

Gilford Steamer

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

Fourth Annual Candlelight Stroll on Dec. 8

All are invited to Gilford Saturday, Dec. 8 from 5-7 p.m. for Gilford's fourth annual Candlelight Stroll. Hundreds of lights will line the street from the 1857 Grange building at 8 Belknap Mountain Rd. to the 1838 Rowe House at 88 Belknap Mountain Rd. The road will be closed to traffic, with plenty of free parking in the Gilford Elementary School parking lot beside the Rowe House in the Gilford Community Youth Center/Church and Library parking lots at 8 Potter Hill Rd.

The Stroll is free of charge and open to all who are interested in getting away from the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and settle in to the real holiday

spirit in the quiet of Gilford Village, where you can stroll, enjoy listening to holiday carolers, treat yourself to a s'more by the bonfire, and visit Santa at the Village Field Gazebo. Strollers can also enjoy the activities offered at the Gilford Library and at the three historical buildings that line the strolling course. This event is dedicated in loving memory of Jerry LaCroix and Ike, Gilford police dog. A full schedule of events can be obtained the night of the stroll at any of the open buildings along the route.

The Gilford Library's community room (downstairs) will host the Gilford Elementary School band from 5-5:20 p.m., then you can get



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Enjoy a horse drawn sleigh ride through the Village during the fourth annual Candlelight Stroll next weekend.

your boogie on during line dancing from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Also in the Library's Children's

Room, your child can make a holiday ornament or enjoy some refreshments. The Library

and the Rowe House, at either end of the Stroll area, are where visitors may choose to take a

horse and wagon ride – a truly magical holiday experience! These wagon rides are by donation.

The next stop on your stroll can be the newly opened Village Store or the Grange. The newly renovated historic 1836 Village Store will be open and offering refreshments. If you have not experienced the wonder of the store's renovations, the Candlelight Stroll is the perfect evening to take it in.

Across the street, visit the 1857 Grange building, where there will be cookies baking in an old-fashioned wood stove (adapted now to modern uses). The cookies baked in the Grange always taste most delicious when they are fresh out of the oven. In the Store Area of the Grange, there are many items depicting its origins as the Morrill Store. There is also an old time printing press located at the back of the Grange;

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LRPA airs community events, looks for more local programming

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Lakes Region Public Access has been airing a lot of meetings and events, and is looking for some new content creators to put their vision on the air.

LRPA station manager Grace McNamara gave the Gilford board of selectmen a semi-annual update on the organization and its programming during their Nov. 14 meeting.

A third of the content on LRPA comes from local meetings such as selectmen, school board, and other committee and board meetings. LRPA also regularly airs meetings by the Belknap County Commissioners and Delegation on channels 25 and 26 and the Video on Demand feature on the Web site.

Mark Thomas of the Gilford Public Library has taped six different lectures in the past six months, including

one on the Canterbury Shaker Village. Some local shows have included the Thompson-Ames Historical Society taping the AP History presentation by Gilford High School students and the Gilford Old Home Day parade.

LRPA taped all of the Meredith Historical Society's lectures to celebrate the town's 250th anniversary. The last lecture was a presentation by Fritz Wetherbee at Inter-Lakes High School, that was in the process of being edited as of that meeting.

The channel aired the first ever annual tour of the NH Veteran's Association camp on Weirs Beach, the Motorcycle Week press conferences, the Freedom Ride from Gilford to Meredith, and Laconia's 125th anniversary events.

Other events that were aired included the Laconia Multicultural

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Holiday Craft Fair comes to GHS this Saturday

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Crafters will fill the hallways of Gilford Middle and High Schools this weekend to benefit the senior class and many others during the annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday.

Around 130 different crafters will be in different locations around the high and middle school buildings from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Class secretary Matthew McDonough said this is a great opportunity for local, independent crafters to showcase their products. He said he did some Christmas shopping during last year's fair.

This year, the fair will be making contributions to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. Each of the crafters were asked if they would like to



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Class officers Troy Gallagher, Maggie McNeil, and Matthew McDonough (not pictured is Jennie Gannon) get ready for this weekend's Holiday Craft Fair.

make a donation that will go toward the auction. Class treasurer

Troy Gallagher said co-advisor Meg Jenkins also asked him to

send out an email to the vendors asking if

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Budget season underway in Gilford

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Gilford boards are or-

ganizing the town's budget and proposed warrant articles leading up

to the hearings in 2019.

The board of selectmen reviewed some budget changes and the draft 2019 warrant during the Nov. 14 meeting.

Selectman Richard Grenier said the Budget Committee adjusted the selectmen's recommended budget by changing some small details.

The dues to the New Hampshire Municipal Administration were reduced by \$800 to reflect the actual amount that will be due in 2019. Adjustments were made based on prior year expenditures including a \$7,600 reduction in Animal Control, \$8,000 in Public Works vehicle parts, and \$10,000 in station coupons, and more. These changes account for a reduction of \$26,400 from what the selectmen voted on.

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Carter Mountain Brass Band to perform Christmas concert

"Need a Little Christmas?" is the title for the annual Christmas concert by Carter Mountain Brass Band under the direction of Debbi Gibson. The concert will be held at First United Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. The concert will feature familiar pop tunes, Christmas carol arrangements, novelty tunes performed by small ensembles from the band, the ever popular sing-a-long, and an encore that makes sure everyone goes home happy. In the tradition of past Christmas performances, the music will be enhanced by visuals by Phil Polhemus and narration of stories and poems. A reception with homemade desserts will round out the afternoon. Donations of \$8 will be gratefully accepted at the door. Students are free. First United Methodist Church is located at 18 Wesley Way off Route 11A in Gilford. This concert tends to be well attended so get there early to get a good seat! For information, call 524-3289.

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

In the midst of this cold, wintry season we see people think about what they can do for others. The spirit of giving is alive in our community. Our volunteers prove that true every day. Giving begets giving, so our volunteers know that when they come in they get smiles, company, and the satisfaction of knowing they are helping the community. Oh, and sometimes lunch.

Case-in-point; Kayleigh and Sue are hosting a Book Covering Workshop and Lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Book covering is only one of the billions of jobs (estimated) that our volunteers perform, but it is a popular and important one. Every book added to our collection needs a protective cover, labels, and stamps. The process seems complicated at first, but when it becomes familiar it takes on a meditative cadence. Some volunteers listen to music, others listen to audiobooks, and many just chat or enjoy their own thoughts as their hands work away.

The workshop is for all coverers present and future. Veteran coverers are invited for a reup and to con-

tribute your expertise. Anyone considering volunteering is invited to come see what covering entails and to meet other volunteers. Sue put together a guide sheet to remind coverers of each step, and it codifies the process to account for how things have changed over time. Once all that's covered there will be lunch!

Now is the best time to get in touch about volunteering, but it isn't the only time. These shindigs are so fun we are running it back around January with a focus on shelving. Shelf-reading, shelf-tidying, and full on shelving are all on the table, but let's shelve that program until after the Book Covering Workshop.

Stop by or get in touch with us any time if you are interested in volunteering. There are so many different kinds of work to do that fit your talents and schedule. Volunteerism really is one of the most wonderful things going on at the Library, as any of our volunteers can tell you!

Classes & Special Events Nov. 29-Dec. 6

Thursday, Nov. 29
Yoga Fun, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Come breathe and

learn yoga with your child ages two to five through songs and movement. Sign-up required.

Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Teen Game Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Yarn Wrapped Wreath, 5-6 p.m.

Rescheduled: Decorate your home with a festive yarn wrapped wreath! Sign up at the front desk. We will provide yarn, the wreath shape, and some other decorations, but feel free to bring your own fall themed decor.

Foreign Movie Night, 7-9 p.m.

This month's movie is "Kedi," a documentary movie from Turkey.

Friday, Nov. 30
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Monday, Dec. 3
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Baby Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.

Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 4
Preschool Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.

Come read, sing, dance, and play. Sign-up required ages two and a half to five

Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

DIY Holiday Garland, 5-6:30 p.m.

Popcorn, ornaments, paper stars, yarn tassels, felt flags, glitter bottlecaps, mini presents, and more! Come to the library and make a cool holiday garland. Decorate your house, your office, or yourself. Supplies provided, but feel free to bring anything else you'd like to use. Sign up required.

Wednesday, Dec. 5
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Book Covering Workshop, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

See article above.

Teen Early Release 3D Printing, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Let's make stuff with our minds and science during Early Release.

Elementary Early Release Activity: Winter Slime, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Make some seasonal slime during Early Release! For K-4th, sign up required.

Winter Arrangements, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Get ready for the holiday season with a beautiful winter arrangement. Jane Rollins will help you to create a lovely winter-themed arrangement that will brighten up all these cold weather days. Sign up at the circulation desk with your library card, cost is \$8. Please

bring a small container or vase.

Thursday, Dec. 6
Yoga Fun, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come breathe and learn yoga with your child ages two to five through songs and movement. Sign-up required.

