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Veterans Home ceremony pays tribute to servicemen past and present

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TILTON — Residents, family, staff and many distinguished guests gathered at the New Hampshire Veterans' Home in Tilton last Friday morning for a special Veterans Day Ceremony.

Welcomed by Commandant Margaret LaBrecque, speakers for the day were Gov. Chris Sununu, U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan, Congresswoman Anne McLane Kuster and State Sen. Bob Giuda of New Hampshire District 2; messages were also read by representatives of Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter.

Sununu took a moment to first wish all Marines a Happy 242nd Birthday. He then wondered aloud why Vet-

erans' Day is relegated to just one day a year, when being a member of the service comes with a price, comes with a sacrifice and they deserve much more.

"(Veterans' Day) is really every day," he said.

The governor was pleased to see families of veterans on hand for the tribute as they, too, made sacrifices when their loved ones signed up to serve in the military. Standing up to support them, he added, is just as important as supporting the brave men and women who served.

Remembering them is one thing, but Sununu said there is more that Americans should do.

"Words are wonderful but it's the acts we take away from those words that are what's import-

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A special Veterans Day Ceremony was held at New Hampshire Veterans' Home in Tilton last Friday morning. Among the participants in the event were (left to right) State Sen. Bob Giuda, NHVH Sergeant-at-arms Donald Baldinelli, Rev. Joseph DiChiaro, U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan, Gov. Chris Sununu, NHVH Commandant Margaret LaBrecque, Congresswoman Anne McLane Kuster and student speaker Ryan Flynn, a senior from Tilton School.

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Motorcyclist sustains serious injuries in Belmont collision

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BELMONT — A motorcycle and minivan collided on Route 106 near East Gate Park in Belmont last week, resulting in serious injuries to the motorcyclist involved in the accident.

Emergency responders arrived on the scene after receiving a 9-1-1 call at 4:46 p.m. on Nov. 9 and were able to stabilize the male motorcyclist and transport him to Lakes Region General Hospital. Due to the severity of his injuries, he was then airlifted to another hospital for more extensive treatment.

That man was identified as 33-year-old Roger Tozier of Laconia. His condition was unknown at the time of the press release from Belmont



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A motorcycle was heavily damaged in an accident on Route 106 in Belmont last week after a minivan entered the wrong lane. The operator of the motorcycle was transported to Lakes Region General Hospital where he was consequently airlifted to another medical facility for treatment of his injuries.

Police Department.

The operator of the minivan, Wanda Smith

of Belmont, was said to be uninjured in the accident.

"Officers investigating this crash determine...

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Tilton parade pays tribute to veterans

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TILTON — "Today is the day we honor all living veterans...thank you," said American Legion Post 49's Chaplain, Tom Robert, as he laid a wreath on the war monument on Main Street in Tilton last Saturday morning.

Robert was among the members of Post 49 who led the solemn parade through downtown Tilton from their headquarters on Park Street, just over the river in Northfield.

Joining them this year were the Post's Honor Guard, Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary members, and several representatives from



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Veterans of all wars gathered to proudly march side by side in last Saturday's Veterans Day parade in Tilton.

local Girl Scout Troop 10639.

Jaylin, a nine-year-old from Northfield, was among the scouts who

took part in the parade and stated that she was proud to march along with the veterans for the brief but meaningful ceremony.

"I'm here today because we should all serve... SEE PARADE, PAGE A12

Legion Post 49 seeks donations for Thanksgiving dinner

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NORTHFIELD — The Whiteman-Davidson American Legion Post 49 "family" will be hosting their ninth annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23, for other families in the area, but would greatly appreciate any donations from the public that will allow them to prepare a full traditional dinner for their many guests.

This year, they are in need of 15-pound frozen turkeys (no larger, no smaller) that can be cooked together in

time for the holiday. Any donations of a turkey must be brought to Post 49's headquarters on Park Street in Northfield by this Sunday, Nov. 19, however so they can be properly handled for the meal.

Other contributions they seek are potatoes, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, petite frozen peas, rolls and butter. For those who like to bake or are willing to drop by a local bakery, desserts of all types are always appreciated as well. Those items may

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Early deadlines for Thanksgiving

MEREDITH — Due to the fact that our offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving, that week's edition of the Winnisquam Echo will arrive in subscribers' mail boxes a day earlier than usual, on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

In order to accommodate this change in our publication schedule, the submission deadline for any press releases, letters to the editor, and obituaries intended for publication that week has also been moved up one business day, to Friday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. Submissions may be dropped off in person at our offices, located at 5 Water St. in Meredith, or e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at brenndan@salmonpress.news.

Please note that any submissions received after 4 p.m. on the 17th will be held for publication

on Nov. 29. For information regarding the Thanksgiving advertising, please contact Beth Tobyne in Sales at 279-4516 or beth@salmonpress.news.

The staff of the Winnisquam Echo thanks our readers for their cooperation with this change in our usual publication schedule, and wishes the community a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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Multi-agency investigation leads to drug-related arrests in Sanbornton

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SANBORNTON — On Monday, Nov. 6, an investigation led by the Sanbornton Police Department, held in conjunction with detectives from the Tilton Police Department and including further assistance from the Drug Enforcement Agency's Clandestine Lab Team, resulted in a search warrant for a home at 19 Gulf Rd. in Sanbornton. A search of the residence led to two arrests, a male suspect for the manufacturing of methamphetamine and a female who was taken into custody on unrelated charges.

The main subject of the illegal drug investigation was 27-year-old Justin Akerman-Raposo, who resided at the Gulf Road property. Owners of the residence, police said, were unaware of his illegal activities on the premises however.

Their search was focused on an apartment on that property where officers and drug agents located an active "One Pot Meth Lab," creating a potentially explosive situation, along with nu-

merous other inactive "one pot labs," a term used for the manufacturing process of methamphetamine.

In addition to the manufacturing devices, chemicals and other materials used to create the illegal drug were also discovered. A key ingredient in a methamphetamine production is the common cold medicine pseudoephedrine. Additional components can include, but are not limited to, lithium batteries, camping fuel, acetone, antifreeze, automobile injector cleaners and other common household items. Most are then mixed in sturdy plastic drink containers and can become highly volatile as the ensuing chemical reactions take place.

Akerman-Raposo was taken into custody and charged with Manufacture of a Controlled Drug (Methamphetamine) in accordance with N.H. RSA 318-B:2, a Class A felony charge. He was arraigned at Belknap Superior Court and held on \$10,000 cash only bail.

Also taken into custody that day was 28-year-



Twenty-seven-year-old Justin Akerman-Raposo (left) was arrested on drug manufacturing charges and 28-year-old Caitlin Fillion (right) was taken into custody for unrelated charges and warrants after police searched an apartment on Gulf Road in Sanbornton last week.

old Caitlin Fillion of 250 Middle Route in Gilmanton. Fillion was charged with a Class B misdemeanor violation for Criminal Trespass

under RSA 635:2, as well as a Class A misdemeanor for an arrest warrant from Tilton Police Department (RSA 597:7-a) and a bench



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warrant from the 4th Circuit-District Division Laconia Court. She was arraigned on those charges on Nov. 8 in the 6th Circuit Division at

the courthouse in Franklin.

Further court dates for the pair have not yet been released.

Tilton man receives special recognition award for mental health

House Bill 400 will improve access to mental health care

CONCORD — At an awards event hosted by the New Hampshire Governor's Commission on Disability, held in the State House Executive Council Chambers, New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu presented Ken Norton of Tilton, with a Special Recognition Award. Norton was recognized alongside legislative leaders Senate President Chuck Morse, Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, Speaker of the House Shawn Jasper and Rep. Dave Danielson. The award ceremony is to honor those who embody the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act,

The five men were honored for their efforts during the last legislative session to craft and successfully pass House Bill 400 which will improve access to timely mental health treatment. Problems in New Hampshire's mental health system have been building for years and one of the primary symptoms is the average of 50 people per day waiting in Emergency Departments around the state for inpatient psychiatric treatment



COURTESY

Pictured, left to right: Speaker of the House Shawn Jasper, Rep. Dave Danielson, Senate Majority Leader Jeb Bradley, NAMI NH Executive Director Ken Norton, Governor Chris Sununu. Not pictured: Senate President Chuck Morse.

Governor Sununu has termed the situation a crisis, and he as well as Senate President Morse, Speaker Jasper and Sen. Bradley each visited emergency departments to speak with patients, hospital staff and family members to learn firsthand about the problem.

At the awards ceremony, Sununu lauded the efforts of the award recipients while noting, "HB 400 is only the first step and there is more work to be done."

Norton, who serves as Executive Director

of NAMI NH, the New Hampshire Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, led advocacy efforts to improve access to timely mental health care. He testified at numerous public hearings and worked closely with legislators on drafting and revising the proposed legislation.

During the awards ceremony, Sen. Bradley stated that "Ken Norton from NAMI NH is tireless in his advocacy efforts and serves as the conscience for improving mental health services in NH."

NAMI NH is a state wide grass roots non profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of all people impacted by mental illness through support, education and advocacy. This year marks their 35 year of service in New Hampshire and their staff and volunteers serve more than 12,000 people per year. NAMI NH's Connect Suicide Prevention Program is a national best practice that has trained in over 40 states, 25 tribal nations and 5 countries. More information can be found at www.naminh.org.

SANBORNTON POLICE LOG

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Police Department responded to 70 calls for service during the week ending Nov. 11. The breakdown was as follows:

One abandoned call to 911, six alarms four requests to assist other departments, one bench warrant, one civil standby, two criminal mischief complaints, one default/breach of bail, one directed patrol,

three house checks, one report of lost property, one arrest for manufacture of drugs, one missing person, three money relays, two requests to assist motorists, one motor vehicle summons, 26 motor vehicle warnings, two requests for police information, one report of property damage, two reckless operation complaints, five road hazard complaints, one theft, and one unruly juvenile.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 301 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week Oct. 30 to Nov. 5. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Arrested during this

time period were Rachel Mount (for Trespassing), Andrew Glines (in connection with a warrant), Jessica Polito (in connection with a warrant), Nathan Hathaway (in connection with a warrant), Bobbi Jo Smith (in connection with a warrant), and Michael Dussault (for Driving Under the Influence).

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tilton/Northfield Monday, Nov. 20
Lug a Mug, 2-6 p.m.
Lug in your own mug, or use one of ours, and enjoy a free coffee or hot chocolate.
Chess Club, 3-5 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 21
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.

Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.
Sewing Club, 3 p.m.
Teens/Tweens learn to stitch with Miss Britt.
Wednesday, Nov. 22
No Story Time - No BookCraft -
No Magic the Gathering
Have a great Thanksgiving

Thursday the 23rd and Friday the 24th
Library Closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
Saturday, Nov. 25
Let's Go Lego, 10 a.m.

