



REGION — Despite dealing with the pandemic, pushing the fundraiser back one week because of a positive COVID test and plowing through a historic snowstorm, the 34th annual Mix 94.1 FM Cash and Cans Money and

Food Drive for the holidays had another record year. A total of \$52,799.48 was raised along with thousands of pounds of non-perishable food, all donated to local organizations and non-profits to help those in need.

“When we started this

in 1987, we never imagined it would grow into this,” said founder Fred Caruso, who, along with morning co-host Amy Bates, accepted listener donations by broadcasting at 18 central New Hampshire locations the week of Dec. 14-18. “It’s amazing to me this fundraiser, in its 34 years, has always raised more than the year before, which enables us to help more people through the organizations that benefit from our listeners’ generosity. And, we can’t thank the business community enough. Everyone was just so generous.”

The fundraiser had to be pushed back one week due to Caruso testing positive for COVID-19. “We didn’t know what to expect,” he said. “We were prepared for anything. Our friends and

listeners on social media were encouraging everyone to donate by mail, Venmo, any way possible. When I came back to work, I had a stack of cards and letters, many with donations inside. It was heartwarming.”

On the road, the Mix Morning Team had sanitary wipes and hand sanitizer at all broadcast locations. They placed a Christmas mailbox on the hood of the Mix 94.1 FM broadcast vehicle for people to place their check and monetary donations. Folks placed their food donations outside the car. And, everyone wore a mask. They wanted to make it as safe and contactless as possible.

Despite all the precautions, Mix Cash & Cans had to deal with something else...Mother Nature. The next to last day

of the fundraiser, the region dealt with an historic snowstorm, which dumped 3-4 feet of snow on the area. “We lost a couple of live broadcasts that day. But we plowed through and our listeners found us that afternoon and the final day. We had donations ranging from \$6,000, to kids with their piggy bank money, to kids brining in one canned good. It truly is a grass-roots effort and we thank each and every person and business who made a donation. We live in a magical area.”

All proceeds stay in the local area, benefiting the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry; Tilton/Northfield/Sanbornton Christmas Fund; Meredith Food Pantry; Bread and Roses Soup Kitchen; Every Child Is Ours; St.

Joseph’s Food Pantry; Franklin Police Toys for Tots; Belmont Police Santa’s ‘Lil Helpers; The Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region; St. Vincent DePaul and the Northfield/Tilton Congregational Church Food Pantry.

For more information about the Mix Cash & Cans Program, contact Caruso at fred@mix941fm.com. Cash and Cans donations are accepted year-round through Venmo at Mixcashandcans and checks, made payable to Mix Cash & Cans. Mix Cash & Cans is a public service of Northeast Communications Corporation, a locally owned and operated Northeast Communications Radio Group.

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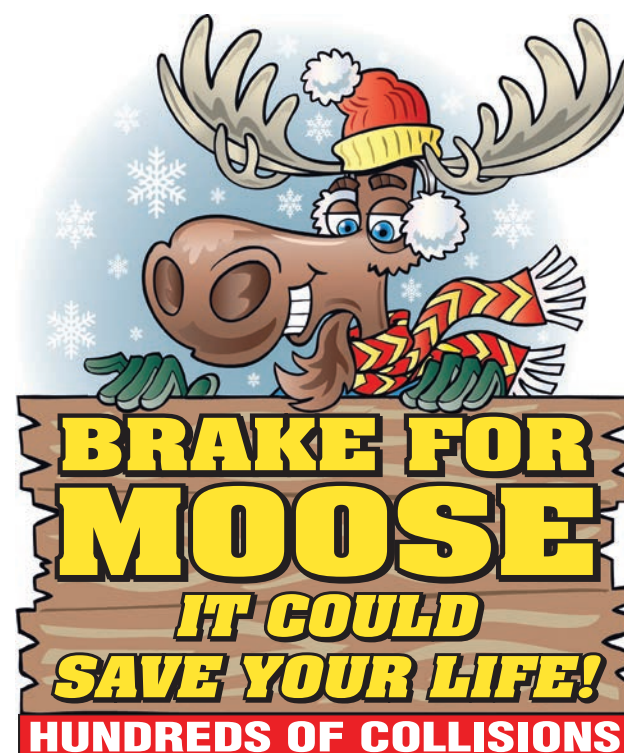
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All Brite Cleaning & Restoration continues annual food drive



Left to right: Ginny Ribeiro, Krysten & Maelyn Adel & Robert Stewart of All Brite Cleaning & Restoration Inc., Major Mike Davis of the Salvation Army, Hilirey & Gracie Makely of Makely & Son Property Services donate \$4,550 to the Salvation Army on Dec. 23.

GILFORD — All Brite Cleaning & Restoration is pleased to announce the donation given as a result of their annual All Brite Food Drive to benefit the Lakes Region programs of the Salvation Army.

In past years, the All Brite team collected food at the Tilton Market Basket, but this year, due to the pandemic and in an effort to keep everyone as safe as possible, food donations were collected

outside at the All Brite Cleaning & Restoration office at 41 Country Club Rd. in Gilford. Makely & Son Property Services joined All Brite in sponsoring the 2020 effort. A total of \$4,550 in food items and grocery gift cards were presented to Major Mike Davis at the Salvation Army located on Union Avenue in Laconia. A special thank you goes out to some very generous individuals

from Laconia Country Club along with matching gifts by All Brite Cleaning & Restoration, Makely & Son Property Services and Opechee Construction Corp.

All Brite Cleaning & Restoration is known in the Lakes Region of NH for their support of many charitable causes such as the American Red Cross Blood Drives, Salvation Army Food Drives and support for those fighting

breast cancer via Cleaning For A Reason®. “The need was great this year, states All Brite’s founder, Rob Stewart, “We wanted to do everything we could to support our local neighbors in need”.

All Brite Cleaning & Restoration is located in Gilford and Concord. For more information about All Brite Cleaning & Restoration, visit AllBrite-Cleaning.com.

