

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

GILFORD, N.H

Streetcar presents "All Together Now" this weekend

BY ERIN PLUMMER

mnews@salmonpress.news LACONIA – This weekend, Streetcar Company will present a special show celebrating community theater, marking its first musical since the pandemic.

Streetcar will do a production of "All Together Now" at the Belknap Mill featuring 15 classic songs from different musicals tied together by a story of a telethon supporting a community theater company.

"All Together Now" is a musical review that Music Theatre International (MTI) has offered for free to community theater groups to help them get back on their creative feet after the pandemic. The entire live theater industry was especially hit hard during the pandemic. "All Together Now" features 15 different songs



Ellie Feola and Becca Wittenberg belt out "Tomorrow" (from the musical "Annie") during a rehearsal for Streetcar's "All Together Now."

from different musicals.

"Basically, it was tailor made for us," said director David Nelson of Gilford.

Theater groups had the option of presenting the show however they wanted, whether as a concert type performance or within the context of an original story. Nelson wrote a script about a telethon that helps raise money for a small New Hampshire theater group like Streetcar with the help of a big name announcer.

Nelson said he had never written a show before, and started putting ideas down.

Nelson plays Jimmy, a personal assistant to nationally known host Malcolm Palladium, who he convinces to host a telethon for a community theater group in his hometown.

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Town anticipating further action on PFOA levels

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Levels of certain chemicals in the town hall's water might result in the town having to do additional testing and mitigation efforts, though the town has

Defending champs upended in semifinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

DERRY — The Gilford volleyball team has made a tradition of making it to the championship game, so when the Golden Eagles fall short came back with a lot of heart in that fifth set."

The Golden Eagles got out to a quick start in the first set, getting out to a 3-0 lead thanks to a good block from Alexa Leonard but Milford



nothing budgeted for such an undertaking.

During the Oct. 27 selectmen's meeting, Town Administrator Scott Dunn said a recent test indicated the towns water had a level of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) higher than the state's threshold and advised them to get ready for a possible order for testing and mitigation.

Dunn said the most recent test showed PFOA levels are over the state's threshold of 12 nanograms per liter (ng/l), though he said the level was "not alarming."

Tests were done within wells within a 500-foot radius of the property and Dunn said none of them showed high levels of PFOAs. He said the state still wants to do some additional testing.

He said he anticipated that the state would order the town to do additional testing, apply for a groundwater management permit, and install additional monitoring wells. The town, however, hasn't budgeted anything for that. Dunn said two years ago the town appropriated \$6,500 for a focused site investigation and all that money was spent.

Such expenses would qualify for some of the town's ARPA funds. Dunn said they anticipate money will be available from state and federal sources to help deal with PFOAs.

"There's nothing concrete right now, but I anticipate there's an order coming for us to do more work even though there are no PFOA's in the wells adjacent to us," Dunn said. of the title tilt, it is a little surprising.

The Gilford girls found themselves in the unfamiliar situation of not advancing to the finals last Wednesday night, as they came up short against a strong Milford team in the Division II semifinals at Pinkerton Academy, 3-2.

"I'll give it to Milford, they played great," said Gilford coach Amy Tripp. "We had the chances and that's the frustrating part.

"We want to swing away, and we didn't do that in the third and fourth set," the Gilford coach continued. "We came back and cut the lead to 4-3. The Golden Eagles answered with five points in a row to stretch the lead to 9-3 before Milford got back on the board again.

Leonard had a hit and Abby Seal added a hit as the Gilford girls opened the lead up to 12-5. Milford battled back to cut the lead to 12-10 and eventually got the deficit to one at 13-12, but a nice tip at the net from Riley McDonough and a hit from Maggie Shute got Gilford back on track.

Up 17-14, Kate Sullivan had a pair of solid plays, getting a nice tip SEE **VOLLEYBALL** PAGE 9

GHS tech putting "Urinetown" set together

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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The tech crew for Gilford High School's production of "Urinetown" is working to make everything from corporate offices to a sewer and everything in between to fit the plays wacky and

socially biting themes.

Division II semifinals.

"Urinetown" opens this weekend, and the tech crew is putting the final touches on the sets,

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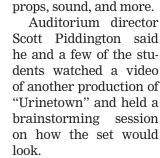
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Gilford High School students work behind the scenes on the coming production of "Urinetown."



"The set is multilevel, and sometimes we're down in the sewer, sometimes we're up on the street and sometimes we're in the offices of Urine Good Company," Piddington said.

The overall themes of the play are reflected in the sets, especially how a drought and corporations giving kickbacks to government essentially led to a situation

JOSHUA SPAULDING Sophia Lehr rises to make a hit over the net in action in the

A2 THE GILFORD STEAMER



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special **Events** Nov. 11 – Nov. 18

Thursday, Nov. 11 CLOSED FOR VET-ERAN'S DAY

Friday, Nov. 12 Senior Sculpt, 9 a.m. Preschool Storytime,

10:30-11:30 a.m. Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hand & Foot, 12:30

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

p.m. Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 15 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Baby Storytime, 10-11 a.m.

Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Storywalk Week,

10:30-11:30 a.m. Gilford Public Library joins in New Hampshire's Storywalk week, which celebrates

the improvements of health & literacy.

Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

History of the Lakeport Opera House, 1-2 p.m.

> Come and talk to one of the developers responsible for the revitalization of the Lakeport Opera House. Sign ups requested

Tuesday, Nov. 16 Senior Sculpt, 9-10

a.m. Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Thanksgiving Side Dishes w/ Annie's Cafe and Catering, 12:30 p.m., Virtual

Get ready to make a delicious side for your Thanksgiving meal with Annie from Annie's Café & Catering. Watch on Facebook, our YouTube channel. or on our website.

Line Dancing, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

How Thanksgiving Started, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

A living history presentation that follows Sarah Hale, a Newport native and President Lincoln. We will see her

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

- 1. "State of Terror" by Hillary Clinton & Louise Pennv
- 2 "Better Off Dead" by Lee Child
- "The Dark Hours" by Michael Connelly 3.
- "Jailhouse Lawyer" by James Patterson 4.
- "The Madness of Crowds" by Louise Penny 5.
- 6. "The Wish" by Nicholas Sparks
- 7. "Dear Santa" by Debbie Macomber
- "The Burning" by Jonathan Kellerman 8.
- 9. "Peril" by Bob Woodward
- 10. "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles

WHEELHOUSE KITCHENS

Thanksgiving declared a National Holiday and the events that followed up to 1863 when President Lincoln read his 1863 Thanksgiving proclamation.