Brown Bag Book Discussion, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

This month's book is The Little Book of Hygge by Meik Wiking, described as "...may just be your passport to bliss..." Copies are available at the front desk, and the discussion will be led by Kayleigh Mahan.

Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Teen Game Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion, 6-7 p.m.

See 'Brown Bag Book Discussion' above.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 300 calls for service and made the following arrests from Nov. 15-25. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld from publication.

Katharine E. DeLude, age 29, of Gilford was arrested on Nov 15 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

Jeffrey Wyatt, age 39, of Center Harbor was arrested on Nov. 16 for Theft by Unau-

thorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny) and Criminal Mischief.

Emily Decormier, age 18, of Tilton and Tyler Leonard, age 20, of Laconia were arrested on Nov. 18 for Criminal Trespassing.

Thomas P. Stark, age 32, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 18 for Criminal Trespassing.

Adam G. Howard, age 34, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 19 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount totaling less than \$1,000 and Breach of Bail.

Andrew B. St. Aubin, age 29, of Moultonborough was arrested on Nov. 20 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Caitlyn M. Larson, age 41, of Gilford was arrested on Nov. 20 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault-Physical Contact.

Theodore J. Perry II, age 47, of Meredith was arrested on Nov. 23 for Operating Without a Valid License.

Vanessa Mills, age 41, of Gilford was arrested on Nov. 24 for Driving While Intoxicated.

Morgan T. Fontaine-Wilmot, age 24, of Belmont was arrested on Nov. 24 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny).

Douglas P. Fawkes, Jr., age 39, of Framingham, Mass. was arrested on Nov. 25 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (Subsequent) and Driving Under the Influence (subsequent).

Carroll R. Thompson, age 47, of Gilford was arrested on Nov. 25 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "A Spark of Light" by Jodi Picoult
2. "Past Tense" by Lee Child
3. "The Reckoning" by John Grisham
4. "Target, Alex Cross" by James Patterson
5. "Long Road to Mercy" by David Baldacci
6. "Look Alive Twenty-Five" by Janet Evanovich
7. "Alaskan Holiday" by Debbie Macomber
8. "Every Breath" by Nicholas Sparks
9. "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean
10. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama

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Upcoming events celebrate the spirit of the season

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Holiday festivities are coming to Gilford in the next month, with many different seasonal activities going on starting this weekend.

The Gilford Youth Center will become Santa Land for another year on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. The GYC and the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department have partnered up for this annual holiday activity with something for the whole family.

Stations will be set up all around the GYC gym. Kids can play games, do crafts, decorate cookies, get their faces painted and more. Some special activities include holiday stories, racing, and a bouncy slide. There will also be a Cookie Walk and plenty of food.

Kids can come in small groups to meet Santa, families can bring their own cam-

eras or someone at the GYC can take photos and email them.

Santa Land will take place on Friday, Nov. 30 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m.-noon.

People can do their holiday shopping from a number of independent crafters during the Holiday Craft Fair at Gilford Middle and High School from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The fair is a fundraiser for the GHS senior class and benefits other classes and clubs. This year contributions will also be made to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. Around 130 crafters will be found in the halls and gyms of both buildings. There will also be a student run food court in the middle school cafeteria. Visitors can also take their chances in many different raffles.

Patrick's Pub and Eatery will be the center of 24-hours of fun for a good cause during



Holiday fun will be back at the Gilford Youth Center this weekend with Santa Land, one of many different holiday events in Gilford scheduled for the next few weeks.

the annual Pub Mania. Teams will have representatives sitting at the bar from 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, to 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 7. There will be food and music during the whole 24 hours with fun activities scheduled throughout the day including triv-

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Santa Land program scheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1!

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford

Youth Center will be sponsoring the 10th Annual Santa Land Program on Friday, Nov. 30 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Gilford Youth Center. This fun filled program offers area youth the opportunity to participate in some holiday themed games and activities leading up to opportunity for their parents to take their picture with Santa Claus.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

ia, karaoke, barstool yoga, and much more. The event is a major fundraiser for the Children's Auction of the Greater Lakes Region, which will be going on that week.

The Gilford Candlelight Stroll will return this year on Dec. 8. From 5-7 p.m. Belknap Mountain Road will be closed off from Potter Hill Road to the Gilford Elementary School Imagination Station. The road will be lined with over 1,000 candles and activities will be found at various locations along the walk. There will be treats at the Gilford Public Li-

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All Brite Cleaning & Restoration supports Salvation Army with annual bowling tournament

Krysten Adel and Rob Stewart from All Brite Cleaning & Restoration recently presented Salvation Army's Captain Scott McNeil and Nora McNeil with a check for

\$2,173 generated from their 9th Annual All Brite Bowling Tournament held at Funspot on Nov. 14. The annual event was a fun evening of bowling for the 18

teams as well as food, silent auction and prize awards.

"What started out nine years ago as a get-together for my friends and business associates,

this Bowling Tournament has become a way for all of us to work together and support the important local work of our Salvation Army,"

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Gilford Rotarians to honor seniors with Wixson Memorial Dinner

The 33rd annual Rev. Ray Wixson Memorial Gilford Senior Citizen Dinner & holiday celebration will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Gilford Community Church. This event is put on every year by the members of the Gilford Rotary Club to thank the seniors of Gilford for their many contributions to Gilford over the years.

There will be a traditional turkey dinner with all the "fixings" at 6 p.m. with entertainment by local students starting at 5:30 p.m. There is also a rumor that Santa himself might stop by! Please leave a message with your name and phone number for Gilford Ro-



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The 33rd annual Rev. Ray Wixson Memorial Gilford Senior Citizen Dinner & holiday celebration will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at Gilford Community Church.

tarian Sandy McGonagle at 524-3134 to make your reservation. Please give the names of all the people in your group and a telephone number. Transportation is available if needed.

If you live in Gilford and are 62 and over you won't want to miss this fun-filled holiday cele-

bration. The 33rd annual Rev. Ray Wixson Memorial Gilford Senior Citizen Dinner Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m. At Gilford Community Church.

Gilford Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women who have accepted the ideal of service as a basis for attaining fulfill-

ment in their business, personal, and professional lives, and by serving their community. Gilford Rotary meets Fridays at 7 a.m. at the Laconia Elks Lodge off Route 11A/Gilford Avenue in Gilford.

Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Program

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin

Cost: \$70 per person includes rental equipment!

\$40 per person if you have your own equipment!

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.



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Pet of the Week: Nova



Her perpetual smile is engaging, her energy is inspiring and her gentleness a love. Nova, the six year old American Staffordshire mix, always seems to have a smile from ear to ear, especially when people come to visit. She is incredibly smart, even knows the command

for walking backwards. She is a gentle walker and does well with children over eight. Nova is indeed one of the more super dogs looking for her forever home and people. She will be a loyal friend and companion and always will be ready for a great game of tug.

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

*A bit about birds and butterflies,
and the loss of their winter habitat*



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Like many readers, I grew up among birds and butterflies, and kids being kids, never thought much about either. Like many people, I think, I was well into adult life before I stopped taking these and so many other facets of the great outdoors for granted.

Even now, I'm nowhere nearly enough up on my birds, and over the years have sought (and enjoyed) knowledge from the likes of Pittsburg's Tom Carlson and Columbia's David Killam. Whenever I had some question not covered by field guides and research material at hand, I could just pick up the phone.

As for butterflies and other creatures with exoskeletons, I have a bit of a base from an evening entomology course, way back when I was living in Manchester, that I was lucky to take from the vaunted Tom Fisher. He often broke into song right in the middle of a



RUSS WIGH, VERMONT CENTER FOR ECOSTUDIES

A ruby-throated hummingbird, still in so many ways ahead of the helicopter.



JIM HUDGINS, U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE

A monarch butterfly, justly famed for one of the most incredible migrations on earth.



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Longtime UNH entomology professor (and professional singer) Tom Fisher, imitating a praying mantis.

lesson, and sometimes got us to sing along. Thanks to him, I can still toss phrases like "third post-oral somite" into a conversation.

We seem to hear and read more about birds and butterflies during winter, perhaps on the assumption that we're all housebound. But few of the media, periodicals, peer-reviewed publications, or popular press seem to have much to say about where these creatures go for the winter--or the horror story on what's happening to the "where."

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I'm more than a little weary of the "fake news" topic, just as I think a lot of us are tired of the too-easily flung "politically correct."

On that latter subject, however, I'm more than a little curious about what I've perceived, from a steady diet of reading and radio and (when I can stand it) TV, is a dearth of coverage of the havoc being wreaked on the Central and South American wintering habitat for songbirds, butterflies, and a host of other creatures.

I can't help reaching some conclusions: (a) SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A10

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

A word to the weary

BY LARRY SCOTT

Jesus once said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ... I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Tough to believe sometimes, for life has a way of throwing us some very wicked curves.

