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GILFORD, N.H.

# Library hosts a sweet competition

#### BY ERIN PLUMMER

mnews@salmonpress.news Kids took part in some creative holiday fun with a little friendly competition involved at the Gilford Public Library's annual gingerbread house decorating.

Every year, the library hosts decorating sessions for different age groups. Kids in preschool and elementary school decorated houses made from graham crackers glued to a cardboard base that was similar to a milk carton. Middle school students decorated houses made from salt dough. Kids were given icing and a variety of candies to decorate their houses with.

The library's annual gingerbread house building took place in



The finalists of the gingerbread decorating competition on Thursday: Grayson, Charlotte, Josiah (the winner), Ryan, Eila, and Yao Yao.

# Conference draws school officials from across the state

### Registration open for GYC programs in early 2020

#### **BY ERIN PLUMMER**

mnews@salmonpress.news With the holidays almost over the new year just a week or so away, registration is open for a number of Gilford Youth Center programs starting up in January.

The GYC has a different number of different techniques as well

from Jan 14-Feb. 11. Students in grades 1-4 can take part in the five-week program every Tuesday from 3:15-5 p.m. Kids will learn different culinary skills such as ingredients, using kitchen tools, and cooking programs for kids as other topics like

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mnews@salmonpress.news Educators from school districts across the state met at Gilford High School for a roundtable discussion on "Portrait of a Learner" to trade ideas on how to implement this required program.



multiple sessions for different age groups. There were two preschool sessions, one with the Holiday Extravaganza featuring a storytime with Mrs. Claus. Kids could also make a bird feeder and write letters to Santa. Children's librarian Maria Suarez said the Holiday Extravaganza was a huge success with a lot of kids coming out.

There were also two elementary school sessions, including one on Thursday.

This year's decorating included a little friendly competition. A panel of judges went around to each of the houses and gave out a bag of goodies to the winner. A number of finalists were also rec-SEE GINGRBREAD PAGE A8

and teens that are open for registration, though they tend to fill up quick.

A new session of Junior Chef will run

kitchen safety and the use of math and science in an everyday way. The class is \$65 for the five ses-SEE GYC PAGE A7

On Dec. 12, around 45 people representing 12 school districts met for a roundtable discussion at the GHS library on the best ways

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### Gilford Library offers holiday activities for all ages

#### BY ERIN PLUMMER

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The Gilford Public Library has been the place for people of all ages to have some holiday fun, including some fun activities for adults and teens.

In the past few weeks, the library scheduled a number of different fun activities for kids, teens, and adults.

All day Thursday, the library hosted a holiday recipe swap. A box was set up where people could leave recipes and make copies of different recipes left there. There were recipe cards available and people could make photocopies of recipes. People could also use the recipe cards to write down recipes they found in books.

Assistant director Kayleigh Thomas said this activity was in place of a cookie swap as many people are busy and don't have time to bake. This way people could try out and share different recipes

That night people could make ornaments out of book pages.

Every month, the library also hosts Book Bites Cookbook club, a



Making an ornament with book pages was one activity that adults (and some kids) could take part in at the Gilford Public Library.

cooking demonstration library has been hostof different food items from books.

There were a number of activities for teens as well. Teens had their own gingerbread house decorating session, though the gingerbread houses were made from salt dough. Students from the elementary and middle schools also took part in a "Code Your Hero" activity that brought out 80 kids. All month long, the ing Donation December collecting donations of items and money for the New Hampshire Humane Society. People could make donations in place of paying fines, though Teen/Emerging Technologies librarian Mark Thomas said a number of people who didn't have fines were still donating.

Mark Thomas said a lot of the different ideas for holiday programs were ones library staff were already familiar with and had seen at other libraries. He said they will also come up with ideas for things they want to do themselves.

He said the list of activities is always changing and there is always something new to offer.

"We get to see people enjoying themselves and learning which is very satisfying as a li-SEE ACTIVITIES PAGE A7

to come up with a "Portrait of a learner" program for their schools and share ideas.

Educators from around the state engaged in roundtable dis-

cussions regarding the "Portrait of a Learner" program at a

conference hosted by the Gilford School District.

GHS Principal Anthony Sperazzo said "Portrait of a Learner" is meant to be the overall skills necessary to teach students to be ready for high school, college, career, and their lives overall. "Portrait of a Learner" is the way those skills should be embedded in different lessons and units so that the students master those attributes.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) requiring that is schools in their area have a "Portrait of a Learner" plan as part of the 10-year accreditation process. NEASC will be visiting Gilford in 2020 and Sperazzo said the district will be reviewed on how it is implementing 21st century learning skills.

Starting this trimester Gilford has been piloting a "Portrait of a Learner" program and providing students the opportunity to engage in the four aspects of a plan. As this is a pilot program, Sperazzo said students won't be assessed on these aspects this year.

Gilford's "Portrait of a Learner" aims are to, "Be more intentional about fostering...21st century skills our young people need to thrive in this complex, rapidly changing world," "A chance to engage our 'larger community' to develop a "collective vision that articulates the community's aspirations for all students," "To 'provide a strategic direction' and a 'collective vision' that is 'locally developed, but globally positioned' and that 'reinvigorates and re-engages students, teachers, and community stakeholders,'" and, "To support students in becoming successful for 'college, career, and citizenship."

"Since it's so new to New Hampshire we figured let's learn from everybody else where each school district is at, what it looks like," Sperazzo said. "We are in all different areas, very few schools have SEE CONFERENCE PAGE A8

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# Notes from the Gilford Public Library

**BY MARK THOMAS** 

Library Correspondent

All of us here at the Gilford Public Library wish you a very happy holiday and happy New Year! We hope that you and yours enjoy these festive couple of weeks. Be sure to stop in and say hello, grab something to read or watch with the family, or just warm up by the fire. Please note the library's holiday hours when planning your visit. We look forward to seeing you soon!