30 year effort to have

Wednesday, Nov. 17 Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Teen Early Release: Pizza Bagels, 1 p.m. Paint Group, 1-3 p.m. Early Release Thank-

ful Mats & Centerpieces, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Come create your own thankful mats & centerpieces in time for Thanksgiving!

Thursday, Nov. 18 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m. French, 4-5 p.m. Book Discussion: "How Much of These Hills is Gold," 5:30 p.m.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 29 to Nov. 7. David Joseph Allaire, age 54, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 30 for Indecent Exposure and/or Gross Lewdness.

A 21-year-old male from Gilford was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Nov. 1.

Joseph T. Lemieux, age 55, of Carroll was arrested on Nov. 1 for Possession of a Controlled Drug, Breach of Bail, and in connection with a warrant.

Gardner M. Devos, Jr., age 34, of Newport, R.I. was arrested on Nov. 4 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault-Physical Contact.

Elizabeth E. Ellsworth, age 47, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 7 for Disorderly Conduct.

Joseph Marra, age 21, of Moultonborough was arrested on Nov. 7 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Youth Basketball registration deadline is Nov. 10! The Gilford Parks and **Recreation Department is** currently accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Program for Gilford children in grades 1-6. The final registration deadline for all divisions is Wednesday, Nov. 10. Any registration submitted after Nov. 10 will be accepted on an availability basis only. For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Herb Greene at 527-4722.

Moment-um Senior Breakfast and а Movie on Nov The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Nov. 15. We will meet at the Community Church, Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. for breakfast and a movie! To

warm-up for the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be watching the "A Family Thanksgiving." We will be serving a Continental Breakfast, which will include an assortment of homemade crumb cakes, Danish, muffins, breakfast pastries and a fruit cup. Juice, coffee, tea and water will also be available. Cost of the breakfast will be \$5 per person. Participants must RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 11. For more information or to RSVP please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 1 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Moultonborough Recreation Department are co-sponsoring a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The cost of the trip includes round trip motor coach from Moultonborough or Gilford and your ticket (section 324 of the balcony) to the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from Moultonborough Central School at 4 p.m. and the Gilford High School at 4:45 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. game. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable. Please be sure to review COVID-19 restrictions for the Coach Company, TD Garden and the City of Boston prior to registering.

Cost: \$100 per person

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation

weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 8, and will continue through Jan. 29 (in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather, it will be made up the week(s) following Jan. 29). Lessons begin at 10 a.m. and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop! Registration forms are available at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, the department's Web site at www.gilfordrec.com , Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop.

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Town will pay \$31,000 more to WRBP

BY ERIN PLUMMER

mnews@salmonpress.news The town will see a large, unanticipated increase in its bills for the Winnipesaukee River Basin Program and is looking into the reason.

During the Oct. 27 selectmen's meeting, Town Administrator Scott Dunn said there was a sudden increase of over \$31,000 in monies the

town owed to the WRBP. Dunn said when the town prepared its budget the WRBP gave them an estimate on what their bill would amount to over the course of the year, and the town budgeted accordingly.

He said they learned that the bills from the WRBP exceeded the budget by \$31,571. The money will come out of the

sewer budget.

"We're really disappointed in the fact that their estimates were so much lower than what the actual bills were," Dunn said.

He said they were looking into why there was such a large shortfall in the estimate and express their concern about it to the WRBP.

The selectmen also

agreed to give their support to legislation clarifying some language regarding the WRBP's replacement fund.

Dunn said the WRBP had been developing new language for its replacement fund, which clarified some language that wasn't completely clear before.

He said there had been "a lot of uncertainty" in how the state administered the replacement fund. Three years ago, the WRBP received an opinion from the state attorney general's office saying that the agency hadn't been administering the fund properly.

Dunn said legislation was in the works to clarify the language on the replacement fund, which said the way the fund

was being administered before was the way they wanted to go back to. The bill had been approved by the attorney general's office. He said he drafted a letter supporting the bill and asked that the board sign it.

The board supported signing the letter and sending it to Sen. Harold French and other representatives.

Children's Auction item collection sites open!

LACONIA-It's never too early to start thinking about the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, Dec. 7 - 10! If you're an early shopper, we've got you covered – there are many item collection sites now open where you can drop off items! All of them are conveniently located here in the Lakes Region:

ALTON:

Irwin Marine, 396 Main St.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 82 Wolfeboro Highway

ASHLAND:

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 5 Riverside Dr.

CENTER HARBOR: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 28 State Route 25

FRANKLIN:

Aubuchon Hardware, 880 Central St.

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cial Advisors, 402 Central St. GILFORD:

Gilford Tennis and

Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore Rd.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 1383 Lakeshore Rd.

rose Dr. N. Hiller Orthodontics,

394 Union Ave. Irwin Marine, 958

Union Ave.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 379 S Main St. (Route 106)

North Water Marine, 18 Endicott St.

The Wellness Complex, 827 N Main St.

MEREDITH: Edward Jones, 164 NH Route 25, #1A

Lee's Candy Kitchen, MillFalls Marketplace, 312 DW Hwy

Meredith Insurance Agency, 2 Lakes St. Meredith Village Savings Bank, 71 NH Route

104 and 24 NH Route 25 The Xavier Group-66 NH Route 25

MOULTONBOR-OUGH:

Village Meredith Savings Bank, 991 State Route 25

PLYMOUTH:

Hiller Orthodontics, 15 Town West Rd.

Lee's Candy Kitchen, 91 Main St.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 131 Main St.

TILTON: Tanger Outlets, Shopper Services, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton

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Household items

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About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the 2021 Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children donate? Items that bring is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps For more information about the Auction, the

New Hampshire region. nonprofits it supports com. and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.



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Concord Hospital -Laconia welcomes Krista Hachey, MD, MPH

LACONIA - Concord Hospital - Laconia is pleased to welcome Dr. Krista Hachey to the Weight Institute of NH.

Dr. Hachey graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's in biochemistry from Brown University in Providence, R.I., where she also attended the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Dr. Hachey entered the General Surgery Residency Program at Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center in Boston, Mass., and simultaneously earned her master's in public health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston, Mass. She also completed a research fellowship in thoracic surgical oncology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Hachey earned additional fellowship training in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Miami Jackson Health System in Miami, Fla.

Dr. Hachey is certified in the fundamentals of laparoscopic surgery and in fundamentals of endoscopic surgery.

Dr. Hachey is a general surgeon and sees patients at the Weight Institute of NH, located on the campus of Concord Hospital - Laconia. Weight Institute of NH specialists are dedicated to providing personalized, compassionate care to support patients in their weight loss journey.

