolyn

Fortin of Alexandria, Stacy Kovallof, John Easter and wife Carla, Scott Easter and fiancé Cassandra, Jolene Duquette; 11 great grandchildren; and 11 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Thibault-Neun Funeral Home, 143 Franklin St., Franklin, on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen,

For an online guestbook, please visit www.neunfuneralhomes.com.

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday, Feb. 19
Library Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 20
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

Teen Time, 3 p.m.
Opioid Crisis Open Discussion, 4 p.m.

Chief Raffaely of the Northfield Police Department and Chief Cormier of the Tilton Police Department will lead a discussion regarding the national opioid crisis and how it affects our communities of Tilton and Northfield.

Has the opioid crisis affected you or someone you know? Share your story or come and listen; stay informed about this important topic.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22
Teen Time, 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23
Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24
Let's Go Lego, 10 a.m.

New Items

"I Am Watching You" by Teresa Driscoll

"Silence of the Grave: An Inspector Erlendur Novel" by Arnaldur Indridason

"Creatures of Will and Temper: A Novel" by Molly Tanzer

"New Hampshire Home Education Guidebook" published by New Hampshire Home-Schooling Coalition

"Not Without Peril: 150 Years of Misadventure on the Presidential Range of New Hampshire" by Nicholas Howe

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice helps with fall prevention

REGION — Every year, millions of seniors are seen in Emergency Rooms and physician's offices because they've taken a tumble. Sometimes the injuries are severe, like broken hips or dislocated joints, and sometimes we can see some horrific bruising. And sometimes a fall is more than a broken bone or a bruise — common complications include pneumonia, urinary tract infections, congestive heart failure, venous thromboembolism, arrhythmia, poor pain management and pressure sores. So we want to do absolutely everything we can to avoid nasty spills in the first place.

Many falls can be eliminated with a little planning. As caregivers and home health providers, we are aware of this and actively work toward preventing falls for our patients. But you also can help, in your own home or that of an aging parent or loved one.

Whether you are a senior or helping to care for one, the first thing to realize in fall prevention is the importance of removing tripping hazards. Number one among these? Area rugs. It is so easy for the rug to slip out from underneath a walker. Feet can get tangled up. Rugs can bunch creating a tripping hazard. If possi-

ble, area rugs should be removed. If there is one that is a particular favorite, try to have it placed in an area of low traffic.

Electric cords and extension cords create the same potential accident situations. Always run the cords around the outside of the room and not in heavily trafficked areas or maybe find a wireless solution.

Another obstacle fairly common in many homes is clutter. Same as above — massive tripping hazards. Try to keep walking areas clear.

Pets. Well, who can live without her cat or dog for company? But perhaps some obedience training can help. Try teaching the dog not to jump, and to always follow the owner (heel), even in the home and especially on stairs. This is good advice for staying in or for walking the dog. (PS — while walking outside, watch carefully for cracks in the sidewalk that are just ready to grab the toe of your shoe!) And make sure the dog sits still and waits for the food bowl before diving in.

Low toilet seats, for older knees, can be a problem. This one is easily remedied. The purchase of a raised toilet seat attached to the porcelain seat can work wonders. Some are just seats, while others have hand rails that help

greatly with raising and lowering the body. The cost runs anywhere between \$15 and \$50, so a simple and affordable investment in you or your loved one's long-term health.

Lighting can cause issues too. Try to keep walking areas well lit. Steep stairs, slopy driveways and unstable tables and chairs can also be treacherous. Just pay attention, replace what you can and be aware of the danger.

Despite our best intentions, accidents will happen. Please know there are resources in your community to help you if you're at home with an injury. Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice provides professional nursing care, LNA services, and Physical Therapy in the home. Others provide home-making, meal preparation, socialization and pet care. Don't be afraid to reach out. The most important thing is to recover, and recover well. We are here for you.

Local elections will see few contested races

BY DONNA RHODES
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REGION — Last Friday was the deadline date for residents to declare their intent to run for municipal openings, and town clerks in Belmont, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton received the following requests for candidacy.

In Belmont, Ruth Mooney filed for re-election on the town's Board of Selectmen, and will be running unopposed. For the four openings on the Budget Committee this year it will be Preston "Pret" Tuthill and Mark Roberts seeking another term while newcomers Justin Borden and Robert Chapman look to fill two other openings on the committee for three-year terms. Roland Coffin has signed on to fill one of two openings for a two-year position on the committee while the second opening will be left to write-in candidates.

For the Planning Board, Recardo "Rick" Segalini is also seeking re-election while newcomer Gary Grant threw his hat into the ring for the other vacancy on the board.

Belmont Zoning Board incumbents David Dunham and John Froumy will be running unopposed this time around.

All other openings are also unopposed. Alvin Nix is seeking another term as Town Moderator, Sharon Ciampi signed up for Cemetery Trustee, Gail Thomas for Library Trustee and David Caron for Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Northfield also has no opposition for candidates seeking election this year, although there is one new yet familiar name on the ballot. Current selectman Robert Southworth opted not to run for a second term this year but former selectman Glen Brown did sign up to run for that office once again.

Roland Seymour is on board for another term as Treasurer for Northfield and Scott McGuffin also looks to retain his position as Town Moderator. Incumbent Terry Anne Steady signed up to run for another term as a Supervisor of the Checklist, while Town Clerk Cindy Caveney said the opening for one member of Trustees of the Trust Fund will be left up to a write-in candidate this year.

Sanbornton also has a new name on the ballot for Board of Selectmen, with Glenn Frederick looking to fill the seat currently held by board member Karen Ober, who did not sign up for

another term. While it was confirmed that incumbent Craig Davis is looking to retain his position on the Sanbornton Budget Committee, no information was available as of our press deadline for this week's edition on openings for Trustee of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustee, Library Trustee and Supervisor of the Checklist.

In Tilton, it is a different story however, with four candidates filing for two openings on the Board of Selectmen. This year incumbents Patricia Consentino and Peter Fogg will face challenges from Wayne Brock and Roy Wakefield.

In other openings, unopposed candidates are Chuck Mitchell for Town Moderator and Kathleen Mitchell who is looking to join the Supervisors of the Checklist, while Marie Mahoney is seeking re-election to her seat as a Trustee of the Trust Funds along with Katherine Dawson on the Sewer Commission. Town Clerk Cindy Reinartz reported there are still three openings on the Budget Committee that received no candidacy filings however and those positions will be left to write-in candidates.

Celebrate 125 years of the Lake City at Taylor Community

LACONIA — Local historian and author Warren D. Huse will present his newest publication, "Celebrate Laconia — 125 Years of the Lake City," Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building.

This free event is open to the public.

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Franklin VNA & Hospice Meet & Greet helps strengthen connections to support patients

FRANKLIN — Staff and local health providers turned out for the Franklin VNA & Hospice's Meet & Greet Wednesday, Jan. 31. Local health clinics, doctor's offices, long term care centers and care managers from the nearest hospitals were invited to attend to meet the staff of the Franklin VNA & Hospice face to face.

Communication between multiple health care providers is critical in excellent patient care. The last thing any person wants is for details about their health needs to fall through the cracks as they pass from hospital to rehabilitation facility to home.

The American Academy of Family Physicians recognizes this

and states, "Continuity of care is facilitated by a physician-led, team-based approach to health care. It reduces fragmentation of care and thus improves patient safety and quality of care."

"We talk with so many of these providers every day," notes Barbara Normandin, Executive Director of the Franklin VNA & Hospice, "But so often they are only voices on the end of the phone line. Meeting face to face helps to create a stronger connection and can help make communication about patient needs easier."

The event featured a "Go Local" theme with food from local small businesses including Kettlehead and Ciao Pasta in Tilton, Chubbles and May Garden



Local providers and VNA staff (left to right: Malou Lapointe from LRGH Wound Care and Vascular, Kristin Jordan, Elaine Cartier and Mary Ellen Richardson from Franklin VNA & Hospice, Maggie Carpenter from Tilton VA Clinic and Ginny Blackmer also from LRGH Wound Care and Vascular).

in Franklin and favors from Central Sweets in Franklin.

"We are your local VNA," says Normandin. "That means a referral to us helps us support the free care in your own community, the programs and clinics we provide and helps to create a stronger safety net in your own neighborhood. It was important for us to support our local businesses for the event and also to spread the word that all VNAs are not the same. If you need home care, you have a choice of who comes to see you. We want people to know they should request Franklin VNA & Hospice so they are truly getting their local VNA."

Attendees had a chance to meet with the nurses and therapists as well as managers, intake coordinators and even people from the business office.

Normandin cheerfully adds, "We had a great time and made some very meaningful connections. We hope to hold this event again to continue to strengthen the care network that supports our patients."