1."Criss Cross" by James Patterson

3."Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Strout 4."The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes

8."Dutch House" by Ann Pratchett

10. "Educated" by Tara Westover

7."Blue Moon" by Lee Child

5."The Rise of Magicks" by Nora Roberts

2."A Minute to Midnight" by David Baldacci

6."Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

9."Twisted Twenty-Six" by Janet Evanovich

Classes & **Special Events** Dec. 26-Jan. 2

Thursday, Dec. 26 NO EVENTS. Library open from noon-8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 27 Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

PJs and a Movie, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Is your child already bored of playing with their new toys? Do you they need a change of scenery? Bring them over in their pajamas

#### to enjoy a movie and snacks with us! Movie to be shown is "Abominable."

Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 30 Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

> Tuesday, Dec. 31 Hook Nook, 10-11

a.m. Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Closed at 1 p.m. for

New Year's Eve Wednesday, Jan. 1

**Closed** for New Year's Day

Thursday, Jan. 2 Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

# **MARK ON THE MARKETS** Absence of value

registered charges, rep or insurance representative. Whether we are in the business of charging fees for advice, fees for asset management or commission and fees for product, the fee should be made known and very transparent to the client.

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That same registered representative mav have a fee platform to manage your assets. Investment advisors that are fee-only will manage assets for a predetermined fee based on the assets under management. So for the sake of this example, let's say your asset management fee is 1% annually. Then you must determine if there are any additional fees or expense for any mutual funds or exchange traded funds points for a managed mutual fund. So, all in you may be at one and a half to 2 percent.

What I have seen in client accounts more recently, are third party asset managers. These TPAM's charge a fee that may be split with the advisor who is using this TPAM, because the advisor may not have the skill to manage the money "in house" or they do not want to spend the time. The fee that you pay to these advisors is usually more than double what you would pay an Asset Management firm. This fee can have major consequences to your portfolio over time.

Variable annuities sold by registered reps can have fees that approach 4 percent. The compounded annual total return for the S&P 500 over the last 15 years including dividends has been just over 4 percent. It has been my experience that most advisers whose business is made up primarily of feebased or fee-only typically try to use very low cost mutual funds or exchange traded funds to keep the overall fees low to the client.

My advice to you, the

# **Gilford Public Library** Top Ten Requests

BY MARK PATTERSON

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that are being used inside the management platform that has a 1% asset management fee already in place. Even if the advisor is using advisor class funds, that tend to have lower fees, you are still looking at probably 50 to 100 basis

client, would be to find out what the advisor plans to use in your account to manage your money, what the typical fees would be for those funds or if they're going to use individual stocks and bonds before you SEE MARKETS PAGE A7

#### **Help Wanted** Wakefield School District **SAU 101**

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# Give the gift of nature-experiences

# An exciting new year of programs coming to Prescott Farm

LACONIA – Make the holiday season extra special for everyone on your 'nice' list by giving the gift of experiences in nature. With flexible membership plans, plenty of returning favorite programs, and exciting new offerings, Prescott Farm can help you and the ones you love create a new nature connection in the new year.

#### Give the gift of membership

Prescott Farm strives to help residents and visitors of the Lakes Region make connections with nature every day - and now it's easier than ever to share those connections with the ones you love. Stumped holiday shoppers can give the gift of Prescott Farm Membership.

A membership to Prescott Farm provides a wide array of benefits, including access to more than 140 Community Connections Programs for free or at reduced rates, discounts on Wild-Quest Nature-based Day Camps, and invitations to exclusive members-only events. Nine membership levels allow gift givers to choose the perfect level for the lucky folks on their holiday list.

#### **Popular favorites** and exciting new programs



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Beginner Snowshoeing kicks off the month on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020; 9–11 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity for adults who are new or returning to snowshoes and looking for a little guidance. Prescott Farm educators will cover the

basics of snowshoeing and take it slow.

Explorers of all ages will have a blast during Snowshoe Fun & Games, a new program kicking off on Saturday, Jan. 11; 1-3 p.m. Games and challenges perfect for fun-seekers of any age

and any snowshoe experience level.

Artists of all experience levels will want to join Prescott Farm for the debut of a brand new series on Saturday, Jan. 4; 1-3 p.m. During Painting at Prescott Farm: Winter Wonders,

educators will provide instruction on painting and the natural world as participants take inspiration from the beauty of Prescott Farm. Materials will be provided.

Later in the month, Prescott Farm welcomes back one of the most popular programs of 2019, Snowshoe Yoga. In this unique and peaceful snowshoe experience, participants are in nature as they practice yoga in snowshoes, are guided through a walking mediation, and are introduced to shinrin-yoku, or "forest bathing." Guest instructor Kate Kretschmer's adaptable style is perfect for individuals of all yoga and snowshoe levels. The series kicks off on Saturday, Jan. 25; 1-2 pm. (Pre-registration for Snowshoe Yoga is highly recommended.)

Every season of 2020 is bursting with exceptional programs to help residents and visitors to the Lakes Region connect with nature. In addition to the programs above, additional programs in January include:

Full Moon Snowshoe Walk (Friday, Jan. 10; 6-8 p.m.)

Farm to Table Cooking: Winter Squash SEE PRESCOTT PAGE A7



Children smile from ear to ear as they pose for a picture with Santa.

Holiday magic surrounds Family **Resource** Center LACONIA Bergeron, and eating a It wonderful catered dinner, courtesy of Fratello's in Laconia. Family Fun Night grows year after year, this time setting a record at 197 children and 140 adults in attendance. "The local community comes together in such a fantastic way to support this event," said Erin Pettengill. Vice President of the Family Resource Center. "Staff, volunteers. local businesses, and community partners provide these children The event, which with a holiday full of joy and support. From the gifts that were donated to the volunteers who gave their time to make this night so special, we would not be able to do this without them."