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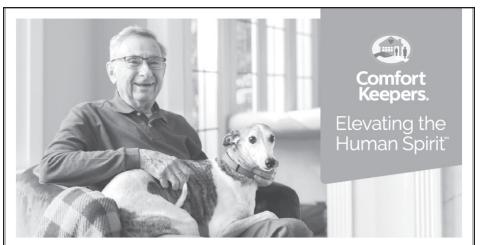
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GHS graduates complete Charles River Marathon

Two former members of the Gilford Volleyball Team and Gilford High School graduates completed the Charles River Marathon (26.2 miles) Sunday, Oct. 31. Brooke Beland and Charleyne Panner trained together starting in May of 2021, and were able to finish the marathon together. Charleyne and Brooke ran side by side throughout the Marathon. The Charles River Marathon was sponsored by and raised money to support the RACE Cancer Foundation. The RACE Cancer Foundation fights cancer through action and prevention. Their running events promote health and wellness in the community, reducing the risk of cancer while raising funds and awareness for organizations dedicated to fighting cancer. Their programs create opportunities to reduce and detect cancer through education, prevention, and screening measures. Their Sunscreen Squad fights skin cancer by bringing free sunscreen dispensers to outdoor events across New England.



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The origins of Veterans Day

We would like to begin this Editorial by sharing words of gratitude to our veterans. Thank you for your valor, your sacrifices and your courage to defend our rights and to keep us safe.

In honor of all those who have served our country, past and present, we thought we would share some history behind how Veteran's Day came to be.

The Great War was officially over when the Treaty of Versailles was signed in June of 1919, in France. Actual fighting ended seven months earlier between Germany and Allied nations, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Since then, Nov. 11, 1918 is known as "the war to end all wars."

In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. Wilson stated, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

In June of 1926, Congress officially recognized the end of WWI, passing a resolution. Part of that resolution stated, "Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

In 1938, Nov. 11 became a legal holiday to celebrate all veterans in WWI and WWII. Armistice was replaced with Veterans. In 1954, Veteran's Day would honor all veterans in all wars.



Food drive at Vineyard Church

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On Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club will partner with the Lakes Region Vineyard Church on a food donation drive to benefit the Vineyard Church food pantry. This event will be held in the parking lot of the Vineyard Church at 175 Mechanic Street, Laconia and will assist the Church's Thanksgiving dinner baskets program which provides Thanksgiving meals to under-privileged families. Particularly needed are non-perishable items, canned goods with pop tops including canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned cranberries, stuffing, and other holiday meal items. People can drop off donations in the parking lot to be collected by Club and Church members. Pictured, from left, are Marylin Brown, Lori Chandler, Pastor Dick AuCoin, Matt Soza and Bill Chandler.

FROM OUR READERS

Thank you for another successful Silverhawks season

To the Editor:

The players, families, and friends of the Gilford Silverhawks just wanted to say thank you to all of the coaches, assistant coaches, team parents, and other volunteers who helped put together another fun and highly successful season of youth tackle football. Since Aug. 1, the youths have been becoming better players as well as better people as they have learned the lessons of teamwork, leadership, and overcoming adversity that culminated in near-perfect seasons at every level. Special thanks to the Macaiones, Coach Andy and Director of Player Personnel (among other duties) Elizabeth, for their years of dedication to helping make the Silverhawks great from the ground up. The results speak for themselves.

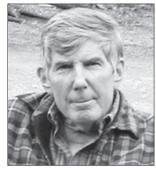
We hope to see all

returning players, plus many new ones, in August! Best of luck in Keene this Sunday, grades 7 & 8 squad! Enjoy the off-season, everyone. You earned it.

Friends of the Silverhawks Gilford

North Country Notebook

Hunters swore they'd seen this: "Yes! There it went! A zebra!"



By John Harrigan Columnist

I have so many Notes to Self kicking around my desk that a gust of wind could start a blizzard. Thus, it was good to check my desk the other day and find a note from someone else.

"Enjoyed your story on possums in the North Country," said a reader from Berlin. "I've been around for more than a few decades and had never seen one north of Ossipee until a few weeks ago when I caught one on a camera in my backyard on the east side of Berlin.

"Neat looking animal, and if they love to eat ticks, as I've learned, I hope they stick around."

To me, opossums look like they were made by the same committee that designed platypuses, with their floppy pig's ears, opposable thumbs on their rear feet, and tail so suited to hanging out. They eat ticks, all right, and just about anything else, including your garbage. Possums somehow remind me of armadillos. Maybe we'll get those too.

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When I worked for the New Hampshire Sunday News back in the '70s, I had the Fish and Game beat, and at this time of year (deer season) I had the habit of hanging out for an afternoon now and then at the Department's old headquarters building at 34 Bridge Street in Concord.

The old brick building was cramped but comfortable in the way that only old buildings can be. It was destroyed by a fire in 1984, and the Department had temporary quarters until it could move into a new building on Hazen Drive, on the Heights.

Joe Wiley was a game biologist when I had the beat, and he used to keep an unofficial list of animals reportedly seen in the woods by hunters. Sometimes some pretty strange animals made the list. One year, for instance, several people saw a zebra, presumably all seeing the same zebra. I kept waiting for the hippopotamus.

Another year several hunters reported seeing a huge black bull, going pretty much wherever it wanted (after all, it was a huge black bull). This led me to the question, what does anyone do about this? In an official capacity, I mean.

That was when I found out about a Round 'Em Up, Get 'Em Out service being run by a couple of experts at lassos and the like down around Milford. For a reasonable fee (they said), they would locate your wild-eyed, snorting beast, capture it, and bring it home, where it would kick your barn apart.

I wonder who's doing that kind of stuff today. If you have a cow or horse that's gone berserk, destroyed several fences, and run off to pick its feet in Poughkeepsie, who you gonna call? Not the Ghost-Busters, they're probably busy with another sequel.

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The Loon Preservation Committee says it's making slow and steady progress in restoring loons to all of their available habitat, but would be much farther ahead were it not for lead fishing tackle still out there on the bottoms of lakes and streams.

The loons spot the objects, mistake them for pebbles, and pick them up as grist for their gizzards.

In fact, the LPC says

three decades, lead fishing tackle has accounted for 41 percent of all loon deaths, far ahead of any other factor.

that during the past

Although tackle manufacturers quickly found other materials to use when lead was banned, plenty of old lead lures and sinkers remain in fishermen's tackle boxes. That's why the LPC began a program years ago to arrange swaps for gift certificates and the like to encourage trading in old tackle for new.

