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Volunteers give Tryon Skate Park a facelift

BY DONNA RHODES drhodes@salmonpress.news

NORTHFIELD

The Tryon Skate Park in Northfield received a much-needed spring clean up and a bit of a facelift last weekend when a team of volunteers pitched in to ready the park, used by skate board and bikers both, warmer weather for that's hopefully just around the corner.

Due to some safety and security issues, the park was closed over the winter months, and that prompted Nancy Tryon to attend a meeting with Northfield selectmen and police when she saw a discussion about the park was on their agenda.

"The park was named after my husband [David Tryon], and I didn't want to see it closed like that," she said.

Tryon said the park



opened in the fall of 2008, just two months after her husband died. It was the result of Project TNS, a group of residents from the towns of Tilton, Northfield and Sanbornton, which was formed

to help find activities for children when they weren't in school. David Tryon was a lifelong advocate for local youth and she was touched that when the park was later built, they named it in his honor.

When Tryon Skate Park was established, there was a dedicated group of parents who helped monitor the area but in time their children grew up and they

Winnisquam Watershed Network to offer invasive weed watcher training

TILTON — The Winnisquam Watershed Network (WWN) will be actively managing invasive milfoil in Lake Winnisquam this summer. The WWN is also coordinating a Weed Watcher program to assist us lake for later management.

We are looking for volunteers to help us conduct once-monthly weed surveys of the shoreline areas near them. This is a great way for residents to get involved – volunweed survey, what to look for, and who to contact if there is a problem. They will also receive a bag full of information on the program and details on the most threatening invasives, and a plant identification take place at the Winnisquam Marine Services Sales Showroom Conference Room on June 2 from 9:30-11 a.m.

The only equipment needed is a boat, a helper or two, and a nice bright summer day. WWN with

lost touch with the facility. Because it's somewhat hidden from the main roads in Northfield, it can be difficult for police to keep a close eye on the park though and it has been subjected to some vandalism since then.

"Maybe what we need is a group that doesn't have any children, but just want to help keep an eye on the park," said Tryon. "The kids' safety is the ultimate thing."

Then along came the next group of concerned

(Left) A crew of volunteers spent last weekend making some much-needed repairs to Tryon Skate Park in Northfield so it could be opened once more for local skateboarders and BMX bike enthusiasts to enjoy.

parents who also wanted to see kids using the skate park once more.

It all began with 15-year-old Joey Collins of Northfield, an avid BMX biking enthusiast who likes spending time at the park where he can practice riding on the features the skateboarders enjoy as well. He found the park locked this winter though and didn't know what he could do to make the park available for he and his friends. His father Dick Collins, a retired Merchant Marine, was away at the time but learned about the situation through a phone call. He told his son he would see what could be done when he returned home.

Collins had requested to speak with selectmen at the meeting Tryon attended and volunteered that night to work on the park and bring it back SEE TRYON, PAGE A15

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in locating any invasive teers will be instruct- key for common aquat- N.H. DES assistance ed on how to conduct a ic plants. Training will

SEEWATERSHED, PAGE A15

Traffic shift planned on I-93 in Northfield and Tilton during bridge repairs

Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) announces a planned traffic shift on Interstate 93, both northbound and southbound, in Northfield and Tilton in the area of Exit 20.

During the week of April 16, the I-93 northbound lanes will be shifted to the right. The I-93 southbound lanes will be split, with the high speed lane utiliz-

the right lane will be shifted to the right. Motorists merging onto I-93 southbound from Exit 20 will experience a very limited merge area. This traffic configuration is in place to allow the I-93 southbound bridge over the Winnipesaukee River to be rehabilitated, and is expected to be in place until the fall of 2018. The traveling public is advised to drive carefully and follow all

NORTHFIELD — The New ing a median diversion, while construction signs in the work zone.

> The project involves the rehabilitation of the Red List bridges that carry I-93 northbound and southbound over the Winnipesaukee River, NH Railroad, and a recreation trail. The project cost is \$8.5 million and has a completion date of June 2019. Beck & Bellucci, Inc., of Franklin, New Hampshire, is the prime contractor.



