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Kevin Donovan gives a report on the state of LRGHealthcare.



Nancy LeRoy receives the Rhoda C. Ladd Award during LRGHealthcare's annual meeting.



Dr. Peter Doane was the recipient of this year's Sally Proctor Award.

Financial losses prompt LRGHealthcare's leadership to make tough decisions

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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LACONIA — LRGHealthcare started 2018 with huge financial challenges requiring major cuts, though administrators are looking toward improvements for the future.

LRGHealthcare held its annual meeting at Laconia Country Club on Wednesday, giving members of the organization an update on its financial status and presenting awards.

The year 2017 ended on a high note, with financial gains following the implementa-

tion of a multi-year plan and despite the bumps of the new electronic records system. LRGHealthcare CFO Wayne Bennett said they saw operating gains of \$1.39 million, which he said was a significant improvement from the loss of \$11.3 million in 2015.

The organization, however, was still in a financially vulnerable place. Bennett said LRGHealthcare ended last year with an 84.4 percent debt to capital-

ization ratio. He said as a result, they can no longer borrow money. The organization also ended 2017 with just seven days worth of cash on hand.

"It's that combination of the really high debt and the really low cash that makes us particularly vulnerable," Bennett said. "We have no margin for error."

Bennett said they put together a financial forecast with the assumption that patient volume would come

back to the point it was before the electronic system was implemented. Instead the patient volume increased in smaller numbers than anticipated and there has been a decrease in charges for different services.

As a result, they saw a loss of \$3.4 million. Bennett said that consequently, they needed to make some significant sacrifices.

LRGHealthcare President and CEO Kevin Donovan said

they reduced 15 full time equivalent positions and closed a number of services. These included the closure of Moultonborough Health Care Center, Newfound Family Practice, the Laconia Clinic pediatric practice, and the processing lab from the Laconia Clinic.

The major decisions were closing the Family Birthplace at Lakes Region General Hospital and the operating
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Parks and Rec seeing successful programs, generous donations

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The Parks and Recreation Department had some troubles with weather, but has seen high participation and some generous donations in recent months.

Parks and Recreation Director Herb Greene gave the board of selectmen a semi-annual update from his department on Wednesday. According to a recording of the meeting Greene updated the selectmen on the different programs, activities, and events going on in Parks and Rec.

Greene said October's massive rain and wind storm damaged the dug-

outs at Stonewall Park. One was destroyed while the other was flipped over and the side was blown out. Greene said they decided to take the insurance money and completely redo both of the dugouts. Public Works helped remove the old dugouts and Gilford Cal Ripken will be at the front of the effort to replace them. Greene said they hope to have this done by the end of spring.

They also replaced the roof on the ice rink's maintenance building. The project was approved last fall and Greene said they finally
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Children's Auction awards grant to non-profit WinnAero

The Lakes Region's annual Children's Auction recently awarded a grant of \$3,000 to the non-profit group, WinnAero.

WinnAero President Scott Davis accepted the donation on behalf of the group whose mission is to bring STEM education to students from Kindergarten through High School.

"This very generous grant will help us fund scholarships for deserving students who apply to attend our summer day camps called ACE Academies," said Davis.



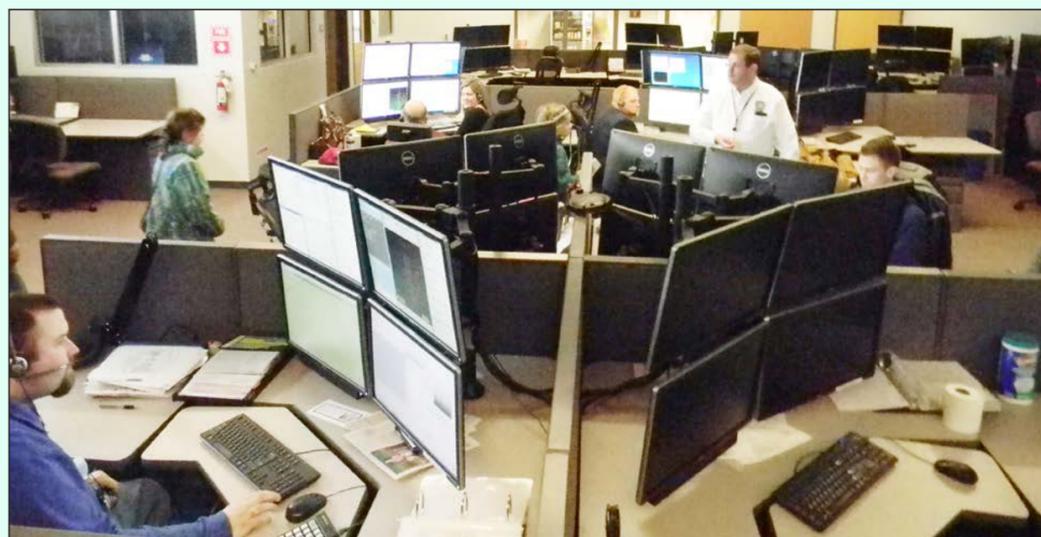
WinnAero President Scott Davis (center) accepts a Children's Auction grant from Board members of the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. On the left is Tony Felch, Disbursement Committee and on right is Board Chairperson, Jaimie Sousa.

Tour offers a closer look at 911 operations

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LACONIA — Area residents had the opportunity to see how 911 calls are processed and the work done by emergency communications during a tour of the state's call center in Laconia.

Tours were held through the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Communications E-911 call center on Communications Drive on Saturday as part of Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid's open house. David Rivers, Chief of Operations for The Bureau of Emergency Commu-



David Rivers, Chief of Operations for The Bureau of Emergency Communications, leads tour groups through the Laconia call center for NH 911.

nications, lead tour groups through the call center and ex-

plained the work of 911 operators.

Rivers told visitors

that the system can pinpoint the location of a 911 call through

the mobile or landline information. Rivers
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"We are deeply indebted to the Board of the Children's Auction for supporting our efforts and validating with this grant the work that we do to engage youth in aviation and aerospace STEM," Davis added.

Students and parents are encouraged to review the upcoming ACE Academy schedule of six summer day camps with specialty tracks and separated by grade levels. The schedule is available at www.winnaero.org. All courses are taught by New Hampshire certified teachers augmented by area expert guest speakers and FAA-licensed flight instructors. For more information, contact the ACE Academy Education Director, Dan Caron at: dan.caron@winnaero.org.

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

Happy Birthday, Shakespeare! The guy shuffled off his mortal coil in 1616, so he can't hear us, of course, but if he could I bet he would be astounded at the fact that we are wishing him well so long after his passing. It begs the question: what about Shakespeare's playwriting made it interesting

to so many people for so long? If you Google him you will get plenty of intros about the man explaining that he is widely regarded as the greatest English writer/poet, greatest writer in the English language, and/or the greatest writer/poet in the history of everything. Forgive the philosopher in me, but what does that mean?

Since I don't know, I asked some readers, including patrons, volunteers, and other librarians. When I asked a volunteer, 'Hey, what do think makes for great writing? I don't mean good, or even really good writing, I mean great. I'm asking because it's Shakespeare's birthday.' She responded, 'Oh! Hi Shake' before hitting me with some heavy ideas about what sets great writing apart. I'll do my best to sum up what they said (thank you all). Let's start simple:

Great writing grabs and holds your interest. It is clear and engaging, so you are never bored reading it, and you want to get to the next page. It will almost always have humor in it. Great writing is original, which sounds easier to find than it is. Originality is hard to qualify, but it does seem to be a common trait amongst great writings. Great writing has an impact on you. It has you thinking about it long after you've finished reading, and you remember it, at least in some fashion. It challenges you, at least a little. These seem to all be tied together--because great writing is original and interesting, it has an impact on you, and it has an impact on you because it is origi-

nal and grabs your interest! Let's go deeper.

Great writing is approachable at several levels, such that a teenager will know what is going on, an adult has plenty to think about, and a tenured literature professor can puzzle over it (Shakespeare excels at this). Great writing is more than just the explication of plot--the reading of it is wonderful. This is the difference between literature and news reports. Great writing makes you love reading it, even as you are excited to reach the conclusion. In great writing, language is used in a way to facilitate imagination, creating a painting or an experience with words. It does more than linger with you--it changes the way you think, which can change your whole life. It offers vicarious perspective, so that you can understand another point of view just by reading it. Great writing teaches you something, even if you aren't fully aware of what you learned.

So, basically, this weekly article is quintessential 'great writing.' You can find more great writing by browsing the classics section, looking at reader's advisory lists at the library or online, or by asking a librarian!

Classes & Special Events April 19-April 26

Thursday, April 19

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

This month's book is "Lincoln in the Bardo," by George Saunders described as "A luminous feat of generosity and humanism." Copies are available at the front desk, and the discussion will be led by Mark Thomas.

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

Teen Tabletoppers, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion, 6-7 p.m.

See 'Brown Bag Book Discussion' above.

Friday, April 20

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, April 23

Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Teen Video Game Club, 3-4 p.m.

Play video games in the Library! With friends!

Tuesday, April 24

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

Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

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

April Vacation Movie, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Come see a movie over vacation! We'll start the movie at 10:30am. Ages K-4, younger kids with caregiver.

Thursday, April 26
Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Tales From the Home of The World's Worst Weather, 6-7 p.m.