People who love to fish love seeing and hearing loons too. This year's LCP buyback program ends December 31, and November is a double-voucher month, meaning that fishermen can receive a \$20 purchase voucher for their old tackle. Details and a list of participating dealers can be found at loonsafe.org.

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The people who live along the Mekong River in Southeast Asia are among the Earth's poorest, with many families eking out a living fishing and farming. China controls the headwaters, and in the past 30 years has built 11 giant dams, the last of which has finally given it the ability to manipulate the river's flow.

After it leaves Chi-



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The lure known as a spoon was not lead, but the small jig just above it was lead through and through, and it killed this adult loon found on Umbagog Lake. (Radiograph courtesy of Meadow Pond Animal Hospital)

na, the Mekong flows through Myanmar,

Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and on into Vietnam. For millennia, people along the river and its many tributaries have learned to live with and benefit from its seasonal flows. In 2019, with the completion of its last dam, the Chinese chose an odd moment--the middle of an unusual drought---to shut the river down.

Was this a wagging of the ultimate Big Stick? China-watchers can't see how China has much to gain by antagonizing

its neighbors.

But one veteran observer had a simpler explanation: corruption. No-shows failed to collect rainfall, runoff and water-level data, he wrote, meaning that government officials and foreign policy-makers made decisions using faulty data.

(Please address mail, including phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@ gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)



Hayden McLaughlin of Belknap Landscape holds the four Cornerstone Awards his company won in 2021.

GILFORD —Last week, the New Hampshire Home Builders Association announced winners of the annual Cornerstone Awards, recognizing excellence in the building industry. Winners included local firm Belknap Landscape netting four awards in the categories best outdoor living space, landscape design, landscape construction, and stone/

masonry work. These awards add to a total of twenty-one Cornerstone Awards Belknap Landscape has received. Owner Hayden McLaughlin is quick to point out the group efforts a winning project requires.

"It takes a great team. From design to permitting, construction and finishing touches, everyone needs to execute on a

Mix Cash and Cans prize calendars on sale now

REGION — Mix 94.1 FM's 35th annual Cash & Cans Money and Food Drive for the Holidays is set for Dec. 10-17. A unique way to raise money is to purchase a Mix Cash & Cans prize calendar.

"The calendar is filled with over 4,800 dollars in cash and prizes, each prize donated to us by area businesses and individuals. And we appreciate each and every one of them," said Fred Caruso, founder of the Cash & Cans program in 1987.

Winners will be selected daily during December

lawn, and ornamental gardens. Another winning property on Silver Lake features a twenty-five-foot-long, sevenfoot-tall cylindrical retaining wall capped with a stone patio seating area. This wall, reminiscent of a castle tower, was constructed using a dry-stacked stone technique with some stones protruding into the retained earth over three feet, belying their size but creating a feature that will last the test of time.

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Granite VNA offers Grief in the Holidays support sessions

LACONIA — Granite VNA, formerly Concord Regional VNA and Central NH VNA & Hospice, is offering in-person and online sessions of Grief in the Holidays beginning Wednesday, Nov. 17. Sessions are open to adults grieving any beloved person(s) and participants can come to any one or more sessions

level worthy of an award.

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link and be successful."

McLaughlin says. "One

of these properties had

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nap team members and

partners involved from

start to finish. Every

one of them contributed

their unique skills and

Located on Alton Bay,

that property featured

a terraced landscape

with natural stone re-

taining walls and patios, a perched beach, fire

craftsmanship."

Online Thursday,

Dec. 2. 10:30 a.m. noon Concord

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. - noon Wolfeboro

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Mix Cash & Cans week is set for Dec. 13-17, with many events planned to benefit Cash & Cans happening the week before as well. For more information about the Mix Cash & Cans program, contact Caruso at 603-934-2500, by e-mail or online at www. mix941fm.com.



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This time of year can be full of memories, feelings, and challenges and sessions are for community members who have suffered the death of loved ones. Together, we will explore how to be tender toward our grief and our own needs during this time.

The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. noon -Laconia

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Sports

Undefeated season ends in semifinals for Gilford boys



Max Bartlett makes a sharp turn to get to the ball in semifinal action last Monday.



Aiden Bondaz races after the ball during action against Trinity last Monday evening.



Andrew McDonough tries to cut off a Trinity attacker during semifinal action last week.



Tanner Keenan watches the ball along the sideline last Monday night in Laconia.

Defending champs knock off Golden Eagles in overtime

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

LACONIA — Just a few miles down the road from their home field, the Gilford boys' soccer team took to the pitch for the Division III semifinals on Monday, Nov. 1.

The new month wasn't terribly kind to the undefeated Golden Eagles, as Trinity scored with 1:32 to go in the first overtime to take the 2-1 win, bringing Gilford's season to a premature end. net and 30 seconds left in regulation on the back door, you have to have that.

"We had a great season and they're (Trinity) a really, really good team," the Gilford coach continued. "I am proud of them, they had a phenomenal year."

The Golden Eagles came out strong with some good chances, as Tanner Keenan had a shot from outside that was stopped and Aiden Bondaz also had a bid stopped by Trinity's keeper. Keenan's cross was blocked in front and Tyler Lafond headed a ball on net

that was saved. Anthony Haddocks sent the ball through the cross that the Pioneer goalie snared, and Keenan had another shot that was stopped.

Gilford had the first corner, but could not convert while at the other end, Chance Bolduc had a good defensive stop. Bondaz sent Andrew McDonough in for a bid and then Bondaz made his own run, but the Trinity defense held tight. Bondaz and Max Bartlett connected on a chance but could not put the ball in the net. Bolduc had another good clear. Keeper Caleb Giovanditto was able to make a save on a Trinity chance and Bartlett turned the ball the other way, working his way through the defense, but his crossing pass was cleared out. Lafond also had a good defensive clear and Giovanditto made another save for the Golden Eagles.

After Bartlett sent a nice cross through the box that missed connections, the Pioneers came back with some good chances, including one in close that Giovanditto was able to stop. Trinity continued to pressure,

sending a couple of shots wide of the net and forcing the Golden Eagle keeper to make a couple of solid saves. Anthony Aguiar sent Bartlett in on a chance, but the shot was stopped by Trinity's goaltender. Tristan Reinold had a late bid for the Golden Eagles and the game went to the halftime break with no score.

Trinity came out strong in the second half with a couple of solid chances that Giovanditkick that Keenan headed out of the box and Giovanditto continued his solid effort with a save and the Pioneers sent a shot wide of the net. Bondaz came back with a chance, but the Trinity keeper held tight.