COURTESY

Tilton-Northfield Fire Chief Michael Sitar presented Capt. David Hall (left) with the Career Firefighter of the Year Award from last Thursday evening. Mike Lewis (not shown) was also recognized as the department's Call Firefighter of the Year.

TNFD honors service and dedication at annual recognition dinner

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NORTHFIELD — The Tilton-Northfield Fire District held their annual recognition dinner at Pines Community Center last week, celebrating longevity within the fire and EMS departments as well as honoring a few members of the department for outstanding service.

Fire Chief Michael Sitar said this year TNFD was pleased to announce that Captain David Hall was named Career Firefighter of the Year and Mike Lewis was named Call Firefighter of the Year.

"They've both done an outstanding job and deserved the recognition," Sitar said.

For longevity, Firefighter Duane Harbour of the Call Personnel was congratulated for 35 years of service and

Mike Robinson, Deputy Chief of the Call Personnel, was honored for his 40 years of dedication to the department. Each of the men also received special certificates of appreciation from representatives of both the Tilton and Northfield Board of Selectmen.

A number of other firefighters and Emergency Medical Services staff members were also SEE TNFD, PAGE A14

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Hall Library staff waive overdue fees to promote reading

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NORTHFIELD April 9-13 was National Library Week, and the staff of Hall Memorial Library came up with a unique way to celebrate — they offered patrons the opportunity to pay down their late fines by simply stopping by the building's comfortable reading nooks to read a book.

Brittany Shanahan, head of Young Adult Services for the library, said she brought the idea of "Read Down Your Fines" to the Library Trustees earlier this year and they were in favor of the goodwill gesture.

> "All day Thursday, SEE HALL, PAGE A15



COURTESY

By taking some time to relax with a good book last Thursday, teen patrons of Hall Memorial Library helped pay down a few overdue library fines or earned credit toward future fines they might incur, all a part of their National Library Week celebration.

LOCAL NEWS

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PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER Kevin Donovan gives a report on the state of LRGHealthcare.



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



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER 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 — LRG-Healthcare 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 implementation 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.

organization, The however, was still in a financially vulnerable place. Bennett said LR-GHealthcare ended last year with an 84.4 percent debt to capitalization ratio. He said as a result, they can no lon-

"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.

ident and CEO Kevin Donovan said they reduced 15 full time equivalent positions and closed a number of services. These includ-SEE LRGH, PAGE A15

LRGHealthcare Pres-

Tour offers a closer look at 911 operations

BY ERIN PLUMMER

mnews@salmonpress.news 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 Communications, lead tour groups through the call center and explained the work of 911 operators.

Rivers told visitors that the system can pinpoint the location of a 1995. Around 2009, the 911 call through the mo- state started building bile or landline information. Rivers demonstrated the system by making a 911 call from his own

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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, the Incident Planning and Operations Center in Concord and the infrastructure in the Con-

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PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

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

cord 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 hos-

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

visors in both facilities can talk to each other over a communications system.

NH 911 receives around 1,200 calls a day. pital. The busiest recorded "It was such a such day was for the massive snowstorm that occurred the day before Thanksgiving in 2015 When the Laconia 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. Staff can move back Operators will work in one of three 10-hour two locations and super- shifts with three hours Call us you won't regret it! Jon K. Chambers **NG** cap-paving.com OWNER 603-286-3352 DRIVEWAYS PARKING LOTS SIDEWALKS PATCH WORK GRAVEL GRADING SEAL COATING Fully Insured Free Estimates

overlap between of 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.