New Items
"Crossing the Threshold of Eternity:"

What the Dying Can Teach the Living" by Robert L. Wise

"The Traveler's Guide to medieval England: A Handbook for Visitors to the Fourteenth Century" by Ian Mortimer

"Searching for John Hughes: Or Everything I Thought I needed to Know about Life I Learned from Watching '80's Movies" by Jason Diamond

"Radical Hope: Letters of Love and Dissent in Dangerous Times" edited by Carolina De Robertis

"A Hot Glue Gun Mess: Funny Stories, Pretty DIY Projects" by Kate Albrecht

"The World of Post Secret" by Frank Warren

Patrick's hosting Fifth Annual Network with Fusion event

GILFORD — Join us at Patrick's Pub & Eatery in Gilford from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 for Fusion's Fifth Annual Networking event.

Connect with friends to improve the community, move your business forward, and have fun while doing it! Attendees will be the first to hear about Fusion programming for 2018 and interact with people who share a desire to develop personally and professionally. The event is a great way to form new relationships and strengthen existing ones in a fun environ-

ment with a dynamic group of individuals that are making a difference in the communities they serve.

There will be delicious food provided by Patrick's Pub & Eatery, beer tastings from Woodstock Inn Brewery, as well as free entry to win a \$50 VISA gift card.

Tickets are \$20 for non-members and \$16 for members. The evening includes passed and buffet style appetizers, beer samples, cash bar, giveaways, LC the MC trivia and prizes, and the incredible opportunity to

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Tour four Belmont town buildings on Nov. 15

BELMONT — A citizen committee studying future use of Belmont's Town buildings, is offering a tour of four key buildings on Wednesday, November 15th, if there is sufficient public interest. Reserve a place on the tour by Nov. 13 by contacting dhepp3@gmail.com or leave a message at 414-837-8976. This tour is hosted by the Belmont Facility Strategy Committee on Nov. 15 from 3 – 4:30 p.m. The tour is open to the public and begins at 3pm at Belmont Town Hall, and then moves to the Bank Building, Belmont Mill and at 4:15 p.m. the Police Station. During an Open House and Listening Session on Belmont's Town buildings, these buildings drew the highest interest.

ty Strategy Committee is seeking further input on Town buildings. Comment forms are available at Town Hall. Feedback is requested by Nov. 16. The Committee has summarized the feedback received from the community so far. Opinions ranged widely with strongest concern about crowded conditions, need for storage and other issues at the Belmont Police Station. Based on the comments, the second highest priority was the Belmont Mill followed by Town Hall. Most participants were interested in a tour of key Town buildings. The majority also indicated support for funding study of space needs and feasibility of alternatives up to \$25,000.

Comments focused on need for more space and storage by adding a second story to the station with other suggestions including joining the Station to the Corner meeting house, or relocating the Station to the Bank building or another building on 106. Several mentioned need for greater visibility, while others were concerned about a location on Main Street. Another mentioned massive renovation needs for security, a drive in/drive out Sally bay and an addition along with 2nd floor.

ty services with some asking for a "less grand plan than last proposal". Specific suggestions included using 1st floor as a Community /Senior/ Youth Center, a public/private partnership with a long term lease for space devoted to town use using tax incentives, grants, involving NH Preservation Alliance and NH Historical Society. A few indicated that nothing should be spent on the Mill and it should be sold.

gested other locations. Suggestions included the 2002 Town Hall proposal, maximizing technology for communication and document storage, and renovating 2nd floor for office space. Concern was expressed about deferred maintenance of roof and need for better management of Town assets. Some comments supported eliminating the building if Town Hall moves and using it as a park or green space, or for parking. Other suggestions were to make it a community center/museum or sell the building.

Welfare Office, Recreation Program facility, Police Station or Town Hall. There were several suggestions to improve the exterior to fit in with Village. Other suggestions included a three year plan to convert it to Town Hall, selling the building, or removing and replacing it with green space, another building or an outdoor arena.

Library – A number of comments mentioned the library's historic significance and classic architecture and the need to maintain it. Several comments supported addressing ADA requirements and adding space including more books, office and computer space. A number indicated they valued the library, but the issues at Police Station and Town Hall were a higher concern.

Other Comments:
Band Stand – Many mentioned the beautiful renovation and importance to maintain it.

Corner Meeting House – Several mentioned they value this building and its use for meeting space.

Fire Station – Several indicated support for future needs.

Public Works – Several comments indicated support for recent improvements and additional measures such as a sand shed.

Several comments were made regarding use of various buildings for a Recreation Center. It was noted that five Town buildings, the Mill, Town Hall, Corner Meeting House, the Band Stand and Bank Building are all eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because of their location in the National Register-eligible Factory Village District. The Belmont Library is already on the National Register.

If you are interested in learning more about this Facility Strategy effort or want to get involved, contact Donna Hepp at dhepp3@gmail.com to get on the mailing/email list. Information updates will be also shared on the Town website and newsletter.

The Belmont Facili-

Police Station –

Dan Fife launches calendar to support autistic charities

LACONIA — Don't tell Dan Fife he's limited in what he can achieve, he will prove you wrong.

At an early age, Dan Fife had a list of goals, one of which was to travel to every state in the country. Fife, who is autistic, made quick time of his goal achieving this goal early in life.

"I love to travel and see new places," he says.

Fife will be quick to concede that his favorite place is Orlando, Fla., but this year's travels took him from New Orleans to Palms Springs, Calif. making memories.

Another goal was to be self-employed and own his own business. With his business degree from PSU, another achievement, Fife tapped into his Lakes Region "celebrity" and launched a travel/entertainment website, called www.gogetfifed.com. "Whenever I meet some-

one they have become fified!" Fife's marketing skills and his website tell all the readers of the events and happenings in the Lakes Region, but he's not done.

"My next goal is to go statewide," states Fife.

In addition to the website, Fife offers a variety of merchandise, from the popular tee shirts to shot glasses but his next project is near and dear to his heart. This year, Fife has launched a 2018 calendar, "The Life of Fife" with some of the proceeds going to Autism charities.

"I hope people like my calendar," Fife says. "It's filled with photos and special days that are important to me."

It's a full color, glossy calendar of some of Dan's favorite spots across the state.

To order a calendar, you can go to www.gogetfifed.com or email danfifepsu@yahoo.com



Dan Fife of www.gogetfifed.com shows off his 2018 calendar.

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CruCon Cruise Outlet presenting sponsor of 2017 Children's Auction

LACONIA — For the third year in a row, CruCon Cruise Outlet in Moultonborough, NH has signed on as the \$25,000 Presenting Sponsor of the 36th Annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.

"We are thrilled to have CruCon Cruise Outlet as our presenting sponsor again this year," states Sandra Marshall, Chair of the Children's Auction Board. "Without their generous contributions and participation throughout the year, the Auction would not be able to support the amount of children and families in our communities that we do. And for that, we are truly grateful."

CruCon has been involved with the auction

for six years and their support does not end with their sponsorship. For CruCon, the Auction is a "family" affair where the entire company jumps in to help in any way they can. They do fun things throughout the year in support of the Auction and other charities. They also conduct a drive for items where the employees bring in a large number of items to be auctioned off. In addition, when the Auction goes on air, CruCon welcomes all employees to participate even while they work.

"We are proud to support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction," says Sandy Cleary, Founder of CruCon. "Kids are the foundation of our community and we need

to take care of them. It's been rewarding to see the positive impact the Children's Auction has on the children of the Lakes Region each year and we're more than happy to be a part of it."

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is an annual event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have helped turn it into a major campaign on an annual basis. Over the 33 years that the community has come to-

gether, over \$4.5 million has been raised for local charities, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorships. The Greater

Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region.

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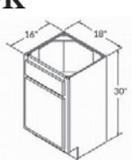
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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Sutherland Springs, Texas: My thoughts

BY LARRY SCOTT

On Sunday morning, Nov. 5, while my wife and I were enjoying a relaxing lunch following morning worship, another morning worship service was being turned into an unimaginable nightmare. In Sutherland Springs, Texas, a lone gunman entered the First Baptist Church and opened fire. It was 11:30 CST, and their world would never be the same again.

Twenty-six people, including Annabelle Pomeroy, the 14-year-old daughter of Pastor Frank and Sherri Pomeroy, were killed, and another 20 were sent to the hospital. In church! And "where," I can hear the skeptic ask, "was God when the lights went out?" Surely a loving and powerful God could have stopped all of this in a moment! But He didn't ... and the question is, "Why?"

Blaming God, rejecting Him as insensitive and beyond reason is a natural human reaction, but it is not valid. Night clubs, weddings, parades, and picnics all face the evil of an occasional twisted mind. That's not what life was meant to be, but that's the way it is; evil, in one way or another, touches every one of us.

Society has for the most part turned its back on God. The only picture some people will ever have of who and what our God is all about will be discovered in the lives of men and women who model their faith through thick and thin. Life dishes on all of us. Our homes burn down, our children rebel, our jobs are terminated, and, yes, our churches are destroyed ... all the ups and downs of life come our way as well. There are, indeed, times when God, in His grace and mercy, stops a disaster before it happens, but for the most part, God leaves life to deal with us just as it does with every other person.

But there is a difference. In the words of the Psalmist, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4). I can tell you from experience that, in my darkest hours, I discovered God was there. In the shadows, perhaps, hidden and unrecognized, yes, but He WAS there! Character is often only developed under stress, and that being the case, I should be a saint. Sorry about that, but a saint I am not!

One of the key verses of scripture that has been such a strength to me is found in Romans 8:28, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." I have no clue as to what good can come to the people of the First Baptist Church. I, too, agonize over a situation I do not understand. There are no easy answers here, but I pray they will find peace and comfort in the knowledge that God cares, He allowed it to happen for reasons best known to Him, and He will see them through.

FYI: On a personal note, I will be preaching on Sunday morning, Nov. 26, at the Loudon Church of the Nazarene, 33 Staniels Rd., Loudon (across from what used to be known as the Red Roof Inn on Rt. 106). The service begins at 9:30 a.m. If you have been following my by-line, it would be a pleasure to meet you!



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PET OF THE WEEK

RHONDA

Tall, stately, brindle coated Terrier mix, Rhonda is a dog who has endured may twists and turns on the road to a secure, loving forever home. Her original family had some major life struggles that precipitated her arrival at NH Humane Society through our SAFE HARBOUR program. She's been calling our shelter home since the Summer.

Well now the weather is cold, snow is in the air, Winter is coming... and still she waits to hear those words spo-

ken by a stranger "oh what a lovely dog, let's adopt her!"

True, she's a big girl but her capacity to bond with her special people is equal in size to her resolve to not give up hope of finding a family to care for her.

She'd prefer to be the only child. Black Friday Adopt A Thon at the Belknap Mall is just around the corner, could not Rhonda already be enjoying your comfy couch before then? Call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org



North Country Notebook

A too-long interruption in the life of a fine old road



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Route 145, the so-called "back way" between Pittsburg and Colebrook, is one of the few old, graceful, quirky, unpredictable, and yes, to some of today's impatient drivers, downright unsafe roads that have been spared the modern rebuild process. It has remained unchanged during decades of highway "improvement" elsewhere, and is still the same old, same old.

