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GILFORD, N.H.

# Gilford would join Gilmanton, part of Laconia under proposed redistricting

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Gilford might share a representative district with Gilmanton and one ward of Laconia if proposed redistricting legislation is signed into law.

The House Redistricting Committee has been examining redistricting options under HB 50.

On Wednesday, Gilford Town Administrator Scott Dunn updated the selectmen on the proposed plan and what that would mean for Gilford.

Currently Gilford is joined with Meredith in Belknap County District 2.

According to the proposed map for Belknap County, Gilford will be put into a district with Gilmanton and Ward 6 in Laconia (the area around Pagus

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# Rec Commission proposes doubling cost of guest/seasonal beach passes

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The selectmen will further discuss the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendations to double the price of seasonal and guest passes for town beaches following resident concerns.

Usually the beach is only open to Gilford residents, who can take a guest on the beach at the cost of a \$25 guest pass. Board chair Gus Benavides said during Wednesday's meeting that this past summer the board enacted a new, experimental policy where season passes were available for \$200. Town officials took a second look at this new policy after concerns were raised by a resident about the amount of non-residents at the Gunstock Acres beach.

During the Oct. 13 selectmen's meeting, resident Heidi Williams came to the board with concerns about this policy and the impact it was having for the beach. She said with the high number of commercial rentals in town, a slew of renters and people not from the local area were using what had been a residents only beach. Williams said the beach was becoming a "tourist trap" and didn't feel safe bringing her child to the beach. She asked the board to stop selling seasonal passes.

The selectmen sent these concerns to Parks and Recreation director Herb Greene, who brought them to the Parks and Recreation Commission during their Nov. 1 meeting.

Benavides said the commission came to a consensus that the costs for any of the guest passes should

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# Stow makes commitment to Michigan Tech



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Catherine Stow is joined by her parents, John and Michelle, at a signing ceremony last week when the Gilford senior made her commitment to Michigan Tech.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — It's safe to say that Catherine Stow has known for a while just what she wanted once her time at Gilford High School came to an end.

In eighth grade, the Golden Eagle standout already had Michigan Tech on her list of schools she wanted to attend.

And on Wednesday afternoon, Stow made her commitment to the school official on National Signing Day,

signing her letter of intent to attend Michigan Tech and join the Nordic skiing team.

"I liked the opportunity, school-wise and it's hard to find a place with a Nordic program and a business and computer science program," Stow said after her signing ceremony in the Gilford High School auditorium. "I've been really excited about college ever since middle school."

She pointed out that when she was in eighth grade, she was thinking

about schools and doing the research and Michigan Tech was on her list even back then.

"I wanted to have an experience not on the east coast," she said. "And I was pretty drawn to the coaching staff and the environment."

"Today we're celebrating Catherine's success here at Gilford High School," said Athletic Director Rick Acquilano in welcoming people to the celebration. "Sometimes, as ADs, we get caught

up in stats, but beyond that, what stands out is the person she is.

"She is kind, she is thoughtful and she is friendly," Acquilano said. "She's someone, when I think about our best kids who come through here, she's one of the best of the best."

The Eagle AD said he knows all the work that goes into preparing to move on to compete at the collegiate level.

"It's a testament to if you work hard, results

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# Selectmen approve Eagle Scout's request for banner thanking donors

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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A local Scout will be able to hang a banner on his Eagle Scout Project facing the road that thanks the many businesses that donated to the project.

On Wednesday, the board of selectmen voted unanimously in favor of allowing Bradley McIntire to hang a banner facing the road at the town ice arena despite concerns that it could violate the town's sign ordinance.

McIntire recently completed his Eagle Scout Project: installing bleachers, four-foot-by-eight-foot cubbies, and a stone walkway at the town's ice rink. He said the project took around 117 hours of labor by scouts to complete. The cost of the project came in at around \$2,000 and he received all of it in the form of donations from local businesses.

Contributors included: Gilford Home Center, Gilford Lowes, Tractor Supply, Barlow Landscaping, the Gilford Rotary, Nutter Enterprises,



COURTESY PHOTO  
Bradley McIntire talks with the board of selectmen about his Eagle Scout project, joined by members of his troop.

and DC Sports Photos.

McIntire said he wanted to add a three-foot-by-six-foot banner in back of the cubbies facing the road recognizing all the contributors. He said Parks and Recreation Director Herb Greene told him the town had a policy against putting a banner with businesses within 50 feet of the roadway, but advised him to speak with the selectmen about possibly making an exception.

Selectman Chan Eddy said this could be brought to the Planning Board and they could decide if there should be a waiver. Town Administrator Scott Dunn said this seemed to fall more under the Zoning Board.

"If someone were to complain, technically under the law the town is not legally required to follow the zoning ordinance," Dunn said, "but we do try to follow the zoning ordinance be-

cause we have to enforce the zoning ordinance for all those other people who violate it."

Eddy said the Planning Board should at least be made aware of this because the question probably will come up.

Eddy said this banner really isn't a commercial purpose. Dunn said a year or so earlier the board approved a man-

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# Forge wins LEC Coach of the Year

**PLYMOUTH** — Fresh off one of the most dominant seasons in program history a slew of Plymouth State University women's volleyball

ball student-athletes was honored by the Little East Conference (LEC) with postseason recognition on Thursday. Junior Marissa Plaza (Folsom, Calif.) was crowned the Defensive Player of the Year, while freshman Lilli Stogner (Weare) took home Rookie of the Year honors. The duo was also selected to the All-LEC Second Team. Head coach Joan Forge was voted Coach of the Year by her colleagues.

Additionally, senior Alexa Price (Moultonborough) and junior Emilee Flanagan (Milton) also picked up all-conference nods after being selected as All-LEC First Teamers, while senior Hannah Chartier (Weare) was the team's representative on the Sportsmanship Team. Forge becomes the first two-time LEC Coach of the Year in program history, now winning the award in back-to-back full seasons (no major awards were issued for volleyball during 2020-21). She led the Panthers to an impressive 23-3 record and a perfect 8-0 mark in Little East play to post the program's first unbeaten conference regular season and capture the program's fifth regular season title. Plymouth State was ranked as high as seventh in the NCAA Region I rankings and climbed as high as 11th in the New England Women's Volleyball Association (NEWVA) regional polls, before falling in the semifinals of the LEC Tournament.