Looking for quality, local home care or hospice service? Franklin VNA & Hospice is an independent, non-profit organization established in 1945 to serve the Home Health care needs of the community. They provide home care, Hospice, clinic and community education services to Andover, Belmont, Boscawen, Canterbury, Franklin, Hill, Northfield, Sanbornton, Salisbury, Tilton, Webster and surrounding towns, as requested. For more information, call Franklin VNA & Hospice at 934-3454 or visit www.FranklinVNA.org your local VNA.

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The 14th Annual LRGHealthcare Red Dress Gala presented by MB Tractor & Equipment was held on Friday, Feb. 9 at Church Landing at Mill Falls at the Lake in Meredith. Held each year during American Heart Month, this sold-out event raised funds to benefit cardiac services and technology at LRGHealthcare. The evening featured a delicious meal created by The Common Man culinary team, dancing to the very talented Eric Grant Band, and a live auction courtesy of auctioneer Jesse Thompson. With the theme "Lady in Red," guests dressed to the nines, the majority in red, to show their support for heart health.



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SUNDAY, February 18, 2018
10:00 AM - Six-Dog Classic
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Belmont Library celebrates 90 years of service to the community

BY DONNA RHODES

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BELMONT — The Belmont Public Library reached a landmark date on Feb. 3, when they celebrated 90 years of service to the community in a building that was donated way back then by George and Walter Duffy on the condition that the town would continue to support the library and maintain the structure.

Besides providing books, periodicals and other educational services, the library in Belmont has a "storied" history of its own.

According to the findings of the late town historian Wallace Rhodes, the Town Report on Feb. 15, 1894 stated that the library lent out 4,949 volumes that year, a record for the time.

Housed on the second floor of the Johnson Block, above what was then known as the Stevens Store, the library outgrew its space within a year however, and was eventually moved by the town to the second floor of what was known as the Fire Hose House on Main Street.

That space, too, was soon outgrown by the needs of a growing community, but on Feb. 4, 1928, the owners of the Belmont Mill stepped up to help. Walter Duffy presented the town with the keys to a new library building he and



Library director Eileen Gilbert (left) and Children's Librarian Katherine Bollenbach (right) showed some of the historic documents on display last Saturday, when Belmont Public Library celebrated their 90th anniversary of their building, which was donated to the town on Feb. 4, 1928.

his brother constructed, at the cost of \$25,000, along with "an annual income of \$500 towards the library's maintenance." On behalf of his then deceased brother George, Walter Duffy and his family also provided 5,000 new volumes to the library, Rhodes wrote in his 1969 volume of "Reminiscences of a New Hampshire Town."

Over the years, the library has been a vital part of the community of Belmont. Library

Trustee Mary Charnley said that when the elementary school (now the site of the SAU offices) was being built, the library also became a temporary classroom for some of the children.

"Students actually came here for a year while the new school was being built," she said.

After the school was completed, the library invited folks at that time to take an old inkwell desk home; oc-



DONNA RHODES

asionally desks from that period are still discovered in the town to this day.

The Belmont Public Library has also been listed on the National Register of Historic Places for being one of the "finest examples of Colonial Revival architecture in the Lakes Region."

Last Saturday, Feb. 4, 2018, the 90th anniversary of the generous donation made by the Duffy family was celebrated through an open

house at the library. As part of that day, old photos, town library reports and lending records were placed on display as the library celebrated its historic past.

Library Director Eileen Gilbert and Children's Librarian Katherine Bollenbach each pointed out items from the library archives that were especially meaningful to them. Bollenbach selected scrapbooks and a 1901 catalog listing all the

books found at the library in that day, while Gilbert chose handwritten lending records, many from the early days when "new" library was built.

"It's really interesting to look back and see how many books people borrowed way back then," she said as she paged through an historic ledger.

In her research for the anniversary, Gilbert also found a 1982 facilities report stating that the library had outgrown its latest facility; ironic, she noted, as trustees and supporters continue that quest to put an addition on the building that the Duffy's first donated 90 years ago.

Several people dropped by on Saturday afternoon to enjoy refreshments, tour the facility and learn more about the town library's past.

"I love this library. This building is absolutely beautiful," said Trustee Charnley. "I'm looking forward to an expansion now so we can provide another 90-plus years of community service and special events in the town."

For information on weekly, monthly or the special programs and activities held at the historic Belmont Public Library, please visit them online at www.belmontpubliclibrary.org.

SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHECKLIST REVISION

The Supervisors of the Checklist for the Shaker Regional School District will be in session for revisions and additions to the school district checklist on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Belmont – Town Hall 11:00 am – 11:30 am and Canterbury – Elkins Library 11:00 am – 11:30 am.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Town of Northfield

On Tuesday February 27, 2018 at 6:30pm the Northfield Selectboard will hold a public hearing at Northfield Town Hall, 21 Summer Street, Northfield NH on the following question, which shall appear on the warrant for the March 17, 2018 town meeting:

Shall the voters allow the operation of Keno games in the Town of Northfield?

Notice to Citizens of the Winnisquam Regional School District

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 2018-2019

The Winnisquam Regional School District Budget Committee will conduct a public hearing on the proposed school budget for 2018-2019 on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, in the Winnisquam Regional Middle School Cafeteria starting at 7:00 PM. The snow day will be Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm. This hearing is an opportunity for the Budget Committee to explain the proposed budget and gather input and recommendations from the public prior to the Budget Committee's final adoption of the budget. After the Budget Committee adopts the budget, it will be presented at the annual school district meeting to be held on March 24, 2018, starting at 9:00 AM in the Winnisquam Regional High School Gymnasium. In its continuing efforts to provide the best possible education for students of the District, the Budget Committee and the School Board are urging citizens of the Towns of Northfield, Sanbornton, and Tilton to attend this public hearing.



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Belmont town warrant moves forward to the polls

BY DONNA RHODES

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BELMONT — Belmont's First Deliberative Session took place last weekend, and with minimal discussion over the decreased budget and other proposed articles on this year's ballot, the finalized list of warrant articles will now be forwarded for a town wide at the polls on March 13.

Selectman Ruth Mooney began Saturday's deliberative session by saying while the town has no say over county and school taxation, the board worked hard to keep municipal taxes to a minimum.

"We're proud to announce that the (proposed) town taxes are down by one and one-half percent this year," Mooney said. "There's a nice little commercial bubble going on in town and if we can hold our tax rate and get more businesses on the tax roles it will be to everyone's advantage."

Article 18, the annual Operating Budget, discounting any special tax-based funding requests from warrant articles, has been established at \$7,593,919. Should that article be voted down at the polls, the default budget would become last year's total of \$7,776,548.

Town Moderator Alvin Nix read through the 2018 Warrant last Saturday morning, excluding Article 1, which is the election of town officials. The first six articles concern zoning amendments that require voter approval, and of those, Article 8 drew a lot of attention.

Article 8 will essentially ask for a provision to allow a temporary, six-year tax exemption of 50-percent on municipal and local school taxes for any new commercial construction or additions to an existing commercial property that are approved by the town. Selectmen said the hope of this exemption, which is also being presented in a few other neighboring towns this year, is to attract more businesses to the area. The overall exemption proposal, offered under RSA 72:81, is limited in duration however, and would only remain in effect for projects presented and approved over the next five years.

While some voters



DONNA RHODES

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Newhall speaks to voters at Belmont's First Deliberative Session last Saturday to explain the need for a new Quint Fire Truck, one of 33 articles that will be presented on this year's March 13 ballot.

felt it would benefit the town in the long run by promoting commercial growth, several residents felt that any new or expanded business would require additional water, sewage, and emergency response services. Those needs would only transfer the burden of the cost for such services to tax payers. The article will now be left up for voters to decide in March.

Article 12 also garnered a lot of attention. It presents a request by the Space Needs Committee to withdraw \$65,000 from the Municipal Facilities Capital Reserve Fund (est. 2006) to send out Requests for Proposals for engineering studies of town-owned properties, including the library, town offices, police de-

partment, the Belmont Mill and the former post office. Examining current and future needs of the town, the committee seeks to present proposals on what adaptations, if any, may be made to existing structures, or what better options may be available through other town-owned buildings that are currently vacant or under-utilized.

Selectman Jon Pike and a few other residents felt that the amount was more than was necessary, siting studies being done on future use of buildings at the former Laconia State School property for approximately \$50,000.

Carmen Lorentz represented the committee and quickly countered by explaining that the amount requested for the Laconia State School

project is for studies that are much more preliminary than those in Belmont and would eventually need more funds down the road. She said that Belmont's Space Needs Committee has already done considerable work through their membership of professional volunteers and are also considering information from past studies in the town. The sum requested for RFPs, she added, was determined through consultation with other towns that underwent similar space needs studies. After the studies are completed, any left over monies would be returned to the fund.

