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2017 — A look back at the year that was

BY DONNA RHODES

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REGION — The year 2017 was one of community gatherings, entertainment and giving in the Winnisquam Region, bringing services, assistance and joy to the towns of Belmont, Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton.

Belmont was filled with many family activities all year, through not only the recreation department but the town's Events Coordinator as well.

There were farmers' markets, which were moved for better exposure this year to the Rte. 140 Park and Ride, community concerts on the historic bandstand, and special holiday tributes and activities for all to enjoy throughout the year.

In August the Old Home Day Committee brought vendors, great foods, children's games and more to the Town Green for the theme of "Summertime Fun."

After a morning of fun, at 1 p.m. the crowds gathered all along Main Street for the start of the annual parade. Before the entries stepped out along the route though, Emcee Tom Murphy first asked for a moment of silence in honor of the beloved lifelong resident and town historian Wallace Rhodes, who passed away in July.

"To start the parade, on-lookers were then asked to yell 'Ring that bell,' and the bell on top of the Belmont Mill tolled as a final remembrance of Mr. Rhodes and his many contri-

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One of the highlights of the past year in Tilton was the opening of the Pemi Youth Center's Winnisquam area branch, offering children and teens a safe place to socialize and engage in fun activities after school.

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TNS Christmas Fund volunteers brave wintry weather to spread holiday cheer

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NORTHFIELD — Santa's community helpers for the TNS Christmas Fund were busy delivering packages to local residents in need last weekend, despite the icy road conditions.

The fund, first started in 1988, provides families and seniors in Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton with not only warm clothing and gifts each year, but all the provisions for a great holiday meal, and it is all done through charitable donations from the public.

"To date, we have also benefitted from the support of other larger organizations, including the 98.3 WLNH Children's Auction, the 94.1 WFTN Cash and Cans Drive with Fred Caruso, and the help of the Gift of Warmth Program as the chosen partner of the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department," said TNS Christmas Fund Chair Christine Raffaely. "We are grateful for the help of many organizations,



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A team of volunteers braved inclement weather to assist the Tilton-Northfield Sanbornton Christmas Fund in their deliveries to seniors and local families last weekend.

including the Masons, Legion and Rotary who help us with food baskets and delivery. We have individuals who shop for us year round and donate to our worthy cause, too."

Among other contributors Raffaely wished to thank were the First Baptist Church of Sanbornton and Sanbornton Congregational Church

who provided warm mittens, hats, scarves, clothing and outerwear to the local initiative.

Each year the Tilton Police Department and their Police Explorers program also hold an annual toy drive at Walmart with the assistance of Northfield and Sanbornton Police to benefit the fund.

Others who help make

the holidays merry are Winnisquam Regional School District through their Penny Drive, the staff at Tilton Trailer, and the employees of Tilton House of Pizza and Paulie's Diner who put up a tree with gift tag ideas for local children.

"Thank you! You all helped make this year another huge success," said Raffaely.

Spaulding Youth Center hosts annual multicultural celebration

NORTHFIELD — Spaulding Youth Center hosted its annual Multicultural Celebration on its Northfield campus on Friday, Dec. 15. The yearly event celebrates holiday customs from around the world.

Leading up to the celebration, each of the eleven classrooms at Spaulding Youth Center School conducted extensive research to identify one specific custom to present at the celebration. The classroom then developed a creative expression to share their findings. This year's presentations included

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Happy New Year from the Echo!

MEREDITH — The offices of the Winnisquam Echo, located at 5 Water St. in Meredith, will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, and will remain closed through Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day. We will re-open for normal business hours, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The staff of the Winnisquam Echo wishes our readers a safe and very Happy New Year!

Middle School principal named Winnisquam Superintendent

TILTON — It is with great pleasure that the Winnisquam Regional School District SAU 59 Board announces the hiring of Mr. Robert Seward, Jr. as the next Superintendent of the Winnisquam Regional School District (towns of Northfield, Sanbornton and Tilton). Mr. Seward succeeds Dr. Tammy Davis following her 12 year tenure as Superintendent.

Mr. Seward has been the Principal at Winnisquam Regional Middle School for the past five years. During that time, he has implemented many initiatives leading to increased student performance. This includes transforming the Middle School to a competency based learning system; implementing a Junior National Honor Society and developing sustainable relationships with our local organizations and businesses to connect the importance of positive student school experiences with the expectations of the communities they will live and work in.

Susan Goodwin, Chair of the SAU 59

Board, stated, "We appreciate the engagement of the community members and staff during this process, as well as the demonstrated interest in their public education system. We were pleased to find such a qualified and motivated candidate from within our district. He has shown great

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Children's Auction awards first round of proceeds

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LACONIA — More than \$130,000 in funds raised by the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction was given to several local organizations that will provide immediate needs to kids.

On Friday, representatives from the Children's Auction and passed out checks to organizations that qualified for Process A funding, or funding for the most pressing needs. The special presentation at the Belknap Mill was the start of the distribution of the more than \$539,153 raised during the Children's Auction and will meet kids needs through the holidays.

Auction board chair Sandy Marshall said this was an amazing year for the Children's Auction between the money raised at the auction itself and the

\$303,630 raised during Pub Mania.

"It is our desire to fund as much as we possibly can in the community," Marshall said. "This is a great way for us to kick off the holiday for kids in the community."

Tony Felch, chair of the Children's Auction's Dispersment Committee, said the committee reviewed applications and came up with a list of recommendations to the Children's Auction board.

"Thank you so much for what you do for the kids in this community," said incoming Children's Auction Chair Jaimie Sousa.

Got Lunch Laconia was awarded \$35,000, \$15,000 was given to the Salvation Army, the Inter-Lakes Christmas Fund received \$7,500, The Tilton-Northfield-Sanbornton Christmas Fund was given \$7,000, Got Lunch



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Representatives from the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction hand out several checks for organizations to meet kids' most immediate needs during a special presentation at the Belknap Mill.

Inter-Lakes received \$7,000, the Laconia Christmas Village received a check for \$5,000, HealthFirst Family Care Center was given \$4,000, Gilford Got Lunch was awarded \$4,000, Belknap House received \$3,500, Got Lunch Ashland/Holderness received \$3,000, the Gilford Police Relief Children's Fund got \$2,000, Mrs. Santa Fund got \$2,500,

Hands Across the Table was given \$1,000, New Hampton Police Relief received \$1,000.

In total that day's presentation handed out over \$130,000.

Review for who will receive all the other monies will start after Christmas and the rest will be distributed in January and February.

Tracy Blandford, board chair for Gil-

ford Got Lunch, said the money they receive from the Children's Auction is the majority of the organization's funding.

"Without these funds we would not be able to run year round," Blandford said.

Got Lunch runs through the summer and has a program for students through the school year. Blandford said 42 students in the district, including students from Gilford and Gilmanton, receive lunches through the school year program.

"It's amazing the reach that they have in the community," Blandford said

All of the money received by Inter-Lakes Got Lunch goes toward providing lunches for the summer for students in the Inter-Lakes School District. Got Lunch Director Tom Witham said Inter-Lakes Got Lunch provided lunches to 181

kids over the summer. Witham said they hope to expand the numbers of students they can serve.

"It quickly turns around and gets back to the community," Witham said.

The Inter-Lakes Christmas Fund provides assistance for families and seniors over the holiday season. Board member Alesia Parks said the money they received from the Children's Auction will go toward the program for next year.

Parks and Inter-Lakes Christmas Fund Director Theresa McCormack said the Children's Auction is an amazing organization that provides so much. McCormack said it is amazing "for such a small community to raise this amount of money."

"A lot of good hearted people," McCormack said.

HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January Calendar of Events

Monday the 1st
Library Closed - New Year's Day,

Monday the 8th from 2-6 p.m.

Lug a Mug - Stay warm... Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate.

Monday the 8th at 5 p.m.

Trustees Meeting - open to the public

Monday the 8th at 6 p.m.

Scrabble - Adults Only

Wednesday the 10th at noon

Scrabble in the Afternoon - Play a friendly game.

Thursday the 11th at 2 p.m.

Cribbage and Cocoa - Now that the holidays are over, stop in for a game of cribbage and cocoa. Don't know how to play? Maggie will teach - Adults Only.

Monday the 15th
Library Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday the 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The Bookers meet to discuss: "PlainSong" by Kent Haruf - In the small town of Holt, Colorado, a high school teacher is confronted with raising his two boys alone after their mother retreats first to the bedroom, then altogether. A teenage girl—her father long since disappeared, her mother unwilling to have her in the house—is preg-

nant, alone herself, with nowhere to go. And out in the country, two brothers, elderly bachelors, work the family homestead, the only world they've ever known. From these unsettled lives emerges a vision of life, and of the town and landscape that bind them together—their fates somehow overcoming the powerful circumstances of place and station, their confusion, curiosity, dignity and humor intact and resonant. As the milieu widens to embrace fully four generations, Kent Haruf displays an emotional and aesthetic authority to rival the past masters of a classic American tradition. (Amazon)

Tuesday the 23rd at noon
The Noon Book Group

discusses: "PlainSong" by Kent Haruf (See Review Above)

Thursday the 25th from 6-7:30 p.m.