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Nov. 18 – Nov. 25	Thursday, Nov. 18 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m. French, 4-5 p.m. Book Discussion: “How Much of These Hills is Gold,” 5:30 p.m.		Thursday, Nov. 25 CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING DAY
	Friday, Nov. 19 Senior Sculpt, 9 a.m. Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Monday, Nov. 22 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m. Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m. Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.	Tuesday Nov. 23 Senior Sculpt, 9 a.m. Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

1. “State of Terror” by Hillary Clinton & Louise Penny
2. “Better Off Dead” by Lee Child
3. “Game On: Tempting twenty-eight” by Janet Evanovich
4. “Mercy” by David Baldacci
5. “The Dark Hours” by Michael Connelly
6. “The Lincoln Highway” by Amor Towles
7. “2 Sisters Detective Agency” by James Patterson
8. “The Madness of Crowds” by Louise Penny
9. “Peril” by Bob Woodward
10. “The Wish” by Nicholas Sparks

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Seniors and kitchen safety: Tips for the “Heart of the Home”

BY MARTHA SWATS  
Owner/Administrator  
Comfort Keepers

A kitchen is often the central gathering place in the home. Family dinners, special occasions and time shared together all happen in the heart of the home.

Making sure the kitchen a safe, happy place is important. On a daily basis, many of us spend time in our kitchens, and it is easy to forget that the kitchen can be a place where dangerous accidents are not uncommon – especially for seniors.

When it comes to senior adults and kitchen safety, the numbers show where potential issues can occur:

The National Fire Protection Association reports that three (3) in

ten (10) home fires start in the kitchen, more than any other room in the house.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 76 million cases of foodborne illness occur each year, including 5,000 fatal cases. Older adults, due to a natural decrease in their immune systems, can succumb to food poisoning more easily and have a harder time fighting it off if they do.

Kitchens are also areas with high fall-risk areas: items stored out of reach, slippery floors, and the likelihood that meals are carried to eat in another room.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reports that people over the age of 65 have a 2.7 times greater risk of dying in a kitchen fire than the general population.

For those that want to ensure that the kitchen is as safe as possible for their senior loved ones, there are three key areas to consider:

Fire prevention and safety – The primary cause of kitchen fires is unattended food – seniors should never leave the kitchen when food is cooking. Automatic shut-off devices are a great tool to help seniors that have memory issues but like to spend time cooking. Loose clothing, kitchen towels and pot holders can all catch fire if too close to the stove, so it is good to be mindful about fabric near flames. And, on a regular basis, a qualified electrician should check wiring and outlets to ensure safety compliance – this is a common cause of fires in older homes.

Foodborne illness

prevention – Because of the ways our bodies change when we get older, foodborne illness can become a much more serious issue. This can be prevented by properly storing food, checking fridge temperatures often, properly reheating food, cleaning old items out of the fridge and pantry often and checking expiration dates.

Reduce fall risks – When seniors need to reach an item, whether stored too high or too low, it can cause a balance issue that may lead to a fall. Keeping cooking items within reach is critical. Clutter on counters should be removed, bright lights are helpful, and the heaviest objects should be stored at waist level. Water is often a problem in the kitchen – possible issues include spilled water from the sink, leaking refrigerators and pipe leaks. Spilled water can make kitchen floors slip-

pery, so adding mats and checking water sources often is important.

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the building.

Stop by and visit the vendors’ tables for merchandise from a good variety of vendors including Shepherd’s Hut Market, Sawyer Farm Solid Shampoo, Lazy Brook Designs, Hampshire Toffee, Wendy Lindsey, Joan Edwards, Arthur Sweatt, and Therese Tanner.

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While being informed is key to being a productive member of your community, keep in mind to not overwhelm yourself with too much negative news. Be sure to check the news twice a day, then turn it off. Now, if you're a news junkie, and are unaffected by too much negativity, then of course, have at it.

Be sure to avoid news on social media as it's often biased and filled with misinformation. Make sure your news sources are reliable.

Experts say that when people consume too much information, it's hard to process it in a meaningful way. It can also make it difficult to remember all of the facts. In order to properly think about new information, you need time to process it and compare it with other facts you know. You need time to reflect and form an idea or opinion that logically makes sense.

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### North Country Notebook

## When an old nicety just doesn't hack it



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

It seemed pertinent to write a few lines this week about public access to private land. There appears to be a lot of confusion about this. Probably I'll only muddy the waters.

In particular, I hear a general queasiness among hunters away from their own areas or hunters from out of state about being where they're not wanted. If there's one dominant theme, it's this one.

Elmer Fudd is walking along in his silly hat and sees posted land on one side of the road and unposted land on the other. He's clearly not wanted on the land that's posted (hint: the signs say “No Hunting.”) But is he welcome on the other?

In New Hampshire, we have what is known as the presumed privilege of trespass. This means that unless the land is “posted” with signs to the contrary (“No Trespassing,” “Hunting with Permission Only,” and so on), you're welcome there.

It is thus exactly the opposite of the situation in most states, where access is forbidden unless specifically invited.

Before the usual knee-jerking begins, and people go tisk-tisking “There goes New Hampshire again,” it's worth noting that other New England states adopted this system too. Still, the standouts are Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

But the old way is under attack just about everywhere, led by newcomers who've bought or inherited their little piece of God's Country and don't want just anybody and everybody coming along and setting

foot on sacred ground. This seems totally illogical to them, and they want no part of it.  
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Somewhere in my reading, a good long while ago, I ran into a plausible explanation for this quirk of a system we have.

Four centuries ago, three ships stood off the New England coast. Aboard one, officers were drawing up what would be known as the Mayflower Compact. Among its agreements were these:

The New World would not be like the old, particularly England, where commoners crossing the gentry's lands had to keep to the common paths. Land would be held in common, and the right of trespass would be presumed. This was the way of the native American, and it seemed to make sense,

This made a nice story, except that it was just that, a nice story. A few years ago, I finally took time to track down the Compact, and there was no mention of any of this—not even a phrase.  
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Nonetheless, the newcomers adopted the Indian way of viewing all land as held in common, except making money on or from it. It actually belonged to someone, if not native Americans then by those speculators who had paid the various tribes and nations for it, as required by the Crown. (Only later, after much subdivision and lands “awarded” war heroes and exalted politicians, did stealing aboriginal lands become rampant).