"I think \$65,000 of the money sitting there in this account (currently reported to have a balance of \$419,096.34)

is there for this type of project," she said.

Lorentz went on to state that the mission of the committee is to research and develop options that have actual costs associated with them so that voters can make an informed decision in the future. Money spent on the studies would bring the town one step closer to that goal.

Several voters agreed. "I think that's a cheap price to pay to get on track with our buildings," said George Conodemetra.

Belmont Fire Department also has proposals to withdraw funds for equipment purchases, such as a \$950,000 Quint Fire truck.

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Newhall explained that the new

truck would replace both their 1988 Ladder Truck and a 25-year-old rescue vehicle, depleting the size of their fleet of vehicles and the maintenance that goes along with it, while providing better services to the town. Selectman Mooney also pointed out that the purchase would not impact taxes. The department is asking to withdraw \$250,000 from their established Fire/Ambulance Equipment and Special Revenue Fund, funded through their emergency medical services, while the remaining amount of \$700,000 would be raised through grants they are already seeking. In the event that they do not obtain such a grant however, the \$250,000 would not be granted. The article is being supported by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Several other of the remaining articles pertain to transfers of funds, or approval of utility funds such as water and sewer, that will be offset by revenues.

With the March 13 ballot approval of all articles on this year's warrant, the overall approved budget would become \$10,630,382, with a projected revenue to the town of \$4,719,747. An additional \$25,000 would be reserved for abatements, \$246,700 would be given in War Service Credits, and there would be an unexpended fund balance of \$425,000. That would all translate into a property tax rate of \$9.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value.



COURTESY

Tanger presents LRGHealthcare with PINK Campaign proceeds

Tanger Outlets in Tilton donated \$24,569.17 to LRGHealthcare, which will benefit breast health patients, at a special presentation ceremony on Dec. 13. The funds were raised throughout the month of October as part of the 24th annual Tanger PINK Campaign. Since 1994, Tanger has contributed more than \$17 million to breast cancer research through the PINK Campaign, 5K races, on-site events and other breast cancer-related fundraising initiatives across the U.S. From L to R: Marge Kerns, LRGHealthcare Vice President of Clinical Services; Eric Proulx, Tanger Outlets General Manager; Kevin W. Donovan, LRGHealthcare President & CEO and Christopher LaBranche, Tanger Outlets Office Administrator.



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Kody Hamel and Edward Bird with the Snack Shack.

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Cheryl Plumeau of Manchester in her bobhouse on Meredith Bay.

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Rotary Derby brings old friends to the ice

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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MEREDITH — The Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby brought thousands of people to the ice for time with friends, fishing, and even making some money and exploring the excitement of the derby.

Anglers and spectators came together on the ice over the weekend, with Meredith Bay as the hub of activity. People gathered around bobhouses and vendors while fishing or waiting for some big announcements.

Brian Martin of Center Harbor set up his bobhouse and fished with friends through the weekend. His bobhouse also won first place in a competition during the derby.

Derek Finno of Meredith said the weather was nice for the derby except for Sunday.

This is their seventh

year on Meredith Bay after fishing for three years at Leavitt Beach.

“We have a nice location for the bobhouse to stand at,” Martin said.

Martin said he especially liked “the excitement of not knowing what’s under the ice.”

Finno said he had to work during the day, but was still having fun when he could join his friends.

“Good weekend to hang back, hang out with friends, and try to catch a fish,” said Jon Malek of Meredith.

Malek said the derby is always fun.

Cheryl Plumeau of Manchester said about 10 to 20 people joined her party on the ice on Saturday, though it was a bit slower on Sunday.

Plumeau said she especially liked the camaraderie of the event and seeing all the people out on the ice.

“Some of these people

we only see once a year; it was fun,” she said.

Inter-Lakes High School students Kody Hamel and Edward Bird sold refreshments to people on the ice in their new Snack Shack. Hamel said he started selling hot chocolate and his mom’s cake pops at last year’s derby. This year the little business got an actual bobhouse to sell from and expanded the selection. Bird said they were selling hot chocolate, mulled cider, and coffee, and cold soft drinks. They also started playing music over speakers from a phone.

The Snack Sack was open during the Pond Hockey Classic and the derby.

“We did really well, we still made a good amount of money,” Hamel said.

Bird said they did do better during the Pond Hickey Classic.



Derek Finno, Brian Martin, and Jon Malek hang out on the ice over the weekend.

PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

The Snack Shack will be open next week for the Latchkey Races.

Hamel said this was a good experience overall.

Ted Eagan of Boston came up to the derby with his mother Kathy Eagan of Dover. Ted said he just wanted to check out the derby.

“It seemed like a fun Sunday activity to take my mom, who lives in Dover, and go on a little Sunday adventure,” Ted Eagan said.

The Eagan’s are already familiar with the area; the family has a summer home in Tuftonboro.

The two walked around the ice, talking to the anglers, checking out bobhouses, and taking photos.

“It’s nice to see all the fish,” Kathy Eagan said.

Ted Eagan said next year he wants to bring the rest of the family up to the derby.

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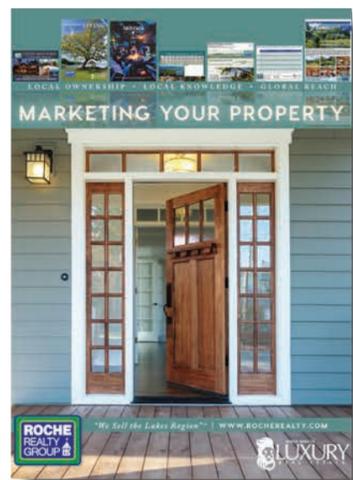
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Leadership group studies region's economic issues

REGION — The Leadership Lakes Region Class of 2018 recently held its annual Economic Issues Day. “This day is dedicated to a review of the economy of the Lakes Region and the factors impacting it” said Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean. She added that the purpose of the day was to expose the class of 25 area professionals from a variety of employment backgrounds to how their jobs all intersect in the area’s economy. The day was sponsored by the Grappone Automotive Group of Bow, and was planned by McLean and Leadership Lakes graduates Joanne Haight of the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce and Amanda Grappone Osmer. Meeting in the Community Room of the Tilton Branch of Franklin Savings Bank, Justin Slattery of the Belknap Economic Development Council and Karmen Gifford of the Chamber co-presented an overview of the area’s economy to start the day. They were followed by a panel discussion about affordable housing with Carmen



The Leadership Lakes Class of 2018 braved the brisk outdoor temperature for a group photo on the deck of the Steele Hill Resort.

Lorentz of Lakes Region Community Developers, Real Estate broker/owner Chris Kelly of ReMax Bayside Realty and Brendan Connolly, realtor of Keller-Williams. The group then traveled to EPTAM Plastics in Northfield for a tour and

welcome from Chief Operating officer, Russell Nadeau. Lunch was next on the agenda at Steele Hill Resort where Vice President Justin Cutillo gave the class a history of Steele Hill and his family’s involvement in the hospitality industry.

As outdoor recreation is such an important part of our local economy, Cutillo was followed by three representatives of that economic sector. Mike Roth, Gunstock’s Marketing Director, spoke about the economic importance of

the ski industry, Marty Parichand, owner of Outdoor New England described his company’s work instructing, conducting and educating the public about available outdoor activities and their benefit and Gretchen Gandini, Ex-

ecutive Director of the WOW Trail spoke of the progress made in creating the outdoor recreational trail. The day concluded with Amanda Osmer speaking to the class about her company’s history and business philosophy. She then engaged the class further in a robust and humorous discussion of economic issues complete with incentive prizes for “best answers.” Leadership Lakes Chairman, Don Morrissey, thanked Joanne and Amanda for their outstanding program day and Amanda’s sponsorship. He also pointed out to the class that he was very pleased that Economics Day featured Leadership Lakes graduates as guest presenters including Slattery, Gifford, Haight, Osmer and Lorentz as well as current class members Connolly and Roth.

The next Program Day for Leadership Lakes Region will be March’s Political Issues Day. Anyone interested in learning more about the leadership group is encouraged to visit www.leadershiplakesregion.org.

Winter Walking with Gordon DuBois at the Taylor Community

LACONIA — At the end of the warm weather hiking season, many trampers stow their gear, recall fond memories of the season past and wait for next summer’s trips. However, winter offers a completely new world waiting to be discovered.

This is three months out of the year when the mountains offer the adventurous hiker an opportunity to experience hoarfrost covering rocks and trees; layers of snow blanketing spruce boughs; crystal blue skies; and no insects to torture them.

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Gordon DuBois

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Bucky Lewis

Comedian Bucky Lewis to perform benefit show for Franklin Mayor’s Drug Task Force

FRANKLIN — The Franklin Mayor’s Drug Task Force is presenting a fundraising comedy show on Friday, March 2 at the Franklin Opera House, 316 Central St., Franklin. “Wicked Funny” New Hampshire comedian & musician Bucky Lewis is scheduled to perform his fresh one-man adult comedy show at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Mayor’s Drug Task Force. There will be also be raffles at this fun event.