Belknap House receives grants

LACONIA — Belknap House is pleased to share news of receiving two generous grants.

The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund supports the work of organizations serving our communities. Belknap House is grateful to the MVSB Fund Committee for supporting our work, empowering homeless families to become independent. This grant supports 24/7 staffing and training, which is critical to meet the needs of our families. The pandemic has placed new demands on staff along with impacting the use of dedicated volunteers that we have relied on for some time.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation recently selected Belknap House for a multi-year unrestricted grant,

funded through their Community Grants program.

Executive Director, Paula Ferenc shares, “Receiving this award is significant, it helps to elevate us during times that continue to ask more of us. Homelessness is a high-risk time for children. Our shelter and program first stabilizes families that are in crisis – helping them feel safe and secure enough to take next steps, changes in their lives in order to be successful. Individualized parent programs and resources are then provided, coupled with a strong support system that empowers families, giving them the tools and confidence to become self-sufficient to secure housing of their own. We are grateful to the NHCF, and their

many generous partners, for supporting Belknap House.”

Belknap House Board of Directors, staff and families want to acknowledge the generosity of the communities surrounding Belknap House, as once again they have been extraordinary! Service organizations, families, church communities and individuals have delivered dinners, food baskets, clothing, toys, books, gift cards, and bags and bags

of groceries, and cleaning supplies to our door! Thank you all so very much! Best wishes to you for a happy, healthy new year!

For more information about Belknap House or volunteer opportunities, contact Tom, House Manager, at 527-8097, or housemgr@belknap-house.org. Please visit our website at www.belknaphouse.org and like us on Facebook: Belknap House.



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Cheers to 2021

The past year has been challenging, and the months ahead only look slightly different as far as the pandemic is concerned. The rollout of the vaccines does, however, offer some promise in getting our lives back to normal.

It's been discouraging; however, to see people behave so unkindly towards one another. Not so much on the local level — here, we are fortunate. But nationally, the temperature has been turned up for far too long. When did it become 'cool' or 'macho' to behave with such hate towards another person, simply because you disagree? Why are so many individuals filled with so much hate that they take it out on complete strangers? We remind everyone, that when it comes to national politics, listen to several news sources, and not a passing meme on social media. Too many uninformed people are acting out, when if they truly were aware of how things work, beyond just a talking point, they may see things a bit more clearly. Again, we have faith that in the months ahead, the climate will become one of which we can all be proud. It's ok and actually a good thing to question and even disagree with others if it's how you feel. It is not OK when decency, lack of respect and kindness falls by the wayside. It is possible to disagree and yet still be kind and helpful to each other. The constant chest puffing on social media and on national news is just, well, sad. You get more bees with honey.

On another note, as we sit and reflect about how much time has been spent apart as a society, we do need to give a nod to solitude. Extroverts across the globe, just want their social lives to be in full swing again. Heck, even introverts do as well. Being social is an important part of our existence. As things move in that direction, we want to remind everyone that there is a benefit to having some much needed alone time. Something we all don't get very often.

Life in normal times can move very swiftly. We're always looking ahead at what needs to be done next, planning, over thinking and stressing about the future. Studies show that when you stop and enjoy some alone time, your brain will rest. Overstimulation can have adverse effects on our well-being. Take time to detach from the internet, television even music.

When we're alone, our parasympathetic nervous system, that relaxes us, is triggered. Alone time relaxes your muscles, lowers your blood pressure and slows your heart rate. Time alone is a great way to prevent burn out. Burnout can cause us to go about our days in an inefficient manner.

Another check mark in the 'pro' column of solitude is that we become more creative. Our minds are free from distractions. Spending time solo can reduce the chance you'll suffer from vital exhaustion which can lead to increased anger and heart trouble.

One analogy that makes sense regarding solitude, is that it gives you time to get a bird's eye view of your life — the bigger picture, instead of feeling stuck in the day to day sometimes mundane activities.

In the New Year ahead, we wish you all health and happiness. As always, take care of each other.

Alton landowners receive conservation award

The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts recognized Randy Joyner and Carrie Brown of Alton as the state's 2020 Cooperators of the Year. This honor reflects the couple's strong commitment to land and water conservation in management of their 40-acre farm. Agriculture and natural resource conservation activities they've undertaken include a forest management plan, wildlife habitat improvements including tree and shrub plantings, creating and retaining snag and den trees, installing bird boxes, soil erosion prevention on forest trails, nutrient (manure) management, and a seasonal high tunnel to improve crop growing conditions. The Belknap County Conservation District nominated Joyner and Brown for this award because their farm is an excellent example of actions landowners can take to improve the environment on working farm and forest lands working with USDA Conservation Stewardship Program. For more information about this program contact the Belknap County Conservation District.



COURTESY

Letters to the Editor

Benedict vs. Donald

To the Editor:

When we hear that national security has been compromised by #45, does this mean he has committed treason? I believe so! The whole Russian affair related to the 2016 election which has now been confirmed by President #45 himself, the pardons he has given to all people involved with his cover up is clear proof. Those pardoned criminals helped Russia elect an American business man who appears to be under the thumb of (v)LADIMIR (p)UTIN, and also one who owes \$4 million to some foreign entity points to this conclusion. Personally, in my opinion Benedict

Arnold looks like a tattle tale compared to what Trump has done and continues to do.

Do we know if the nuclear codes are known to the Russians? What about other military secrets? Just how did they hack into our data bases in a large percent of our government's agencies? I would not put it passed #45 to have passed out a password or two when requested by Putin. With all the private calls, with no one else on the line, you know people such as national security adviser Alexander Vindman. An American hero, who spoke truth to power and reported the Quid per Quo in the Ukraine

impeachment. The proof that the constitution had been violated which the corrupt Republican Senate refused to look at during the impeachment.