Speculators soon caught onto the fact that settlements were going to follow up rivers, and bought all the land they could ahead of them. To people from Europe, where all of the water rights had long since been bought up, some owned by families for centuries, the acquisition of water rights was a tremendous thing.

Sometimes at first, and then quite often, speculators and sales



JOHN HARRIGAN

Most state and federal land is open to hunting. This is part of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Tract, in Pittsburg, and this stream that some people could jump over is—believe it or not—the Connecticut River.

agents recognized spurious “chiefs” who were said to be “authorized” to sell tribal lands. As schoolchildren have learned for generations, Indians had little concept of private ownership, and defined land vaguely in term of watersheds. With a sweep of a hand and the phrases “flowing into” and “the waters of,” they delineated enormous tracts.

As long as King George III held sway, the rapacious land speculators were largely held in check. With 13 independent colonies, it was Katie bar the door. And once the crush of immigrants and the colonies' own natural growth spilled over the Appalachians and down into the Great Lakes and the Ohio valley, nothing—not even Presidential threats and promises—could stop the westward expansion.  
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What will happen regarding northern New England's quirky (but somehow wonderful) approach to public trespass on private land?

I think the rights of property owners will eventually trump the cherished privilege of trespass. To me this is a shame, for its greatness is also its downfall. It is an accommodation built

totally on trust.

When you allow people onto your land, you trust them to do the same for you and yours. Thus was born one of the more famed signs on the matter: “If you post your land, you don't belong on mine.”

Landowner rights are all the rage just now. Hunters who use hounds to pursue and tree their quarry are bringing the land-access issue to a head. Dogs do not acknowledge property lines, of course, and some landowners are most definitely against hounding, even those who are ambivalent about hunting or even hunt themselves.

Perhaps someone will propose some sensible legislation that attempts to thread the needle. Or perhaps someone will challenge the current laws in court.

But it will be a challenge, whether by case-law or legislation, to do justice to a way of life that was always somewhat mystical, mythical, and magical.

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# School District budget projected at around \$28 million

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The Gilford School District presented a proposed budget of over \$28 million including several maintenance items and some position cuts.

The superintendent’s proposed budget for 2022-2023 not including warrant articles is \$28,373,412, an increase of \$1,650,099 from last year. The general fund budget is \$26,064,035, a \$497,381 increase from 2021-2022. The budget reflects an increase in the Federal Projects Fund due to receiving federal ESSER funds. That line is \$1,687,226 for the coming year.

There was a reduction in the Food Service Fund. This year’s fund is \$622,151, a \$49,380 reduction from the previous year.

The district will add a Director of Curriculum and Grants position for \$131,181.

The district will have a 1.3 percent guaranteed maximum increase in health insurance with an estimated cost of \$49,788. The paraprofessional starting pay will be set at \$12 an hour at a cost of \$86,135.

Two positions will be cut this coming year, including cutting a third grade teacher at a savings of \$115,424 and a K-8 math specialist for \$102,862.

This coming year, there will be a bond reduction of \$54,153.

Curriculum stipends will be reduced by \$46,320. Technology and Network Administrator turnover will save \$28,244. One secretary position had 14 days reduced, which saved \$9,573.

The budget includes several facilities projects across all the school district’s buildings and properties, costing around \$411,200.

The 2022-2023 school year will see planning for Gilford High School’s locker room renovation with an architect/engineer for \$75,000, which will be withdrawn from the Building Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Projects at Gilford Elementary School include repairing the concrete ceiling in the water room for \$25,000, replacing the walk-in freezer and cooler roof condenser units for \$18,000, stair tread replacement for \$15,500, replacing the boiler and kitchen circulator pumps for \$8,000, installing a recommended water filter system for \$7,500, work on classroom shelving and a closet for \$7,000, rubber flooring for the Imagination Station entryway for \$3,700, and replacing the carpet in the conference room for \$3,500.

Both Gilford Middle and High Schools are slated to have the countertops replaced in the computer labs and bathrooms as well as replacing the bathroom mirrors and faucets. This work at both schools is expected to cost \$62,000 for each project.

Other projects for the GHS and GMS buildings include a water cannon and pump for the soccer field for \$14,000 and replacing a freezer condenser for \$9,000.

Other projects at GMS include replacing the air conditioning’s three minisplit units for \$25,000 and cracksealing the parking lot and replacing the catch basin for \$6,500.

Maintenance at GHS also includes resealing inside and outside the first and second floor windows for \$72,000, upgrading four units in the Mechanical Electrical Plumbing (MEP) system to pneumatic controls for \$18,000, crack sealing the parking lot and repairing a catch basin for \$11,000, replacing an air conditioning minisplit unit for \$8,500, and replacing office blinds for \$5,000.

At the SAU office, \$20,000 is budgeted for operable windows and \$10,000 for repaving the driveway.

Warrant articles for 2022 include \$75,000 for Phase 3 of repairs and improvements to the Meadows property.

The school Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund will receive \$82,500 with the passage of another article for a \$75,000 project in the next school year.

Another article will put \$200,000 to be deposited into School Buildings Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The project is projected for the \$2023-2024 school year at a total cost of \$450,000. So far there is \$318,191 in the fund.

The School Buildings Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund will receive \$10,000 with an \$80,000 project slated for the 2023-2024 school year.

The budget will next go through the Budget Committee and a final version will be presented for the 2022 deliberative session. Voters will have the final say on the budget at town meeting voting in March of 2022.

# Calling all cyclists to raise heart rates and dollars for a cause

## Registration open for Cycle Mania event that supports Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction



**Mike “Mad Dog” Gallagher and Alex Indeck; Gallagher broke the current Guinness World Record for consecutive time spent on a stationary cycle when Cycle Mania debuted in 2007 at the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club.**

L A C O N I A — The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction is excited to announce that the Cycle Mania fundraiser that benefits the auction will return this year with an event on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club.

Participants may sign up to cycle for one hour or multiple one-hour slots during the event; the cost is \$20 per hour, and all funds benefit the Children’s Auction, which will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 10 at the Tan-

ger Outlets. Registration is required in advance at [www.childrensauction.com](http://www.childrensauction.com).

