

Children’s Auction raises record amount

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BELMONT – Thanks to community donations, efforts, and enthusiasm the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction raised a record \$539,153.

The 36th annual auction started on Tuesday and ran through Saturday at the Belknap Mall, and was broadcast on numerous TV and radio stations as well as online. People from across the community took part in the auction from taking calls to donating items and much more. Money raised will be going to several nonprofit organizations across the Lakes Region to help children.

“Its great because

there’s so much need out there, so it’s very exciting,” said Children’s Auction chair Sandy Marshall.

Last year’s auction took place at Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford following the closing of the Opechee Conference Center. This year’s auction took place in an empty space at the Belknap Mall.

“It was really nice of them to let us use the space,” Marshall said. “We had great participation from the stores in the mall and from the mall it was a great location for us.”

Marshall said the whole event was incredible overall.

“Everybody just

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The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction wraps up for another year with record numbers.

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Investigation continues into vehicle thefts

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BELMONT — An aggressive investigation into dozens of robberies from unlocked cars and trucks parked in the Route 107 section of Belmont has led to the interview and identification of several suspects, but police are still not done with their probe into the crimes that resulted in a number of items begin stolen, including cash and even a weapon left inside a vehicle.

“Officers recovered some of the stolen property, including electronics, a purse and the handgun that was stolen last month. Several male juveniles will be charged through the family court system for criminal trespassing and receiving stolen property,” said Lt. Richard Mann of the Belmont Police Department.

Intending to hold those who were responsible for the thefts accountable for all of their actions though, the police are still reaching out to residents of the area.

“If you had damage caused to your parked vehicle [over the weekend of Dec. 3-4] in the Route 107 area and have not yet reported it, please do so by calling the Belmont Police.

It is important that we make sure all of the crime victims of these theft events are identified and damage to your property is logged for prosecution purposes,” Mann said last week.

Officers in Belmont are also hoping to hear from anyone who may have video footage of suspicious people in or around their property over the course of that weekend.

Anyone with digital images or who had property loss or damage that has not yet been reported is urged to contact Belmont Police Department at 267-8350.

WRMS partnering with Freudenberg

Connecting our students and their learning to the outside world

BY ROB SEAWARD
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Winnisquam Regional Middle School

TILTON — On Nov. 7, students in Ms. Chapley’s RTI class, Research Through Primary Documents, Industry Along the Merrimack, visited Freudenberg-NOK in Northfield, New Hampshire. The students were able to compare the mills of the Industrial Revolution to a 21st Century manufacturing facility. An interactive presentation by Freudenberg staff and administrators, Debra Di Nola, Rob Holt, Mark Haney and Robert Scavuzzo, spoke about the needs of manufacturing and engineering and the challenges of running the plant floor. The field trip showcased the educational preparation needed for students to work within their own community and beyond.

Madelyn Penney (sixth grade) was im-



Students and Freudenberg staff at the start of the trip.

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pressed by the creativity of inventors who create solutions to make products. Aliviah Dumas (seventh grade) spoke about the cleanliness. Several students commented that for a small

plant, they made a lot of items. Heaven Danieli (seventh grade) was surprised by how noisy the plant was and shared, “Finding out about what they make for businesses and cars was cool.”

This field trip symbolizes the ever increasing efforts by WRMS to partner with local businesses, service providers and industry leaders to enrich the instructional experiences for students and expose them to the larger business world to which they will be expected to join within a few short years. Freudenberg has been instrumental to this effort for a couple years, sponsoring similar field

trips, participating in a leadership initiative and more. This year, Freudenberg is partnering in our What’s So Cool About Manufacturing video competition and our efforts to bring a robotics program to WRMS.

Principal Seaward commented that, “With partners like Deb, Rob and others from Freudenberg, we can’t help but succeed in our vision to create a sense of connection between what our students are learning and why that learning is important.”

New awards program recognizes hard work of WRHS students

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TILTON — More than 40-percent of the school population at Winnisquam Regional High School was recently recognized with the first quarter 2017-18 Bear Pride Awards, part of a new reward system that was developed to acknowledge their overall efforts and good behavior in school.

Principal Tom Laliberte said a survey of the students showed that many of them work hard but often feel a bit slighted when just a few of their classmates are recognized at the end of each year, even though they, too, put a lot of

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At the end of the first quarter for the 2017-18 school year, 181 students, making up 42-percent of the Winnisquam Regional High School population, were awarded the new Bear Pride Awards for their school attendance and academic performance.

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Sara Palmer speaks during the closing ceremonies of Pub Mania about the impact the Boys and Girls Club had on her.

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Lisa Cornish describes how organizations benefitted by Pub mania helped her and her daughter.

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Pub Mania raises more than \$300,000 for Children’s Auction

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In its ninth year, Pub Mania, “The World’s Greatest Barstool Challenge,” raised \$303,630 for children across the Lakes Region.

From Thursday morning through Friday morning, 31 teams with 24 members each, totaling 744 participants, took shifts at Patrick’s Pub and Eatery for a 24 hour period to raise money for the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction.

Pub Mania kicked off with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. on Thursday featuring Michael Seymour “The Mayor of Pub Mania” and a blessing by Rev. Michael Graham of the Gilford Community Church.

For 24 hours, each team had a representative at the bar with some participants at the event for the full 24 hours. The event featured a day’s worth of fun activities for participants.

Starting at 11 a.m. was 14 hours of live music, with many different acts taking the stage.

Events go on throughout the day, including arts and crafts, karaoke, a lip synch contest, and Naughty Hour at 3 a.m. among many others. Typically, Pub Mania features Barstool Yoga,

but this year was Barstool Bootcamp.

Teams raised money through the year with more donations and raffle ticket sales coming in.

“Whatever we come up with was a significant amount for the community,” said Patrick’s co-owner Allan Beetle.

At the closing ceremonies, team members were asked to give their personal highlights of Pub Mania.

“We had a super dedicated team,” said Megan Page of the Gunstock team.

She said they had team captains in position in case someone couldn’t make it to the event, though every member participated in the end.

“We’re just happy seeing the community involved,” said Lyn Florio of the Laconia Clinic Merry Stoolers. “We just love being a part of it.”

Susan Spooner-Bishop of the Coldwell Banker team said the event had brought employees together. She said they do fundraising for Pub Mania before the event.

“It’s really great to see my agents step up,” Spooner-Bishop said.

Jaimie Sousa of Team Fusion said ev-

eryone had a great time at this year’s event. “Everything is a highlight,” said Will Swart of the Laconia Harley-Davidson team. “We look forward to continuing in the next year.”

Travis Cole of RE/MAX Bayside said he had a fantastic group helping him out.

“I see people during this that I don’t see much of the year,” Cole said.

Candace Smith took part as a sitter this year.

“The energy in this room was unbelievable,” Smith said. “All of you guys lift everybody’s spirit.”

The event ended with two speakers sharing how much the money raised will benefit families.

Sara Palmer, who has been a member of the Café Déjà Vu team, told the group what the Boys and Girls Club meant to her. She said the club built confidence and helped her achieve in school and pursue her goals. She graduated from the NASCAR Technical Institute and works as a technician in high performance motorsports.

“Without the Boys and Girls Club, I would never have found the strength to be who I am today,” Palmer said, lat-



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Susan Spooner-Bishop talks about the highlights of Pub Mania for the Coldwell Banker team.

er adding, “I will forever cherish the memories I have with the Boys and Girls Club.”

She also talked about what the Boys and Girls Club has done for more local kids.

“It’s a place where a kid gets to be a kid and not have to worry about anything else,” Palmer said.

Lisa Cornish spoke about how her and her daughter Anna received help from the Children’s Auction 25 years ago. She and her daughter once lived in their car, but assistance from St. Vincent de Paul’s and the Salvation Army

helped get them a home.

“What you guys are doing now is helping people in these same shoes,” Cornish said.

Anna is now a captain on the Crossfit Juggernaut team.

Cornish said that the money goes to the Lakes Region Santa Fund, which provides winter clothing for kids, and Got Lunch, which feeds children through the summer months.

“I will never forget what you guys have done for us,” Cornish said.

Beetle gave immense thanks to everyone who was a part of this event.

“To be able to be part and make a difference in our community, there’s nothing that really tops that,” Beetle said.

The Pub Maniacs regrouped at the Children’s Auction on Saturday morning where they presented a check for \$303,630.

Beetle said the reason what Pub Mania is so successful is because it is for the Children’s Auction and he said he doubts an event for any other entity would be as successful.

“This is kind of a special community event that people rally around,” Beetle said.


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Joint investigation leads to drug-related arrests

BY DONNA RHODES
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FRANKLIN — In a team effort of state and local officials, a drug investigation last week under Operation Granite Shield concluded with the arrest of three individuals in Franklin for the possession and intent to distribute methamphetamine along with other related charges.

During the evening

of Friday, Dec. 8, two court-ordered search warrants allowed police access to a residence located at 349 Victory Drive in Franklin, where evidence of drug activity was uncovered. Taking part in the investigation and arrests were members of the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics and Investigations Unit, the New Hampshire State Police S.W.A.T team, of-

ficers from both Franklin and Tilton police departments, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Sgt. Christopher Huse of the New Hampshire State Police Narcotics & Investigations Unit reported that among the three people arrested that night was 52-year-old Brian

Sanborn of Franklin. Sanborn was charged with numerous offenses, including possession and intent to distribute methamphetamine, the sale of methamphetamine and heroin, nine counts of being a felon in possession of firearms, two counts of the violation of a restraining order and three counts of receiving stolen property. He was held without bail at the Merrimack

County House of Corrections, pending his Dec. 11th arraignment at Merrimack County Superior Court.

Sande Lamanuzzi, age 51 of Franklin, was also arrested for possession of a narcotic with intent to distribute as well as four counts of possession of a controlled drug. She refused bail services and she, too, was held at Merrimack County House of

Corrections until her arraignment on Tuesday.

The third person to be taken into custody during the operation was 31-year-old Angela Linteau of Laconia. Linteau was arrested on a “No Bail Capias” from Belknap County Superior Court and was held until her arraignment, which was also scheduled for Dec. 11 in that jurisdiction.

Belmont Conservation Commission celebrates \$57,270 grant award

BELMONT — Belmont Conservation Commission, created in 1967 and organized under RSA 36-A for the proper protection and utilization of natural and watershed resources of the town, has received a \$57,270 grant award from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to support its efforts to preserve and protect an additional 78 Ac of the Tioga River Marsh and contributing uplands along the Winnepesaukee and Tioga Rivers known as the Currier-Sanborn Conservation Area.

The 42 projects receiving awards are spread all across the state, from Littleton to Nashua and Westmoreland to Star Island. Thirty-five very different communities are benefiting from the grants, from tiny Langdon (population 689) to Nashua (population 87,551). LCHIP’s \$3.6 million in grants will be matched by more than \$11 million in funds from other sources. Grant amounts range from under \$4,000 to \$390,000.