“I have been working hard on my show to come up with always fresh material, and I look forward to being part of this great night, as the community gets together for fun and hilarious laughter all for a great cause. It’s going to be a special night,” Bucky Lewis says.

A native of New Hampshire, Bucky Lewis has given people an option of fundraising that is a very healthy concept: laughter for a

cause.

“The unique dynamic of Stand-Up Comedy, ‘Wicked Guitar’ and Audience Participation... well, it simply creates a memorable night. It is a very interactive show, and no one knows what is going to happen next,” Lewis says. “Because life is too short not to laugh when you can.”

Tickets are available from the Franklin Mayor’s Drug Task Force, or may be purchased online at www.FranklinOperaHouse.org, or by calling 934-1901.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and doors open at 7 p.m. For more information on the event, reservations and tickets, visit www.FranklinOperaHouse.org.

For information, or to schedule an interview with Lewis, call Bucky Lewis at 588-4007 or e-mail Lewis at buckylewis.com, or visit www.buckylewis.com for more information.



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Celebrate President's Day with "Abraham Lincoln" on LRPA

LACONIA—Lakes Region Public Access Television is throwing a cinematic celebration of the President's Day celebration and you're invited! Join us at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday (Feb. 16 & 17) for our "LRPA After Dark" feature, 1930's dramatic biopic "Abraham Lincoln," starring Walter Huston and Una Merkel. We are especially pleased to present this "lost classic," as it is rarely seen on tele-

vision. "Abraham Lincoln" was one of only two talkies directed by D.W. Griffith, a pioneer and innovator of silent film. It also was the first sound film about the Civil War that could be viewed by veterans of that war: historically remarkable! The film's screenwriter was Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Stephen Vincent Benet. The movie is presented in a series of "personality sketches" – tableaux from Lincoln's life and

career. While the film was critically well received during its time, it has since fallen into relative obscurity, despite the fine performance of Walter Huston. If you love classic film, how can you resist? So grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this vintage classic!

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About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)
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. LRPA cablecasts locally on Metro-

Cast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via Live Stream at www.lrpa.org. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community members to produce content

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Delta Dental CEO speaks to Leadership group

LACONIA — Tom Raffio, CEO of Northeast Delta Dental (NEDD) and a published author, recently spoke to the Leadership Lakes Region class at its annual Educational Issues Day. Raffio is the former chairman of the New Hampshire State Department of Education and Northeast Delta Dental sponsored Education Day for the class.

The day began at the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, where retiring Executive Director, Joan Cormier, and her colleagues explained the Foundation's mission and history. Then the class traveled to the Pleasant Street School in Laconia, where Principal Da-

vid Levesque explained the innovative and creative practices at work in his school which has earned the school a New Hampshire Elementary School of Excellence Award in 2017.

A tour of the Huot Center followed with Director David Warrender, himself a graduate of Leadership Lakes Region, which covered the Huot Center's role in preparing students from various sending schools for careers. The class then enjoyed a delicious Mexican-themed lunch catered by the Huot's Culinary Arts students under the guidance of instructor Chef Jack Aldrich.

The last stop on the jam-packed education-

al agenda was a visit to Lakes Region Community College where the class was welcomed by President Dr. Larissa Baia. The group had a guided tour of the academic facilities at LRCC and learned more about the educational impact LRCC has on our region. The College is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Concluding the day was a current and former student panel discussing their paths to LRCC and, for the former students, their successes since graduating.

It was while at the LRCC Campus that CEO Tom Raffio offered the class tips on how to be a successful leader within large organizations. Raffio cited his many years



COURTESY

Leadership Lakes Region class members Nate Hanson (left) and Willow Furey (second right) join sponsoring organization CEO Tom Raffio of Northeast Delta Dental (center) and Dr. Leo Sanfacón, a retired Lakes Region dentist and current board member of Leadership Lakes Region following Raffio's presentation to the leadership group.

of real world experience and offered examples to illustrate key points as well as examples from his newest book; Mindfulness: A better Me, A better You, a better World. He co-wrote this book with Dr. Annabel Beerel. Raffio then gift-

ed a copy of his book to class member Nate Hanson, a Littleton resident and Gilford Firefighter/Paramedic. Hanson had earlier asked a question which Raffio felt underscored the key concepts of Mindfulness. Class member Willow Furey

also received a gift from Raffio for her in-depth question. Leadership Lakes Region's next Program Day will be Economic Issues Day in February sponsored by the Grappone Automotive Group.

Franklin man sentenced to 50 years for producing child pornography

CONCORD — Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley announced this week that Brad Smith, 33, of Franklin was sentenced to 50 years in federal prison for producing child pornography. A jury previously found Smith guilty of six counts of producing child pornography after a three-day trial in April 2017.

Evidence presented at trial showed that in January of 2016, law enforcement officers in Lafayette, La. received a tip that an email address associated with the defendant was distributing child pornography. Officers traced the email address to a farm in Breau Bridge, La., where the defendant was living at the time. With the defendant's consent, officers conducted an analysis of a hard drive owned by the defendant and uncovered a series of videos apparently created by the defendant. The investigation determined that the defendant had filmed himself engaging in multiple sexual acts with a three-and-half-year-old child in Loudon. The defendant saved the videos to a hard drive

and took them with him to Louisiana.

"Today's sentence demonstrates that this community will not tolerate the horrific acts that the defendant committed against a defenseless young child," said Acting U.S. Attorney Farley. "The United States Attorney's Office and our law enforcement partners will work tirelessly to prosecute individuals who steal the innocence of young victims. I commend the performance of the law enforcement officers and prosecutors whose work secured this very substantial sentence. I hope that the sentence provides some comfort to the victim's family."

"This case, which involved dedicated work from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) both in Louisiana and in New Hampshire, as well as local, state and other federal law enforcement, serves as a testament to what persistent, professional investigative work can achieve," said Michael Shea, Acting Special Agent-In-Charge, HSI, Boston. "HSI is proud to be part of the team that helped

bring about justice in this truly disturbing case of child victimization."

The investigation in this case was led by Homeland Security Investigations in Lafayette, La. and Manchester, the Louisiana State Police, and the Concord Police Department with the assistance of the New Hampshire Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Seth Aframe and Georgiana Konesky.

In February 2006, the Department of Justice introduced Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

Tickets available now for garden tour

REGION — The Opechee Garden Club's 2018 self guided garden tour will be on July 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Tickets are \$25, and include lunch.

The luncheon, boutique, plant sale, and raffle will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gilford Community

Church on Potter Hill Road, Gilford. The tour will feature gardens located in Laconia and Gilford, ranging from well established to more recently designed and planted. For more information or to purchase tickets contact us at: opecheegardenclub2012@gmail.com.

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what might otherwise have been just another quiet Thursday night in February.

"We started planning all of this back in the fall when we were looking for a new venue for the carnival. Tilton School was gracious enough to let us use their facilities and the district's Phys Ed teachers provided the activities here in the gym tonight," Bryant said. "A lot of the community got involved, too,



DONNA RHODES

A bonfire, provided by Tilton-Northfield Fire-Rescue, was one of many highlights in the night when Winnisquam Regional School District hosted their second annual Winter Carnival at Tilton School last Thursday.



DONNA RHODES

Local Cub Scouts Parker and Jacoby demonstrated the Angry Bird game they created for Winnisquam Regional School District's annual Winter Carnival, which took place last Thursday at Tilton School.



COURTESY

An attached garage fire at 16 Threshing Mill Rd. in Sanbornton was one of two fires that Sanbornton Fire and Rescue personnel, as well as surrounding departments, dealt with last week. While there was damage sustained in each case, both incidents had a safe outcome for both homeowners and first responders.

FIRES

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second alarm was called for to bring in additional tankers to supply water to the rural location.

"Firefighters quickly deployed an attack hose to protect the exposure of the home, while another hose was deployed to extinguish the flames of the garage. The fire was declared under control at 3:15 a.m., and all companies were clear of the scene at 5:19 a.m.," Chief Dexter said.

Those swift actions managed to keep the fire

isolated to the garage in what Tilton-Northfield Fire Chief Mike Sitar commended Sanbornton Fire and Rescue for as "a good save."

Dexter reported that in this incident the garage and its contents were a total loss. The breezeway did sustain heavy fire and water damage but the home itself was only affected by smoke. Once again there were no injuries to either firefighters or civilians.

After investigations into the cause of this fire indicated that it was most likely originated

near a woodstove in the garage but due to the extensive damage caused by the blaze, it was officially listed as "Undetermined."