Anyone interested in taking part should sign up soon, as there are limited slots; when you register, you can choose a 2021 Challenge team, and your fee will count toward that team.

Cycle Mania debuted in 2007 at the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club by its owners at the time, Tom and Lori Oakley. Mike “Mad Dog” Gallagher of Gilford and John “Blue Dog” Jurczynski of Holderness broke the

current Guinness World Record of 111 hours, 11 minutes and 11 consecutive seconds spent on a stationary cycle that year.

“For our 40th year celebration, we thought it incredibly fitting that we bring back Cycle Mania,” said auction Executive Director Jennifer Kelley. “We were thrilled to be hosted by Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club, where we will have 18 bikes with people pedaling for 12 hours. There will be lots of music and energy. Cycle Mania is rolling back

into town to raise money for children and families in need.”

While many auction items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community.

Auction leaders will collect new, unused, unwrapped items right up to the week of the auction. Gift cards, electronics, tools, toys, sporting goods and household items all bring the highest bids. Go to our website at [ChildrensAuction.com](http://ChildrensAuction.com) for a list of convenient donation drop-off sites throughout the Lakes Region. And on Black Friday weekend, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Nov. 28, visit the collection site at Tanger Outlets and drop your items off between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Learn more about the auction at [www.ChildrensAuction.com](http://www.ChildrensAuction.com), where you can discover sponsorship opportunities, donate or volunteer or email [Jenn@ChildrensAuction.com](mailto:Jenn@ChildrensAuction.com).

# “Teaming Up” to sponsor Leadership program

L A C O N I A — The Laconia-based architectural firm Misiaszek Turpin pllc recently “teamed up” with colleagues at Team Engineering of Bedford to co-sponsor the History & Culture Program Day for the non-profit group, Leadership Lakes Region.

“We work collaboratively on projects with our friends at Team Engineering so a joint sponsorship of a non-profit program seemed like a natural thing to do” said Claire Wilkens, AIA, of Misiaszek Turpin pllc.

“This is a great financial boost for our Program,” stated Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean.

“We rely on our community business partners to enable us to present our leadership programs which are now in their 23rd year,” she added.

The sponsorship donation will go to cover the costs associated with presenting a day’s worth of information



concerning the history and culture of our Lakes Region to the 25 area professionals who comprise the leadership class. The scheduled program was planned by McLean in concert with Architect Wilkens and her classmates from last year’s Leadership class, Tiffany Baert and Brad Melson. Topics included the historic significance of the Belknap Mill, a narrated walking tour of downtown Laconia, a review of Lakes Region history, a practical interactive leadership discussion using examples

from the film “Gettysburg” and a tour of the renovated Colonial Theater tracing its history from performance center to cinema and back to a performing arts center for the entire region.

The current leadership class members represent 14 towns/cities in New Hampshire including Gilford, Laconia, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Meredith, Loudon, Tilton, Canterbury, Sanbornton, Gilmanton, Wolfeboro, Milton, Holderness and Plymouth. The class consists of

bankers, public safety personnel, non-profit directors/staff, a town administrator, health-care professionals, a financial planner and ski industry managers. The Board of Leadership Lakes Region extends its deep appreciation to Misiaszek Turpin pllc and Team Engineering for their sponsorship which made History & Culture Day possible. For more information about the work of our sponsors; please visit [www.MyTeamEngineering.com](http://www.MyTeamEngineering.com) and [www.misiaszekturpin.com](http://www.misiaszekturpin.com).

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Work with life partner to achieve mutual goals

When you and your life partner work together to achieve your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement lifestyle, the experience can be greatly rewarding. However, your success will require commitment and discipline. So, what steps should you take along the way?

One key move is to decide early in your relationship how you will handle money. Many couples merge their finances and make joint decisions on major purchases. But some couples like to keep at least part of their finances distinct, perhaps by maintaining separate checking or savings accounts. There's really no one correct solution for everyone, but whatever you decide, you'll want to be assured that all the bills will be paid and that neither one of you feels the pressure of an unfair financial burden.

Here's another suggestion: Try to avoid keeping financial secrets from your partner. That means disclosing your debts, hidden funds or uncommon investments. These types of surprises can lead to difficulties and mistrust. Even if you're entering the relationship carrying something like a heavy student loan, it's best to get it out in the open right away so, together, you can strive to gradually eliminate it.

Of course, there's also a practical side to not keeping secrets. Your large student loan could affect your credit rating – an issue that may arise when you and your partner are seeking a mortgage or some other type of loan. Clearly, you both should be aware of this potential stumbling block before you begin the application process.

Now, let's consider your investments. You each may have your own

IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might also share a joint investment account. However, you might not share the same risk tolerance – perhaps one of you tends to be more aggressive, willing to take more risks in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other is more conservative, preferring to keep down the risk level of a portfolio, even if it means lesser capacity for growth.

Again, neither you nor your partner is necessarily “right” or “wrong” in your views on investing – and nobody's feelings about risk should be ignored. But once you've clearly identified your retirement goals and estimated their cost, you may find that compromise is possible. In other words, perhaps the conservative

partner will realize that a too-cautious approach could hinder progress toward the desired retirement goal, while the partner who focuses on maximum growth will learn that a somewhat less aggressive approach can still yield the desired results. This type of compromise may affect the investment choices you make in your individual accounts as well as your joint accounts. And the way you choose your investments may even change over time, especially if your financial goals evolve.

Ultimately, communication is the key. As long as you're talking to each other and openly expressing your wishes and concerns, you and your partner can find a way to keep moving toward your mutual goals.

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# Temple B’nai Israel of Laconia commemorates Kristallnacht



LACONIA — Eighty-three years after the “The Night of Broken Glass,” also known as Kristallnacht, Temple B’nai Israel joined in a global campaign to unite in solidarity against antisemitism, racism, hatred, and intolerance by keeping the lights on from sundown to sunup.

“Let There Be Light” was launched in 2020 by the International March of the Living, an annual educational program, bringing individuals from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance, and hatred. Since its incep-

tion in 1988, more than 260,000 alumni from 52 countries have marched down the same 3-kilometer path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Remembrance Day - Yom Hashoah - as a tribute to all victims of the Holocaust. The “Let There Be Light” initiative has reached millions around the world, brought together more than 700 Houses of Worship of all faiths and institutions and partners from more than 75 countries; and has been featured in more than 120 news outlets worldwide. The message of spreading light over the darkness of hate was displayed on the façade of the Cov-

entry Cathedral in the United Kingdom and on the walls of the Old City in Jerusalem.