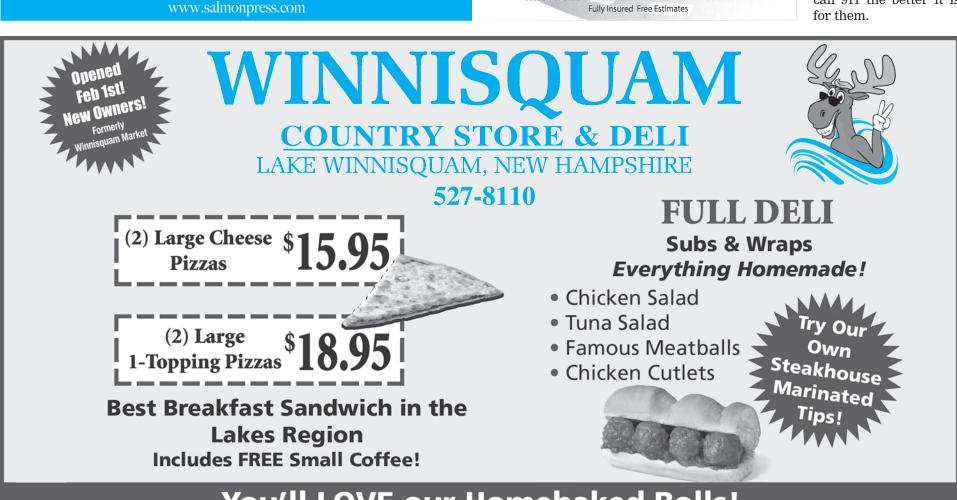
ger borrow money. The organization also ended 2017 with just seven days worth of cash on hand.

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.

and forth between the

"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.



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Belmont man sentenced for illegal possession of firearms

LACONIA — Belknap County Attorney Andrew Livernois announces that John Chapman, 30, of Belmont, was sentenced today on two counts of being a Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, for being in possession of two loaded handguns. On one of the two counts, Mr. Chapman was sentenced to four to eight years in the New Hampshire State Prison, with the ability to have one year of the minimum suspended sentence upon completion of the FOCUS program. On the second count, Chapman was sentenced to four to eight years in the New Hampshire State Prison, suspended on seven years of good behavior. According to court

documents and state- he was doing there. ments made in court, at the time of his arrest, Mr. Chapman was found in possession of a Hi-Point 9 mm. handgun and a Jennings .380 handgun. Mr. Chapman had previously been convicted of three prior felonies, and was therefore prohibited from possessing a dangerous weapon.

According to the police reports in this case, on Feb. 26, Officer Kevin O'Reilly of the Meredith Police Department was dispatched to Cumberland Farms for a report of a suspicious person sleeping in a vehicle. He was assisted by Sergeant Philip McLaughlin. The officers approached Mr. Chapman, who was sleeping in his vehicle, and inquired as to what

During the officers' investigation they asked to see Chapman's license and registration. Chapman opened his glove box whereupon the officers observed a handgun in the glove box. The officers ordered Chapman out of the vehicle, but he refused to exit the vehicle. Instead he locked his doors, put the car into reverse and backed up, smashing into Officer O'Reilly's cruiser and then speeding away from the scene. He subsequently led the police on a high speed chase on Route 25, into Center Harbor, where he was eventually stopped and

arrested. In addition to the gun in the glove box, the police subsequently recovered a second

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department responded to 136 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of April 6-13. 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.

Timothy W. Johnson, age 26, of Belmont was arrested on April 6 for two counts of Criminal Mischief (Vandalism) and Default or Breach of Bail Conditions.

John R. Vachon, age 32, of Meredith was arrested on April 7 for Driving While Intoxicated. A male and female passenger in Vachon's vehicle were taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same traffic stop.

Justin Anthony Hann, age 28, of Belmont on two counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking.

Joshua M. Emond. age 20, of Laconia was arrested on April 7 for Possession of Marijuana, Unlawful Possession of Alcohol, and Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages By a Minor. A 20-year-old passenger in Emond's vehicle was taken into protective custody for intoxication.

Tyler Mears, age 23, of Franklin was arrested on April 8 for Possession of Marijuana.

Steven Bud Bolduc, age 25, of Belmont was arrested on April 8 for Driving While Intoxicated, Possession of Marijuana, and an Open Container violation (first offense).

Timothy W. Johnson, age 26, of Belmont was arrested on April 10 for Default or Breach of Bail Conditions.

Brian D. Kimball,

arrested on April 10 for Criminal Threatening (Intimidation, etc.).

Joshua J. Luscomb, age 41, of Alton Bay was arrested on April 11 in connection with a warrant. Brian McKeown, age 49, of Alton was arrested during the same incident for Driving While Intoxicated.