You would think that if I lived a respectable, godly life, if I "loved my neighbor as I love myself" that God would cut me a break. But God, I note, does not offer me a life of ease; what He gives is peace of mind. There are no shortcuts to honesty and integrity. To be patient, to forgive, to accept the unacceptable with grace, is never easy for me. And, I must admit, I don't always do well. The Christian life is

no walk in the park.

Character, I must admit, never comes easy. The deep, dark valleys through which I have had to walk, the sleepless nights, the times I have been completely disoriented, these have had their impact on my life. I am not the man I want to be, but neither am I the man I hope to be. I am, in short, a work in process.

But fortunately for me, the God I serve is no man's debtor; He never takes more than He gives in return. The rest of which Jesus spoke is real. To know that I have been forgiven, despite the past, that God is ready to strengthen and direct me through the issues of life, that there is a light at the end of my tunnel ... these things bring me peace of mind

and a sense of purpose that is genuine but difficult to explain.

It is, I know, easy for me to come across as arrogant, proud, and self-righteous. But believe me, I have no warrant for such an attitude; those who know me well will agree. I am just so profoundly thankful ... not to say amazed ... at what has happened in my life.

I have often pictured my spiritual experience as a journey, and I have discovered that my growth and development has not come through some miraculous or supernatural experience. No dreams or visions or voices in the night here. Life, just as it is, has become the forum for my growth. The decisions I must make, the pres-

ures I must accept, the storms I must weather, and the temptations I must fight, these have been to my benefit.

I believe God has designed the day-to-day routine of my life, not to make me happy, but to help me mature. It is in the thick and thin of living that I find the challenges that develop character and lead to personal growth. While I am not always pleased with my progress, I am thankful that change for the better is taking place. I have a long way to go, and the journey is not over. As I have stated before, PBPGITWY! Please be patient; God isn't through with me yet!

For further thought, please access my blog: indefenseoftruth.net.

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Expectations

BY MARK PATTERSON

Whenever we invest our money in any kind of investment vehicle such

as, stocks, bonds, real estate or commodities, we typically have an expected return plugged into our brains based typically on past performance. I can relate to you about my early years as a stockbroker in the middle 90s. If I had municipal bonds to offer, the yield to maturity was often between 4 and 6 percent tax-free to the client. Depending on the client's tax bracket, that could equate to a tax equivalent yield of eight or 10 percent. As a new broker, I would call the fixed income desk at my

firm and try to get new issue municipal bonds held aside for me to garner new clients. The municipal bond buyers were typically wealthier or mature clients compared to the typical equity or stock investors. When I did open an account with that equity or stock client, I would discuss expectations for returns in the market. Often times clients would tell me that the expected return was somewhere between 10 and 20 percent. Certainly, the 20 percent expected

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Wright Museum looks ahead to 2019

WOLFEBORO — For museums, half the battle revolves around how to connect the past with the future, which in the case of the Wright Museum of WWII History in Wolfboro is a cause for celebration next year.

"In 2019, the Wright Museum celebrates its 25th anniversary," said Mike Culver, executive director of the museum.

To celebrate this anniversary, the museum plans to host several special exhibitions in 2019 that reflect museum Founder David Wright's focus on the WWII American experience, both the admirable and less commendable.

In "Righting a Wrong: The Japanese Americans and World War II," Culver said the museum will examine "one of the more shameful moments for our nation."

"This is an aspect of our history that is very dark, and it is important we help to tell it," he said. "It will be a very powerful, very moving exhibit created by the Smithsonian Institution."

Through photographs of — and words by — WWII-era Americans, "The Last Good War: The Faces and Voices of WWII" exhibit will celebrate how an entire generation's identity was forged.

The "Esquire Maga-



"Righting a Wrong: The Japanese Americans and World War II," an exhibit created by The Smithsonian, will be at the Wright Museum next year.

zine: The War Years" exhibit will showcase approximately 60 Esquire covers, cartoons, illustrations and photographs.

"During WWII, the publication focused on aspects of American style and culture and provided a momentary respite from the seemingly constant and disheartening media coverage of the war," explained Culver.

In addition to special exhibits, 2019 will feature new interactive exhibits and informational stands positioned outside on museum grounds. The Remembrance Garden will be completed and more memorial bricks added to the Garden wall.

"There will also be a new season of exciting educational programs and special events to celebrate our anniversary," he added.

Unique to traditional WWII museums, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battle field. As the region's leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, Wright Museum will reopen in May of 2019, although school tours can be arranged from January-April.

"This is a special place, and we are all so grateful for all those who visit and support us," said Culver. "2019 is going to be a big year for us with exhibits and programs that could put us and Wolfboro on the national stage."

For more information about the Wright Museum, visit www.wrightmuseum.org or call 569-1212.



COURTESY

College students organize food drive to benefit homeless shelter

Student members of Lakes Region Community College's Bennett Library Club organized a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Belknap House, a homeless shelter in Laconia. Students donated six boxes of food and three turkeys. From left to right: Penny Garrett Advisor, Katie Neylon, Brianna Bergeron, Jennifer Moholland-Black and Belknap House Director Kathryn Holt.

Central VNA celebrates selection as Hannaford Helps reusable bag program beneficiary

Central NH VNA & Hospice, a non-profit committed to quality healthcare at home, has been selected as a beneficiary of the Gilford Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of December. For every reusable Community Bag purchased in the Gilford Hannaford during the month, Central VNA will receive a \$1 donation.

"We are honored

and excited to have been chosen by the leadership of the Gilford Hannaford," said Leslie Ari, Central's Development Director. "Honored because they recognize our good work, and excited because with all the extra holiday shopping, this could be a huge benefit for the many families we serve who are at or below the poverty line. Please if you shop in

Gilford, purchase a bag or two to not only help Central VNA, but also to help the environment just a little."

For more information, feel free to contact Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice at 800-244-8549. Knowing that patients are happier and do better at home, Central VNA provides healthcare and hospice where people live. Offices are in Laconia

and Wolfboro, and they serve 45 communities around the lake

The Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program launched in October 2015 and is designed to support local non-profits through the sale of the reusable Community Bags. For more information on the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, visit hannafordhelpsbags4mycause.com.

Brothers Gallery hosting last show of the year

WOLFEBORO — Brothers Gallery is pleased to announce its final show for the year. Our featured artist will be Ruth C. Webb, who is known in the lakes region for her whimsical white line prints and her paintings.

Come join us Thursday, Dec. 6, and show your support for local talent. The show begins at 4:30 p.m., and the vocal talents of Cat Faulkner will be featured from 6 'til 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Chamber seeking nominations for local business awards

MEREDITH — Each year, the Lakes Region Chamber recognizes businesses for their economic development, construction or improvements in the Lakes Region or Twin Rivers regions at their Annual Awards Luncheon & Membership Meeting. This year, the Lakes Region Chamber will recognize businesses at a special 100th annual meeting on Jan. 30, 2019 at Church Landing in Meredith.

The Chamber is seeking nominations for organizations that have remodeled, renovated or rebuilt in the 2018 calendar. Categories for eligible businesses are: retail (large or small); commercial; municipal; industrial;

and non-profit.

Three recognition awards are presented. The Golden Trowel Award is presented to a business to recognize their accomplishments for rehabilitation, addition, new landscaping, maintenance or other visible improvement. The Golden Hammer Award will be given to an organization for any noticeable construction completed in 2018. The third award is the Environmental Award, presented to a business that has made efforts and investments to being environmentally friendly, sustainable or green.

"The Lakes Region Chamber is so excited to recognize businesses for these prestigious

accomplishments," stated Karmen Gifford, Chamber President. "It is so important to acknowledge local businesses that have a vested interest in our local economic development. They have invested in the real estate which is an investment in community re-development making positive changes in our communities. We are proud to present these recognitions and pleased that it attracts a sell-out event each year for businesses to celebrate together."

To nominate a business, go to the Chamber website at LakesRegionChamber.org. Completed forms including a minimum of one photograph may

be submitted electronically or mailed to the Lakes Region Chamber, 383 South Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. Deadline for submissions is Dec. 21.

Lakes Region Chamber represents more than 500 businesses located in over 24 cities and towns. The mission of the Chamber is to create value for the members through collaboration and education that promotes an engaged community and thriving economy for the businesses in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. For additional information, contact Lakes Region Chamber at 524-5531, visit them on the Web at LakesRegionChamber.org or follow them on social media.

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David Corey White, 51

GILMANTON IRON WORKS — David Corey White went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 after a valiant 14-month battle with Non-Small Cell Lung cancer.

David was born in Littleton on March 22, 1967, the son of David E. White and Regina "Peggy" Corey White. David was employed for many years as a union carpenter of Local 40 of Boston, Mass. At the end of his career, he served as the shop steward for his organization. David's real passions were his music and family. David was a gifted self-taught musician, beginning his drumming career on a set of homemade pickle bucket drums as a child. During his music career David mastered many instruments. He was an exceptional drummer, but also loved to play guitar and bass. Over the years David performed with many bands. He was known to his bandmates as a dedicated performer, always looking to provide the best in music. David was a diehard Boston sports fan. He and his brother Mark were New England Patriots season ticket holders for many years. David also loved the Red Sox and even in his illness he savored this year's World Series win. York Beach Maine was one of David's favorite spots to visit as he loved the seacoast. He always looked back upon his childhood trips there fondly.