Look at how delusional #45 is trying to hold onto power shows just how guilty

he is, he knows that if his administration is looked into by a real Attorney General one who will follow the law, he will be in more trouble than just tax evasion. He needs to be removed from office either with article #25 because he is not acting like a rational man, or re impeached for trying to steal the 2020 election of the peo-

ple. Unlike before, we need to have the full Senate do what they were elected for Govern, and to provide for the wellbeing of the people, not the sleazy criminal desires of a madman who only thinks about himself. This would be a chance for Republican Senators get out from under his threats to ruin them as he has been doing for the last four years with his evil tweets. They need to grow a spine or forever be on their knees. Stop #45's Steal of 2020 votes.

JOHN Q. HENDERSON
BARNSTEAD

Howard's call for dissolution of the state is no joking matter

To the Editor:

I was incredulous as I read Ethan DeWitt's article in the Dec. 29 Concord Monitor that a group of Republican legislators is calling for the dissolution of the state government. With a sinking feeling, I looked for, and found, the name of our state Representative, Raymond Howard, Jr., as a signatory to the letter.

How many of the 5,541 people of Alton, Gilmanton, and Barnstead who voted for Howard in November would approve his support for the dissolution of the New Hampshire government? According to the Monitor, Reps. Mike Silvia of Belmont and Dave Testerman of Franklin also signed on to the letter that was recently delivered to

the Secretary of State. Presumably, they are unhappy with Trump's loss (with no evidence of voter fraud) and being asked to wear masks by their Governor. They called Gov. Sununu a "tyrant" for helping protect New Hampshire from the worst ravages of Covid. Their letter states, "we are Absolved from all allegiance to the statutory 'state' of

New Hampshire," a sad twist on the Declaration of Independence. And, what is their better idea? This is not leadership. Our townsfolk reelected Howard to a third term in November. Let's pay better attention, and make sure it is his last.

SARAH THORNE
GILMANTON IRON
WORKS

A time to be grateful

To the Editor:

With the year 2020 behind us now, it's time to reflect on what it took from us, and to also appreciate and be thankful for the community goodwill it has shown toward us.

Our fundraising year began with a successful Crockpot Challenge in February, but then the

Covid-19 pandemic put the remainder of our planned events on hold. End 68 Hours of Hunger relies on fundraising and donations from the communities we serve. Thankfully, our communities stepped up and through generous contributions helped us to continue and expand our program to provide

food to the children in GWRSD towns.

The future may present even more challenges but we feel confident we can meet them thanks to all of the businesses, organizations and individuals who have been so generous to children in need.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

We look forward to planning some 2021 events to again bring our communities together for some fundraising fun!

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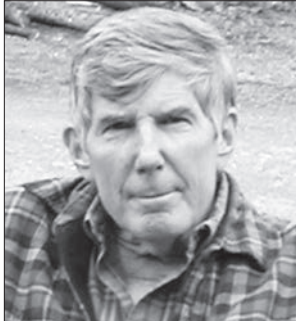
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The well-written obituary, and the social side of death



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

There are a few things I'd like to see in 2021. The thing I want to see most is 2020 in the rear-view mirror, and smoother road ahead.

This awful illness loose among us has robbed us of so many things, especially the oldest and most vulnerable. I wish I'd had a chance to talk with more of them before they were gone. One was a World War II vet, 96, my Dad's generation, among the last we'll see.

And this might sound macabre, but one loss I resent most bitterly is the societal glue of calling hours at the funeral home.

This is where we reconnect with school-mates, childhood friends, and long-lost relatives. It is how we

mitigate, understand, and absorb the loss of our loved ones. We see it there in the paper, from 2 to 4, from 7 to 9. The funeral is Saturday at 11, and always, almost without fail, there's a get-together in the church hall or a family home afterward. Again, more connections, and hands and hearts to cope.

It's bad enough to be missing all the weddings, class reunions, birthdays, retirement parties, and 40th and 50th anniversaries that are the warp and woof of life in communities and countryside. But the visiting hours!---a stab straight to the heart.

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I've been watching too many movies on television. Many are movies I saw when I was a kid, at the actual movies. The price of a ticket was a quarter, and Cob Sutton sold popcorn for a dime.

Some of those movies were just awful---real stinkers, with lousy, stupid scripts. They all had the same formula, especially the cowboy shoot-em-ups. The same thin-stringed piano, I think, appeared in a hundred saloons.

But at least the before-television movies made a pretense of looking real. The sets had enough detail to look like real places. There were enough extras for enough people in town. So what if the horses seemed to run forever without hay or water?

But post-TV---or is it just me---did everything start to look cheap? Gas flames, coming out of fake campfires. Squeaky-clean saddle ropes. Clean canvas rows of troop tents. No dirt on shirts or Stetsons.

And the way they handle guns is something awful. It makes me want to dive under a table---pointing shotguns and six-shooters this way and that, with no care. In a made-for-TV movie, shot just this year, the lead actor was forever sticking his rifle into sand and snow.

Scriptwriters apparently don't know a rifle from a shotgun, or a six-shooter from a flintlock. Producers hire consultants and fact-checkers for history and societal lore, but with firearms, anything goes.

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A view of the home farm, from the next ridge over. Jenny Keazer took this photo one snow-filled morning a couple of years ago, showing the countryside of East Colebrook, with her family's home farm just about smack-dab in the middle.

John Stylianos, my very first editor, taught me a lot of things I still use, among them to check (and learn to enjoy) the obituaries. Back then, in 1968, I was supposed to check for any hint of malfeasance. Later in life, I simply was drawn to interesting and well-written obituaries.

Many funeral home directors, or undertakers as they were called in the not-so-distant past, help families write obituaries. Often, however, a family member

takes it on, with siblings, cousins and grandchildren hovering over every word. Many obituaries are exceptionally well-written, obviously conceived with much love, and make good reading.

In this week's paper was the obituary of Wayne A. Holden, Jr., whom I'd know all my life. When I last saw him, many years ago, he and his wife Joyce were living in Twin Mountain, where he ran the fish hatchery. I took a picture of them there on the

lawn, with the sign "Tax Preparer"---Wayne's extra job, and in his way, his mission.