Join Mount Washington Observatory's Will Broussard for an investigation into the unique life and work of weather observers stationed at the observatory year-round. We will explore how the mountain's weather works and what it can tell us about New England's own weather patterns. This program will include interactive demonstrations, weather instruments, stunning photography, and video footage from the summit. This exciting program is appropriate for adults and children alike. Put on by the Friends of the Gilford Public Library.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Disappeared" by C. J. Box
2. "The Flight Attendant" by Chris Bohjalian
3. "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah
4. "Red Alert" by James Patterson & Marshall Karp
5. "Look for Me" by Lisa Gardner
6. "Alternate Side" by Anna Quindlen
7. "The Pursuit of Endurance" by Jennifer Pharr Davis
8. "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline
9. "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate
10. "Night Moves" by Jonathan Kellerman

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GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 220 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of April 9-16. 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 from publication.

Eric M. Prescott, age 36, current address unknown, was arrested on April 10 for Possession of a Controlled Drug and Receiving Stolen Property in an amount greater than \$1,500.

Brandy S. Tuttle,

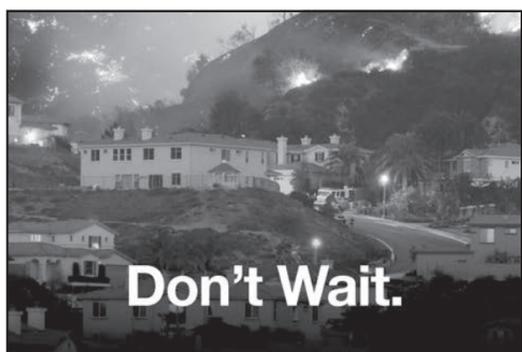
age 29, of Gilford was arrested on April 11 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (Subsequent) and two counts of Breach of Bail.

Ronald Leclerc, age 65, of Manchester was arrested on April 12 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer

(Larceny).

Trevor Robert Bond, current address unknown, was arrested on April 12 in connection with a warrant.

A 59-year-old male from Laconia was taken into protective custody for intoxication on April 13.



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Lakes Region Mutual Aid opens its doors

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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LACONIA — Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid opened its doors to the public to let visitors get a look at their work, equipment, and the people responsible for taking emergency calls.

On Saturday Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid held an open house at its facility on Communications Drive. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., visitors could tour the facility and get a closer look at some emergency response vehicles.

April 8-14 was National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Kevin Nugent, Shift Lieutenant and Public Information Officer for LRMFA, said they decided to have this open house to let people see what they

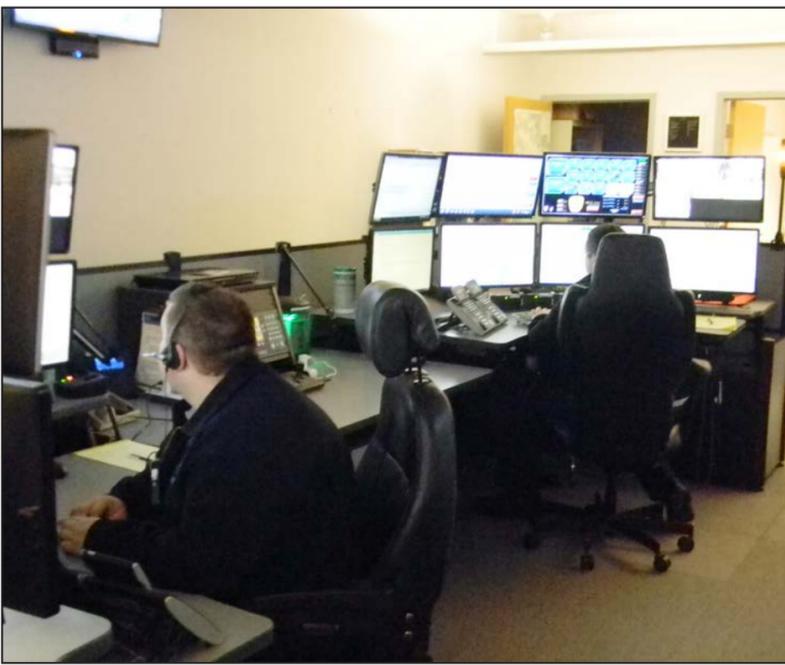
do. He said they are aiming to make this an annual event.

Visitors could tour through the call center, and at certain times they could go through the state's 911 call center next door.

Calls placed through 911 requiring fire and ambulance service relayed through LRMFA, which dispatches to the 35 communities that are a part of mutual aid.

Training Coordinator Erin Hannafin said around 50 people came through the call center during the day. She said visitors included first responders, police dispatchers, explorers, and others involved in emergency response from a number of different communities.

LRMFA also displayed its mobile com-



ERIN PLUMMER
Members of the public could watch dispatchers with Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid do their work during LRMFA's open house.

mand center and one of its vehicles. The Laconia Fire Department also displayed one of its engines.

Nugent said this was an opportunity to explain to people what they do and have them see the center.

"It's very surprising; they realize there's a lot that goes into what we do," Nugent said.

Hannafin said as LRMFA is funded by the public, it is important for the public to see where their funds are going.

"It gave them a better understanding than just the TV version of what happens," Hannafin said.

Local Civil Air Patrol Squadron to host Open House

LACONIA — Each spring brings the opportunity for everyone to come explore how to become part of your local Civil Air Patrol (CAP) team, Hawk Composite Squadron, at our Open House. Current CAP adult members, known as Senior Members, and student members, known as Cadets, will be on hand to demonstrate and explain the core programs that encompass Civil Air Patrol. These programs are Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency Services. Open house visitors will experience flight simulators, emergency services gear exhibits, cyber security demonstrations and leadership training information.

Senior members of Hawk Composite Squadron are critical to the success of Hawk Composite Squadron's Emergency Services

Team. The team is comprised of air crew and ground team members. Senior members range from retired military, to pilots to nurses and everything in between. Though Civil Air Patrol is known for its flying missions, Senior Members do so much more than just fly. In fact less than a fifth of all CAP members are pilots or aircrew members.

CAP Cadet Program is a year-round program where Cadets fly CAP aircraft, learn to lead, gain personal confidence and push themselves to new limits. If you're dreaming about a career in aviation, space, or the military, CAP's Cadet Program is for you. To become a cadet, you must be at least 12 years. Cadets have opportunities to attend leadership encampments, career academies, and other activities during the

summer.

As a Total Force partner and Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, Civil Air Patrol is there to search for and find the lost, provide comfort in times of disaster and work to keep the homeland safe. Its 56,000 members selflessly devote their time, energy and expertise toward the well-being of their communities, while also promoting aviation and related fields through aerospace/STEM education and helping shape future leaders through CAP's cadet program.

The Open House will take place at April 19 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Holy Trinity School in Laconia. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit hawksquadron.nhcapcadets.org or find us on facebook.com/hawkcompositesquadron.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Bolduc Park Golf programs

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of golf programs at Bolduc Park through the spring for children and adults. Youth and Adult Lessons are available at Bolduc Park in two, three-class sessions during the evenings this May and June. The session dates for youth lessons for ages 6 and up are; May 8, 15 & 23 and June 5, 12 & 19. The session dates for adults are; May 10, 17 & 24 and June 7, 14 & 21. Classes run from 5:30-7 p.m. each evening.

Cost: Youth Lessons

- \$60

Adult Lessons - \$70

All programs have limited availability and registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

LEGO YOUR MIND Robotics Camps

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two one-week LEGO robotics camps the week of June 25 - June 29. The camps will take place at the Gilford Middle School from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The "Super Hero Master Builders & Stop Motion Animation" is open to children ages

six to nine years of age and the "EV3 Battle Bots with Heroes and Villains & Stop Animation/Minecraft" is open to children ages 9-14 years of age. Participants can register on-line at www.letgoyourmind.com.

Cost: \$315

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

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is once again inviting the Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp to come to Gilford this summer! The camp will be held in the Gilford Middle School Gym

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Presentation on the basics of olive oil at Taylor Community April 24

LACONIA — The owners of Orazio's Gourmet Oils will conduct a presentation on the basics of olive oil, Tuesday, April 24 at 10 a.m. at Taylor Community's Back Bay Campus. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the Community House. Reservations are required; please call Brenda Kean at 366-1226 to reserve your spot.

Orazio's was opened a year ago by Kathy and Saverino "Sandy" Correale of Wolfeboro. Topics to be covered include the chemistry of olive oil and its health benefits; how, where

and when olive oil is produced; varieties of olive oil; and the everyday use of olive oil. Those attending will also learn about how balsamic vinegars are made and the different types of white and dark balsamics. Samples will be available for tasting and purchases may also be made.

Their business offers residents and visitors the opportunity to purchase high quality imported olive oil from around the world and balsamic vinegars from Modena, Italy at a reasonable price. Orazio's is a unique tasting experience and has over 50 varieties of olive oil

and balsamic vinegars, which may be sampled before purchased. They also features different varieties of sea salts from The Salt Cellar in Portsmouth and New Hampshire-made maple syrup, jams and jellies and mustards.

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Pet of the Week: Heidy



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Now living at NH Humane Society this dar-

ling dog, the epitome of exuberance, waits for a loving home. She's bonded deeply with those that love her and care for her daily, but it isn't the last chapter... Heidy deserves a family, a soft spot on the sofa, a multitude of cuddles and tenderness.

She's funny, smart, sociable and very playful and will do anything, literally anything for praise and the goodwill of humans. As her former foster home says: "I will be your friend, your defender, your partner, your dog. You will be my life, my leader. I will be yours, faithful and true to the last beat of my heart". Just two years old, Heidy has much love and companionship to give. Please come and see her today!

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

How to handicap a squirrel race? Only Rocky and Bullwinkle know



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Friends and family know that I relish foul weather, particularly a good snowstorm, so I'm not much for fuzzy-bear replies to complaints. To the collective whine about last week's two days of snow ("In April, for Pete's sake!"), my reply was that a lot of people have very short memories. A couple of times, I just said "Move."