Business Workshop - Learn About SBA and Resources to Help Start and Grow Your Business. Economic Development Specialist, Miguel Moralez will provide information, tips and resources for starting or growing a small business. Free and sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration. For more information, call 225-1601.

Monday the 26th at 6 p.m.
Scrabble - Adults Only

Monday the 29th from 6-7:30 p.m.

Veteran Business Workshop - Are you a veteran who is running or would like to start a small business? Come learn about SBA and other resources to help. Economic Development Specialist, Miguel Moralez will provide information, tips and resources for starting or growing a small business. Free and sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration. For more information, call 225-1601.

Wednesday the 31st at 4 p.m.
YaH Book Group

meets to discuss: The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton - "The Outsiders" is a dramatic and enduring work of fiction that laid the groundwork for the YA genre. S. E. Hinton's classic story of a boy who finds himself on the outskirts of regular society remains as powerful today as it was the day it was first published. (Amazon)

"The Outsiders" transformed young-adult fiction from a genre mostly about prom queens, football players and high school crushes to one that portrayed a darker, truer world." — The New York Times

Sanbornton Board of Selectmen to hold public information sessions on employee compensation

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Board of Selectmen will hold public information sessions on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m., and later during their regularly scheduled meeting at approximately 6 p.m. in the Sanbornton

Town Office Meeting Room at 573 Sanborn Rd. The same presentation will be made at both sessions and their purpose is to present information regarding the Board's discoveries and efforts so far and in moving forward in ad-

dress compensation within the Town of Sanbornton.

The Sanbornton Board of Selectmen encourages citizens to attend these sessions to learn about this ongoing initiative.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department responded to 111 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 15-23. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Michael Gray, age 22, of Belmont was arrested on Dec. 18 for

Second Degree Assault (domestic violence related).

Thomas Vendel Duffield, Jr., age 49, current address unknown, was arrested on Dec. 19 for Criminal Mischief (Vandalism).

An adult female from Thornton was involuntarily admitted for emergency medical treatment on Dec. 20.

Jered David Reed, age 41, current address

unknown, was arrested on Dec. 20 for resisting arrest, and in connection with two outstanding warrants issued by Merrimack County and Belknap County Superior Court, respectively, and a bench warrant.

Thomas S. Dalton, age 66, of Belmont was arrested on Dec. 20 for Driving While Intoxicated and Transporting Alcoholic Beverages.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 504 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 11-17. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective

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

Arrested during this time period were Jedediah Selke (for Willful Concealment), Joseph Prescott (in connection with a warrant), Molinda Truett (for Driving

Under the Influence), James Mooney (in connection with a warrant), Frederick Avery (for Willful Concealment), Jennifer Malloy (for Willful Concealment), and Robert Moss (in connection with a warrant).

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Special anniversary year at Belmont Public Library

BELMONT — The Belmont Public Library was established in 1893. The current library building was dedicated on Feb. 4, 1928. Throughout 2018, the library will be celebrating 125 years of service to the community and ninety years in the same building. The trustees and staff invite you to our first big event, the 90th Anniversary Open House, on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at 1 p.m. Starting in January, we are showing our appreciation to library patrons with quarterly prize drawings and other rewards.

Needlefelting: Diane Cook Johnson of Soft Touch Farm in Center Sandwich is the guest instructor on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. The cozy, fuzzy 3D art objects are not as complicated as they might seem. Come experiment with wool and needles to satisfy the need to

create. Supplies are provided. A voluntary contribution of \$5 is welcome.

Our Third Friday Book Group reads "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles on Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m. "A Gentleman in Moscow" immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide

him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery. All are welcome and copies are available at the desk.

The Senior Center book group is reading "True Grit" by Charles Portis on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 12:30 p.m. In the 1870s, young Mattie Ross learns that her beloved father was gunned down by his former handyman. But even though



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this gutsy 14-year-old is seeking vengeance, she is smart enough to figure out she can't go alone after a desperado who's holed up in Indian territory. With some fast-talking, she convinces mean, one-eyed US Marshal "Rooster" Cogburn into going after the despicable outlaw with her. We will be commenting on the 1969 and 2010 film versions, too. Copies are available

at the Senior Center.

Simple STEM Challenge is aimed at grades one through four and available for families Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. We will be building mini catapults. Middle School Madness (grades five through eight) stars a new activity each month. In January, test your building skills with marshmallow towers. The date is Monday, Jan. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Preschool-age storytime features stories, movement, music, and crafts to encourage early literacy skills Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. LEGO Build is Saturday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m.-noon. Kids' movie on Saturday, Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m.

Adults can bring their own creative projects each week on Fridays at 2 p.m. and join likeminded crafters for a cozy visit. In January, there are two special opportunities to seek ex-

pert advice about your needlework, crochet, or knitting on Friday, Jan. 12 and 26 at 10 a.m.

Do you enjoy playing card games like Spades, Hearts, Canasta, Rummy, or Bridge? Would you like to learn how to play these different card games? We are currently looking for someone who can show us the rudiments of bridge. Come Tuesdays at 1pm. Bring a friend!

The library will be closed Monday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 15.

The Belmont Public Library is open six days a week and any time at www.belmontpubliclibrary.org, serving the community with books, digital resources, and cultural programming.

For more information, contact:

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Community traditions continue in Belmont Village

BELMONT — Belmont's historic Village was a lively winter venue for celebrating this special season. Just before the start of the New Year, music, cookies and crafts were enjoyed by a large group of all-aged residents. The early evening program was a partnership of Belmont Parks and Recreation staff, BEST/Belmont Elementary School volunteers, and the Belmont Senior Center/Belknap Community Action Program. Refreshments in-



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Finley, Teagan and Belmont Elementary PTO Volunteer Amanda McKim work on seasonally fashionable reindeer antlers at the Belmont Senior Center. PTO Volunteers provided a selection of crafts for participants.



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Now in its second century, Belmont's Village Bandstand remains a prime location for year-round community events. Revelers offered choruses of song on Friday evening, Dec. 15.

Lissa Mascio joins Prescott Farm team

LACONIA — Prescott Farm is excited to welcome Lissa Mascio as the new Development & Communications Director. Mascio was born and raised in New Hampshire, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of New Hampshire, Durham in 1999. She then struck out to explore the country, landing at various times in Vermont, California, Arizona, New York and Georgia, while also earning a law degree in 2006. Lissa returned to New Hampshire with her young daughter in 2011 as a practicing attorney, specializing in family law in the Lakes Region. In 2016, she transitioned back into the nonprofit arena as a marketing and development professional. Although she grew up on the Seacoast, Mascio has put down roots in the Lakes Region since her return to New Hampshire, as a 2015 graduate of Leadership Lakes Region; a member of the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, and; an active member of her church community and her daughter's school. Lissa is joining the Prescott Farm team in a newly created position, focusing on advocacy, outreach and stewardship of the mission.

"I am very excited to be joining Prescott Farm," says Mascio. "The property and programming here are truly a hidden gem in the Lakes Region, and I can't wait to share our



Lissa Mascio

mission."

"As we grow, Prescott Farm is looking to engage community members more and more in the good work that we do, providing connections to New Hampshire's rich natural and cultural history by way of our many educational programs and volunteer opportunities," says Jude Hamel, Executive Director at Prescott Farm. "We're so delighted that Lissa has joined our team and will be helping on that front. Lissa's enthusiasm for the mission of Prescott Farm, her strengths as a relationship-builder and communicator, and her boundless energy make her a great addition to our team!"

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 envi-

ronmental education center committed to helping people discover their own connections to the natural world. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on educational programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Prescott Farm is the ideal place to unplug, relax, and explore independently or with one of the many programs led by experienced naturalists. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with over 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including

more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape. Prescott Farm offers a world of discovery to children of all ages, from Fledglings nature-based preschool to WildQuest vacation camps, with experienced "Naturalists in the Classroom" working in area schools, and welcoming school trips to Prescott Farm to explore nature. Every program offered at Prescott Farm creates a lasting connection between the people they serve and the environment in which we live.

For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

cluded generously sponsored cookies baked by Lakes Region Community College Culinary Arts Program students of the Hospitality Club.

The family-friendly and free holiday event began at the Village Bandstand, with some 50 young voices raised in favorite songs of the season. More residents gathered at festive tables in the Senior Center, each offering a different craft project, along with patient help from Belmont Elementary School volunteer Moms and friends. Many reindeer crowns were created from construction paper, decorative tree ornaments from pipe cleaners, and jingle bells strung throughout a memorable community night.

This Belmont tradition began four years ago, as an idea of the Parks and Recreation SEE BELMONT, PAGE A11

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Monday, Jan. 1
Library Closed - Happy New Year!

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m.

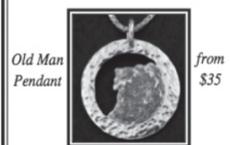
Friday, Jan. 5
Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6
Let's Go Lego, 10 a.m.

New DVDs

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Remembering an unsung hero

BY LARRY SCOTT

Talk of unsung heroes, outstanding men and women who were largely ignored and soon forgotten, and Joseph, Jesus' stepfather, goes to the top of my list. The last we hear of Joseph is in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, where we read that Jesus' "father" was present on a journey the family made to Jerusalem when Jesus was 12 years old; even then, Joseph is not named. That's it! We never hear of him again, not even as to his death.