His obit said that he enjoyed fishing, "but most of all riding around on old dirt and back country roads"---a man after my own heart, on both counts.

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

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING A personal manifesto

BY LARRY SCOTT

It has been an 81-year journey with a track record marked by the good, the bad, and occasionally, just a touch of the ugly. But I do not complain, and I'm not alone. Although I shall write in the first person, everything that applies to me applies to you too. The only difference between us, if there is a difference, is that I have committed my life to Jesus Christ and I'm actively planning to build on what has been toward a future in which my dreams come true.

I believe God had a purpose for my life when He created me. Implementing that purpose may have been delayed, but it has not changed. Not only do I serve a God of the impossible, I serve a God who has little respect for time. What got off track forty years ago is back on track again.

I've been through the hurricane, and the storms have threatened to sink my ship. But I have chosen to put a positive twist on my past and to see the hand of God in my journey; it has helped me become a better man. God, it seems, knew He had to

grow me before He could grow my future.

Please understand I am neither bragging nor complaining. But I suspect you know where I am coming from; life is no walk in the park for any of us. But there are, perhaps, two differences between us.

You have yet to decide your past is not a negative but a foundation on which you can build in the days to come. You've given up on your dreams, accepted your status in life, and settled in to wait for retirement and a chance to rest on your laurels. Your tomorrows no longer excite you; you've given up on your cherished ambitions.

And you have yet to turn your life over to the One who can bring sunshine to your stormy days, who can take you from where you are to

where you ought to be. Life is a cooperative endeavor; our Maker never meant for us to walk it alone. And without Him, your ultimate destination, that realm in which you will spend eternity, does not factor into your plans. Without Him, this is the best it's ever going to get, the only heaven you're ever going to know. For me, that just doesn't cut it!

I no longer have access to a pulpit or a classroom, so I have dedicated my final years to writing. And that has produced its own dilemma. My audience, I am sure, would prefer stories of success when threatened with failure, sober alcoholics, revived marriages, and jail-house recovery. But I have one drive, one force in my life, and it's about Him I prefer to write.

Jesus Christ has giv-

en my sunset years the glow of an early morning sun, and I want that to be your story as well. When the going gets rough, when honesty causes you to cringe in shame, when you are haunted

by missed opportunities and failed endeavors, I want the story of my life to help you know you have lots of company and that God is available to turn your life around. He wants to give you,

as He has given me, a bright new tomorrow. And it all begins with Jesus Christ.

For more thoughts like this, follow me at in-defenseoftruth.net.

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Alton Supervisors of the Checklist
Raymond Johnson

PUBLIC NOTICE Barnstead Budget Committee

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2021-2022 School Budget:

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| Monday, January 4, 2021 | Public Input, Work Session |
| Monday, January 11, 2021 | Work Session |
| Monday, January 25, 2021 | Work Session |
| Monday, February 1, 2021 | Public Hearing, Recommendations |

2021 Town Budget:

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| Thursday, January 7, 2021 | Public Input, Work Session |
| Thursday, January 14, 2021 | Work Session |
| Thursday, January 28, 2021 | Work Session |
| Thursday, February 4, 2021 | Public Hearing, Recommendations |

All public hearings and work sessions will start at 6:00 PM and will be held in the library at the Barnstead elementary school. Work sessions will be held as needed by the Budget Committee. All meetings and work sessions will be via Zoom for the public.

William Haynes
Chairman

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Gilford resident receives latest Go Baby Go car

The Gilford High School Introduction to Engineering class recently presented the latest Go Baby Go car to a Gilford resident. Ellah Murray visited the high school to receive a pink Mercedes Power Wheels car that was modified by the engineering students. The Go Baby Go project is designed to assist students with mobility challenges and allow them to more easily move in and around their homes and schools. Go Baby Go is a loosely organized group

of high school and college students who are attempting to make life easier for disabled students. The program teaches students about assistive technology and user-centered design. As students begin to identify modifications that will be best for a particular student, they develop empathy for the student and her caregivers as they design safe innovations for the car. The Go Baby Go program at Gilford HS was started by student Troy Gallagher in 2019. That year,

the class completed 2 cars for students at Gilford Elementary School (GES). The class was honored by US Senator Maggie Hassan when she designated the class, “Granite Staters of the Month,” and arranged to have a proclamation read into the congressional record. Since that first class, the Introduction to Engineering students have delivered six Go Baby Go cars. Car number seven will be presented in January to a GES student. The high school en-

gineering students who worked on this car were Julianna Herbert, Elijah Miller, Benjamin Suranyi and Mitchell Townsend. The purchase of the car and supplies came from a generous donation by the Black Top Saints Riding Club.

Gilford resident, Ellah Murray takes her new Go Baby Go car out for a spin. The car was modified to meet her needs by high school engineering students at Gilford High School.



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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Molasses

This morning, I had another one of my wonderful breakfast sensations. Due to my regular rotation of selections, it all began the night before. When I had loaded the wood stove for the night, I threw together in the top of a double boiler a cup of water, a scoop of steel cut oats, a spoon of grits and some flax meal, a palm pile of salt and circle of molasses. Covered it up and placed it on top of the All Nighter.

For those who don't know, a double boiler has a pan of water on the bottom and another pan that fits into it and sits on top. It makes it so what's put on top never burns because it's never on the heat source. The steam from the first pot's water does the cooking.

My mother used to have a clear glass one where you could look through and watch the boiling bubbles. I wonder what ever happened to that?

Steel cut oats take longer to cook than rolled oats, but eight hours is way more than enough. They keep longer because there's only a small amount of exposed oat innards. I just ran out, so I picked up another 50-pound sack. I should be set for a few years.

I like buying things in bulk. I don't have to worry about running out of things or running to the store. I have my supply in the kitchen and when something runs low, I go down the cellar where the storage is.