# LRMHC is awarded MVSB Bank Fund Grant

LACONIA — Lakes Region Mental Health DAY ACCESS will sig-Center (LRMHC) is the nificantly improve our recipient of a \$25,000 capacity to serve more in-Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund which makes grants every year to local non-profits that make a significant impact upon the lives of people. The process grant-making seeks to benefit a wide range of environmental. social, educational, economic development, cultural, arts and historic projects throughout the local region. The primary challenge facing almost every healthcare provider is having adequate service delivery capacity to support timely and effective access to treatment. In an era of integrated healthcare reform, access to treatment is even more critical. In the next few months, LRMHC will be implementing a new initiative; SAME DAY ACCESS which is an engagement strategy whereby organizations offer an assessment on the same day it is requested by the consumer, without a scheduling delay or waitlist, resulting in an eradication of consumer no shows for assessments. LRMHC has contracted with MTM Services, who has helped 800 publicly funded, private not-for-profit and private for-profit physical and specialty healthcare providers and state departments in 46 states, Washington, D.C. and two foreign countries, manage transformational change and increase capacity to deliver critical services to the most vulnerable populations.

grant awarded by the dividuals who are in need of services," said Maggie Pritchard, Chief Executive Officer for LRMHC. "We will be able to offer blocks of time when patients are invited to walk in and have an intake assessment completed by a clinician and at least one goal of the treatment plan based on the patient's presenting problem. The patient then leaves the office with a therapy appointment and a psychiatric evaluation appointment (if warranted). The grant funds will be used to support the purchase of technology needed to automate current paper workflows, the investment of IT resources needed to rewrite code, build Electronic Medical Record (EMR) integration programs and conduct data mapping for the project and conduct all-staff and management training

"Implementing SAME procedures and outcome measurement protocols."

Village "Meredith Savings Bank has been

ability to pay. Additionally, LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy; mobile crisis teams in the event

a long-time supporter of the important work that we do at LRMHC and we are grateful for their contribution to organizations like ours that provide support for individuals and families in challenging circumstances," said Pritchard.

The Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Inc.is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. A private, non-profit corporation, LRMHC has two campuses, in Laconia and Plymouth that serves over 4,000 children, families, adults and older adults each year. LRMHC provides Emergency Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their

a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large, psychiatry; nursing; community support programs for people with severe and persistent illness; mental care commumanagement; nity-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services and evidence-based practices for children and their families, including trauma-focused therapy, art therapy and play therapy. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 524-1100 or visit the Web site at www.lrmhc.org. Find the Lakes Region Mental Health Center on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for updates and information.

was a night to remember for local families around the Lakes Region. Children lined up with their lists and waited in anticipation for their shopping elf to take them to the gift selection room. The annual Family Fun Night held on Monday, Dec. 9 provides children the opportunity to select gifts for their family members at a penny sale held at Lakes Region Community Services in downtown Laconia.

takes weeks to organize, is not just for the kids. Entire families enjoyed getting their pictures taken with Santa, creating holiday crafts, dancing to live music by Don





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#### STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

# When God is in control

#### BY LARRY SCOTT

The attempted impeachment of the President of the United States is, for many of us, an embarrassing commentary on the partisan self-interests of American leadership. This is the third time the nation has had to endure the impeachment of a sitting President and this endeavor seems to be more of a political vendetta than a search for justice.

presupposing But – and this is a presupposition that remains to be seen – the effort does not succeed this is more than likely to insure a second term for our beleaguered Whether President. that is good or bad is, again, a matter of personal opinion.

As the affairs in Washington unfold toward a final resolution in January, many of us are praying that we can soon put all of this behind us. America needs an active congress, and it is hoped our legislators will soon be able to get back to the business for which they were elected.

And I remain optimistic for I am convinced that, even in affairs of State, God is in control. Jesus invited His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Yes, heaven is also interested in matters of State, and without passing judgment on the merits of the case against our President, I suspicion God has been far more involved in the process than some might think. And what I believe to be true for our nation has been true in my own experience as well.

know that for me life has been no walk in the park. Being a Christian is no cop-out from the pressures of life. We must all live within the mortal framework of our existence. Accidents happen, the unforeseen takes us by surprise, and we do stupid things that get us into deep trouble. We'd rather make our own decisions, serve our own interests, and hope the consequences will be to our good.

But I am fortunate in that I have been influenced by my Christian heritage. Yes, there are limits to my freedom. I cannot always do as I please. But don't misunderstand; I am neither bragging nor complaining. I have taken the easy way out. Were it not for heaven's oversight, I would have self-destructed long ago.

When God is in control, and this is my point, "all things," to quote the Apostle Paul in the New Testament, "work together for good to them that love God." We do not despair for we know we have not been forgotten. Heaven knows where we are and what we are going through. God is more than able to bring good from evil, to turn our scars into stars, and to give us a song in the night.

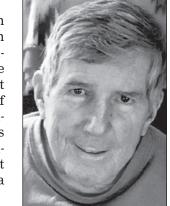
How thankful I am to know that, when God is in control, sooner or later, He will give us, as per the prophet Isaiah, "a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."



### Lions donate holiday baskets

Members of the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club continued their annual Christmas tradition of gathering food in holiday baskets to donate to disadvantaged families in the community. Each overflowing basket included canned and non-perishable items, along with a ham and a chicken. Pictured are club members (from left: Nancy O'Connor, Lois Smith, Lori Chandler, Bill Chandler, Jaimie Caldwell, Matt Soza, Jacob Caldwell, Marylin Brown, Corey Kingsborough, Kathryn Kingsborough; in front: Ryan Kingsborough, Jamison Caldwell and Jayde Caldwell). The Laconia/Gilford chapter invites new members (528-2663) to help with the causes they support which includes sight and hearing aid assistance, college scholarships for local students, food pantries, area youth sports programs and more.

## **NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK** Rudolph with your nose so bright, bow'd you get so far that night?



us from seeing what was and rolls of caps to fire. of what I always called under the tree, I had a Today, it's a safe bet that Manhattan Steamroller

big problem figuring out sets of toy six-guns are (Mannheim Steamrollhard to find as proper gifts for children. It's the stuff of memories and the occasional column.

the stairway to prevent al-casing rubber bullets delight in putting a tape er) into the big boom-box and playing it at full volume to wake everyone up. Even the kids do not look back at this as a fond Christmas tradition.

If you have followed me in this column, you

What an honor it is to be in the control and protective care of the Living God!