Once again called upon to assist Sanbornton in this structure fire were personnel and equipment from Franklin, Tilton-Northfield, Belmont, Laconia, New Hampton, Bristol, Gilford. In the meantime, equipment and manpower from Gilmanton and Stewarts Ambulance covered the Sanbornton Station.

HONOR

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the project, then came forward to say that the training facility is only three-quarters done at this time, but the department wanted to formally thank Manning for his support before he ends his term on the commission next month.

"The fire department helped us build the facility, along with some private donations, but Dennis Manning was the biggest donor," Hall said. "We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and dedicate this as the Dennis Manning Training Facility."

Manning was surprised and humbled by the presentation.

"This is not something I expected," he said.

Sitar said it was a well-deserved honor however and Manning's donation will go a long way in helping firefighters stay in tune with their skills.

In the course of his three-year term, he said Manning has worked well with both the commission and the fire department while doing what he felt was best for the fire district as a whole.

been open-minded and fair in all he did," said Sitar.

A nearby, readily accessible training facility was something the department has lacked however. Gilford has a facility that welcomes the local departments, but it's still too far away for duty crews from Tilton-Northfield to utilize.

"It would cost us more money to send a crew over there for training and keep the fire station manned at the same time," said Sitar.

That inspired Capt. Hall and his fellow firefighters to look for ways to build their own training facility. They started a fund raising campaign in the past year to meet that goal and Manning readily stepped up to assist.

"He very generously donated his entire fire commission salary for the past year to this project," Hall said.

The new Dennis Manning Training Facility, located behind the Park Street Station in Northfield, will soon present a number of opportunities for the crews on all three shifts.

Sitar and Hall said it will be initially used for physical training exercises such as Hose

Advancement, allowing firefighters to practice hauling hose lines to a fire.

"We'll have drainage and be able to actually flow water through the hoses there, something we can't do here at the fire station," said Sitar.

The department will also hold Search and Rescue practices where they can simulate people trapped in a burning building, along with Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus training.

"We'll have a maze inside (which can be routinely changed) that firefighters will have to work their way through, using their SCBA equipment. It's a confidence building session where they'll practice working in a smoky environment where you can't always see what's ahead of you," the chief said.

Potential training opportunities don't end there however. In the future the department hopes to add a second story to the structure where ladder safety and upper level rescue practice can also take place.

"This was the ultimate in community service and we just wanted to thank Dennis for his generosity and all he's done for us," said Sitar.

FITNESS

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Tisdale said.

Most of the classes offered by the pair and their other trainers run for 45 minutes and each instructor always keeps the proper conditioning of their clients in mind.

"All our trainers are in tune with their class. In our boot camp style classes, we modify everything to meet people's individual needs, then keep building and building with them until they improve and get stronger," said Dolpies. "Even with the dance programs, I keep going back to the basics with a class until they're all comfortable with them."

Besides helping individuals grow in their fitness skills, the other important factor they encourage is for people to participate in other activities they offer and not just one class.

"No one else has the variety of programs we offer. People can take toning then move on to a more advanced class, or take interval training followed by a stretch and strength class," Dolpies said.

The significance in that, the women explained, is to help break a plateau that the body can reach when doing the same type of training over and over again. Keep the body guessing, they said.

Step Aerobics, Zumba, a fun and lively Pound Fit class, and Circuit Classes where participants move around the room to different workout stations are just a few of their other offerings. With a lot more room at the new location they are also looking to add children's workout groups, jazzercise, yoga, special rentals for a group fitness party and much more.

The goal, Dolpies said is to help people become more active and therefore have more energy, grow stronger, healthier, and have a lot of fun while doing so.

All In Fitness is now located in Suite 222 at Tanger Outlets, between Champion and Hair Excitement, and as part of the outlet center, paid enrollment in any class will also be eligible for other TangerClub deals and savings.

On March 8, she and Tisdale will hold a grand opening for their business where people can see the new facility, meet some of the trainers and learn more about all they offer.

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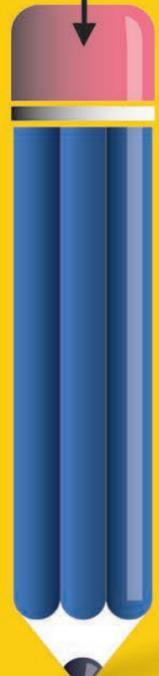
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Kobi Briand wrestles against a wrestler from John Stark last Thursday.



BOB MARTIN

Kowin Bourdeau helped the Bears come away with a win of John Stark last week.

Winnisquam wrestlers preparing for State Meet

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — The Winnisquam Regional High School wrestling team is gearing up for the Division 3 state tournament, and last week the team went 2-3 with wins over

John Stark and Manchester Memorial.

Thursday was senior night and Winnisquam beat John Stark 54-18 and were edged out by Campbell Campbell with a score of 39-33.

The Bears then trav-

eled to Hollis on Saturday and came away with a 36-31 win over Manchester Memorial, a 54-15 loss to Hollis and a 44-27 loss to Alvirne.

“The emphasis right now is to build up to the Division 3 state tournament,” said coach Tom Osmer, who added that the Bears are trying to peak at the right time. “We have a couple injuries but are relatively healthy as far as wrestling teams in the month of February go. Big thing right now is illness. We’re mixing kids into the lineup at spots trying to rest others. Across the board, we are really wrestling well right now. They’re toughing it out and have enough technique and tactics to nav-

igate a match while not feeling 100 percent. I’m really enjoying the level of wrestling I’ve been watching this month.”

While the seeds have not come out yet, Osmer thinks that if the Bears can get healthy they can do well in the tournament.

“We’re still underdogs for sure but we have some weights where points from tournament scoring are possible,” said Osmer. “Enough to upgrade us from underdog to dark horse? Possibly, but we’d have to wrestle flawlessly and get some help from other teams.”

Highlights of last week included freshman Chaz Hibbert’s win by fall over Ramyon Rabbia

of John Stark in the 195 class. Hibbert is filling a hole due to a Caden Remillard’s knee injury that he sustained against Plymouth last week.

Against Campbell, Michael Mitchel beat Jacob Obert 15-12 in a come from behind victory in the 106 class. Osmer liked how he dug deep to score with three takedowns and two sets of near fall in the last 50 seconds of the match by decision.

“Michael seems to have a knack for putting up football scores in wrestling matches having recorded match points totals (his and opponents score added together) in excess of 20 or even 30 points on several occasions this season,”

said Osmer. “He certainly doesn’t have any fear to take risks and go for it. It is a good thing that’s coupled with heart that never quits!”

A highlight of the Manchester Memorial matchup was Cam Roberts win in the 145 class, with Osmer saying he continues to improve his “unorthodox and creative style.”

Against Hollis Kobi Briand had a 14-13 win in the 160 class over Simon Hemmenway, in what Osmer called a hard fought, back-and-forth battle.

In the matchup against Alvirne Connor Corey had a 6-4 win in the 152 class against Nick Maniatagos.

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Chris Remick of Gilford applies tight coverage on Winnisquam's Garrett Mango during a Golden Eagles win last week.



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Kyle Mann of Winnisquam drives through a host of defenders including Greg Madore (14) who had an outstanding night for the Golden Eagles on all sides of the floor.



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Winnisquam's Angelo Glover finds an open man in a game against Gilford last week.

Bears battle but fall to Golden Eagles

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — A battle of two teams on opposite ends of the Division 3 standings turned out to be quite the battle, but after a tight first half, the Gilford Golden Eagles boys basketball team was able to silence the surging Winnisquam Bears and win 58-40.

Gilford came out firing with 16 points in

the first quarter, which topped the Bears' total of 12 points, but the Golden Eagles were having plenty of trouble with Kyle Mann who torched the Golden Eagles with 10 points in the opening frame.

While Mann was silenced in the second quarter to only one bucket, the rest of the Bear squad chipped in with 13 points and outscored Gilford 13-7. Winnisquam was able to put a stop to all Gilford scoring aside from Greg Madore, who was using his large frame to muscle boards and put back second chance points all night.

With Winnisquam coming off a 20 point blowout win over Franklin the night before, the Bears were feeling pretty good going into the second half with a 25-23 lead. Winnisquam was only 5-9 entering the game against the 9-4 Gilford squad, and coming away with a win here would have been a huge momentum push for Winnisquam- a team that is still scrapping away with hopes of a final playoff spot.

However, Gilford came out of the break completely on fire and cruised to a 14-0 run to start the third quarter. Winnisquam could not

slow down the Golden Eagle offense no matter what they did, with Madore, Nate Hudson and Logan Bell providing a brilliant offensive attack.

The Golden Eagles also focused on stopping the Bears' primary scorer, Mann, and held him to only three points- all on free throws. The Bears didn't score a basket until about 2:30 left in the quarter when Gunnar Horman drove to hoop and scored. Gilford outscored 17-5 in the quarter and had a commanding lead going into the final frame.