This year’s grant recipients include 29 historic resource projects for buildings representing nearly two centuries of New Hampshire history, from 1769 to 1967. Historic buildings include two rare remaining railroad buildings and the first monument in the country dedicated to women’s service in both military and civilian roles. The thirteen natural resource projects selected for grants will ensure permanent protection of 2,100 acres. Seven farms will be protected and available for current and future food production. Other parcels increase the protected acreage on the sides of popular Mount Kearsarge and Crotched Mountain.

The Currier-Sanborn Conservation Area comprises 78 acres of wetland and upland ranked as the highest value wildlife habitat of its kind in the state. There is about a half mile of unspoiled frontage along the Winnepesaukee River, a half mile of the Tioga River



Rick Ball, Belmont Land Use Technician, LCHIP Executive Director Dijit Taylor, Board President Amanda Merrill and Denise Naiva, Chairman of the Belmont Conservation Commission attended the presentation of the LCHIP awards.

and 250 feet of Silver Lake frontage. Long a duck hunter’s paradise, it’s evidenced by the six blinds along the Winnepesaukee River waterfront. When combined with the abutting Tioga River Wildlife and Conservation Area, there will be almost 300 acres of protected conservation land west of NH Route 140 in Belmont.

The Town of Belmont is grateful for LCHIP’s award.

“This investment will assist us to protect land that the Conservation Commission has identified as ‘high ranking importance’ for the preservation of water quality, wildlife habitat and recreation for residents, now and for generations to come,” Said Denise Naiva, Chairman of the Conservation Commission.

Grant decisions are made by the 18-member LCHIP Board of Directors, following a rigorous application and review process.

“The LCHIP Board of Directors and staff have the responsibility and privilege of helping to protect natural, cultural, and historic resources across New Hampshire,” observed LCHIP Board Chair Amanda Merrill, a former state senator

and representative from Durham.

She continued “It’s a pleasure to work with dedicated colleagues from non-profits, local government, and citizen groups to preserve the places that make our state special.”

For more information about the Belmont Conservation Commission, visit <http://www.belmontnh.org/board-conservation.asp> or call 267-8300, ext. 125.

About New Hampshire’s Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority that provides matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits to protect and preserve the state’s most important natural, cultural and historic resources. Its legislatively mandated mission is to ensure the perpetual contribution of these resources to the economy, environment, and quality of life in New Hamp-

shire. Since its inception in 2000, the program has provided 385 grants which have helped to conserve more than 279,000 acres of land for food production, water quality, ecological values, timber management and recreation including hunting and fishing and supported 241 projects to rehabilitate historic structures and sites. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 153 of New Hampshire’s communities. Forty million dollars of state money have leveraged more than \$280 million in funds from other sources. LCHIP grants are supported by fees on four documents recorded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

For more information about LCHIP, visit lchip.org or call 224-4113.

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday, Dec. 18
Lug A Mug, 2-6 p.m.
Warm up with a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

Chess Club – Taking a Holiday Break... See you in January
Scrabble, 6 p.m.
Adults Only – Scrabble with a theme, make words pertaining to the New Year.

Tuesday, Dec. 19
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.
Noon Book Group, noon
Share a favorite poem... one of your own or someone else’s.
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.
Sewing Club, 3 p.m.
Teens/Tweens learn to stitch with Miss Britt.

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bookcraft Group, 3:30 p.m.
Meets every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. for a book discussion about Charlotte’s Web and to watch related Book Craft videos created by Stacy Plays using Minecraft.
Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 21
Winterfest, 5-7 p.m.
Family Fun Event - Children and their families are invited to celebrate the first day of winter with fun crafts and activities at the library. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Friday, Dec. 22
Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23
Let’s Go Lego, 10 a.m.
Take home what you make at our Lego Make & Take!
Head’s Up... We’re Closed Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

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“Artemis” by Andy Weir
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WINNISQUAM ECHO

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Attitude is everything!

BY LARRY SCOTT

In his book, “Man’s Search for Meaning,” Viktor Frankl, writing about his concentration camp experiences at Auschwitz and the Kaufering and Turkheim camps, made the following observation:

“The experiences of camp life show that man does have a choice of action. ... We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. ... Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of human freedoms – to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way. ... If there is a meaning in life at all, then there must be a meaning in suffering. Suffering is an ineradicable part of life, even as fate and death. Without suffering and death human life cannot be complete. The way in which a man accepts his fate and all the suffering it entails, the way in which he takes up his cross, gives him ample opportunity – even under the most difficult circumstances – to add a deeper meaning to his life” (pp. 65-67).


There is a sense in which suffering defines us. I write with conviction, for I have been there. And I am shamed to admit I have run the gamut on available responses to a terribly, bad day. My attitude – in rebellion, self-pity, and bitterness or in acceptance and a positive attitude – had a decided influence on whether my disasters led to my downfall or whether I came through a much better man. Character is never discovered floating down-stream. All of those essential qualities that enable a man to grow and mature – self-control, patience, integrity, honesty, etc. – are most generally learned only under stress. We can cop out and run, or we can face our crises with courage and determination.

As difficult as it was for me to go through many a dark day, I cannot imagine how stunted I would be if it had not been for those times of suffering and pain. The means of identifying with others who hurt and the maturity resulting from patience and self-discipline are such that I would have never truly grown but for times of enormous stress.

And don’t misunderstand me; the process continues. In my journal you will often find the acronym PBPGITWMY: Please Be Patient; God Isn’t Through With Me Yet. I am still in a growing mode, reading everything I can get my hands on that might lead to a better understanding of life and of myself, and analyzing my experiences to see what I can learn from my day-to-day journey.

It is, obviously, so easy to be philosophical when the sun is shining. I cannot imagine reaching that point in life where I welcome suffering and pain. An ascetic I am not! When it happens, however, rather than retire in self-pity and become angry – at God, our family, the government, or the source of our pain – how strengthening it is to realize that when Jesus encouraged us to “take up our cross” He was telling us that those days of stress may, in fact, be some of the finest moments in our lives!

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



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PET OF THE WEEK

JETT

A recent study claimed dogs are smarter than cats, based on scientific analysis by the ‘white coated ones’, but, if affection given without prerequisite is what you crave in your next pet, then our JETT, a long haired black cat, is a perfect choice.

Jet was surrendered to New Hampshire Humane Society in September – his owner, in failing health, could no longer care for him. It is apparent to us that Jett was loved, cuddled, and had a wonderful home. Living at the shelter has been hard for him, he simply wants to snuggle his people; he’ll wrap his front legs around you and let you hold him like a baby actually. Jett feels his main function is to be close to humans.

He hasn’t cohabited

with dogs, that might be a little more than he can rightly tolerate, and apparently he prefers the company of other male cats, so we know assimilating into a household with another cat shouldn’t be too difficult. Adoption staff are more than willing to help with the transition.

It’s true we thought we had a terrific adoptive home in November, but that did not pan out, sadly for Jett who had already packed his suitcase to leave.

His about 10 years old, stands proud with his majesty plume of a tail, is sweet as can be and very, very affectionate. We do not want to see Jett outside in the cold, a cozy inglenook close to the fire is Jet’s wish this holiday season.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Murkowski’s support for Trump tax bill calls her character into question

To the Editor:

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski’s (Alaska, Rep.) campaign contributions from the oil / energy industry should be looked into, as she happily accepts permitting for Arctic oil drilling, included in the Trump / Republican tax bill.

The BBC had a recent piece on “oldest life on earth,” and it came down to the bristle-cone pine tree and Arctic Ocean sponges. We have special places and life on our lovely planet, and exploitation

for short-term money and power is sad, sad, sad. Irretrievable, the life that oil spills can besmirch and kill, life we can see and life we cannot see.

What else is added to the Trump / Republican tax bill, that must be snuck in and we not know about it until later, if ever? In our holiday-time of giving, this is outrageous taking, greed-motivated.

*Sincerely,
Lynn Rudmin Chong
Sanbornton*

Conservation District worthy of county support

To the Editor:

We recognize the difficult task before the Belknap County Delegation as it reviews the 2018 County Budget. Because the natural setting of our forests and woodlands, farms, rivers and lakes supports our lifestyle and economy, we ask the Delegation to support continued funding for the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD). For every \$1 contributed by the County, the District provides \$9.50 in products and services to support our natural resources.

BCCD has a 71-year history of contributing to Belknap County by helping communities and land owners care for soil, water and related natural resources. We accomplish this by responding to information requests, providing technical advice, assisting with on-the-ground projects that show good conservation measures at work, grant writing, information workshops and work with local, state and national conservation organizations.

Like all other New Hampshire Counties, Belknap County has designated funds in its budget for its Conservation District for decades. This work is worthy of continued County investment.

2017 BCCD accomplishments include:

2000 County residents assisted by BCCD including school groups, landowners interested in protecting a stream or reducing erosion from roads or Towns asking a conservation question or help with a project, and more.

105 volunteers donated a total of 3,000 hours, equal to \$72,420 contributed

10,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables gleaned from farms and gardens and distributed to people in need (value \$40,000)

\$105,000 gained through fund-raising and grant project funding and \$305,000 in value for other BCCD projects and services

\$600,000 in federal in-kind and contracts partnering with BCCD

County Conservation Districts were created to assist in protecting soil, water and agricultural land in New Hampshire.

This work includes watershed protection, flood prevention, erosion control and resource conservation, creating

conservation demonstration projects, and assisting landowners and government. BCCD and other New Hampshire Conservation Districts supply information about state and national conservation programs at the County level .

2018 BCCD Initiatives include:

Restoring three miles of Poorfarm Brook to improve fish habitat and reduce flooding, creating 2 wildlife habitat demonstration areas and repair of ¼ mile handicapped accessible Wetlands Boardwalk in Gunstock area.

Stream bank stabilization on Gunstock Brook to reduce erosion, and protect Route 11B and water quality.

Increasing County Gleaning program by collecting surplus produce from more farms and gardens to distribute to seniors and Food pantries.

Providing local landowners with trees and shrubs for gardens and conservation plantings through plant sales.

To continue to provide the level of service County residents rely upon, BCCD needs County support in addition to our grants and fund-raising efforts. We believe that our conservation work is a wise investment in the County’s future.

More information on BCCD programs is available at www.belknapccd.org/.

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North Country Notebook

Turkeys, a venison stew, and what might be under the tree



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Most of the high country around me now sports a well-established cover of white, and from the lowlands it looks like another world, which it is.

The snow in my yard betrays a steady visitation by turkeys, which I call the Roving Gang of Turkeys, a flock of 15 to 20 that makes the rounds of places where they can scratch for food.