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### Power Outage Tips

BEFORE

- Follow directions from local officials
- Check flashlight and radio batteries
- Charge mobile devices
- Add warm clothes and blankets to emergency kit
- Keep gas tank full
- Take cash out (ATM's may not work)

#### DURING

- Conserve energy
- Go to community warming shelters & check on neighbors, family, seniors and homeless

Only use generators in open areas away from windows and home to

AFTER



**By JOHN HARRIGAN COLUMNIST** 

So, here we are on Christmas Day, or the day after, depending on where you live and how badly you want to read the paper. Santa has probably come and gone. One of the day's big challenges is explaining about the cookies.

When I was much younger, back when our parents really and truly hung a blanket above Santa.

This was when we had grandparents in Littleton and Lisbon, and there was no way I could figure out how a sled and a string of reindeer could make it from our house in Colebrook all the way 80 miles downriver to Cottage Street and onward, now Donner, now Blitzen, to the road to Landaff. This is not quite when I decided to stop believing in Santa, but I was beginning to have my doubts. It was a story increasingly full of holes, perhaps shot with the pair of realistic six-guns I found under the tree one year.

They were Authentic Gene Autry Six-Guns, too, with realistic met-

But you know, here is where the Hunter Safety training kicks in, as well as stern lessons we learned from hunters at camp. Never, ever point a gun at anyone. I've seen grownups flinch at even a toy gun, including me. And always assume that your gun, any gun, anywhere and whatsoever, is loaded.

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There was a time, back when I was cooking Christmas breakfast for what seemed like a Cecil B. DeMille cast of thousands, that I'd take great

I had a bone-handle three-time fork I deployed as an excellent bacon-turner, and in fact still have it. It's the same fork my grandfather White used, or at least I think it is. It's a fond Christmas story that came close to crashing down when I found what was supposed to be a set of four such forks far back in a drawer at the family farm, with one fork missing. Sometimes it's not a good thing to go poking far into the wayback of drawers.

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~ Comfort Keepers

### Seniors and sleep: How much sleep do older adults need?

#### BY MARTHA SWATS

Owner/Administrator

Comfort Keepers

Many things change as we get older. Something that we don't necessarily expect to change is how we sleep. In fact, 46 percent of adults 65 and older have trouble falling asleep and sleeping well through the night on a regular basis.

Adults over the age of 65 should be getting seven or eight hours of sleep per night. But getting quality sleep at night can be difficult for seniors.

• As we age, our bodies make less of the chemicals and hormones that help us sleep well.

 Some seniors develop sensitivity to environmental factors affecting sleep, including noise and temperature.

• The parts of the brain that control sleep are affected by conditions such as Parkinson's disease or stroke.

• Arthritis and other conditions can also play a role in sleep quality due to chronic pain.

In addition, seniors

may fall asleep earlier than usual, wake up in the middle of the night, or suffer from insomnia - all of which can negatively impact quality of daily life. In addition to affecting mood, lack of sleep can lead to issues with memory and an increased risk of falling

 Inadequate rest affects mood- Not getting a full night of sleep can cause irritability, stress, problems with concentration, and mood swings. Long-term sleep deprivation can lead to cognitive

issues and depression.

• When seniors don't sleep, their bodies suffer-Headaches, body aches and weakness can sometimes be attributed to lack of sleep.

• Being tired can contribute to illness - When tired, an older adult's immune system doesn't perform as well, opening the door to illness and infection. Some studies have shown that lack of sleep can lead to heart problems, diabetes and it has even been associated

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# **RE/MAX Bayside holds successful toy drive**

MEREDITH — The staff and associates of **RE/MAX** Bayside and Bayside Rentals would like to thank everyone who has so generously donated to the 2019 Toys for Tots program. "We feel verv strongly about helping to make every holiday special for the youth in our area," said Chris Kelly.

Bart Merrill, local Toys for Tots Coordinator, said, "This year the donations have been more generous than ever for our area children. We could not be more thankful to everyone who has contributed to make this Christmas special for so many young people."

Toys for Tots sup-



# Roaring '20's New Year's Eve Party to benefit Belknap Mill

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill and Tavern 27 are pleased to announce that they will co-host a Roaring 20's themed New Year's Eve Soiree at the Belknap Mill, 25 Beacon St. East, Laconia NH, to ring in 2020. Proceeds of the party will benefit programming at the Belknap Mill.

from The team Tavern 27 is beyond thrilled to transform the third floor of the Belknap Mill into a Roaring 20's Speakeasy to host a party the likes of which Laconia hasn't seen in a hundred years.

"The biggest question we have gotten so far is 'Why not just have your regular party at the tavern?" Les-Judice, co-owner lie and chef of Tavern 27, states. She goes on to explain that Ray (Simanson, Jr., co-owner of Tavern 27) wanted to host a New Year's Eve event larger than the tavern could accommodate to bring the community together to celebrate the new era of the 20's, an easy excuse for an extraordinary party. A few of the amazing venues Laconia has to offer came to mind, but the couple decided on the Belknap Mill for several reasons. "The Belknap Mill is an extraordinary piece of Laconia history and is centrally located. Not sure how many people realize this but the Mill

is the oldest, largely ecutive Director of the unaltered, brick textile mill in the country and was partially responsible for kicking off the Industrial Revolution. Bonus for us and our event team, the event space is absolutely magnificent!" says Judice. She goes on to state "The architecture is timeless and provides such an incredible setting for any event, I am hoping to showcase the space so that more of our community can see what a treasure we have here for events in Laconia". Judice further states that they knew it was the perfect place when they learned the Belknap Mill was constructed in the 1820's, bringing the 20's themed event into a 200-year full circle. The couple was even more pleased when the opportunity to collaborate with the Mill by using the event as a fundraiser to support the historical, artistic and educational programs that the Belknap Mill provides to our community. "Serendipity in full force!" Judice exclaims. "We are delighted to be collaborating with Tavern 27 and are grateful that proceeds from the event will help to support our programming. Many years ago, the Mill would host a New Year's Eve Gala and we hope this event will become a new tradition!" stated Karen Prior, Ex-

Mill.