The Golden Eagles picked up where they left off in the fourth quarter, with Madore sinking shot after shot with nine points in the quarter. He was also helped by Adrian Siravo who scored 10 of his 12 points in the second half. Gilford outscored Winnisquam 18-10 in the fourth quarter, and through highly contested shots and solid all-around defense, kept Mann to only three points.

Gilford Coach Chip Veazey acknowledged that the team had a rough first half where the team found itself trailing by a basket going into the break, but he said after making some defensive adjustments and getting

the ball to Madore in the post, the team found its rhythm.

"We just weren't in sync on offense or defense in the first half, and he (Mann) played very well," said Veazey. "There were a couple tough calls that went against Logan Bell, our best defender, and we had to take him out. But he came out in the second half and did a great job. I thought Logan Hughes did a good job on him as well and Greg had a great game on the backboard getting second chance points."

Veazey also commended the determination of Hart, who he said found Madore a number of times inside.

"We had some good interior passing in the second half and a lot of that was the result of Dave Hart being a very heads up player," said Veazey.

Veazey said another key to the victory was stopping defensive breakdowns, in particular guarding the screen and the post. He said this was part of the halftime adjustment, and with the Bears scoring only a couple times in the paint in the second half, he said it clearly worked.

"This is two games in a row where we have finished strong and kind of

had to battle for a while," said Veazey.

Madore was the star of the game with 24 points and 13 rebounds for Gilford. David Hart was another Golden Eagle who had a solid performance despite not having eye popping numbers. He had two points, but also had four points, four assists and a couple big blocks down the stretch.

Siravo had 12 points, five rebounds and three assists in a great overall night that showed off his agility and speed through high energy drives to the basket and quick defense. Bell was another player who showed poise in the victory, with 10 points and three steals.

As he has been for much of the season, Mann was the offensive leader for the Bears with 18 points. He started the game red hot with a 10 point fourth quarter but tough Gilford defense stifled his output the rest of the way. Glover had a nice night shooting the ball and came away with 13 points including three shots from behind the arc. Horman pitched in with five points. Garrett Mango had a pair of buckets for four points.

Winnisquam Coach Kevin Dame knows it has been a rocky season for his young team,

but he likes the spark they have shown in recent days. He said the win over Franklin and the first two quarters against Gilford were promising.

He also acknowledged that in the second half the team didn't execute as well as it should have, and he took blame saying there were coaching mistakes he made as well.

"We ran a play quite a bit in the first half, and I knew they would make adjustments so I didn't call it as much," Dame said. "Maybe I should have. Maybe I should have seen if we could find a way to keep getting hoops. It's the flex offense and everyone knows it."

Dame said in the second half the Golden Eagles were contesting Mann's shots, and he said the team just couldn't find other ways to get in the basket.

There were positives he took from the game despite the loss, with Dame saying he was impressed at how well the team took care of the ball and found quality shots.

"If we work it around I don't care who is taking the shot, I just want good looks," Dame said. "As long as it isn't one pass and shoot, that's what I like."

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Belmont girls edge Prospect Mountain

BY BOB MARTIN

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BELMONT — The Belmont girls' basketball team went 1-1 last week with a tight 45-41 win over Prospect Mountain on Feb. 6 and a 55-36 loss to Monadnock on Feb. 9.

Leading the way for the Red Raiders in the win over Prospect Mountain was Elaina Hoey, who had a great double/double performance putting up 14 points and 10

rebounds. Julianna Estremera had 10 points in the game, while Morgan Hall pitched in six points and seven rebounds in a great effort.

The game was tied 41-41 with 27 seconds remaining in the game when Jordan Sargent was fouled and hit two free throws to put the

Red Raiders up by two. McKenzie Donovan stole the ball with 12 seconds to go and put in a layup to seal the win.

"Great overall team effort," said coach Mark Dawalga.

In the loss against Monadnock, Estremera led the team in scoring with 13 points. Donovan had

eight points and Hoey had nine points.

It was anyone's game with the score 27-25 in favor of Monadnock going into the half, but foul trouble led to the demise of the Red Raiders. Dawalga commended the squad for working hard all game despite the loss. The loss gave

Belmont a 6-9 record at deadline.

The boys' basketball team has won five games in a row, and last week the Red Raiders had a 50-47 win over Prospect Mountain and a 51-46 win over Monadnock. The wins gave Belmont a 9-4 record at deadline.

Belmont boys get win in giant slalom

BY BOB MARTIN

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NORTH SUTTON — The Belmont High School ski team competed last week and the boys' team came away with a win in the giant slalom.

Nolan Gagnon came in second overall with a time of 1:03.75, while Lars Major was close behind in third at 1:04.28. Mitchell Berry came in 10th with a time of 1:08.20 and Jake Deware was 18th with a time of 1:13.20.

The boys' team came in third in the slalom, led by Gagnon who again placed second with a time of 31.63. Major took another third place finish with a time of 33.31. Berry was 15th with a time of 38.25 and Deware came in 29th with a time of 46.82.

The girls' team finished sixth in the giant slalom, but Katie Gagnon finished second overall with a time of 1:08.57. Becca Camire placed 17th with a time of 1:18.53 while her sister Abby Camire placed

34th with a time of 1:30.25. Keegan Berry was 38th with a time of 1:32.24.

In the slalom the girls' team placed fifth and were led by Abby Camire's 11th place finish, with a time of

39.77. Berry came in 20th with a time of 42.76 and Becca Camire was right behind her in 22nd place with a time of 44.90. Julie Valengavich placed 46th with a time of 1:01.22.

Deadlines and the Olympics

MEREDITH — Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding will be covering the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea the next few weeks.

Because of the time difference and the Olympic schedule, this will require a few deadline changes for a couple of weeks while he is out of the country.

All sports items for the North Country papers (Littleton Courier,

Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter) for the issue of Feb. 21 must be submitted by noon on the Sunday prior to publication.

All sports items for the Lakes Region papers for the issue of Feb. 22 must be received by 8 a.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

All items not received by these times may miss being included in that week's issue.

And a reminder, if you know of an Olympic athlete with local connections, send an e-mail to josh@salmonpress.news so we can hopefully catch up in Korea.

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SEAN DOHERTY makes his way through the mixed zone after completing the 10K pursuit on Sunday in PyeongChang.

Wind wreaks havoc on Doherty's Olympic opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Sean Doherty's second Olympics didn't exactly start as well as he would've liked.

The former Kennett High ski standout was the first American out of the gate in Sunday evening's biathlon 10K sprint but he struggled on his prone shooting, with a strong wind proving troublesome and he ended up finishing out of contention to move on to the pursuit one night later.

"I'm disappointed in the prone shooting," Doherty said. "Four penalties is tough to stomach."

Doherty missed four of his five shots from the prone position and as a result, had to do four penalty laps before moving on with his race. The Conway resident was able to hit all five of his targets in standing shooting.

When all was said and done, Doherty finished in 65th place in a time of 25:55.2, which was fourth among the American biathletes. Lowell Bailey led the team in 33rd place in 24:54.4, followed by Tim Burke in 47th place in 25:26.3 and Leif Nordgren in 58th place in 25:49.0. All three of Doherty's teammates finished in the top 30 to earn bids to move on to the pursuit, which took place after deadline on Monday night. Arnd Peiffer of Germany was the overall winner with

a time of 23:38.8.

The temperatures at the Alpensia Biathlon Center were quite chilly and the win came whipping through during the event's race, causing problems for some athletes.

"The win was highly variable and it got the best of me," Doherty stated. "I thought I had a handle on it, but that's biathlon."

The former Eagle noted that not only was the wind blowing, it was also inconsistent, which made zeroing in his rifle difficult.

"It's inconsistent and changes fast," Doherty stated. "It was not the same during the five shots, which is only like 15 seconds."

"It's nothing we can't deal with, but it's hard," he continued. "I'll be real fortunate if I can make pursuit."

With pursuit not on the table, Doherty also had the 20K individual event coming up, scheduled for today, Thursday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. Korean Time, 6 a.m. Eastern Time. There's also a couple of different relays on the schedule in the coming week, the mixed relay on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and the men's relay on Friday, Feb. 23.

"I'm looking forward to the relays," Doherty said.

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Coffey swims at State Meet

BY BOB MARTIN
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DURHAM — Miranda Coffey of Winnisquam Regional High School participated in the Division 2 swimming championship last weekend at the University of New Hampshire, competing in the 100-meter breaststroke and the 200-meter freestyle.

Coffey placed 11th in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:19.39. She had a time of 2:18.48 in the 200-meter freestyle, which was good for 17th place.

BOB MARTIN
(Right) Sophomore Miranda Coffey competes in the 200 meter freestyle race at the Division 2 swimming championship at UNH last weekend.



