



John Davis and his creations for Vermont Rocks.



Haruhiko Murakami of Framed Gardens Company with his images made from pressed flowers.



The Caramel Guy, Stewart Harris, offers samples of his home-made caramel.

Labor Day Craft Fair draws big numbers

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Crafters from across New England sold their many different creations for holiday weekend vis-

itors at the annual Labor Day Weekend Craft Fair. From Saturday through Monday, visitors to Gunstock could look over many different

kinds of crafts at the fair put on by Joyce's Craft Shows, Organizer Joyce Endee said while Monday was a bit slow because

of the heat, the fair went great all weekend. "Saturday and Sunday were wonderful, we were very busy," Endee said.

Visitors could also meet with alpacas at a special exhibit and and

enjoy live music. Stewart Harris of Troy, who dubbed himself The Caramel Guy, makes and sells his own caramel creations. Flavors include the regular salted caramel, chocolate, orange, mocha, and

Wicked Hot. Harris is a disabled veteran and said he looked for different things to do. He started making wooden items like chicken coops then

Gilford schools now open

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Gilford's schools opened their doors for another year of learning this past week, with students, faculty, and staff seeing some improvements to all three buildings.

School opened for the staff on Monday and Tuesday mornings. At the opening, Superintendent Kirk Beitler said he talked about what they had done all summer and what books they had read. Educators also had team meetings and set up their rooms.

Marcel Lebrun, a specialist in special education with a concentration in emotional and behavioral disorders from PSU, spoke with the staff about working with students with anxiety and depression.

Students were back in the classrooms on Wednesday. The weather that day was hot thought Beitler said they planned for that.

Beitler said the teachers did a great job and were working with their students right away.

"They jumped right in feet first," Beitler said.

All three school buildings had work done over the summer and students and staff saw some improved features.

A new roof was installed at Gilford Middle School, which Beitler said was a huge project.

The entryway at Gilford Elementary School has been more secured. Previously, visitors would be buzzed at the front door and enter the hallway before checking in at the office. Now visitors will come directly

Town financially on point and seeing summer revenue

By Erin Plummer
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Revenues are looking good for this month, and summer revenue is coming in, according to a recent financial report.

Finance Director Glenn Waring gave the monthly financial update during the Aug. 22 selectmen's meeting.

Through the month of July, the town had received 58.3 percent of revenues so far this year.

"Revenues remain strong and on pace," Waring said.

The town is now seeing revenue from summer activities. Waring said summer seasonal revenue such as beach admissions and others have been falling in place for this time of year.

Some sources of revenue were low for now but they would be coming in. Revenue sources like Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), Rooms and Meals Tax, Highway Block Grant, and others will be coming in later this year.

He said expenditures are on pace through the end of July. Items like insurance, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid payments, and road projects were greatly expended through the earlier part of the year and reflect heavy expenditures.

Through July, the town has collected 92.6 percent of the first tax issuance, totaling \$15,200,643.

Waring said with their strong cash position they anticipate to meet all of their anticipated expenditures.

Short term investing through Aug. 14 has gained \$12,956,503 for the town. The town also has an operating cash balance of \$291,758.

Six strings and an inspirational moment

Country star Brad Paisley gives local boy a night to remember

NEW DURHAM — "Play this."

These are the words that country star Brad Paisley inscribed upon a Fender Telecaster that he bestowed upon a star-struck 12-year-old boy during a recent concert in Gilford. Both he and his mother were beside themselves - ebullient with delight as a result of this selfless act, which will further inspire a local child with musical clivivities.

The lucky kid was Brayden Barbarisi. He plays saxophone, piano, and has been taking free guitar lessons at the New Durham Public Library with Peter Robertson.

His mother, Kelly Barbarisi, explained that her son is her "concert buddy," and that they are regulars at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion.

"Some of the staff [at the venue] know us by name, and a lot more know us by sight - we go to so many shows there," she said.

The mother-and-son tandem are such frequenters that they upped their membership to get preferred seating in what's called the pit area - a space adjacent to the stage.

Being a member of the Brad Paisley fan club, Brayden was invited to a special pre-show meet-and-greet



Country star Brad Paisley recently bonded with superfan Brayden Barbarisi of New Durham during an appearance at Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion.



Brad Paisley inscribed a Fender Telecaster during his performance and presented the instrument to Brayden Barbarisi.

ALMANAC

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

We've all seen the thousands of miles of short rock walls throughout New England. We know that, at one point, most of New Hampshire's forests were cut for lumber and replaced with grazing fields. Knowing all of this, it is still astounding that New Hampshire once had hundreds-of-thousands-of-sheep roaming the mountains and yielding fur. For a few decades in the early 19th century the industry boomed, and then crashed almost as quickly. The story is wild, with social consequences that reverberate throughout New England history.

The story is so interesting that it should be told. Steve Taylor is coming to the Library on Thursday, Sept. 13

from 6:30-7:30 p.m. to share what we know about the Sheep Boom. The program is a joint effort with the Thompson-Ames Historical Society. Wool production pushed growth in New Hampshire, motivating architectural development as much as stone walls. It was a blip of prosperity that encouraged many to work furiously to make the land hospitable for sheep husbandry. The investments paid off quickly, but they did not last. Economic and industrial forces beyond New Hampshire made for tough competition, and by the late 19th century the industry shrunk to the point that they barely exported.

The Sheep Boom is one of the formative periods in New Hampshire history, and the

evidence of it today only begin to tell the whole story. Steve Taylor will help to fill in the gaps in our historical awareness.

Classes & Special Events Sept. 6-13

Thursday, Sept. 6
Lunchtime Documentary Movie: The White Helmets, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Join us for a light lunch and a showing of the documentary White Helmets. A short Netflix documentary following three rescue workers in Aleppo, Syria in 2016. Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

A mixed gaming club for the homeschoolers. Blends into

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

A mixed gaming club for teens. We play D&D,

Magic: the Gathering, misc. tabletop games, and reference geek culture too much! New players always welcome. Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 7
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 10
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 11
Baby/Toddler Drop In Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.
Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Preschool Sign-up Storytime, 10:45-11:45 a.m.
Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m.
Clickers Photography

Club, 6:30-8 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 12
Trustee Meeting, 8:30-10 a.m.
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.
Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Thursday, Sept. 13
Yoga Fun, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Come learn the basics of yoga through fun movement and play!
Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.
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Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.
The Great Sheep Boom, 6:30-7:30pm

In a brief 30-year period in the early 19th century the New Hampshire countryside became home to hundreds of thousands of sheep. Production of wool became a lucrative business, generating fortunes and providing the only time of true agricultural prosperity in the state's history. Steve Taylor discusses how farmers overcame enormous challenges to make sheep husbandry succeed, but forces from beyond New Hampshire were to doom the industry, with social consequences that would last a century. This is a joint program with the Thompson-Ames Historical Society.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Perfect Couple" by Elin Hilderbrand
2. "Texas Ranger" by James Patterson
3. "Paradox" by Catherine Coulter
4. "The President is Missing" by Bill Clinton & James Patterson
5. "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah
6. "Stay Hidden" by Paul Doiron
7. "Cottage by the Sea" by Debbie Macomber
8. "The Outsider" by Stephen King
9. "Triple Homicide Thrillers" by James Patterson
10. "Tailspin" by Sandra Brown

John Robinson of Wood & Clay officially retires, passes the torch to daughter & son-in-law

John Robinson of Wood & Clay officially retires, passes the torch to daughter & son-in-law John Robinson founded the company known as Wood & Clay in 1979, starting out focusing on Passive solar super insulated homes. John was always concerned with the highest quality in building even if initially that meant no profit.

Eventually his reputation became known and John began to get

contracts for custom homes, primarily on Lake Winnepesaukee, more than 200 of which grace the shores of the Lakes Region.

Robinson has been featured in many articles and magazines including Entrepreneur, New Hampshire Home, Boston Design Guide, Fine Home Building among others. Apple computer did a video of him back in 1989 featuring "small businesses on The Mac. The video can actually be viewed on

Wood & Clay's Web site.