And these are single-minded birds, for sure, spending every waking moment scrabbling for something to eat. They concentrate their efforts around a livestock feeding areas and manure piles, and of course in apple orchards all around, and my garden and bird feeders.

The other day, I saw two females in the flock, apparently plum full, stretched out on the grass in the

sun. But the big tom on guard duty soon heard a vehicle coming, and by the time the pick-up hove over the crest of the hill the whole flock was airborne in full flight, an awesome sight.

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Visitors seeing turkeys from the kitchen window are likely to (a) express surprise that we have them “all the way up here,” and (b) immediately think about ways they might go out and bonk one of them on the head for supper.

Turkeys are in every city and town in the state, and have been for some time, but many people still don’t know it.

There is a brief fall hunting season, but the ways and means of taking turkeys are, to put it mildly, precise. (Idle thought, however: Is there a law against shooting a turkey from your kitchen window? I’ll bet yes.)

Wild turkey meat, I remind guests, is a challenging item to cook, and you have to know what you’re doing or it’ll wind up like garden hose.

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I thought about this the other day when I was boning out a cou-



COURTESY — NH FISH & GAME

This is the kind of thing I wake up to many a morning---the Roving Gang of Turkeys, making their pecking, strutting rounds between far-flung neighbors, scratching for their three squares a day.

ple of pieces of front shoulder from a deer one of our crew shot on Ancestors’ Field, just up the road from my kitchen.

I trimmed all fat possible from around the bone and in the pockets between muscles, cut the meat into bit-size segments, seasoned them with a bit of Old Bay and other ingredients, and slid them into a sauce consisting mainly of Paul Newman’s old family recipe. There they would repose for several hours, to marinate. “Bonne Appetit,” I thought I could here Paul saying as he blew a kiss from over there at one of their last Sundance Kidd resorts.

A bit later on there were no dissatis-

fied customers in the house, and absolutely no leftovers.

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Getting a kid outfitted for fishing is often touted as a big expense, but it need not be so. In fact, I could outfit any kid for right around \$100, and challenge anyone from the high-end catalog mindset to do better at a fishing contest---if I didn’t loathe fishing contests to begin with.

Most stores offer basic fishing kits containing rod, reel, line, leader, and a few hooks and flies.

These kits generally come with closed-face spinning reels, which I immediately throw away in favor of a plain

old crank reel, out of a desire to avoid entanglements. Put 75 feet of dry line on this and you’re good to go---after a lesson or two, or course, but believe me, casting, like dancing, is not hard to learn.

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I’m not running the usual Christmas Gift Ideas List this year, mainly because I just wanted a year off (maybe readers do too).

Still, I can’t help winding this up with three of the most enduring gift items ever.

First, a map and a real, honest to gosh compass---you know, the old-fashioned kind of compass, heavy as a boat anchor and decked out with all

those sight-line and bearing devices and, for all I know, capable of doing trigonometry. And to go along with the compass, a set of USGS maps of the region your Cherished One is most likely to hunt (you know them by heart now, right?).

Second, a good, loud whistle that serves as a waterproof match compartment, too. These are easy to find, and can be invaluable in dire circumstances

Finally, a combination hunting and fishing license. This is a ticket to pastimes and pursuits formerly reserved for the nobility and landed gentry.

And never mind the periodic license price-hikes people carp about so much. A license is still one of the best bargain-basement gift items around. Do the math---the price of the license, divided by the hours of pleasure you’ll get afloat, on stand, or afield. It’s the best 60 bucks you’ll ever spend, hands down.

Santa Claus is Comin’...to the LRAA Gallery!

TILTON — Santa is coming to the Tanger Outlets and the LRAA Gallery for the Holidays! The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) Gallery in cooperation with Tanger Outlets is hosting an appearance by Santa at the LRAA Gallery (located across from the Chocolate Factory) during the third

weekend in December. Matthew Fassett, a local professional photographer from the Alton area and LRAA Gallery member, will be available to take family pictures with Santa.

The photo session with Santa will be at the LRAA Gallery between 1 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 and on Sunday,

Dec. 17. For \$5 a picture file will be e-mailed to the parents that they can print out themselves or, if desired, for \$15, a five-by-seven-inch color photo will be printed out on the spot and provided to the parents. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

While families wait to have their photographs



JAY FITZPATRICK — COURTESY

Jay Fitzpatrick, one of the LRAA Gallery’s photo artists, captured this photo of Santa on his way to the LRAA Gallery.

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It will be “A Christmas Without Snow” on LRPA this weekend

LACONIA—Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Dec. 15 & 16) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1980’s made-for-TV Christmas movie “A Christmas Without Snow,” starring Michael Learned and John Houseman.

Zoe Jensen (Learned) moves to San Francisco to restart her life after her divorce. She joins a local church choir in hopes of connecting with new people, but runs into personality conflicts with the gruff, demanding choirmaster Ephraim Adams (Houseman), who has been hired to whip the choir into shape to perform Handel’s “Messiah” for a Christmas concert. Zoe struggles to find a job, a home, and her way in this new life. In the meantime, the viewer meets many members of the choir who are working through their own issues, including racism, ageism, single parenthood, and change. Will the choir overcome these

obstacles to perform at the Christmas concert? “A Christmas Without Snow” is very rarely seen tele-movie that celebrates the season – and life—with warmth, heart and humor. So grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this wonderful holiday treat.

Join LRPA After Dark as we celebrate the holidays all month long:

Dec. 22 & 23: 1935’s “Scrooge” followed by Christmas cartoons

Dec. 29 & 30: 1941’s “Meet John Doe”

And on Monday, Dec. 25: a day of family-friendly holiday movies, shows and cartoons!

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.

LRPA’s slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at www.lrpa.org.

taken, they can browse the many pieces of artwork on display at the gallery that include original oil, acrylics, watercolors and photographs as well as numerous cards and prints, or they can take in the December Art Show by local artist James Belcher located in the West Gallery that will feature original oil paintings and reproductions by the artist. Also going on in December, the LRAA Gallery

will have a number of its art pieces on sale for Christmas giving. All of the gallery members are local/area artists or photographers who also staff the gallery during the hours it is open and are available to answer questions about the artwork and the gallery. The gallery is open every week throughout the year on Thursdays thru Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the exception of major holidays.

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Bank of New Hampshire makes donations to NH food pantries

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire’s eighth annual Feeding New Hampshire Food Drive collected nearly 4,300 non-perishable food items and over \$1,000 in monetary donations. These donations were delivered to twenty-one local food pantries throughout New Hampshire the week prior to Thanksgiving.

“We are very thankful to those who were able to help us maintain this commitment to the communities again this year. Our partnerships with local food pantries are important to us because it allows us to have a direct impact on the community,” stated Cydney Shapleigh, EVP - Chief Wealth Management & Retail Banking Officer for Bank of New Hamp-

shire. “Being an outstanding corporate citizen is very important to Bank of New Hampshire and we are proud to do our part.”

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Bank of New Hampshire banking offices donated their collected items and monetary donations to local food banks throughout New Hampshire.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Time to Review Your Investment Strategy for the Year

As the year draws to a close, it’s a good time to review your progress toward your financial goals. But on what areas should you focus your attention?

Of course, you may immediately think about whether your investments have done well. When evaluating the performance of their investments for a given year, many people mistakenly think their portfolios should have done just as well as a common market index, such as the Standard & Poor’s 500. But the S&P 500 is essentially a measure of large-company, domestic stocks, and your portfolio probably doesn’t look like that – nor should it, because it’s important to own an investment mix that aligns with your goals, risk tolerance and return objectives. It’s this return objective that you should evaluate over time – not the return of an arbitrary benchmark that isn’t personalized to your goals and risk tolerance.

Your return objective will likely evolve. If you are starting out in your career, you may need your portfolio to be oriented primarily toward growth, which means it may need to be more heavily weighted toward stocks. But if you are retiring in a few years, you may need a more balanced allocation between stocks and bonds, which can address your needs for growth and income.

So, assuming you have created a long-term investment strategy that has a target rate of return for each year, you can review your progress accordingly. If you matched or exceeded that rate this past year, you’re staying on track, but if your return fell short of your desired target, you may need to make some changes. Before doing so, though, you need to understand just why your

return was lower than anticipated.

For example, if you owned some stocks that underperformed due to unusual circumstances – and even events such as Hurricanes Harvey and Irma can affect the stock prices of some companies – you may not need to be overly concerned, especially if the fundamentals of the stocks are still sound. On the other hand, if you own some investments that have underperformed for several years, you may need to consider selling them and using the proceeds to explore new investment opportunities.

Investment performance isn’t the only thing you should consider when looking at your financial picture over this past year. What changed in your life? Did you welcome a new child to your family? If so, you may need to respond by increasing your life insurance coverage or opening a college savings account. Did you or your spouse change jobs? You may now have access to a new employer-sponsored retirement account, such as a 401(k), so you’ll need to decide how much money to put into the various investments within this plan. And one change certainly happened this past year: You moved one year closer to retirement. By itself, this may cause you to re-evaluate how much risk you’re willing to tolerate in your investment portfolio, especially if you are within a few years of your planned retirement.

Whether it is the performance of your portfolio or changes in your life, you will find that you always have some reasons to look back at your investment and financial strategies for one year – and to look ahead at moves you can make for the next.

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BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department responded to 117 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 1-7. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld.

Rachael L. Mount, age 40, of Laconia was arrested on Dec. 5 in connection with a warrant issued by the Gilford Police Department.

Andrew James Decormier, age 25, of Belmont was arrested on Dec. 6 in connection with a warrant issued by Belknap County Superior Court.

Stephen Tobin, age 21, of Tilton was arrested on Dec. 6 in connection with two bench warrants issued by Franklin District Court.

Christopher Burton, age 28, of Meredith was arrested on Dec. 7 in connection with three bench warrants issued by Ossipee District Court.

SANBORNTON POLICE LOG

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Police Department responded to 34 calls for service and made the following arrest during the week ending Dec. 9.

Zachary T. Baker, age 20, of Franklin was arrested on Dec. 9 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension. He is scheduled to appear in Franklin District Court on Feb. 8 at 8:15 a.m.

The breakdown of the remaining calls was as follows: two requests for citizen assistance, one request to assist another department, one Driving After Suspension incident, one report of harassment, one house

check, three medical calls, three money relays, one motor vehicle accident, one motor vehicle summons, 12 motor vehicle warnings, two pistol permits, three reports of suspicious vehicles or activity, one unruly juvenile, one V.I.N. verification, and one welfare check.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 501 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Nov. 27 through Dec. 3. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into

protective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld.