The event will take place at the Belknap Mill in downtown Laconia. Included in the regular price of admission is entrance to the party, exquisite dining, dancing, a champagne toast at Midnight, party favors and a host of amazing memories. Judice and the culinary team from Tavern 27 have contrived an extravagant smorgasbord to accommodate guests with any dietary preferences. There will also be a full bar available as well as 1920's inspired cocktails and mocktails. Guests are encouraged, but not required, to dress up in themed attire from the 1920's, think Great Gatsby style. There will be a Photo Booth set up to capture the moments. There will also be a New Year's Resolution Station to inspire party goers to revel in the new year. Larry Frates, the Artist-in-Residence at the Belknap Mill will be present to do a limited number of caricatures. The event planners also have a few surprises up their sleeves to be revealed the night of the event.

"We are limiting the number of tickets so that there is plenty of room for mingling, dancing and good times. We are so excited to be well over the half way point to maximum capacity, so I highly encourage people to purchase their tickets immediately if they are interested in attending," states Judice.

There are a few sponsorship tables of varying levels still available for corporate sponsors or for friends that want to support the event as a group. The event coordinators are also requesting items for a Silent Auction to benefit the Belknap Mill. Purchase tickets at www.tavern27.com. More details are there as well or by visiting tavern 27, 2075 Parade Road Laconia, or calling 528-3057. Silent Auction items can be dropped off at the Belknap Mill with Program and Operations Director, Tara Shore.

Toys received for the Annual Toys for Tots open house held on Dec. 5.

plied seven million children with toys last year. It's one of the top rated charities, with 97 percent of donations going to toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. 3 percent is spent on support to cover fundraising expenses. Not one donated dollar goes to pay for salaries

or any other manpower costs.

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class will be offered on Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 8, and on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 4. Both classes will be held at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Those attending this class will learn skills for living a healthy life with diabetes. Learn to set goals for improving your diabetes with topics including manag-

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Have you thought about your New Year's resolutions for 2020? When many of us make these promises, we focus on ways we can improve some form of our health. We vow to get more physically healthy by going to the gym, or we promise to improve our mental health by learning a new language or instrument. But it's also important to think about our financial health - so it's a good idea to develop some appropriate resolutions for this area, too.

What kinds of financial resolutions might you make? Here are a few suggestions: • Increase your retirement plan contributions. One of the best financial moves you can make is to take full advantage of your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you contribute pre-tax dollars to your plan, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income will be for the year, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. So, if your salary goes up in 2020, increase the amount you put into to your plan. Most people don't come close to reaching the annual contribution limit, which, in 2019, was \$19,000, or \$25,000 for those 50 or older. You might not reach these levels, either, but it's certainly worthwhile to invest as much as you can possibly afford.

 Use "found" money wisely. During the course of the next year, you may well receive some money outside vour normal paychecks, such as a bonus or a tax refund. It can be tempting to spend this money, but you may help yourself in the long run by investing it. You could use it to help fund your IRA for the year or to fill a

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obstacles along the way. And one of these roadblocks could come in the form of large, unexpected expenses, such as the sudden need for a new car or some costly medical bills. If you aren't prepared for these costs, you might have to dip in to your long-term investments to pay for them. To prevent this from happening, you may want to keep sufficient cash, or cash equivalents, in your investment accounts. Or you might want to maintain a completely sep arate account as an emergency fund with the money kept in low-risk liquid vehicles. If possible, try to maintain at least six months' worth of living expenses in this account.

It will take some effort but follow ing these resolutions could help you move closer to your financial goals in 2020 - and beyond.

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# **Tanger Outlets donation to benefit LRGHealthcare breast health initiatives**

TILTON — Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. announced today that the company raised a total of \$17,518.33 in the Lakes Region as a result of the 26th annual Pink Campaign and Tanger-FIT 5K Run/Walk, to benefit patients receiv-

ing care at the Anderson Manager of Tanger Out-Ganong Cancer Center at lets in Tilton. LRGHealthcare.

"For the last 26 years, Tanger Outlets has been making a difference in the lives of those affected by breast cancer on a local and national level." said Eric Proulx, General

"Our success story can only be written with the support of our local and national retailers. area businesses and our shoppers, so we are eternally grateful for our expansive support system,"

added Proulx.

The 2019 Pink Campaign was celebrated across 40 Tanger Outlet Centers in the United States and Canada. Beginning in September, customers were able to purchase a PinkCard to save 25 percent off on a single item at participating stores. Purchases of the unlimited savings card benefitted breast cancer programs in local communities, such as the Anderson Ganong Cancer Center at LRGHealthcare, as well as nationally through the Breast Can-Research Foundacer tion (BCRF), the nation's highest-rated breast cancer organization. Additionally, the Tanger Outlets in Tilton held their 11th Annual TangerFIT

5K Run/Walk in September which contributed to this year's total donation.

"On behalf of our patients, providers and staff at LRGHealthcare I thank everyone at Tanger Outlets in Tilton, the Tanger Family, and the many community supporters who came out to support the Tanger 5K and Pink campaign this past fall," states LRGHealthcare President & CEO Kevin W. Donovan. "It takes all SEE **DONATION** PAGE A8

## Taylor Community presents musical performance by the Rockin' Daddios

LACONIA — The music of the 1950's and '60's conjures up many special memories for those of us commonly referred to as Baby Boomers. The Rockin' Daddios bring back some of the bestloved songs of this era, with the accent on harmonies and fun.

Join us Monday, Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Taylor Community's Woodside Building for a free musical performance by Lakes Region residents Jim Rogato, Bo Guyer, Angelo Gentile and Drew Seneca – the Rockin' Daddios. These men have been performing together in various shows and reviews for well over 10 years. Collectively, their community theater experience spans six decades!



#### The Rockin' Daddios

Come enjoy a variety of songs including, Book of Love, Little Star, Wake Up Little Suzie, The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Walk Like a Man and Sherry. All are guaranteed

to warm your heart and bring a smile to your face.