Robinson, being President for several years of The Lakes Region Homebuilders Association, participated extensively within the Lakes Region as well as the State and National Homebuilders Association. Recently, he was awarded The Lifetime Achievement Award from The Lakes Region Builders and Remodelers Association.

Robinson's son-in-law, Kevin Beland, who has worked for Wood & Clay, Inc. for more

than 20 years, and his daughter, Shannon Robinson-Beland, have taken over the company, planning to continue with the same integrity, attention to detail and quality product that Wood & Clay has become known for.

Robinson plans to spend his time between his Florida home in Palm City and his 1910 cottage on Bear Island in the summers. He was born in Laconia, and has been a New Hampshire resident his entire life.

Laconia Congregational Church welcomes new Senior Pastor

LACONIA — Rev. Neil H. Wilson begins as the Senior Pastor at the Laconia Congregational Church on Wednesday, Sept. 5. His first Sunday in the pulpit is Sept. 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Neil and his wife Donna both grew up in Maine and in the Congregational Church. Although they left New England, they have never wavered from their faith as members of the Congregational Church. (Their

allegiance to New England professional sports teams has also remained intact!) They have a son with a family in Indiana and a daughter whose family lives outside of Portland, Maine. They have expressed that moving to the Laconia area feels like a chance to come home.

While it took Neil a few years to be sure of his calling, he worked as the owner of a successful logging business in

Maine. He subsequently began to work part-time as a licensed pastor and attended Earlham School of Religion in Indiana. He graduated in 1998 with a Master's degree in Divinity and was ordained that year. He became the Senior Pastor of a Congregational Church in Indiana and then became the Senior Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, Michigan where he has served for the last 11 years.

Neil will join Associate Pastor Rev. Paula Gile, who began her pastorate at the Congregational Church in 2010. It is with great joy that the congregation extends a warm welcome to Rev. Neil and Donna.

The Congregational Church of Laconia is a Just Peace and Open and Affirming church; no matter where you are on life's spiritual journey you are always welcome here. We have open hearts, open minds and open doors. Join us any Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and welcome Rev. Neil to Laconia.

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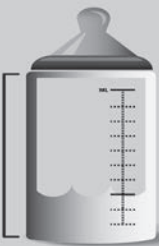
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Historical presentation, children’s crafts among September programs at the library

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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A historical presentation on the state’s sheep boom, a documentary on rescue workers in the Middle East, a presentation on the environmental impacts on the 5G rollout, and many activities for people of all ages can be found at the Gilford Public Library during the month of September.

The library will be

showing “The White Helmets,” a Lunchtime Documentary Movie on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 12:30 p.m. The Netflix original focuses on rescue workers saving civilian lives during the wars in Aleppo, Syria and Turkey in 2016.

Come in for Yoga Fun on Thursdays starting Sept. 13 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Visitors are encouraged to learn the basics of yoga “through fun

movement and play.”

The library and the Thompson-Ames Historical Society will host a presentation on “The Great Sheep Boom” by Steve Taylor. The presentation will focus on the 30 year period in the 19th century when the sheep business was booming in New Hampshire leaving a legacy of stonewalls and fine architecture. “The Sheep Boom” will be presented

from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., environmental biologist Carolyn Laroque will explain the 5G network rollout in her presentation “5G Wireless: What is it?” The presentation will talk about the program, the equipment, the possible health environmental hazards this could have, and ways to get information and contact public officials on

this.

The library will have special activities for children and teens on the school early release day, Sept. 19. Teens can try some improv activities at 12:30 p.m. with Teen Early Release Improv. After the school early release teens can come in and act out some scenes.

Elementary kids can do Minecraft projects at 1:30 p.m. at the Minecraft

Party! Kids in grades K-4 can do some low tech crafts and experiments.

Elementary school kids can also make their own tie dye t-shirt on Wednesday, Sept. 26 with Elementary After School Activity: Tie-dye from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For more activities and events at the library, visit www.gilford-library.org.



COURTESY

Rebecca Carter the owner designer and visionary behind Branch & Bloom Floral Boutique in Wolfeboro will give a presentation of “European Floral Design” to the Opeechee Garden Club on Monday, Sept. 10, at 1 p.m. at the Gilford Community Church, Potter Hill Road, Gilford. The public is invited to attend. She will demonstrate the creation of European table structures to be used for centerpieces and conservation pieces. Ms. Carter is a member of the American Institute of Floral Designers, a Certified Floral Evaluator and holds a European Master’s Certification.

Central VNA Offers Grief Arts workshops and Grief Out Loud! Coffee House

REGION — In a recent Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice grief support group, there were tears, laughter, silences, and storytelling – but perhaps nothing moved our group more than when members brought their own guitars and offered songs once shared with loved ones. Or in halting voices, read the poems or letters they had written their beloveds. Or even shared a list on pages of notebook paper, each line a few words

naming places travelled to together.

Somehow music, writing, and art can help us reach parts of ourselves that we may not reach as readily in any other way. And when we truly see and hear each other, there can be a different type of healing and connection for which we have no words – but we can feel.

This fall individuals and families of all ages are invited to tap into this beautiful creative energy through a series

of workshops called “Arts Music, Nature, and Hope” guided by local artists and a new “Grief Out Loud! Coffee House” offering an open mic for music, poetry, stories and more.

Two Laconia “Arts, Music, Nature, and Hope” workshops will be offered on Saturdays, Sept. 8 and Oct. 13 from 9-11 a.m.

Two Wolfeboro “Arts, Music, Nature, and Hope” workshops will be offered on Saturdays, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27 from

9-11 a.m.

These workshops have welcomed children as young as five and people “seasoned” beyond 80 and are free and open to the public. Activities vary and are guided by local artists. Past activities have included scrap-booking, painting ornaments, jewelry-making, writing, pottery, harp, fly-tying, and

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Step out of your comfort zone & into the magic!

LACONIA — Join the Good Vibe Tribe for an online challenge starting Sept. 9. Emily Clement, a life coach based in Laconia, is leading her 28-Day Challenge: Step Out of Your Comfort Zone and Into the Magic! Stretch beyond what you’ve known; flirt with the unfamiliar. New experiences create transformation and expansion. The entire event takes place in a private Facebook group. The cost is \$47.

You will receive structure and support, action steps and accountability. Each week has a theme; each day has a challenge. Every morning Emily will post a video to introduce a concept. She will share a fun story or example, and present you with your daily challenge. Com-

plete the challenge and report back to the group, or keep your experience private, if you’d prefer. The nature of the group allows you to participate at your own daily pace. Those in the Tribe have experienced more laughter and joy, increased self worth, a stronger support network, and healthier relationships. It is an energizing program! Register: www.EmilyClementLifeCoach.com

Emily Clement is a life coach based in Laconia. She leads workshops and retreats throughout New England, and coaches individuals, couples and small groups. The Good Vibe Tribe is her favorite community of joy seekers. Find her on Facebook and YouTube for inspiration and events. She can be reached at Emily@EmilyClementLifeCoach.com or 520-6300.

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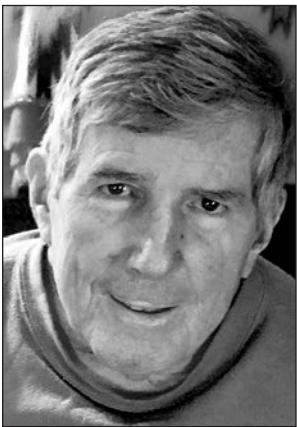
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OPINION

North Country Notebook

Hey somebody, turn on the lights---It's darker than a pocket in here



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Editor's note: Mr. Harrigan is currently on an extended hiatus. The following North Country Notebook column was originally published earlier this year.

The gust of wind hit the house just after dark on Friday, May 4, slamming into the front with an air of authority. It seemed out of synch with what had come before, a sunny, slightly overcast afternoon, but then come to think of it, there was that change to a south wind.

When I was haying, the weather mattered to me; now, not so much. Whatever comes over Monadnock or blows down from Quebec is fine. We can't control the weather anyway, and I hope I never see the day we can.