Dreissigacker leads US Biathlon contingent

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — It was quite an Olympic biathlon debut for Emily Dreissigacker.

In the women's 7.5K sprint on Saturday night at the Alpensia Biathlon Center, Dreissigacker was the lone United States woman to qualify for the pursuit race. The top 60 in the sprint move on to the pursuit. Dreissigacker finished in 51st place overall with a time of 23:27.

Dreissigacker, who is married to former Gilford High School Nordic standout Alex Howe, a competitive biathlete in his own right, was happy to move on but disappointed that none of her teammates would be joining her in the pursuit.

"I'm excited to be in the pursuit," she said. "But I'm bummed for my teammates."

She noted that the snow conditions were fantastic but the biting wind on the shooting range didn't help a lot of athletes. The final US athlete to go through the course, Dreissigacker had just one penalty on the evening.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Emily Dreissigacker talks with the press after her 51st place finish in the 7.5K sprint at the PyeongChang Olympics on Saturday.

"The ski conditions were nice, hard and fast," she said. "It was a very windy for the shooting."

"In prone I got kind of lucky, the wind was about what I had zeroed in," she continued. "Standing I could feel the wind pushing the barrel a little."

And while spectators and media members alike were doing their best to shake off the cold, Dreissigacker noted she didn't really feel it once the race got going.

"It was a good wake-

up race," she said. "I didn't notice the cold at all when I was racing."

"I was freezing in warm-ups," she added.

She also said that the Olympics were a bit of a calm situation compared to the normal biathlon World Cup events, as there are fewer fans at the Olympic events than the World Cup ones.

Dreissigacker also noted her husband really wanted to be in Korea, but she had to talk him out of it, knowing she'd be really busy and he'd

likely be on his own.

But that being said, she thanked him and his family for their support.

"They've been so supportive," she said. "Alex really wanted to come over here, I kind of had to talk him out of it."

With her top 60 performance, Dreissigacker qualified for the 10K pursuit, which took place on Monday.

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Gerard finishes strong, brings home first US medal

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — The American medal count officially got under way on Sunday morning in PyeongChang, in an event that the United States athletes know a thing or two about winning.

Seventeen-year-old Red Gerard captured first place in the snowboard slopestyle, rallying from a pair of falls in his first two runs to put together a monster third run, catapulting him into the lead and withstanding a late charge from a Canadian challenger to bring home the gold medal, America's first medal of these Winter Games.

"I really love to snowboard," Gerard said when asked what was going through his head before his run. "There was a little bit of pressure, but I came into this as a pretty big underdog. So whatever happens, happens."

"To land the run I



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RED GERARD rides the chairlift to the top of the slopestyle course prior to his gold-medal winning run on Sunday at Phoenix SnowPark.

wanted to here is huge to me," Gerard added.

With Gerard's win, the Americans have now won every snowboard slopestyle gold medal that has ever been awarded, with Sage

Kostenburg and Jamie Anderson winning their respective races in the Sochi Games in 2014. The American women were looking to continue that streak after deadline on Monday.

"It was really weird to me that I got first," the youngster said about the moments after the event wrapped up. "I'm still having a really hard time believing it."

For his part, Gerard

saved the best for last for the crowd gathered at the Phoenix SnowPark in the mountains outside of PyeongChang. He posted a score of 87.16 to put him into first place and watched as Cana-

dian Max Parrot put together his own strong run, but Parrot earned an 86.0 to finish in second place, with fellow Canadian Mark McMorris winning bronze for the second consecutive Olympic Games.

The crowd gathered included 17 of his family members, who traveled to Korea to watch the teenager compete.

"It's crazy having a group of 17 people at the bottom," he said. "I know they're always going to be there for me, they've been there for me the whole time."

Gerard grew up watching the X Games, Dew Tour and US Open but had never really watched the Olympics, so performing on the biggest stage in the world was eye-opening.

"To finally be here and realize all this, I think I'm starting to get how big the Olympics is," Gerard noted.

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Curling kicks off the Olympic experience in Korea

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

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GANGNEUNG, South Korea — The first day of the Olympics for was Saturday, Feb. 9. After breakfast and getting my accreditation validated, I hopped on the bus to the curling center for my first official action of the games.

Interestingly enough, my first bus ride of the day, featured a television larger than in my apartment on which the curling action I was heading to was already playing.

The curling venue on Saturday was featuring mixed curling and the big match of the day, at least for the pretty full crowd inside the arena, was the Koreans taking on the Olympic Athletes of Russia. After each getting a point in the first two ends, Korea took a 2-1 lead only to see the Russians come back and score two on the next trip down the ice and

one the following time and they led 4-2 after five ends. Russia appeared poised to take a big lead with three stones in close, but Korea's final stone knocked them all clear and they got the point in the sixth end. The Koreans appeared to be ready to tie things up, but the Russians were able to knock their stone out of the house and took a 5-3 lead after seven ends. The Korean fans had plenty to cheer about in the eighth end, as their team put two stones in close to tie the match at five. The match came down to the ninth end when the Russians were able to knock the Koreans' stone out of the house to take the 6-5 win.

The American team of Becca and Matthew Hamilton were taking on the Chinese on the other side of the arena, with the US getting the early lead with two points in the first end but China coming back to tie it af-



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THE GANGNEUNG Curling Center was my first venue stop of the PyeongChang Olympics.

ter five ends. China got a point on the sixth end to take the 4-3 lead. The US team came back to tie it with their final stone of the seventh end, with Becca Hamilton throwing a strike. However, China got two points on the eighth and final end to get the 6-4 win.

There were two other matches on the ice, with Canada taking a 7-2 win over Switzerland and Norway edging Finland 7-6.

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LACONIA — If you register by Feb. 28, there is no cost to play with Laconia Lacrosse Club, an affiliate club with the NH Youth Lacrosse Association, the governing body of youth lacrosse in New Hampshire. Uniforms are provided by the league.

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Laconia Lacrosse fields teams for players of all skill levels, both boys and girls, from grades 1-8. Practices start the week of March 18. Games are played on Sundays beginning April 8 and the season wraps up with the an-

nual NHYLA State festival the weekend of June 9-10.

Laconia Lacrosse plays at the Bank of NH turf stadium at Laconia High School, and is host to the state's North/South Games over Memorial Day weekend, which brings players from all over the state in friendly competition.

There will be a substantial late fee assessed March 1, so register now while it's

free. Your player must be a member of US Lacrosse (<https://www.uslacrosse.org/membership>) and should open an account on the Laconia Lacrosse Club web site in order to be placed on a roster (<https://leagueathletics.com/Registration/Default.asp?org=LA-CLAX>). Questions or issues can be directed to the club at LaconiaLacrosseClub@gmail.com.

Olympian takes top honors in White Mountain Dual Challenge

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Nolan Kasper, 28 of Warren, Vt., won Saturday's race on the World Pro Ski Tour at Waterville Valley, before he heads to South Korea for the Olympic Games to compete in the slalom competition on Feb. 22. He edged out Canadian skier Morgan Megarry, 24, of Collingwood, Ontario, for the win in the final round. Third and fourth place went to Michael Ankeny, 27, of Wayzata, Minn., and Robby Kelley, 27 of Starksboro, Vt.

"It was great to see such a big crowd of enthusiastic supporters today at Waterville Valley for this event. Like all the racers here today, I am thrilled to see that the World Pro Ski Tour



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Nolan Kasper was the winner of the White Mountain Dual Challenge at Waterville Valley.

has come back after being dormant for so long," said Kasper.

Dubbed the White Mountain Dual Challenge, the race was the first stop of the World Pro Ski Tour featuring 32 ski racers from around the U.S., Canada, Finland, Sweden, and France. Next stop for the tour is Aspen, Colo., March 9 and 10, followed by the final race of the series at Sunday River, Maine, March 30 and 31.

The races will air on CBS Sports Network on April 1 at 1 p.m. for Waterville Valley; April 8 at 2:30 p.m. for Aspen, and April 15 for the Sunday River event.

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Mazdzer makes US sliding history

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — Traditionally, when stepping off a luge at the end of the run, athletes will go to the left, but Chris Mazdzer had different ideas after his historic fourth run on the Alpensia Sliding Center's course on Sunday night.

"I went right," the affable US athlete said with a smile in his press conference the next morning. "I just wanted to be with them."

Mazdzer was speaking of his friends and family who made the trip to Korea to support him and were on hand to watch him make history as the first American to win a medal of any kind in the sport of luge. Mazder's fourth run put him into second place overall with one competitor to go, guaranteeing him a medal and when the final athlete made a slight mistake, his silver medal was secure.

"This was the best way I can say thank you

for everything everyone has given me," Mazdzer said. "This is the best way I can give back."

"To break through in this capacity at this event is just huge," he added. "It takes a lot to come here in the capacity they do and support me and I just wanted to be with them."