Paige Hedburg, age 28, of East Wakefield was arrested on April 12 for Driving While Intoxicated and Unauthorized Use of a Propelled Vehicle.

Chelsea A. O'Connell, age 31, of Claremont was arrested on April 12 in connection with a warrant issued by Belknap County Superior Court.

Janelle D. Moulton, age 30, of Belmont was arrested on April 12 in connection with two warrants issued by Merrimack and Hillsborough County Superior Court. respectively.

handgun from under the ities. Mr. Chapman's seat the Defendant's vehicle.

"This case demonoffice's strates our strong commitment to strictly enforcing the laws that prohibit felons from possessing deadly weapons," according to County Attorney Livernois. "Keeping guns out of the hands of those people who have demonstrated that they should not be trusted with them is one of our top prior-

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p.m. Kids, Teens, Tweens... Play Bingo – Win Books Chess Club, 3-5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24 Spanish Club, 10 a.m. Noon Book Group, noon

behavior in this case put the members of the Meredith Police Department as well the general public at grave risk, and cannot be tolerated."

County Attorney Livernois further commended the professionalism and valor demonstrated by the members of the Meredith Police Department.

"This case presented a very dangerous and tense situation that easi-

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Saturday, April 28 Let's Go Lego, 10 a.m.

New Items

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This case was investigated by the Meredith

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was arrested on April 7 age 41, of Belmont was

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 660 calls for service and made following arrests the during the week of April 9-15. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld.

Arrested during this time period were Steven Fereshetian (for Willful Concealment), Edward Esty (for Criminal Trespassing), Amy King (for Driving After Suspension), Robert King (in connection with a warrant), Thomas Pillsbury (for Willful Concealment), William Surowiec (for Driving After Suspension), Elizabeth Erickson (for Driving Under the Influence and Reckless Driving), Hannah Hogan (for Willful Concealment), Patrick

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McDonald (for Theft By Deception and Receiving Stolen Property), Zachary Hutton (for Receiving Stolen Property and Resisting Arrest),

Bryce Eason Fall (for Receiving Stolen Property, Possession of Drugs, and Resisting Arrest), and James Karr (in connection with a warrant).

SANBORNTON POLICE LOG

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Police Department responded to 44 calls for service during the week of April 14. The breakdown was as follows: six alarms, three animal complaints, one firearms restrictions call, one habitual runaway juvenile, one littering incident, three medical

emergencies, one money relay, 13 motor vehicle warnings, two neighborhood disputes, one pistol permit, two requests for police information, one property check, one road hazard, one report of simple assault, three reports of suspicious vehicles or activity, two thefts, and two V.I.N. verifications.

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Opinion

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING An early inheritance

BY LARRY SCOTT

What do you do with a son who is too impatient to wait until you die to inherit ... so asks for his inheritance now, then runs off and spends it all on parties, prostitutes and passionate living? Sound familiar? Indeed, human nature has never changed and the story has been repeated many times ... but this story is an ancient one, and comes from Jesus Himself as found in the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 15.

As often happens, when the money ran out so did the friends. Alone and abandoned, tending a herd of swine just to survive, he took a good look at himself and decided to return home and take the fall for his foolishness. To his surprise, however, when his father saw him coming, he ran to him, embraced him and welcomed him home. And much to the chagrin of an older brother who had covered for him during his absence, the father threw a party to celebrate.

"Son," he said to his oldest, "don't be mad. Your brother was dead and now he's alive. He was lost and has been found."

Jesus, of course, was telling the story to make a point.

First of all, I note that, in a day when many are questioning even the very existence of God, Jesus never got caught up in the argument. I find no evidence that Jesus ever attempted to prove the existence of God; He simply took it for granted. What you do find, however, is that Jesus spent quality time describing who and what this God is all about. The picture of a loving father ready to welcome a son who has returned with a repentant heart is typical, and that, too, is a scenario I have been privileged to witness many times. The greatest miracle I have ever seen, hands down, is the miracle of conversion. So dramatic have been the changes I have observed in countless lives I can easily make the case that if there really isn't a God, to believe in him is still to our advantage!