Still, the blast of wind had that forerunner feel to it, the kind of thing that somehow makes me think about the whereabouts of candles and flashlights, and it compelled me to get up out of the chair and check things out.

Electricity is one of those things we tend to take for granted until it's suddenly gone. It's hard to imagine life without it.

Yet we are not that far removed from a day when there were no electric pumps to move water from a well to a kitchen. For that, all we had was the ram---not the male version of a sheep, but rather a mechanical device.

A ram works by gravity and essentially enables water in a large vessel to push water out of a smaller one. This is made possible by valves

and check-valves, all of which I would explain except that (a) I really don't know much more than that, and (b) I don't want readers to look like they're either bored or dead.

Before the invention of the ram, or gravity-driven pump, there were only three ways that families (read that "overworked housewives and children") could get water into the kitchen: from an up-hill spring piped into the house, known as "gravity flow" water; by hauling water bucket by bucket from a well or the nearest brook or pond; or (and this was a stretch) by actually building a house around a dug well.

(The term "dug well" has a hazy connotation. A well by definition, after all, is dug. A well can begin as a moist spot in the sand and become, via endless scooping, a great expanded slough with a little pool in its middle. Or it can be a wet place literally dug out, by someone shoveling heavy mud and muck faster than the water comes in. When you get down to sand, gravel or bedrock, you build a circular rock wall on the way up, and presto!--a dug well. Today, most wells are driven, i.e., drilled.)

The house I live in today was undoubtedly supplied with water from a nearby rocked-in spring, by dint of ram and lead pipe. I know this because at various times I have dug up sections of the pipe. And although I didn't know it at the time, I actually stumbled onto the ram more than half a century ago.

When I dropped out of my first year of college in 1966 and came home without warning, my father was so incensed that he put me to work demolishing the ell of the farmhouse he and my Mom had bought, until I could find a paying job (this I soon did, at Beecher Falls Factory).

CHANCE: so named by his original shelter, all the way down in South Carolina, this sturdily built canine travelled a very long way for his "second chance". Sadly overlooked, he's been waiting since June 1st for his lasting forever home.

Medium sized brown dog, just about 50lbs – he seems to have faded into the background of the adopting public's consciousness and after this length of time, as the prettier, more obviously purebred, and cute tiny puppies leave the building, he remains, forlorn and lonely.

We know he would be a good dog with some guidance away from the shelter. For some dogs it's just is too loud, too busy, to reactive for them to cope with the constant

stream of visitors, and proximity of other canines.

Ideal home, Chance is actually afraid of cats! He may be able to enjoy the company of another dog at some point in his life, maybe a local canine playmate. We must be very clear, he has had no experience that has been positive with children and really needs an adults only home.

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

When Scars are Good

BY LARRY SCOTT

Sitting around a crackling fire in front of her home in Jinja, Uganda, Katie Davis and Mack, her stranger-turned-friend-of-the-family, were reminiscing on the long journey that had brought them together.

Mack turned to Katie and saw she was looking at the enormous scar on his leg. "Mack's eye caught mine and he smiled. 'I will wear this scar with me,' he said, 'I will wear it wherever I go. And I will think of you. I will always think of you and remember that God was so faithful to me and that you were faithful too.'" (Majors, "Daring to Hope," p. 93).

After coming to Uganda as an eighteen-year-old, ostensibly to teach, she subsequently settled in Uganda with a people with whom she had fallen in love, finally adopting thirteen

girls who would forever call her "mom." She soon became a fixture in Jinja, one the people knew they could always come to for help and encouragement.

Katie's friend Christine, knowing Katie's heart for the hurting, brought Mack to her home. "'I have someone for you to look at.'... I could feel the vomit surge hot in my throat as I caught that first glimpse of his leg: skin burned charcoal black, bone exposed, nothing even still alive enough to bleed." Katie knew this man. "As the village drunk of Masese, he was a constant annoyance to me. ... He would stumble, swearing, through my Bible study as our group met outside" (Ibid, p. 35).

Katie and Christine took him to the hospital but the doctor was not encouraging. He suggested only two alternatives: they could amputate, or someone could dress the wound daily and hope for the best.

But not at the hospital; the nurses had no time for something like that! Mack's situation had required him to stay with Katie and her brood, and night after night, Katie had to unwrap the wound, scrape the dead flesh away, clean and rebandage it. But Katie was determined. "Something in me that I could not yet name rose up to fight. ... You will not lose your leg! Not on my watch. And so, I observed and learned as the doctor taught me exactly what to do to give Mack's leg the best chance of survival" (Ibid, p. 36).

Who would have ever thought that the village drunk from Masese would recover, learn of the love of God through Katie, become a friend, and a dynamic Christian.

It has always amazed me to note the dramatic changes that come to an individual once they have welcomed Jesus Christ as the Lord of their life. Some people scoff at those who come to Christ when their life is in tatters, but that is, frankly, true of most of us. Our scars are but reminders that for us, our lives are now divided in two periods: BC and AC, before Christ, and after Christ, and the difference must be experienced to be understood. He has given us a new reason to live, a new level of peace and happiness we thought would elude us forever. As the Apostle Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain!" Right on!

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarryscott@gmail.com.

FROM OUR READERS

Old Home Day thanks

To the Editor:

The Friends of the Gilford Public Library have a great many people to thank for their time and energy at this year's Old Home Day. Their commitment of time and energy made this year's celebration the best ever. Thank you to all those who helped with our pie and ice cream sale; the bakers, servers, scoopers, cashiers. You made it a fantastic success. Additional thanks goes to Sawyers for their ice cream donations and Trish Evers of Triple Trouble who helped us supplement the blueberries for pies.

Our book sale was also highly successful. Thank you to the Gilford Soccer Team who moved the books

to the sale area, the sorters and book staff who kept things neat all day long. Our award winning float was in the parade on a flatbed donated by Belknap Landscaping and the characters on the float, created by our talented library staff and young patrons, were supported by lumber donated by Lowes. Isn't it amazing what wonderful things happen when we all work together!

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We Care fundraising concerts celebrate five years in the Lakes Region of NH

LACONIA — Temple B’nai Israel’s We Care initiative was born out of the efforts of the TBI fund raising team that came into existence in 2012. The temple had traditionally raised most of its funds from dues with a small amount coming from its annual Jewish Food Festival.

The festival started in 1997 as an adjunct to a rummage sale on the front lawn of the temple. The festival grew over the years but required thousands of manhours of cooking, set-up and serving with a relatively small return on the invested hours. It had become, however, a key community outreach

program that the local community looked forward to each year. Temple leadership was looking for alternative fundraising ideas that could raise additional funds with somewhat less labor. In 2012, the TBI fund raising team was formed and in October of that year the first entertainment event was held. It was a coffee house featuring a folk singing group together with an Italian buffet dinner. The event was successful raising nearly the same amount as the Food Festival, with considerably less work.

The fundraising team honed their skills in planning this type of

event and over the next year it planned and executed two additional events and grew its sponsor book for each of these events. They soon realized that if they were diligent about their efforts for the sponsor book, they could raise sufficient monies for the temple through that effort and the knowledge and experience gained over the last 18 months could be used to benefit other local nonprofits. TBI We Care was born in 2014. The temple was already participating in several community programs such as the Salvation Army lunch program and Hands Across the Table which provid-

ed hot meals for those who cannot afford them. We Care took these efforts to the next level.

The We Care team sought out small local nonprofits that would benefit from a team of experienced fundraisers to supplement their fundraising efforts. The model was to hold two entertainment events each year and to give the net proceeds of these events to the chosen nonprofit partners. Not only would the partner receive funds, they would get a significant amount of public awareness of their cause through the print and radio efforts employed to market the events. It

was a significant win for these organizations.

This fundraising team could not forget their modest beginning that was borne out of the preparation of traditional Jewish foods for the Lakes Region community. Thus, the addition of homemade refreshments was added to the concert events, all included in the price of the ticket. Everyone who attends a We Care concert is treated to an amazing assortment of cookies, cakes, and pastries as well as cracker & cheese platters and veggie platters with dips. Soft drinks, coffee, tea and water are also served. Concert goers enjoy re-

freshments before the show and during intermission while having a chance to meet and greet old friends and new.