The Golden Eagles had a great chance in the final minute, as Gilford was awarded a corner kick and Keenan sent it just wide of the net and the end of regulation arrived with the two teams

"We had our chances," said veteran coach Dave Pinkham. "We had two in overtime, you have to put those in the

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The Pioneers had a chance go high and to was able to stop. Aguiar and Bondaz teamed up on a bid that was stopped and Keenan had a nice cross. Aguiar and Bondaz paired up again on a chance that was saved and Aguiar had a bid stopped as well. Giovanditto continued to make saves in the net.

Gilford had a corner kick that was cleared out and Trinity sent a shot over the top of the net. Bondaz was stopped on a run into the zone and Bartlett made a nice run up the sideline but was turned away. Haddocks had a good clear from the zone and also had a shot on net that was stopped. Lafond and Reinhold teamed up on a chance that was saved.

The Golden Eagles were awarded a penalty kick with 12:34 to go and Aguiar stepped up and delivered the ball to the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

However, just more than a minute later, the Pioneers were awarded their own penalty kick and they converted, ending Gilford's lead just 1:20 after they took the lead. Gilford came back with a corner kick that was denied and Aguiar sent a shot wide. Haukur Karlsson had a shot denied and Keenan made a nice cross to Bondaz that was sent over the top of the net.

tied at one. After a strong defensive play from Bartlett to start the overtime Bart.

start the overtime, Bartlett made a nice crossing pass to Keenan that the defense stopped and Aguiar got in close on a chance that was saved by Trinity's keeper.

The Pioneers were able to score with less than two minutes remaining, bringing Gilford's season to a close.

"We started well in the first 15 minutes or so, then we let them dictate the rest of the first half," Pinkham said. "In the second half, it clicked and we played better, we created good opportunities.

"Defensively, very seldom did they make it inside the 18," the Golden Eagle keeper continued. "They're a much better team than when we played them at the beginning of the year."

Gilford finished the regular season at 16-0 and earned the first seed, beating White Mountains and Kearsarge on the way to the semifinals. Trinity went on to win the Division III title for the second year in a row with a win in penalty kicks over Campbell on Friday night.

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Trinity had a corner



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Local runners tackle elite Meet of Champions

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

NASHUA — The best cross country runners from around the state descended on Mines Fall Park at Nashua South High School on Saturday for the annual Meet of Champions.

Two local teams, the Newfound boys and the Kennett girls qualified to compete and a number of local athletes qualified as individuals.

In the boys' race, Newfound finished in 15th

place overall, with Bishop Guertin, Coe-Brown and Concord taking the top three spots.

Gilford's Patrick Gandini, who won the Division III championship last week, finished in third in the Meet of Champions with a time of 15:27. Aidan Cox of Coe-Brown got the win and Torin Kindopp of Keene finished in second place.

The Newfound boys were led by Connor Downes, who finished in 54th place overall in 16:59.

Ryder Downes came in second for the Bears, finishing in a time of 17:26 for 89th place and Evan Foster was 114th overall with a time of 18:07.

Jeffrey Huckins finished in a time of 18:16 for 116th place and Joe Sullivan crossed in a time of 18:30 for 118th place, rounding out Newfound's scoring.

Ben LaPlume finished in 132nd place in 19:16 and Reuben Carruth finished in a time of 20:12 for 142nd place.

Berlin's Brayden Landry had a solid day, crossing with a 58th place finish in a time of 17:03.

In the girls' race, Kennett finished in 13th place, with Dover, Oyster River and Keene taking the top three spots. Division III champion Brianna Malone of Portsmouth Christian was the overall winner in 18:03, followed by MaryKate Finn of Bishop Guertin and Chloe Trudel of Souhegan.

Kaylee McLellan led

the way for the Kennett girls with a time of 20:22 for 63rd place overall.

Piper Lopashanski finished off her strong freshman campaign with a 66th place finish in a time of 20:24 and Amy Burton wrapped up her stellar Kennett career with an 89th place finish with a time of 21:03.

Grace Perley finished in 96th place in a time of 21:09 and Molly Dellavalla rounded out the scoring with a time of 21:21, which placed her in 99th

place.

Ella Ugino was 112th overall in 21:43 and Rylie Walker finished out the flock of Eagles in 138th place in 23:36.

Plymouth's Addison Englund ran to 82nd place overall with a time of 20:50.

Catherine Stow of Gilford finished in a time of 21:07, which placed her in 92nd place overall.

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Gilford soccer girls eliminated on penalty kicks Golden Eagles fall to Derryfield in quarterfinal round



BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Geena Cookinham races the ball into the zone in guarterfinal action against Derryfield.

son.

Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford girls' soccer team had its eyes on playing in the final week of the sea-

Thanks to Mother Nature, the girls did get that penalty kicks to outlast chance, but the goal of the Golden Eagles for the

came up short, as Derryfield scored four times in reaching the Final Four 4-3 win in the Division III

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Millie Caldon prepares to fire off a shot during the quarterfinals last Monday afternoon.

quarterfinals on Monday, Nov. 1.

The game was originally slated for the previous day, but Mother Nature's soaking of the Gilford field made that game impossible, so it was moved to Monday, ity of chances, but the

through with the tying goal, but then allowed a goal against the flow of play, as Derryfield took the 3-2 lead. Gilford tied the game at three and created the major-

the second half, coming

play," Meyers said. "It seemed a matter of time before we scored to take the lead.

"It didn't happen and we lost our on penalties," Mevers added.

Reece Sadler had a pair of goals for the Golden Eagles and Geena Cookinham added a goal and two assists. Hannah Gannon had a pair of saves in the Gilford net. Gilford finished the regular season at 14-2 and defeated Berlin in the opening round of the tournament. Derryfield went on to lose to Hopkinton in the semifinals.



Addy Harris reaches in to try and get the ball away from a Derryfield player in action last week.

kicking off the final week of the season.

"Not the way we wanted to end the season," said coach Rob Meyers. "The girls really showed heart coming back twice after being down.

"I know the girls are really disappointed, but they had a great season," the Golden Eagle coach said. "I am really proud of how they conducted themselves this year, they played hard each game and gave their all for their team."

The Golden Eagles came out slow and allowed two goals to Derryfield in the first part of the first half. Gilford slowly gained their momentum back and earned a penalty kick to pull them within one at the halftime break, 2-1.

Gilford dominated

ball stayed out of the net heading to overtime. Gilford continued to dominate the play in the two overtime periods and the game went to the penalty kicks to determine a winner.

Derryfield made their first four penalty kicks and Gilford made two, giving the Cougars the win.