Arrested during this time period were Steven Jones (for Driving After Suspension), Jacob Deveno (in connection with a warrant), Katelynn

Sargent (in connection with a warrant), Bryan Gallagher (for an Open Container violation), Angela Wilson (in connection with a warrant), Sean Andrus (in connection with a warrant), and Zachary Mullen (for Possession of Drugs).

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Christmas comes to Belmont

Children and the young at heart enjoyed a special holiday celebration in Belmont Village last Saturday afternoon that included sledding in the falling snow and music provided by Danny Iacopucci, Michael Iacopucci and Jared Wyatt on the town’s historic bandstand. There were also ornament-making activities, a pine cone toss, pyramid cup stacking competitions and sledding on the mini-hill for all to enjoy. Hot cocoa, cookies, and marshmallows to toast over an open fire on the Town Green helped make the day complete, capped off by a memorable visit from Santa.

FSB offers ways to avoid scams this holiday season

FRANKLIN — In the wake of recent data breaches, such as the Equifax debacle, consumers should be on high alert while making purchases this holiday season.

“While millions of credit and debit card transactions are conducted safely every day, it’s important that consumers are aware of the potential for holiday scams,” said Jonathan Winters, VP, Information Security Officer. “Fraudsters are becoming more and more sophisticated with devising schemes in an attempt to lure innocent victims into making donations to charitable causes or disaster-related campaigns.”

In an ongoing effort to assist consumers with safeguarding their information, whether shopping in stores or online, Franklin Savings Bank offers the following tips:

- Monitor your account. Use online and mobile banking to keep an eye on your transactions, especially during

- the holidays. Notify your bank right away if there’s any fraudulent activity.
- Beware of phishing scams. During the holidays, criminals will create a fake email for a deal that’s too good to be true. If you click on any links within the email, you may be downloading malware onto your computer, or you may be asked for payment information that could lead to fraud.
- Limit large sums of cash. Even though we’ve seen financial crime migrate from physical to cyber, customers should be careful not to carry around large sums of cash when shopping. A bank will make you whole if there’s fraud against your account. If cash is stolen, your money is gone.
- Secure your internet connection. If shopping online, make sure you do so from a password protected Wi-Fi network. Never access online banking from a public Wi-Fi network.
- Shop safely. Be-

- fore making an online purchase, make sure the website uses secure technology. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the web address begins with https. Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears on the page.
- Read the site’s privacy policies. Though long and complex, privacy policies tell you how the site protects the personal information it collects. If you don’t see or understand a site’s privacy policy, consider doing business elsewhere.

In addition to these tips, it is equally important to be cautious of fake check scams that could leave you owing money if you are not careful. Fake check scams have become more prevalent as online auction sites and classified ads have become increasingly popular. There are many variations of fake check scams, but the common thread is a stranger proposing to send you a check in exchange for you to wire

money in return. The stranger may be someone offering to buy something you advertised for sale, pay you to work from home, or give you an advance on a sweepstakes you won.

According to Winters, “Regardless of how the contact is initiated, the bottom line is if someone you don’t know wants to pay you by check, but wants you to wire money back to them, then it’s a scam. Today’s technology enables fraudsters to create fake checks that look so real it is often difficult for experts to determine their authenticity.”

Since federal law mandates that banks must allow deposited funds to be made available within a certain period of time, an unsuspecting victim may be able to withdraw money on a fake check, even if it’s a cashier’s check or money order, which can be forged as well.

To avoid becoming a victim to a fake check scam, FSB suggests you remember the following:

- There is no legitimate reason for someone who is giving you money to ask for you to wire money back;
- If you are uncertain about the authenticity of a check, wait until the check has “cleared” before you spend the money;
- If a stranger wants to pay you for something, insist on a cashier’s check for the exact amount, preferably from a local bank or one with a branch in your area.

For more information on how fake check scams work as well as how to avoid them, visit www.fakechecks.org.

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Joan Cormier recognized for 50 years with Scholarship Foundation

LACONIA — Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation donors and benefactors, past and present Board of Trust-ee members, past and present staff of the foundation as well as family and friends gathered recently at the Saint Andre Bessette Parish Hall to celebrate Joan Cormier’s 50 years with the scholarship Foundation. The evening began with a gathering of guests in the Hall, who were treated to a bounty of food provided by the Common Man, Contigiani’s Catering, T-Bones-Cactus Jack’s Restaurant and the Water Street Café in addition to hors d’oeuvres and desserts provided by the LRSF Board members. After a time for the guests to mingle, the woman of the hour was escorted in by her husband to a chorus of “surprise” from all in attendance. Once the guest of honor greeted the guests present, a number of presentations were made to recognize Joan’s long service to the young people of the Lakes Region. There was a commendation from Governor Sununu, a proclamation from the mayor, a biographical roast prepared by one of the staff members who has worked with Joan for many years, a number of letters from those who were unable to attend as well as time for those present to offer their praise and recogni-

tion for this lovely lady. The evening concluded with the presentation of a gift from the Board and then those in attendance were treated to the artistic talents of Larry Frates, who sketched a caricature of the guest of honor in front of the audience and presented it to Joan. Joan Cormier officially started with Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation in 1968. She served as its volunteer secretary and then moved on to volunteer executive director in 1985. In 1999, when she retired, and Lakes Region Scholarship moved its original offices to the second floor of the DeCamp building, Cormier took on the role of Executive Director full time. Over the past five decades, LRSF has grown from a very small local foundation to a large foundation serving hundreds of students each year and dispersing awards totaling over \$350,000 this past June. Cormier has nurtured the foundation through its growing pains, encouraging and supporting the over 500 donors over her 50 years, who have been there to support the young people of the area. The foundation base is very varied. It includes: businesses, local service clubs (many of whom started with the foundation in 1956), individuals and families, and memorial funds for hundreds of people. Joan



Joan Cormier, Executive Director of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, was honored by friends, colleagues and LRSF donors at a party recently honoring her 50th anniversary with the Foundation. Pictured above are Joan posing in her chair and local celebrity and artist, Larry Frates drawing a caricature as the party guests looked on.

Cormier has met with each of these donors, she celebrates with them, supports their causes and grieves with their losses. Her service to the foundation is not just

a commitment it is a calling. The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and its donors, staff and board are like family to her and that is what has made her service so spe-

cial and unique. Paulette Loughlin, Assistant Director of the Foundation commented, “Joan’s impact on this organization and on the community in general

has been significant. We wanted to throw a party to celebrate a half a century of service and invite people who have worked with her and the donors, whose lives she has touched over the past five decades. She has made it possible for more than 5,000 young people to have at least some assistance in their pursuit of higher education. The wonderful thing about the scholarships awarded by LRSF, is that the support that these young people receive is from their own community and Joan has been the heartbeat of this support for so long!” Although Cormier officially retires in mid-January at the LRSF Annual Meeting, she intends to continue working part time with the Foundation for some time, in order to support the new directors.

Richard (“Rick”) Burgess Joins Meredith Village Savings Bank as Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer

MEREDITH — Richard (“Rick”) Burgess has joined Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSF) as Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer. Burgess, who is based out of MVSF’s Seneca Ladd Building in Meredith, offers guidance and assistance to local businesses with lending and other banking needs. “Rick’s expertise and

exceptional ability to build relationships is an incredible asset for both the commercial lending department and organization as a whole,” commented John Swedberg, Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer. “His more than 21 years of experience developing relationships in the Plymouth area demonstrates a person-



al connection with the communities in which he has worked. It’s a pleasure to welcome him aboard.” Burgess has more than 31 years of diverse banking experience, covering both retail and commercial banking as well as compliance. Prior to joining MVSF, he held leadership positions at Community Guaranty Savings Bank and Bank of New Hampshire. Burgess

has a Bachelor of Science from Pennsylvania State University and is a Graduate of the National School of Banking at Fairfield University. He resides in Ashland with his family. For nearly 150 years, MVSF has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Central NH. MVSF and its employees are guided by the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Hampton Falls, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsvb.com.

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Children giving to children

Holy Trinity School holds toy drive for LRCS

LACONIA — The staff at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Laconia are committed to building empathy in their students. On the morning of Dec. 7, Maryann McNeil’s first grade class joyfully demonstrated that empathy when the students delivered toys to Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS) Family Resource Center.

The toy drive, a service project spearheaded by McNeil’s class, was actually a schoolwide effort. Families from Holy Trinity’s Pre K-8th grade school donated new and used toys to the drive. And those stuffed animals, picture books, board games, and more will be available to children who participate in the “penny sale” at the Family Resource Center’s Family Fun Night holiday event on Dec. 11.

McNeil, who has worked with the Family Resource Center in its Giggles n Grins playgroup and parent education program, finds the Holy Trinity/LRCS connection to be a perfect fit for the Holy Trinity students.

“I think it is a wonder-



First graders from Holy Trinity School in Laconia deliver toys from their school-wide toy drive to Erin Pettengill, Director of the LRCS Family Resource Center. The toys are for the Family Fun Night ‘Penny Sale’ event hosted by LRCS where area children shop for gifts for their family members.

COURTESY

Lakes Region welcomes Dr. Dori Lang Columbus to Dental Expressions

LACONIA — Dr. Dori Lang Columbus, a General Dentist from Hudson is excited to announce her recent acquisition of Dental Expressions in Weirs Beach. Dental Expressions has provided exceptional dental care to the greater Laconia area since 2004, a practice previously operated by Dr. Darren Boles.

Dr. Columbus began her career as a dental assistant while attending the world-renowned McGill University and completed her dental training at the University of Maryland, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery. After graduating Dental School in 1991, Dr. Columbus began prac-



Dr. Dori Lang Columbus

ticing in Lancaster, PA before moving to Hudson in 2002. She prides herself in her advanced education which gives her the knowledge and experience to treat complex cases. She is highly skilled in all phases of general dentistry including implant dentistry, periodontal therapy, and orthodontics. Dr.

Columbus’ philosophy is to treat the whole person with a comprehensive approach that extends beyond tooth health; her total care method considers her patients facial structures, functionality of their smiles, and cosmetics when recommending the best care tailored for their individual well-being.

Dr. Dori Columbus has extended her dental services to the people of Uganda, East Africa, and has traveled to the region multiple times. She has worked in the remote villages of Mitila Maria and Buyoga, in addition to an orphanage in Kankobe. Her nonprofit, Humanity Foundation for Uganda

is affiliated with Kisubi Hospital in Entebbe where she is helping to establish a teaching clinic to train other dental professionals.

Dr. Columbus has always loved the Lakes Region—spending her childhood on Bear Island and camping with her family. Today she maintains a camp on the island and is eager to call Laconia her permanent home. She is looking forward to meeting both new and existing patients of Dental Expressions.

For news, dental tips, and office updates follow Dr. Columbus on Twitter (@DrDoriColumbus) and Facebook (@DentalExpressionsNH).

ful project of empathy and kindness and I know the toys and items go towards a wonderful service LRCS runs for families who participate in Family Resource Center programs,” McNeil said.