Follow Taylor Community on Facebook to keep up with all our free, public events. Visitwww. taylorcommunity.org, or call 366-1400 for more information about this premiere not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community in the Lakes Region.



## Integrated health care delivery projects make a difference locally

REGION — It may seem like an alphabet soup of acronyms, but abbreviations such as DS-RIP, IDN, and CHSN represent an important shift in how health and social service providers are delivering care and striving to improve health for residents in the Central New Hampshire and Winnipesaukee Regions.

Since 2016, New Hampshire has used federal funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), available under New Hampshire's Section 1115 Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) transformation waiver, to work on new and better ways to address critical community health needs through projects that deliver integrated physical and behavioral health care.

Responding to the alarming rise of substance misuse and overdose, as well as continual difficulties in accessing behavioral and mental health services, the fivevear DSRIP demonstration program focuses on providing resources to states for regional projects that address these health crises by working to expand capacity, reduce gaps in care transitions and integrate physical and behavioral health care. Regional health and social service provider partners, working together at every level of health care delivery, form the basis of change. Although the DSRIP programs' primary target is New Hampshire Medicaid members, changes being made to the regional health service delivery system are having a positive impact on all residents. Acknowledging the power of locally-identified community health needs and plans for successful change, DSRIP funds are distributed through the State to seven New Hampshire regions. Each region has developed an Integrated Delivery Network (IDN), a group of health and social service partners that committed to working together to understand the issues facing that region's Medicaid population, developed project plans to bring services together in a coordinated way, and have been acting on those plans for three years now. The Central New Hampshire and Winnipesaukee Regions were combined and identified

in NH's Hseven-region structure as Integrated Delivery Network Five (IDN5). Geographically, IDN5 spans northern Merrimack, Belknap, and southern Grafton counties and includes the towns of Alexandria, Alton, Ashland, Barnstead, Belmont, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Center Harbor, Danbury, Ellsworth, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanton, Groton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Lincoln, Livermore, Meredith, New Hampton, Northfield, Plymouth, Rumney, Sanbornton, Thornton, Tilton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, and Woodstock.

The IDN5 commitment to partnership relationships working for positive change resulted in the formation of Community Health Services Network (CHSN) LLC. In an effort to provide "whole-person" care. CHSN includes members and affiliates from all areas of the community such as hospitals, primary care, mental and behavioral health, home health and hospice, recovery support, public health, counties and various other social or community services. CHSN, synonymous with IDN5, is comprised of thirty-one partner organizations in total. For participation in the DSRIP program, each IDN participates in six projects, three of which are required projects determined by CMS, and three of which were chosen by each IDN to address that region's specific issues. The three required projects are designed to address behavioral health workforce capacity development in NH, health information technology infrastructure to support integration, and integrated healthcare. The IDN5 region-specific projects include "Community **Re-Entry** for Justice Involved Adults and Youth with Substance use Disorder (SUD) or Significant Behavioral Health Issues," "Expansion in Intensive SUD Treatment Options," and "Enhanced Care Coordination for High-Need Populations." All of these projects use extensive team structures and systems to create region-specific solutions. The team model addresses various areas in people's lives that affect their physical SEE HEALTHCARE PAGE A7

### Celebrating the season

COURTESY

The Congregational Church of Laconia UCC, 18 Veterans Square, Laconia, celebrates the birth of Jesus with a life-size Nativity Scene which is lit in the evenings. Christmas Eve services at the church are at 5 and 11 p.m. (special music begins at 10:30 p.m.).



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"Everything changes

every week, which is

what I like," she said.

"We're always doing

something different."

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#### GYC

sions.

Kids at Gilford Elementary School can take the #1 bus to the GYC right after school. The classes will be held in the kitchen of the Gilford Community Church next to the GYC. Kids will receive an apron and are asked to bring a snack and drink.

The GYC's Half Day, Let's Play after school program for early release days will continue on Jan. 8. Each session will run from 1-4 p.m. will have hands

on activities from a different theme. The next sessions will be on Jan. 8 and 29, Feb. 12, March 18, April 8, and May 6. The program is \$30 per child and \$40 per sibling. Registration is required. The GYC will con-

tinue to hold its Daily Drop-In program after school from 2:30-5 p.m. This is a free program for kids in grades 5-12.

The Lakes Region Elite Basketball program will be starting spring sessions in early 2020. Tryouts for

scriptions – along with

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the Lakes Region Elite Lakers competitive travel team will be held on Feb. 1 for boys in Grades 5,6,7, and 8 and girls Grade 7. The spring season costs \$275 per player and the teams will play games across New Hampshire with a game in Maine.

For registration forms and more information, visit www.gilfordyouthcenter.com or contact director Scott Hodsdon at 524-6978.

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scenario, except being glad that people want their paper badly enough to call and

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should, all year-'round---Merry Christmas.

And next week, along with the usual list of resolutions I have absolutely no intention of keeping, it'll be "All the best for 2020, and beyond."

(Please address mail, including phone numbers in case of questions, campguyhooligan@ to gmail.com or 386 South Hill Road, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

PRESCOTT Soups (Saturday, Jan. 11;

10 a.m.-noon) New series! Discover

Nature: Animal Tracking (Saturday, January 18; 9:30-11:30 a.m.)

New series! Wilderness Survival: Winter Shelters (Saturday, Jan. 18; 1-3 p.m.)

New series! Homeschool: Winter Series (begins Wednesday, Jan. 22; 1:30–3 p.m.)

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a guide to physical deshould mands and recommend-Hession, Community Programs ed ages - can be found on the Community Con-Director, nections Program page prescottfarm.org or 366of the Prescott Farm 5695. website - prescottfarm. org. Registration for ploring and preserving programs throughout 2020 are open now, giving guests the chance to plan ahead. Pre-registration is not required but recommended highly because many programs reach capacity well before the program date.

Additional aues-

#### **HEALTHCARE**

and mental health, such as employment, education, housing, transportation, legal issues, childcare, and social isolation. Simply stated, CHSN members and affiliates are working hard so that individuals and families in the region are able to identify early on what they need, get connected to resources in a timely fashion, and live a healthier life.