"After we tied 3-3, I really believed the game was over, we were dominating possession and

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Financial tips for new veterans

On Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have served in our armed forces. If you've recently separated or retired from the military, or you will be leaving soon, you can be proud of the service you've provided to your country. But once you're a veteran, away from the structure and imperatives of the military, you may need to take greater control over managing your finances and protecting your family.

For starters, consider housing. When you were on active duty, you may have moved around frequently and found it more convenient to rent, but you may now want to purchase a house. Assuming you meet the eligibility requirements, you could apply for a VA loan, which typically does not require a down payment and is usually offered at a favorable interest rate. Make sure that you only take out a mortgage you can afford - you don't want to become

"house poor." You'll also want to save and invest for retirement. While on active duty, you could invest in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), but when you separate from service, you can no longer contribute to it. Now, if you get a job in the civilian sector, you may have access to a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, and you might be able to roll your TSP balance into your new employer's plan. If you become self-employed or open your own business, you may be able to choose from several retirement plans, including a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA or an

"owner-only" 401(k). But no matter what plan you have, try to contribute enough to meet your income needs in retirement, which could last two or three decades.

Furthermore, once vou become a civilian, you may need to consider two topics that have special importance

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to you and your family: health and life insurance. Regarding health insurance, you should be able to get coverage through TRICARE and/or the Veterans Administration, but you also may want to take advantage of employer-sponsored health coverage. As for life insur-ance, you will lose the coverage offered by the military (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, or SGLI) shortly after you separate from active duty, so you'll want to consider your options for your SGLI, such as converting it to either Veterans' Group Life Insurance or a civilian policy. Your new employer may provide some form of insurance as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient for your needs. In any case, if you have dependents, it's essential you don't lose life insurance coverage, even for a short time. Finally, be prepared for one neg-



ative aspect of becoming a veteran: fraud attempts. It's unfortunate, but scam artists frequently target veterans. Scammers may tell you that you qualify for "secret" government programs, but you must first pay a fee or provide personal informa-tion, which can then be used for identity theft. Or they might try to charge you for access to your service records, even though you can get them free from the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a general rule, be suspicious of anyone you don't know who seems overly eager to help veterans.

Entering a new phase in your life can be exciting and rewarding - and you'll enjoy it even more when you get comfortable with your new financial arrangements.

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\sim *Comfort Keepers* \backsim Loneliness and isolation can affect senior health

BY MARTHA SWATS Owner/Administrator Comfort Keepers

For seniors, maintaining social connections and staying in touch with loved ones not only improves quality of life, it improves health. Socially isolated seniors have a 59% greater risk of mental physical decline and than those who do not experience social isolation, and socialization has been shown to slow Alzheimer's and Dementia patient's decline.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 11 million, or 28 percent of people who are aged 65 and older, now live alone and almost half of women over 75 live alone. By taking intentional steps

to reduce isolation and reduce lack of contact, overall wellbeing is also improved.

So, how can seniors foster connection and reduce loneliness?

Social Media - Facebook, Instagram and other social media sites can help seniors stay connected to friends and family across the country. And many social media platforms have built in chat functions, games and other features that foster connection.

Togetherness Activities – For older adults, planning activities reduces lack of contact. This can be in-person, when possible, or through video chat and phone calls. Virtual or in-person activities can include good conversation, cooking and eating together, reading together, playing games, scrapbooking, or listening to music. And studies show that planning and looking forward to an event can have mental health benefits too!

Online Interaction Seniors may enjoy virtual meetups, online worship services, Facebook trivia night, virtual communities focused on hobbies, and other online activities can help people connect to others in their community without leaving home. For those that are able to go out, sharing hobbies and activities with others can bring joy and connection.

Virtual Volunteers For seniors looking for a sense of purpose,

there are opportunities to volunteer to help others from the comfort of home. This can include building Easter baskets for children's charities, sewing quilts for shelters, writing cards for military service members oversees and other activities that allow people to do good works in their free time.

Isolation and loneliness can be signs that a senior lacks the support and tools needed to live a healthy, independent life. However, with planning and deliberate action, fostering positive relationships and connections can be incredibly rewarding for everyone involved.

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Leadership group launches 23rd annual class

GILFORD — Leadership Lakes Region, the non-profit professional development organization, recently launched its 23rd annual Program Year. The event, Orientation Day, took place at Gunstock, where the 25 class members from 14 area towns were briefed on the organization's purpose and procedures over a delightful catered breakfast.

Welcoming the group were Tom Day, Gun-General Manstock ager. and former GM Greg Goddard, now of the Leadership Lakes Board. Goddard and fellow graduates Paula Glaude, Rachel Templar and Jennifer Kelley planned the day's pro-

gram with Coordinator, Jennifer McLean. Leadership guest speakers included Danielle Cyr, Marketing Manager for NHIS and Chief Anthony Bean Burpee of the Gilford Police Department. Both speakers are Leadership Lakes' graduates with Bean Burpee also serving on the Board. Scheduled activities for the new class were Zip Lining, Aerial Treetop Adventures and a walking history tour of Gunstock.

Post-luncheon guest speakers were Warren Bailey, popular radio and media icon of the Lakes Region and the "founding father" of what has become the highly successful hol-

iday Children's Auction and Allan Beetle, co-owner of Patrick's Pub, which has been a financial mainstay of the Auction for many years. Their topic for the class was " giving back" and how one or two individuals, armed with a positive, caring idea can change an area, a town or an organization as they have done, with support from throughout the Lakes Region and beyond, for the Lakes Region's children. This Orientation Day, sponsored by Gunstock, allowed the new class to bond and get to know one another; a critical component of the success Leadership Lakes Region has en-



Allan Beetle, Madison Harris, Greg Goddard, Alyssa Raxter and Warren Bailey. Harris and Raxter are members of the new Leadership Lakes class. joyed since 1998.

Light up the season with the Belknap Mill!

LACONIA — Lighting the windows of the Belknap Mill during the holidays has been a long-standing tradition. Every year candle lights are placed in each of the 122 windows of the historic Mill to celebrate the holiday season. On the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, through the end of January, Beacon Street East glows in the reflection of festive candle lights.

We invite you to join us in brightening the windows of the Belknap Mill! Dedicate a candle light in honor of someone special that you

would like to celebrate this holiday season. What better gift than giving the gift of light... the gift of hope...the gift of love. For each candle light you dedicate in someone's name they will receive a personalized card from the Belknap Mill acknowledging the gift from you in their honor. Your gift will also include acknowledgement in the Laconia Daily Sun, on the Belknap Mill's social media, and an invitation to the First Annual Lighting event, complete with a champagne toast, on Sunday,

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officially kick off the holiday season!