David will be remembered as a loyal brother and friend



who had a huge heart. He was a devoted uncle to his nieces and nephews. David was a fighter, he battled his disease with grit and determination for over 14 months, never concerned with his own wellbeing, but always caring about the impact his diagnosis had on his family. David will be greatly missed. However, we rejoice in knowing David is spending eternity in heaven.

David was predeceased by his mother, Peggy White; his paternal grandparents, Clinton White and Grace Dodge White; his maternal grandparents, Alexander Corey and Martha Romanos Corey.

David is survived by his father, David E. White; his daughter, Whitney Moreau of Manchester; sister Robin W. Hempel and brother in law Joe Hempel of Gilmanon Iron Works; brother Mark White; sister in-law Valerie White of Weare; his brother Alexander J. White of Meredith; nephew Joey Hempel; nieces Corrie Hempel, Meghann Hempel, Martha Hempel, Reagan White, Sydney White and step niece

Amanda Eaton, and her children Kyah Eaton and Ryder Eaton; step niece Nichole Eaton, husband Sean Donnelly and children Isabella Donnelly and Fiona Donnelly; as well as Donnie Harpell and Zander Carlson, whom David considered brothers. David also leaves behind many aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family wishes to acknowledge and thank David's cancer team at Massachusetts General Hospital for their excellent care and compassion.

Through David's journey, he was most touched by the strength he witnessed in all the children he saw battling cancer, facing this disease with courage. It is with that reason we ask that in lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Jimmy Fund at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in memory of David C. White to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168 Boston Ma 02284 or via jimmyfund.org/gift.

A celebration of David's life will take place on Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Harvest Bible Church in Gilmanon Iron Works. A reception will follow in the church hall following the service.

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

LRGHealthcare kicks off holiday season by giving

LACONIA — Despite the rain and wind last week, LRGHealthcare welcomed the holiday season through the gift of turkeys for all employees and providers.

Members of the LRGHealthcare Leadership Team were outside in the bitter wind and pouring rain at Lakes Region General Hospital, Franklin Regional Hospital, Laconia Clinic, and Hillside Medical Park to hand out hundreds of frozen turkeys. All employees of LRGHealthcare, including those at the off-site practices, were each welcomed to stop by and take home a 20-plus-pound frozen turkey.

As an alternative, employees were also given the option to donate their turkey to those less fortunate in LRGHealthcare's communities. In all, LRGHealthcare employees are proud to share they donated 260 turkeys to St. Vincent de Paul in Laconia and the City of



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Chris Blake (far left), Maintenance associate at LRGHealthcare, helped deliver 200 turkeys weighing in at 20 pounds and up frozen turkeys to St. Vincent de Paul in Laconia. An additional 60 turkeys were donated by LRGHealthcare employees to the City of Franklin Park & Recreation Department.

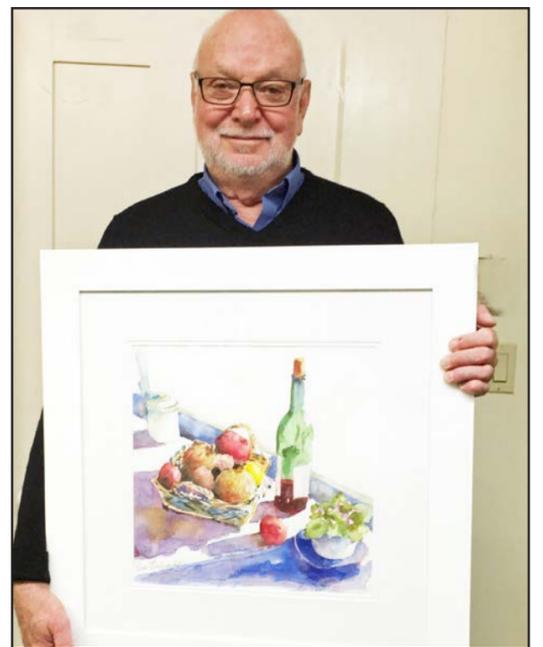
Franklin Parks & Recreation Department.

"We're so proud of the hard work and commitment shown by our employees and providers each day, that we really wanted to give them a gift this holiday season," stated Kevin W. Donovan, LRGHealthcare Presi-

dent and CEO. "What better way to kick off the holidays than by giving back to those we count on each day? And, we couldn't be prouder of those employees who then gave back to the community by donating their turkey to those who need it most."

Laconia artist Russ Thibeault to address Lakes Region Art Association

TILTON — Local economist and watercolor painter, Russ Thibeault will be the featured presenter at the Lakes Region Art Association's Annual meeting. Russ will pres-



COURTESY

Russ Thibeault, a Laconia watercolorist, will be discussing and demonstrating "Watercolor Painting the Charles Reid Way" at the Lakes Region Art Association's November meeting on Monday, Nov. 19.

ent an overview and demonstration entitled "Watercolor Painting the Charles Reid Way" at the Nov. 19 meeting of the Association. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the LRAA Art Gallery, suite 132, at Tanger Outlets in Tilton. The Gallery is located across from the Chocolate Factory, near the Tanger Office.

Thibeault has been a watercolorist for the past 20 years including being a juried member of the New Hampshire Art Association. He bills himself as a "Sunday Painter," meaning painting is a source of relaxation. He has studied extensively with Charles Reid, one of the finest living watercolorists, whose other students include, for example, Tony Bennett and Gene Wilder. Reid's workshops are held throughout the United States and Europe. Reid has authored nearly a

dozen books on watercolor techniques and multiple instructional DVDs.

Thibeault emulates Reid's style which strives to be loose and spontaneous, but still representational. Thibeault will present an overview of Reid's work and a demonstration of the drawing and painting technique he has learned from Reid. Attendees are encouraged to bring watercolor materials and paint along with Russ. The presentation, which is free and open to the public, will begin after a brief meeting of the Association. The LRA Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the appreciation of Art in the Lakes Region through promotion, education and display of the visual fine arts.

Some of Reid's work can be viewed at <http://www.charlesreidart.com/galW.html>.

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Belknep EDC helps fund improvements at Gilmanton Iron Works Market

GILMANTON — Working with the Belknep Economic Development Council, the Gilmanton Iron Works Market recently received the support and funding needed to upgrade their store at their Iron Works location. Belknep EDC provided loan funds for the purchase of equipment and energy upgrades.

Sean Lord, owner of Gilmanton Iron Works Market, said, "Working with Ken Wilson from Belknep EDC has been a pleasure while we pursued improvements to our store and found solutions to ease our cash flow. We cannot thank everyone enough for helping to make this happen. This is our second project with the support of Belknep EDC and we have enjoyed our collaborations with Belknep EDC, in particular, its' business revolving loan programs. All are invited to join us at our Open House



Left to right: Sean Lord, owner of Gilmanton Iron Works, and Ken Wilson, Belknep EDC Loan Officer.

on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1-5 p.m. to sample Simone's cookies, breads and Stollen."

Ken Wilson, BEDC Loan Officer, added, "We couldn't be prouder to work with Gilmanton Iron Works Market and assist this Gilmanton icon. Iron Works Market is a communi-

ty and business leader in Gilmanton and we greatly appreciate their support of our Lakes Region community. Their commitment to grow their business and create jobs here is commendable and we look forward to their continued success."

Works Market is a full-service grocery store and deli located at 1818 NH Route 140 in Gilmanton Iron Works. The local landmark has been in operation since 1900 and is open seven days a week year-round.

Belknep EDC is one of ten non-profit region-

al development corporations in the state of NH. Since its inception in 1992, Belknep EDC has brought \$3.8 million in new capital to Belknep County in the form of federal grants and loans that comprised the seed capital for its revolving loan fund. Belknep EDC has used this capital to make loans to 92 Belknep County businesses, which leveraged over \$75 million in capital from other sources and created or retained over 1,700 jobs. Our

loan fund continues to assist new and growing businesses who cannot access 100 percent of the financing they need from conventional sources. Belknep EDC works to retain and attract talented people to Belknep County, support entrepreneurs in Belknep County, enhance workforce development programs in the Lakes Region, and serve as a catalyst for development in the region. For more information, visit www.BelknepEDC.org.

A beloved American classic comes to LRPA

LACONIA—Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Nov. 30 & Dec. 1) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1940's film adaptation of Thornton Wilder's beloved play "Our Town," starring William Holden, Martha Scott and Frank Craven.