What we know as Route 145 began as a foot path and grew into a rough, stump-dotted, boulder-rounding one-track cart path. This in turn morphed into a pretty good hauling road, good enough for farm wagons and even stage coaches, except during mud season. Eventually crews widened it to two narrow lanes, but economics, common sense and the lay of the land forced the retention of Route 145's "character," as road-lovers say with such panache.

Stage coaches did indeed ply Route 145, just as they did even rougher and tougher highways and byways right up to the advent of the internal combustion engine. Travelers going from



JOHN HARRIGAN

The new bridge carrying Route 145 across Bishop Brook was only a day away from opening when I pulled into Art and Jolene Daniels' driveway for this end-of-the-job shot.

Colebrook to Pittsburg went just north of Colebrook on the Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3) to Hughes Road, just north of LaPerle's IGA, then up to South Hill Road--right past my front lawn--to North Hill Road, and then up and over to the junction at Creampoke, then over Old County Road to its junction with Clarksville Pond Road, and on over Ben Young Hill and onto the Bacon covered bridge across the Connecticut River to Pittsburg.

There was a stagecoach stop--an inn and tavern--at the junction of South Hill, Chet Noyes and North Hill roads. A stand of balm of Gilead trees marks the spot today, and the foundations can still be seen. I can imagine the scene--stable boys feeding and bedding the horses, while inside came cries for supper and thumps of mugs on the table for more ale.

These days, while some locals contend with the road's everyday bothers and grumble, people come from all over the country to drive Route

145 just for the sheer fun of it--largely because of those very dips, sudden corners, blind hills unevenly banked corners, and the occasional brief, straightaway jewel with the inevitable wake-up call around the corner.

But visitors and locals have had their scenic drives and everyday lives interrupted for most of the past year by the inescapable replacement of the ancient bridge carrying Route 145 across the main branch of Bishop Brook, just below what is now known as the Poore Farm Museum. Now, at long last, the job is finished for all but the cosmetics.

When I dropped out of my first year of college and came home in disgrace, and was lucky enough to get a job at Beecher Falls Factory division of Ethan Allen, I of course bought the most implausible and impractical car possible, an MGB roadster convertible. It was all but useless in snow, and the heater was a joke, but as we said in those times, in good weather, mister man would she go, and did she ever like those tight corners on good old Route 145. No leaning or tipping there, just racing-car flatness.

There aren't many roads like Route 145 left, most of them having been straightened and flattened into everyday oblivion. But here and there a stand-out remains.

I'm thinking here about Route 113, around the top end of Winnepesaukee, more or less connecting Route 16 in the east to Route 3 in the

west.

It is a joy to drive, humped here and there by the reminders of buried boulders and stumps. In one section, someone once told me, a road crew digging down to fix one mysterious hump or sag or another found some old corduroy road, which was the old way of carrying a road across a swampy area--cedar logs (which take a very long time to rot), laid side by side crossways, just like corduroy pants.

Now, it's nobody's secret that I've sometimes been at odds over the years with New Hampshire's Department of Transportation, mostly in the category of over-designing and overbuilding, meaning proposing a new road or bridge too big and totally out of character with the original road and its surroundings. And I've lost more of these battles than I've won, for sure.

But guess what? It appears, to me, a guy who knows every foot of Route 145, from boyhood on up, that D.O.T. has built a damned nice bridge, in a very tight and difficult spot, and as close to the character of the place as possible.

So here's a tip of the hat to the pen-pushers and builders at D.O.T., and to old 145--and I'll be test-driving the new bridge tomorrow.

(This column runs in a dozen papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

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LRSO Holiday Pops concerts at Inter-Lakes with vocalist Seraphim Afflick

MEREDITH — Don your best red and green and join the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra for two sparkling Holiday Concerts on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. Both concerts will be held at the Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium in Meredith. These heartwarming concerts are a memorable event every year and tickets sell quickly. So grab your scarf and a mug of hot cocoa (with marshmallows) and enjoy the sounds of the season in all its symphonic splendor.

This year's program



Vocalist Seraphim Afflick puts you in the holiday spirit with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra on Dec. 9 and 10 at Inter-Lakes Auditorium in Meredith.

features brand new selections including "Santa Baby", "All I Want for

Christmas", "Christmas Eve / Sarajevo" by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, some timeless LRSO favorites including "Jingle Bells Forever" and "Stille Nacht", and the stunningly beautiful "Huron Carol" debuted last season. Tap your feet and hum along to "Winter Wonderland," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "White Christmas" and many more favorites.

Exuding holiday spirit is our featured guest vocalist Seraphim Afflick - known as the Christmas Angel among friends and family. Afflick, who resides in

Concord, began performing as a child singing opera in cathedrals worldwide. As her love for performing grew so did her desire to learn more, leading her to musical theater and becoming classically trained in dance. She has performed in New York City, Las Vegas, Europe and more! Whether she is on stage, doing voiceover work, acting in films or transforming into a princess at children's hospitals her goal is always to bring others joy with her performing.

Seraphim has not only been chosen the best musical theater performer of the year in New England but she is also a world renowned, award winning tribute artist performing as the bigger than life Dolly Parton and the timeless beauty Marilyn Monroe. You will not want to miss her enchanting performances with the LRSO.

"Seraphim will bring something very special to our stage for these performances, and we can't wait to work with her," says Benjamin Greene, LRSO's conductor and music director. "One of the things we love most about these concerts is performing arrangements you just don't hear on the radio during the holiday season."

Take a break from the seasonal frenzy and treat your family and friends to a fun-filled live musical experience. The holiday concerts have been sold-out events so purchase tickets early. If you haven't heard LRSO recently, you haven't heard LRSO!

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children and students college-age and under with ID. Tickets are available online at www.LRSO.org/TICKETS, by phone at 800-838-3006, or from these ticket outlets: Innisfree Bookshop in Mer-

edith and Greenlaw's Music in Laconia. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door starting one hour before each concert. More information is available at www.LRSO.org. And find us on Facebook at /LRSO1.

The LRSO greatly appreciates the support of its Saturday concert sponsor Bellwether Credit Union, and its Sunday concert sponsor Fay's Boat Yard. Their generous community support is a big part of what makes the LRSO, a community orchestra, possible.

The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra is a Meredith-based, non-profit orchestra that performs throughout the fall, winter, and spring months. Orchestra members have ranged in age from 13 through retired seniors, representing more than 36 communities in the Lakes Region and beyond.

Take a journey to "Algiers" on LRPA this weekend

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Nov. 17 & 18) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1938's glamorous melodrama "Algiers," starring Charles Boyer and Hedy Lamarr. "Algiers" was the first American film for Lamarr, considered by many to be the most beautiful woman to have ever appeared on screen, and the one that made her an international star. The film is also known for Boyer's often repeated and much imitated line, "Come with me to the Casbah," a line that he never actually spoke

in the movie! Finally, Boyer's character in the film, "Pepe le Moko," was the inspiration for the Warner Brother's cartoon character "Pepe le Pew." How many of you baby boomers out there remember him? Need we say more? Grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this gorgeous, exotic thriller.

You can't find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream through our Web site (www.lrpa.org) where you can catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA cablecasts locally on MetroCast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via LiveStream at www.lrpa.org. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community members to produce content that

- fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas,
- encourages artistic and creative expression,
- promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and
- unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

Pitman's will be sweltering in Mississippi Heat this Friday

LACONIA — Pitman's Freight Room at 94 New Salem St. in downtown Laconia is pleased to announce the following event for this weekend:

Friday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door: Mississippi Heat

Led by harmonica master and songwriter Pierre Lacocque, Mississippi Heat is a world-class Chicago Blues Band. Their motto is "Traditional Blues With A Unique Sound" as they present fresh yet vintage-based musical ideas.

Mississippi Heat's name is a reflection of Lacocque's reverence for Mississippi's blues culture and music. The band's conviction is that there is no deeper music than Delta-inspired blues to express what lies in everyone's soul. According to Living Blues Magazine: "Mississippi Heat delivers its traditional urban blues with a freshness, energy and competence that makes them a treasure on today's Chicago scene."

And recently, the band received this critical acclaim from Bonnie Tallman at the Billtown Blues Festival (Hughesville, Pa.): "Can't find enough words to express how blown away everyone was with the Mississippi Heat performance! It was spectacular in every way."

The band has made

waves on the blues charts by regularly reaching the #1 spot on Living Blues Magazine's radio charts.

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How Can You Share Your Financial "Abundance" With Your Family?

Thanksgiving is almost here. Ideally, this day should be about more than football and the imminent arrival of Black Friday mega-sales. After all, the spirit of the holiday invites us to be grateful for what we have and for the presence of our loved ones.

But it's important to look beyond just one day in November if you want your family to take part in your "abundance." If you want to ensure your financial resources eventually are shared in the way you envision, you will need to follow a detailed action plan, including these steps:

Identify your assets. If you haven't done so already, it's a good idea to take an inventory of all your financial assets - your retirement accounts (401(k) and IRA), other investments, life insurance, real estate, collectibles and other items. Once you know exactly what you have, you can determine how you would like these assets distributed among your loved ones.

Get professional help. To ensure your assets go to the right people, you will need to create some legal documents, such as a will and a living trust. The depth and complexity of these instruments will depend a great deal on your individual circumstances, but in any case, you certainly will need to consult with a legal professional because estate planning is not a "do-it-yourself" endeavor. You may also need to work with a tax professional and your financial advisor, as taxes and investments are key components of the legacy you hope to leave.

Protect your financial independence. If your own financial resources were to become endan-

gered, you clearly would have less to share with your loved ones, and if your financial independence were jeopardized, the result might be even worse - your adult children might be forced to use their own resources to help support you. Consequently, you will need to protect yourself, and your financial assets, in several ways. For one thing, you may want to work with your legal professional to create a power of attorney, which would enable someone - possibly a grown child - to make financial decisions for you, should you become incapacitated. Also, you may want to guard yourself against the devastating costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. Medicare typically pays very little of these expenses, but a financial advisor may be able to suggest techniques or products that can help.

Communicate your wishes. Once you have all your plans in place, you'll want to communicate them to your loved ones. By doing so, you'll be sparing your loved ones from unpleasant surprises when it's time to settle your estate. And, second, by making your plans and wishes known to your family well in advance of when any action needs to be taken, you'll prepare your loved ones for the roles you wish them to assume, such as taking on power of attorney, serving as executor of your estate, and so on. And you'll also want to make sure your family is acquainted with the legal, tax and financial professionals you've chosen to help you with your estate plans.

Thanksgiving comes just once a year. Taking the steps described here can help ensure your family will share in your financial abundance as you intended.