Much has been made of Mary, and rightly so. She was a special woman given a role second to no one else in the annals of history. We can only imagine what a moving experience it must have been the first time she realized she was holding God in her hands!

But she was not alone. For Joseph, also, it was an awesome responsibility. As head of family, it fell to Joseph to give Jesus the stability and the security He needed as a child. During His teen years, he watched as Joseph managed the affairs of their home. Jesus' understanding of truth and honesty, self-discipline, morality, respect for authority, and godliness were all influenced by what He observed in the man He called, "Dad." He watched as Joseph responded to the frustrations and challenges of managing a business in first century Israel. It was, undoubtedly, a critical factor in His education.

Keep in mind that Joseph was a normal man. He, like each of us, needed to discover the strength of character that can be developed only through the give and take of life. There were surely times when he blew it, and perhaps occasions when he didn't respond well to the growing-up antics of his unique stepson. But he was a good man and God Himself chose him for the rearing of His Beloved Son. Although history records little of Jesus' childhood, one can surmise that Jesus also saw Joseph smile and relax as together they spent many a quiet afternoon fishing and enjoying each other's company. What an impact the many conversations they had together must have made on Jesus' outlook on life! Joseph, as no other man on earth, helped make Jesus the man He was to become.

As we face the new year, it prompts a lesson we all need to take to heart. If we are typical, we develop our self-respect, indeed, our very attitude toward life, by the things we own and the success we have experienced; we admire wealth, power, and fame. God, however, seems to have a very different agenda. He is far more interested in who we are than in what we do. Character is primary!

Our accomplishments may be limited; we may be unknown and unheralded; no one may ever squabble over our estate. But much like Joseph, that does not determine our personal worth. The quality of our life will be seen in the lives of the family for whom we have been responsible. As they follow in our footsteps, as they honor the God they have met through our living... then will our personal worth and the impact of our lives become evident. Our living will not have been in vain!

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



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PET OF THE WEEK

RHONDA

Tall, stately, brindle coated Terrier mix, Rhonda is a dog who has endured may twists and turns on the road to a secure, loving forever home, including a very quick return after being adopted before Thanksgiving!

Dogs need time to blend into a new family setting, rarely is this effected in a few short days. Our adoption counsellors know what dogs need and we take the leap of faith this will be followed.

In Rhonda's case, while she does seem to feel companionable around dogs of similar size, smaller creatures trigger her interest in a less convivial way.

Rhonda arrived via our SAFE HARBOUR program. She's been calling our shelter home since the Sum-

mer. Well now the weather is cold, snow is in the air, Winter has arrived, and she is still reeling from the return to us wondering what happened.

Once more into the breach... large dogs yes, no cats and other small creatures (although to truly flourish being the only pet would be the best possible placement). A home where she can finally unpack her suitcase of sorrow and rejection is Rhonda's wish at Christmas-time.

She is a lovely dog, a big girl, still waiting for that committed adoptive home, and one that will manage her foibles appropriately.

We have not given up hope and neither should she!



North Country Notebook

Of mice and men, and New Year's regimen



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Editor's note: Due to an emergency hospitalization, Mr. Harrigan was unable to submit a new North Country Notebook column in time to meet our press deadline for this week's edition. The following column was originally published on Dec. 29, 2016. We hope our readers will join us in wishing Mr. Harrigan a speedy recovery.

This column will appear just four days shy of 2017, too late for my usual Christmas Gift List, but not too late for readers to roll their eyes at my infrequent New Year's Resolution List.

This is actually an unusual thing for me, because I long ago resolved to avoid resolving anything because (a) I've never lived up to a resolution list, and (b) nobody cares. But I received a shocker of a telephone call this morning, and a reso-

lution list will sooth my shattered nerves.

The telephone call came from a reader in Lincoln who reported that there is a move to regulate log and firewood piles there on account of endangering neighbors' property values. This made me rush out to take a fresh look at my own log piles, which are admittedly pretty shabby. But the prospect of putting up a giant painted pastoral scene or something to screen my log piles from possible tax litigators moved me to mollify myself with a Resolution Column. So here goes.

--Burn more wood in spring and fall chill fires. Of late I've become lazy about this, and have been burning a little oil instead. This is un-American of me, and in line with keeping energy dollars at home I should think about friends and neighbors who run skidders and chainsaws, and get my butt in gear.

--Plant some fruit trees. I've been putting this off on account of life expectancy (mine, not the fruit trees'). But I've already defied my own expectancy by living past 65, and new varieties of fruit trees bear fruit in an amazingly short time.

--Ditto for solar panels. I have an ideal

south-west-facing situation in the form of the back wall of my last (so far, at least) barn. Never mind that for most of the year it is enshrouded in snow, mist, fog and low-lying clouds. Besides, solar panels are cheaper by the minute, and all I really have to do is look up my nearest Solar Power Guru.

--Downsize my garden. Currently I could feed half of Texas. I should leave all that grubbing to grubs, of which I have plenty. My lawn has so many craters it looks like the moon.

--Speaking of which, I should look into various strategies on skunk control. This was never a problem before, because what few skunks I ever saw around my place were just passing through on sort of seasonal visits, like leaf-peepers, and evidently sought warmer climes before the snow flew. These days some skunks are looking suspiciously like squatters. I'm blaming global warming.

--Double up on the birdfeeders (or double down, as gamblers and political commentators are fond of saying). This is partly because I like seeing lots of happy, otherwise starving winter birds, and partly because I sometimes fail to heed overwhelming

Fish and Game warnings and take my birdfeeders down before the bears get them. This past fall it was Bears 3, Harrigan 0.

--Get another cat that is from a proven long line of really good mousers. This will enable me to avoid having to tend a trap line. Trap lines are no fun unless you get to hole up in a cabin all winter, drinking cheap whisky and thinking about how to build a better mouse trap, and emerge in the spring, rubbing your eyes like a half-blind woodchuck.

--Wire up the Deep Winter Woodshed, right there beside the outdoor furnace, so I can actually see what I'm doing when I'm out there in the dark heaving 100-pound pieces of wood around. It's an expensive prospect, but tithastobeawhole lot cheaper than visiting the Emergency Room.

--Happy New Year to you and yours, and the best for 2017 and beyond.

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

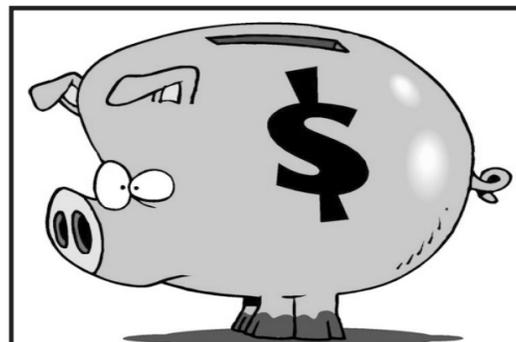
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Prestige Plus members Ken and Christine Nicholls and Denise and Rich Landry enjoying lunch at Maggiano's Little Italy before the Holiday Pops Christmas show.

for Christmas, with an atmosphere filled with nostalgic Italian charm and family portraits reminiscent of pre-World War II. Maggiano's serves family style dishes made from

scratch from recipes that have been in the family for decades. The evening was filled with great food, friends, music and joyful holiday spirit. To learn more

about Bank of New Hampshire's Prestige Plus program, visit BankNH.com or contact Valerie Drouin, SVP - Prestige Plus Manager at 527-3207 or DrouinV@banknh.com.

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Derek A. Cote, 54

LACONIA — Derek A. Cote, 54, of Carol Court, passed away Dec. 16, 2017 surrounded by his family after battling Multiple Myeloma for over three years, a disease he acquired due to his military service.

He was born on June 17, 1963 in Laconia, the son of Armand R. and Della (Wade) Cote. He was a 1981 graduate of Laconia High School and served in the United States Marine Corps, from 1982 to 1986. Upon graduating from boot camp, he was chosen Honor Man of Platoon 3004. Derek worked for several high-end builders in the Lakes Region prior to becoming self-employed at the age of 24. He was a master builder and cabinet-maker in his trade. He mentored many, most importantly, his two sons, to carry on what is now DCC Cote Builders LLC.

Alongside being multi-talented at his craft, Derek was a family man and a devoted husband. He spent many years coaching his three children to make them the athletes and people they are today. He instilled in his family to never invest with anything less than their best effort. He enjoyed cooking, riding his Harley-Davidson



Fat Boy, snowmobiling at the family house in Pittsburg, golfing, playing Cribbage, singing, dancing, and playing the drums. Those who knew him best knew when he was present there was never an absence of laughter.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Tammy Cote; his three children, Craig Cote and his wife, Jaime, Chad Cote and his wife, Melissa, and his daughter, Danielle Cote; his granddaughter, Cali Cote; his grandson, Cameron Derek Cote; his mother and stepfather, Della Cote-Jordan and Donald Jordan; one brother, Jamie Cote, and his wife Deborah; four sisters (Sherry Batchelder and her husband Bruce, Nina Reid and her husband Bret, Michelle Tine and her husband Tony and Kendra Hooper and her husband Steve); and 20 nieces and nephews (Ross Tine, Syntia Tine,

Wade Batchelder, Barrett Batchelder, Britny Batchelder, Cody Breckenridge, Christina Iordanescu, Curtis Breckenridge, Catey Belt, Ali Watts, Hannah Cote, Ian Cote, Emily Cote, Jackson Cote, Carson Cote, Isaac Hooper, Isabel Hooper, Sophia Hooper, Elijah Hooper, and Jessica Mackay).