TBI We Care concludes its fifth year, and 10th concert, on Oct. 27, when it brings back to the area one of the country’s best folk-rock groups, and a We Care favorite, Gathering Time. The seamless vocal blend of Gathering Time, inspired guitar playing and precise percussion has deep roots in ‘60s folk-rock, with a healthy dash of traditional folk in the mix. Their stage chemistry makes clear that they take the music (if not themselves) very seriously, yet their infectious energy wins over even fans who never considered themselves folkies. We Care has selected Central New Hampshire VNA and Hospice as a repeat beneficiary of the net proceeds from the Gathering Time concert. Tickets can be purchased at www.tbihn.org.

Rockin’ Johnny Burgin Band takes the stage at Pitman’s Friday

LACONIA — Pitman’s Freight Room is pleased to host the Rockin’ Johnny Burgin Band - one of the hardest touring and well recognized traditional Chicago blues guitarists and singers today. Since his start in the 90s on Chicago’s West Side with blues singer Taildragger, he has become a leading blues attraction throughout the United States and Europe.

Johnny Burgin grew up in Starkville MS and Greenville SC, and while he was still in high school, he got to see many touring blues bands such as Guitar Jr, Gatemouth Brown and Eddie Clearwater. After learning from the masters by touring with



JOHNNY BURGIN

such artists as Pinetop Perkins and Howlin’ Wolf drummer Sam Lay, he put his own band together. Johnny has played the Chicago blues festival many times, toured Europe regularly, and has headlined festivals all over the US. He has developed from a blues guitar



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slinger and local blues hero into a fully fledged singer, harmonica player, a dynamic and engaging bandleader, and a mature, seasoned guitarist. He puts on the kind of satisfying and exciting show that only years of touring can develop. Elmore magazine remarked on Johnny’s “commanding vocals and stinging guitar”,

but Elvin Bishop may have said it best: “his guitar style is raw and rude and real—on the vocal side, a nice original style—he’s damn good!” <http://rockin-johnnyburgin.com/>.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and we are a BYO Venue. For reservations, call 527-0043.

“Annie” and the Orphans at Pitman’s

Freight Room Saturday, Sept. 8

The popular six piece Lakes Region band, was formed in 1964 and has performed in many venues for over 50 years, including as a featured act on the cruise ship M/S Mount Washington.

Lead vocalist Anatole “Annie” Paquette and bass player, Bob McNab are two of the original performers. Joining them to rock the night away are Roy D’Innocenzo, guitarist, Steve Giotas on drums, pianist, Peter “The Wildman” Previte and Scottie “The Horn” Gro-leau, saxophonist.

The band specializes in rock ‘n roll and during their performance the musicians will intertwine dance music from the Fabulous Fifties and the British Invasion of the ‘60s. This group always gives their audience a high energy performance and promises to get your spirits up and your toes tapping!

Rock ‘n Roll with Anatole!

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- Lake Region Community Services
 - Central NH VNA and Hospice
 - Genesis Behavioral Health
 - New Beginnings
 - Voices Against Violence
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 - Belknap House
- All the efforts of the TBI We Care team are only possible by the tremendous support from the more 100 Lakes Region businesses who support We Care efforts through the temple sponsor book. Special thanks to 2018 event sponsors, Meredith Village Savings, Miracle Farms Landscaping Services and Golden View Health Care.
- The We Care team will soon begin planning for 2019 and put Tzedakah (a moral obligation for charitable giving) into practice for its sixth year.

Samba Viva’ debuts at Multicultural Festival

LACONIA — If you’ve detected a merry mix of melodies and rhythms in the air lately, it might be the many performers-singers, dancers, instrumentalists, soloists, & groups-rehearsing for the 18th annual edition of the Laconia Multicultural Festival, happening Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rotary Park and areas surrounding the Belknap Mill in downtown Laconia.

This signature event, sponsored by the Laconia Human Relations Committee, in addition to many other contributors and numerous dedicated volunteers, celebrates America’s cultural diversity and the rich ethnic heritage of the Lakes Region. It’s family friendly with free admission for all ages.



debuting this year is Samba Viva, a Brazilian dance ensemble dedicated to authentically promoting Brazilian culture via dance and music,” elaborated Committee member Debbie Frawley Drake. “Their troupe of dynamic, polished dancers will immerse you in the experience of Brazil, from Rio to Bahia.”

“Samba, also known as the ‘Brazilian waltz,’ is a fluid flowing mix of swaying steps and hip movements,

accented by the ‘Samba bounce’ “ added Festival Committee member David Stamps. “It features very distinct rhythms and meters, and expresses an entire culture of food, party gatherings-the famed Carnival-and unique fashion styles. So, it’s a perfect fit for this Festival.”

This signature Lakes Region event starts out with our traditional Parade of Flags at 10 a.m. “We welcome any and all people to participate,

by carrying a flag and walking the short route from Bank of NH parking lot to Rotary Park. No advance sign up is necessary, just be at the bank parking lot by 9:30 a.m.” says Guyer. “This year, we have added a world champion Scottish bagpiper to lead our flag carriers.”

The festival promises to be more exciting than ever. Mark your calendars for Sept. 8 and come enjoy great food, music, art, children’s activities and crafts.

Musical performance by Red Gallagher at Taylor Community Sept. 12

LACONIA — Dennis “Red” Gallagher presents an upbeat show of music and humor. A true one-man-band, his sound is a combination of electric and acoustic guitar, harmonica, voice and electronic percussion.


His musical repertoire spans jazz, blues, folk, country, rock and roll and includes standards from all eras of

American popular music. Additionally, his original songs and parodies poke fun at all aspects of modern life.

Join us Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Theater. This free event is open to the public. What you’re sure to remember most about Red’s performances is the element of fun, spontaneity and

participation he brings to all.

Taylor Community is the premiere not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community in the Lakes Region. Keep up with all our events on Facebook. For more information about active senior living, visit our Web site at www.taylorcommunity.org, or call 524-5600.



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Enter to win a TV during the Community Caregivers minigolf tournament

Golf ball raffle adds more fundraising excitement

MEREDITH — Enter to win a 50-inch Vizio SmartCast TV by donating \$10 to Interlakes Community Caregivers now through Sept. 8. The winner will be drawn at the Community Caregivers 8th Annual MiniGolf Tournament at Pirates Cove Adventure Golf in Meredith.

“Stop by our office, come to the MiniGolf Tournament, or give me a call to find out how you can get your numbered

Golf Ball and take a chance to win this state-of-the-art TV,” said Ann Sprague, ICCI Executive Director.

Sprague indicated that you may enter to win at the MiniGolf Tournament itself will be between 12 and 2 on that Saturday and now through September 6 at their office, located at 60 Whittier Highway, Moultonborough and open Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm. For more in-

formation, call 253-9275.

The television has been generously donated by Darryl Brown of DBImagine in Moultonborough. The company offers a wide variety of services including consumer electronics distribution, logistics management, high volume order fulfillment services, returns management and liquidation, computer and technology support, customer software solutions and surveillance



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Enter to win a 50-inch Vizio TV and help support Interlakes Community Caregivers. Pictured here is Community Caregivers Director Ann Sprague with a “thumbs up” and encourages the public to make a donation of \$10 now through September 8 for a chance to win it. For more information, call 253-9275.

OBITUARY

Dannie A. Gullage, Sr., 50

GILMANTON — Dannie A. Gullage Sr., 50, lifelong resident of Gilmanton, died on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018 at home after a five and a half year battle with cholangiocarcinoma cancer with family by his side.

Dannie was born on Jan. 29, 1968 in Laconia, the son of Dannie and Linda (Willard) Gullage. Dannie worked as a stone mason since he was 14 years old. He worked for Hayden Hillsgrove Stone Masonry and also ran his own business. Dannie was an avid NASCAR fan. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and gardening, raising animals, and most importantly spending time with his family.