Mazdzer admitted to not really sleeping much after his big win. He said he finished drug testing after 1:30 a.m. and then spent time with the aforementioned family and friends but the lack of sleep wasn't affecting him.

"I was at peace with myself, but there was just so much energy from the day," he said, noting there were hundreds of messages of support and congratulations from across the United States and the world. He had read the all but had yet to have time to even respond.

"You don't get into luge for the money, you get into it for the passion," he said. "The or-



CHRIS MAZDZER speaks at a press conference following his silver medal luge performance.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

ganization has put a lot of money and resources and manpower, it's all about passion and heart."

As for the race itself, Mazdzer said that the training conditions that the US uses in Lake Plac-

id made things easier on him, while maybe a bit harder on others. The cold that has plagued the PyeongChang Games played right into his hands.

"Really cold conditions, with luge, is the

great equalizer," he said. "That's when it comes down to experience."

"That was one of the most exciting luge runs I've ever seen," he continued. "Everyone had to be on their game and that's where experience shows."

"I really was out of control on all four runs," Mazdzer continued. "It's cold in Lake Placid, so

we're used to those hard ice conditions."

Mazdzer summed up the history of his medal performance nicely.

"In 60 years, to be that person who breaks through, that is special to me," he said.

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Learn to curl

The Lakes Region Curling Association will hold a free learn-to-curl session for the public on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Pop Whalen Ice Arena, Route 109A, in Wolfeboro. The two-hour event will begin at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is not required, and participants need only a pair of athletic shoes with clean soles in order to participate. All other equipment is provided. Curling is suited for participants all ages, for men and women, and for people of varied abilities. LRCA members will be on hand during the learn-to-curl session to explain the basics of the sport and to provide guidance in stone delivery and sweeping. For more information about the LRCA, check out the organization's web site at lakescurlingnh.org.



Damian Donahou wrestles for Winnisquam on senior night on Thursday.

BOB MARTIN

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Osmer explained that after coming out on the losing end of a tough overtime battle against a Manchester West wrestler, and then eventually losing to a difficult Hollis wrestler, Corey ended his day on a very positive note.

"It's hard not to be impressed with the way he closed out his day," Osmer said. "It took a ton

of effort after two hard matches earlier for Connor to carve out that 2 point lead then protect it right up to the end of the match. As a freshman Connor didn't have a lot of success results wise, but he was always moving forward and always on the attack."

Osmer added "Connor is just one of those kids showing that improvement that comes after a season or two of experience."

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What Should You Do With Your Tax Refund?

You may not get much of a thrill from filing your taxes, but the process becomes much more enjoyable if you're expecting a refund. So, if one is headed your way, what should you do with the money?

The answer depends somewhat on the size of the refund. For the 2017 tax year, the average refund was about \$2,760 – not a fortune, but big enough to make an impact in your life. Suppose, for example, that you invested this amount in a tax-deferred vehicle, such as a traditional IRA, and then did

not add another penny to it for 30 years. At the end of that time, assuming a hypothetical 7 percent annual rate of return, you'd have slightly more than \$21,000 – not enough, by itself, to allow you to move to a Caribbean island, but still a nice addition to your retirement income. (You will need to pay taxes on your withdrawals eventually, unless the money was invested in a Roth IRA, in which case withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.)

Of course, you don't have to wait 30 years before

you see any benefits from your tax refund. If you did decide to put a \$2,760 tax refund toward your IRA for 2018, you'd already have reached just over half the allowable contribution limit of \$5,500. (If you're 50 or older, the limit is \$6,500.) By getting such a strong head start on funding your IRA for the year, you'll give your money more time to grow. Also, if you're going to "max out" on your IRA, your large initial payment will enable you to put in smaller monthly amounts than you might need to contribute otherwise.

While using your refund to help fund your IRA is a good move, it's not the only one you can make. Here are a few other possibilities:

Pay down some debt. At some time or another, most of us probably feel we're carrying too much debt. If you can use your tax refund to help reduce your monthly debt payments, you'll improve your cash flow and possibly have more money available to invest for the future.

Build an emergency fund. If you needed a new furnace or major car repair,

or faced any other large, unexpected expense, how would you pay for it? If you did not have the cash readily available, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. To help avoid this problem, you could create an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. Your tax refund could help build your emergency fund.

Look for other investment opportunities. If you have some gaps in your portfolio, or some opportunities

to improve your overall diversification, you might want to use your tax refund to add some new investments. The more diversified your portfolio, the stronger your defense against market volatility that might primarily affect one particular asset class. (However, diversification, by itself, can't protect against all losses or guarantee profits.)

Clearly, a tax refund gives you a chance to improve your overall financial picture. So take your time, evaluate your options and use the money wisely.

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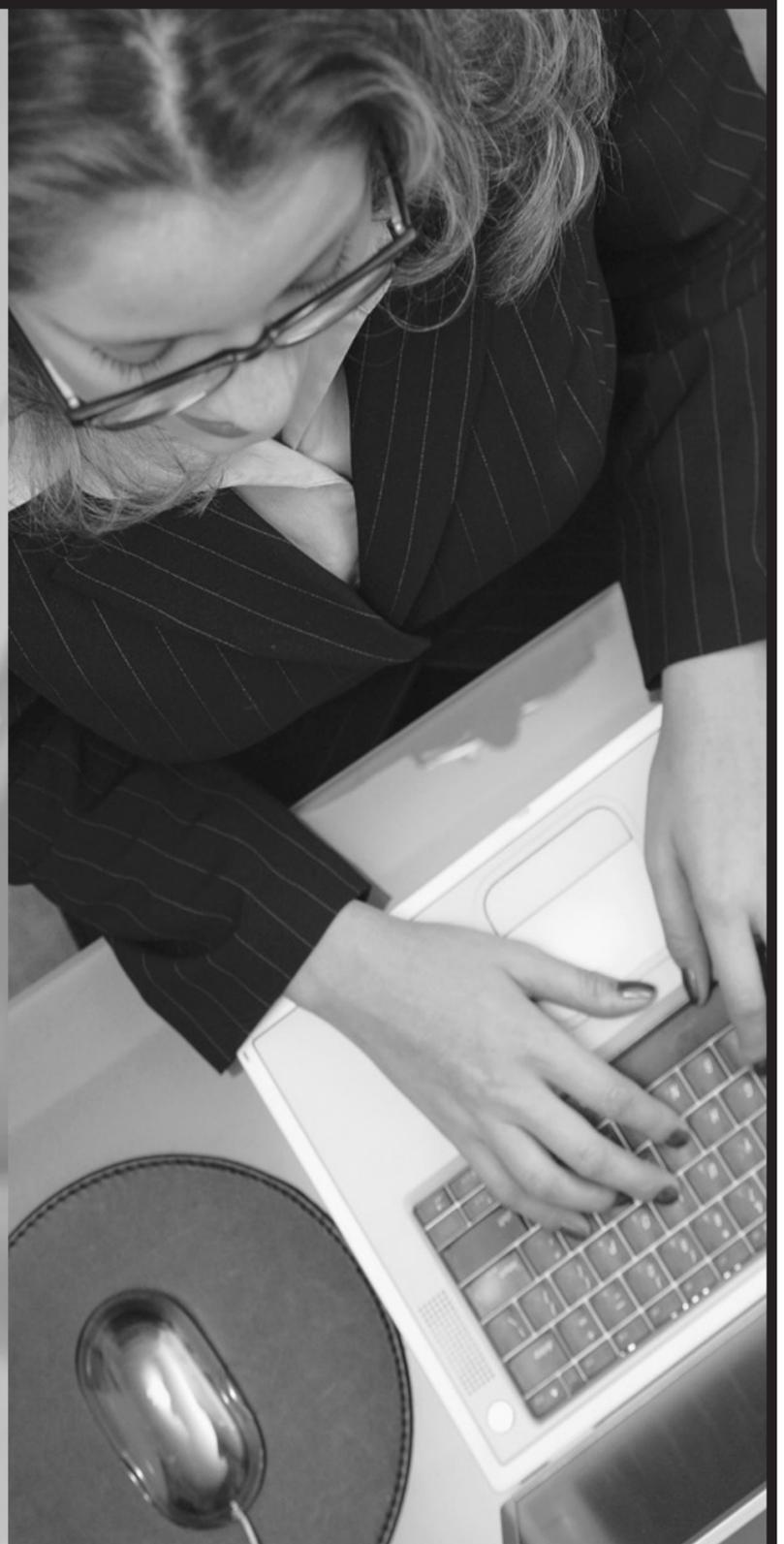
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GCSCC's Executive Director serves as the chief public representative of the organization with administrative responsibility for finance and management, planning and evaluation, facilities, human resources, marketing and development, and strategic planning. The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors.

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