Calling hours were held from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017 at the Beane Conference Center, 35 Blueberry Lane, Laconia.

A celebration of Derek's life was held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at the Beane Conference Center, 35 Blueberry Lane, Laconia.

Burial will be private.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the annual ACDC Golf Tournament founded by Derek in 2015 at acdcgolftourny.org. All proceeds go towards finding a cure for Multiple Myeloma.

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.

Herbert C. Wright, 87



GLENCLIFF — Herbert C. Wright, 87, a longtime resident of Gilford, son of the late Freeman E. Wright and Eleanor L. (Fletcher) Wright was called to meet his Heavenly father on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017.

Herb was born on July 8, 1930 in Cornish. He was a Veteran of the US Army enlisting at age 17 and serving most of his three years in Anchorage, Alaska and also playing pitcher and second base positions on the Army baseball team.

The love of Herb's life was his wife of 62 years, Beverly A. Newton, daughter of the late Mervin K. Newton and Helen D. (Rollins) Newton. Herb and Bev enjoyed constant companionship and lived in Gilford for 35 years where they raised their family of three children. Herb, also known as Red because of his red hair, enjoyed his time in Gilford working as a special officer on the Gilford Police force, volunteering at the Gilford Outing Club, and several years managing Little League Farm teams. In 1954, Herb was employed by Potter & Brumfield then Northland Ski (Lunds's), until being employed by the Public Service Company where he worked as an appliance repair technician for 17 years. He continued this work when opening Wright Appliance Service in La-

conia for an additional 14 years.

Herb and Bev also resided in Colorado and then Arizona. They returned to Glencliff in 2007.

Herb enjoyed woodworking, creating numerous Noah's Arks, Nativity sets, Shaker Tall clocks, a variety of scroll saw projects, and dozens of wall clocks that he frequently crafted as wedding gifts for family and friends. He collected Tucker 1948 Model cars of various sizes and colors and was especially pleased when he had an opportunity to sit in a Tucker with the engine running at Bryer's Auto Museum in South Paris, Maine.

Herb is survived by his wife, Beverly A. (Newton) Wright of Glencliff; his children, Diane Musante and her husband, Steve, of Marana, Az., Donna Wright of Concord, and Eric Wright and his wife, Wendy, of Bedford; seven grandchildren - Mat-

thew, Brandon, Stephanie, and Alyssa Musante, Adam and Aaron Dodge, and Dillon Wright; seven great-grandchildren; brother, Theodore Wright; numerous in-laws, a host of cousins, nieces and nephews, and countless friends. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by his brothers, Roland and Kenneth Wright.

Calling hours were held on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A Funeral Service was held on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017 at 11 a.m., also at the Funeral Home. Burial will be held at a later date in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Gilford.

For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 146, Concord, NH 03302 or to the Glencliff Community Chapel, P.O. Box 33, Glencliff, NH 03238.

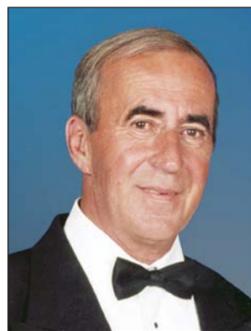
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Robert William Fugere, 70

BELMONT — "Fudge" Robert William Fugere, 70, of Seavey Road passed away on Monday, Dec. 18, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Fudge was born on July 23, 1947 in Laconia, the son of Frank David and Dora (Ouellette) Fugere. At the age of 27, he moved to California for 20 years before moving back to Laconia. He worked for Gilford Well, Fudges Auto body and R&K Machine until July of 2017. Fudge was a former member of the Laconia Lodge of Elks #876.

Fudge liked hunting, fishing, running sled dog races when he was a young boy and enjoyed watching the races as an adult, he also played Santa Claus when he lived in California.



Survivors include his wife of 47 years, C.J. Charlotte Mae (Jenot) Fugere, of Belmont; a daughter, Melissa Hill and her husband, Rick, of Laconia; a son, Troy Fugere, of Franklin; two grandchildren, Ricky Hill of Belmont and Katelyn Hill of Belmont; two great grandchildren, Brandi Lynn Hill, and Carson Vlacic; Melissa Kiver mother of Brandi, and Petko Vlacic father of Carson; a brother,

John Fugere, of Dayton, Texas; and several nephews and nieces.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Richard and Francis Fugere.

Calling hours were held on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A Funeral Service followed the calling hours at 6 p.m., also at the Funeral Home.

Burial will be held at a later date in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Laconia.

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Mary Florence Morse, 94



GILMANTON — Mary Florence Morse, 94, of 74 Foss Rd. died peacefully in her home, surrounded by love, and her family on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017.

She was born on April 9, 1923, in Gilmanton, the daughter of John A. Geddes and Florence (Edgerly) Geddes. She was a proud nurse and after retiring she enjoyed many years as a classroom volunteer at the Gilmanton Elementary school. She enjoyed music, playing the guitar and harmonica in her younger years, and later the Hammer Dulcimer.

Most recently, she took up the Bodhran drum at 92, playing with The Dump Run Gang. Mary was an active member of the Gilmanton Community Church and loved her church family as her own. She had a gift for hospitality,

loved cooking, spending time with family, friends and neighbors. She was known for her volunteerism and stepping in when needed. One of her greatest joys was her large weekly family dinners.

She leaves her sons, Herb Morse, John Morse and wife, Donna, all of Gilmanton, Donald Morse and Trish Gordon of Pittsfield, and her daughter, Donna Morse, and Garrett Doyle of Alton; seven grandchildren; seven great-grand-

children; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Howard B Morse, and two brothers, Duncan A Geddes, and David W Geddes.

A Celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Gilmanton Community Church, 1807 NH Route 140, Gilmanton.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Gilmanton Community Church, PO Box 16, Gilmanton, NH 03237.

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John F. Hadam, 94



MOULTONBOROUGH — John F. Hadam, 94, born Oct. 16, 1923, in Newark, N.J., died at home in Moultonborough on Dec. 15, 2017.

Of Polish origin, John learned English when he first began school. He was a US Marine serving in the fourth Marine division in the Pacific theater in WWII and was activated from the reserves in the Korean conflict, achieving the rank of first lieutenant upon his discharge. He attended Princeton University as

part of the officer candidate program, graduating in 1948. John lived in New England for many years; first in the Boston area with his family, and in Moultonborough since 1979. He began his almost 40-year career with New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in one of Western Electric's factories

and retired as General Financial Supervisor in 1981. He was a lifelong baseball fan, first of the Newark Bears, Brooklyn Dodgers, and then the Boston Red Sox.

He is survived by his second wife, Doris; his six children (Bob and his wife, Kim, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, Joe and his wife, Leslie, of Naugatuck, Conn., Sue Schoenholz and her husband, Dave, of Kiawah, S.C., Peggy, of North East, Pa., Ginny and her partner, Tim, of Bethlehem, Pa., and Jack and his wife, Diana, of Madison); his stepdaughter, Susan Berking, and her husband, Chuck, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John was predeceased

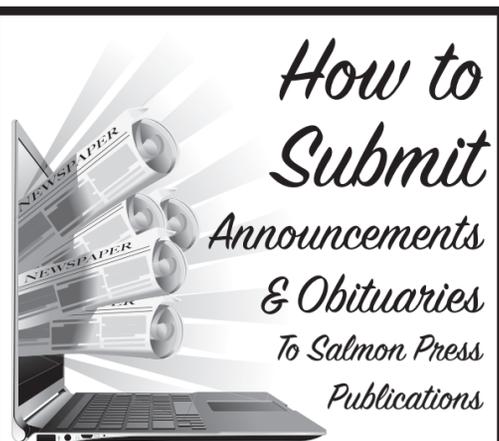
by his first wife, Dorothy, and his brother, Bill.

There will be no calling hours.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or online at woundedwarriorproject.org or to the Granite United Way, 95 Water St., Laconia, NH 03246.

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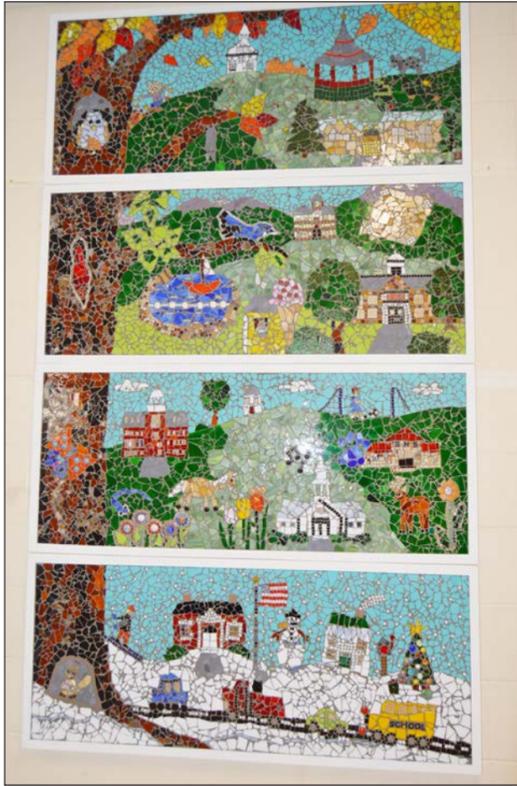
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Abe Dadian of Meredith peels potatoes for the annual Free Christmas Dinner.