“The Holocaust is not just a Jewish issue it is a universal issue. We must learn from the past, so that a more tolerant and just society will evolve for the betterment of all humankind,” states David Machlis Ph.D, Adelphi University and Vice Chairman of the International March of the Living.

As the sun set in Laconia, a group of temple members and community leaders including newly re-elected mayor, Andrew Hosmer, and city councilman from

Ward 4, Mark Haynes, gathered on the front steps of the temple on Court Street to commemorate the events of Nov. 9, 1938, when violent anti-Jewish demonstrations broke out across Germany, Austria, and the Sudetenland region of Czechoslovakia. Nazi officials depicted the riots as justified reactions to the assassination of German foreign official Ernst vom Rath, who had been shot two days earlier by Herschel Grynszpan, a 17-year-old Polish Jew distraught over the deportation of his family from Germany.

Over the next 48 hours, violent mobs, spurred by antisemitic exhortations from Nazi officials, destroyed hundreds of synagogues, burning or desecrating Jewish religious artifacts along the way. Acting on orders from Gestapo headquarters, police officers and firefighters did nothing to prevent the destruction. All told, approximately 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses, homes, and schools were plundered, and 91 Jews were murdered. An additional 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Nazi officials immediately claimed that the Jews themselves were to blame for the riots, and a fine of one billion reichsmarks (about \$400 million at 1938 rates) was imposed on the German Jewish community.

The Nazis came to call the event Kristall-

nacht (“Crystal Night,” or, “The Night of Broken Glass”), referring to the thousands of shattered windows that littered the streets afterwards, but the euphemism does not convey the full brutality of the event. Kristallnacht was a turning point in the history of the Third Reich, marking the shift from antisemitic rhetoric and legislation to the violent, aggressive anti-Jewish measures that would culminate with the Holocaust.

The lights were shining from every window inside Temple B’nai Israel as the brief ceremony began with a reading of Martin Niemöller’s poignant poem, “The Quotation.” Niemöller was a prominent Lutheran pastor in Germany. He emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps. He is perhaps best remembered for these postwar words that were read by temple member Lois Kessin:

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—

because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—

because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—

because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—

and there was no one left to speak for me.

Following Lois, Barbara Katz, a member of the Board of Directors of Temple B’nai Israel, recited a poem selected by TBI Rabbi, Dan Danson:

In the presence of eyes which witness the slaughter,

which was the oppression

the heart could not bear,

and as witness the heart

that once taught compassion

until the days came to pass

that crushed human feeling,

I have taken an oath: To remember it all,

To remember – not once to forget!

Forget not one thing to the last generation

When degradation shall cease,

To the last, to its ending,

When the rod of instruction shall have come to conclusion.

An oath: Not in vain passed over the night of terror.

An oath: No morning shall see me at flesh-pots again.

An oath: Lest from this we learned nothing.

Avraham Shlonsky (March 6, 1900 – May 18, 1973)

Because the world has still not learned the lessons of the past and attacks on Houses of Worship of all faiths continuously occur, time and time again, it is vital to keep the lights on and illuminate the cause of righteousness and justice.

## LRSO Holiday Pops concerts feature vocalist Michael Gallagan

MEREDITH — The Holidays are upon us, and that means glorious symphonic Holiday POPS music is just around the corner. Join the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra for three joyous Holiday Concerts on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre in Laconia, Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. at the Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium in Meredith. Tickets are almost sold out for the Colonial Theatre performance, and are going fast at Inter-Lakes. Tickets with reserved seating are

available online at [www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org) for all performances.

Perennial fan favorite, crooner Michael Gallagan, returns once again as our special guest. Fans will remember Michael from his previous holiday performances, and for his knock-out solo performance in our Sinatra tribute. Michael revels in the stylings of Michael Bublé, Andy Williams, Seth MacFarlane, and Donny Hathaway, singing a variety of their holiday hits including “Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” “Man With a Bag,” “This Christmas,”

brand new custom arrangements of “Happy Holiday,” “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year,” and more.

Lush orchestral favorites include traditional Carols, a Canadian Brass Christmas, Carol of the Bells, and “A Mad Russian’s Christmas” by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. You better not pout - we also have gifts of a sing-along and “Sleigh Ride” for you.

Grab your scarf and don your festive red and green, and treat yourself and your friends to a fun-filled live performance of beloved seasonal songs. The holiday concerts have been sold-out events so patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets early. We are hot on the heels of our tremendous November concert season opener at Plymouth State University and we can’t wait to delight you with our holiday performances, especially with our new

venue partner the Colonial Theatre in Laconia.

Tickets are \$20 - 30 for adults and \$10 - \$15 for students college-age and under (please no children under age 5). Tickets are available online at [www.LRSO.org](http://www.LRSO.org) or by phone using the numbers listed with each concert on the LRSO web site. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door starting one hour before each concert.

The LRSO celebrates the support of its concert sponsors Bellwether Credit Union, Fay’s Boat Yard, and Cupples Car Company. Their generous community support is a big part of what makes the LRSO, your community orchestra, possible.

LRSO performs with a home-town flair that is comfortable, familiar, and uplifting. We invite you to give us a try. Live orchestral music is an amazing experience!



COURTESY  
**Sensational vocalist Michael Gallagan puts you in the holiday spirit with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra on Dec. 10 at the Colonial Theatre in Laconia and Dec. 11 and 12 at Inter-Lakes Auditorium in Meredith.**

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## St. Vincent Food Pantry needs 400 turkeys

LACONIA — The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, located at 1269 Union Avenue in Laconia (between McDonalds and Taco Bell) is in need of 400 turkeys for its annual Thanksgiving Basket program.


This is a “drive thru” event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles. You may pick up your basket on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Food Pantry from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on Monday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You must register at the thrift store or by e-mail – [pantry@stvdplaconia.org](mailto:pantry@stvdplaconia.org) with the name and number attending the event.


If you have questions please call the Food Pantry at 603-528-5683.