A few years ago,

I ordered a ten pounds of sea salt. The order guy mistakenly ordered me fifty pounds. I was pretty surprised when I picked up the order, but salt is cheap, it won't go bad, and I like salt. So I put it into sealed containers and when I last had to fill up the salt shakers I was amazed at how much of the salt stock had disappeared.

For Christmas, my mother would make these thin Swedish cookies called pepparkakor, that had molasses and ginger in them. Sometimes she'd cook a stuffed cabbage dish where she'd roll them all up and cook them in this old cast iron Dutch Oven that had a molasses sauce. Other than that, I can't recall anything that she used molasses

in. The old oven now hangs from a nail on a beam in my kitchen and is perfect for wood stove meals.

I was familiar with it, but it certainly wasn't something to have on your morning cereal. That is something I've picked up in my later years. There's always a gallon of blackstrap in the cellar.

After my wonderful breakfast, I headed off to work. It was Friday, my loose day, which allows me to check out new work and finish up anything I've had to leave incomplete. I went to see a customer who had been patiently waiting for me to install new light fixtures in her garage. She had the lights, but they didn't come with bulbs, they

were the old florescent tube type. We talked and discussed her options and she decided to try to return them and get LED ones. She'll keep me posted and I was off for another customer's house.

When I got to the next place, she wasn't home, so I let myself in and started to set up my chop saw and such and when I went to try it, the power was dead. Checking the fuse box and all the breakers were OK. Then I remembered that the lights weren't working when I drove through town. The power was off. Most likely a continuation of the destruction caused by this last storm. Needless to say, I proceeded to pack everything up and headed back toward home.

When I got back to town, I saw the traffic lights switch back into operation. Still, I continued on home with the feeling that it wasn't meant for me to do any work today. Sometimes things don't always work out.

Then again, a few weeks ago, on a Sunday morning, my usual pancake recipe wasn't exciting my taste buds. I pondered the possibilities of what I could do to spark some new life into my time tested mixture. After adding my new ingredient and cooking up the bowls worth, I got to take my first bite with a resounding yes. Molasses.

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Community comes through during Family Shopping Days

WOLFEBORO — Family Shopping Days in Wolfeboro not only encouraged spending with local businesses, but contributed to L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry and Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund.

Presented by Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce, Family Shopping Days took

place the second and third Saturday in December. Due to the pandemic, the Chamber of Commerce was not able to hold its traditional Breakfast with Santa or Christmas Spirit Open House events that inspire donations.

Thanks to the kindness of many, the Chamber of Commerce was able to deliver a wonder-

ful collection of toys to the Wolfeboro Police Department to be added to its Children's Christmas Fund.

And with great generosity from local businesses and community members, \$15,276 was collected and given to L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry.

"We greatly appreciate the holiday spirit

shared in the Wolfeboro area community," expresses Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mary DeVries.

For information on local businesses, contact the Chamber of Commerce year-round at the Information Center or by visiting www.wolfeborochamber.com.



GUNSTOCK

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ways a tough boss and dealing with the COVID guidelines makes a tough business a little bit tougher," Day said.

A video on the new requirements and a full list can be found on Gunstock's website and visitors are encouraged to check there before coming to the mountain.

Because of state guidelines, reservations are required for a number of things including tickets, snow sports, rentals, and eating in the base lodge.

Season pass holders

don't need to make reservations and can get right onto the mountain by showing their pass. For those purchasing tickets, only a certain amount of tickets are released every day, and have been selling out a day in advance. People are required to wear masks and socially distance.

The lodge will only be open for dining while the locker rooms will be closed. Reservations for dining in the lodge are available for 45-minute increments, allowing extra time for staff to clean and disinfect. People are

being encouraged to use their cars as their base lodge from changing and putting on equipment to resting and eating after a day on the mountain. Day said they are recommending people come with lawn chairs to rest after skiing and he said people have been doing so, including setting out little carpets. They will have two food trucks in the parking lot.

Gunstock will not be having any of its usual events because of the pandemic, including the New Year's Eve party and others.

The Gunstock Ski

Club will continue to have youth races under certain guidelines such as social distancing and no awards at the finish line.

Day said with the pandemic, skiing is an ideal sport for the current situation. He said the activity itself involves being outdoors and social distancing and people on the slopes wear masks anyway. People are also socially distanced in the lift lines.

"I think they're happy to be outside," Day said.

A lot of people have been coming out to the slopes and the winter

weather has been ideal.

The mountain got 36 inches of snow during the latest storm. Day said it's usually hard to make terrain on natural snow since made snow tends to have a much more powdery consistency. The snow from the storm, however, was all loose powder ideal for skiing.

Day said the day after the storm a lot of people were on the slopes and night skiing especially has been selling out.

"The level of enthusiasm from the customers has been unbelievable. They are ready to go,"

Day said.

Day said the fact the storm happened in the resort's target markets like Connecticut encourage people to come up to the mountain.

"That's always the toughest thing to do in December, to convince people there's snow up here," Day said.

Day said overall, everyone's psyched to be back and happy to be on the slopes.

For more information on Gunstock, its COVID-19 protocols, and for ticketing and conditions visit www.gunstock.com.

PROSPECT

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handle duties both in the back court and the front court as necessary.

The Timber Wolves will be looking to a pair of sophomores and a pair of freshmen to help fill out the roster. Sophomores Maren Rayno and Abby Wittenberg were on the JV team last year and will be swinging be-

tween the two teams this year and freshmen Ella Smith and Ajia Thoroughgood will also be swinging between the two teams in their first years at the high school.

"We've got a mixture of young and a little experience," Burley said. "And a few of them have been playing together for the last four years."

"There's lots of versa-

tility with this team," he continued. "It's a good mix."

Like in the fall, the hope is that the kids will get to play and get the chance to have a sense of normalcy. Last year's winter season was called off as the season was drawing to a close and like other coaches, Burley is hoping to get in as much as possible this

year.

"It's going to be a different year," he said. "I think we'll all be excited if we can get the year in."

"I think the kids need it," the Timber Wolf coach added. "They can go stir-crazy. It's not good for any of us."