Volunteers lay out tablecloths for the Free Christmas Dinner.

Free Christmas Dinner brings people together from across the region

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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People across the Lakes Region had the opportunity to gather with community members and enjoy the annual Free Christmas Dinner.

People of all ages enjoyed a ham dinner on Monday with all the fixings as well as appetizers, dessert, and some singing. The dinner at the First United Methodist Church of Gilford was founded 21 years ago by the Alward Family and J Alward of Gilford still organizes the dinner.

Alward said Patrick's Pub and Eatery used to do a free Christmas dinner. Being an only child, Alward said her family's Christmas usually consisted of herself and her parents and they would all go to the dinner. She said when Patrick's came under new ownership the free dinner was discontinued and she said her family didn't spend Christmas anywhere else for two years.

Alward said her mother had always been involved in the community and her parents came up with the idea of holding a free Christmas dinner.

"The church has always been gracious and opened their doors," Alward said. "It's been going on ever since."

The dinner is open to anyone who wants to take part with no prerequisites.

"If you have a need

to be with people or fill your belly on Christmas your welcome to be here," Alward said.

Attendees are asked to make reservations, though Alward said they prepare to have 20 more people than projected. There were 137 reservations and Alward said they were prepared to make food for 200 people.

Alward said she still anticipated a large crowd despite the snow predictions. She said in 21 years they have had two or three Christmases with poor weather and they still saw a lot of people.

All leftover food is donated to the Friendly Kitchen

The dinner is funded by the church and

by private donations, people will also drop by with dishes.

The dinner has amassed a large number of volunteers helping to set up and prepare on Christmas Eve and help out on Christmas Day. Alward said there are so many people involved she could walk out the door and everyone would still do what needed to be done. She said there are some who have been involved for a long time.

"I watched their kids grow up," Alward said.

Lynn and Abe Dadian of Meredith have been volunteering at the dinner for around seven years.

"It's just one of those random acts of kind-

ness," Lynn Dadian said. She said she is happy to help, saying this is just two hours of her time to make a difference.

"It's just a way to give," Abe Dadian said.

Abe said they try to help out in the community, such as give people rides.

Lynn said she especially enjoys the dinner's camaraderie, saying this is like an Old Home Week where she sees so many people she usually doesn't see all year.

"I think it's a good thing that J's been doing here and her parents before that," Lynn said.

Erin Zarella of Gilford said her family has been taking part since her daughters were lit-

tle. This year Kayla and Cecilia Zarella are older and volunteering as well.

"I like that we're giving back to the community," Erin Zarella said.

She said her family volunteers in many places.

"I want my girls to be with their community," Zarella said.

Shirley of Laconia said she has been doing some cooking for the dinner for several years and this was her first year setting up. She said the dinner is always delicious.

"It's hot, it's served fast," Shirley said.

She said the music performed before the meal is a highlight.

Lean the history of the Draper & Maynard Co. at Taylor Community

LACONIA — Louise Samaha McCormack presents a program on the Draper & Maynard Sporting Goods Company, Monday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.

McCormack has been the unofficial curator of the Plymouth State University Draper & Maynard Collection for 15 years. Her program features a colorful, historical slideshow, focusing on the history of the company, the infamous Boston Red Sox visits and information valuable to collectors of Draper & Maynard memorabilia.

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Racky Thomas returns for Pitman's New Year's Eve Gala

LACONIA — Sunday, Dec. 31, at 8 p.m., Pitman's Freight Room will host its annual New Year's Eve Gala featuring the Racky Thomas Blues Band and complimentary hearty hors d'oeuvres, plus a champagne toast at midnight.

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Financial abuse and older Americans



BY MARK PATTERSON

Before I begin to share information regarding the financial abuse amongst our seniors, I must state that I know or have known people near 100 that have not lost cognitive abilities

and remain very sharp, so just realize that this information is a generalized statistical study.

According to new research from Daniel Marson, a professor of neurology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, adults in their 60s and 70s start to exhibit declines in financial abilities, including a vulnerability to potential telephone fraud, difficulty with making change at checkout and having a harder time at prioritizing bills. Those diminished abilities can become a real struggle when trying to keep up

with everyday financial management tasks.

The findings suggest that there are several warning signs that friends or family members can look for in order to give them indications that there may be trouble ahead for this person. An untouched stack of mail may indicate that bills are not being paid and they have fallen behind which is even more of a problem. Calculating a tip at a restaurant or figuring out a deductible on a medical bill could be a sign of cognitive decline. Overlooking investment

risks and focusing on the benefits rather than the risks of potential loss is a problem that may be associated with age.

Research also confirms that people typically live longer than they had anticipated, creating planning problems around their long term health plans, or just having adequate income to live. I have experience with clients that wanted to go for a high risk investment for a big return out of desperation. That desperation opens them up to "get rich quick" schemes that are targeting seniors and their

money. Contractors, financial advisors and even family members can be the culprits looking to take advantage of the vulnerable. Contractors, financial advisors, accountants and lawyers can be checked out for problematic pasts, but a family member with bad intentions can be most difficult to recognize.

For those seniors with a spouse, make sure your spouse is aware of what is going on with the investments and household finances that is just a good practice for a number of reasons. For those without a spouse

or partner, a sibling, son, daughter or close friend may be honored to have you "consult" regarding day to day financial decisions.

The good news is that aging is not all bad. We often times gain wisdom and increased pattern recognition as we age. Those who stay physically and mentally active may hold off the effects of aging for an indefinite amount of time.

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butions to the town," said Belmont's Events Coordinator, Gretta Olson-Wilder.

Rhodes was instrumental in the restoration of the mill after a devastating fire in the 1990's.

Grand Marshal for this year's parade was Ron Mitchell, who among his many other commitments to the Town of Belmont, created the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail beginning at the town beach. Belmont Fire Department hosted their annual Chicken Barbecue and capping off the annual celebration were plenty more fun activities on Bryant Field and fireworks, which were all delayed a day due to weather.

Later in the summer Belmont safety officials gathered the public together once again for fun and informative police and fire safety demonstrations, food from the Belmont Rotary, face painting other

fun activities, which included a visit from the police department's K, Vito.

On the more serious side, the town also spent time in 2017 taking a look at their building resources. Led by a committee of residents from all walks of life, they held community forums, gave tours of town buildings and asked for input on where the future of Belmont's town infrastructure should be directed. The project continues.

Town officials were also glad to welcome Belmont Police Corporal Evan Belanger back into active duty in November following a fatal shooting at the Irving Station on Plummer Hill Road when shots were fired by the police officer. The New Hampshire State Attorney General's Office found that not only did the suspect the officer confronted that day actually shoot himself, but determined that Belanger was also justified in his immediate response for public safety.

The year ended on a happy note though with a Holiday Celebration and a visit from none other than Santa himself. Music, cookie decorating and holiday greetings filled the day in Belmont Village.

There were plenty of celebrations and community events up the road in the Tilton/Northfield area in 2017 as well.

Each week, the Tilton Senior Center hosted meals, activities, health awareness programs and entertainment for residents of all surrounding towns.

During the National Night Out event in August, Northfield Police also teamed up with other local law enforcement agencies and schools for a real community extravaganza. Officers, their support staff and Winnisquam Regional School District members served up hamburgers, hot dogs, even pizza to the hundreds of people who flocked to the playground behind Union-Sanborn School in Northfield where there were many activities to enjoy.

In the course of the evening, Josh Dunlop and Jon Cook of Stonehenge Masonry and Stove stepped up with a check for the remaining \$650 that the Northfield Police department needed to support their Bicycle Patrol program.

Dunlop said he and Cook grew up in Northfield, and as business owners now, they realize the importance of supporting the town where they live and work.

"I thought it was about time we started giving back to the community so we decided to do this tonight to make sure they reached their goal," he said.

The annual Til-

ton-Northfield Old Home Day this year recognized Chuck and Lisa Drew of Tilton and Northfield residents Rob and Terry Ann Steady as their Citizens of the Year. The 2017 theme was "Community Beach Bash" and many of the fun floats were comprised of children splashing in pools, making sand castles, squirting water pistols and taking part in other activities enjoyed at the beach. Among the distinguished figures in the parade this year were Boston Post Cane holders, town selectmen, businesses and local civic groups.

Over the summer, Tilton Police Department offered their first ever Movies in the Park series for families in all surrounding communities. The Tilton Parks and Recreation Commission hosted an Easter Egg Hunt along with a visit from Wildlife Encounters and other fun activities for children, while the Alan and Savina Hartwell Summer Concert Series continued its longstanding tradition of great family music in Island Park each Sunday evening.

In a show of caring, there was also the second annual Walk for addiction in support of those struggling with opioid and other addictions, fundraisers for several locally-based nonprofit organizations and food drives for the less fortunate.

Young residents also got a boost in October of 2017 with the opening of the new Pemi Youth Center on West Main Street in Tilton where teens were invited to join in several programs, activities and specialized programs designated just for them.