Dannie is survived by his mother, Linda (Wil-



lard) Gullage; his wife of 25 years, Tabatha Gullage; a son, Dannie “DJ” Gullage, Jr. and his significant other, Katelyn Topping; two daughters, Courtney Gullage and Kaitlyn Gullage and her significant other, Kevin Green; five grandchildren (Beckham, Cayson, Aubriegh, Abel, and Jackson); a brother, John Gullage, and his

wife, Sharon; a sister, Jody Farwell, and her husband, Kevin; three nieces, Carlee, Hayden, and Georgia; two nephews, Kevin and River; his lifelong best friend, John Whelan IV; and two fur grand-babies, Dixie and Lucy.

Dannie was predeceased by his father, Dannie Gullage; his maternal and paternal grandparents; and his dog, Ireana.

Calling Hours will be held on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A celebration of Dannie’s life will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 at 11 a.m. at 307 NH Route 140, Gilmanton, NH 03237.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Wilkinson-Beane, Inc., PO Box 67, Laconia, NH 03247.

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

and access control. For more information, visit their Web site at www.dbimagine.com.

The annual MiniGolf Tournament is a family-friendly event which has raised over \$70,000 since the first tournament in 2010 and is the largest annual fundraiser for this nonprofit. Up to 18 teams play through 18 holes and, while scores are being tallied, everyone enjoys a free ice cream sundae courtesy of Ben & Jerry’s Meredith. Hot dogs will be available for sale as well as Golf Ball Raffle tickets until the Awards presentation.

Lead Sponsors to date this year are Electrical

Installations, Inc., McCarthy Lawn & Property Management, Shep Brown’s Boat Basin, DAK Financial Group, East Coast Foundation, Interlakes Animal Hospital, Interlakes Family Dental, Meadow Pond Animal Hospital, Moulton Farm. To form a team or sponsor the event, call Ann Sprague at 253-9275.

Founded in 1998, Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. provides transportation and other support services to assist our neighbors to live independently, whether for a short-term recuperative period or to age in place in the comfort of

one’s own home. Services are provided by volunteers to residents of Center Harbor, Meredith, Moultonborough and Sandwich. ICCI is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Their office is located at the Harbor Square Building, Unit 8B, 60 Whittier Highway, Moultonborough, between the Center Harbor traffic lights and Lemon Grass Restaurant on NH Route 25. For more information, visit their Web site at www.InterlakesCommunityCaregivers.org, follow them on Facebook, or call 253-9275.

Upcoming charity Poker Walk to support local families in need

LACONIA — Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Laconia invites the community to help support local families in need at its first ever Charity Poker Walk Sunday, Sept. 23, with registration beginning at 10 a.m.

Individual walkers and teams will walk the WOW Trail starting at Coldwell Banker’s office, located at 348 Court

St., and along the trail will be four stops where they can pick four cards. When they return to Coldwell Banker, they will choose one final card and see if they have a winning hand. The best hand wins \$150 cash, second place a \$50 gift certificate, and third place a \$25 gift certificate.

All funds raised will support Lakes Region

families need of housing related services. This year’s recipients will be New Beginnings Crisis Center and the Salvation Army’s Carey House.

For more information or to save on the registration fee by registering yourself or your team early, please contact Jaynee Middlemiss at 524-2255 or Jaynee.Middlemiss@nemoves.com.

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Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Gilford Old Home Day Wrap Up
The annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration was held this past Saturday, Aug. 25, and the weather was beautiful! Annual activities included the parade, entertainers, pie-eating contest, egg toss, band concert, community dance and spectacular fireworks! The parade award winners were as follows:

Grand Prize, Best Overall – Make-A-Wish NH
Neighborhood Floats – 1st Place to Gilford Cal Ripken, 2nd Place to Gilford Library and 3rd Place to Street Car Company
Commercial Floats – 1st Place to Make-A-Wish NH, 2nd Place to Gunstock and 3rd Place to Gilford Buildings and Grounds
Mini Floats – 1st Place to Under His

Wings Pre-School and 2nd place to Gilford Robotics
Neighborhood Marchers – 1st Place to Gilford Farmer’s Market, 2nd Place to the Gilford School District and 3rd Place to 1st United Methodist Church
Individual Marcher – 1st Place to Tim Godbout, 2nd Place to Miss Teen Winnepesaukee and 3rd Place to Darren Brown
Antique Vehicles – 1st Place to the Village

Store, 2nd Place to Tim Albert and 3rd Place to Hayden McLaughlin
Classic Vehicles – 1st Place to Neil Flaherty
Other Vehicles – 1st Place Bolduc Park, 2nd Place to Bob Blake and 3rd Place to Gilford Public Works
Oxen – 1st Place to Kathy Salanitro
Equestrian – 1st Place to the Uicker Cowgirls
“Our Town” Kids Entry – 1st Place to Gilford Library, 2nd Place

to Under His Wings and 3rd Place to Gilford Cal Ripken
The Parks and Recreation Department would also like to offer a special thanks to all the people who have worked so hard to make Gilford Old Home Day a success. A special thank you to the Old Home Day Committee for their tireless effort and time, the Gilford High School Football Team for their assistance with the day

before prep and the morning after clean-up, the Bank of New Hampshire for their sponsorship of the musical performance of the Stolen Thunder Band and all the Town Departments for their assistance throughout the event. To all others who helped to make the day so great, Thank you!

Senior Moment-um End of Summer Beach Potluck on Sept. 10

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring an end of the summer Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Sept. 10. Participants are invited to join us at Gilford Town Beach at 11:30 a.m. for potluck lunch and a game of bocce ball. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide the drinks and paper goods and participants are asked to bring a dish to share with the group. If you have a lawn chair, please bring it! Come and enjoy the last of our summer days at the beach. Participants must RSVP with the dish they plan to bring with the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 by Sept. 6. The rain date will be Tuesday, Sept. 11.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Gilford Parks and Rec. Department at 527-4722.

Celebrate Meredith’s 250th by dining on Main Street

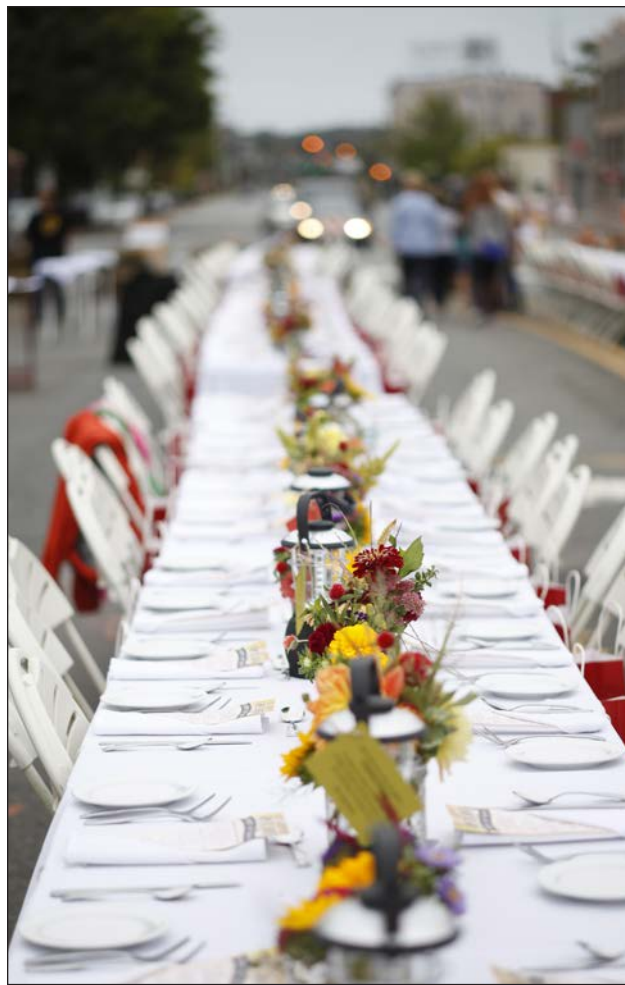
MEREDITH — The Farmers Dinner is excited to partner with Hermit Woods Winery and the Greater Meredith Program to present an evening in celebration of the town of Meredith’s 250th anniversary. Join Chefs Keith Sarasin & Chris Viaud of The Farmers Dinner along with Bob Manley of Hermit Woods Winery on Main St in Meredith, New Hampshire for a delicious five course farm to table dinner.