Erin Pettengill, Family Resource Center Director, knows that without donations from Holy Trinity and other generous neighbors and friends, Family Fun Night would not be a success. One of the highlights of the night is allowing children to ‘buy’ gifts for their family members. “The experience of children choosing and giving a present for other children is a gift in itself. The Holy Trinity staff, students, and families are truly making Christmas magic for the families we serve,” commented Pettengill.

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Lakes Region Singers to offer joy of music for whole family this holiday season

GILFORD — Are you wondering how to entertain your family and friends this holiday season? Let the Lakes Region Singers make it easy for you! This well-known community choral group will offer two Christmas performances – one on Friday evening, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m., and another on Sunday afternoon Dec. 17, at 3 p.m.

“Our musical program will have something for everyone,” said Director Karen Jordan. “We will perform new pieces as well as old favorites, for all ages, and we will showcase many talented soloists and instrumentalists from our local communities.”

Both concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church, on Route 11-A in Gilford, and the Youth Chorus as well as the Adult Chorus will perform. A suggested donation of \$8 per person or \$15 per family will be taken at the door to help cover expenses. There will be free homemade refreshments available for the public at each intermission.



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The Adult Chorus program offers exciting new arrangements of familiar favorites such as “White Christmas,” “Sleigh Bells,” and “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas,” along with the lovely Appalachian carol, “I Wonder as I Wander,” and Clement Moore’s famous poem “’Twas the Night Before Christmas” set to music. Their performance also includes challenging treatments of “Festival Gloria,” “Let All Creation Celebrate,” and “Angels from the Realms of Glory.” The Youth Chorus will take center stage with spirited versions of “The Cantate Canon,” “Let It Snow,” and “Peace on This Silent Night.” Then they will join the Adult

Chorus for the concert’s grand finale, “Joyful, All Ye Nations, Rise!”

Several numbers will feature soloists on strings, flute, organ, brass, and percussion, plus a performance by the adult bell choir. Phil Breton on piano will continue to accompany the Adult Chorus, while Kelly Cleveland will once again accompany as well as direct the Youth Chorus.

Directed for the past seven years by Karen Jordan of Laconia, the Lakes Region Singers have been entertaining this area with winter and spring concerts since 1992. The chorale now has nearly 40 community singers from Laconia, Belmont, Gilford, and Gilmanton.

“It makes us so happy to bring you the joy of music every year,” said Jordan. “We hope you and your friends can join us on Dec. 15 or 17 for this year’s holiday celebration!”

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Lakes Region Community College welcomes Joyce Larson as Director of Enrollment Management and Onboarding

LACONIA — Lakes Region Community College is proud to welcome Joyce Larson as the new Director of Enrollment Management and Onboarding.

“I’m very excited about the experience Ms. Larson brings to LRCC, as well as, the continued development she will add to the college’s holistic approach to enrollment management,” said Dr. Larissa Baia, Interim President of Lakes Region Community College.

“We are looking forward to her expertise not only in admissions and recruiting, but

also in helping to build pathways and interventions aimed at setting up students for success throughout their LRCC experience,” said Baia.

Larson joins the LRCC team after a long and successful career at Plymouth State University, where she held several positions, including Director of Enterprise Information Management, Institutional Research, Registrar, and Admissions Officer.

“Being new to the LRCC team, I’m really looking forward to making connections with students and their families, and developing on-



Joyce Larson

going partnerships with the community,” said Larson. “I’m very excited about this opportunity and look forward to reaching out to schools, new and prospective students, and businesses in the area.”

Larson lives in Moultonborough with her

family. She is a member of the Moultonborough School Board, and is active in the Destination Imagination organization. When she is not cheering from the sidelines of youth baseball and soccer games, she enjoys hiking, skiing, and music. She welcomes communication from all members of the community and can be reached at 366- 5266 or jl Larson@ccsnh.edu.

Lakes Region Community College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire that serves more than

1,200 students annually. LRCC offers 28 associate degree programs including Business Management, Hospitality Management, Automotive, Marine Technology, Culinary Arts, Graphic Design, and Nursing, 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.

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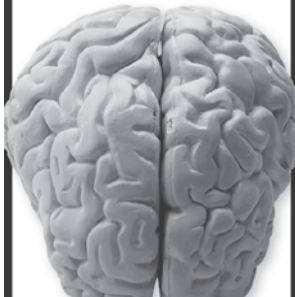
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Advisor versus robot



BY MARK PATTERSON
Robo-advising has become very popular because of the very low fees typically associated with this automated service. I believe there is some merit and a place for Robo-advising. There are just some concerns that I have regarding Robo -advising, first

being, we really have not seen how the robot handles a fast-moving downward market or an elongated bear market. I can see Robo -advising being used by young people with a very long time horizon in the markets that are just allowing the robot to rebalance their portfolio and to make algorithmic choices for their money. Where I don't believe Robo works well is for someone inside of 10 years of retirement or doesn't like equity market risk. As we get closer to needing our assets for income, or simply do not have time to recover from a correction in the equity markets, then an advisor or asset manager that is skilled

at structuring steady, sustainable and reliable income that mitigates market risk, sequence of return risk and longevity risk can be invaluable. I have seen many portfolios that were good candidates for Robo advising. Typically, these portfolios were made up of a family of mutual funds with attached commissions and 12 b1 fees sold by "advisors" who did not take the clients best interests into consideration, but sold funds that their firm was paid to promote. In this instance this clients' money was being passively managed through high cost mutual funds whereas the robot may have done

a better job for less fees. I guess what I'm saying is that given the choice of a robot or a typical broker connected to a firm or bank, I might choose the Robo as well. Client money must be managed with the client's best interest first, but can only be done by an advisor who really understands how to manage that money for their client's needs, that includes risk tolerance and purpose. As I mentioned earlier, we have not really seen how the robot reacts in tough market conditions. The last eight years has seen a couple of bumps but not any major drawdowns in the equity markets. So, complacency is at an

all-time high and money will chase a market nearing a top. Studies also tell us that investors will start to sell near the bottom. A robot will not have an opinion on the direction of the markets, if you should hedge, if you should raise cash levels or start to shift money over to bonds, fixed income or precious metals. It is a good thing that the robot takes your emotions out of the equation, but I'm not so sure that taking a qualified advisor or asset managers emotions, skill and knowledge is a good thing. Time will tell. Robo advising may work for you if your time horizon long and you don't mind market risk in the equity mar-

kets or it could work for a portion of your portfolio that is designated for growth but you will not need for income in the next 10 years. A good asset manager can manage your money using modern portfolio theory, that invest in low to non-correlated asset classes and very low fee investments that are designed to maximize your returns and minimize your risk. Compare that to the low fee robot. It is all about net returns and risk and more important, purpose!

Mark Patterson is an advisor with MHP asset management and can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark@MHP-asset.com.

The Merrimack and MVSB to host annual Mitten Tree drives at all offices

MEREDITH — With colder weather moving in and the holidays fast approaching, Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) and Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) will be collecting mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for its annual Mitten Tree drives. A donation of \$2 for every item collected through December 16th will be awarded to the New Hampshire Food Bank, and earmarked for the local communities in which the donation was made.

New handmade or store-bought mittens, hats, gloves and scarves can be dropped off at any of the local offices between Thanksgiving and Dec. 16. Non-profits who are in need of mittens, hats, gloves and scarves should contact the Merrimack and MVSB office closest to them. A complete list of offices and hours is available at themerrimack.com and mvsb.com.

"The Mitten Tree is a holiday tradition we are proud to uphold each year," said Philip Emma, President of the Merrimack.

"It's an honor to support the New Hampshire Food Bank, who help so many families in our communities, especially during these cold winter months," added Rick Wyman, President of MVSB.

The Merrimack is celebrating its 150th anniversary of serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities in central and



Local knitting group supplied mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for 2016 mitten tree drive at MVSB Laconia office.

southern New Hampshire. The Bank and its employees are inspired by Merrimack style, which is guided by the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. The Merrimack was recently honored with the 2017 Business of the Year Pinnacle Award by the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, and was recently voted "Best Bank" by the Capital Area's People's Preferences for the 9th consecutive year. To learn more, visit any of the local offices in Bow, Concord, Contoocook, Hooksett and Nashua, call 800-541-0006 or visit themerrimack.com.

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Santa Claus goes to space on LRPA this weekend

LACONIA—Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (December 1 & 2) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1964’s Christmas sci-fi adventure (!) “Santa Claus Conquers the Martians,” starring John Call as Santa Claus and a very young Pia Zadora as Martian girl Girmar.

The plot of “Santa Claus Conquers the Martians” is simple: children on Mars are jaded, dispirited and unhappy. They can monitor Earth’s news stories and are envious of how happy Santa Claus makes children on our planet. Their fearless leader decides to send an expedition to the North Pole to kidnap

Santa and bring him back to the Red Planet to cheer up their children. Why not? “Santa Claus Conquers the Martians” is a low budget film that has earned a place on most “Worst Movies of All Times” lists, and with good reason. None of the production crew, including the director or producer, had much experience making films. The cast included New York-based actors with mostly minor stage roles or small-budget television commercials in their credits. The movie was filmed in Long Island in a former aircraft hangar. The film does make good use of stock footage of U.S. Air Force jets and aircraft, and is saturated in wonderful 60’s color. Reviewing the film on Dec. 17, 1964

edition of the New York Times, Howard Thompson wrote, “‘Santa Claus Conquers the Martians’ is aimed at the very small fry, who will probably eat it up Santa and the children finally return home, leaving a happy planet behind them, and if that isn’t the Christmas spirit, we don’t know what is.” That’s what this movie is all about – making the viewer happy! If you’ve never seen “Santa Claus Conquers the Martians,” join us for this silly, amusingly awful movie. Grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this holiday treat.

Join LRPA After Dark as we celebrate the holidays all month long:

Dec. 8 & 9: 1944’s “Christmas Holiday”

Dec. 15 & 16: 1980’s

“A Christmas Without Snow”

Dec. 22 & 23: 1935’s “Scrooge” followed by Christmas cartoons

Dec. 29 & 30: 1941’s “Meet John Doe”

And on Monday, Dec. 25: a day of family-friendly holiday movies, shows and cartoons!

And mark your calendars for the annual Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction presented by CruCon Cruise Outlet, Tuesday, December 5 – Saturday, December 9. Join LRPA for minute-by-minute coverage all week long on MetroCast Channel 25 and also on Live Stream at <https://livesream.com/lrpatv/ca2017>. Or listen in with our radio partners 104.9 FM The Hawk and 101.5 FM WEEI.

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 website (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 municipali-

ties 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.

LRPA’s slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at www.lrpa.org.