In December the

traditional Christmas Parade brought large crowds to Main Street in Tilton. Residents and businesses from both towns lit up the streets with holiday floats and cheer, culminating once again at Riverfront Park with wintry fireworks, warm drinks and a visit from Santa.

The biggest damper on 2017 was a fuel tanker rollover that marred traffic along the busy Route 3 corridor over the start of the Thanksgiving holiday. Police, fire and other safety officials worked together to resolve the situation as soon as safely possible however.

Up in Sanbornton, it was an equally busy year.

Like Belmont Public Library and the Hall Memorial Library, serving Tilton and Northfield, there were many programs for everyone from the young to the young at heart this year at Sanbornton's Public Library.

Their 2017 Old Home Day Celebration took place in July when Selectman John Olmstead reported that more than 100 people came out to kick off the weekend with a pancake breakfast at the Lane Tavern. An art show held on the second floor of the historic tavern also drew many visitors who admired the paintings and photography contributed by local artists.

From there, people enjoyed demonstrations of old-time crafts, exhibits, lots of food and music, and even pony rides on the green behind the Old Town Hall. Story Teller Michael Lang entertained a large crowd, followed by a visit on the library field from Wildlife Encounters before the parade down Tower Hill got underway.

Besides the town

beaches, summertime fun was shared through the reading programs and the Sanbornton Recreation Commission's yearly camp.

Easter Egg Hunts, a kayak race over Fourth of July weekend and other outdoor activities kept everyone smiling in Sanbornton as well.

In the fall of 2017 a crowd also gathered at the Life Safety Building to celebrate the induction of the town's first ever full-time firefighters who were hired to assist with emergency response times for the community.

Fire Chief Paul Dexter thanked the town for their decision to add two paid employees to the department. Until that day he was the only full-time paid staff member and said the department had struggled at times to meet the needs of the growing community.

"This is really going to be a great help and I'm grateful for the town's support," Dexter said.

The year ended on an even happier note when the fire department delivered Santa to the Old Town Hall. There a traditional Christmas Social was underway and eager boys and girls looked forward to meeting Santa and sharing their Christmas wishes with him.

In a look back at all four communities, there was caring, sharing and a whole lot of fun to be found in Winnisquam over the past year. People came together in good times and bad and supported one another. These were just a few shining examples of what makes these towns such a great place to live, work and visit.

From our hearts to yours, Happy New Year from the staff at the Winnisquam Echo.

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program supervisor Nicole Sturgeon. She called it a "warm and successful night" – and acknowledged the key support of Recreation Director Janet Breton, and BEST/PTO volunteers including Lisa

Ober, Melissa Pucci, Cori Hooker, Amanda McKim, and Erin Decato. Visit our Facebook page Belmont Parks & Recreation or email recreation@belmontnh.org for year-round activity information for all our recreational activities and facilities.

SEWARD

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leadership at the middle school, and we look forward to Mr. Seward leading the entire Winnisquam Regional School District into the future."

Mr. Seward added, "I am thrilled and humbled to have been selected as Superintendent. I am looking forward to this new challenge. I am excited to be able to bring everyone together within the district to learn

from their experience and perspective in leading our district forward. I also want to continue to engage our community of parents and taxpayers and expand our outreach to the business community to grow the opportunities and educational experience for all of our students."

The SAU Board and Mr. Seward have agreed to a contract with his tenure beginning on July 1, 2018.

**Town of Northfield
Planning Board
Town Hall
Monday, January 8, 2018
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AGENDA

1. Minutes- December 4, 2017
2. Minutes – November 6, 2017
3. Other Business

Respectfully,
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learning about Junk-
noo, a street parade in
the Bahamas. To help
demonstrate this unique
presentation, students
wore Caribbean attire
and danced to island
music. Other class-
rooms showcased their
research in a variety of
creative presentations,

including: Winter Sol-
stice, Moose Festival,
Groundhog Day, Haude-
nosaunee (Iroquois)
Midwinter Festival,
Samhain (the origin of
Halloween), Day of the
Dead and Oban. There
was also a special seg-
ment on volunteerism,
in which students pre-
sented a video of their
recent volunteer work
and reflected on how vol-

unteerism has affected
their lives.

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cultural Celebration is
one of our most antic-
ipated events here on
campus,” said Susan C.
Ryan, CEO & President
of Spaulding Youth Cen-
ter. “Students put a great
deal of effort into re-
searching and preparing
for their presentations,
and it is truly remark-

able to experience their
creativity first-hand and
see the outcome of their
hard work. It’s also a lot
of fun for everyone!”

Audience members
also look forward to the
event. One audience
member mentioned that
every year the event
brings her to tears. An-
other audience member
is proud that every stu-
dent is able to partici-

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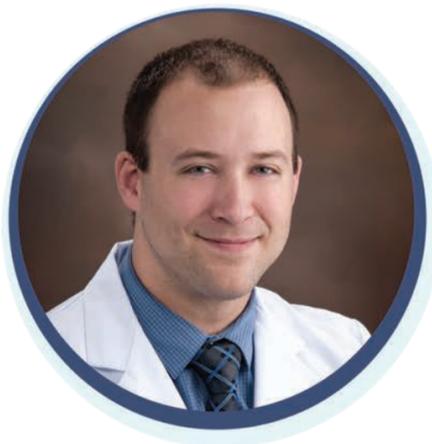
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Hayden Parent of Belmont/Gilford skates toward Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes goalie Hunter Sanders as he prepares for a shot.



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Harrison Parent brings the puck up the ice against Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes

Bulldogs, Renegades fit to be tied in pre-holiday battle

BY BOB MARTIN
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LACONIA — The spectators at the Merrill Fay Ice Arena certainly got their money's worth for the exciting hockey matchup between Belmont/Gilford and Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes on Wednesday night, which went into overtime and ended in a 3-3 tie.

It could have been anyone's game throughout the night, as the Bulldogs and Renegades traded big hits, big goals and were intense from beginning to end.

The first period saw both teams getting plenty of shots on net, but Bulldog goalie Colin McGreevy and Renegade goalie Hunter Sanders fought off shots of all types to keep it a 0-0 tie. Belmont/Gilford had a power play after Alex Sorokin was charged with cross checking with 2:28 remaining, but Sanders did a fine job making a number of saves to lead the Renegades in killing the power play.

In the second period, the Renegades struck first with a goal by Brett Burns, assisted by Gar-

rett McCarthy and Brett Caswell with 11:22 remaining.

Belmont/Gilford's Zach Gilbert was called for tripping and the Renegades had a power play with 8:30 left, but the Bulldogs fought through it and tied up the game 1-1 with an unassisted, shorthanded goal by

Harrison Parent.

The Bulldogs scored again with 3:53 remaining in the period with Miles Defosses finding the back of the net. Assists were credited to Harrison Parent and his brother Hayden Parent.

"That line is really putting it together this year," said Belmont/Gil-

ford coach Dave Saball.

Less than a minute later, the Renegades tied up the game 2-2 with an unassisted goal by McCarthy, who shot it from about 10 feet out to sneak it behind McGreevy.

With a 2-2 game in the third period, both teams were amped up and knew it could go any

way. The intensity was high, with good, clean hits on both sides. However, both teams had some penalties resulting in power plays in the period. At one point, it was four on four, and with seven minutes remaining Harrison Parent took a shot as he was get-

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Bears exact a bit of revenge on Newport

BY BOB MARTIN
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TILTON — The Winnisquam Regional High School wrestling team hosted Newport on Dec. 13 and bounced back from a disappointing close loss in the opener,

with a 42-27 win over the Tigers.

"I can't find anything to complain about after watching that," said coach Tom Osmer. "Every kid in the lineup wrestled tough. Newport produces some very good

wrestlers. Some of our kids ended up hitting those good wrestlers, but I didn't see any fear or quit in their wrestling."

Osmer said the win was special because it brought a little redemption to the Bears, as Newport won last year's matchup. He said the 138-pound match was the highlight, and went the distance.

While Newport's Josh Sharron is only a freshman, he is one of the top ranked wrestlers in the state for his weight class. Sharron has wrestling in his blood, as he comes from a family with state champions, coaches and collegiate wrestlers.

Mark Sotherden of Winnisquam took on Sharron and showed his toughness. Osmer said when someone is up against a wrestler like Sharron they have their hands full.

"Mark had to fight the

entire time just to stay in good positions and keep the score close enough to have a chance to make something happen in the third period," said Osmer. "In the end he was able to hold the match to an 8-2 decision, giving Newport just three team points. I was very happy with Mark's effort and you could tell his teammates were proud of his toughness."

Michael Mitchell, who is in the 106 weight class, also showed toughness that impressed Osmer. Mitchell played above his weight, to a 120 weight class, in order to avoid a forfeit.

"He didn't end up getting his hand raised in the end, but he took the challenge head on and wrestled his normal all-out, go-for-broke style," Osmer said. "Eventually we'll reign that style in a bit and get the technique

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Late rally comes up short as Bears fall in Alton

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — The Winnisquam Bears suffered a tough one-point loss to Prospect Mountain just before the holiday break, losing a 45-44 nail biter on Dec. 19.

Winnisquam jumped out to a 6-1 lead to start the game, but Prospect Mountain came back to take the lead 8-6. Kyle Mann hit a three-pointer to put the Bears back on top but Prospect Mountain answered back. When the quarter ended Winnisquam was up 13-12 thanks to 10 points by Kyle Mann and a three-pointer by Angelo Glover.