Set in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, "Our Town" uses a narrator (Mr. Morgan, played by Frank Craven) to introduce us to the people living in this small New England town. Life has not changed much here throughout the years: people are born and grow up, fall in love, marry, raise families and die. In that way, Grover's Corners is like any other place in the world. We meet Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs (Thomas Mitchell and Fay Bainter), who live next door to their friends Mr. and Mrs. Webb (Guy Kibbee and Beulah Bondi). Their oldest children, George Gibbs (Holden) and Emily Webb (Scott) fall in love and marry. Through the magic of the narrator, the viewer is able to examine the characters' most intimate thoughts, fears, hopes and regrets. Will George and Emily live happily ever after?

Thornton Wilder was awarded the 1938 Pulitzer Prize in Drama for "Our Town," and often called it the favorite of his works. The play debuted to rave reviews on Broadway that same year, featuring both Craven and Scott in the same roles that they would reprise in the film two years later. Both critics and moviegoers had much praise for the movie "Our Town," which went on to receive six Academy Award nominations: Best Picture, Best Actress (Scott), Best B&W Art Direction, Best Original Score (written by Aaron Copeland) and Best Sound Recording. Bosley Crowther of the New York Times

lavished the film with praise -- something he rarely did -- stating "We hesitate to employ superlatives, but of 'Our Town' the least we can say is that it captures on film the simple beauties and truths of humble folks as very few pictures ever do: it is rich and ennobling in its plain philosophy -- and it gives one a passionate desire to enjoy the fullness of life even in these good old days of today." What else do you need to know? Grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this simple, dramatic and stunning film adaptation of this most beautiful and tender story.

And mark your calendars: It's almost time for the annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction presented by CruCon Cruise Outlet, Tuesday, Dec. 4 - Saturday, Dec. 8. Join LRPA for minute-by-minute coverage all week long, locally on Channel 25, over Atlantic Broadband Channel 12 and also on Live Stream at <https://livestream.com/lrpatv/ca2018>. Or listen in with our fantastic radio partners 104.9 FM The Hawk and 101.5 FM WEEI! Stop by the Belknep Mall in Belmont to watch the action in person. Bid high and bid often!

You can't find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, Atlantic Broadband 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 Atlantic Broadband Channel 24 (educational programming and public bulletin board), Channel 25 (information and entertainment)

and Channel 26 (government meetings) to nearly 11,000 viewers in our member communities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. 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.



Friends sponsor 3D printing program at the Gilford Public Library

On Saturday, Nov. 3, the Gilford Public Library held a 3D Printing 101 program for adults. Mark Thomas demonstrated the 3D printer's capabilities, how it could be used in-house, and addressed specific questions from those in attendance who were interested in trying their hand at it. The program was sponsored by the Friends of the Gilford Public Library, who also sponsored the 3D-printer that was used. A frequent comment was how easy it is to use, despite the apparent sophistication of technology. With the help of the Friends, the Library has made efforts to make the 3d-printer as accessible as possible so that the whole community can make use of it. Those with questions about the program, the Friends, or the 3D printer can contact the Gilford Public Library at library@gilfordlibrary.org, call 524-6042, or text 367-0264 with any questions.

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Let the Lakes Region Singers renew your holiday spirits with two upcoming concerts

GILFORD — Have you been looking for a good way to get into the holiday spirit this season? The Lakes Region Singers could be your answer! This well-known community choral group will offer two performances of their annual Christmas Concert — one on Friday evening, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m., and another on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m.

“We have an exciting program planned for this season, with plenty of variety,” says Director Karen Jordan. “We will perform new pieces as well as old favorites, for all ages, and we will again showcase many



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History and Culture Day for Leadership Group

REGION — Leadership Lakes Region, the non-profit leadership experience, held its annual History and Culture Day recently. The full day's activities included a tour of the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, the Lakeport Freight House Museum, a leadership discussion using leadership styles from the movies at Laconia Public Library, the history of Laconia's Motorcycle Week and a presentation on the history and work of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society.

The jam-packed day was capped off with a narrated tour of the Colonial Theater Renovation project led by Leadership Lakes graduate, Jared Guilmett. The group enjoyed a delicious luncheon generously provided by Cactus Jack's restaurant of Laconia. Speakers during the day included Wolfeboro Chamber Director Mary DeVries, Historical Director Louise Horsken and Wright Museum Director, Dr. Michael Culver. Members of the board at the Lakeport Freight House Museum regaled the group with anecdotal stories of the importance of Lakeport to the history and economic foundation of the greater Lakes Region. Numerous artifacts and personal memorabilia were on display, and one Leadership Lakes attendee was heard to describe the Museum as “a hidden gem of the Lakes Region”. Several class members purchased 2019 historical calendars at the Freight house in support of the Museum's fund-raising program.

John Beland, gradu-



Leadership Lakes Region graduates and presenters John Beland (left) and Pat Tierney (right) join current class members Mark Cote and Kate Luczko at History and Culture Day.

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ate and board member of Leadership Lakes, then conducted a class discussion of the leadership style demonstrated by the actors in the movie “Gettysburg.” Beland's presentation followed words of welcome to the Laconia Library from Director Randy Brough. Next up on the agenda was Jennifer Anderson, Director of the Laconia Motorcycle Association, who traced not only the history of Bike Week but the economic impact of the event as well as the challenges as more and more recreational motorcycle events are scheduled around the country. Jennifer was followed by the Executive Director of the Laconia Historical and Museum Society, Pat Tierney who detailed the on-going efforts of his group to preserve the history of the City of Laconia and the region. A short walk followed to the Colonial Theater where Guilmett conducted the tour assisted by colleague Rob Turpin of the firm Misiaszek, Turpin LLC and Belknap Economic Development Council Director Justin Slattery. In addition to Guilmett

and Beland, Tierney and Slattery are also Leadership Lakes Region graduates. The entire day was planned and organized by Leadership

Lakes Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean and a team of 2018 graduates; Kristy Badger, Nate Hanson, Mike Sitar and Willow Furey.

talented soloists and instrumentalists from around our region.”

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.

The Adult Chorus program offers sparkling arrangements of familiar favorites such as “Tidings of Joy,” “Carol of the Magi,” and “Joyful, All Ye Nations Rise.” There will also be challeng-

ing new presentations of “See Amid the Winter's Snow,” “Breath of Heaven,” and “Pat-a-Pan,” plus a very amusing version of “The Twelve Days of a Re-Gifted Christmas.” The Youth Chorus will shine with performances of “Santa Claus Is Coming to Town,” “Dona Nobis Pacem,” “On This Still, Silent Night,” and “We Are Santa's Elves.”

Several numbers will feature soloists on cello, flute, and strings, as well as performances by the Adult Bell Choir. Phil Breton on piano will continue to accompany the Adult Chorus, while Kelly Cleveland will once again accompany the Youth Chorus.

Directed for the past eight 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,” says Jordan. “We hope you and your friends can join us on Dec. 14 or 16 for this year's holiday celebration!”

For more information, call the director at 998-8545, or email her at soprano00134@gmail.com.

Gilford Rotary's 32nd annual tree sale benefits local charities

The Gilford Rotary Club will launch their 32nd season of selling Christmas trees to benefit local charities Friday, Nov. 30 — Sunday, Dec. 9 at Gilford Commons/ Gilford 8 Cinemas on Route 11, Gilford.

Browse the great selection of fresh cut trees from noon till 7 p.m. Monday-through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. These New Hampshire grown, freshly cut, premium trees include hundreds of 1st quality fraser fir and balsam trees in all shapes and sizes from table top to 12-plus feet tall. Plus decorative holiday wreaths and bird wreaths.



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Gilford Rotarians unloading Christmas Trees for the annual sale to benefit local charities.

Stop by the Gilford Rotary Trailer for free hot chocolate, hot dogs and yummy corn chowder and register to win special raffle items.

The 32nd annual Gilford Rotary Club Christmas tree sale. Noon till eight Mon-Thurs. and nine till eight Friday, Satur-

day and Sunday. Now entering a fourth year at Gilford Commons/ Gilford Cinema 8 Plaza, Route 11, Gilford. Happy Holidays from everyone at Gilford Rotary.

Gilford Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women who

have accepted the ideal of service as a basis for attaining fulfillment in their business, personal, and professional lives, and by serving their community. Gilford Rotary meets Fridays at 7 a.m. at the Laconia Elks Lodge off Route 11A/Gilford Avenue in Gilford.



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New Horizons Band announces holiday concert schedule

Under the direction of Debbi Gibson, the New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region is pleased to announce their holiday concert schedule for 2018. The music, which began on 11/27 at the Belknap County Home, will continue into December, as follows: Dec. 12 - the Taylor Community at Woodside, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14-St. Charles Catholic Church in Meredith at 6 p.m., followed by a pot luck dinner, and on Dec. 18, the band will give a 6:30 p.m. concert at the Veterans Home in Tilton. All concerts are free and open to the public, offering festive, fun, family-friendly music, including sing-a-longs of old favorites, guaranteed to boost holiday spirits.

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come and learn how newspapers and pamphlets were first printed. Visit the Homestead Room in the Grange and see how a family could live in a one room home when they first settled in a new area before they built a bigger house.