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Steve Ahlgren, 68

SANBORNTON — Steve Ahlgren, born July 21, 1949 in Manchester and longtime resident of Sanbornton, died of acute myeloid leukemia on Nov. 9 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. His room was filled with friends, family, music, storytelling and pictures.

Steve was a builder of barns, houses, and boats; an actor, a clown, an artist, and lately, a producer of music videos. From Saint Paul's School to the University of New Hampshire Granite State College; from painting classes at the library to Lowell's Boat Shop, Steve never stopped learning. He nurtured relationships with candor, kindness and humor. He shared, he laughed, and he made



breakfast for his grandchildren, although he didn't do pancakes.

Steve left behind his wife, Mary; son Josiah; daughter Kerstin; daughter in law Jessie; son in law Sean; and grandchildren Simon, Elias, and Wesley Ahlgren and Olle and Sigrid Breidenthal; as well as siblings David, John, Janet and Leslie; nieces Amanda and Savannah;

and nephews Taylor, Alex, and Logan, and all of their significant others.

He was predeceased by his parents, Ellen and Clarence; son Benjamin; and nephew Peter.

In lieu of flowers, his family asks that you do something "even if you're not good at it" or lend a hand to someone in his honor.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. at Autumn's End Barn, the home of Rob and Lynn, in Sanbornton, followed by a potluck and hoote-nanny to sing Steve on. Please wear soft soled shoes and bring your musical instruments if so inclined. For directions, please visit www.ahlgrenandsonbuilders.com.

Jean Walker Hancock, 92

TILTON — Jean Walker Hancock, 92, of 42 Hill Rd., died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 in her home after a long illness.

She was born on May 26, 1925 in Colebrook, the daughter of the late Charles J. and Ruth (Woodrow) Walker. Jean graduated from Colebrook Academy, and also from the Katherine Gibbs School. She was a member of the Congregational Church of Laconia where she was very active in church groups and also a member of the Federated Church in Franklin, Mass. Jean was a member of the LRGH Auxiliary, was a member of the Advisory Board for the Taylor Home, and was a 70 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was formerly active in the Girl Scouts and hosted the Hancock



Open Reunion for 40 years.

She is survived by her six sons (Richard Hancock and his wife Paula of Tilton, Randy Hancock of Meredith, David Hancock and his wife Colleen of Chelmsford, Mass., John Hancock and his wife Heide of Peabody, Mass., Scott Hancock and his partner Joanne of Maynard, Mass. and Steven Hancock and his husband Aut of Tilton); one daughter, Susan Storch, and her husband Robert of Troy, Pa.; and seven grandchildren (Jennica, Jaimon and Caitlin Hancock, Jenny Storch, Maggie Brooks and her husband JJ and Ryan and Holly Hancock).

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband,

Dr. Richard Hancock, in 2004; one brother, LTC. Charles "Jack" Walker; and a daughter-in-law, Peggy Hancock.

Calling hours were held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017 at the Congregational Church of Laconia, 69 Pleasant St., Laconia.

Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the LRGH Auxiliary Scholarship Fund, 80 Highland St., Laconia, NH 03246.

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

Robert Fitzgibbons, 90

TILTON — Robert Fitzgibbons, 90, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017.

He was born in Lynn, Mass. on Aug. 9, 1927. He was the son of Priscilla (Salois) and Joseph Fitzgibbons. He served in the United States Navy Seabees in WWII.

After he married, he was a resident of Saugus, Mass. He served as a Saugus Police Officer, and owned and operated Fitzgibbons Heating & Oil in Saugus for many years. Prior to his retirement, he was employed at the Salem Hospital in Salem, Mass., where he was in charge of the power plant. He retired to his Silver Lake home in Tilton, and in later years moved to the Holiday Suites in Dover.

Bob was involved in many organizations over the years. He was a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus in Saugus, MA, and a member of the Knights of Columbus #11868 in Tilton, served as president of the Wildwood Acres Association, and presided



over the Seabee Island X-4 of Laconia for many years.

As a life-long Red Sox fan, a summer was not complete without following each game on the radio or TV.

He also loved outdoor landscaping and gardening. And, when the work was done, always enjoyed his reward of a strong Manhattan in the peaceful woods of New Hampshire.

He was married to his beloved wife, Dorothy (Deveau) Fitzgibbons, for 66 years until her death in 2015.

Bob is survived by his son, Robert L. Fitzgibbons, and his wife Susan of Peabody, Mass.; his

daughter, Jane E. LeBlanc, and her husband Phil, and their son Justin of New Durham; and his two sisters, Claire Lees of Lynn, Mass. and Janet Nadeau of Salem, Mass., and his brother, Francis Fitzgibbons of Saint Marys, Ga.

Visiting hours were held on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home, Tilton-Franklin Road (584 West Main St.) in Tilton. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church of St. Gabriel Parish on Chestnut Street, Tilton. Burial will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

Memorial donations in memory of Bob may be made to the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery Association to P.O. Box 626, Concord, NH 03302-0626.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

Shari Beth (Corey) Hunt, 47

TILTON — Shari B. Hunt, 47, a lifelong resident of Tilton, died suddenly, after a lengthy illness, at the Franklin Regional Hospital, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017. She fought hard for many years.

Shari was born in Littleton Nov. 13, 1969, daughter of Erwin F. Corey Jr. and Sharon E. (Tilton) Corey. She schooled in Tilton, and was a graduate of the Winnisquam Regional High School, class of 1987. She went on to study at the former Thomas Secretarial and Business School in Concord.

Prior to her illness, Shari was employed as an administrative assistant with the office of Concord Orthopedic Group on the Hospital Campus. She had a great interest in sports, and over the years was active with the T-N Little League, Franklin-Tilton Falcons and was a cheerleading Coach at Winnisquam Regional Middle School. She was always there when it came to



Winnisquam Football or Baseball Booster events. She loved to cheer on her boys and their friends in whatever they were participating in. She was their biggest fan.

Shari was predeceased by her father, Erwin Corey, Jr., and her infant brother Timothy.

She leaves her husband of 20 years, Derek S. Hunt, and their sons, Austin T. Hunt and Gregory P. Hunt, all of Tilton; her mother, Sharon E. (Tilton) Corey Goupil, and her husband Pete of Laconia; her brother, Todd M. Corey, and his wife Michele and their son Bryce of Tilton; her mother in law, Ann Hunt of Wilmington, Mass.; brother in law Paul Hunt and his wife, Jennifer of Goffstown, and their children, Jacob and Al-

yssa Hunt and Krista Bonetti; sister in law Karen and her husband Elio Ianniciello of Wilmington, Mass. and their daughter, Samantha; aunts and uncles and cousins.

Calling hours were held Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home, Franklin-Tilton Road (584 West Main St.), Tilton. A Mass to celebrate Shari's life was held Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church of St. Gabriel Parish, 16 Chestnut St. in Tilton. Burial followed in St. John Cemetery in Tilton.

Shari's family suggests omitting flowers, and asks that donations in her name be sent to the Winnisquam Football Boosters or Winnisquam Baseball Boosters, in care of Fred Caruso, 435 Bean Hill Rd., Northfield, NH 03276.

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Joseph Raymond Lavertu, 85

TILTON — Joseph R. Lavertu, 85, a resident of Tilton, died suddenly, Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 at the Franklin Regional Hospital after becoming ill at his home.

Joe was born in Franklin, June 5, 1932, son of John and Alma (Barron) Lavertu. He and his wife lived in Franklin for many years before moving to Sanbornton, where they resided for 15 years. He and his wife moved to their Tilton address, where they resided until his death.

He was employed for many years at the former J. P. Stevens Woolen Mill in Franklin until its

closure. A general fixer, he maintained factory machinery and later was employed with Cressona Aluminum and Alcan Aluminum Extrusions in Franklin and Berger-Patterson in Laconia.

Joe served for several years with the New Hampshire National Guard in Franklin. He enjoyed spending time with his family, driving the roads in New England and walking with his wife. He had a great fondness for animals, especially dogs.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Gloria C. (Gerlarneau) Lavertu of Tilton; his brother, John Lavertu, and family of

Franklin; and numerous nieces and nephews

Following Joe's wishes, there were no calling hours. Committal prayers were offered at a graveside service, Friday at 2 p.m. at the family lot in Park Cemetery in Tilton.

Assisting with arrangements is the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home in Tilton. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Joe's name to the New Hampshire Humane Society, P. O. Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247-0572.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

Barbara G. (Wooley) Plizga, 88

FRANKLIN — Barbara G. Plizga, 88, a lifelong resident of Franklin, died at her daughter's home in Northfield, Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 with family at her side, following a period of failing health.

Barbara was born in Franklin March 19, 1929 daughter of Bernard I. and Geraldine C. (Bates) Wooley. A homemaker, Barbara also worked as a bar tender at the former Polish Club in Franklin and also Cormier Hosiery. She was a Girl Scout Leader for several years. Barbara was active with the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, Post # 1698 in Franklin and the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post # 49 in Northfield. She was a parishioner of St. Paul Church of St. Gabriel Parish in Franklin. Barbara was predeceased by



her husband, Walter J. Plizga.

Her family includes her son, Stephen E. Plizga, and his wife, Esther of Northfield; daughters, Carol H. Edmunds and husband Richard of Franklin, Sally L. Robert and her husband Tom of Northfield, Cathy A. Keyser and her fiancé John Guay of Northfield, and adopted daughter

Ann Danforth and husband Larry of Northfield; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her family, Barbara was loved by many close friends.

Calling hours will be held Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home, Franklin-Tilton Road (584 West Main St.) in Tilton.

A gathering will follow calling hours at the American Legion, Post #49, Park St. in Northfield.

Spring burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Franklin. Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Barbara's to St. Gabriel Parish, P. O. Box 490, Franklin, NH 03235-0490.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

Rickie M. Stone, 69

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Rickie M. Stone, 69, died on Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 at the Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, Fla.

Rickie was born on Nov. 14, 1947 in St. Johnsbury, Vt., the son of the Cecil and Mary Leonard. Rickie had been a resident of the Lakes Region for many years before moving to Florida 25 years ago.

Rickie worked as a mechanic for CNS Sales in Belmont. He also worked at various auto salvage yards in the area. Rickie was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed going to flea markets.

Rickie is survived by his daughter, Kim Daigneau; two sons, Rickie Stone, Jr. and Robert Stone; three



brothers, John Leonard, Jim Leonard, and Joe Leonard; two sisters, Judy Leonard and Joan Leonard; six grandchildren (Heather, Mackenzie, Nicole, Mason, Justin and Jerrod); three great grandchildren, Ava, Connor, and Easton; and many nieces and nephews. Rickie is also survived by special friends, Kellie Youngman and Robin and Jim.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

Burial will be held at a later date.

For those who wish, the family suggests donations be made in Rickie's name to a charity of your choice.

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

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice Hires New CEO

LACONIA — The Board of Trustees of Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice are excited to announce that Lisa Dupuis, OTRL, MBA has been hired as the next CEO of the agency.