This is mitigated, of course, by the fact that about half the people I see and deal with day in and day out are half my age or younger. I bumped into a particularly young-looking officer of the law the other day and wanted to ask him, kiddingly, if he'd started shaving yet.

While it's true that we're more likely to get rain and sleet on either end of winter these days, snow is hardly a stranger in April. Wildlife biologists in particular worry about late-spring (that means April) snowstorms that can force deer into the



WELDON BOSWORTH — COURTESY

Gilford's Weldon Bosworth took this photo from near the top of Cannon Mountain over the past weekend. Much of the Franconia Ridge Trail is in the distance, including Little Haystack, Lincoln, Liberty, and Lafayette. Weldon reported no black flies or peepers

yards again when they're low on energy and need to roam for food.

This has happened several times over my career, and I've participated in line-searches in winter yards to count the remains, in an attempt to gauge mortality. This has always been something of a joke, because any remains aren't apt to be around for very long, given scavenging by coyotes, foxes, raccoons, crows, ravens, and any other creature out there in this eat or be eaten world.

They make quick work of any carcass, as any farmer who's had to drag dead cows out to the bone-yard will tell you. The exception is the hip-bone, and of course the femur. In the dog family, only the wolf has the jaw-power to crush the femur. That's why it was big news a decade or so ago when biologists found a crushed femur in a deer yard

in just-over-the-border Hereford, Quebec.

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Compatriot columnist Cheryl Kimball writes a nice, breezy column for the Saturday's Features section of the Union Leader, and this past week's topic was "nuisance" animals, and what to do about them, or not.

There really is no such thing as a nuisance animal, Cheryl pointed out, especially when we (the collective "we") keep pushing into their habitat for house lots. Often, she noted, there are ways to live with these creatures, a far more laudatory and pleasant approach than trying to kill them.

Cheryl had a photo of a young porcupine gnawing way in one of her ornamental shrub-beries, but rationalized that it "doesn't deserve to be shot." Now, before you inundate me with mail, I'm well

aware of the horror of your dog coming home with a muzzle and mouth full of quills, which for all but the well prepared (heavy leather gloves, pliers, experience) means a trip to the vet.

Her answer? Control her dogs, especially at dusk and dawn when quill pigs are known to roam. "On the sad occasion of our dogs getting quilled," she wrote, "consider it good citizenship to keep our local veterinarian in business."

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I share Cheryl's reluctance to kill creatures, except, of course, the likes of clipboard flies, ladybugs and (ugh) ticks. Still, with even the most appealing of creatures there comes a threshold.

In my former more Clint Eastwood-like days, I maintained a red squirrel kill zone SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A11

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

BY LARRY SCOTT

Maggie Gobran, sometimes known as the "Mother Teresa of Egypt," was invited to speak at the 2011 internationally televised Global Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Willow Creek Community Church, Chicago, Ill.

In concluding her remarks, Mama Gobran, as she is affectionally known, made this comment:

"Silence your words so that you may listen to your thoughts; silence your thoughts so that you may listen to your heart; silence your heart so that you may listen to God."

And then, resplendent in her all-white habit, she said, "I would like to end my presentation by thank-

ing and blessing you."

Kneeling to the carpet, face in her hands against the floor, Mama Gobran spent the next five minutes in silent prayer. There was not a dry eye in the house as several hundred Pastors and church leaders watched in awe, profoundly moved as the benevolent "Mother of Cairo" prayed for us. It was a moment I will never forget.

The moment was typical Maggie Gobran, for, beginning with a personal effort to express love and concern for the nearly 50,000 "garbage kids" in Cairo, the organization she eventually founded, Steven's Children, has so far blessed over 30,000 families with God's love and with

practical help. She has opened a new world to children who had no hope, many never living past five years of age, children who had no clue as to how to break the chains of poverty, disease, and hopelessness by which they were bound.

I make a point of this, for many of us in the Evangelical Church have been indicted for being intolerant, homophobic, anti-abortion, arrogant, and out of step with society. Here we have "the other side of Christianity." Yes, we have a message to share, and we do without apology, but we aren't all talk!

Mama Gobran is just one case in point, but she is an apt example of what I am writing about. She was raised in wealth and already successful in the business world, she made a personal visit to the garbage slums servicing the city of Cairo, and that changed everything. She soon sold everything she owned, and together with an army of men and women who shared her vision and followed her example, she founded Steven's Children and

initiated a process that led to primary and elementary schools, a manufacturing center that gave many of her kids a marketable skill, medical clinics, and a home for boys and one for girls who had been abandoned by their families.

We have silenced our words, we have quieted our hearts, and we have listened to God. Jesus put it this way, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Ours is a divine mandate; we are not looking for credit or applause but I am pleased to see that many organizations like Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, the Salvation Army, World Vision and countless others like Steven's Children, are on the front-lines of poverty and suffering, working one-on-one with the most disadvantaged, and spreading the message: God loves you, we care and, and we are prepared to do something about it.

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

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Local community theatre tackles musical with heavy civil rights themes

LACONIA — Every once in a while a musical comes along that really makes us think and gets our toes tappin and hands a clappin at the same time. “Big River” is just that show. Written by the irrepressible Roger Miller with music that is lively and danceable one minute to very sweet and thoughtful the next. Audiences will be most familiar with Miller’s ‘King of the Road’ from the late ‘70s, but “Big River” offers up some classics like ‘Muddy Water’ and “Free at Last” that most audience will know as well.

“Big River” is Mark Twain’s timeless classic story of “Huckleberry Finn” that sweeps us down the mighty Mississippi as the irrepressible youngster attempts to help his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. Their adventures along the way are hilarious, suspenseful, and

heartwarming, bringing to life your favorite characters from the novel—the Widow Douglas and her stern sister, Miss Watson; the uproarious King and Duke, who may or may not be as harmless as they seem; Huck’s partner in crime, Tom Sawyer, and their rowdy gang of pals; Huck’s drunken father, the sinister Pap Finn; the lovely Mary Jane Wilkes and her trusting family. Propelled by an award winning score from the late Roger Miller, king of country music, this jaunty journey provides a brilliantly theatrical celebration of pure Americana.

Streetcar Company, the longest running community theatre in the Lakes Region, has chosen to tackle this somewhat controversial piece in the hopes of continuing the dialogue around race relations in our country both past and present. Casting the show was a



Riley Alward as Huck Finn with Angel Douglas as Jim.

challenge in central New Hampshire, as the state’s diversity is still very limited.

“We were given very strict rules around who we could cast in certain parts,” Director J Alward says, “The royalty house

that hold the rights to the show made it very clear that unless Jim and two other characters were played by black actors the rights to do the show would be denied. This is pretty scary as a director in New Hampshire. You

wonder if you will get the people you need to fill those roles here where our population is still over 90 percent white.”

Fortunately, St. Car did get the people they needed. Just barely. This makes the St. Car board of directors thrilled for this production but also concerned for the company.

“We hope we are doing enough to encourage people from all cultures to join us!” says Raelynn Cottrell, who is serving as the secretary for St. Car. “We want our group to be open and welcoming to people from all walks of life. We would love to have the biggest variety of folks we can come work with us!”

Part of the reason the company chose this show is to keep communication going about lots of these issues.

Alward continues, “We want to keep talking with community folks about how to include kids, older folks, people of color, LGBTQ performers and technicians, people of all faiths and those with differing abilities to community theatre. We also want to be sure that we are talking about the historical issues that still divide us all in some way.” “Big River” deals with slavery, social status and gender issues that the company hopes everyone is still talking openly about and will

lead a talk back after the opening night performance to discuss how the audience feels about many of these issues. Cottrell continues, “The show is definitely PG-13 but we encourage people to bring their kids if they are willing to talk about some tough stuff. St. Car has kept all of the dialogue as written by the author which includes some words that many people will find really hard to hear. But that is the whole point. We want to make you a little bit uncomfortable for just a few minutes to make you think. Then we go right back to making you laugh and clap your hands!”

On top of really great music, this production features some huge local talents including: Phil Breton as accompanist with a terrific pit band, Riley Alward as Huck Finn, Angel Douglas as Jim, Bo Guyer as The King and Scott Alward as the Duke. All of these folks have a lot of experience and really bring the story and characters to life. Asst. Director Frank Stetson notes that this show has been a family affair. “We have so many families working together to make this show happen. Our producer’s daughter is in the cast, we have a husband performing on stage and his wife doing our costumes. Their baby girl is going to make her stage debut in ‘Big River’. The director’s son and husband are on stage and my girlfriend is our stage manager! We love that community theatre is an activity that families can participate in together and no experience is necessary to join us.”

“Big River” will be performed April 27 and 28th at 7:30 pm and April 29th at 2 pm at Interlakes Community Auditorium. If you would like to know more about how to get involved with St. Car or to buy tickets online you can visit streetcarcompany.com. Tickets are also available at Greenlaw’s Music in downtown Laconia or at the door on the nights of the show.

Let Shirley Temple warm your heart as “The Little Princess” on LRPA this weekend

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (April 20 & 21) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1939’s family-friendly melodrama “The Little Princess,” starring Shirley Temple, Mary Nash, and Ian Hunter.