It is amazing to note how many times the scenario of the prodigal has been played out in modern life. God, I know, is thought by many to be a kill-joy, limiting a man's freedom and demanding a self-discipline we would all rather ignore. But God made us with the drives and passions necessary to our survival, and far from limiting our freedom, He merely wants to prevent us from self-destructing.

PET OF THE WEEK

SWEET and eternally optimistic Heidy, a trim little mixed breed dog, has been dealt a particularly cruel hand by heartless humans in her native Puerto Rico. Left untended and uncared for she was deliberately abandoned in the vicinity of dangerous highway where she was hit by a car, left for dead on the side of the road, with fractured bones. Her canine guardian angel watched over her as she survived on the streets, eluding capture until exhausted and without hope she gave up - and much like a Depression era hobo tired of riding the rails, rested outside the gates of what she knew to be a residence Just two years old, where people with com- Heidy has much love passion lived.

Now living at NH Humane Society this dar- see her today!

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". and companionship to give. Please come and

North Country Notebook

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



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I find it interesting that in a realistic perspective on life, Jesus' story has the wandering son discovering sin to be a vicious taskmaster. Sin is fun ... grant the point ... but sooner or later "the chickens come home to roost." God is not unfeeling; He understands human nature and the Bible itself talks of "the pleasures of sin for a season." The results, however, can be devastating and Jesus pictured a Father Who is more than anxious to forgive the past and give a man a new lease on life. In God's world, the lost can be found, the wicked can find forgiveness, and the wayward can come home.

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



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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,



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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.

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 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-overthe-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 shrubberies, 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 clapboard 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 SEE NOTEBOOK, PAGE A15

"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 indi-

cated 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



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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 Gallerv.

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 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 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.

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



Riley Alward as Huck Finn with Angel Douglas as Jim.

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. and present. Casting the Propelled by an award winning score from the late Roger Miller, king of country music, this jaunty journey provides brilliantly theatriа cal celebration of pure Americana.

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 show was a 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!"

clude 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 in-

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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 in-

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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!"

cludes some words that

On top of really great music, this production features some huge local SEE THEATRE, PAGE A15

Ambassador Art Adventures: Bringing the paint party to you!

TILTON — Kim Merritt will be hosting a step by step acrylic painting class on April 26, 6:30 p.m. It will take place at the LRAA Gallery, 120 Laconia Rd. (Tanger Outlets) Suite 132, in Tilton. The subject of the evening will be the Nubble Lighthouse on a 12-inch-by-12-inch Canvas. This class is for painters of all experience levels, and is especially beginner friendly! For only 25\$, you get a three-or-four-hour class and all supplies provided! But feel free to bring your own supplies if you prefer. Contact Kim for more details.

Kim Merritt has resided in Danbury since 2007, and marrried to the Pastor of the Rag-Mountain Bible ged Church. She took a few art classes in college but is mostly self-taught. In recent years, she has been blessed with the opportunity to illustrate more than 40 Christian Children's books for authors all over the world.

While her illustrations for various groups. Kim are created digitally, she is still committed to getting her hands dirty painting in traditional mediums such as pastels and acrylics. In 2016, she started Ambassador Art Adventures "Bringing the Paint Party to You" and has been busy doing canvas painting parties

joined the Lakes Region Art Association in December 2017 and has enjoyed showing her art and getting to work with other artists at the LRAA Gallery.

To register, visit the LRAA Gallery or contact Kim Merritt directly.



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Patricia M. (Harbour) Bilodeau, 78

NORTHFIELD — Patricia M. (Harbour) Bilodeau, 78, a lifelong resident of Northfield, died Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Hospice House in Concord following a long period of failing health.

Pat was born in Laconia, Oct. 26, 1939, daughter of the late Herbert Harbour Sr. and Ellen (Simpson) Harbour.

Pat spent her youth and schooled in Northfield and Tilton. She was a kind soul and friend to anyone who needed one. She enjoyed her animals over the years and traveling to the seashore to visit area lighthouses. For many years, she was employed in the dietary and housekeeping departments at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton. She was an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion, Post # 49 in



Northfield. She loved springtime, when her favorite flower, the daffodils, began to bloom. Pat was a parishioner of St. Mary of the Assumption Church of St. Gabriel Parish in Tilton.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Herbert C. Harbour, Jr. and sister. Janet A. Hebert.