The Timber Wolves will play a regionalized schedule that includes two games each with

traditional Division III rivals Belmont and Gilford, as well as two each with Laconia for the first time in a few years and then two each with local Division IV squads Moultonborough, Pittsfield and Farmington.

With the first week of games against Kingwood scratched, the Timber Wolves will open the season against

another neighbor, Gilford, on Tuesday, Jan. 19. The girls are home to start the season and on the road in Gilford on Thursday, Jan. 21.

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UU church and Lions to host food drive



COURTESY
Pictured, from left: Lions Allyn Bridge, President Matt Soza and Bill Chandler.

Their latest project having been a success, on Saturday, Jan. 9 from noon to 3 p.m., the Unitarian-Universalist Society's Social Justice Committee will reteam with the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club to collect food donations for Community Action of Laconia's (CAP) food pantry. Lions will be out front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant St., curbside, for drop off of any dona-

tions. "The last food drive we held got a very good response, but need is also high, and this event will give those who were unable to participate another opportunity," explained Lions Club President Matt Soza. "Items particularly requested are peanut butter, jelly, pasta, rice, soups, cereal, tuna fish and canned foods of all varieties, especially easy open pop

top cans." "This effort is the latest in our 'Step Up to the Plate' campaign, where Lions partner with area churches on food collections benefitting local food pantries," said Lions Secretary Lori Chandler. "Food insecurity is an issue which been heightened by the pandemic and lockdowns." "This event is designed to be as safe and responsible as possible," added UU Social Justice Committee member Inez Andrews. "Please note that the Church remains closed due to Covid-19. If you plan on dropping off items, wear a mask and maintain social distancing. If you have travelled out of state, been around someone who is Covid-19 positive or suspected Covid-19 positive, please stay safe at home." "All guidelines set by the CDC and Gov. Sununu will be followed," said Lions Vice President Allyn Bridge.

"Look for the yellow Lions vests in front of the little white church at 172 Pleasant St." Contact the UUSL at 524-6488. For further information on this event call 998-5549.

New kinship navigation program bridges the gap for caregivers

LACONIA — Parenting is no easy task, and parenting a second time can be even more difficult. More and more children are being raised by their grandparents and other relatives, both inside and outside of the child welfare system. Typically, such responsibility is met with little to no outside support for the caregiver in navigating the needs of the child in their care.

To help bridge the gap between caregivers and community supports, the Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire, in partnership with the New Hampshire Children's Trust, has launched a new community program, Kinship Naviga-

tion. This program is foundational in providing free, confidential services for emotional support, education, and guidance to relative caregivers and offers information, referrals, and follow-up services to promote independence and enhance the quality of life of the families served.

"In addition to the outside resources we provide, one really important aspect of this program is the monthly support group. We encourage relative caregivers to connect to talk about struggles, celebrate successes, and bring validation and encouragement in this shared experience," said Melissa Shadden-Cyr,

Kinship Navigator. The support group meets the last Monday of every month from noon – 1 p.m. via Zoom, and is co-facilitated by Tricia Eisner, Kinship Navigator from the Greater Tilton Area Family Resource Center.

Since its launch, the Kinship Navigation Program has enrolled and supported fifteen grandparents and other relative caregivers who are raising a child in the absence of the biological parent, and is continuing to accept new referrals.

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

MVSB employees celebrated during virtual recognition event

MEREDITH — Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) recently joined their sister companies, New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp(NHMB), Merrimack County Savings Bank (Merrimack), NHTrust and Savings Bank of Walpole, in celebrating the achievements and service milestones of employees at their annual recognition event. With respect for the safety of employees and social distancing guidelines, instead of a traditional in person event, the company celebrated virtually. During the week-long celebration, each company President shared a video recognizing employee achievements and raffled prizes of gift certificates and gift baskets from local businesses.

“We asked a lot of our employees this year, when they were also facing stress and anxiety in their lives outside of work,” said Rick Wyman, President of MVSB. “We couldn’t be prouder of and more grateful for the dedicated service our employees have given to our companies and to the community during this challenging year. It was so important to take the time to recognize and appreciate their efforts, even if we couldn’t do so in person.”

Throughout each year, employees nominate their fellow co-workers for monthly recognition for exceptional service as part of the organization’s Circle of Excellence employee

recognition program. Prior to the recognition events, employees voted to select one Circle of Excellence winner to be presented with the annual Peer-Among-Peer award. This year’s winner, Cody Gibbs, was chosen for his demonstration of the organization’s values both as an employee as well as outside of the office as a good Samaritan in the community. Gibbs is a Fraud Analyst for NHMB and has also worked in MVSB’s retail banking department. Over the years, Gibbs has been nominated for the Circle of Excellence program many times.

Employees acknowledged for 2020 service milestones were:

- 5 years: Gloria

- Brisson-Covell, Nancy Connors, Taylor Dugan, Cody Gibbs, Michele Masters, Megan Mitchell, Gregory Page, Megan Piazza, Celeste Pollini, Jessica Schofield, Julie Stoia, Melissa Stevenson, Amanda Waterman, Kacey Watson
- 10 years: Martha Clifford, Elise Cushing, Karen Currier, Susan Dagostino, Andrew Hernandez, Diana Johnson, Katelyn LaBonte, Laurie Mothes
- 15 years: Michael Boisvert, Cheryl Carter, Marcy Dembiec, Pamela Richard, Jaclyn Tyrrell, Deborah Van Zandt, Wendy Vittum
- 20 years: Renee Birmingham, Laurel Holder, Amy Mavris
- 25 years: Barbara Richter, Carol Roman, Marcus Weeks
- 30 years: Bri-

an Chalmers, Angela Strozewski

- 35 years: Steven Bennett

Steven Bennett, who was recognized for his 35th year with the company, currently works in the Facilities Department as a Special Projects Assistant and Secure Documents Distribution Lead. He has held many roles during his time with the organization, including roles in security and risk management for many years.