Main Street will be closed to oncoming traffic and decorated with long, linen-clad tables set up down the middle of the street with seating for 150 guests. Optional limited VIP tickets are available for guests to have a special one of a kind tour & tasting from Hermit Woods along with appetizers from The Farmers Dinner one hour before the event kicks off. This one of a kind experience will sell out quickly so

don’t delay. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Greater Meredith Program’s Career Partnership Program, GMP is a nonprofit community development organization dedicated to enhancing economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage and town-wide beautification.

Optional wine pairing tickets are available. Optional VIP tickets are available which include, tour, tasting & apps.

Tickets:
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Where: Main Street,



Meredith. To purchase tickets please visit www.thefarmersdinner.com.

Don’t delay, tickets are limited!

Consider Northeastern Ballet Theatre for your preschooler

WOLFEBORO — Do you have a preschooler who dances around the house all day? Have you been considering signing him or her up for ballet classes, but you are not sure which dance school would be best? Consider Northeastern Ballet Theatre, New Hampshire’s premier professional ballet company and training school. Ballet is Northeastern Ballet Theatre’s only business, and ballet is the basis of all forms of dance. All professional dancers, no matter what their specialty, are trained in classical ballet. Our students learn the correct French terms from the beginning, and we do not do recitals or

competitions. Students have the opportunity to perform in full-length, professional ballets throughout the year. Northeastern Ballet Theatre offers the finest classical ballet training in the state. Our Ballet Beginnings class for three-to-five-year-olds began on Tuesday, Sept. 4 in our Dover studio (in The McConnell Center) and begins on Thursday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m. in our Wolfeboro studio (26 Glendon St., across from Rite Aid). You may join the class at any time. Come try a class for free! For more information, please visit www.northeasternballet.org or call 834-8834.

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“Master Harold...and the Boys” runs one weekend only at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse

MEREDITH — “Master Harold ... and the Boys,” is a stunning semi-autobiographical play by Athol Fugard, set in 1950 during the height of Apartheid. The show’s director, Clayton Phillips, says “It is, unfortunately, as relevant today as it was when first produced in 1982. The play shows how institutionalized racism, bigotry and hatred can become absorbed by those who live in a society that finds this behavior acceptable. The reflection that we see, as we look into the mirror of this dark era, is remarkably familiar to us today. This is a beautifully written play that will touch your soul.” This play has also provided opportunities for unique community partnerships. Dr. Teresa Smith de Cherif, a physician at Mid-State Health Center in Bristol, has been assisting the professional actors with the difficult dialect required by the piece. In addition to her work as a physician, Dr. Smith de Cher-

if also holds a Masters Degree in International Affairs and Certificate from the Institute of African Studies of Columbia University. Dr. Smith de Cherif shares “I completed part of my training in internal medicine and infectious disease at the University of Cape Town, from 2002-2007...The dignity, kindness, and compassion of my South African patients remind me to fulfill the original role of a doctor, which is to be a teacher. ‘Master Harold’ ...and the Boys is an opportunity to learn about the complicated past and present of South Africa and to ponder our own opportunities to affect positive change, to choose hope, and to reject the practice of hatred abroad and at home. In this manner, I am honored to volunteer as a language and accent coach for this production.” “Master Harold... and the Boys” opens at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse on Wednesday, September 5, and runs one weekend only

through Sunday, September 9. Tickets are \$20-\$34 and are available online at www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org or over the phone at 279-0333. Show times are Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 5 p.m.; with one matinee at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6. Additional free events supporting “Master Harold...and the Boys” include a pre-show symposium, Thursday, Sept. 6, backstage tour Friday, Sept. 7, and post show talkback Saturday, Sept. 8. The Winnepesaukee Playhouse extends special appreciation and thanks to their Summer Season Sponsor: Bank of New Hampshire and Production Sponsor: Lakes Region Community College. The Winnepesaukee Playhouse, a year-round theatre, is a 501(c)3 organization supported in part by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Shubert Foundation, the Steinwachs Family Foundation, and by contributions from members of this community.



Cast members Erick Lindsey, Marcus Wells, and Versee Damien.

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Lakes Region Tourism Association supports governor’s effort to change back-to-school date

REGION — The Lakes Region Tourism Association (LRTA) was founded in 1936, and continues to be an energetic force when it comes to promoting and establishing tourism in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Earlier this week, LRTA Executive Director, Amy Landers announced support of the Governor’s effort to change the start day of the school year to after the Labor Day holiday throughout the entire state of New Hampshire. According to Landers, the last week of August is a critical time for businesses in the Lakes Region and throughout the State. Businesses see a decrease in visitors and revenue during the last week of August, which greatly effects the summer season. The LRTA believes that starting school after Labor Day will provide an opportunity to grow the economy and positively impact business sales. At this time, businesses are losing visitors and workers during the last week of summer. Many businesses must close earlier in the season because of the lack of

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BY MARK PATTERSON

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The year 1994 saw a hedge fund called "Long Term Capital Management" that was founded in Greenwich, Conn. by some very smart people that had a boat load of experience in the capital markets. They created

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Moment

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with the artist. Unfortunately for mother Kelly, no guests were allowed, so Brayden ventured off to an exclusive area where a select number of fans were able to speak with Brad and take selfies.

The soon-to-be Kingwood Middle Schooler had come equipped with a photo of himself with his first guitar, which he'd hoped the country star would sign. The Barbarisis also came armed with a poster of Brad Paisley himself to have autographed.

While Brayden was having the experience of a lifetime, Kelly - back in the pit section was "freaking out." While she holds the venue staff in high

regard, maternal instincts - being what they are - kicked in.

Then, at one point, Kelly received a text from Brayden that read, "You need to come here NOW." (She stressed the use of capital letters). She was being summoned to the meet-and-greet.

So she found an official who escorted her backstage, obliging at the artist's request in spite of the no guests policy. In her excitement, however, Kelley left her purse behind, realizing this only after the fact. (She said she was able to retrieve it after the fact - a fellow fan kept the pocketbook safe in her absence).

"Brayden made a real impression on

Brad, and they moved our seats to right under the mic," Barbarisi explained.

Once the concert began, she observed that Paisley and Brayden "locked eyes on many occasions."

Barbarisi added that Brayden "is a real magnet" for musicians. At a previous concert by country performer Keith Urban, Brayden was invited onstage to take selfies with the performer.

Recalling Brayden from the meet and greet, Paisley gave him guitar picks between riffs during the set.

Then at one point during his tune "This Is Country Music," Paisley turned his back to the audience and

pulled out a sharpie and inscribed a Fender Squire Telecaster and presented it to Brayden.

When asked how he felt about that moment, and the evening overall, Brayden said, "[Brad's] amazing, and he made me the happiest man alive."

"Speaks volumes about how sweet Brad is," Kelly explained. She noted that many of his songs are overtly positive and optimistic.

As for Brad Paisley himself, he posted a pic of himself and Brayden on an official web site with the caption, "To Brayden, the boy I gave a guitar to tonight in NH: My hope is that it simply brings you joy. Less important are fame, attention, or fortune. Those are secondary. My grandpa said a guitar can get you through the hard times. He was right. Go play!"

"My phone started blowing up the next day," Kelly smilingly recalled.

Acts of kindness are an integral part of how Paisley engages with fans and the community.

We had a chance to talk with a representative from Paisley's West Virginia-based charitable foundation. Trustee Anthony Habbit said, "That's just how he is."

He said the Paisley Foundation was established in the early 2000s, shortly after the country star gained ac-



Brayden Barbarisi was all smiles with his new Brad Paisley-signed guitar. He has recently been taking lessons at the New Durham Library.

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looked at baking.

"The caramel just really came together," Harris said.

Harris said he does a lot of fairs, including many of Endee's fairs.

While Monday was slow, the rest of the weekend was a big success.

"This was close to our best fair," Harris said.