Progress is measured throughout the program, with an eye to the future for optimal community and population health. Strategies that are already working are maintained and expanded. Personnel, services, and systems are added in new ways, as partnerships and projects have matured into 2019 and beyond. CHSN has demonstrated significant advances in all six of its projects to date. Some of these include the creation of an inter-agency Care Coordination Team with 18 member organizations, Belknap County Department of Correction's implementation of the Supportive Community Re-Entry Program, expanding intensive

(Continued from Page A6) SUD treatment options with multiple additions of qualified professional counseling service providers at the outpatient level, a Community care team that works closely with patients who have a high utilization of local Emergency Deenhanced partments, access to Medication Assisted Treatment, improvements to regional information technology systems to support integration for improved patient care and much more.

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#### NOTEBOOK

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It's a bit late, like Christmas Day breakfast would be without the sounds of Manhattan Steamroller crashing around the house, but to all for whom "Merry Christmas" still means it

watch for planned future CHSN articles where provider partners and CHSN staff will share details about specific projects and agency involvement, as well as client impact stories of positive experiences and outcomes in individual lives and communities served by the program. Additional information on the 1115 DSRIP waiver can be found by visiting https:// www.dhhs.nh.gov/section-1115-waiver/index. htm or for more information on CHSN, visit https://www.pphnh. org/special-initiatives/ integrated-delivery-network-idn/.



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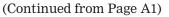
totally implemented it."

Gilford hosted an afternoon conference and invited schools around the state to attend. This year Gilford also hosted a similar roundtable discussion on intervention blocks: scheduled school blocks that let students get deeper into learning during the day when they don't have the time after school to do it.

"It's a chance to engage our larger community to help develop a collective vision that articulates the communities' aspirations for all children," Sperazzo said.

The conference took place Dec. 12 in the GHS library where around 45 representatives from 12 different school districts across the state attended including Inter-Lakes, Plymouth Regional, Shaker Regional, Farmington, ConVal, Berlin, Kearsarge, Lebanon, Bow, Goffstown, Pinkerton Academy, and Gilford itself.

As "Portrait of a Learner" is mostly being implemented in high schools, most





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Around 45 educators from 12 different New Hampshire School Districts attended Gilford's "Portrait of a Learner" conference.

Sperazzo said this was a great opportunity to learn from colleagues.

"We definitely got some ideas on how

other schools are implementing this and how we can tweak it to make it fit for our Gilford learners," Sperazzo said.

Gilford High School Principal Anthony Sperazzo leads discussion during the "Portrait of a Learner" conference on Dec.12 at GHS.

of the representatives came from high schools. A few districts are using this program district-wide a few came from elementary schools including Inter-Lakes Elementary School and Sandwich Central School.

"We're here because our district started this process as a whole district," said ILES principal Kathleen Hill.

Hill said when they saw this conference at Gilford, "we went, 'We want to go to this.""

At the conference

Sperazzo said staff from the different school districts tend to work in their own silos and this was a good opportunity to hear from each other and steal some ideas.

The conference utilized menti.com to poll attendees on different questions, including how far their districts are in implementing Portrait of a Learner. There were a number of discussions and group activities with districts sharing where they are on Portrait of a Learner and getting ideas.

#### GINGERBREAD

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ognized.

"Everyone did an awesome job," said judge Nicole Hogan.

The overall winner at Thursday's session nine-and-a-halfwas year-old Josiah.

He said he especially liked trying out different things.

"(I) love to try different designs and stuff," Josiah said.

He said he was happy to win. Suarez said she (Continued from Page A1)



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#### COMFORT

with an increase in risk of breast cancer.

Seniors that are having a hard time sleeping can get help from their doctor. However, there are a few things they can try at home to help ensure a restful night's sleep:

• Having a sleep schedule– going to bed at the same time every night, and getting up at the same time every morning, helps a person adjust to a natural sleep rhythm.

• Being mindful about

rather than having a full meal before bed, it's better to have a light snack or warm milk.

· Creating an individualized sleep plan- Changing nighttime routines, and daily activities, can have an impact on sleep. It's important for people to find out what works for them and create a schedule that they stick to consistency is key! Some people find that more physical activity during the day helps them sleep better. Others find that napping during the day makes it harder to sleep at night, while some aren't affected. Meditation before bed, a warm bath or reading time at night can all be part of a sleep plan, if they help.

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Kids decorate their own gingerbread houses at the Gilford Public Library.

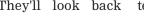
loves the amount of joy this activity brings the kids. She said this is one of the happy activities that she knows kids will remember through their lives.

"They'll look back teers.



fondly at making gingerbread houses at the

> library," Suarez said. Suarez said this was all made possible by the Friends of the Library and help from volun-



eating habits- Alcohol, spicy foods, caffeine and a diet high in sugar can all cause sleep issues. Eating and drinking close to bedtime can also be a problem for some –

(Right) Tanger Outlets in Tilton recently present-

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# Lakers hang tough, but Gilford gets the win

#### BY BOB MARTIN

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MEREDITH – The Inter-lakes boys' basketball team hosted Lakes Region rival Gilford on Wednesday night, and while the Lakers hung around and came within four points, the Golden Eagles were able to fend off the young Laker squad

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for a 49-30 win.

The first quarter was a back-and-forth battle for the first five minutes, with the game tied at 5-5 with five minutes remaining and only a onepoint game in favor of Gilford with three minutes on the clock. This is when the Golden Eagles took off on an eight-point run to end the quarter thanks to some strong defense and good finishes by sophomore guard Riley Marsh, who had a steal and backto-back quick baskets to make it an 18-9 game.

The second quarter was a defensive battle to start, with both teams scoreless for the first three minutes. Gilford





Jalen Reese shoots off a pass against the Lakers in a win on Wednesday.

benefited from the strong defensive play by Jalen and Malik Reese, while Gwen Carranza of the Lakers also made some good stops. With two minutes to go Harrison Hicks nailed a three-pointer to make it a 21-14 game, but the half ended with Gilford holding a 25-15 lead.