Dupuis brings 27 years of healthcare experience to her new role including ten years in leadership of non-profit home health providers in Connecticut. She has strengths in promoting education, quality care and emphasizing effectiveness and efficiency. Dupuis is a strong believer in recruiting and retaining staff by being an employer of choice, providing support and recognizing team and individual achievements.

Dupuis is a licensed Occupational Thera-

pist, and has an MBA with a concentration in Healthcare from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. She is pursuing a Master's degree in Healthcare Informatics at Sacred Heart as well.

For the past nine years, she has been an Administrator and President/CEO of Constellation Health Services in Norwalk, Conn. and the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut in New Haven, Conn. Constellation is a for-profit, Medicare-certified Home Health and Hospice agency with three branch locations and the VNA of South Central Connecticut is a non-profit, Medicare certified home healthcare agency.

As CEO, Dupuis will advocate for increased

community healthcare provider collaboration with an emphasis on the successful transition of patient care from one provider to the next. She has been an active advocate for home healthcare at both the community level and in the State of Connecticut legislative processes.

Dupuis and her family (husband Mark, sons Nicholas, 23, and Justin, 20, and their dogs Baxter and Zoey) have spent many summer months on Sawyer Lake in Gilmanton, and she is very familiar with the New Hampshire quality of life. She is excited about a more permanent home in Gilmanton and stepping into her leadership role at Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice.

Christine Harris-Fletcher announces retirement from Meredith Village Savings Bank

MEREDITH — Christine Harris-Fletcher, Senior Vice President, Retail Banking Services Officer for Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSBS) is retiring on January 5, 2018 after more than 12 years with the organization. Marcus Weeks, Vice President, Business Development and Small Business Lending Officer, has been selected to take over Harris-Fletcher's responsibilities.

When Harris-Fletcher joined the Bank as Assistant Vice President, Sales Administrator, she brought with her more than 14 years of banking experience in addition to a wide array of career roles in the financial and customer service industries. In 2006, she was promoted to Vice President, Retail Officer. Harris-Fletcher was then promoted to her current role of Senior Vice President in 2009, and assumed responsibility for the development of overall policies, programs, objectives and goals in MVSBS's retail department. She has also ensured the development and implementation of new deposit products and services.

"Christine's leadership, experience and



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knowledge has benefited us tremendously over the years and we wish her the very best," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "She has proven time and again that in everything she does, whether at the Bank or in the community, she commits her heart and soul to the task at hand. We have been fortunate to have had Christine leading our Retail Banking efforts, as she has created solid, long-term customer and community relationships and has built an exceptional team. It has been my honor to work alongside her these last 12 years."

"I've been extremely fortunate to work with and mentor such a dedicated group of retail banking professionals," said Harris-Fletcher. "I'm so proud of the team and department we've built together. The

incredible relationships the Bank has established with customers and the community will endure for years to come."

Prior to her time with MVSBS, Harris-Fletcher was the Branch and Business Development Manager for Bank of New Hampshire's Alton office. Prior to banking, she held several leadership positions across multiple industries including a resort General Manager, a syndicated bookkeeper with Lloyds of London and the Cruise Director for an English Cruise Line. Harris-Fletcher has also owned and managed her own business.

Outside of the Bank, Harris-Fletcher has been an active member of the community, serving as an ambassador for the Greater Laconia/Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce. She was also a past recipient of the chamber's Ambassador of the year award, and was on the board for the Lakes Region Sled Dog Club, Winnepesaukee Playhouse and was an alumni committee member for the Laconia Chapter of Southern New Hampshire University.

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Violin duo at Taylor Community Nov. 19

LACONIA — The 2017 Taylor Concert Series continues with Violinists Hannah Reitz and Jesse MacDonald, featuring music by Bach, Prokofiev, Handel and Haydn. The program will be held Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.

Minnesota-born Reitz graduated with distinction from St. Olaf College in 2010, where she earned her Bachelor of Music Degree and served as concertmaster of the acclaimed St. Olaf Orchestra. In May 2013, she graduated with academic honors from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Master of Music Program. There Reitz served as concertmaster of the UNL Symphony and Opera Orchestra and as a member of Lin-



HANNAH REITZ

coln Symphony's first violin section. Currently she is string coach with the University of New Hampshire's youth symphony, Summer Youth

Music School instructor, private studio teacher and violin faculty at UNH.

Jesse MacDonald, at age 25, has previously



JESSE MACDONALD

held principal positions with Bergen Symphony, Orchestra Amadeus, Boston Civic Symphony, Montana All-State Orchestra, Beverly Hills Chamber Orchestra, Interlochen Symphony

Orchestra, just to name a few. Active in the chamber music scene, Jesse performs regularly with the Luminaria String Quartet, based in New York City and has previously performed as

second violin with the Emma String Quartet and the Tempest String quartet, both based out of Boston. MacDonald received his Bachelor's Degree at the New England Conservatory studying with Masuko Ushioda and Joanna Kurkowicz; and a Master's Degree, receiving the Rachmael Weinstock Scholarship for Violin, and the Hugo Kortschak Award for Chamber Music, studying with Mark Steinberg at the Manhattan School of Music.

Taylor Community is a not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community whose mission is to provide the highest quality of retirement living options to support the independence, health and dignity of community residents. For more information, visit www.taylorcommunity.org.

Lakes Region Community College Chef Patrick Hall named Educator of the Year by NH Lodging and Hospitality Association

LACONIA — Chef Patrick Hall (Concord) has been selected for the prestigious Educator of the Year Award by the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association (NHLRA). Hall, and other award recipients, were honored at the 2017 Stars of the Industry awards dinner Monday, November 6 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

"We all know how hard Chef Hall works on behalf of his program and his students," said Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr.

Alan Punches. "It is so gratifying to see that his peers and other industry leaders recognize his exceptional efforts as well."

Chef Hall has taught at Lakes Region Community College since 2005, and has also twice been the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence. In addition to teaching, he is the program coordinator for all culinary programs at the college, and oversees all operations of the student restaurant, the Shaker Table at Canterbury Shaker Village. Hall holds a Master's degree in Career



PATRICK HALL

and technical Education from the University of New England, as well as Bachelor and Associate degrees in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University. Prior to teaching, Hall and his wife, April, owned Patril's Restaurant in Franklin, New Hampshire. He has had several years of experience in hotels and restaurants, ranging from the Cheeca Lodge Resort in the Florida Keys, to the Spring House Hotel on Block Island. Chef Hall lives in Concord with his family.

Lakes Region Community College offers programs in Culinary Arts, Pastry Arts, Restaurant Management, and a new Hospitality Management program. Lakes Region Community College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire that serves over 1,200 students annually. LRCC offers 28 associate degree programs including Nursing, Fire Technology, Business, Media Arts, Automotive, and Marine Technology, as well as short-term certificate programs. In addition, LRCC provides a strong background in Liberal Arts for students who choose to do their first two years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university for a baccalaureate degree. LRCC is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. For more information, contact Carlene Rose, Business Technologies and Culinary Arts Department Chair at 366-5225.

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Plunge for the ultimate bonding experience

LACONIA — The annual Turkey Plunge in support of the good works of the local Salvation Army will take place on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Opechee Park in downtown Laconia. This fun-filled family event

features volunteers who have garnered pledges of support for their plunge into the “balmy” waters of Lake Opechee. Festive costumes are an option to add to the fun. Past experience from the previous 12 plunges

indicates that this event can be the ultimate bonding experience for teams of employees, school classes and church/civic organizations. “Participating in the Plunge each year with a

bunch of my co-workers is a great way to bond as a team in support of the Salvation Army and that spirit carries over to our workplace throughout the year,” said 12-time Plunger, Mark Emery of UPS.

“Mark is correct when discussing the bonding that builds teamwork through the Plunge,” added Captain Scott McNeil of the Salvation Army, himself a lead plunger. “And we encourage

businesses, school clubs and churches to enter a team in this year's Plunge to forge the same bonds that UPS, Patrick's Pub, T-Bones, the Ballard House, Bank of New Hampshire, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Laconia Middle School staff and others have done,” McNeil added.

November is National Hospice Month – Let's define Hospice

REGION — In a recent Dear Annie piece, “Death With Dignity My Way” wondered about choices in end-of-life care and hospice care in particular. She asked “When the obituaries say the person died surrounded by family, did that person have a choice?”

As November is National Hospice Month, and in light of the question posed above, this seems like a good opportunity to talk about Hospice Care – what it is and certainly what it is not. Let's start with what it is.

Considered to be the model for quality, compassionate care for people facing a life-limiting illness or injury, hospice care involves a team-oriented approach to expert medical care, pain management and emotional or spiritual support expressly tai-

lored to the patient's needs and wishes. Support is provided to the patient's loved ones as well. At the center of hospice and palliative care is the belief that each of us has the right to die pain-free and with dignity and that our families will receive the necessary support to allow us to do so. Though care is primarily based in the home, enabling family members to remain together in peace, comfort, privacy and dignity, care may also be provided in a group home, nursing home or, yes, even in a hospital.

Hospice focuses on caring, not curing. A hospice team includes a Medical Director, skilled nurses, nursing assistants, social workers, spiritual counsel, a bereavement coordinator and volunteers. In many cases, additional

disciplines may be added to the patient's team. The hospice team develops a care plan that meets each patient's individual needs for pain management and symptom control. Care also includes assisting the patient with the emotional, psychosocial and spiritual aspects of dying, provides hospice care related drugs, medical supplies and equipment, coaches the family on how to care for the patient and provides bereavement care and counseling to surviving family and friends for up to 13 months.

Hospice is not a new idea or a fad. In fact, the term “hospice” (from the same linguistic root as the word “hospitality”) can be traced back to medieval times when it referred to a place of shelter and rest for weary or ill travelers on a long journey. The

name was first applied to specialized care for dying patients by physician Dame Cicely Saunders, who began her work with the terminally ill in 1948 and eventually went on to create the first modern hospice - St. Christopher's Hospice - in a residential suburb of London.

Hospice is not for everyone – it must be entered with the full consent and understanding of both the patient and his/her network of support. Hospice is not rigid and does not preach – it allows each patient to define his or her own experience. Hospice is not a “cure” – it is concerned with relieving pain, providing a quality end of life experience and providing support.

It is indeed sad that “Death With Dignity” (wherever she lives in the United States) did not seem to receive

these services to aid her in the loss of her father, mother and husband. Her grief must be substantial. However, should she choose Hospice Care for herself when the time comes, she should feel assured that the choices are hers and hers alone. A good resource for those seeking information about hospice care is The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization found on the Web at www.nhpc.org.

Locally, Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice has been providing hospice care for the NH Lakes Region communities for more than 37 years and is able to answer all your hospice related questions as well as direct you to other resources available in the community. You may find them at www.centralvna.org or by calling 524-8444.