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# Steve Bennett retires after 36 years of service to MVSB, NH Mutual Bancorp

MEREDITH — Steven Bennett retired from New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) on Oct. 29, after 36 years of dedicated service to the company and its community financial institutions, MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank), Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack), Savings Bank of Walpole and NHTrust.

Bennett started his career with MVSB in September of 1985 as Bank Security Officer, a role previously held by his late father, Robert. When the Bank aligned with the Merrimack to form NHMB, he transitioned to a new role of Secure Documents Distribution and Special Projects Assistant in the Facilities Department for the shared services organization in 2007.

“I started here when there were just 33 employees, and now there are more than 500,” said Bennett. “The people that I have worked with

and the friends that I have made throughout my time here have just been incredible. It has been an absolute honor to have worked the last 36 years with such an amazing organization. I would recommend to anyone to work here. The management team is great and they treat their employees with respect.”

“I have been working with Steve for more than 22 years, and there are no words that can truly sum up his time here,” said Alison Whynot, Vice President, Facilities. “He has been a great example of our values and has been an incredible friend to all of us. He is always ready with a quick smile and a joke and happy to assist anyone. Many people have depended on Steve daily as he has performed a lot of little jobs behind the scenes that have kept us all going. We will miss seeing him every day and we wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.”

Bennett has always enjoyed spending much of his free time volunteering and assisting many community organizations. He was with the Meredith Fire Department for 23 years, Chief Judge for the Annual Meredith Rotary Fishing Derby for 39 years, Town of Meredith Emergency Management Director for 25 years, and Town of Meredith Civil Defense Director for 7 years.

He is excited to spend retirement with his wife of more than 50 years, Monica; his daughter, Kelly; and his dog, Cooper.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) was created through a unique alliance between three mutual community banks and a wealth management firm who maintain separate organizations and management. The companies are able to achieve best in class



COURTESY  
Steven Bennett, center, stands with Alison Whynot, Vice President, Facilities, and Rick Wyman, MVSB President, outside the MVSB Main Office in Meredith.

software, services and staffing while providing efficiencies through their shared service provider, NHMB. NHMB provides risk management, facilities, marketing, human resource, finance, compliance, information technology, deposit operations, loan operations and digital

banking services to Meredith Village Savings Bank, Merrimack County Savings Bank, Savings Bank of Walpole and NHTrust. This strategic partnership has positioned the banks to leverage each other's strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of main-

taining and enhancing community banking standards and values. NHMB combined assets total more than \$2.8 billion. For more information, visit nhmutual.com.

## Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE  
Director  
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 1 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Moultonborough Recreation Department are co-sponsoring a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The cost of the trip includes round trip motor coach from Moultonborough or Gilford and your ticket (section 324 of the balcony) to the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from Moultonborough Central School at 4:00pm and the Gilford High School at 4:45PM for the 7:30PM game. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable. Please be sure to review COVID-19 restrictions for the Coach Company, TD Garden and the City of Boston prior to registering.

Cost: \$100 per person  
For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web site at [www.gilfordrec.com](http://www.gilfordrec.com).

Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Program The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 8, and will continue through Jan. 29, 2022 (in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather, it will be made up the week(s) following Jan. 29). Lessons begin at 10 a.m. and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop! Registration forms are available at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, the department's Web site at [www.gilfordrec.com](http://www.gilfordrec.com), Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop.

Cost: \$100 per person includes rental equipment! \$50 per person if you have your own equipment!

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 387-4202.

## Wescott Law welcomes new attorney



Kyle Amell

LACONIA — Wescott law is proud to announce the addition of attorney Kyle Amell to their Laconia office.

A cum laude graduate of Boston College Law School, Amell practiced for more than a year as a student attorney in

two of the school's clinics – the Boston College Defenders Clinic and the Civil Litigation Clinic. During law school, Amell also completed internships for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and the National Environmental Law Center.

He became familiar with Wescott Law during his final year at Boston College and joined the firm as a law clerk in January 2021.

“We are thrilled that Kyle is joining our team of attorneys. He has proven to be a dedicated and compassionate advocate”, states Allison Ambrose, Wescott Law's

Co-Managing Partner.

A 2013 graduate of St. Lawrence University, Amell earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Government and minoring in Economics. He worked for a period as a paralegal in the Boston area, both for a prosecutor's office and for an in-house large energy firm, before pursuing law school.

Growing up in the Adirondacks of New York, Amell developed a passion for all things outdoors, including waterskiing which he started before entering kindergarten. Prior to relocating to New Hampshire, he and his wife

Elizabeth enjoyed an annual tradition of hiking Mount Washington with her family. Amell enjoys taking advantage of New Hampshire's high peaks, where he can be found snowboarding, hiking, and camping.

Amell offers a variety of legal services, focusing primarily on Civil Litigation, Criminal Defense, Municipal Law, Land Use, Planning and Zoning.

“I really enjoy the litigation side of law”, states Amell, “Advocating for my clients in the courtroom is most rewarding.”

## Become a Children's Auction Super Bidder

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (GLRCA) has a benefit for potential bidders for this year's upcoming auction, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 10 at the Tanger Outlets. Anyone looking to increase their support of the auction—or to have an edge on bidding—can become a Super Bidder.

For a donation of \$100, Super Bidders will be granted a look at the items on the auction boards as soon as they are available. Super bidders can bid on items before they are open to the public; submit bids with incremental increases up to the bidders' pre-chosen maximum; see how many

bidders are also bidding on the item that they are interested in; enjoy VIP check-out and pick-up service; and be proud to support the children of the Lakes Region.

Interested community members can become a Super Bidder at [bids.childrensauction.com](http://bids.childrensauction.com).

“In past years, community members have mentioned that they would love to be able to have tools available so that they could spend less time babysitting the auction for the items that they most wanted to bid on,” said auction chairperson Jaimie Sousa. “It will also give people an opportunity to donate directly to the auction to assist children in need while getting some great

benefits.”

While many items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community.

Auction leaders will collect new, unused, unwrapped items right up to the week of the auction. Gift cards, electronics, tools, toys, sporting goods and household

items all bring the highest bids. Go to our website at [ChildrensAuction.com](http://ChildrensAuction.com) for a list of convenient donation drop-off sites throughout the Lakes Region. And on Black Friday weekend, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Nov. 28, visit the collection site at Tanger Outlets and drop your items off between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.