Next, enjoy the beauty of the candles lining the street as you continue your stroll. Stop at the 1834 Meetinghouse (once a church) to warm up, admire the tree and perhaps partake in a cup of hot mulled cider. There are many museum items to look at located there, such as a quill pen and slates in

the school area, an old phone that was part of a "party line" where everyone on the line could hear it ring and listen in to your conversation. From 5-5:20 p.m. at the Meetinghouse, the Village Nursery School will be performing a holiday show. Afterwards, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., local favorite Larry Frates will be telling a story as he sketches the illustrations.

The Village Field will have a big bonfire, along with making your own s'mores. Santa will be at the Village Field Gazebo for children to visit.

Finish off the Stroll

with a visit to the 1838 Rowe House and enjoy some hot mulled cider in its kitchen. Its four rooms are truly furnished as a farm house would have been, with an icebox, butter churns and molds, glass milk bottles, rope bed, fireplaces, soap stone to warm the bed, and many historic items. The Gilford High School chorus will be caroling along Belknap Mountain Road.

Whether you start at the Library or at the Rowe House, families of all ages will enjoy a step back in time to fully embrace the magic of the 2018 Holiday season!

LRPA

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Festival in September, the Pumpkin Festival in October, the Lakes Region Manufacturing Symposium at the Belknap Mill, and this past weekend's Light Up Laconia celebration and the Laconia Holiday Parade.

"We're finding that special event coverage really remains important for the station," McNamara said. "We get a lot of requests for that from the public."

LRPA will be airing the entirety of the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction from Dec. 4-8 at the Belknap Mall. McNamara said they will be using eight different cameras for this event.

"Most TV you watch on a day to day basis is about three cameras and it's edited, we do eight cameras for this event," McNamara said. "Four and a half days of eight cameras — it's a lot of work."

She said they will be working a lot with students from the Huot Technical Center and many community volunteers.

LRPA has also been airing a program on art from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

One of their most

popular features is "After Dark," where they play vintage movies.

"I've actually had a lot of people contact us from outside our Atlantic Broadband area asking us how they can watch over the Internet," McNamara said.

McNamara said the station is working with an increasing trend that fewer people want to create shows in their studios and would rather borrow camera equipment to film their own content. This spring LRPA received a grant from Eversource for two new user-friendly cameras with equipment such as tripods that people in the community can borrow. Already they have received requests from historical societies in Gilford, Meredith, and Laconia as well as Belmont Parks and Recreation, Stand-up Laconia, and the Coalition for Families and Children.

Gilford selectman Richard Grenier hosted a couple shows from the Belknap County Sportsman's Association on rifle and handgun safety. Grenier said he really enjoyed the experience and working with the crew at LRPA, saying the cameras were easy

to learn.

"I really enjoyed it, and I plan on doing more in the future," Grenier said.

McNamara said this is a benefit of being part of a LRPA member community: being able to rent equipment to create programming.

McNamara said a third of the content on LRPA is created by independent producers. People can upload their programs through Dropbox or another secure server and LRPA will download them to air.

She said they would be happy to work with people and show them how to use the equipment.

LRPA is looking for volunteers, including members of the board of directors and different committees.

"You don't have to be an expert in television, you don't have to be an expert in anything; you just have to be interested in creating an opportunity for people to get their opinions aired on local media," McNamara said.

Anyone interested in doing their own program can contact McNamara through its website LRPA.org, calling, 528-3070, or emailing director@lrpa.org.

CRAFT FAIR

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they would like to contribute a fixed percentage of their earnings to the Children's Auction; an optional contribution.

The event is run by the senior class. All of the seniors will be helping set up an take down the fair starting around 11 a.m. on Friday and going to around 9 p.m. Class president Maggie McNeil said all the work is systematic with seniors doing the hard work, which she said is all worth it in the end.

"Being the president, I can say it's a little stressful to try to organize everything," McNeil said. "Everything always works out in the end."

The seniors will be selling coffee in the morning and meatball subs in the afternoon. They will have 20 different raffle baskets with items donated by a number of area businesses.

"Everyone's pretty

busy during the day, you're probably going to be working multiple tables," McDonough said, saying this is a team effort.

The craft fair is the senior class' biggest fundraiser and a major fundraiser for a number of other classes and clubs. Proceeds will go to getting each of the seniors a fee yearbook, a t-shirt, and offsetting the costs for the class trip to Maine for white-water rafting and a cabin stay.

"I haven't had classes with half of our grade, so it will be a great way to meet them," McDonough said.

There will be a raffle for a table at next year's fair with the proceeds going to the junior class to give them a head start for their senior year. Class co-advisor Margie Cybart said around \$300 was raised last year.

McDonough said the fair is something peo-

ple can come to and stay or a few hours with the different vendors and food.

"It's really great with all the personalized gifts you're not going to find anywhere else," McDonough said.

Gallagher said this is one of the bigger events in town that supports the small community and small businesses. He enjoys spending time with all the different vendors and it's possible to walk around the school all day and talk to the vendors.

BUDGET

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"They did a good job finding something that we may have missed," Grenier said.

Selectman Chan Eddy agreed, saying they went over numbers and found things he wouldn't have thought about.

"The Budget Committee made a good catch," Eddy said.

The selectmen unanimously voted in favor of revising the budget figure on the warrant with these additions by the Budget Committee. This will bring the overall proposed budget to \$14,219,008, minus special warrant articles voters would be deciding on a budget article of \$13,739,027. With a projection of \$5,949,605 in revenue the municipal tax rate is estimated at \$5.10 per \$1,000 in assessed valuation.

One article that will be on the ballot is a request for \$10,000 toward the construction of a columbarium at Pine Grove Cemetery. Town Administrator Scott Dunn said this project

will be closer to \$40,000, the \$10,000 will be seed money for the project and the Cemetery Trustees want to fundraise a good portion.

Eddy said having a columbarium seems a lot

friendlier to land space with 400 urns and containers able to go into the columbarium.

Eddy, who is also the selectmen's representative to the Planning Board, said the Planning

Board is not anticipating putting forward any zoning ordinance amendments. He said two issues were addressed but they didn't have enough time to turn those into formal warrant articles.

EVENTS

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brary, and art show at the SAU office, and a bonfire and visits with Santa at Village Field, and many other locations.

The Union Meetinghouse, Mt. Israel Grange, and Benjamin Rowe House will all be open with different activities. There will also be horsedrawn carriage rides and carolers walking up and down the road.

Kids can make some extra money and visitors can buy some handcrafted items from local kids during the GYC's Kids Market

on Saturday, Dec. 15. Kids ages 5-14 can sign up to sell their own jewelry, art, toys, food, or anything else they come up with at the market from 9 a.m.-noon. The GYC will provide a table and chair for a suggested donation of \$5.

To sign up for the Kids' Market, visit www.gilfordyouthcenter.org.

This is not an exhaustive list of all holiday activities in the area. More will be scheduled throughout the month.



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BOWLING

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Krysten Adel and Rob Stewart from All Brite Cleaning & Restoration (center) presented Salvation Army's Captain Scott McNeil and Nora McNeil with a check for \$2,173 generated from their 9th Annual All Brite Bowling Tournament held at Funspot on Nov. 14.

states All Brite President Rob Stewart.

All Brite Cleaning & Restoration is known in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire for their support of many charitable causes such as the American Red Cross Blood Drives, Salvation Army Food Drives and support for those fighting breast cancer via Cleaning For A Reason®. The All Brite team is already plan-

ning for their 10th year, and are looking to the community for ways to raise even more with this fundraiser. Anyone interested in participating can call Krysten Adel at 524-4889.

All Brite Cleaning & Restoration has also scheduled their annual Food Drive for the Salvation Army. They will be collecting food at Market Basket the first three Saturdays in December

from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Each year, All Brite matches the value of all the food collected to help those in need during the holiday season.

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

NOTEBOOK

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There is no shortage of milkweed in northern New England except for places where what passes for "progress" has paved it over, (b) Our songbird habitat does not seem to have changed all that dramatically, and (c) The law-flouting destruction of Central and South American forests is an absolute international disgrace.

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Milkweed seems to do best around old fields and pastures, around swamps, and along country roads.

Northern New England is losing its openings--the old term for fields and pastures--at an alarming rate. Along with losing openings comes losing views. As some old-timer advised me a long time ago, you can't see a thing from under 40 feet of trees.

But in my book, it's mostly sheer development--where such places end up broken up, bulldozed, built on and mowed--that's spelling the gradual, largely urban and suburban, loss of milkweed.

And I think that the destruction of the Monarch butterfly's winter habitat--the end and beginning of such an incredible migration--has far more to do with its sad decline than our much more gradual loss of fields, pastures, and country roads.

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To my mind the woods have always been full of bird song, and I enjoy watching birds visiting my feeders. But I've noticed a decline in bird song in the woods, particularly over the past ten or 15 years, and the numbers at my feeders seem to be down as well.