Haruhiko Murakami of Cary Plantation, Maine, makes different images out of pressed flowers for his company Framed Gardens Company.

A native of Japan, Murakami now lives in northern Maine where he has 100 acres of land. He said some friends from Japan and re-

marked on all the beautiful flowers on the land, suggesting that he do something with them. He started pressing the flowers into different images and has been doing so for the past 18 years.

He said he comes to almost all of Endee's fairs. He said this weekend went really well with almost record numbers.

John Davis of Newfane, Vt., creates statues with metal shapes of different athletes scaling carved Vermont rocks for his company Vermont Rocks. He said he started within the past few years as a way to raise money to participate in different running events across the country. He sold images of lit-

tle runners and the business took off from there.

Most of the metal athletes are cut from stainless steel, he also does some out of sterling silver and gold. Most of the sports shown like running, rock climbing, and biking, are ones he himself does.

Most of the rocks Davis uses came from the river by his home with some coming from different Vermont quarries.

He said he does a fair every weekend until Christmas. The Labor Day Weekend fair was successful.

"It's been really good for us," Davis said.

claim. He said the triggering event was a massive flood in the Ohio Valley, causing major damage throughout the region. The foundation would contribute \$750k for flood relief to support residents of the region where he hailed from.

Paisley's charity also donates books to schools and has more recently raised \$350k to provide aid to the victims of the recent California wildfires.

Other charities he supports include an AIDS research foundation, the Wal-Mart Take a Kid Fishing Day, and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. In 2004, he was awarded the Country Radio Broadcasters' Artist

Humanitarian Award.

While Paisley is the foundation's prime mover, the guitars he gives away are not funded through the charity. Courtesy

"He does that all out of pocket," Habbit said. "He values music and the promise and potential of kids so much, he kind of feels it's a great way to directly give back; plus it's a way that he can entertain thousands and maybe also inspire one child to develop the kind of passion that his grandfather gave him."

"I know my son will never forget that - it meant so much," Kelly Barbarisi said.

"I know I never will and am so grateful," she concluded.



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the 1997 Asian financial crisis followed by the 1998 Russian financial crisis which led to Federal Reserve Intervention and total failure by 2000. The software developed to manage this fund performed great until it

didn't anymore.

The point is that the academics that run these automated programs usually lack something more important than their intellect; and that certain something is instinct or a "gut" feel

for what is happening around them. Of course this is a generalization, but one that I believe is true more than not.

Target retirement funds are mutual funds that invest your money according to your pro-

jected retirement date. I suppose everyone should invest exactly the same if you plan on retiring in the same year? Robo-advisors would in essence do the same thing, assuming that everyone's risk tolerance

is the same. If you have a life changing event can you call your robot to make adjustments to your portfolio? Would your portfolio be designed with steady sustainable income and capital preservation? What about the amounts of life insurance or long-term care? My understanding is that the Robot just handles your fund allocations and rebalance. I equate the self-driving car to robo-advising, neither appeals to me quite yet! Next time you

get that funny feeling about the markets and feel that you should take some profit and raise cash, you can probably assume that "robot don't care."

If you do not think there is value added by working with a human as your advisor then I would suggest low cost Fidelity or Vanguard funds; skip the robot.

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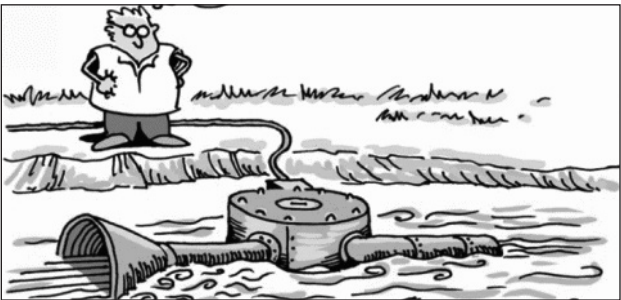
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At the end of the ell was a cubicle for a three-holer (go figure), and near it I found a big metal object that turned out to be really big, and really heavy. This was a two-sectioned affair that looked like two bells welded together, a larger one atop a smaller one.

Many years later, I figured out that it was the old ram that had once forced water from a nearby downhill spring up into the kitchen. For several generations of farm families from the Civil War on, it had been an engineering marvel that almost magically bought water right into the home. It was one of drudgery's great emancipators, the other big one being, of course, electricity.

Rams were invented in England and France at about the same time, around 1770. This old ram had probably been in service from when the house was built, around 1850. Yet when the Rural Electrification Act came along in 1939, making the electrification of far-flung towns and farms all



This is a water ram, rendered in comic absurdity.

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The necessary items: A no-nonsense flashlight, a box of matches, and a candle all seated and ready.

JOHN HARRIGAN

over the countryside possible and feasible (for the customer, at least), into the scrap pile the ram went, with scant remorse.

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After that blast of wind aroused me from

my torpor, I made for the kitchen to find (a) the big flashlight I make sure is always ready, and (b) my candle. There are candles throughout the house, mostly because I like candles, but I always make sure

there's one right there near the flashlight, trimmed, snugged into a holder, and ready to go. The strategy is that I know the house so well that I could feel my way to flashlight and candle, if indeed I had to cope with total darkness, meaning almost no ambient light (this has happened once or twice). Once this single candle is lit, I can use it to light one oil lamp after another, until the house looks and feels like a bulwark in the storm.

On this day the lights never flickered and I didn't have to light the candle, but I did make sure the two big emergency pails in the Fish and Game Room were topped off with flushing and dish water, because you never know.

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

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Catherine Stow finished sixth in the Gunstock Early Bird Cross Country Invitational on Thursday.



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Jonas Bilodeau races toward the finish line in the Gunstock Early Bird Cross Country Invitational.

Cross country Eagles kick off the season

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — The Gunstock Early Bird Cross Country Invitational took place on Thursday afternoon, which included more than 300 runners and 20

high school cross country teams from around the Granite State. Gilford High School was well represented at its home event with Christine Stow finishing sixth among the girls' race and Jonas Bi-

lodeau finishing strong. Complete results were unavailable at early deadline. Coach Janine Powis was happy with the output of the team and said the race went smoothly overall.

"They showed a strong first race," said Powis. It was the first varsity race for Stow, who is entering her freshman year at Gilford High School. She had a solid time of 21:48, which

was just barely behind Maya Weil-Cooley of Inter-Lakes at 21:45 and Ainsley Towers of Plymouth at 21:47. The winner was Alice Riley of Belmont with a time of 20:59.

"It was hard and is like the hilliest course ever, so that was tiring," Stow said. "I Nordic ski so that is like cross training. My goal is to get a sub 20-minute time this year, but I know that is kind of pushing it."

Prior to the race Powis said that she expected Stow to be the standout runner out of the seven girls on the team.

"She should do big things for us," said Powis. "She is a phenomenal athlete so I'm excited to see what she is going to do." The girls' team has no seniors and is young all around. Powis said it is fun to see everyone improve. The boys' team includes Bilodeau, and other strong runners include freshman Mitchell Townsend and senior Matthew McDonough. She expects juniors Ryan Hamel and Eddie Demers to have good seasons as well. "It will be a fun year," said Powis. "This is a good group of kids."

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Brian Tremblay dribbles between St. Thomas Aquinas defenders in a 1-0 win.

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Michael Eisenmann (9) heads a ball in a game against St. Thomas Aquinas.

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Gilford boys get another shutout

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — The Gilford boys’ soccer team may be young, but the Golden Eagles have opened the season strong with two-straight shutout wins with the most recent being 1-0 against St. Thomas Aquinas.

It was a 0-0 tie until about 10 minutes left in the game until outside midfielder Alex Berube took a cross pass from Daegan Boucher and knocked it home for the winning goal.

Troy Gallagher has two saves in the shut-out and coach Dave Pinkham said this was a testament to not only how well the defense played in front of him, but also the way his goalie played in the 18 yards in front of his net.

“Troy is such a leader and we have all the confidence in him to begin with,” said Pinkham. “He plays so well inside the 18-yard area. We’ve had a great start to the season but we are still young and building. We have to be ready for anything.”