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# Mickey Rooney takes an unexpected turn in “Quicksand” on LRPA

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Feb. 23 & 24) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1950’s forgotten noir “Quicksand,” starring Mickey Rooney, Jeanne Cagney (sister to actor James) and Peter Lorre.

Auto mechanic Dan Brady (Rooney) wants to impress his hot date Vera Novak (Cagney), the sultry waitress from the local diner, but she is a gold-digger with expensive tastes and he doesn’t have the dough. Dan comes up with a brilliant solution: he’ll “borrow” \$20 for the date from the garage’s cash register and return the money the next morning. Dan’s friend Buzz owes him money, and had promised to

pay him tomorrow. Dan knows that the garage’s bookkeeper won’t be in to check the cash drawer for a few days, which gives him plenty of time to set things straight. While out on their date, Dan and Vera run into her shady ex-boyfriend Nick (Lorre), who still has a thing for Vera. The next morning, Dan can’t get a hold of Buzz – and, unexpectedly, the bookkeeper arrives two days early to reconcile the cash drawer! Dan comes up with a new scheme to cover the missing \$20 by purchasing, then pawning, an expensive watch. That leads to more trouble from a detective who threatens Dan with jail if he doesn’t pay back the pawnshop within 24 hours. Dan then turns to robbery, and that quickly spirals out of control, eventually leading to

blackmail, kidnapping and more. And you thought your week was bad! How much further will Dan stoop to resolve his problems? And how will he get himself out of this quicksand of crime?

“Quicksand” was a rare film in Mickey Rooney’s career. After years of playing the clean-cut, All-American boy next door, Rooney was cast against type, playing a small-time tough guy who, led astray by a pretty face, makes one terrible choice after another. This was a conscious choice on Rooney’s part, as he wanted to be known for more serious, adult roles. In fact, his work in “Quicksand” did lead to other noir-ish films, such as “The Strip and “Drive a Crooked Road.” Fun fact: Rooney and Pe-

ter Lorre weren’t just the stars of “Quicksand,” but also acted as behind-the-scenes executive producers. The two stars co-financed its production, hoping to start their own independent production company. However, the deal never materialized, forcing Lorre to declare bankruptcy and, for a time, move back to Europe. Regardless of the film’s financial legacy, many critics and film buffs view “Quicksand” as Rooney’s finest performance, much more real and gritty than any “Andy Hardy” movie. Lorre also gives a dynamo performance, resulting in a character that is immoral, untrustworthy and menacing – a true pleasure to watch! What more does a movie-lover need? So grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this melo-

dramatic film noir from the past.

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

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA cablecasts locally on MetroCast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 11,000 viewers in

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# Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town” comes to the Colonial Stage

LACONIA — Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is excited to share its first large scale community theatre production with the Lakes Region. Powerhouse will debut Thornton Wilder’s American classic, “Our Town,” directed by Bryan Halperin. “Our Town” is sponsored by Lovering Volvo Meredith, Wescott Law and The Soucy Family. “Our Town” runs Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. Masks will be required for patrons and room for social distancing will be included in the balcony. Tickets can be purchased at [www.colonial-laconia.com](http://www.colonial-laconia.com)

Described by Edward Albee as “the greatest American play ever written,” “Our Town” brings us to small town Grover’s Corners, NH to stand in for every town, everywhere. Following the Gibbs and Webb families through 12 years of life changes - from the mundane, to the romantic, to the devastating, Wilder delivers universal truths about what it means to be human with wit, humor and heart.

“Our Town” features a cast of 39 performers from age 10 through 70+! Some performers will be on stage for the first time ever, and some are theatre veterans with years of experience.

Says Halperin, “The cast is truly reflective of our community and have come together to tell this important story. Some were members of my cast when I directed

the play in 2006, another is an adult who started doing theatre with me years ago as a kid, moved away, and has since returned to the Lakes Region, another has just moved to Laconia and joined the cast to meet people. I can’t wait to share this version of ‘Our Town’ with our community.”

The cast is led by Heather Bullimore as the Stage Manager and Ben Hunton and Kayla Zarella as George and Emily. Other familiar faces to the Lakes Region theatre scene include Jim Rogato, J Alward, Jim Gocha, and Tamara McGonagle as the parents. The production is stage managed by Judi Rogato, costume design is by Gay Bean, set design by Dan Daly, music and sound FX by Chuck Fray, and lights and sound by TS Event Productions.

Powerhouse The-

atre Collaborative and the Belknap Mill have partnered with Celebrate Laconia, Laconia Historical and Museum Society, Laconia Public Library, Larry Frates Creates and others to provide art, history and community events from opening night through Jan. 9. For more details visit: <https://www.belknapmill.org/celebrate-our-town>.

Powerhouse’s 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live and the Colonial Series is sponsored by the RE/MAX Bayside and Taylor Community. For more details on Powerhouse and all the programs at the Belknap Mill or to find out how to become a sponsor or a participant, visit [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org) or email [powerhouse@belknapmill.org](mailto:powerhouse@belknapmill.org).

Deadline for Children’s Auction funding requests is Dec. 15

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction (GLRCA) is accepting applications for 2021 funding up until Wednesday, December 15. Details and an online application are available on the Children’s Auction Web site at [www.childrensauction.com](http://www.childrensauction.com).

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About the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction

The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the 2021 Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit [ChildrensAuction.com](http://ChildrensAuction.com).

## Local student named Center for Global Resilience and Security fellow at Norwich University



Maggie McNeil

NORTHFIELD, Vt. – Maggie McNeil, of Gilford, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was named a Center for Global Resilience and Security (CGRS) fellow at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.

The Center for Global Resilience and Security (CGRS) is a Norwich University research center of excellence dedicated to the advancement of the inter-relationships between human resilience and sense of security in the face of global challenges. CGRS is focused on challenges in the areas of climate change, water, energy, and infrastructure and their impact on resilience and secu-

rity. CGRS will craft creative, innovative, and sustainable solutions for building resilient communities, through inter-disciplinary research and design collaboration.

Students’ tasks revolve around furthering research for the organization. Each student has their own topic to focus on that relates to an issue that is relevant in today’s world. Some research topics include environmental security, climate misinformation and technologies, and improving the health of Vermont communities.