Prospect Mountain opened the second quarter on fire with a 6-0 run and took an 18-13 lead. However, the Bears managed to stay in the game by key threes by Mann and Alex Mango to put them behind by one with a score of 20-19. Mann hit another three-pointer to give the Bears a 24-22 lead, but Prospect Mountain quickly tied up the game at 24-24. Glover hit a free throw before the end of the half to give Winnisquam a 25-24 lead at the break.

While the third quarter started with Winnisquam advancing their lead to 32-28, the wheels fell off for the Bears and the team found itself down 38-32 at the end of three quarters, following a 10-0 run by Prospect Mountain.

Prospect Mountain led 43-36 in the fourth quarter, but Winnisquam inched its way back into the game thanks to getting to the free throw line and sinking some foul shots. With 1:56 to go Winnisquam was down 43-42. After a Prospect Mountain basket made it a three-point game, Winnisquam cut the lead to 45-44 with a pair of free throws.

Some last minute heroics nearly occurred for the Bears when Winnisquam got the ball back on a steal, but the team couldn't hit shots to take the lead and the game ended with a one-point loss.

The Bears have a small team and it showed against Prospect Mountain.

"They killed us on the boards," said coach Kevin Dame. "They really outrebounded us. They had 18 offensive re-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Freshman Derek DeSousa went up to alter a shot against Prospect Mountain on Tuesday night.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Evan Judkins (10) defends a shot against Prospect Mountain in a tight loss on Tuesday.

bounds compared to our two."

Dame said that in order for his team to come away with wins he will need players to be crashing the boards constantly. He said with his tallest of players hovering about six feet, this is the

only way they will keep up with the bigger players.

"We need guys boxing out all the time," said Dame. "We need all five guys doing that every play."

Dame said defensively the team did well,

and the Bears outscored Prospect Mountain by five points in the fourth quarter. He said this was a positive in the game that he would like to see continue.

Another key factor of the game was that Winnisquam was down three

players, two being starters, due to off-court disciplinary reasons.

Winnisquam was led by Mann, who scored 26 points and six steals in the loss. Glover had six points and Jacob Seavey had five points.

Pluskis three gives Raiders win over Sachems

BY BOB MARTIN

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BELMONT — The Belmont boys' basketball team improved its record to 2-1 with a 51-48 win over rival Laconia on Dec. 19, thanks to a deep three-pointer by Matt Pluskis with less than five seconds to play.

The Red Raiders never trailed, although there were several ties throughout the night. Belmont led 15-11 at the end of one and were up by two points at the half. At the end of three quarters it was 39-33, but the real magic happened in the fourth quarter.

The final quarter was back and forth between Laconia and Belmont. The Red Raiders were up five and then committed a turnover, which led to a put back on an offensive rebound for Laconia.

Laconia fouled Dylan Gansert, who missed the front end of a one-and-one, and then Laconia hit a three-pointer to tie things up.

Coach Jim Cilley said it was fun to watch Pluskis hit the big shot in a key moment against a rival. Pluskis took the ball down the court after Laconia had tied up the game about a minute before, and when he was one on one with Ryan Dee, he took a shot from what would have been a three-pointer on an NBA court and drained it.

"It was pretty cool because his dad had been in the hospital and he got out and was at the game," said Cilley. "He was playing inspired and had probably his most efficient game of the season."

Cilley said while he

was happy with the win, he felt that the Red Raiders missed some opportunities to bring the game out of reach of the Sachems, instead of keeping them around

right until the end.

"We had control of the game pretty much throughout," said Cilley. "But we would have a few bad possessions here and there and they

would capitalize. It is a game where I think we could have executed better, but it is a win that I think we needed."

The Red Raiders came in with a game plan to

stop Ryan Chandler and Dee, who Cilley saw as the main threats on the Sachems that could hurt them.

Cilley said was a great SEE RAIDERS, PAGE B3

Alpine Raiders kick off the new season

BY BOB MARTIN

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BRETTON WOODS — The Belmont Red Raiders alpine ski team competed at Bretton Woods on Dec. 14 and came away with a win in the girls' giant slalom and slalom.

Girls' team: Giant slalom (first place)

Katie Gagnon placed third with a combined time of 1:28.26. Keagan Barry placed

sixth with a combined time of 1:34.69.

Abby Camire placed eighth with a combined time of 1:35.79.

Becca Camire placed 12th with a combined time of 1:37.15.

Slalom (first place) Gagnon placed first with a combined time of 1:09.86.

Abby Camire placed fifth with a combined time of 1:23.04. Becca Camire placed sixth with a combined

time of 1:25.00.

Margaret Witham placed 11th with a combined time of 1:31.83.

Boys' team: Giant slalom (second place)

Mitchell Berry placed eighth with a combined time of 1:22.49.

Lars Major placed ninth with a combined time of 1:24.44.

Jake Deware placed 10th with a combined time of 1:24.99.

Nolan Gagnon placed 13th with a combined time of 1:27.71.

Slalom (second place) Major placed second with a combined time of 1:01.38.

Gagnon placed seventh with a combined time of 1:05.42.

Deware placed 10th with a combined time of 1:06.67.

Berry placed 12th with a combined time of 1:07.47.

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Bears start strong but can't hold off Prospect Mountain

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — The Winnisquam girls' basketball team may not be getting wins, but coach Jordan Richardson feels the team has been making strides. Most recently the Bears fell to Prospect Mountain 62-42, but Richardson said if the team continues to improve, the wins will come.

The Bears came out hot against Prospect Mountain, with a 14-0 run to start the game. Ashley Chamberlain was a big defensive presence, with four blocks in the first four minutes of the game. She had eight blocks total, to go along with five points, six rebounds, three steals and an assist.

However, the talented Prospect Mountain team rallied back and ran away with the game.

Winnisquam outscored Prospect Mountain 16-15 in the first quarter, but the rest of the game was all Prospect Mountain who led 33-23 at the half. Prospect Mountain outscored Winnisquam 15-6 in the third quarter and 14-13 in the fourth quarter en route to a 20-point win.

While the shooting percentages were comparable, with Winnisquam at 36 percent and Prospect Mountain at just over 37 percent, it was the amount of shots being taken that killed the Bears. Winnisquam made 14 of 39 shots while Prospect Mountain hit 26 of 70 from the floor.

Winnisquam also had 26 turnovers, resulting in 28 points for Prospect Mountain.

A strong point for Winnisquam was the defense, as they recorded

eight team blocks and 15 steals on the night.

Meghan Cote, while only going 3/12 from the field, led the team in 14 points over 30 minutes. She also had three rebounds, three assists and four steals. Megan Goodridge shot 50 percent on her way to nine points in 31 minutes. She also had a steal and three rebounds. Makenzie Snow was 2/2 from behind the arc and 3/6 overall for eight points over the course of 31 minutes. She also had five rebounds, two assists and a couple of steals.

"If we continue to work hard in practice we will continue to see growth, and we will start to see results in the win column," Richardson said. "We need to be more consistent throughout the full 32 minutes of our games."

Ice fishing seminar is Jan. 10 in Concord

CONCORD — Mark your calendars and plan some new adventures for the upcoming ice fishing season. New Hampshire Fish and

Game is hosting a free ice fishing seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive in Con-

cord. The talk begins at 7 p.m.

The featured presenter will be New Hampshire fishing guide Tim Moore. In his talk, Moore

will explain the tools and techniques he uses to catch white perch and lake trout through the ice. You'll get the latest insights on equipment and gear, where to find these fish, and strategies for angling success. Both experienced ice anglers and those new to the sport are welcome.

"Step up your ice-fishing action this winter by learning how to target these exciting fish," said Moore. "Whether you prefer jigging or tip-up fishing, this seminar will have something for you."

Moore is a full-time New Hampshire fishing guide and outdoor writ-

er, as well as a state and world record holder. He has fished the waters of New Hampshire for more than 30 years. He conducts fishing seminars from Maine to Minnesota and guides hundreds of ice anglers each year from around the world in search of lake trout and white perch.



Wolfpack fall to champs

The Laconia/Winnisquam Wolfpack lost 10-1 to defending Division III champion Kennett on Dec. 20. Pictured is Cole Reid, who had the lone goal in the second period. It was assisted by Noah Smith and Connor Johnson

RAIDERS

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boost of confidence for the Red Raiders after being blown out by Berlin the week before.

"It was a resilient bounce back for us after the game against Berlin," said Cilley.

To Belmont's credit, Berlin is widely regarded as a team to beat in Division 3 that has been

running the table so far. Berlin even had its way with Manchester Memorial, a Division 1 team, in a pre-season scrimmage.

Pluskis ended the night with 14 points and six rebounds. Griffin Embree had 12 points and four assists, with Cilley saying he made big shots and free throws. Gansert had six points and 10 rebounds. Aiden Rupp had seven points

and five rebounds and Matt Thurber had eight points and five rebounds all coming in the second half.

Cilley said the team still needs to work on being more efficient from the free throw line, as well as three-point shooting. However, for this early in the season, he is happy with the way his team looks.

HOCKEY

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ting hit near the goal and put it in for the 3-2 lead. The goal was assisted by Broedy Gagnon and Troy Gallagher.