The tradition of lighting the windows at the Belknap Mill begins Nov. 1. Lights can be purchased online at www.belknapmill.org. All proceeds from 'Light Up the Mill' support our mission driven programming. For any questions please email us at: operations@belknapmill.org.

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and to celebrate the Lakes Region's cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement.





First Place

LRSF Executive Director, Karen Switzer (pictured at right) is thrilled to present the First Place School Trophy for this year's Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Second Annual Community Pumpkin Figure Decorating Contest to Pleasant Street School (Laconia) Principal David Levesque (pictured left) and students Evelyn Bullerwell and Fayth Bartlett (pictured middle).



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STREETCAR

Like many theater groups. Streetcar hadn't been able to stage any productions since the COVID lockdown in the spring of 2020 forced the indefinite postponement of its planned 50th anniversary show, a revival of "The Wizard of Oz." The company returned to the stage this summer with a production of "The Birds" (based on the short story by Daph-Dumaurier). "All ne Together Now" will be their first musical since 2019.

Nelson said this production has been going great leading up to opening day.

"(This) exceeded my expectations of what I thought the show could be," Nelson said.

Brendan Berube of Laconia plays famous host Malcolm Palladium, who he described as "professional" from how the dresses to how he makes himself heard.

Berube has been in a number of Streetcar shows, recently performing in "The Birds."

"I missed it so much," Berube said. "That connection you have with a live audience, there's nothing like that in the world." He will also be singing for the first time ever in this show. He was initially not going to sing, but was encouraged by Nelson, who convinced him to take lead vocal duties on the show's opening number, "Be Our Guest" from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast." Carey Hough of Gil-

manton Iron Works plays Sara Dutile, Jimmy's love interest.

"Sara is a small-town girl who is determined to help her local community theater organization come back after being closed for so long," Hough said. Hough returned to the stage after 21 years away. Hough said she started doing theater in eighth grade at Palmer High School in Massachusetts. She did some more theater in high school and started studying musical theater in college, but got into other things.

She said she has been missing it for a long time and decided to audition for the Streetcar show.

"It's been amazing; it kind of fills like a place that I didn't know was missing," Hough said.

Hough said getting back to it was hard at

first, but she got acclimated.

"I've found a great group of people here, and I've made some great friends," she said.

Streetcar veteran Patte Sarausky of Laconia plays Ethel Dingmeyer, an older lady who is hard of hearing.

Sarausky is currently Streetcar's longest serving active member. She first performed with the company in 1987 in its original production of "The Wizard of Oz," and has been a regular performer over the past 36 vears.

"People become part

of your extended family," Sarausky said. "You grow together, and you help each other out."

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She said it felt great to be back in the process.

"It's wonderful to be able to go out and to learn lines and memorize lyrics," Sarausky said. "It's wonderful to go through the process of the show again."

"All Together Now" will be performed at the Belknap Mill in Laconia Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door and online at streetcarcompany.com.

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at the net and a kill to push the lead to 19-14 and then the Golden Eagles closed things out with a nice hit from Sophia Lehr to finish out the 25-16 win.

Milford got out to a quick lead in the second set, going up 5-1, but Mc-Donough and Seal had good plays at the net to cut the lead to 5-3. The Spartans went up 8-3 before Gilford came back and cut the lead to 9-6. Another good hit from McDonough kept the Golden Eagles moving forward but the Spartans didn't back down. Seal had a hit but the Spartans went up by a 22-12 score.

Hits from Sullivan and Seal keyed a strong Gilford run that allowed the Golden Eagles to cut the lead to 23-19 and a nice tip at the net from Shute helped to cut the lead to 23-21. However, the Spartans got the final two points and took the 25-21 win and the match was tied at one.

The third set started with the two teams going back and forth, with Sullivan and Lehr contributing hits, but Milford went up by two, 5-3. Gilford came back and tied things at five and six and then an ace from Seal put Gilford in front by one.

In what might be looked at as the turning point in the match, Sullivan hurt her ankle when she crashed into the official stand making a play. While she originally stayed in the game and got another kill a few moments later, it was obvious that she was at less than full strength.

McDonough added a nice tip at the net and Sullivan, bad ankle and all, added a couple more kills. Shute had a pair of nice tips at the net to keep Gilford ahead, but the Spartans didn't go away, cutting the lead to 17-16. The Golden Eagles were able to slowly get ahead and walked off with the 25-21 lead.

Milford got out to a 4-1 lead in the fourth set until Gilford cut the lead to one on a hit from Leonard. Back-to-back hits from Seal pulled the Eagles within one after Milford went up by three, but the Spartans again went up, this time by a 15-5 score with nine points in a row.

A big hit from Mc-Donough ended the Spartan run and she added a couple more nice hits at the net to get Gilford back in the match. A block from Shute and a diving get from Mc-Donough allowed Gilford to pull closer and Sullivan added a hit that got the Golden Eagles within five at 17-12. The Spartans stretched the lead to 21-12 before Sullivan added another hit and Leonard and Shute combined on a block. A service ace from Sullivan cut the lead to six, but Milford closed out the 25-16 win to force a fifth and deciding set.

McDonough had a service ace to start off the fifth set but the Spartans got the next three points to go ahead. Shute and Leonard added hits and Seal had a block as Gilford was able to cut into the Spartan lead. A Seal hit made it 8-6 for the Spartans, but they then came back with three points in a row to open things up again. Another hit from Seal got Gilford back on track.

Then, McDonough took over on the service line and brought the Golden Eagles all the way back, pulling even at 12 on a hit from Sullivan and then taking the lead and extending it to 14-12 on another Sullivan hit.

Milford did not go away, despite being just one point away from elimination. They came back and took a 15-14 lead but a Sullivan hit staved off Gilford's elimination and the Golden Eagles went up one, 16-15. Milford pulled even but Gilford went up by one again, only to see the Spartans tie the match at 17. They then added two more points to finish out a thrilling 19-17 win and the 3-2 victory to advance to the finals.

"I'm really proud of my team," Tripp said. "It's a shame we couldn't make it to the finals, it would've been a lot of fun to play Coe-Brown."

She praised the work of her six seniors, Mc-Donough, Leonard, Lehr, Sullivan, Shute and Harper Meehan, noting Meehan had some key service points and

McDonough was a beast

on the defensive side of the ball, in addition to adding some key offensive hits when Sullivan was playing injured.

"It's disappointing for those six seniors, they are all so amazing," the Gilford coach added. "But they (Milford) had a fire in their belly, wanting to knock off the number one seed.

"We had a couple of late-season injuries, but it is what it is," Tripp noted.