Despite recent rancor (and resultant talking-head hysteria), we are a nation that follows the rule of law. And if some outfit crossed certain palms and began hacking away at the White Mountain National Forest with nary a permit or public hearing, we'd take to the streets with pitchforks and torches.

Most well-informed people, I believe, know that this is certainly not the case in some countries in Central and

South America. Graft and corruption remain rampant, and one can hack away with abandon. Why is this so seldom mentioned? What's with all this tip-toeing around?

Part of it, I think, is that nobody wants to be seen as beating up on a Third World nation. Wait--can't call them that. Developing world? Nope, that suggests that any and all development is good, a synonym for progress. Okay, maybe the currently popular "emerging nation," which somehow reminds me of (guess what?) butterflies.

And lest we get too smug, we share the blame--by being such consumptive, price-driven piglets, with hardly a thought on source or situation.

(This column runs in a dozen newspapers covering the northern two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, are welcome via camp-guyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

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MARKETS

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tation was high, but the 10 percent return expectation was a minimum expectation for those equity clients.

Mostly, the investor is using a benchmark of returns from the past to form their expectations of returns in the future. This is often times unrealistic given interest rates and market returns over the last 15 years. Instead of benchmarks based on past market returns maybe we should think about the necessary return needed, that is reasonable in today's interest rate environ-

ment that we require for our future income.

Between 1984 and 1999 the S&P 500 returned nearly 18 percent per year including dividends. So my client back in 1995 who expected up to 20 percent was really just conditioned by what the markets were actually returning. The next 15 years, 2000 through 2015 the S&P 500 returned a little over 4 percent, including dividends. Today, the yield on the 10-year note is about 3 percent. In 1995, the yield on the 10 year note was about six and a half per-

cent.

If you are investing money today, just think about real returns in this interest rate environment and understand that the dividend paying stocks are vulnerable to market volatility based on the fact that many investors and their advisors have chased yield and have taken, in my opinion, too much risk for that reward.

An investment grade corporate bond portfolio can offer a yield of between four and 5 percent. If structured properly your advisor should be

able to immunize the portfolio against interest rate risk. When the bond matures, a skilled asset manager should be able to re-allocate the money back into the portfolio, guided by the yield curve. I am not anti-common stock or equities; my intentions are to maximize returns and minimize risk. The bond market is nearly twice the size of the stock market however, many new clients that I consult with are primarily in stocks or equity, and bond funds that are "perpetual" by design. I get it, stocks are much more exciting than bonds and bond funds that are "financial advisor" easy compared to structuring a real bond portfolio of individual investment grade corporate or municipal securities. Research tells us that our brains chemically react three times greater when we are getting hurt in the markets as opposed to positive reactions in good times, so let's at least balance our portfolio and mitigate risk by structuring a truly diversified portfolio that is crafted with conviction and purpose.

Sharpe sell-offs or elongated bear markets deplete our monetary and emotional capital.

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Gunstock ready to roll for new season

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD—Snow has been ample in the late fall this season, and this has skiers and snowboarders chomping at the bit to hit the slopes. Fortunately for them, Gunstock will be opening on Nov. 30, with Marketing Director Mike Roth saying he and the rest of the Gunstock crew are very excited to get the winter under way.

“Temperatures have been perfect and our updated fleet of snow guns are letting us push record amounts of water to take advantage of the conditions,” Roth said. “We are pretty excited.”

The snow guns have been blasting on the trails near the Pistol lift, as well as the lower trails like Phelps and Ricochet. The base has already gotten a head start thanks to the unseasonably early snowstorms the area has experienced, and with temperatures into the 20s and below at night helping the snowmaking, it has been the perfect storm for the resort to have a great start.

Roth said the mountain will most likely have about 10 trails open, but much of this is weather and temperature dependent in the days leading up to the opening. He said the trails coming



Gunstock has already been blessed with natural snow, and the mountain's snowmaking capabilities have set things up for a great start to the winter.

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(Left) Snow guns have been blasting at full force at Gunstock in preparation for the opening on Nov. 30.

from the summit and the Tiger lift will most likely be open at a later time, and the focus now is to get the trails coming from the Ramrod Quad and Pistol open to the public.

“We run at a high pressure and low pressure mode, and low pressure lets us go wall to wall at the base area, so I think we will probably have those runs in the lower area,” said Roth. “If we get below 20-degree weather a few nights we might be able to get three additional runs open.”

As far as the snowmaking capabilities this year, there is a total of 20 guns that allow the mountain to deploy the equipment they have in new ways. Roth explained that the guns have been put in where best suited for different types of terrain to have optimal snowmaking. There are some new guns as well as the older guns being used, and they have a value of about \$100,000. Roth said the mountain got a tremendous deal on them through taking advantage of credits through the state.

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Field hockey All-State spots for three Golden Eagles

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BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Gilford High School field hockey team had an excellent season, going 11-5 and making it to the semifinals in the Division 3 state tournament. The team was led by senior Brianna Salanitro and junior Randi Byars, who both made first team All-State, as well as second team All-State sophomore Taryn Fountain.

Brianna Salanitro

Salanitro made major strides in her senior season, leading the team with 22 goals, which put her at fifth in the state. This was more than double the offensive output from the previous seasons. Coach Dave Rogacki said this came at an ideal time with the team losing Kellie Ryan to graduation last year, a player who averaged about 20 goals per season with the Golden Eagles.

"Her experience at that one side of the field really showed especially in the playoffs," said Rogacki. "She was so important to us."

Salanitro was also an NCAA Academic All American, which means she posted a GPA of higher than 3.5.

When Salanitro found out she was named All-State she said she was very surprised since she has always seen the top players from around the league nominated. She said it was her first major individual accomplishment, so she is proud of the honor.

Salanitro added that she couldn't have done this without the players she is surrounded by. She said the achievement is a big deal to her, but not just about getting a plaque or recognition in the newspaper. It shows how hard she and her team worked this season.

She recalled the semifinal game against Hop-



Brianna Salanitro made first team All-State in her senior season.

BOB MARTIN



Randi Byars was one of the top defenders in Division 3 and she was named first team All-State.

BOB MARTIN



Midfielder Taryn Fountain was named second team All-State this season.

BOB MARTIN

kinton where the Golden Eagles lost 2-1 as being the top game of the season for Gilford. The Golden Eagles came in ranked sixth and narrowly lost to the second-ranked Hopkinton squad. There was a two-and-a-half hour break due to a storm and she felt this brought the

team together and helped them finish the game strong. While the Golden Eagles lost and everyone was sad, she knew they team put it all out on the field.

"The season, overall, went very well for my team," said Salanitro. "We made a lot of con-

nections and toward the end of the season learned how to play/communicate with each other very well. Although we lost in semifinals, there's nothing for us to be disappointed in because we gave it our all and played very well. Leaving this team is going to be very

hard for me and the other senior who played, Nicole Berube. This is mostly due to our great coach, Dave Rogacki. He has been more than a coach to us and we will never forget all the things he's done to help."

Randi Byars

Byars was described by Rogacki as "one of the top defenders in the state," and he said her versatility has been incredible. In her freshman season she didn't allow a goal while playing on the strong side of the field. The next year she requested moving to the middle of the field to cover more ground and take on more responsibilities.

"She is very well respected around the state and is one of the best defenders around, in the state and really in New England, as well," said Rogacki. "She did such a great job against Hopkinton in the playoffs where she really controlled a lot of the game."

Rogacki said during the season when the team played Hopkinton there was very little attack coming from Gilford. Then the team shifted focus in the semifinals and he said a lot of this is due to Byars getting to the ball quicker and taking more responsibility.

"We still have her for another year so if she can continue to improve defensively that will really continue to help us," said Rogacki.

Byars said she was honored to be put in the same category as the top players around the division, and she said she is not only proud of herself, but also the other teammates recognized.

"It means that hard work pays off," said Byars. "Although I have been a varsity starter for three years and was a captain last year as well, I didn't feel like I was playing my absolute best. This season, I was able to score while playing defense and I was also added to the offensive corners. Playing offense was something new to

me, but I was able to learn and grow as a player. Being recognized is an absolute honor and I look forward to progressing more next year."

Byars felt that her best game of the season was in the quarterfinals against Bishop Brady. She said she felt like she controlled the circle and defended key players well. She also felt it was one of the best team games, as the Golden Eagles worked together well under pressure.

"After losing some strong players and going into the end of the season 5-5, a lot of people counted us out," said Byars. "But, our team never lost hope and us players that have been playing for a couple years know that anything can happen in playoffs. We were able to make it all the way to the semifinals, but we fell short. Next year, the upcoming class will give us the numbers we need to have a strong group of starters as well as a strong bench which we lacked this year. I look forward to what we will be able to accomplish with new faces and strong leaders."