Captain Crewe (Hunter) is called to Africa from his home in London to fight in the Second Boer War. The Captain is a widower with a young daughter named Sara (Temple). Before he departs, he enrolls Sara in Miss Minchin’s School for Girls, run by the cold and conniving Amanda Minchin (Nash). Sara’s social status and family privilege garners her preferential treatment from Miss Minchin, including a private room and riding lessons. As the war comes to an end, Sara eagerly anticipates her father’s arrival back in London. One day, the school receives tragic news: The Captain has been reported as killed in action, and his wealth has been confiscated in the spoils of the war. With no further financial support, Miss Minchin sells Sara’s belongings, turns her into a kitchen servant and relegates her to the bare and cheerless attic. Despite this terrible turn of events, Sara keeps up a brave front and remains cheerful. More than anything, she believes that her father may still be alive. She begins sneaking out of the attic, desperately searching the hospital in the hope that she’ll be reunited with her father. The drudgery of her hard work combined with her miserable surroundings elicits pity from a fellow servant, who tries to make her room more comfortable with blankets and other small tokens. When Miss Minchin discovers the addition to Sara’s quarters, she locks her in the attic as

a prisoner and summons the police. Sara escapes and runs to the hospital, with Miss Minchin pursuing her the whole way. A new group of soldiers has arrived in the ward — could Sara’s father be among them? Will she escape the clutches of terrible Miss Minchin and live a life happily ever after?

Shirley Temple, “America’s Little Sweetheart,” was by far the most famous child actress of her time, and perhaps of all time. Beginning her career at the tender age of three, she acted, sang and danced her way into the hearts of Depression-weary movie goers. Her superstardom was ubiquitous. Millions of dollars’ worth of merchandise was sold bearing her likeness, including dolls, records, clothing and much more. Temple was the number one box office draw in the U.S. from 1935-1938. Ironically, “The Little Princess” was Temple’s first Technicolor feature — a film on which 20th Century Fox spared no expense, and which was very well

received by both critics and film goers — but it was her last real box office success as a child star. It seems that fans began to lose interest in an older, more mature Temple. However, for the movie buff, everything that viewers loved about Temple the child actress is on display in “The Little Princess”: her sunny disposition, song and dance routines, and a plot that can pluck at your heartstrings. What’s not to love? Grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this uplifting musical melodrama.

You can’t find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream through our Web site (www.lrpa.org) where you can catch all the fun.

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Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media cen-

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Christine Mae Goodwin, 74

LACONIA — Christine Mae Goodwin, 74, of Church Street, formerly of Belmont, died Monday, April 9, 2018.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1943 in Walpole, the daughter of the late Harry B. and Mildred M. (Davis) Smith. Christine worked as a Nursing Assistant for over forty years for a variety of institutions such as Goldencrest Assisted Living in Franklin, Havenwood Nursing Home in Concord, the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton and Belknap County Nursing Home in Laconia. She also worked for several years for Laconia Shoe Company and was an EMT for the Belmont Fire Department from 1978 to 1985. Christine enjoyed crafts, gardening, animals and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her two sons, Elgie E.



Goodwin and his wife Rosemary of Loudon and Benson H. Goodwin and his wife Carrie of Weare; one daughter, Rebecca L. Ladd, and her husband Randy of Belmont; two sisters, Beverly A. Gee and her husband Warren of Hillsboro and Betty L. Simoneau of Newport; ten grandchildren and several great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

In addition to her

parents, she was predeceased by her daughter, Rachel A. Croissant, in 2013, as well as several grandchildren.

Calling hours were held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

Services and burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO BOX 572, 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.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Brian Ward Trudgeon, 60

GILFORD — Brian Ward Trudgeon, 60, of Gilford, died Friday, April 6, 2018 at the CRVNA Hospice House in Concord.

He was born on Jan. 11, 1958 in Laconia, the son of the late William C. and Alice M. (Wright) Trudgeon. Brian was a jack of all trades and a true freebird. He worked for several years as a self employed painter. Brian then learned the trade of carpentry and became a self employed finish carpenter and due to illness, retired from the trade in 2013 after 32 years of work. Brian loved to ride his motorcycle and attended many Americade rallies in Lake George, N.Y. In earlier years, he enjoyed skiing and restoring furniture.

He is survived by



his sister, Alison Lowell, and her husband Alan of Quakertown, Pa.; four nephews (Chris and Cory Thibodeau and Chris and Seth Lowell); several cousins, aunts and uncles.

A calling hour will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, April 20, 2018 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-

Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A Memorial Service will immediately follow at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Garfield Street, Laconia.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to CRVNA Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.

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

LRGHealthcare honors LeRoy and Doane with Rhoda C. Ladd and Sally Proctor Awards

LACONIA — LRGHealthcare held its 16th Annual Meeting of its members April 11 at Laconia Country Club with approximately 70 people in attendance.

As part of the evening's program, Scott Sullivan, Chairman of the LRGHealthcare Board of Trustees and Kevin W. Donovan, LRGHealthcare President and CEO, presented the 2018 Rhoda C. Ladd and Sally Proctor Awards. The awards are LRGHealthcare's highest honors and are given annually to individuals who give of themselves to improve the community's healthcare system.

The 2018 Laconia based, Rhoda C. Ladd Award was presented to retiring LRGHealthcare Board Trustee, Nancy LeRoy. LeRoy has been involved with a vast array of organizations that contribute to the betterment of the community. Most notably in the healthcare arena, however have been her efforts in helping to found Community Health and Hospice and her 19 years of service to the LRGHealthcare Board of

Trustees.

The Franklin based, Sally Proctor Award for 2018 honored long time LRGHealthcare Family Practitioner, Dr. Peter Doane. Dr. Doane has been caring for patients in the greater Franklin community for more than 30 years and recently completed his tenure as LRGHealthcare's Chief Medical Officer. He has also been at the forefront of population health working with partners at both the state and local levels to improve health and access to care for all.

In addition to the presentation of awards, much of the evening's program focused on the accomplishments and positive financial outcome of Fiscal Year 2017. LRGHealthcare finished Fiscal Year 2017 (Oct. 1, 2016- Sept. 30, 2017) with an operating gain of \$1.038 million; a big improvement over the 2016 operating loss of \$1.8 Million. In recent months, however LRGHealthcare has struggled. Donovan and Chief Financial Officer, Wayne Bennet presented details of the organization's financial



COURTESY (Left) Rhoda C. Ladd and Sally Proctor Award recipients, LRGHealthcare Family Practitioner, Peter Doane, MD and former Board Trustee, Nancy LeRoy.

picture and what's being done to turn things around.

The governance portion of the evening included the addition of two new members of LRGHealthcare as well as the elections of Bill Bald and David Pearlman for their first three-year terms as trustees.

2017 members of the LRGHealthcare Board included Scott Sullivan, Chairman; Robert Evans, MD, Vice Chairman; Cynthia Baron, Treasurer/Secretary;

Scott Clarenbach; Nancy Leroy (retired at end of annual meeting); K. Mark Primeau; Russell Thibault; James Clements; Gil Schohan; Stuart Tracy; Paul Racicot, MD, President of Medical Staff; Vercin Ephrem, MD, Vice President of Medical Staff; and Glenn Fusonie, MD, Past President of Medical Staff.

Attendees also heard the medical staff report presented by President of Medical Staff, Vercin Ephrem, MD where he recognized all those providers who retired from or joined the organization in the last year. To view the 2017 LRGHealthcare Annual Report, log on to www.lrg.org.

Popular herbal wellness series begins at Prescott Farm

LACONIA — Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center on White Oaks Road in Laconia is once again excited to welcome local Master herbalist Melissa Morrison of Dragonfly Botanicals for a workshop series Exploring Herbal Medicines & Crafts, beginning on Saturday, May 5 at 10 a.m. with a Woods Walk.

"Our herbal series has always been one of our most popular programs," says Sarah Dunham-Miliotis, Program Director at Prescott Farm. "Melissa has a real wealth of knowledge which she shares with people in an exciting and acces-



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Foray into the wild world of herbs in this fun workshop series, where you will learn how to identify herbal medicine plants of the fields & forest; and how to harvest and use the herbs in relaxation and health. The series includes: Woods Walk with the Herbalist on Saturday, May

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Leo Sanfacon receives "Changing Lives" Award

LACONIA — At its 25th anniversary celebration on Thursday, April 12, Lakes Region Community Developers presented retired local dentist Leo Sanfacon with the "Changing Lives" Award in recognition of the positive impact that he has made on the lives of thousands of children and families in the Lakes Region.

Jason Hicks, Chair of the board of Lakes Region Community Developers, said,



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"This award recognizes someone whose contributions to the Lakes Region community reflect the mission and values of our organization. We created the award last year to honor the tireless efforts of our founding executive director, Linda Harvey, to ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to be successful."

Harvey was on hand to present the award

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"Full Moon over Winnesquam" watercolor won by Laconia resident

TILTON — Each month, the Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) Gallery offers an opportunity for visitors to the gallery to enter a free drawing for a piece of artwork valued at more than \$50. Earlier this month, Corrine Kibbie of Laconia won an original watercolor painting donated by LRAA member, Gale Brunt. The title of the artwork won by Corrine was, "Full Moon Over Winnesquam."

Artist Gail Brunt met with Kibbie and her husband at the gallery this past week to present them with the artwork. Corrine indicated that they entered the drawing on their first visit to the gallery and were delighted to win the artwork. During that visit, they had also purchased two other pieces of artwork.

They greatly appreciate art and have a daughter who paints in all mediums and they also like the fact that the gallery offers only artwork from only local artists. One of the things Corrine enjoys most about art is the variety of color and textures used by the artists and she feel that the LRAA Gallery offers a great variety of mediums, styles and colors to enjoy. Since visiting the gallery the first time she has recommended to her friends that they also take the opportunity to check out the gallery and the local talent displayed there. Corrine also intends to come back on a regular basis to see what is new both in artwork and artists.

Gail Brunt, the artist, has been painting in oils and acrylics since



LRAA fabric and watercolor artist Gail Brunt, left, presents her original watercolor painting to Corrine Kibbie of Laconia, who won the artwork after entering the drawing on her first visit to the LRAA Art Gallery.