Unlike a stock bank, MVSB is a mutual savings bank that operates for the benefit of its depositors, borrowers and surrounding communities. As a result, MVSB has remained steadfast in fostering the econom-

ic health and well-being of the community since it was founded in 1869. For more than 150 years, Meredith Village Savings Bank (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, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

A “Hole in the Wall” worth visiting

WOLFEBORO — December is the best time of year in Wolfeboro for year-round folks because we get to slow down enough to visit our fellow business-owners and see their shops and enjoy the season.

Steve Churchill is a wonderful example of this. As a local face for many years, he is well known as a friendly out-

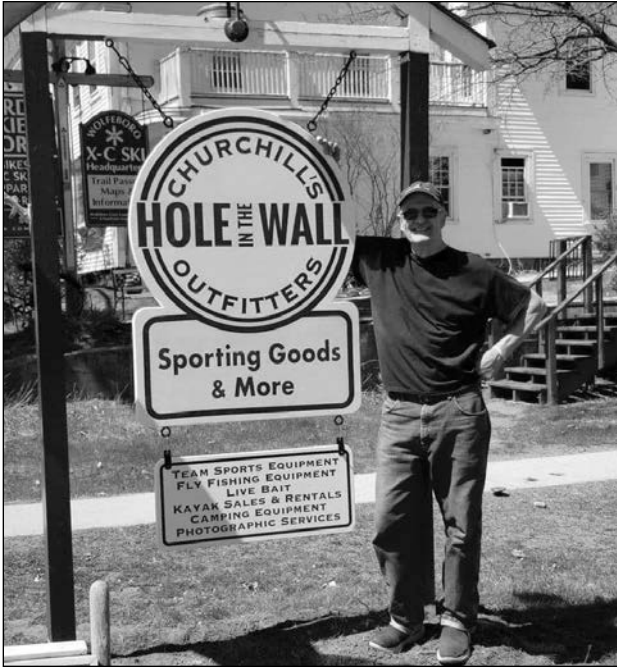
doorsman who took his dream and turned it into his current shop. Located at 45 North Main St., the shop is called “Churchill’s Hole in the Wall Outfitters” Open Wednesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Churchill’s passion for fishing and camping came straight from his Grandfather who taught him how to tie flies,

a skill he still enjoys. From the minute you enter until you leave, you’ll be impressed with his thorough inventory from high-quality tents and camping gear all the way to shoes and work boots, snowshoes, backpacks, everything you’d need to go camping. Lots of things you wouldn’t expect to see were groovy, stuff like

Grateful Dead T-shirts and the like. While visiting there, a couple came in looking for stocking stuffers and left happily after finding three combo scraper/glove units.

Steve Churchill’s store is full of all sorts of great gifts geared towards the outdoor sportsman in your life.



Steve Churchill

Libby Museum compiles new Inventory of its collection



WOLFEBORO — The Friends of The Libby Museum were pleased to provide bound copies of

the entire inventory of the artifacts in the Libby Museum to the Town of Wolfeboro Selectmen

(the Museum’s trustees) on Dec. 16. The presentation was made by FoLM president Tom Goodwin and accepted enthusiastically by the Board of Selectmen.

The five volumes of inventory represent the first ever complete data (in hard copy and electronically) of the more than 3,000 artifacts in The Libby Museum, the oldest and only natural history museum in New Hampshire. The project was initiated by Alana

Albee, former Director of the Museum (2017-2019), and was completed by dedicated volunteers and staff. The process of cataloging took hundreds of hours. Rae Lynn Warren and Catriona Lennon, current Director of the Museum, were both pivotal in ensuring it was completed accurately. Ms. Warren had valuable prior experience doing inventory work for The Wright Museum in Wolfeboro.

The inventory pro-

vides a historic record of each artifact. Many have been in the Museum since it opened 108 years ago. Some are thousands of years old, such as the vertebrae of a dinosaur and segments of meteorites, and still others are strangely unique like the skeleton of a human, hair balls from a cow’s stomach, and the hands of a mummy princess from the Nile region. The inventory volumes will also be available for public use at The Wolfe-

boro Library.

The Friends of the Libby Museum is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, dedicated to engage in and promote the maintenance and support of the Libby Museum. The Friends of The Libby Museum are currently raising funds to renovate and expand the museum. More on the renovation can be found at <https://www.friendsofthelibbymuseum.org/>.

Become a LakeSmart Service Provider!

REGION — Partner with NH LAKES and show that your business understands the value of clean and healthy lakes to our environment, our personal well-being, and our New Hampshire communities and economy by becoming a LakeSmart Service Provider Partner!

If you offer a service that can help property owners live along the lake or enjoy the lake in a lake-friendly way, this new, limited opportunity is for you. The health of our lakes is at risk from poorly designed and managed yards, septic systems, driveways, and roadways—and much more. Pollution

from these problems is making our lakes toxic to people, pets, and wildlife. Most property owners want to do the right thing to help keep the lakes they enjoy clean and healthy and they often need help of professional service providers.

Your participation in the LakeSmart Service Provider Partner Program will not only help keep lakes clean and healthy—it will increase your brand recognition, drive customers to you, and result in increased sales for your team! Lake-friendly living is good for business, and good for New Hampshire’s residents, visitors, and the environment, too!

The following service providers are invited to apply to participate in the LakeSmart Service Provider Program:

- Architects & General Contractors & Home-builders
- Banking & Lending & Estate Planning Institutions
- Drinking Water & Wastewater Service Providers
- Landscaping Service Providers & Suppliers
- Marine Contractors & Marine Sales
- Realtors & Property Rental Agencies

Service providers interested in becoming a LakeSmart Service Provider Partner are invited to submit an on-

line application for consideration. The application period for the 2021 LakeSmart Program ends Jan. 15, 2021. Learn more and apply at nhlakes.org/lakesmart.

Established in 1992, the mission of NH LAKES, a statewide, member supported non-profit organization, is to ensure that New Hampshire’s 1,000 lakes are clean and healthy, now and in the future. To achieve its mission, NH LAKES works with partners, promotes clean water policies and responsible use, and inspires the public to care for our lakes. For more information, visit nhlakes.org, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 226-0299.