Benefit Concert planned for Denise Sharlow at Franklin Opera House

FRANKLIN —Denise Sharlow has been actively involved in the community of Franklin for more than 20 years, and was also named the Citizen of the Year in 2006. She was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and the community is rallying around her by hosting this three hour music extravaganza. All money raised goes directly to Sharlow’s battle.

This event will feature local bands and musicians including Canyon Run, (Senator) Avard and Company, Nine Unknown and many more. There will be a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, baked goods and more. Many thanks to Fred Caruso for being the emcee and to the planning committee. If you want to donate baked goods please

contact Ellen Hurst at ehurst4@outlook.com or auction items please contact Kathy Pevine at kathypevine@gmail.com.

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Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at www.franklinoperahouse.org (small service charge applies) or at the following locations:

1. Franklin Savings Bank in Franklin, Tilton, Boscawen, Gilford and Bristol
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For more information, contact Lori McLaughlin at 731-1852.

Taylor Community Chorus holiday presentation, Dec. 18

LACONIA —Directed by Jane Ellis, the Taylor Community Chorus Holiday Presentation is always a campus favorite. Everyone is invited to enjoy this free event Monday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m.

in Taylor’s Woodside Building.

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. Visit www.taylorcommunity.org, or call 366-1400 for more information.

LRGHealthcare offers Strong Women strength training

LACONIA — LRGHealthcare is excited to announce that there are a couple openings remaining in their upcoming Strong Women Strength Training Session.

“This national women’s fitness program is designed to improve and increase your strength, balance, bone density and arthritis symptoms,” states Carolyn Muller, Community Health Improvement

Specialist at LRGHealthcare. “We have been running this program for the last twelve years and are excited to have a couple openings for new participants.”

The program is offered every Monday and Wednesday from 1-1:45 p.m. at the Laconia Community Center. The cost of the program is \$35. The next session will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 3 and ends on Wednesday, March 14. For more in-

formation or to register, please contact Carolyn Muller at 527-2948. Space is limited, call today!

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Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice helps you start the conversation

REGION — Home for the holidays? Noticing a change in mum or dad? Or have you been putting off that most difficult of conversations?

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice can help.

Having that end-of-life planning chat is hard – no doubt about it. But there are some ways you can ease into it that may feel a little more comfortable for you and a little less threatening for your father or mother. Perhaps begin with a “what if.”

“Mom – if I’m ever in an accident, or have an illness so severe I can’t make decisions for myself, here’s what I want to happen.” Then share with her your Advance Care Directive (also known as a living will or a healthcare power of attorney). Of course, you will need to get one and have it filled out and at the ready. One can easily be obtained from your doctor, any local hospital or by searching the web for a downloadable form. The Foundation for Healthy Communities is a good source. This document delineates what types of treatments a patient may want to receive or not to receive in case of a future unknown medical energy as well as who can speak for the patient when s/he cannot speak for him or herself. This designated person is known as a surrogate. The conversation then turns to “So Mom - what if it’s you? What do you want?”

A lesser known document called a POLST may also be important. An acronym for Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment, this is different from a Directive. A POLST is a medical order for specific medical treatments and is more appropriate for people with a serious illness or advanced frailty near the end-of-life. You can visit www.polst.org for more complete information.

Other important pieces of information. Do you parents have wills? Are they current and do they have copies handy? You should have a copy. Have they thought about estate planning, and are there charities that are near and dear to their hearts that they may want to support in perpetuity? Do they want to write their own obituaries? What about the pets? Is there a list of death benefits, insurance policies, contacts and/or special wishes? Do they have specific thoughts about their own funeral? A very useful checklist can be found here: www.oktodie.com.

More happily – what might they want to do before it’s too late? A visit to their birthplace? A vacation never taken? A hot air balloon ride - perhaps sampling escargot or paella. Whatever - you can help them make it happen.

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice will be hosting a free Advance Directive Seminar in January. Watch www.centralvna.org for more details, and then please join us. Or encourage your mom or dad to attend. We can also come to your service organization, place of worship or library with a variety of topics of interest and value. Check out our Speakers’ Bureau at www.centralvna.org/html/speakers.

Ultimately, we must all ask ourselves “What does it take to live, love, and die with dignity and grace in the modern age?” It is up to us – we have choices. Planning is one. Hospice care is another. In recognition of National Hospice Month, let’s start the conversation.

Second Annual Solstice Lantern Festival at Prescott Farm

LACONIA – Prescott Farm is hosting its 2nd Annual Solstice Lantern Festival on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 4 – 7 p.m. Celebrate the upcoming Winter Solstice – the shortest day of the year – with fun activities to welcome back the light! Events will include a lantern launch and parade, bonfire, crafts, a candlelit story walk, food and drinks, and a cookie walk to raise money for Fledgling nature-based Preschool scholarship fund. Parade participants may walk with their own lanterns of any kind, or attend a lantern-building workshop at Prescott Farm on Saturday, Dec. 9 (space is limited, register online now). Cost of admission is only \$3 per person, which includes a free craft for children while supplies last. Prescott Farm members are free.

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 environmental education center committed to helping people discover their own connections to the natural world. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on educational programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. A designated wildlife viewing area with over 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Nature Playscape, Prescott Farm is the ideal place to unplug, relax, and explore independently or with one of the many programs led by experienced naturalists. Prescott Farm offers a world of discovery to children of all ages, from Fledglings nature-based preschool to WildQuest vacation camps, with experienced “Naturalists in the Classroom” working in area schools, and welcoming school trips to Prescott Farm to explore nature. Every program offered at Prescott Farm creates a lasting connection between the people they serve and the environment in which we live.

Learn more at www.prescottfarm.org or find us on Facebook!

Jingle & Mingle with the Lakes Region Young Professionals Network on Dec. 14

FRANKLIN — The Lakes Region Young Professionals Network (LRYPN) will host a Jingle & Mingle networking event for all local young professionals on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 6 – 8 p.m. at Take Root Coworking, located at 359 Central St. in Franklin.

All young professionals in the greater Franklin area under the age of 40 are invited to attend this free networking event. Appetizers and refreshments will be served, compliments of Franklin Savings Bank.

To learn more or to RSVP, please contact Taylor D'Italia at 934-8323 or via e-mail at Taylor.Ditalia@fsb-nh.bank.

In an effort to help entrepreneurs and professionals meet their year-end goals, Take Root Coworking is opening up their space for free the week of December 11th. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Oscar Gala Grano at 937-0239 or via email at management@takeroothn.com.

About Lakes Region Young Professionals Network

The mission of LRYPN is to engage, educate and excite young professionals about the future and potential of our community, meet collaborators and build a network, as well as pursue their career in the Lakes Region. You can learn more about LRYPN by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/LakesRegionYPN/>.

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time and effort into their accomplishments.

“We wanted the students’ voice in order for us to create a better school environment and this was all part of their input; they wanted more ways for others to be recognized for what they do,” Laliberte said.

So, in a surprise assembly at the end of the first quarter, they were all called to the gym to recognize those students who met the requirements for academic efforts, timeliness and good citizenship in their school community.

“We have a lot of kids here who work hard but are unassuming and deserve to be acknowledged,” said Laliberte.

“We decided this was a great way to let them know we are aware of all they’re doing.”

To receive a Bear Pride Award, the students had to have had no unexcused absenteeism or tardiness in the first quarter, no behavior infractions and they had to meet each competency requirement in their classes. Teachers then provided staff members Nicole Dibiaso and Wendy Huggard with a list of all who fulfilled those goals for the special recognition.

With a school population on 427 eligible students, Assistant Principle Matt Finch was pleased to announce that 181 of them met the first quarter goals for an award they did not even know was coming their way.

As he called each of their names class by class, they were brought forward to receive a gift pack sponsored this quarter by Smitty’s Cinema. Inside were movie tickets, snacks and other treats as a small token of thanks for all their hard work. Other community sponsors have already signed on for the second quarter gift bags.

For the first quarter of the school year the senior class led the way with 55 members being acknowledged, but now the challenge is on for others to join the ranks of Bear Pride recipients as they wait to see which class will come out on top the next time.

“I hope everyone here will be back celebrating with us next quarter,” said Finch.

AUCTION

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upped their game and worked really hard,” Marshall said. “We had great donations come in from the community.”

At one point, the auction was running short on items and organizers put a call out for more donations.

“People just started pouring in the door with items,” Marshall said.

Over half of the amount raised came from Pub Mania at Patrick’s Pub and Eatery in Gilford. For 24 hours, 31 teams had representatives sitting at the bar to raise money for the auction. The Pub Maniacs gathered on Saturday to help close out the Children’s Auction and present a check for \$303,630.

The money will be given to organizations that apply for it, and will be dispersed in four categories. Process A provides basic, immediate needs to children, Process B provides different services and meets extended needs, Process C is capital initiatives, and Process D is agencies with that provide recreational and educational services to children who might not be able to afford them.

Marshall said the Dispersement Committee has been meeting since last August working on the application forms. Marshall said the Dispersement Committee was scheduled to meet this Wednesday to decide the Process A recipients. Checks for Process A recipients will be handed out on Friday to meet immediate needs through Christmas.

After the Process A donations are dispersed, the committee will work in January to determine recipients for the three other categories and make their recommendations to the Children’s Auction board. The rest of the money will be given out in the beginning of February.

Marshall said it seems like this auction touches everyone in the community in some way.

“There’s no where else in the country where they do an event like this that has this incredible success and its because of the people in this community,” Marshall said. “Between Pub Mania and the amount of donations and items and the people that participate its just a week that the whole entire community at large comes together for kids in this community.”

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SPORTS

Bears battle but come up short against Sachems

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — The Winnisquam Bears had some flashes of what coach Kevin Dame wants out of his boys' basketball team this season, but in the end the team couldn't hold off the Laconia Sachems in a 57-42 opening night loss in front of a home crowd.

To say the first quar-

ter was rough for Winnisquam would be an understatement. The team was outplayed in every facet by Laconia, and the Bears only managed to score five points compared to Laconia's 14.

The second quarter was totally different, and seemed like Winnisquam woke up by putting 20 points on the board. The Bears

outscored Laconia 20-16 in the quarter, and were led by the strong play of Kyle Mann and freshman Phil Nichols. With 1:45 remaining in the quarter, Mann hit a three-pointer that gave Winnisquam their first, and only, lead of the night.

Mann had 12 points at the end of the half and Winnisquam was only



Phil Nichols drives to the basket in a loss against the Laconia Sachems on opening night for Winnisquam.

BOB MARTIN

Raiders rally for opening night win

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Belmont High School boys' basketball team opened up its season against rival Gilford High School on Friday. While it was a tight game with Gilford leading at times, the Red Raiders rallied to take a 50-40 win.

Gilford took a 10-3 lead to start but Belmont battled to keep it close, with neither team able to take an upper hand. It was 10-6 with a Gilford lead in the first quarter.