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has added a whole new dimension to her life. Brunt has been a member of the Lakes Region Art Association for two years and has entered some of her works into local art shows.

Jay Fitzpatrick, an amateur free-lance photographer from East Andover, is the latest artist to donate his work for the free drawing. After a long career in newspaper photography, reporting and editing, Fitzpatrick took up digital photography. For the April drawing, Jay has donated at canvas print of his photograph, "Yellow Iris." He has also held photography workshops at the gallery over the last year which have been very popular and well attended. If you are interested in art, please stop by the gallery to see what our local artists have on display and while there, register to win Fitzpatrick's artwork. No purchase is necessary to register. One registration per person, per drawing. You must be 18 or over to enter and the drawing is held at the end of the month.

You can register for the drawing at the LRAA Art Gallery, which is located in Tilton at the Tanger Outlets (across from the Chocolate Factory) and is open Thursday thru Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lakes Region Art Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding art education and appreciation in the Lakes Region.

she was in high school but only recently took up painting in watercolor which has since become her medium of choice. While she has taken a couple of classes with Marylou John she is primarily a self-taught artist. Brunt also has a sewing business which she called FabricArts & More, because, she says, "I knew the 'more' would come in time." She began digitizing her artworks with an embroidery machine and then embellishing them with paints or markers. They eventually are turned into wall hangings, or framed works, as well as purses, totes and pillows. Learning the basics of watercolor painting

Temple B'Nai Israel announces "We Care" fundraiser event sponsors

LACONIA — Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) welcomes We Care event sponsors Meredith Village Savings Bank and Miracle Farms for its fifth continuous year of community fundraising in which the net profits are donated to local and deserving non-profits. This is the second year that MVSB has been an event sponsor for We Care. The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund makes grants every year to local non-profits that make a significant impact upon the lives of people in the communities they serve.

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Miracle Farms has

long been a We Care supporter through ads in the TBI Sponsor Book. This is the first year that Miracle Farms is an event sponsor. "Giving back is where it's at" is the motto Miracle Farms lives by.

We all feel very fortunate to live and work in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. We believe it is our responsibility to be leaders in our community by giving back and making a difference. Miracle Farms dedicates time, money and resources to many organizations that help make Moultonborough and the surrounding area a better place to be.

This year, We Care welcomes back Camp Resilience and Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice as the beneficiaries of two concerts. On Saturday May 26th two of New England's best Doo Wop groups, The Bel Airs and Lee Lewis & the All Stars, will perform at the Inter-Lakes

High School in Meredith. By purchasing a ticket for \$27.50 you will enjoy great music, food, and drink while supporting Gilford-based Camp Resilience whose mission is to help those who have served bounce back in mind, body, and spirit. Complimentary snacks and desserts can be enjoyed at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are available at WWW.TBINH.ORG.

The second event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 to benefit Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice featuring Gathering Time, a high-energy folk-rock harmony trio that can charm the birds out of the trees. They have perfected two separate but related art forms: three part harmony and having a ball on stage! Mark your calendar now as this is definitely a concert not to be missed.

Both of these 2018 We Care recipients fill crucial communi-

ty needs. Camp Resilience, using the scenic beauty of the Lakes Region of New Hampshire as its backdrop and home base, welcomes veterans from across the country to provide sports, adventure activities and life skills programming to help them find meaning and purpose in life. Central New Hampshire Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) & Hospice offers home health care services for people where they live and is the only organization in the Lakes Region that offers home health care and social work for children and families.

Both 2018 entertainment events will be held in the Community Auditorium at the Inter-Lakes High School, centrally located right on Route 25 in Meredith. We Care is excited about the opportunity to help both of these worthwhile organizations in one of the best community venues in the Lakes Region.

Third Annual "Feed The Home Care Need" now underway Donate \$10 to LRVNA and receive a \$10 Common Man Bonus Card!

REGION — The Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association with the support of the Common Man Family of Restaurants announces the launch of their 3rd annual Feed the Home Care Need initiative on April 2. Each year, the LRVNA provides much needed services to Lakes Region residents who are unable to pay for services. Annually, the LRVNA provides more than 10,000 visits helping residents recuperate, recover and simply maintain a happy, healthy lifestyle within their own home. The LRVNA is a non-profit organization in need of raising funds to continue this much needed service to area neighbors. In 2017, the LRVNA provided more

than \$300,000 in free or subsidized health care to Lakes Region residents.

"It is simple to participate," states LRVNA Executive Director Deb Peaslee. "For every \$10 donation we receive, we will send a \$10 Common Man Bonus Card that is available for use at eleven Common Man restaurants. So, if you donate \$100, we will send you 10 bonus cards!

We had tremendous success last year with this fundraiser and are pleased to offer this to our supporters again this year."

Donations can be made easily online at www.LRVNA.org/need. The fundraiser will run April 2 to May 11.

Peaslee continues, "I can't thank the Common Man enough for their unbelievable support with this effort, it

is truly a win, win for everyone."

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Muffin and Scone Tour continues with a stop at The Inn on Golden Pond

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Golden Pond" first introduced the world to the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Within the 1879 Colonial Bed and Breakfast, there are eight large guest rooms, two of which are two room suites, all with private baths and sitting areas. They have been furnished and decorated in a traditional country style with amenities updated and appropriate for today's traveler.



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toriums; the latest and the greatest rock performers in a spectacular outdoor concert venue; eclectic art galleries in historic New England barns; original hand crafts and antiques in quaint shops; and bluegrass festivals in the midst of our most beautiful landscapes. For those who want to step back into New Hampshire's history and heritage you'll find ample opportunities close by.

Plymouth State University offers performances year round at their Silver Center for the Arts. We are one of the Inns near Plymouth State University that offers wonderful ameni-

ties and convenient access to the region's many cultural events.

Winter is a great season in the Squam Lakes region offering a real variety of winter activities to our visitors. Snow blankets the hillsides and the lake waters turn to ice creating a special sense of peace and tranquility. Winter sports abound throughout the area. Of course, there is nothing like settling down in the sitting room of our NH bed and breakfast next to a crackling fire with a cup of hot chocolate after an afternoon of skating or skiing or snowshoeing. For something a little different you might want

to take a horse drawn sleigh ride or spend part of your day on a sled dog ride. You can do it all while staying at our New Hampshire bed and breakfast!

The third annual Muffin and Scone Tour will be held April 21 and 22 from 1 until 5 p.m. both days. Six other Inns in the Lakes Region are participating. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance by contacting either Heidi at 744-5547 or Annmarie at 279-5521. Tickets will also be available on both days from any of the participating seven Inns.

Tickets marked at each location by Sunday afternoon will be entered in a drawing for the chance to win a \$200 Gift Certificate to be used toward a stay at any of our participating properties. For anyone desiring the full experience of staying Friday and Saturday night in one of our rooms at The Inn On Golden Pond, a discounted rate will be offered which will also include free tickets for the Muffin and Scone Tour.

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Two community-based non-profits launch Pet Peace of Mind® Program

LACONIA — The staff of Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice were noticing a trend. Some hospice patients just couldn't keep up with their pets' needs. So in an effort to better serve

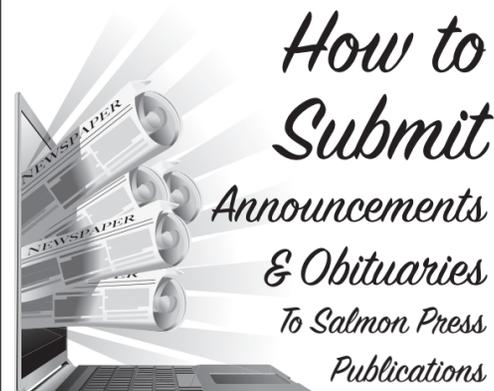
its patients, Central New Hampshire, in partnership with New Hampshire Humane Society, has launched the Pet Peace of Mind Program®.

Aptly named, this program will provide

care for the pet, and peace of mind for the patient. The partnership between Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice and the New Hampshire Humane Society will ensure that four legged family members are cared for during this emotional and difficult time, which will in turn provide relief for the anxious patient.

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United Way's Giving Tuesday event results in hundreds of books or kids across NH

LACONIA — The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is known as #GivingTuesday and raises awareness about giving to nonprofits during the holiday season. For the second year in a row, Granite United Way used the day to promote awareness and raise funds to purchase books for kids across New Hampshire and Vermont.

Over the past two years, Granite United

Way has worked with local nonprofits in each of its six regions and the generosity of donors during #GivingTuesday, has enabled the organization to purchase more than 1,000 books for children.

Books were distributed in Laconia at the Pleasant Street School on Monday, April 2. Copies of the book Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats will be

delivered to children in the Kindergarten program at Pleasant Street School, and Granite United Way President and CEO, Patrick Tufts, read the book to the Kindergarten class.

Each nonprofit was invited to request a specific book for their program.

"My team knows that this is one of my favorite events of the

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COURTESY

Patrick Tufts, President and CEO of Granite United Way, reads to a Kindergarten class at Laconia's Pleasant Street School.



COURTESY

Barbara Whittier Scholarship winner announced

Golden View Health Care Center is proud to announce Brittney Fry as the recipient of the 2018 Barbara Whittier Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a full-time Golden View employee who is currently enrolled in or has received notification of acceptance into an institute of higher education in a curriculum related to long term care. Pictured from left to right: Golden View's Director of Resident and Community Relations Frank Vignand, Brittney Fry, and Golden View's Administrator Rosemary Simino.