While the emphasis may be on corporate and business teams plunging, McNeil was quick to add that any individuals or family group is most welcome to take the Plunge next Saturday. Sound like fun? You bet! To sign up, simply go to www.saturkeyplunge.org or texting Turkey Plunge to 71777 on your mobile device or calling the Salvation Army office at 524-1834. Gates open at 11 a.m. at Opechee Park with Plunge costume judging, warm-up exercises and team introductions. The general public is invited to attend this free fun-filled family event. The Plunge starts at noon. After the Plunge, there will be a luncheon (free for Plungers, a modest \$5 donation for the public) across the street from Opechee Park at the Boys and Girls Club.

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Pet portrait raffle to benefit NH Humane Society

LACONIA — What do you get someone who has everything this holiday season? How about a beautiful portrait of his or her beloved pet! Award-winning local artist Ed Rushbrook is painting with a purpose this holiday season. The New Hampshire Humane Society will be selling tickets to win an 11-by-14-inch matted pastel portrait created by Mr. Rushbrook based on a photograph provided by the winner, of whatever animal they choose, valued at \$175. Tickets are only \$5 and will be on sale at the shelter on Meredith Center Road; at the Nov. 24 Adopt-a-Thon at the Belknap Mall, or; online at www.nhhumane.org from Nov. 18 through Dec. 3, drawing on Dec. 4. One hundred percent of proceeds will benefit the New Hampshire Humane Society.

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less. The Society works to animals and offers programs, pet therapy, initiatives to help people view adoptable pets visit hard to prevent cruelty education and outreach and many community ple and their pets. To www.nhhumane.org.

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice celebrates 22nd anniversary of Hospice Tree of Memories

REGION — Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice will hold celebrations of life in five different locations on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. Each year the Hospice Advisory Committee under the direction of Chair Shirley Richardson organizes this very worthwhile event. These celebrations provide an opportunity for

people to remember the lives of family, friends and neighbors by placing an inscribed porcelain dove, a symbol of serenity, peace and tranquility, on one of five lit trees. Services will be held at the Alton Town Hall, in the lobby of the Medical Arts Building at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro, the Wakefield Town Hall, the

Main Street Building in Ossipee and Moulton Farm in Meredith.

A touching ceremony will be held at each location. There will be music and prayers of remembrance, the reading of names, and the placing of inscribed doves on a lit tree. Those who participate in this moving ceremony often experience a deep sense of renewal and a new feeling of unity and closeness to their loved ones and friends.

Hundreds of doves are requested each year and they stay on the trees throughout the month of December. The proceeds from the sale of the doves are used to improve the lives of people living in the area served

by Central NH VNA and Hospice. To purchase a dove in the name of a loved one or friend, contact the Hospice office of Central New Hampshire VNA at 1-800-244-8549. In order to ensure that your dove will be ready for the ceremony, please do so by December 1st. If you are unable to attend a service, you can still participate. A volunteer will lovingly place the dove(s) on the tree for you.

Today, hospice continues to carry out the work of Dame Cicely Mary Saunders, known as the founder of the modern hospice movement. In 1967 she opened St. Christopher's Hospital in South London, the first purpose built hos-

pice. Her work continues on today throughout the world. Hospice is a special kind of care unlike any other. The hospice philosophy recognizes that the dying process is

a part of the normal process of living and focuses on enhancing the quality of remaining life. For more information about the hospice program, go to www.centralvna.org.

LRGH installs Medsafe drug take back box

LACONIA — Do you ever have left over prescription medications that you do not know how to dispose? LRG-Healthcare is pleased to share that earlier this week, a Medsafe Drug Take Back box was installed at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Earlier this year, LRG-Healthcare committed to Granite Health's Zero Left Campaign to implement initiatives throughout the year to help raise awareness and reduce the amount of excess prescription opioids in New Hampshire.

Excess prescription and over-the-counter drugs can pose a serious risk in one's home. The

Medsafe box is a secure metal drop box which will provide a safe way to properly dispose of them, thereby protecting the environment and water supply, as well as reducing the risk of accidental overdose, intentional misuse, or the development of addictions.

"The ability to easily dispose of unused / unneeded medication serves to strengthen the well-being of our community; fulfilling a part of our mission!" states Paul Barrett, Director of Pharmacy Operations for LRGHealthcare.

The Medsafe box is located at LRGH in the hallway between the main lobby and atrium.

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NE Wolves partnering with NH Humane Society

LACONIA — The New England Wolves Junior hockey team is hosting its Saturday, Nov. 18 game at Merrill Fay Arena to benefit the New Hampshire Humane Society shelter. The NE Wolves will be donating 10 percent of the proceeds from that home game to the shelter, as well as collecting pet food and supplies for the shelter. The puck drops at 6:30 p.m. The shelter is always in need of non-clumping cat litter, canned wet dog and cat food, and office supplies, such as stamps and copy paper. For the full Wish List of donation items sought, please visit nhhumane.org, under the "Donate" section.

"The New England Wolves junior hockey program has made it a concerted effort over the last several seasons to be ambassadors for the Lakes Region and expose our players to active volunteerism," says Andrew Trimble, EHL U19 Head Coach. "We are partnering with the NH Humane Society again this year to run a food and goods drive to benefit the animals. We are Wolves.... So why not help our own!"

"We love partnering with our local sports teams and other youth organizations," says Lissa Mascio, Development Director at the NH Humane Society. "It is so important to spread our mission, and engage the next generation of volunteers and animal advocates."

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education and outreach programs, pet therapy, and many community initiatives to help people and their pets. To view adoptable pets,

visit www.nhhumane.org.

The New England Wolves are a Tier III junior ice hockey team playing in the Eastern

Hockey League. The team plays their home games at the Merrill Fay Arena, located in Laconia, New Hampshire.

Belknap EDC helps fund Hermit Woods Winery's expansion

MEREDITH — Working with the Belknap EDC, Hermit Woods Winery recently received the support and funding needed to expand their customer offerings at their Meredith location. Belknap EDC contributed funds toward the purchase of new equipment and other fixtures to expand Hermit Woods into new lines of business including deli products and other food items.

Bob Manley, owner/partner at Hermit Woods, said, "Working with Ken Wilson from BEDC, has been a pleasure, we have found the perfect solution for our expansion and cannot thank everyone enough for helping us make this happen. This is our second project with the support of BEDC and we have enjoyed our collaborations with BEDC, in particular, its' business revolving loan programs."

Ken Wilson, BEDC Loan Officer, added, "We couldn't be prouder to work with Hermit Woods Winery and assist their team as they continue to grow and expand in Meredith. Hermit Woods is a community and business leader in Meredith and we greatly appreciate their support of our Lakes Region community. Their commitment to grow their business and create jobs here is commendable and we look forward to their contin-



Hermit Woods Owners (L to R): Ken Hardcastle, Bob Manley, Charles Lawrence, Ken Wilson (Belknap EDC Loan Officer).

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ued progress."

About Hermit Woods Winery

Founded in 2011, Hermit Woods is a small boutique winery producing fruit wine, meads, and ciders. Our wines and ciders are local (as much as possible), vegan (except the honey wines), gluten free, raw, and made from non-certified but mostly organic fruit. We always use whole fruit and gentle hand

processing. Our wines, meads, and ciders are styled after classic dry European grape wines. Hermit Woods sees more than 8,000 visitors in their tasting room every year, and its wines are available throughout New Hampshire and direct to consumer in 37 states.

Hermit Woods Winery and Deli is located at 72 Main St. in Meredith, just a stone's throw away from New Hampshire's famous

Lake Winnepesaukee. The winery is open seven days a week year round. Wine tastings are offered during all open hours, while tours are available on weekends or by appointment. Visit them at www.hermitwoods.com to learn more.

About Belknap EDC Belknap EDC is one of ten non-profit regional development corporations in the state of New Hampshire. Since its

inception in 1992, Belknap EDC has brought \$3.5 million in new capital to Belknap County in the form of federal grants and loans that comprised the seed capital for its revolving loan fund. Belknap EDC has used this capital to make loans to 85 Belknap County businesses, which leveraged more than \$75 million in capital from other sources and created or retained more than 1,700 jobs. Our loan fund continues to assist new and growing businesses who cannot access 100 percent of the financing they need from conventional sources. Belknap EDC works to retain and attract talented people to Belknap County, support entrepreneurs in Belknap County, enhance workforce development programs in the Lakes Region, and serve as a catalyst for development in the region. For more information, visit www.BelknapEDC.org



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American Legion Post 49's Chaplain, Tom Robert, saluted after placing a wreath at the War Monument on Main Street in downtown Tilton last Saturday morning.

and honor our veterans. They risked their lives to serve and protect all of us," she said.

Residents lined both sides of Main Street to pay their own respects as the contingency

marched by and many stepped up to thank them all personally at the conclusion.



DONNA RHODES

Members of the American Legion's Whiteman-Davidson Post 49 Honor Guard led a parade through downtown Tilton last weekend in honor of all veterans who have honorably served the nation.

"This day is all about letting veterans know how much we appreciate all they did and sacrificed for our freedoms. That's really im-

portant to us," one senior couple from Tilton said.

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ant," he said.

Sen. Hassan recalled her memories of her father who served in the Korean War and received a Purple Heart for his heroism. Echoing Sununu's thoughts, she, too, said supporting family members is another way to show love and respect for the men and women who keep the nation free.

Addressing the young people in the crowd, she encouraged them to also remember and try to understand the values of freedom those veterans fought for.

"They fought for people even if they disagreed with them, even if they didn't like them, and for people they didn't even know," she said. "All they need to know is, you are an American."

Congresswoman Kuster thanked not only the veterans but the staff of NHVH for all they do each and every day. Her father-in-law resided there for three years so she has experienced first hand the love and care they deliver 24-hours a day and called the facility a role model in veteran care.

Kuster also revealed some of the new services she has worked to provide New Hampshire veterans. Among those is a new Tele-Medicine program for the North Country that can connect them with doctors on minor medical issues without a trip to a far away VA hospital.

"You (veterans) have promised to keep us



DONNA RHODES

Gov. Chris Sununu was at the New Hampshire Veterans' Home in Tilton last week to read and present them with a special proclamation for Veterans Day 2017.

free and we're making a promise that we will care for you and your families," she said.

Giuda is himself a retired Marine and paid special tribute to fellow Marines in attendance.

"When in combat, they weren't fighting for their country, they were

fighting for each other," he said in reference to their devotion to one another.

He encouraged everyone to support them for all they did to keep people all over the world safe and free.

Now, however, Giuda said, there is a future

generation of veterans coming along who will also need the support of their fellow Americans one day.

"As you do for our country, we must do for each other," he said.

Final remarks for the event came from Tilton School senior Ryan Flynn, who spends

two days a week visiting veterans of NHVH, said he doesn't wake up on Veterans Day each year to rush downstairs and see what gifts he received. He doesn't put on a costume and go door-to-door for candy. Instead, he said, he wakes up and thinks about all he enjoys as an American.