She leaves her sons. John E. Bilodeau and wife Mae of Tilton, Frank J. Bilodeau and wife Trish of Franklin, Ronald J. Bilodeau of Northfield and Alan B. Bilodeau of Laconia; daughter Rose M. Starbird and husband Gary of Sanford, N.C.; eight grand and 13 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins.

According to Pat's wishes, there are no calling hours. A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 2 p.m. at St. John Cemetery in Tilton, on Sanborn Road.

Assisting Pat's family is the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home of Tilton Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Pat's name to, Concord Regional VNA and Hospice, for the Hospice House, 30 Pillsbury St., Concord, NH 03301.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

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.

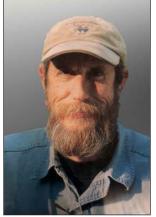
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO BOX 572, Laconia, NH 03247.

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. Brirestoring furniture. an then learned the He is survived by his trade of carpentry and became a self employed finish carpenter and of due to illness, retired from the trade in 2013 and after 32 years of work. and Brian loved to ride his motorcycle and attended many Americade rallies in Lake George, N.Y. In earlier years, he enjoyed skiing and



sister, Alison Lowell, and her husband Alan Quakertown, Pa.; four nephews (Chris Cory Thibodeau 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 Wilkin- wilkinsonbeane.com.

son-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.

NORTHFIELD Gregory A. Clark, 62, of Northfield, died at his home on April 10, 2018.

He was born in Lynn, Mass. on May 21, 1955, the son of Albert P. Clark, Sr. and Eileen (Watson) Clark.

Greg worked for 14 years as a correctional officer at the state prison in Concord. He was employed as a mail handler at the Nashua post office distribution center at the time of his death.

Greg enjoyed watching old monster movies, James Bond, Star Trek, and had considerable collections of memorabilia. He loved classic cars, especially his 1978 Ford F-350 Pickup, Thorin. He enjoyed



spending time with his family, going on long car rides, and going to the Wild Game Supper in Bradford, Vt. annually. He always supported his children in their various activities, particularly the theatre.

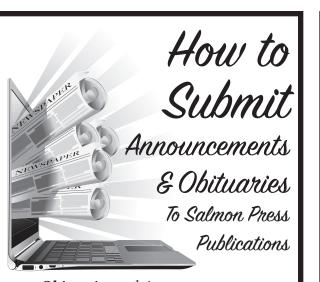
Family members include his wife, Jayne

(Cochrane) Clark of Franklin; four children (Nathan F. Clark and Ryan J. Clark, both of Franklin, Shannon B. Clark and Russell T. Clark, both of Northfield); a brother, Albert P. Clark, Jr. of Burlington, Vt.; nieces, nephews, aunt, and uncles.

Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. at Thibault-Neun Funeral Home, 143 Franklin St., Franklin.

Donations in memory of Greg may be made to Franklin Footlight Theatre, P.O. Box 172, Franklin NH, 03235.

For directions and an online guestbook, please visit www.neunfuneralhomes.com.



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Shirley Clayton (Storey) Daigneau, 93

CONCORD — Shirley C. Daigneau, 93, a longtime resident of Concord and Penacook, died Tuesday, April 10, 2018 following a period of failing health.

Shirley was born in Manhattan, N.Y., June 10, 1924, the daughter of Clayton and Ellen (Beaupre) Storey. She worked as a secretary for many years, including those with Sprague Electric and Unitil in Concord.

She was predeceased by a son, Patrick Sheehan.

She leaves daughters, Ellen Vachon and husband Alan of Northfield,



Janice Duso and husband Steven of Spring Hill, Fla., Mary McDonnell and husband Stephen of Boscawen and Melanie Burgin and husband Nicholas of Goffstown; her son, Michael

Sheehan of Northfield; 12 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Following Shirley's wishes, services and burial in St. John Cemetery in Tilton will be private.

Assisting Shirley's family is the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home in Tilton.

Those wishing, may make memorial contributions in Shirley's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 166 South River Rd., Unit # 210, Bedford, NH 03110.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.