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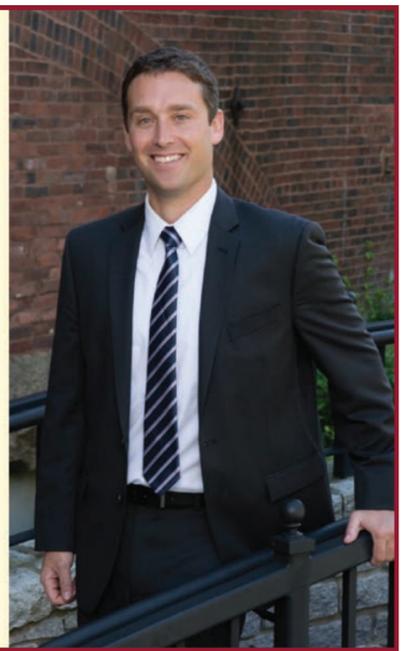
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Keep Your Investment "Ecosystem" Healthy

April 22 is Earth Day. First observed in 1970, Earth Day has evolved into an international celebration, with nearly 200 countries holding events to support clean air, clean water and other measures to protect our planet. As an investor, what lessons can you learn from this special day?

Consider the following:

Avoid "toxic" investment moves. Earth Day events show us how we can help keep toxins out of our land, air and water. And if you want to keep your investment ecosystem healthy, you need to avoid making some

toxic moves. For example, don't chase after hot stocks based on tips you may have heard or read. By the time you learn about these stocks, they may already have cooled off – and they may not even be appropriate for your goals or risk tolerance. Another toxic investment move involves trying to "time" the market – that is, buying investments when they reach low points and selling them at their peaks. It's a great theory, but almost impossible to turn into reality, because no one can really predict market highs and lows – and your timing efforts, which may involve

selling investments that could still help you – may disrupt your long-term strategy. **Reduce, reuse, recycle.** "Reduce, reuse, recycle" is a motto of the environmental movement. Essentially, it's encouraging people to add less stuff to their lives and use the things they already have. As an investor, you can benefit from the same advice. Rather than constantly buying and selling investments in hopes of boosting your returns, try to build a portfolio that makes sense for your situation, and stick with your holdings until your needs change. If you're always trading, you'll

probably rack up fees and taxes, and you may well end up not even boosting your performance. It might not seem exciting to purchase investments and hang on to them for decades, but that's the formula many successful investors follow, and have followed.

Plant "seeds" of opportunity. Another Earth Day lesson deals with the value of planting gardens and trees. When you invest, you also need to look for ways to plant seeds of opportunity. Seek out investments that, like trees, can grow and prosper over time. All investments

do carry risk, including the potential loss of principal, but you can help reduce your risk by owning a mix of other, relatively less volatile vehicles, such as corporate bonds and U.S. Treasury securities. (Keep in mind, though, that fixed-rate vehicles are subject to interest-rate risk, which means that if interest rates rise, the value of bonds issued at a lower rate may fall.)

Match your money with your values. Earth Day also encourages us to be conscientious consumers. So, when you support local food growers, you are helping,

in your own way, to reduce the carbon footprint caused in part by trucks delivering fruits and vegetables over long distances. Similarly, you might choose to include socially responsible investing in your overall strategy by avoiding investments in certain industries you find objectionable, or by seeking out companies that behave in a manner you believe benefits society.

Earth Day is here, and then it's gone – but by applying some of its key teachings to your investment activities, you may improve your own financial environment.

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LRGH

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rooms at Franklin Regional Hospital.

Donovan said utilization for the FRH operating rooms was around 33 percent. While they examined options such as having it open only on certain days, the decision was made to close the operating rooms at FRH.

The Labor and Delivery unit at LRGH was also closed down.

"As we look at that unit, that service, it was probably our largest financial loss," Donovan said, adding that shuttering the maternity unit will save the organization a projected \$1 million annually.

Donovan said around 60 percent of births were from Medicaid patients and the hospital will be reimbursed for half of birthing expenses. He said while private insurance used to be willing to absorb those costs in the past, in recent years those amounts have significantly decreased.

Another major consideration was the aging of the population and the drop in births. In 2015, the hospital had 346 births, and that number dropped to 283 in 2017. Additionally, he said the young obstetricians entering the field do not want to

be on call seven days a week for long hours, which would require hiring more staff.

The organization examined options such as moving the birthing place to Franklin. This would require renovating space at FRH to do it, though they do not have the capital to do that. The organization was also unsuccessful in requesting an increase in reimbursements from Medicaid.

LRGHealthcare had extensive talks with Concord Hospital about options. Following these discussions, it was agreed that LRGHealthcare will continue to offer pre and post natal care as well as other women's health services and birthing care will go to Concord Hospital. An obstetrician will be on call at LRGH in case of an emergency delivery.

Donovan said this wasn't a decision they made lightly.

"We literally had to make decisions: did we want to have a labor and delivery unit for a year and half or did we want to have a hospital for the future?" Donovan said.

Donovan said LRGHealthcare with help from a private firm has taken a look at the most important services for the community. Or-

thopedics is one major need. They also opened an inpatient psychiatric unit at FRH to address the area's mental health needs. Due to the lack of beds at the state hospital, Donovan said there were patients waiting in the emergency room for several days. Last year, they created a seven-bed pod at FRH to provide services to patients in need of psychiatric services.

They are also redesigning practices in the emergency department, creating different zones of care based on case and priority that has resulted in decreased wait times.

LRGHealthcare is also pursuing ISO 9001 Certification. Donovan said their survey is coming up in June and they are excited about the prospects. He said while they might not get certification now, they will continue to pursue it in the future.

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PARKS AND REC

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had decent weather to do it.

Greene thanked Drew's Affordable Steel Roofing for donating around a quarter of the cost of the project, which Greene said helped keep construction costs down.

Selectman Gus Benavides asked if the town had sent a thank you letter to Drew's Affordable Steel Roofing. Greene said Parks and Rec had, though Benavides asked for town administrator Scott Dunn to send one on behalf of the town.

"Having a metal roof down there, hopefully, will take care of maintenance issues for years to come," Greene said.

Due to the cold temperatures in mid December, they were able to open the ice rink around the holidays. Greene said mild temperatures in late January impacted the second half of their

season and they would have to close it for two or three day periods. They made the decision to close the rink for the season on Feb. 26, though the rink had been mostly closed before that. In total the ice rink was open for 47 days, which Greene said is typical.

Parks and Rec's seasonal activities have been a big success. The Halloween party has around 175 kids in attendance, with more than 40 middle and high school students helping out. Santaland with the Gilford Youth Center brought in around 385 kids over the two days.

The Learn to Ski program at Gunstock had 85 participants, its biggest turnout and double the amount from last year. Greene said one factor might have been that kids taking part in the program got season

passes.

"There are a lot of people who saw added value to it because their children got a season pass," Greene said.

The Easter events also got big numbers. The Flashlight Egg Hunt had around 150 participants, which was up from the past few years despite the snowy and muddy conditions. The next day around 200 people came to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, co-hosted with the GYC.

Planning is underway for Old Home Day and Greene said the Old Home Day Committee recently had its first meeting of the season.

"We're looking for to continue preparing for that day and overall looking for to a great spring and a busy upcoming summer season," Greene said.

911 TOUR

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demonstrated the system by making a 911 call from his own cell phone. The call was answered by an operator just a few feet away with the computer showing the number and the address location.

Rivers said it is important for a caller to tell the operator where they are. Callers are also asked to confirm their phone number in case the call gets disconnected.

The state recently adopted the Text-to-911 system, where people can text an emergency in instances where calling is not safe.

Laconia is one of two call centers for the state, the second in Concord; any 911 call could go to either location.

The first call center in New Hampshire opened on Hazen Drive in Concord on July 5, 1995. Around 2009, the state started building the Incident Planning and Operations Center in Concord and the infrastructure in the Concord facility was updated. As that project was going on, the center in Laconia was opened as a back-up in the area that used to be the state hospital.

"It was such a such

a great idea that we stayed that way," Rivers said.

When the Laconia center's system was upgraded in 2016 it was also shut down and calls went through Concord until the Laconia center opened back up in October of 2016.

Staff can move back and forth between the two locations and supervisors in both facilities can talk to each other over a communications system.

NH 911 receives around 1,200 calls a day. The busiest recorded day was for the massive snowstorm that occurred the day before Thanksgiving in 2015 when 7,200 calls were recorded.

Rivers said around eight to 10 people will work at each call center at a time, though he tries to keep staffing at both centers balanced. Operators will work in one of three 10-hour shifts with three hours of overlap between shifts, which addresses the busiest times of day.

Operators will follow manuals with specific instructions on how to manage each situation until first responders arrive. Operators can give step by

step instructions such as CPR, controlling bleeding, delivering babies, using inhalers and Epi Pens, and any other incident. Rivers said they receive around 10 calls a day that require CPR instruction. The opioid crisis has increased the number of CPR calls and operators have instructed people on administering Narcan.

"There's an awful lot of little things that they do and an awful lot of things to do," Rivers said.

Stress is an issue for staff members. Rivers said one of the biggest issues is not knowing the outcome of a call situation. There is a special room in the center with sofas that Rivers said is called the "scream room" where operators can go in, scream, and relieve stress.

Rivers said he loved the idea of the open house and having people tour the 911 call center.

"The less smoke and mirrors there is the better," Rivers said.

He said it the more people know when to call 911 and when to not call 911 the better it is for them.

REC NEWS

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from June 25 - June 29. Session 1 for children entering grades 1-4 will be run from 8 - 10 a.m. Session 2 for children entering grades 5-8 will be run from 8 a.m. - noon. Participants may register by picking up a form from the Parks and Recreation office or by visiting the Gilford Parks and Recreation Web site at www.hogancamps.com.