Gilford finished the regular season at 15-1 and earned the first seed. They beat John Stark in the quarterfinals to advance to the Final Four. The Spartans went on to get beaten by Coe-Brown in the finals on Saturday night.

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Maggie Shute prepares to hammer the ball over the net during the Division II Final Four.

Alexa Leonard pushes the ball across the net during action last week against Milford.

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where, "It's a privilege to pee."

"It's a fun show, it doesn't take itself seriously," Piddington said.

Last year several seniors in tech crew graduated. Several students were also unable to take part for COVID-19 related reasons.

Piddington said the crew now is mostly comprised of freshmen, several of which were part of the middle school tech crew. Several more students in tech came from Gilmanton.

"They've been awesome and they're very full of energy and ideas," Piddington said.

Freshman Patrick Brooks was part of the group that helped design the set. He said they discussed different aspects of the set and shared ideas on how it would look. The group came up with a plan that Brooks helped make into a block diagram in a CAD program.

Brooks has been doing theater tech since sixth grade at Gilford Middle School.

He has also been working on building the set, he has also been working on lights for the first time as well as setting up microphones for the performers and designing the sound.

"I think it's really cool, I like it because I like being involved," Brooks said.

He said he's not into sports and this is a good way to get involved in another way.

Freshman El Nazer came started tech after coming to GHS.

"I wanted to do something new in high school, it just seemed fun," she said.

She helped design the Urine Good Company logo and has been building some pieces of the set.

She said it's been fun working tech so far.

Freshman Katie S. came from Gilmanton. She said she likes building things, when she accidentally didn't sign up for a 3-D design course she decided to try on theater tech. She has been building

different things including pieces for props and more.

"I think it's terrific, I actually really like it," Katie said. "Everyone is pretty chill. It's just really fun. The atmosphere's great too."

"Urinetown" will take the stage in the GHS auditorium on Nov. 12-13 and Nov. 19-20, all days at 7 p.m. Tickets are available online



Members of the tech crew helped put together a multilevel set for "Urinetown."



New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp welcomes Jay Bisson as Vice President, Information Security Officer



Jay Bisson

MEREDITH — Jay Bisson has joined New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) as Vice President, Information Security Officer. In this position, he oversees cyber and physical security for the company and its subsidiary financial institutions, MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank), Merrimack County Savings Bank (the ings Bank of Walpo- rity program for Granle and NHTrust.

"Jay's deep understanding of IT security and passion for technology made him an ideal candidate for this position," said Robert Soloway, Executive Vice President, Chief Technology and Services Officer. "We know having Jay's leadership as part of the organization will only strengthen and grow the already talented team we have here at NHMB."

Bisson obtained a Technical Certificate in Computer Networking from Boston University and he brings more than 20 years of technology and information security experience to the role. Prior to joining NHMB,

Merrimack), Sav- he managed the secuite State Management and Resources. He also managed security and engineering at the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

He is a member and proud supporter of the Elks Lodge. He currently resides in Farmington.

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United States military personnel make myriad sacrifices every day. Recognition of those sacrifices is just one of the many ways Americans can show their appreciation for the military, even during the era of social distancing.

• Help a veteran. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2019 there were 17.4 million military veterans living in the United States. More than half of those veterans are 65 or older. As difficult as social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic has

proven for everyone, perhaps no group has sacrificed more than men and women over 65, millions of whom have been separated from their families. Aging men and women spent a year or more isolated at home to protect themselves from a virus that public health officials acknowledged was especially lethal to people over 65. Adults who want to show their appreciation for military veterans can reach out to local veterans' organizations and offer to lend a hand. Such organizations may be delivering meals to vulnerable veterans, driving veterans to appointments to see their doctors or get vaccinated or organizing events for veterans who have already been vaccinated. Pitching in to help with such efforts is a great way to show veterans their efforts are still appreciated, even if

it's been decades since they last served.

• Help a military family. Data from the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense indicates that there were roughly 1.3 million active-duty military personnel in 2018. Many of those service members serve overseas for months at a time. Their families back home can use a helping hand even in the best of times, but they might be especially needy while confronting the pandemic. Though vaccination projections suggest hundreds of millions of Americans will be fully vaccinated by mid-summer, in the meantime neighbors can help local military families handle life at home. Invite a local military family over for a weekly meal, offer to take kids to a sports practice if it's safe to do so or help out with chores like mowing the lawn or washing the car.



• Donate to charities that serve the military. Adults who have not been vaccinated and are hesitant to be around others can still show their appreciation for military service members. Various organizations help both active-duty military and veterans, and donating to such charities can be a great way to help an excellent cause. If you're unsure about which organization to support, visit Charity Navigator at charitynavigator. org. Charity Navigator evaluates hundreds of thousands of charitable organizations and can be an invaluable resource for prospective donors.

Veterans and active military personnel deserve support. There are various ways for people to express that support, even as the world continues to confront the pandemic.



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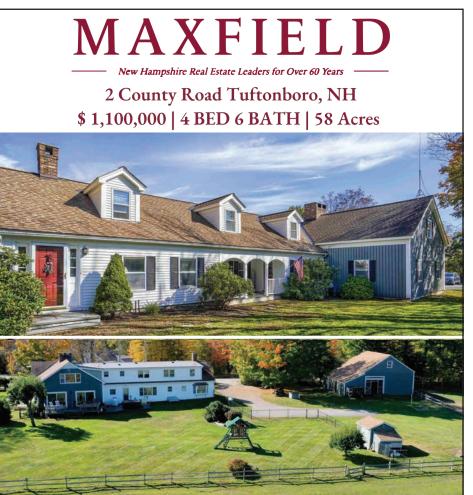
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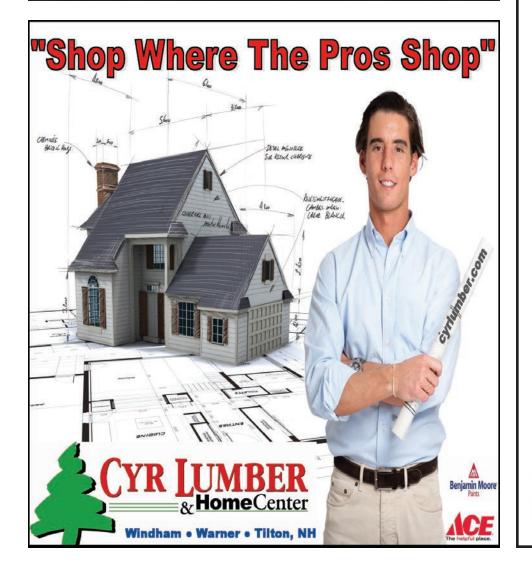
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