Taryn Fountain

Fountain was named All-State second team and Rogacki felt that she was nominated for her strong transition play at midfield. When Byars moved to the middle of the field, Rogacki felt that the team could benefit from her speed so she was moved up a line to midfield from defense.

"The second half of the season she did everything we needed her to do to take advantage of the speed up front with Laurel (Gingrich), Nicole (Berube) and Bri (Salanitro)," said Rogacki. "We weren't playing so flat footed and Taryn understands that process."

Rogacki said she looks forward to seeing Fountain progress even more this season by getting involved in shooting off the corner plays, rather than passing be the primary focus.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

How Should You Respond to Wild Swings in Financial Markets?

What's going on with the financial markets? Specifically, what's behind the price swings of the past several weeks? And, more important, how should you, as an individual investor, respond?

To begin with, the recent volatility was not really all that extraordinary. The daily drops pushed U.S. stocks down about 10% from their recent record highs, although they have regained some of that ground. A 10% drop represents a "correction" – not a crash – and historically, corrections have occurred about once a year.

So what seems to have caused these market jitters? Here are the key culprits:

Anticipated slowdown in economic growth and corporate earnings. The stock market is forward-looking – investors make decisions based on what they think will happen. And right now, many investors are anticipating a slowdown in economic growth (partially due to higher tariffs and trade disputes) and corporate earnings (as the jolt from the corporate tax cuts begins to fade). We may still see reasonably strong economic growth and corporate profits, but possibly not at the same level as we had for much of 2018.

Rising interest rates – The Federal Reserve raised interest

rates in 2018. While higher rates are not bad for all market sectors, they can slow the expansion plans for many businesses, resulting in reduced growth prospects. The Fed may continue its gradual rate increases, but investors are closely watching for any signs that might lead the Fed either to pause or increase rates more rapidly.

Slowing global economy – The global economy is growing more slowly than expected, resulting in lower returns for international stocks and a particularly sharp decline in emerging markets.

While it's useful to understand the factors causing the recent

stock market gyrations, you'll want to focus primarily on what you can control. Consider these suggestions:

Keep realistic expectations. Try to maintain realistic expectations about how your investments are likely to perform over time. After five years in which the S&P 500's returns have averaged almost 14% per year, we may well be in for a period of more typical returns, possibly in the 5% to 6% range. As always, though, there are no guarantees when it comes to anticipating the performance of the financial markets.

Review your mix of investments.

From time to time, and sometimes in response to changing market conditions, you may need to change the mix of investments in your portfolio. So, for example, if higher market volatility makes you uncomfortable, you may want to consider adding bonds or other fixed-income vehicles, as these types of investments tend to stabilize stock-heavy portfolios during turbulent times.

Don't get scared away from investing. You may not like seeing multi-hundred-point plunges in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, but don't get scared off from investing. After all, recent stock market history has taught the

value of patience: If you had given up on investing in March 2009, at the market's low point in the Great Recession, you would have missed out on the 300 percent gains achieved before the current round of volatility. Of course, the market's past performance can't guarantee what will happen next.

The financial markets will always fluctuate – sometimes violently. But as an investor, you should strive for calmness, patience and discipline – because these attributes can help you look past today's headlines toward the future you envision.

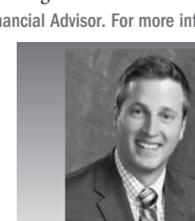
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Van Bennekum wrap up collegiate soccer career

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — Gilford High School alum Nicholas Van Bennekum was part of some incredible soccer teams while in high school, and he took the skills to the college level where he was a second team All-American center back for State University of New York Environmental Science and Forestry School.

Van Bennekum, who graduated from Gilford in 2015 and is graduating from SUNY-ESF in December with a Construction Management degree, was a four-year member of the men's soccer team and just wrapped up his final season with the Mighty Oaks, and what a ca-

reer it was. He worked his way up from a freshman trying to make his name known to a two-year captain that was a leader on the team. This season he was selected as an HVIAC All-Conference player and was also a USCAA All-American.

Van Bennekum entered the program with the Mighty Oaks in a fortunate scenario where he had a great relationship with then head coach Dan Ramon, as well as Adam Scalisi who was an assistant but later became the team's head coach.

In his freshman year he got his shot just a few games into the season when he started as a right back, coming in

for an injured player. This was his time to shine and Van Bennekum said he ran with it.

"I was very successful early and played with all seniors in the back who I really looked up to," Van

Bennekum said. "They were great teammates and people I strived to be like."

In his sophomore year he started at right/center back with mostly upper classmen. He looked at this as a year to shine even

more, as he was there for a full season and had experience under his belt. Van Bennekum knew he was in a position to step up and be a leader on the field.

During his sophomore year he helped lead his team to win-

ning the conference championship for the first time in school history.

"This was actually one of my most memorable games," said Van Bennekum.

Come junior year, SEE VAN BENNEKUM PAGE B8

GUNSTOCK

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"What we really love is that we can be more in tune with what we are trying to blow," said Roth. "We had a 75 or 80-hour window of tremendous snowmaking opportunities."

Roth said the way the output of snowmaking is measured is through gallons of water pumped out of the pump house. The record prior to this year at this time period

was 7.5 million gallons over 24 hours, and this year the mountain went above and beyond this by pumping out 8.1 million gallons.

"The opportunities get tighter and tighter these days, so that is where the investment in snowmaking has made a major difference," said Roth. "We can have more equipment running and losing less air

with this low energy, high efficiency stuff. It lets us max out our water pumps without getting anywhere near using all our air."

While downhill skiing will be open for the first time this season on Friday, the mountain has been a bustle of activity. Gunstock hosted a rail jam on Black Friday and the outdoor center has been open for

limited cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The mountain, as has been customary for most recent years, has been budgeted to open from the first weekend of December until the first week of April.

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VEN BENNEKUM

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COURTESY

Nicholas Van Bennekum just finished a great career playing soccer at SUNY-ESF and is graduating in December.

Van Bennekum was elected captain but unfortunately went down with a foot injury that sidelined him much of the season. He was there as a vocal leader for the team, which he said helped immensely.

"I didn't shy away from the leadership role because I was hurt, and I got a great response from my teammates," said Van Bennekum.

With his foot healed, Van Bennekum knew his senior year was the time for him to go all in. He idolized the upperclassmen when he was younger and now it was time for him to lead. The team went on to win another conference championship and had a wild card bid in the national tournament.

"I couldn't imagine winning on a better note," said Van Benne-

kum. "We weren't conference favorites going in and we went out and played our hearts out. The team did well and I was very proud of them."

Aside from the conference title game in his sophomore season, Van Bennekum reflected back on several other memorable games. One was the "Barkeater Cup" during his freshman year, where the Mighty Oaks beat rival



COURTESY

Nicholas Van Bennekum was a Gilford High School graduate and in college he shined as the center back for SUNY-ESF.

environmental school Paul Smith's College. He said it is always a great rivalry tournament between two teams that have a large amount of respect for each other. He recalled one year where the Paul Smith's College captain had perished in a car crash the night before the game. There was emotion in the air like no other, he said, and it was special to be a part of.

"We have a lot of respect for those guys and it was a huge game," said Van Bennekum. "I remember meeting in the middle with both teams and we did a prayer in remembrance for him."

Another moment he remembers was during his senior season where the Mighty Oaks defeated rival King's College three times in one season, saying this was a big accomplishment over a skilled team.

"A lot can happen in 90 minutes so three games in a row was a big accomplishment," said Van Bennekum.

Scalisi recalls his time with Van Bennekum fondly, saying that they were very close during his four years.

"Of all the players that I could have been asked to contribute to an article about, Nick would be both the easiest and most difficult player to do this with," said Scalisi. "The easiest because I have a lot I could say about him through different lenses but also the most difficult because we have been through and grown through a lot together the past four years, and trying to sum it up in a concise manner is not an easy task."

Scalisi explained that Van Bennekum's freshman season was also his first year as assistant coach for his alma mater. Scalisi saw a lot of himself in Van Bennekum, as he once played center back and also had the same type of commitment to the team. He said even during injuries he was devoted to the success of the pro-

gram.

"Nick's big heart was his greatest attribute that he brought to the start of every season," said Scalisi.

Scalisi recalls Van Bennekum during halftimes getting the team amped up. He said the center back has a unique role to set the confidence level for the team, and his halftime check ins were about tempo, control and leadership. He said it got to the point during his senior year where he would simply have to use a hand motion to get on the same page.

"There is nothing more valuable to a successful program than players who are in sync with the coach," said Scalisi. "It was always more than just soccer with Nick, we would kick back and forth topics about school, relationships and life."

Scalisi added, "Although I am proud of the soccer player he has worked to become, I am more proud to see how he has grown and matured as a whole individual."

Van Bennekum said his time playing at Gilford, under coach Dave Pinkham, helped shape him as a player. He said being in such a prestigious soccer program was huge going into the collegiate level. With graduation from college right around the corner, Van Bennekum knows that the next chapter of his life is afoot, but he has plenty of memories to look back on.

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