FCC Farmington Women’s Fellowship to offer take-out meal

FARMINGTON — The Women’s Fellowship of The First Congregational Church, UCC of Farmington will be hosting a Take-Out Chicken Pot Pie meal on Saturday, Feb. 13 between noon and 2 p.m. Each meal will cost \$10 and will include a 12-ounce homemade Chicken Pot Pie topped with a tender crust, a side of cranberry sauce and our home baked assorted bar cookies. Meals will be pre-order and pre-pay to ensure everyone is accommodated. Orders and payment deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 10.

You may place your orders online by visiting www.farmingtonnhucc.org and pay with PayPal. Call the church at 839-1007, leave a message with your name, number of meals, and your phone number. Then simply mail your check to: First Congregational Church 400 Main St., Farmington, NH 03835 ATT: Women’s Fellowship make checks payable to: First Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship. If you have any questions, please send an email to: womensfellowship@yahoo.com. If you cannot pick up your order, we can provide delivery within our local area.

Prescott Farm welcomes the New Year – and a new Environmental Educator



Ashleigh Roberts is the new Environmental Educator at Prescott Farm. She brings a love of hiking, personal curiosity and a commitment to helping people relate to the outdoors.

LACONIA — After ten months of bingeing Netflix and baking banana bread, Lakes Region residents and visitors are ready to connect with their community and the natural world. Prescott Farm is here to help!

Starting Jan. 2, two Community Connections Programs will be offered each Saturday at the White Oaks Road property in Laconia. These COVID-safe programs are led by Environmental Educators who meet guests ‘where they are’ on their nature-connection journey

and guide them to a deeper understanding and appreciation. Programs will take place outside with appropriate social distancing, masks, and other safety protocols in place.

The environmental education team at Prescott Farm has combined their extensive skills and experience to create a full year of programs that include many returning favorites along with some brand-new offerings. Ashleigh Roberts, the newest member of the staff, has been instrumental in generating exciting new ideas.

Originally from Ohio, Roberts joined Prescott Farm in November. She has worked as an outdoor/environmental educator all over the United States and has experience teaching across age groups and experience levels.

“Ashleigh is an incredible asset to Prescott Farm,” Andie Hession, School & Community Programs Director, said. “Not only has she been able to help us maintain our current program offerings, she has fresh,

innovative ideas that will provide even more opportunities for people to connect to the natural world.”

It was Roberts’ love of hiking—with lots of stops to enjoy the tiny things— that inspired Prescott Farm’s new-in-2021 ‘Tiny Things Hikes,’ kicking off on Jan. 9 at 1 p.m.

Other programs up first in 2021 include:

Saturday, Jan. 2: New Year, New Beginnings Nature Hike (1-3 pm) & Meteor Shower Campfire (4:30-6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan. 9: Beginner Snowshoe

(10 a.m.-noon) & Tiny Things Hike (1-3 p.m.)

Saturday, Jan. 16: Snowshoe Adventure (10 a.m.-noon & The Mystery of the Subnivean Zone (1-3 p.m.)

A full calendar of programs, descriptions, age level recommendations, fees, and registration information is available at prescottfarm.org.

In addition to educator-led programs, visitors can enjoy the trails, sledding hill, and natural playscape on the 160-acre property as a free community resource from dawn-to-dusk every day. Visitors who wish to rent snowshoes

(\$5) may do so while the program building is open (Monday – Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.). For program details, a list of health and safety requirements, and to register, please visit prescottfarm.org.

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 dedicated to environmental education and preservation. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on public programs and service learn-

ing opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with more than 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape, as well as Fledglings Nature-Based Preschool and WildQuest summer and vacation camps. For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

Dayna Titus promoted to VP, Deposit Operations Officer at New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp

MEREDITH — New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) has announced the promotion of Dayna Titus to Vice President and Deposit Operations Officer. In this role, Titus will lead the staff, systems and services that support the deposit gathering programs for sister community mutual banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVS), Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) and Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW).

“Dayna has extensive expertise in retail banking, including her experience working in various roles at Meredith Village Savings Bank’s branches, as well as her experience working in Operations supporting branch staff,” said Angela Strozewski, Executive Vice President and Senior Operations Officer at NHMB. “Dayna’s expertise in banking combined with her natural proficiency for leading groups, projects and teams will ensure Dayna’s success in

her new role.”

Titus joined the organization more than 17 years ago, beginning as a part-time teller for MVS in 2003. Over the years, she has worked in the main office in Meredith, the downtown Plymouth office, the Seneca Ladd operations office and the office in Ashland, and has held several roles including assistant head teller, teller trainer and Vertex administrator, teller operations and training supervisor, branch supervisor, deposit services officer and assistant vice president and deposit operations officer.

Titus is active with the Salvation Army, where she currently serves as Treasurer for the Ashland-Holderness and Wentworth Service Units. She is also a budget committee member for the Town of Holderness. She was on the Pemi Baker Literacy Board from 2011 to 2016, serving as Board Secretary from 2012-2016. She also remains active as a volunteer for numerous

non-profits and community events including Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction and the Salvation Army Turkey Plunge.

Titus is a graduate of Northern New England School of Banking, one of the country’s oldest general banking schools. The School is geared to supervisors, management trainees or junior officers, and provides a broad education about the many diverse operations of banking.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB), was created through a unique alliance between three mutual community banks and a wealth management firm who maintain separate organizations and management but are able to achieve best in class software, services and staffing while providing efficiencies through their shared service provider, NHMB. NHMB provides risk management, facil-



Dayna Titus

ities, marketing, human resource, finance, compliance, information technology, deposit operations, loan operations and digital banking services to Meredith Village Savings Bank, Merrimack County Savings Bank, Savings Bank of Walpole and NHTrust. This strategic partnership has positioned the banks to leverage each other’s strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing community banking standards and values.

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