He added that Connor Guest, Finn Baldwin, Sam Sawyer and Ramsey Landry should be commended for their strong defensive play. Pinkham said the team is playing well positionally and he hopes the team will keep maturing as



BOB MARTIN

Anthony Aguiar takes the ball up the field for Gilford.

the season rolls on. Pinkham was very happy with the win, saying that the team still has a long way to go, but that scoring six goals and allowing none in the first two games is nothing to scoff at.

“We are playing very, very well defensively so hopefully we can keep that up,” Pinkham said. “We have made tremendous progress in the back. So far I’ve been pleasantly surprised.”

Gilford played Prospect Mountain and Inter-Lakes after deadline. Next up for the Golden Eagles is White Mountains at home on Sept. 7 at 4 p.m.

Tripp takes over Gilford volleyball program

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GILFORD — The Gilford volleyball team has an incredible history of making it to at least the semifinals for 24 consecutive years, and much of that was due to the strong coaching of Joan Forge. With Forge heading to Plymouth State University to coach collegiate volleyball, the reins have been handed to the team’s longtime assistant coach and JV coach Amy Tripp, who said she is ready for the challenge.

“I think the stability of having the new head coach be a face the athletes have seen for the past 23 seasons is key,”

said Tripp. “They are 100 percent on board and ready to work with me to be the best we can be. With Joan Forge starting a new adventure as the Plymouth State University head coach we decided that our motto this year will be ‘Stay Strong’, and this is highlighted on our team shirt with the words KIA KAHA.”

Kia Kaha is a Maori phrase used by the people of New Zealand that means “stay strong.”

Tripp said the team has been working hard throughout the pre-season and came into action in good shape. Now that the preseason is over, she said the fun begins and the Gold-

en Eagles are ready to make a run at a Division 2 title.

The team has four senior captains that Tripp said will be leaders in energy and attitude. This includes Maggie McNeil, Jennie Gannon, Lexi Boisvert and Karly Sanborn.

“All four have worked extremely hard in the off season, with their personal fitness, playing volleyball as well as other sports,” said Tripp. “With their great leadership, the program is thriving and the younger players are stepping up to the challenge.”

The junior class has strong talent and Tripp is excited to see what they can do. Returning varsity players are Abby O’Connor, Samantha Holland, Reagan McIntire, Abby Warren and Naomi Eldridge. Michelle Galant will be moving up from the JV squad this season.

The sophomore class is represented by left-handed right side hitter Lindsey Sander-son. Tripp said she has been impressive in all aspects of her play.

There are two freshmen that will play JV and also swing to the varsity including Kate Sullivan and Riley McDonough.

“They show much promise and have sound fundamental skills,” said Tripp.

There will be some hurdles to overcome, which starts with the team losing its top player to graduation, Brooke Beaudet, who is playing at PSU this fall. Last year Beaudet was the player of the year in Division 2, and had

been a starter since her freshman year. Coming off a season that she had to sit out due to a knee injury, Beaudet was a leader on and off the court. She had 164 service points with 34 aces while leading the team with 231 kills and 261 digs.

However, this doesn’t mean that the Golden Eagles don’t have stars returning. McNeil was a first team All-Stater last season who finished with 192 service points and 93 aces to lead the team. She was second in kills with 145 and also had five assists. Defensively she was incredible with 239 digs and has a solid chance to reach 500 digs this season as she sits at 401 digs in her career.

Sanborn was a second team All-Stater who had a great year with 447 assists. She has a total of 778 assists in her career and could have a chance to hit the 1,000-assist milestone this year.

Tripp said her hopes for the season are to raise the team’s game to the next level through efficient and effective practices designed to challenge players.

“I believe in my student athletes and hope that through the lessons they learn at volleyball, my athletes will continue to be positive role models and affect those around them,” Tripp said. “We have many off court activities planned that will help us create long lasting friendships and continue to bond as people and as a team. Gilford volleyball has a rich past and is steeped in tradition, we are ready to continue.”

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Gilford girls shut out Inter-Lakes

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MEREDITH — Lakes Region rivals Gilford High School and Inter-Lakes High School battled on the soccer field on Tuesday with the Golden Eagles shutting out the Lakers 5-0.

Gilford was fueled by a strong offensive attack that included 27 shots including 18 of them on goal. Leading the way for the Golden Eagles were Maddie Rector and Reece Sadler, who had a goal and an assist. They both had three shots in the game.

Sadler was commended by coach Robert Meyers for her corner kicks, as one of them led to Inter-Lakes scoring on its own goal for the fifth goal of the day.

Other top players included Shelby Cole with an assist and a strong performance in midfield. Abby Jarvi had nine shots and disrupted the Inter-Lakes game plan all day. She ended with a goal and



Molly McLean goes after a ball for Gilford in a game against Inter-Lakes.

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Golden Eagles split opening golf match

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CANTERBURY — The Gilford High School golf team took four golfers to Canterbury Woods for the first match of the season against Lebanon and Belmont, and the team went 1-1 with a total of 41 points.

Lebanon was the point leader with 62 points and Belmont had 26 points.

Brady Reynolds led the way with 12 points, followed by Connor Sullivan with 11 points and Cody Boucher and Anthony Flanders with nine points apiece.

This year the point system in Divisions 2 through 4 in high school golf has

changed. Unlike stroke play, the higher the score the better. For a par players get three points, bogey players get two points and double bogey players get one point. Anything after this is not scored.

“We had a good match today,” said coach Tom Carr. “We had only four players at the match today so all four players knew their score would count for the team. They all played well and contributed to the overall score of 41.”

Next up for Gilford is a match against Pelham High School and John Stark Regional High School at Pheasant Ridge on Sept. 7 beginning at 4 p.m.

position, as she kept the Lakers in check all day. Molly McLean also played well at stopper, which is a brand new position for her. Meyers was happy about her she made the transition. Jaylin Tully, the Gilford sweeper, did a good job organizing and keeping the defense in position.

Goalkeeper Hannah Perkins got the shut-out and had five saves in net.

Meyers felt that it was a strong game from front to back for the Golden Eagles, who were coming off a tough season opening loss. He said the team was able to take advantage of opportunities throughout the game, mainly by moving the ball well both from defense to midfield, as well as midfield to offense. He said the play-

ers played their positions well and covered for each other.

Meyers was happy that the team got over the opening game jitters and played their game. He said the team had a good week of practice and was pleased about the outcome against Inter-Lakes.

“After a tough first game, the players rebounded and played well,” Meyers said. “We controlled the midfield and moved the ball into space in the offensive half. The defense played an aggressive game, attacked the ball well, and moved it out of dangerous areas quickly. Offensively, the girls did a great job of moving to space and forcing Inter-Lakes to spread the field opening players up.

We were much more aggressive both offensively and defensively.”

It was a tough opening season loss for Inter-Lakes, who is under the helm of Beth Pion in her first season as the Laker coach. Along with the loss, Junior Makenna Edgar went down with a shoulder injury and her status was uncertain.

Pion is also the coach of the Inter-Lakes softball and girls’ basketball

teams. She said it was a tough game for both teams in the heat, and considering it was the first game of the season with a young team, she was happy with the overall effort put forth.

“The defense in the second half did well but we need to learn to spread the field a bit,” Pion said. “We need good passes to set up scoring opportunities. But for the first game I hope they had a good time and can learn from this game.”

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Sydni Lehr brings the ball up toward the goal for Gilford.



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Laurel Gingrich battles for a ball with a Mascoma Valley defender.

Gilford field hockey falls in season opener

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — The field hockey team had a tough start to the season on Tuesday with a 2-0 loss to Mascoma Valley Regional High School.

“Mascoma played a very good aggressive passing game and we never adjusted at both end of the field,” said coach Dave Rogacki.

“Mascoma scored five minutes into the game. We spent too much time watching and not enough playing. Lack of experience caused us not to make adjustments as the game progressed. We need to hustle to ball on a regular basis and support each other.”

Gilford played Winisquam and Laconia after deadline. Next up for the Golden Eagles is a home game against Littleton on Sept. 7 at 4 p.m.

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