That lead wouldn't last long, however, with the Renegades stepping up big to tie up the game while it was still a 4 on 4. With lots of contact near the net, Patrick Mohan scored with assists by Burns and Sorokin.

Renegade coach Chuck Yaeger commended Mohan on his overall play during the evening, and added that his top line got things done.

"That first line that I have of Burns, McCarthy and Sorokin is our heavy hitting line," said Yaeger.

There were opportunities for both teams to score at the end of the third period, but more outstanding work in goal led the bout into overtime. Overtime saw the teams, which were

gassed but throwing every ounce of energy out there, firing off shots left and right. Sorokin had several slap shots that ended up in the chest of McGreevy and the Bulldogs had some close shots that just missed.

While it was clear that both coaches would have liked to have come away with a win, Saball and Yaeger agreed that their teams put everything they had into the game and showed that both squads can play some serious hockey.

"I thought both teams played really well," said Saball. "It was a good up and down, hard fought game. We got a chance and they got a chance, back and forth. The kids played hard and I know the kids were getting tired out there and both goalies had outstanding games in net."

The Bulldogs had McGreevy in goal and despite his young age, he did not disappoint. McGreevy handled 42 shots

from the Renegades coming at him from all angles.

"He was spectacular," said Saball. "I couldn't have asked for any more of him. He is a freshman and I didn't know exactly how he would handle it. We knew it would be a good game and he got in there, was calm and relaxed. He did great."

Yaeger had similar sentiments, saying it was a night where the goalies were the stars, but that both teams played their hearts out. Sanders had the task of fighting off 36 shots by the Bulldogs, saving 33 of them.

"Both goalies did a great job," said Yaeger. "A lot of credit goes to both goalies tonight. Both teams had some good offensive opportunities but they came up with some big saves. It was a good up and down game with some speed to it. Kudos go to both groups of athletes tonight."

Register for indoor flag football now

TILTON — Registration is now open for Lakes Region Flag Football League's fourth season of winter indoor flag football at the Tilton Sports Center beginning in January.

There are co-ed age divisions for ages 8-10 and 11-14, player's age as of Jan. 1, 2018.

Commitment is only one day a week, Saturday afternoons

beginning Jan. 13 and running until Saturday, March 31. Season schedule is posted at lrffl.com.

Games for the 8-10 division will be played at either 11 a.m., 12 p.m. or 1 p.m.; the 11-14 division will play at either 2, 3 or 4 p.m.

Season will start with a combine, one week of practice, six weeks of regular season

games (with a break for February vacation) and ending with playoff and Super Bowl games.

This will be an official NFL Flag season; registration fee is \$125 for a 12-week season. Fee will include an NFL Flag jersey, NFL Flag flag belt and field rental fees. Money is not due until after Jan. 1. Register online today at lrffl.com.

Laconia Lacrosse Club hosting free clinics

LACONIA — In preparation for the spring lacrosse season, girls and boys in grades one through eight from Meredith, Center Harbor, Franklin, Tilton, Sanbornton, Belmont and Laconia are all invited to try lacrosse at

the Laconia Lacrosse Club free clinics, Sunday nights, beginning Jan. 7.

Clinics will be held in the Laconia High School gym. All girls and boys in grades one through four will take the floor from 6 to 7 p.m. Boys in grades five through

eight will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Some equipment will be available to borrow, but all players need mouth guards to participate.

Contact laconialacrosseclub@gmail.com for questions or equipment needs.

WRESTLING

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a little more polished, but for a sophomore I couldn't ask for more in terms of courage and fight."

Wins for Winnisquam in the match went to Hunter Finemore in the 126 class; Kenzie Bourgeois in the 132 class; Cameron Roberts in the 145 class; Tyler Langill in the 160 class; Kobi Briand in the 170 class; Caden Remillard in the 220 class and T.J. Robinson in the 285 class.

"Overall it worked out that their tougher kids matched up with our newer kids, and our tougher kids matched up with their newer kids," said Osmer. "It didn't make for a night of exciting back and forth matches for the spectators, but in the end we had more firepower in our lineup and came away with the team victory."

On Dec. 20, the Bears beat Kearsarge 54-21 and Osmer called the match between Derrick Tremblay and Kearsarge's Riley Mosklaenko in

the 220-pound class the match of the night.

The wrestlers traded attacks at the beginning of the match, but Mosklaenko scored with the first takedown. However, Osmer said Tremblay's stubborn will and determination to not go on his back made a difference.

"He decided he wasn't going and so he didn't," Osmer said. "It's that simple. Despite not turning Tremblay to his back, Mosklaenko was so confident that he was close to the turn, that he picked top to start the second period. I was worried at that point. I was happy about how tough Derrick had been in the first not getting turned, but I thought the choice of top was going to be a problem for him. It's rare to see a wrestler choose top. It's an aggressive choice, one Kearsarge made because they thought they could win the match right then and there."

Tremblay received a point for an illegal hold and was able to escape from the bottom and bring the match to neutral. The score was 2-2

and they both had take-down attempts. Tremblay was able to score by bringing Mosklaenko from his feet to his back. Tremblay then got Mosklaenko to the mat to earn the fall.

"I was very impressed with Derrick's effort tonight," said Osmer. "He attacked. It didn't work, but instead of losing confidence he just kept attacking until it went his way."

Another winner was Finemore, who headlocked his opponent with less than a minute left and trailing 3-2 to come away with the win. Other winners were Mo Rigoli in the 145 class; Kowen Bourdeau in the 160 class; Jonathan Howell-Hanson in the 170 class; Dalton Stendor in the 182 class; Brandon Marceau in the 195 class and Robinson in the 285 class.

Winnisquam travels to Middlebury, Vt. on Dec. 28 and 29 for the Hubie Wagner Tournament. The Bears are the only team from New Hampshire competing against teams from Vermont and New York.

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New Year's - Time for New Year's Financial Resolutions

We've reached the end of another year - which means it's just about time for some New Year's resolutions. Would you like to study a new language, take up a musical instrument or visit the gym more often? All these are worthy goals, of course, but why not also add some financial resolutions?

Here are some ideas to think about:

- Increase contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$18,500 (or \$24,500 if you're 50 or older) to your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b), for employ-

ees of public schools and some non-profit groups, or a 457(b) plan, for employees of local governments. It's usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while your earnings can grow tax-deferred. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

- Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2018, you can contrib-

ute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings can grow tax-free, provided you don't start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you've had your account at least five years. You can put virtually any investment in an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

- Build an emergency fund. Try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

- Control your debts. It's never easy, but do what you can to keep your debts under control. The less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

- Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets. We've had a long run of rising stock prices - but it won't last forever. If we experience a sharp market downturn in 2018, don't overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you may ultimately gain an advantage by buying new shares when their prices are down.

- Review your goals and risk tolerance. At least once in 2018, take some time to review your short- and long-term financial goals and

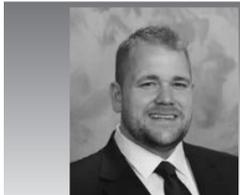
try to determine, possibly with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk - or possibly too little risk - with your investments.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year. At a minimum, they can help you improve your investment habits - and they may improve your financial picture far beyond 2018.

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The Public Hearing(s) will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at Moultonborough Town Hall located at 6 Holland Street.

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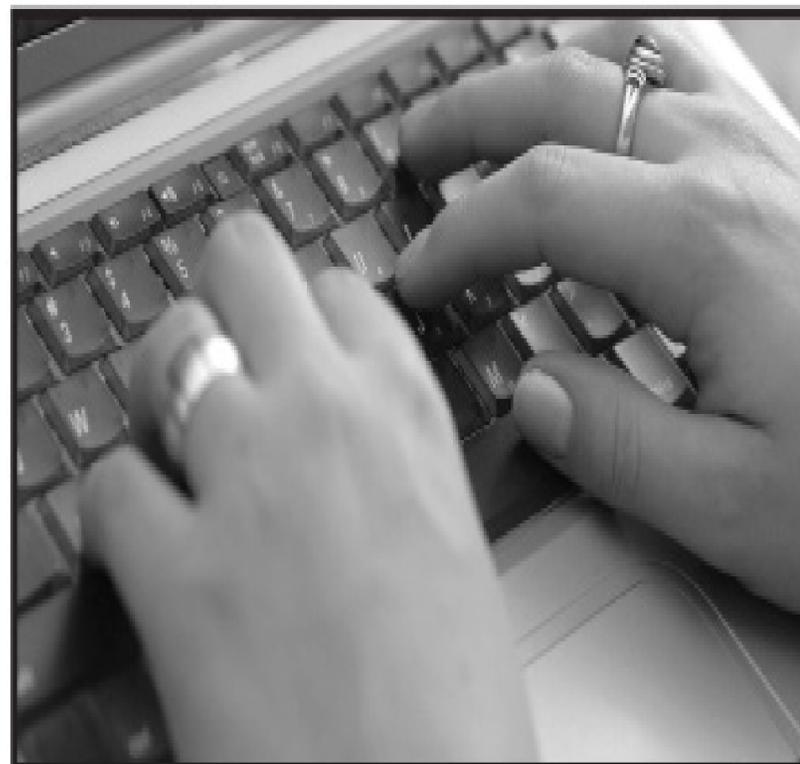
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