Cost (If you register before May 1): \$85.00 for Session I and \$120 for Session II

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

Senior Moment-um Taco Party on Monday, April 30
The Gilford Parks

and Recreation Department is sponsoring Senior Moment-um Program on Monday, April 30. We will meet in the Gilford Community Church's Fellowship Hall at noon as we serve up taco shells with all the fixings - and for dessert, we'll be having baked crescent churros! We'll also exercise our brains with a little Mexican trivia as we get a jump on celebrating Cinco De Mayo. Coffee, tea and "Faux Margaritas" will also be provide. Cost for the lunch is \$3 per participant. Participants must RSVP by Thursday, April 26.

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

Tickets available for Red Sox bus trip on July 12

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a bus trip to watch the Red Sox at Fenway Park this summer. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, July 12 to see the Red Sox play the Toronto Blue Jays. Travel to and from the game will be provided aboard a Coach Company, Luxury Coach fully equipped with climate control, DVD Video System and Lavatory. This trip is limited to 53 participants, so register early!

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NOTEBOOK

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around the house. Now, these are about as cute and neat and fun to watch little creatures as they come, but they are not so cute when they take up residence in the house and begin searching out cupboards and drawers.

At the urging of friends and family, I softened up my kill zone mindset, opting for “Kumbaya” instead.

It doesn't work. This is an old farmhouse, with no practical way to make squirrel-proof. The squirrels have been holding what sounds like the Camp-town Races (doo-dah) in the livingroom ceiling. I think they are about to have babies.

Out comes the scoped .22, and the box of shorts.

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After three (count 'em, three) surgeries on the same hip I had plenty of rest and rehab to address, and did so at a fine and somewhat off-the-radar facility known to everyone throughout the North Country and the state simply as “The Morrison.” Its great hulk of a brick building, with two majorly modern wings, sits atop a hill just west of Whitefield's town common, hence the “below the radar” remark. This becomes moot, however, with construction nearly complete on an extended campus just south of the road to Littleton.

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homes are blessed with the strength of Samson and the patience of Job. You name it, and they've seen it and dealt with it.

As a guy who once ran three newspapers and a printing plant I did my share of hiring and (hardly ever) firing, and thus I have a habit of rating any enterprise on its people. In this category and many others, The Morrison shines.

(This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Address letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or to Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

SANFACON

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to Sanfacon. She read off a long list of the organizations that Sanfacon has been involved with over more than 20 years, including Lakes Region Community Developers, the Youth Services Bureau and Teen Court program; the Belknap Juvenile Justice Initiative and Restorative Justice program where he served as a jurist, mentor and advisory leader; CASA; the Belknap County Teen Center which ultimately became the Boys & Girls Club; the Gilford Youth Center;

the Gilford Library; St. Vincent De Paul's financial counseling program; and Leadership Lakes Region.

Harvey noted that Sanfacon's passion for kids and families was heightened during his participation in the first class of Leadership Lakes Region in 1998, of which they were both graduates.

Harvey said, “Leo has had an amazing impact by quietly and remarkably stepping up to make sure that our community provides opportunities for every family to

thrive.”

Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD) is a non-profit organization whose mission is “to create opportunities for the Lakes Region to thrive by building healthy homes, creating vibrant community assets, and engaging residents.” LRCD provides healthy housing to over 320 families so they can live in safe, affordable, energy efficient homes that provide a healthy foundation for success in work, school, and community.

PETS

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ly pets will be able to receive care such as daily walking, exercising, cleaning and feeding, grooming and basic veterinary care provided by trained volunteers and staff, from both agencies. Further, the Humane Society veterinarian, Dr. Siobhan Bach, will be able to consult on animal medical matters as needed. The Humane Society has a vast array of services at its fingertips, empathetic, skilled volunteers, grooming services, a highly competent veterinary team and an organization that is dedicated to the welfare of animals in need, that also encompasses the people who love them.

“One of the biggest concerns for our Hospice families is the care of their beloved pets, this partnership allows for the patient as well as the family pet to be cared for. This program is just one of many that our hospice program has to care for the entire patient and family in a holistic manner” commented Jennifer Legassie, Hospice Director and Chief Clinical Nurse for Central New Hampshire

VNA & Hospice.

NH Humane Society Executive Director, Ms. Marylee Gorham noted “New Hampshire is the second highest median age state in the nation, and we have already noted the trend of elder pets arriving at our shelter after owners have passed away, or are no longer able to care for them. This program is a naturally occurring outreach service for us, and one we are honored to be part of, up to and including rehoming the pet after the owner has passed.”

With service areas of both organizations overlapping, the program will launch first in the Greater Laconia region, with a view to growing the service region over time. Those interested in joining the program should contact Tamara Saxby, Volunteer Manager at New Hampshire Humane Society or Randy Macdonald Volunteer Coordinator at Central NH VNA & Hospice for further information.

New Hampshire Humane Society is one of the oldest animal shelters in the Granite State offering adoption services, low

cost spay/neuter, education outreach, volunteer opportunities, pet therapy, internship and service learning, enrichment and foster care for over 1300 abandoned, neglected, and unwanted animals in the region. The organization relies on private donations to continue the mission providing services for the seventeen town community it serves. To view available animals and learn more about the agency, check www.nhhumane.org.

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HERBAL

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program descriptions and registration visit prescottfarm.org. Melissa Morrison M.H., RMT is the Clinical Master Herbalist and Vitalist Nutritionist of Dragonfly Botanicals Wisdom Center in Belmont, NH. Melissa has taught Alternative/Herbal Medicine at the New England Women's Herb Conference (from 2010 on), Rosemary Gladstar's Sage Mountain Herb Retreat Center and other educational venues around the North East. Melissa is committed to teaching people how to use food, diet, and plants for health & healing through her apprenticeship courses and classes, including at Prescott Farm the last few years.

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 dedicated to environmental education and preservation. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of

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GIVING

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year. Not only is reading to children rewarding, it is an important part of building their literacy skills,” said Patrick Tufts, President and CEO of Granite United Way. “Our organization is committed to engaging children in literacy initiatives, and we understand the value of starting this as early as possible. We are thankful for our partners, like Pleasant Street School, who also share this same commitment to these young students.”

Please contact Karrie Eaton, Vice President of Marketing and Communications,

at 560-5453 or karrie.eaton@graniteuw.org for additional information.

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No no for Siravo

Gilford baseball tosses no-bitter in season opener

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TILTON — Adrian Siravo put on a clinic in the opening game for the Gilford High School baseball team, striking out 14 batters and throwing a no-hitter against the Winnisquam Bears on opening day for an 11-0 win.

Siravo allowed only one walk and one other reached on a dropped third strike that Philip Nichols beat out. Other than that it was about as good as it gets for Gilford. Despite the cold temperatures, he had his fastball blazing by hitters all day with speed that coaches esti-

mated to be in the low to mid 80s. He also had a breaking ball and off-speed pitch that was keeping the Winnisquam batters off balance in only 86 pitches.

"I felt like I was really in a groove," said Siravo. "I had a good rhythm going and I just kept pumping and pumping strikes. I've been working all winter on my fastball and I've got the curve working well."

While the story of the day was the pitching performance by Siravo, the Golden Eagles showed that their bats are going to be a force to be reckoned with, as

well.

Devan Glover took the mound for the Bears and after one inning it seemed like there would be a pitcher's duel after he and Siravo both retired the side in order. Glover got out a jam where there were runners on first and third with two outs in the second inning to keep the game scoreless.

The third inning was where Gilford's bats woke up and the Golden Eagles put four runs on the board. Chandler Mead raced down the line and made it to first on a throwing error by Noah Smith. After McKinney struck out, Cody

Boucher hit a long RBI double to left for the first run. Siravo then showed off his batting skills and ripped a long RBI single to center field. The Winnisquam outfield did a good job throughout the day getting the ball in quickly and preventing further damage.

Isaac Wallace then smashed a line drive for a single but an error led to Siravo coming across the plate to make it 3-0. T.J. Camilla then walked and Siravo scored when Glover balked.

After another run in the fourth and another in the fifth inning for Gilford it was a 6-0 game.

Jack Beaulieu came into pitch in relief and in the seventh inning he gave up a bases loaded double to Boucher to make it 8-0. Siravo then knocked in two runs on a standup triple to left. The scoring onslaught finished with an RBI single to left by Wallace to make it an 11-0 game.

Siravo was pleased with the complete team performance by the Golden Eagles.

"We have a phenomenal team," said Siravo. "We've got a bunch of young kids and only one senior in Tyler McKinney and he is great. We are confident."

This was the first game coaching the Golden Eagles for coach Eric Duquette, who was all smiles after the dominating win for his squad.

"Our two, three, four, five was really locked in today," said Duquette. "Cody had a couple of doubles and Adrian showed why he is one

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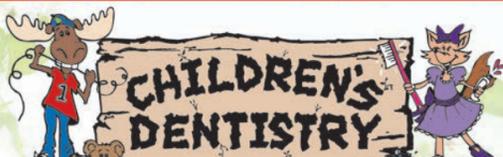
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Softball Golden Eagles roll in opener

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TILTON — The Golden Eagles softball team had a commanding 12-1 win over the Winnisquam Bears on April 11, thanks to an incredible offensive output and solid pitching.

Gilford had 21 hits and allowed no errors in the game while Winnisquam had only two hits and allowed three errors. Colby Butterfield was the winning pitcher who had five strikeouts, three walks and a hit over three innings. Ella Harris pitched four innings in relief with eight strikeouts, three walks and one hit allowed.