This year he thought of the story he heard from a student in Syria who was studying hard, eager for her future. One day though, her university in Raqqa was destroyed and along with it so were her dreams.

"When I think what it was like to see the bombed out ruins of her school, I'm glad it wasn't me," he said.

While there are days he might not want to get up for class, those days "pale in comparison" to the bullet riddled walls

of that school and he was grateful for what veterans have provided for he and his fellow students.

"Thanks to you, I feel safe here. Thank you for your courage and your service," said Flynn.

The Pledge of Allegiance this year was led by Air Force Veteran Donald Baldinelli, Sergeant-at-arms for the NHVH Resident Council, while the National Anthem was performed by Patriot Brass Ensemble. Rev. Joseph DiChiaro, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) delivered both the invocation and benediction for the ceremony.

Among the other dignitaries on hand that day were Executive Councilors Joe Kenney and Andru Volinsky, several representatives from NHVH's board of directors, the N.H. Veterans Council and more.

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mined that the minivan operator (Smith) was attempting to make a left turn onto East Gate Park from Route 106 South. There is a dedicated turn lane for that movement, which Ms. Smith was not using," reported Belmont Police Lt. Richard Mann.

Smith, he said, apparently misjudged which lane she was in while making her left turn and wound up entering the northbound travel lane of Rte. 106. That move unfortunately put her directly into Tozier's rightful path who, as a result, was unable to avoid im-

pact with her vehicle. Both the minivan and the motorcycle sustained considerable damage, Mann said, and the matter remains under investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is asked to contact Belmont Police Department at 267-8350.

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be dropped off at any time in the days leading up to Thanksgiving.

Over the past nine years, hosting the free community meal has become a much-anticipated tradition for members of the Post and their Auxiliary.

"The greatest thrill of all is opening up the doors and year after year welcoming the familiar faces from past. The holiday wishes, smiles and happiness that fills the hall for those three hours are priceless to all our volunteers who give up their afternoon to help prep, serve and clean

up," said Post 49 Auxiliary President Jacki Newton.

For those who would

like to attend this year's free holiday dinner, the doors will be open from noon until 3 p.m.

on Thanksgiving Day. Singles, couples, and groups of any size are welcome to join them.

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expand your social and business circles. Reservations are requested in advance as space is limited. Please visit Fusion's website (fusionnh.org) for more details and to reserve your spot. This event is open to the public.

Fusion is a Lakes Region based networking group focused on developing relationships and giving back to the community. Fusion NH is focused on developing

future leaders, encouraging civic involvement and contributing positively in the communities we serve. Fusion is located in Laconia (PO Box 6503, Laconia, NH 03247). For more information about what Fusion can do to support your business or organization, and how to get involved, please contact us via email at FusionNH603@gmail.com or visit FusionNH.org.

Peabody Home hosting annual pie social Nov. 16

FRANKLIN — Please Join Peabody Home for the Annual Pie Social Thursday, Nov. 16 at 1:30 p.m. Choose from many different delicious pies, or if you would like to bake a pie please let us know. RSVP by Monday, Nov. 13 to Angela Mundy, Activities Director at Peabody Home, 934-3718. Peabody is a not-

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Help keep kids warm with Irwin Automotive Group's Eighth Annual Coat, Hat and Glove Drive

LACONIA — The Irwin Automotive Group is kicking off their 8th Annual Coat, Hat and Glove Drive running now through Dec. 18 to help keep youngsters in the Lakes region as warm as possible. We all know how harsh and cold the winter months can be. For many families in the Lakes Region, a warm coat is a budget extra they simply cannot afford. This year the Irwin Automotive Group will be doing their part to make sure as many young ones as possible stay warm this winter. Since the

start of this fundraiser eight years ago the Irwin Automotive Group has donated thousands of coats, hats and gloves to very deserving children.

"Many families go through the winter months without proper clothing and we are holding this drive to help provide warmth for these families," said Chris Irwin, Vice-President of the Irwin Automotive Group... "As we approach the cold weather, we encourage citizens to participate and help all members of our community have

a wonderful and warm season."

In the USA, nearly 47 million Americans live in poverty. By ne-

cessity, many of these families prioritize food, heat, and shelter above winter clothing. Through the initiative

like Irwin's coat drive, everyday people can make a big difference by donating gently-worn coats, hats and gloves at

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LRGH hosting Mako information session

LACONIA — Dr. Arnold Miller of Laconia Clinic Orthopedics will be presenting a free information session on Mako Robotic Arm-Assisted Surgery.

The hour-long presentation will be at Lakes Region General Hospital (conference room #1 A/B) on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

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Irwin Automotive Group donates 100 turkeys to St. Vincent DePaul

LACONIA — The Irwin Automotive Group will be donating 100 turkeys to St. Vincent DePaul in efforts to make sure every family in the Lakes region has a turkey to share with their family and friends. "Everyone at the Irwin Automotive Group wants the donation of these turkeys to make Thanksgiving special for at least 100 families throughout the Lakes Region," said Chris Irwin Vice-President of the Irwin Automotive Group.

Rather than giving away turkey dinners, St. Vincent gives people the option of making their own Thanksgiving meal for their families. The organization provides baskets with all the nec-

essary food stuff. The food pantry has a goal of receiving 800 turkeys in order to meet the demand this year. St. Vincent DePaul is asking the Lakes Region community to show their support for their fellow neighbors.

Anyone who wants to donate one or more turkeys can drop them off at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at 1269 Union Ave., Monday through Saturday between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., between now and Saturday, Nov. 22, when the food basket distribution will begin. The pantry would also appreciate the donation of fresh vegetables. Thank you in advance for your consideration and help!

Cascade Spa to host 12th Annual "Spalidays" Events

MEREDITH — Cascade Spa at Mill Falls will be hosting its annual "Spalidays" event on Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 5 - 7:30 p.m., tickets are on sale now for \$25 per person.

Spalidays showcases the products, services, and professional staff offered at Cascade Spa. Guests will enjoy complimentary mini spa services, such as chair and hand massages, mini makeovers, discounts on spa products and gift cards, "Swag Bags," live music, and hors d'oeuvres by Lakehouse Grille. Guests can meet experts in the health, wellness, and beauty industry, and learn about

new lines and brands.

"We invite everyone to join us in the Winnepesaukee Ballroom as the Cascade Spa celebrates its annual Spalidays gathering," said Martha Zyla, Spa Director. "The event attracts people from all over the region and brings world class industry experts and personalities to Meredith."

The following day, on Thursday, Nov. 30, Lindsay Ebbin will be the guest speaker at the Spa Talk Luncheon. Lindsay is a US Celebrity Make Up Artist for Make Up Factory and is the President & Chief Creative Officer/Partner of BAM Brands USA



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and will speak about the "The evolution of beauty with innovation in color to inspire and celebrate all women." Tickets are \$20 per person. RSVP by Nov. 23 by calling 677-8620. Guests can look forward to a delicious luncheon provided by the Lakehouse Grille while they are inspired by Lindsay.

Tickets to Spalidays can be reserved by calling the Cascade Spa or stopping by. The Spalidays Lake Escape Package includes accommodations the night of Nov. 29, access to an exclusive BABOR reception from 3-5 p.m., tickets to the Spalidays Holiday Open House, 15 percent off Cascade Spa Services booked on Nov.

29 & 30, and the Spalidays Luncheon on Nov. 30. Please call Mill Falls at the Lake for rates and reservations at 800-622-6455. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to a local charity.

Nestled within Church Landing at Mill Falls at the Lake, Cascade Spa is a world-class, full-service day spa for both women and men. Cascade Spa offers signature services, including massage, body treatments, facials, hair care, and nail care. Reservations are recommended to ensure availability. For more information, please visit www.millfalls.com/spa/ or call 866-719-0161 or 677-8620.

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MVSB's Retail Banking department, and will be promoted to Senior Vice President, Senior Retail Banking Officer upon Harris-Fletcher's retirement.

"Marcus' promotion is very well-deserved," said President Wyman. "It acknowledges his exceptional ability to meet the needs of our customers and the community, which has helped us expand our footprint throughout the Lakes Region and beyond, which now includes Portsmouth and the Seacoast."

Weeks began his banking career in 1995, as a student-teller for MVSB's Center Harbor Office, at the age of 16. In 2003, he was promoted to Mortgage Loan Originator. In 2007, he became the Bank's Business Development Officer and was quickly promoted again in 2009 to Assistant Vice President. In 2012, he became the Assistant Vice President, Branch and Business Development Manager for the Wolfeboro office. Weeks was promoted again in 2014 to his current position of Vice President, Business Development and Small Business Lending, where he oversees the delivery of several key business banking services. His team also serves as the primary point of relationship management for many of the Bank's largest

commercial, municipal and non-profit customers.

Weeks currently serves on the board for the Geneva Point Center, a unique nonprofit conference center and summer camp located on Lake Winnepesaukee, as part of the organization's Policy and Governance Committee. He has previously served as President, Vice President and Treasurer for the Wentworth Economic Development Corporation and was a standing member of its Loan Review and Board Development committees. He was also President, Vice President and Treasurer for the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce, and has been active on the Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition, Salvation Army Turkey Plunge Committee, Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross and the March of Dimes. He studied business and management at Bentley University, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Granite State College.

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Talia DeBlasie was named co-player of the year for Division 3.



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Shannon Goodwin was named co-player of the year in Division 3. This was her second straight year being named to the first team for All-State.

DeBlasie, Goodwin named Co-Players of the Year

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — Life is good for star junior volleyball players Talia DaBlasie and Shannon Goodwin of the Winnisquam Regional High School. The duo just led the Bears to an 18-1 season, capped off with a state championship over rival Inter-Lakes. The cherry on top occurred last week, when DeBlasie and Goodwin were named Division 3 Co-Players of the Year.

"It is an honor for me," said DeBlasie. "My sister was D-3 player of the year two years ago and ever since that day

she got it, seeing how excited she was, it was something I really wanted to build up and do. I never thought it would come this year. It's crazy."

DeBlasie is following nicely in her sister Marissa's footsteps, as she is widely considered one of the top setters in Division 3. Her coach, Mike Livernois, goes as far as saying she may be one of the best setters in the state of New Hampshire.

This year DeBlasie reached the 1,000-assist milestone on three games into the regular season against Trinity. She played extremely

well all season long, and ended the year with 483 assists. Her running total is 1,433 career assists. This puts her at number eight in the state all-time. When all is said and done, DeBlasie could be near the top of the statewide record books for assists.

DeBlasie had 40 kills, 111 digs and 39 aces, as well.

DeBlasie started playing volleyball when she was in fifth grade and originally had no idea she wanted to be a setter. She explained that Livernois saw her hit once and decided to make her a setter. Ever since that

day they have done setting drills together and the rest is history.

In the off-season, DeBlasie continues her volleyball playing through the Junior Olympic program called Capital Region out of Concord. She recently tried out for the team and hopes to play again this year.

This was the first time DeBlasie was named Player of the Year, but last year she was on the All-State second team and her freshman year she was an honorable mention.