McNeil is researching environmental security.

“This year, I have the honor of working with a mentor from World Food to learn more about the prevalent food scarcity issue in Sudan, Africa,” McNeil said. “This research is very fulfilling because it directly impacts the people of Sudan, and my research


opens unique opportunities like presenting at national conferences and publications.”

Each student is tasked with researching in-depth information about their topic and finding creative solutions to those issues.

“The CGRS student fellows are such a vital and vibrant part of CGRS,” CGRS Associate Director Dr. Kaitlin Thomas said. “I have found that their enthusiasm and curiosity - spanning such a wide variety of disciplines and topics - is so motivating to me in my role as their scholarly advisor. Their ideas are truly inspiring, and give me a renewed sense of confidence that the future is bright under their lead.”


For more details on the student fellows and all the people of CGRS, please visit: <https://www.norwich.edu/cgrs/2784-the-people-of-cgrs>.

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# Golden Eagles earn volleyball All-State honors



Kate Sullivan of Gilford earned First Team All-State honors in her senior season.

JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association has announced the All-State teams for the recently-concluded 2021 fall season.

The Division II First Team included Gilford setter Riley McDonough and outside hitter Kate Sullivan and Plymouth outside hitter Abby Bassingthwaite.

Honorable Mention went to Kingswood middle hitter Gillian Seigars and Gilford libero Ash-

ley Sanderson.

Joining McDonough, Sullivan and Bassingthwaite on the First Team were Enya Kaonga of St. Thomas, Elayna Montenero of Campbell, Emma Hampton of Oyster River and Annie Jerome and Kailtyn Miller of champion Coe-Brown.

Milford senior outside hitter Izzy Unsworth was named the Division II Player of the Year.

Second Team honors for Division II went to Kim Gowell of Oyster

River, Stella Crosby, Ali Fortin and Madi Murphy of Milford, Sierra Halligan of Laconia, Mya Ford and Ashleigh Von der Linden of St. Thomas, Annika Gunderson and Catherine Carignan of Campbell.

Joining Seigars and Sanderson in earning Honorable Mention were Ester Hacker of Hanover, Emma Rodenhiser of Con-Val, Meghan Roemer of Pelham and Morgan Bruner of Campbell.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Newfound outside hitters Malina Bohlmann and Paulina Huckins and Inter-Lake setter Haven Lopez and middle hitter Molly Moynihan.

Second Team honors in Division III went to Newfound setter Mikayla Ulwick and right side hitter Emalie Ruiter, Moultonborough outside hitter Michelle Fell and Kennett middle hitter Olivia Arias.

Honorable Mention in Division III went to Moultonborough middle hitter Charlotte Johnson

and setter Olivia Tatro. Joining Bohlmann, Huckins, Lopez and Moynihan in earning First Team honors were Gracie Re of Epping, Joey Skubisz and Maddy Kniphfer of Portsmouth Christian and Molly Reed of Sunapee.

Division III Player of the Year honors went to Mascenic outside hitter Annika Martel.

Also earning Second Team honors alongside Ulwick, Ruiter, Fell and Arias were Mackenzie Cormier and Lyla Buxton of Mascenic, Pacy Morgado of Epping and Elizabeth Mullen and Taylor. Hasselbach of Trinity.

Joining Johnson and Tatro with Honorable Mention were Katelyn Claus and Emma McNally of Sunapee, Adrianna Morasse of Raymond and Rose Rioux of Hillsboro-Deering.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or [josh@salmonpress.news](mailto:josh@salmonpress.news).



Riley McDonough picked up First Team All-State honors in Division II.



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# Major benefits to early holiday shopping

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A 2020 Gallup poll found the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$942 on gifts in 2019. The personal finance site Mint.com from Intuit reported roughly \$729 billion was spent during the holidays in 2019 — making it

the biggest holiday season to date.

Though the pandemic changed the holiday shopping landscape in 2020, a return to normalcy appears to be on the horizon for the 2021 holiday shopping season. In fact, the adage of “the early bird catches the worm” could help shoppers scoop up gifts and bargains before the holiday shopping rush begins. Individuals who start their holiday shopping early this year may discover there are many benefits to such an approach.

Spread out spending

Those who begin shopping well before the holiday season arrives can spread their spending over several months rather than a short period of time. This can make shopping more

affordable for those who may have limited financial leeway. It may be easier to swallow spending an extra \$100 per month throughout the year as opposed to having a \$1,000 bill at year’s end.

### Shop sales

A Coresight Research survey found that more than 25 percent of shoppers expected to start holiday shopping earlier than usual in 2020, when retailers offered their promotions earlier than normal to compensate for a decline in brick-and-mortar shopping. While it remains to be seen what retailers will do this year, shopping early means people are not beholden only to holiday sales promotions; they can take advantage of major sales through-

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Continued pressure on shipping companies as online shopping has become so prevalent inadvertently leads to delays. Couple this with supply chain disruptions due to the pandemic, and certain items

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**Christmas in Wolfeboro Parade**

**Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
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# Forge wins LEC Coach of the Year

PLYMOUTH — Fresh off one of the most dominant seasons in program history a slew of Plymouth State University women's volleyball student-athletes was honored by the Little East

Conference (LEC) with postseason recognition on Thursday. Junior Marissa Plaza (Folsom, Calif.) was crowned the Defensive Player of the Year, while freshman Lilli Stogn-

er (Weare) took home Rookie of the Year honors. The duo was also selected to the All-LEC Second Team. Head coach Joan Forge was voted Coach of the Year by her colleagues. Additionally, senior

Alexa Price (Moultonborough) and junior Emilee Flanagan (Milton) also picked up all-conference nods after being selected as All-LEC First Teamers, while senior Hannah Chartier (Weare) was

the team's representative on the Sportsmanship Team. Forge becomes the first two-time LEC Coach of the Year in program history, now winning the award in back-to-back full seasons

(no major awards were issued for volleyball during 2020-21). She led the Panthers to an impressive 23-3 record and a perfect 8-0 mark in Little East play to post the program's first unbeaten conference regular season and capture the program's fifth regular season title. Plymouth State was ranked as high as seventh in the NCAA Region I rankings and climbed as high as 11th in the New England Women's Volleyball Association (NEWVA) regional polls, before falling in the semifinals of the LEC Tournament.



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