Belmont had a 22-20 lead at halftime and then Gilford took a 31-30 lead by the third. Belmont outscored Gilford 20-9 in the fourth quarter, in what was a strong finish.

Gilford coach Chip Veasey said the Golden Eagles appeared to be gaining steam in the fourth quarter but Belmont turned things around in the final minutes, scoring on a pair of inside plays after driving in the paint and passing off to open teammates for baskets.

Veasey said a critical call that fouled out Logan Bell resulted in free throws for the Red Raiders, and cost Gilford the win. He said Bell had an excellent game defensively, stopping Belmont's best shooters all night.

He added that rebounding was a major factor, with Belmont not allowing Gilford any sec-

ond chance points.

"It was a tightly contested game throughout," said Veasey.

Belmont coach Jim Cilley agreed, calling it a "nip and tuck game" and the Red Raiders benefited from that nice stretch to take the lead. He said the team didn't have the prettiest offensive execution all night, but did well from the charity stripe hitting free throws all night.

"Holding a team like Gilford to 40 points was a good effort for our guys," said Cilley.

Cilley said the team went into the season with unanswered questions, and more have come now that the team's

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Bulldogs looking for another deep playoff run

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LACONIA — The Belmont/Gilford Bulldogs are coming off a great season where the hockey team went to the semifinals before being knocked off by Berlin/Gorham. The team lost some players to graduation, but coach Dave Saball still sees his squad having a solid season this winter.

“We took a pretty good hit,” Saball said. “Defensively we are on the weaker side but offensively we are looking pretty good. We aren’t as robust as we have been in the past as our numbers are down, so we will probably have to play a little different game.”

Saball will have Cody Hodgins, who has been on the hockey team for four years, starting in goal. He expects him to have a solid senior year in net.

Kyle Defosie and Harrison Parent are returning this season, and Saball said they should provide good offensive spark on the first line for the Bulldogs.

Defensively, Troy Gallagher is expected to shine in his junior season. Liam Lacey will also be coming back on

defense.

He said there will be a strong set of freshmen and sophomore players, as well. These are players that will need to find their niche, but he expects them to be utilized and have great seasons.

“I think goaltending and our two forward lines should be strong for us,” Saball said. “The defense will take some work at the beginning. We are trying to turn some guys back into defensemen and moving some people to fit needs. But players I am moving around can do it. Our biggest weakness is D but we should be good otherwise.”

Saball said teams to watch this year will once again be Berlin/Gorham and Kennett, which were the two top teams from last season. He also expects Somersworth and Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes to have solid seasons and should be tough to beat.

“I think it will be the same group of teams we see doing big things, but Kennett should be really tough,” said Saball.

Saball said the goal is to get back to the playoffs and play at a high level. The team has had a great track record in recent



BOB MARTIN

The Belmont/Gilford hockey team looks to have another great season, after last year being knocked off in the semifinals.

years, with Belmont/Gilford going to the semifinals or further in three

straight years, including a championship in 2015.

“These players are all

workers,” said Saball. “They’ve been there so they know what it takes

Joyal takes helm as Wolfpack look to move forward

BY BOB MARTIN
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LACONIA — The Laconia-Winnisquam Wolfpack is coming off of a winless season, but with a new head coach at the helm and some senior leadership, hopes are high for the hockey team this winter.

Marc Joyal brings more than 20 years of coaching experience in Madison, Wisc. at the youth levels, and was also the assistant coach last year. He takes over for Kent Finemore, who stepped down for personal reasons. Bill Madan and Jamie DeCormier will also help with coaching duties.

Joyal said the goal this year is to build on the concepts and system introduced last season.

“It’s time for these players to be proactive in their approach to the game as opposed to being reactive,” Joyal said. “Once they can learn that when they control the tempo of the

game and play solid position hockey with good discipline, they will be successful. I am optimistic about this season and hope we can bring some pride back to the program.”

It was a struggle from the beginning for the Wolfpack, which finished last year with a 0-17 record. The team had a freshman goalie and only one senior. Numbers were down, as the team only had 12 skaters and a goalie. Injuries were already an issue before the season began, which dropped the total number of players to nine during several games.

Joyal said by the end of the season, Laconia-Winnisquam was able to skate with teams for two periods but running two lines and double shifting caused the players to run out of gas toward the end of games.

A silver lining was that the team showed steady improvement, Joyal said.

This year the team has added what Joyal describes as a “skilled freshman” in Carter Smith of Winnisquam. He will give much needed offense to the team. The senior captains are Noah Smith of Winnisquam, along with Devin Miles and Nick Luther of Laconia.

The Wolfpack loses Josh Shevlin of Winnisquam to graduation, who was a seasoned defenseman that will be missed. His younger brother Jayson Shevlin will be playing defense, with Joyal admitting there are big shoes to fill. Noah Smith will also be playing defense for the Wolfpack.

The team also lost a senior forward to junior hockey and last year’s goalie. This year in goal will be Dakota Whitehead of Winnisquam.

Whitehead is untested at the high school level and the team will need to play strong defense in the early stages, Joyal said.

to win. It might take a little to get going, but once we get there we should be fine.”

On Dec. 13 Belmont/Gilford had its opening game after deadline against Berlin/Gorham, which was a rematch of last year’s semifinal matchup. Saball said it could serve as a bit of redemption after a tight loss.

“I understand they are rebuilding too, but they are always tough,” said Saball. “It should be an interesting matchup. They’ve got some good players returning and it should be close.”

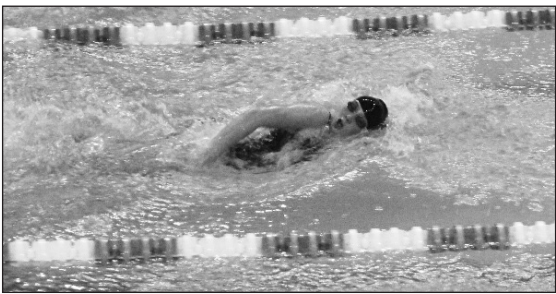
The Bulldogs travel to Pembroke-Campbell on Dec. 16 for a 7:30 p.m. game.

“We had to transition offensive players to defense, which is going to be a challenge until they get seasoned in their new positions,” said Joyal. “We will have to platoon players, which should make them better all-around players in the end.”

Junior Cole Reid of Laconia will be back from playing junior hockey, and the team will also bring back junior Connor Jackson of Laconia. They should help give the team much needed offense that was missing last season.

“We hope to have some success and put some stats in the win column this season,” Joyal said. “We are working hard to improve our game discipline and team play in the offensive zone, as well as better coverage in the defensive zone.”

Laconia-Winnisquam opens its season at home against Sanborn on Dec. 16 at 1:45 p.m.



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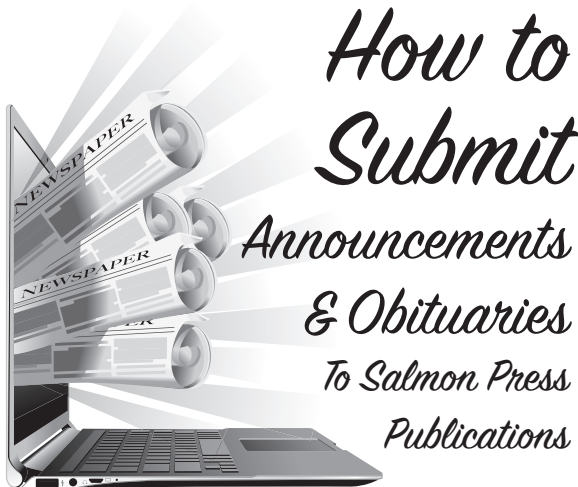
Miranda Coffey is the member of the Winnisquam High School swim team and placed first in the 100-yard breast stroke in a meet at the Gunstock Inn last weekend.

Coffey picks up win in opening swim meet

GILFORD — Sophomore Miranda Coffey represented Winnisquam Regional High School in swimming at the Gunstock Inn on Dec. 10, placing first in the 100-yard breast stroke with a time of 1:21.59. This time qualifies her for the state Division II meet held in February.

She also placed second in the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:48.54.

Coffey is the lone member of the Winnisquam High School team for the 2017-2018 season. The next meet is scheduled for Dec. 17 at UNH which is the largest meet of the season.



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WHITEFIELD — The Winnisquam Regional High School wrestling team opened up its season at White Mountains on Dec. 6 for an exciting matchup that unfortunately resulted in a 40-30 loss for the Bears.

“It was a very exciting dual meet that could have swung our way if a single match could have been flipped,” said coach Tom Osmer. “This is my sixth season with Winnisquam, first as head coach, and I can’t remember a dual with White Mountains that wasn’t a close hard fought exciting meet.”

Osmer explained that White Mountains needed to win the matches they were supposed to win and also steal one. He said White Mountains did this in the 132 class, but it was a tossup match that he felt Winnisquam actually could have won.

“Our wrestler, senior Kenzie Bourgeois, has been looking great in the practice room, the weight room, on conditioning runs, and came out strong earning two takedowns to get out to a 4-0 lead,” said Osmer.

In the second period, White Mountains

wrestler junior Tristan White, who placed fourth in Division 3 at the 126-pound class last year, created a scramble that Bourgeois tried to counter by rolling across his back trying to get the upper hand.

“I actually thought the move was a good idea and was as surprised, as I imagine Kenzie was when, White was able to counter the attempt and catch Bourgeois on his back, secure the fall, and earn six points for his team,” said Osmer. “That match proved to be the difference in the meet score, but I wouldn’t trade the points for a more conservative effort from Bourgeois. He was wrestling aggressively and looking to score, and then score some more.”

Osmer admitted that he didn’t like the result, but he loved the aggressiveness exhibited by Bourgeois.

“These early season results don’t mean much, and I’d much rather have kids going hard trying to score than have them being conservative trying to eek out a win,” said Osmer.

Connor Corey in the 152-pound class scored six takedowns in a 14-7 victory. Other notable

wrestlers were Michael Mitchell in the 113-pound class, who defeated the Division 3 runner up Noah Dutkewych, and Caden Remillard in the 195-pound class. Despite Remillard losing his match, Osmer liked that he had an aggressive attacking style.

Also winning matches for Winnisquam were Mark Sotherden in the 138-pound class, Cameron Roberts in the 145-pound class, Kobe Briand in the 170-pound class and TJ Robinson in the 285-pound class.

White Mountains won by an overall team score of 40-30.

“Overall I have high hope for this team,” said Osmer. “We aren’t defending anything. Last year’s rebuilding year was further hampered by injuries and wrestlers missing from the lineup for other reasons. This year we have a handful of tough and talented upperclassmen who are looking to have a solid 2017/18 campaign.”