The one-two punch of DeBlasie setting to Goodwin for the kill is some-

thing that high school volleyball teams dream of. DeBlasie realizes how incredible it is to have a top teammate like Goodwin on her squad, and that their success is synonymous.

"After every hit she gets it is always her and I high-fiving," said DeBlasie. "It's been a great year overall for us."

Winnisquam is coming back next season with a solid core, as the team is only graduating one starter. DeBlasie has high hopes to repeat as a state champion and continue her individual success along the way.

"We have our whole

core of the team coming back and some players coming up from JV," said DeBlasie. "It's going to be a great year."

Goodwin won Player of the Year for the first time as well, but is coming off back-to-back first team All-State selections. The junior hitter is known around the states for her powerful slams, and this year she reached the 500-kill milestone.

This past season she had 280 kills and now has 580 total kills. She also had 128 digs and 22 aces, showing how versatile of a player she was.

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Makenzie Snow was a top midfielder for Winnisquam and was named to the first team for All-State.



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Cailey Clogston was named to the first team All-State for her work as a defender.

Trio of Bears earn field hockey All-State honors

BY BOB MARTIN
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TILTON — The Winnisquam Bears field hockey team is coming off an 8-4-2 record and a quarterfinal loss to top-ranked Newfound in the state tournament. The success of the team was partly due to superior on-field talent of first team All-Staters Makenzie Snow and Cailey Clogston, as well as goalkeeper Riley Toupin, who was named to the second team All-State.

While statistics are incomplete, Snow finished her high school career with at least 26 goals and 19 assists as a four-year starter at midfield.

Coach Cherie Snow said she was always the

one who sets up plays for her teammates. She said the center/midfielder are the ones who have to come up with the ball and distribute it to different players to score in her 4/3/3 system. This takes a combination of strength and quickness, she said.

“Makenzie, for four years, has been my pivot point as my center midfielder,” said coach Snow. “She been able to see the field and move the ball. She is a very unselfish individual as far as being able to distribute the ball and create scoring opportunities.”

Clogston had seven goals and five assists as a four-year defensive starter. Coach Snow said she has strong over-

all skills, and can always come up with the ball and see the field well. Snow added that she has been her top defender throughout her time at Winnisquam.

Coach Snow described Toupin as someone who always gives her all, and is also her strongest critic. She finished her career with at least 181 saves as a three-year starter as goalkeeper.

“Being the last line of defense, she wants to stop everything and give her team the best chance to win,” said coach Snow.

Coach Snow said she couldn't ask for a better group of players to coach, adding that this season will be her last at



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Riley Toupin was named second team All-State as a goalkeeper.

Winnisquam after eight years.

“It has been a great year,” said Snow. “I can't ask for a much

stronger, talented group. We had a strong team and while we fell short, we should have been in the finals. We had New-

found, an undefeated team, very nervous. I feel these girls dedicated themselves and had a lot of passion.”

Champs place pair on All-State Second Team

BY BOB MARTIN
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TILTON — The Division 3 champion Winnisquam Bears volleyball team cleaned up as far as awards went with the New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association, which included a couple of second team All-State nods to Aubrey St. Onge and Madisyn Skeats.

St. Onge, a junior, had 145 digs, 30 assists and 18 aces on the season.

“Aubrey played great defense for me, and it is hard for a defensive player to make the All-State team because they don't get the glamour stats,” said coach Mike Livernois. “You aren't the one with the big kills or setting the ball. Being named said a lot about how well she played.”

Skeats had 117 digs, 39 kills and 14 blocks on the season.

Livernois said Skeats is a fantastic passer and



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Aubrey St. Onge was named to the second team for All-State after a great junior season.



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Madisyn Skeats finished her senior season as a state champion, and capped it off with a second team All-State selection.

does a lot of the little things that don't always show up on the stat sheet. He said she is a strong blocker and also gets some big hits. She was also a great defensive player throughout the season.

This was Skeats' second year on varsity, and for her to achieve this in her senior year while going on top was something that made Livernois proud.

“That is exactly how you want to end your career,” said Livernois. “I'm proud of Maddie and all the seniors on the team.”

This was the first time St. Onge and Skeats made the All-State team.

Livernois is very excited to have St. Onge coming back for her senior year, as well as co-players of the year Talia DeBlasie and Shannon Goodwin. He added that with Olivia Dill returning as the team's libero and Gabby Isabelle ready to step in as a hitter, the team is on track to have another big year.

“We will have to fill Maddie's spot up front, but otherwise we don't have a lot of holes to fill,” said Livernois. “The last eight years has been very exciting. We've had some great athletes. I had no idea when I came back to coaching it would go this well. I'm looking forward to seeing what the team can do again next year.”

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Mike Livernois puts a medal around the neck of Kevin Archibald after winning the Division 3 state championship this year. Livernois was varsity coach of the year and Archibald was named JV coach of the year.

Bear coaches earn Division III honors

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — It takes a combination of solid coaching and on-court talent to win state championships in volleyball, and this was certainly the case this season for Winnisquam. Last week the New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association named Mike Livernois and Kevin Archibald varsity and JV coaches of the year respectively, which was the second year in a row for both coaches.

The Winnisquam Bears are coming off an 18-1 season where the team dominated the state tournament en route to a Division 3 title where

the team swept then-undefeated Inter-Lakes.

Over his 22-year varsity coaching career, Livernois has four state championships at Winnisquam, which came in 1998, 2010, 2012 and this year. The Bears were also runners up in 2013 and 2015. Livernois coached from 1987 to 2000 and then returned in 2010 to Winnisquam.

This is the third time being name coach of the year, with the other years being 1998 and 2016.

"I was actually shocked," said Livernois. "It was nice to be recognized by the peers. I didn't think I would win it again, but to win

it two years in a row is very humbling. It really is a reflection of the team."

Livernois always speaks about how he has been so lucky to have superior athletes come through the program. He admits there is a coaching aspect, but without the quality athletes he wouldn't have won these accolades. With his top players coming back next season, he sees no reason why Winnisquam shouldn't be striving for the top once again.

Archibald was also shocked that he won for the second year in a row, but said he is proud of the work that he and Liv-

ernois have put into the Winnisquam volleyball program. The JV team is coming off a 13-3 season where the Bears finished second in the state tournament to Inter-Lakes. With a JV program this strong, it helps line things up for the future.

"The second one was more surprising than the first one," Archibald said. "When Mike told me, I didn't really believe him, but it is a great honor that the coaches recognized me."

Archibald has been coaching in a variety of facets for about two decades, but he started coaching volleyball at Winnisquam when Livernois returned to the

program eight years ago. He explained that he was asked to coach in 2010 and immediately won a title. He said he has truly enjoyed coaching the squad.

He admitted that coaching JV can be tough, as the players are mostly freshmen being primed up for when they get their chance in varsity. Archibald said this year there were eight freshmen who came in and helped win 13 games. He explained that he works the players hard right from the beginning, and said if the players can handle his hard hits, they will be more than ready for varsity.

"I don't let up," said Archibald. "I come right after them. I tell the girls if they can handle my serves they can handle anyone in the JV circuit."

Archibald said he has

learned over the years that he can be a broken record, but this repetition is what helps the girls advance through the program.

"Kevin does a great job," said Livernois. "He does two practices in a row every night. He isn't a JV coach who coaches his team and then goes home. He stays through my entire practice. You don't get that many JV coaches who are that dedicated."

Both Livernois and Archibald are coaches who like to keep things light. One would be hard pressed to find a time when there is any yelling on the court. Archibald said this tactic has worked very well.

"I allow the girls to express themselves about any topic," said Archibald. "It makes for a very open and relaxed atmosphere for the kids. It works for us."

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Goodwin said she was surprised when she found out she was named, but also that it was an honor to be recognized by the coaches around the league for how she played all season.

"It was a reflection of how our team played all season," Goodwin said.

Goodwin is a hard worker who goes to summer volleyball clinics and trains constantly to get better. She has been doing this for the past five years and it has shown, as Goodwin has consistently been one of the top players since she became a starter last year.

"I am more confident and stronger on the court as a player overall," Goodwin said, referring to how she has progressed as a player since her freshman year. "My jump is definitely better and I have an easier time on blocks."

Goodwin felt her best games of the season came when it mattered most: against Campbell in a five-set battle against a top team and in the state finals to knock off undefeated Inter-Lakes.

Goodwin said it was certainly a season to remember. She said none of the players on the team had won a state championship, but some

had siblings who won in the past. To top it off being named a top player in the division made it all the better.

Goodwin has a lofty goal for the Bears for next season, but one she feels is certainly attainable.

"I would definitely like to go out and win again," said Goodwin.

Livernois said when there are big milestones like what Goodwin and DeBlasie put up, it is a clear testament to how

well the team has been playing. He said the pair led the team, but the supporting cast around them was just as important.

"I thought Shannon and Talia did such a great job leading a very good team," said Livernois. "Shannon is one of the strongest hitters in Division 3, but you can't hit the ball without a setter, and Talia might be the best setter in the division."

Livernois said it was

fun to watch them feed off each other. He said having the two players share the honor of player of the year felt most fitting to him and his fellow coaches.

"It was hard to choose one over the other, so this was the right choice," Livernois said. "They both had such outstanding seasons. They are good leaders and good players who are very passionate about what they do. They certainly earned it."

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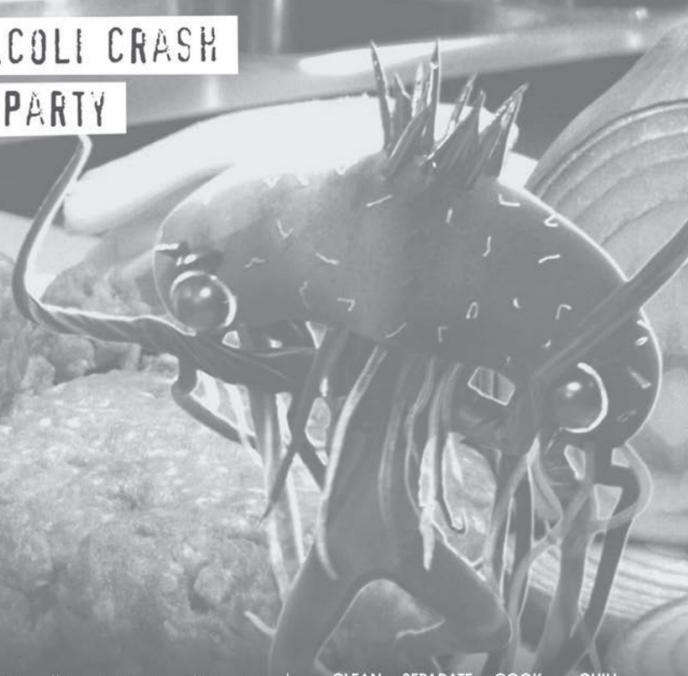
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Chief of Police

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Town of Groton

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