WRMS and Freudenberg: Enriching students' educational experiences

BY ROB SEAWARD Principal

Winnisquam Regional Middle School TILTON — For the past two years, Winnisquam Regional Middle School (WRMS) Freudenberg-NOK and Sealing Technologies Manufacturing Technology Center (MTC) (Freudenberg) have been developing a significant and mutually beneficial relationship. From our first efforts of WRMS students visiting through field trips and Freudenberg participating in our annual career fair and community nights, the relationship has grown beyond what anyone might have first envisioned.

Our first significant joint effort, in the spring of 2017, saw students in Ms. Chapley's RTI class, "Research through Primary Documents, Industry Along the Merrimack," visit Freudenberg's Northfield facility, where the students were able to compare the mills of the Industrial Revolution to a 21st Century manufacturing facility. A presentation by Debra ed how she was, "Im-



Pictured left to right, standing: Patrick Goodwin (eighth grade), Joe Damato (eighth), Abby Long (eighth), Alyse Damato (sixth), Brendan Cilley (seventh), James Thibault (sixth), Evan Drinkwine (sixth), Avery Winters (sixth); center, scrunched sown: Keion Miller (eighth); missing: Jacob Holt (eighth).

Di Nola, Rob Holt, Mark Haney and Robert Scavuzzo spoke about needs of manufacturing, engineering and the running of the plant floor. It was such a great experience, that classes have returned several more times, each one better and better.

Sixth grader, Madelyn Penney reportpressed by the creativity of inventors who create solutions to make products."

Last spring we agreed to partner with Freudenberg for our second annual What's So Cool About Manufacturing video competition. Led by Mr. Baker, students Brendan Cilley, Colby Chase, Ian Chase, Jacob Laliberte, Jonathan

Barnes, and William Trowsdale worked with several representatives of Freudenberg including: Director, Robert Scavuzzo; Simulation Specialist, Robert Holt; Lead Designer, James Dussault; Machinist, Derek Grimm, Machinist, Bob Moyer; and Machine Operator Joel Austin Shortt. Students walked away with an

incredible amount of knowledge around 21st Century manufacturing, machining, and high tech components along with an expanded understanding of videography. Together, they completed an amazing video which can be viewed at https://youtu.be/DnjKqQzQymg. While the team came in third in the state, they did a great job and learned so much, allowing our two organizations to come closer together. Eighth grader, Ian Chase reported how much fun the project was and how much he enjoyed working with the people at Freudenberg.

WRMS received a small robotics grant from the state of New Hampshire and reached out to Dan Hughes from Rize Robotics to mentor us through the process and to Robert Scavuzzo, Robert Holt and Debra Di Nola from Freudenberg to act as our corporate sponsor. The folks at Freudenberg agreed immediately, lending their name to the grant process and offering expertise, facilities and funding for aspects of the program. In December, WRMS selected its very first robotics team consisting of: adviser, Mark Ekberg; consultant, Dan Hughes; eighth grade students Patrick Goodwin, Keion Miller, Joe Damato, Abby Long and Jacob Holt; seventh grader, Brendan Cilley; and sixth graders James Thibault, Alyse Damato, Evan Drinkwine, and Avery Winters. Finishing first in our qualifying match in Somersworth, we headed to states missing worlds by only a few points. Such an amazing first year for our young robotics team.

Through all of these activities, Deb Di Nola, Robert Scavuzzo and Robert Holt from Freudenberg have been amazing supports to all of our programs helping to develop an amazing relationship between WRMS and Freudenberg NOK, now and into the

Sant Bani School celebrates writing

SANBORNTON The Sant Bani School community took part in Writers Festival on April 12 with a day-long celebration of reading, writing, books and creativity. Activities included students sharing their own writing in mixedage groups as well as workshops on a variety of topics including nature poems, sports writing, story maps, beeswax story characters, upstanding statements, illuminated characters, and book making. Special guest author and Newbery Award winner Jack Gantos was a highlight of the day. Gantos spent the day on campus, spoke to students, drew his popular character Rotten Ralph, and signed copies of his books for students and teachers.