There were several chances where the Golden Eagles appeared they would take off and put the game out of reach, but the energetic Lakers were pesky and made Gilford work for every bucket and foul shot.

The Lakers came out in the third quarter with a spark and outscored Gilford 8-7 to end the quarter at 32-23. Then the Lakers went on a quick five-point run to start the final quarter, highlighted by a corner three by Hicks and a quick layup to follow. Gilford had a 32-28 lead with 6:45 left, and the Lakers were surging with hopes of a comeback win. The Golden Eagles responded by dominating the rest of the quarter going on a 17-2 run to close out the win. Connor Sullivan was the star of the quarter, as he had 11 of his game high 24 points.

Malik Reese played well defensively and was key on the boards, while also putting up eight points. Logan Hughes pitched in with seven points while Marsh had five points in the game. Gilford was without its top player in Adrian Siravo, so getting a win against a quick, athletic team in a tough court to play in was big in the early season for Gilford. Coach Rick Acquilano was happy to walk away with the win, but admitted there is plenty for his Golden Eagles to work on.

"I think we have a long way to go to get better," said Acquilano. "This was a good test. These guys are scrappy, but we've got to play better. I think our free throws hurt us and we had trouble finishing inside. It's hard to complain about the defense as we gave up only 30 points but at the SEE **HOOPS** PAGE B6



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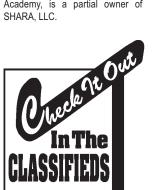
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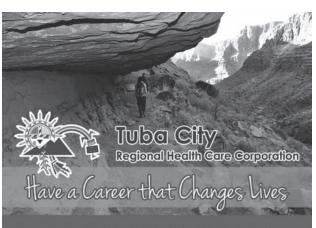
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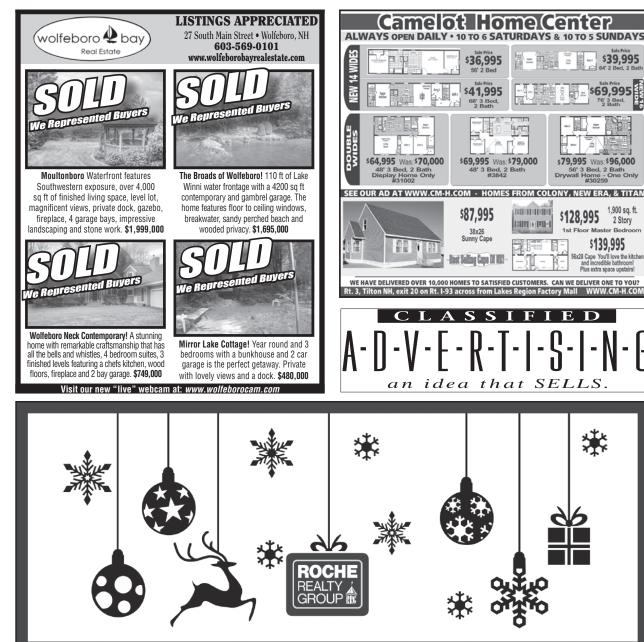


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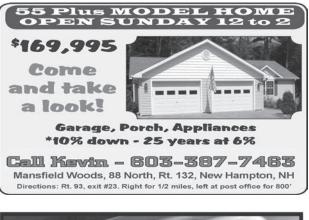


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# Nordic teams kick off season on Jan. 3

#### BY BOB MARTIN Bob@Salmonpress.news

GILFORD – The Gilford and Belmont Nordic skiing teams will kick off the season at the beginning of next month and coach Nina Gavrylyuk sees big things for her racers this winter.

"Two leaders, Catherine Stow and Vanessa Genakos on the girls' team are still looking strong for this coming season," said Gavrylyuk, referring to the top racers on the Gilford Nordic team. "Last year both freshmen were winners at Division 3 state championships. I have strong feeling they will be looking good again."

Gavrylyuk feels that this year's girls' Nordic team has a true chance to compete for the state title. She said the leadership of the two star sophomore skiers, along with a couple new teammates, have impressed her and she is looking forward to seeing how the team will fare.

The boys' team, she said, is also looking strong. Sophomore Mitchell Townsend is coming off a second place finish in last year's state meet and is looking to improve on that this winter. Joining the team is Patrick Gandini, who was one of the state's top cross country runners this past fall as a freshman.

"Patrick Gandini had a great cross country running season and I hope his endurance skills will transfer into the Nordic season," Gavrylyuk said.

Gavrylyuk is also coaching the Belmont High School Nordic team, which consists of only one skier in freshman William Riley.

"He is a very athletic boy and will be top 10 in our Division 3 races," she said.

The Gilford and Belmont Nordic teams start the season at Gunstock on Jan. 3 at 2:30 p.m.

*Gilford High School hands out fall sports awards* 

GILFORD — Gilford High School recently handed out the fall sports awards.

Golden Eagle Awards: Field hockey: Sydney Lehr Cross country: Patrick Gandini Volleyball: Abigail Warren Boys' soccer: Max Stephan Football: Logan Hughes Girls' soccer: Shelby Cole Unified soccer: Annabelle Eisenmann Golf: Cody Boucher



Rick Acquilano is in his first season coaching for the Gilford boys' basketball team, and is off to a 2-0 start.

BOB MARTIN (Right) Malik Reese fights for a rebound in a win for Gilford.

end of the day there is a lot of room to grow. We just have to keep getting better.

The Lakers were led offensively by Hicks, who had 14 points in the game and battled all night in the paint and hitting jumpers. Luke Brown added eight points and Carranza had four points and was solid on defense and running the point

Inter-Lakes coach Mike Rathgeber went into the season knowing that his team was young, but also had plenty of talent. He took positives from the loss, but added that the team has to learn from the experience it gains along the way.

"It's youth," said Rathgeber. "We came within four but couldn't wrap it up. We just have to keep working through it. The only thing that is going to cure it is playing."

BOB MARTIN (Right) Rick Acquilano is in his first season coaching for the Gilford boys' basketball team, and is off to a 2-0 start.





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