Osmer said players to look out for are seniors Bourgeois, Sotherden, Robinson and Damian Donahou. He said these wrestlers have the experience and ability to turn in solid results at the Division 3 tournament in

February.

“It wouldn’t surprise me if all four qualified for the State Meet of Champions by finishing top three in the division,” said Osmer. “Nor would I be surprised if more than one of them made the finals and competed for an individual title at the D-3 tournament.”

Osmer added that there are a number of junior and sophomore wrestlers looking to have solid seasons for the Bears. The team also has several freshmen and first-year upperclassmen that could pan out well.

“Despite being new to the sport I see these guys being really important to the success of this team,” said Osmer.

This year there are 25 wrestlers on the roster covering 14 weight classes. This should provide for competition for the spots in the starting lineup.

“While this is the norm at larger schools, it represents a new dynamic for our team,” Osmer said. “The kids are responding well to the challenge, and I think it helps them to value the opportunity to be in the lineup at any given competition.”



Makenzie Donovan battles for a loose ball against Gilford last week.

BOB MARTIN



Jordan Sargent steals the ball during a loss to Gilford last week.

BOB MARTIN

Late rally sends Gilford past Belmont girls

BY BOB MARTIN
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BELMONT — Gilford and Belmont have collaborative teams in various sports, but that isn’t the case in basketball, where the two teams are arch rivals. This rivalry was rekindled on Dec. 7, when the Golden Eagles narrowly defeated the Red Raiders 52-50.

Belmont took a 22-15 lead in the first quarter but Gilford was able to stay close thanks to the hot hand of Shelby Cole, who hit four three pointers in a dominating start. Belmont was led by strong play by Makenzie Donovan, who had 10 points in the quarter.

The game was back and forth for the open-

ing minutes, with both teams struggling to find the basket, as well as some sloppy passing and ball handing on both sides.

The Red Raiders managed to slow down Cole and keep her scoreless in the second quarter. Makenzie Donovan again led the way and helped Belmont get back into the game. However, free throw shooting was what killed Belmont. While the team was able to get to the line, shooters often failed to find the net. Belmont led Gilford 34-27 at half time, with Donovan leading the way with 15 points at the half.

With a 44-38 Belmont lead going into the

fourth quarter, Gilford kicked the defense up a notch and outscored the Red Raiders 13 to 5. Belmont was held scoreless for 5:30 of the fourth quarter and suddenly the Golden Eagles had a 51-46 lead. Belmont wasn’t ready to give up, however. The Red Raiders battled to the very end, with strong clutch play by Julianna Estremera on both sides of the ball.

Belmont got to within two points with 40 seconds left but the Golden Eagles managed to hold off the Red Raiders for a 52-50 win.

Gilford was led by Cole who ended with 22 points on the night. Senior Brooke Beaudet

was a solid contributor on both offense and defense, and had 11 points. Abby O’Connor had some clutch plays with eight points on the night.

Belmont’s leading scorer was Donovan who had 15 points, all in the first half. Estremera had 13 points and Morgan Hall had 12 points in the game.

“It’s a learning curve for sure,” said Belmont coach Mark Dawalga. “At one point, we had three freshmen on the floor so it is good experience for them. But we all want more. They battled all night. Shots weren’t going down early. Playing a well-coached team like Gilford, you can’t

miss those types of opportunities. But I am happy with the effort of the girls for not giving up.”

Dawalga commended the play of Cole and Beaudet for their play throughout the game, but said it was tough losing a game that they seemed to have for much of the game. Getting shut down in the fourth quarter for multiple minutes while Gilford hit shot after shot was the nail in the coffin for Belmont.

“We didn’t execute what we wanted to do,” said Dawalga. “A couple possessions and a couple of turnovers really made the difference. It came down to the fourth

and I’ll take that early on. We had a couple of good looks at the finish. We just need to keep working.”

Belmont beat Somersworth 66-22 earlier in the week for the first win of the season for the Red Raiders. Estremera led the team with 21 points and was five for five from the line. She also had six assists and 10 steals. Elaina Hoy had 14 points, Morgan Hall had nine points and 10 rebounds and Donovan had two rebounds.

Belmont was 1-3 and the team traveled to Prospect Mountain on Dec. 12 after deadline. The team hosts Berlin on Dec. 15 at 6 p.m.

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cal,” said Dame. “They need to play through contact. I don’t know how many times they went to the cup and the ball just barely rimmed out. We need to work on finishing.”

The Bears faced Newfound after deadline and will travel to White Mountains on Dec. 15 for a 6:30 p.m. game.

The girls’ basketball team also had a tough week, losing two 40-26 to Franklin and 56-9 to Laconia. Coach Jordan Richardson said the game against Franklin was tighter than the score showed, as the Bears had a lead in going into the fourth quarter. The Bears couldn’t hold on and watched Franklin score 23 points in the fourth quarter on the way to a win. He

said Makenzie Snow and Ashley Chamberlain had solid games defensively.

The Bears couldn’t do much at all against Laconia, as the team shut down from the beginning. Winnisquam didn’t score until the last 13 minutes of the game.

“We are always going to work to be better,” said Richardson. “It is a long season and we will try to continue to grow throughout it.”



Kyle Mann drives to the basket in a loss to Laconia.

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projected starting center Tom Pare decided not to play this season. Cilley said in high school basketball there are plenty of x-factors, and this happened to be one that the team will have to work through.

Derek Stevens was projected to be the team’s starting point guard, as he was one of the top players on the team. Due to disease to his heart, Stevens will be sitting the season out but he still serves as a source of inspiration to his team.

Before the game, Stevens came into the locker room to talk to the team and provided motivation. Instead of “Raider on 3” the cry all night was “22 on three” in honor of number 22. Cilley said it was a nice rallying point for the team. The team is close knit, especially the junior class that Stevens is in, according to Cilley. Having this source of inspiration to win for Stevens could push the Red Raiders past the adversity they have encountered and give them some wins.

“He might not be the most vocal leader out of everyone, but he was the best player in that class

and he is close with all the guys,” said Cilley. “The key is to respond positively to adversity.”

Cilley said this pertained to the game against Gilford, as well. Griffin Embree took over as the starting point guard this season with the absence of Stevens, and while he has impressed Cilley early, he ran into some foul trouble that had him sidelined for an extended period of time against Gilford.

Freshman Nate Sottak came into the game and showed that he will be a great asset to the team for years to come. He only had three points on 1/2 shooting, with the one three-pointer being a huge shot in the final minutes. Most importantly he filled the stat sheet in other areas.

“I said before the game that we are going to find out who the game players are and who the practice players are,” said Cilley. “That’s the beauty of the first game of the season to find out who can handle the spotlight and who can’t.”

He said Sottak proved he was a gamer because he dominated the fourth quarter in the brief time he was on the court in the fourth quarter. He had six steals, three assists and five rebounds

on the night. All of his rebounds and assists, and four of the steals, came in the fourth quarter.

Cilley said with Embree starting at point guard instead of his natural shooting guard position, and Sottak providing depth off the bench, it should be a good back court this year for the Red Raiders.

Matt Pluskis was the team leader in points with 14 and most of his points came from the line with 10/12 free throw shooting. He also had five rebounds.

Cilley said getting 10 rebounds from Pluskis and Sottak, both guards, was huge out of the back court.

Matt Thurber had an efficient night with 6/8 shooting and 12 points, as well as seven rebounds. Cilley was happy with his production and said when he has a hot hand like this, he wants him shooting even more. His only misses were blocked shots.

Dylan Gansert had a big game with 10 points, 13 rebounds and four assists and provided a major mismatch all night.

Belmont hosted Prospect Mountain after deadline and the Red Raiders travel to Berlin on Dec. 15 for a 6:30 p.m. matchup.

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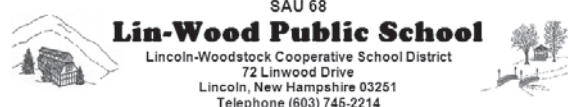


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Notice is hereby given in accordance with RSA 676:4 & 675:7 that the following application has been submitted to the Sandwich Planning Board and will be reviewed by the Board at Sandwich Town Hall on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.:

Case #2018-01 Village Green Cafe

Request for modification of approved site plan, submitted by Nicholas S. Vazzana, owner, for Village Green Café & Market, LLC, located at 25 Main Street, Center Sandwich, Tax Map U2, Lot 6, Village District, proposing a change in operating hours.

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Sandwich Planning Board
Posting Date of Notice: December 21, 2017

Sandwich Planning Board Public Hearing Notice

The Sandwich Planning Board will hold a public hearing to consider changes to the Sandwich Zoning Ordinance on Thursday, January 4, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall. The full text of the proposed changes is available at Sandwich Town Hall and the Town Web Site, the Library. A second public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2018, at 7 P.M. as needed. Proposed changes are as follows:

Amendment #1: Correct typographical error, Article II, Section 150-7, A (3)(e).

Amendment #2: Amend Article VI, Section 150-33 to 150-40, to redefine and clarify permitting of temporary, permanent and exempted signs.

Amendment #3: Amend Article III, Section 150-13, A (1) Setbacks, to delete the existing language and insert replacement language which includes reducing the septic system setback requirement from 125 feet to 75 feet.

Amendment #4: Amend Article IX, Section 150-51, Special provisions, A(1) and C(1)(c), to delete the existing language in both and insert replacement language which includes reducing the required septic system setback from 125 feet to 75 feet.

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PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Plymouth Regional High School
2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR


DANCE TEAM ADVISOR

Plymouth Regional High School has an immediate opening for an advisor to the school's Dance Team. The advisor would be responsible for coordinating practices, choreographing dance routines for performances during half-time of boys and girls basketball games as well as at other school events. The position runs from now through the end of basketball season.


Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to:
Assistant Principal Robert Price
Director of Co-Curricular Activities
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TOWN OF CAMPTON


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Salary is commensurate with experience and education. The Town of Campton offers a competitive benefit package that includes NH retirement and medical coverage. The Town of Campton is an equal opportunity employer.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and a resume to:
Carina Park, Town Administrator, 12 Gearty Way, Campton, NH 03223
or by email at toc.cp@camptonnh.org
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Interested candidates are to send a cover letter and resume to Campton Police Department, PO Box 127, Campton, NH 03223, Attention: Chief Christopher Warn. If you have any questions, you can contact Ms. Janet Woolfenden, Secretary to the Chief of Police, or Sgt. Payer at (603) 726-8874 or by e-mail at j.woolfenden@camptonnhpd.org or p.payer@camptonnhpd.org.

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PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
Plymouth Regional High School
2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

THEATRE DIRECTOR

Plymouth Regional High School is looking for interested applicants for a temporary position of Theatre Director for the high school's Winter 2018 All School Play. The theatre director is responsible to oversee the school's theatre production scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th, 2018.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to:

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