Aubrey St. Onge took the loss for the Bears.

The game was all Gilford from the beginning, as the team exploded for seven runs on nine hits in the first inning. The first four batters had hits. In total, 11 players had hits in the game and all 17 players on the roster played.

Lexi Boisvert tied a school record and was the offensive leader for the Golden Eagles by going 5 for 5 with three doubles and a pair of RBIs. Brooke Beaudet had three hits, two runs and a stolen



Brooke Beaudet slides ahead of a tag against Winnisquam

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base. Randi Byers had two hits, two RBIs and three runs. Jillian Lachapelle had a big day with four RBIs, a run scored and a steal. Karly Sanborn also chipped in with a run scored.

Harris, Callie McGreevy, Emily Smith and Rachel Langlitz are first year varsity players who got their first varsity hit.

Coach Joan Forge was very happy with the way the Golden Eagles started the season, saying “there

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(Right) Samantha Knowles holds a runner at second for the Gilford softball team in a win over Winnisquam.



Champs start 3-0, Gilford girls beat Inter-Lakes

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GILFORD — The defending champion Gilford boys' tennis team picked up where it left off from last season and started this spring 3-0.

According to coach Terry Wilson, Gilford beat Littleton 6-3, Conant 5-4 and Profile 8-1. Co-captains Christian Workman and Tyler Hanf won singles and doubles matches. Other wins came from Mike Eisenmann, Colton Workman and Adam Donnelly. Donny Searle also won two singles

matches.

Wilson said the Conant match was very close. Colton Workman and Searle came back from early deficits to win 9-7 and 9-8 (7-1) respectively.

The girls' tennis team took a 5-4 win over Inter-Lakes on April 11 despite losses from the team's top two players. Reagan McIntire had a tough time with Alyssa Floyd and lost 8-0 while Sarah Fillion lost 8-6 to Ava Duymazlar.

Josey Curley had an 8-4 win over Phoebe Hoag, Olivia Salesky

won 8-2 over Belle Hoag and Olivia Comeau had an 8-2 win over Alanah Ahlquist. Hannah Lord lost 8-1 to Ella St. Cyr.

In doubles the pairings of Fillion/McIntire and Lord/Comeau both won 8-2.

“A good contest under finally better weather conditions,” said coach Hermann DeFregger. “McIntire/Fillion where able to come back strong from their singles loses and with their win and with number three doubles win secure the win.



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Brooke Beaudet knocks a base hit for the Golden Eagles.

were so many great things” coming from the win. She was proud of Harris, as she is a young player shining

early for Gilford.

“Ella Harris is the only freshmen on the Gilford varsity team,” said Forge. “Not only

did she pitch very well in relief but she also went 2 for 2 at the plate. Not bad for her first varsity game.”

Lacrosse squads fall to Hopkinton

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HOPKINTON — The Gilford girls' field hockey team started its season last week and took a loss on the road to Hopkinton by a score of 20-12.

“We finally got to leave the gym and experienced lacrosse

outside at Hopkinton on Saturday,” said coach Dave Rogacki. “Hopkinton's experience and passing were a good teaching and learning moment for us as we lost to Hopkinton 20-12. We will hopefully be able to get on a real field this week and practice what we

learned.”

Leading the scoring charge for the Golden Eagles was Shelby Cole, who had six goals and Sophie Leggett who chipped in four goals.

On April 9, the Gilford boys' lacrosse team traveled to Hopkinton and lost 12-7.

Circle Trot returns on April 29

PLYMOUTH — The eighth annual Circle Trot will be on Sunday, April 29, at the AllWell North building on the Plymouth State University (PSU) campus. There will be a 10k, a 5k, and 2k race through downtown Plymouth and the surrounding areas with all proceeds going to support the Circle Program. The event is a community- and family-friendly event that encourages

participation from all ages and ability levels.

This year marks the first time that the Circle Trot has been part of a Cluster Project at PSU. As a Cluster Project, the Trot will foster cross-disciplinary collaboration between students and faculty member in Sports Management, Physical Education, Health Education and Promotion, Athletic Training, Marketing, and Athletics.

Racers can pre-register at www.CircleTrot.org or call 536-4244. Same day registration and event check-in will be at the Plymouth State University AllWell North building located at 32 North River Street in Holderness from 8 to 9 a.m. the morning of the event with the races begin-

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Strong showing for Gilford at Pelham Invitational

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PELHAM — The Gilford track and field teams traveled to Pelham High School for a meet on Saturday, with the girls placing seventh out of 30 teams and the boys placing 15th.

Coach Joe Wernig acknowledged that it was a long, cold day but he was proud of the work the girls put in. The 4X100 relay of Lauren Dean, Laurel Gingrich, Brianna and Natalie Fraser took the win by 1.5 seconds and a time of 53.40. The 4X400 relay team of Dean, the Fraser sisters and Kaitlyn Callahan also won with a time of 4:22.95. The team won by about six seconds.

Dean also placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 1:02.08, with Natalie Fraser coming in third with a time of 1:02.66.

Sophomore Kati Gamache was 10th in the javelin with a personal best of 80 feet, 10 inches.

Wernig was also happy with the 800-meter runners, saying that seniors Carly White, Aria Stephan and Callahan pushed each other to finish strong in their heats. He said sophomore Elena Uicker and freshman Caroline Drouin had impressive days



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Michael Wernig tosses the discus for the Gilford boys' track and field team on Saturday, and set personal bests, as well.

The boys' team was led by a big win for Connor Leggett with a time of 45.26 in the 300-meter hurdles. Korey Weston had a fourth place finish in the javelin with a throw of 145 feet, six inches. This was a personal best by about 20 feet. Sandor Gamache was sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 38 feet, six inches.

"Despite the cold weather and long day, it was another good day for the Gilford

track team with 47 athletes competing," said Wernig.

Gilford hosted a meet on Tuesday after deadline. The next meet is the Merrimack Valley Invitational on Saturday.



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Fundraising swim

The Lakes Region Wavemakers, a local swim team, participated in their annual fundraiser, a one-hour swim at the Health Club of Concord, which donated the space. Swimmer participants, ages eight to 18, get donors to pledge in support, then swim for a solid hour. Each lap was 50 yards for a total of 85,850 yards. One thousand dollars was raised for the Make a Wish Foundation.

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of the top hitters in D-3. Isaac had a 4/5 day. Those guys can hit. The other guys stepped up too, with a couple base hits by Jack McLean and Chandler getting on in the bottom of the lineup. When we can turn that lineup over we are really looking good."

Duquette said he is looking forward to seeing how the team can do this season. He said while the players are young, it has an incredible amount of talent that could propel them to a strong season.

"I'm excited for what is ahead," said Duquette. "We still have some things to work on but it is early in the season. We look good."

Gilford had a big test against Stevens on Friday, a team that went 14-2 last season. Wallace was the starting pitcher and led the team to a 7-4 win. He went five innings, gave up one hit and two walks. Boucher came in for relief and got the win, but three errors in the seventh inning led to Stevens tying things up. Sebastian Brodeur had a two out single in the ninth inning to drive in the winning runs. McLean and Brodeur had a pair of its each. Siravo and Wallace each had doubles in the win.



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Isaac Wallace smashes a single to left in the second inning of a big win for Gilford.



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TJ Camilla hits a single to center field against Winnisquam last week.

Summer hoops offered in Gilford

GILFORD — The Lakes Region Elite Basketball League will take place this summer at the Gilford Youth Center.

The league is seeking skilled players, boys and girls, ages 8-11. There will be tryouts for the league on Saturday, May 26 and June 3. It is free to try out, but you must be pre-registered.

The league will run for 10 weeks beginning mid-June. Each week, teams will have a prac-

tice during the week, followed by a game on Friday or Saturday. The season will end with a three-day tournament/championship.

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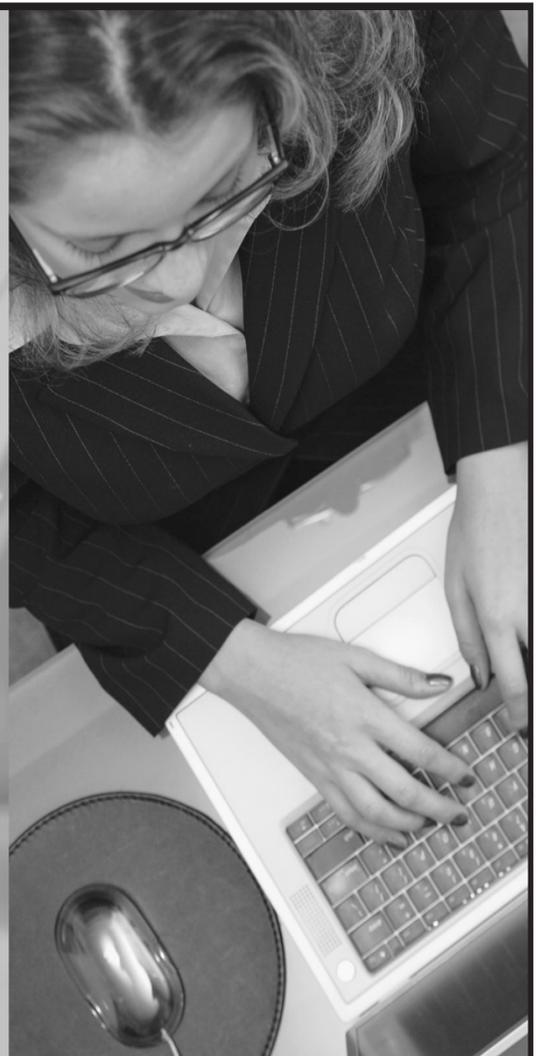
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