In the fall of 2017, foreseeable future.



"Jack was not only inspiring," says Jess Pine, Director of Curriculum Students working outside during a nature-writing workshop.

festivities.

and Program. "He had actionable strategies to help students improve their writing."

Sant Bani School was also pleased to welcome middle school students from Plymouth Elementary School and high school students from New Hampton School who joined in the day's

The day-long celebration of writing concluded with an evening event for families. Students and their parents worked together on a variety of writing activities designed to encourage families to have fun reading and writing together.

The day was a big suc-

cess, or as one second grader put it, "I don't have time for lunch - I need to keep writing!"

Sant Bani School is an independent Pre-K -8 school in Sanbornton. You can watch a video recap of the day at facebook.com/santbani and learn more about the school at santbani.org.



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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Madisyn Skeats, Kaley Colby and Jasmine Gove were thrilled to meet CO Glen

Lucas of North Woods Law: New Hampshire at the 88th annual convention of

Winnisquam FFA members take time out to pose for a photo at the 88th annual convention of the Granite State Association of FFA at the Mt. Washington Resort, April 5 - 7.

Winnisquam FFA members take part in Annual Convention

BRETTON WOODS — Eleven members of the Winnisquam FFA Chapter participated in the 88th Annual Convention of the Granite State Association of FFA, April 5 - 7 at the Mt. Washington Resort in Bretton Woods. Students from eleven New Hampshire agricultural education programs were in attendance at the event, where teens competed in Career Development Events (CDEs), took part in leadership workshops and were recognized at awards sessions. Numerous Winnisquam Ag Center students were applauded for their work in agriculture. Laura May Swain was named a State Star, as was Victoria LaPorte, while Stephania Surowiec was a runner-up. Senior Brian Scacheri was honored with the Emery P. Booska Service Award, given to one FFA member annually.

Winnisquam teams competed in various events, with the Agricultural Sales group taking third place state-wide. The team consisted of Swain, Surowiec and Scacheri, with Swain earning first overall individual in the state. In the Animal Welfare CDE, Madisyn Skeats captured second, while Surowiec was first in Demonstration. In the Employment Skills CDE, Junior Jasmine

Gove placed third in her division, and Katie Di-Bona was fourth in the extremely challenging Extemporaneous Speaking event. Tyler Jacques snagged a fourth place ribbon in Impromptu Speaking, while the Forestry Team consisting of DiBona, Christian Fleury and Galvin Wildoner also placed fourth.

the Granite State FFA.

Special elements of the convention included speakers, leadership development workshops and various recreational opportunities. New Hampshire Fish and Game Conservation Officer Glen Lucas of the TV show "North Woods Law: New Hampshire" was the featured guest speaker at the event. The conference concluded with the election of seven student officers who will lead the Granite State Association of FFA for the coming year. All eleven Winnisquam participants took advantage

of the outstanding opportunities at the convention to meet like-minded students from across the state, develop their leadership skills and expand their horizons. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. For more information, visit www.nhffa.org.

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 #GivingTuesduring day, 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 Pe-



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

ter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats will be delivered this is one of my favorite to children in the Kin- events of the year. Not

"My team knows that dergarten program at 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@grani-

teuw.org for additional information.

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Granite United Way serves the Southern (Manchester/Derry/Salem), Merrimack County, North Country, Central New Hampshire, Northern and Upper Valley Regions of New Hampshire and Vermont, as well as Windsor County, Vt. For more information, visit www.graniteuw.org.

Children's' Auction awards grant to non-profit WinnAero GILFORD — 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 Kindergarden through High School. "This very generous grant will help us fund scholarships for deserving students who apply to attend our summer COURTESY WinnAero President Scott Davis (center) accepts a Children's day camps called ACE 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.

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.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Franklin W VNA & Hospice

Franklin VNA & Hospice Celebrates 72 Years of Service

The Board of Directors of the Visiting Nurse Association of Franklin ĎBA Franklin VNA & Hospice will hold their 72nd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at Steele Hill Resort, Sanbornton from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

The Annual Board of Directors meeting will be held at 5:00 PM. Voting on the Election of Officers will take place.

To RSVP or for further information contact Nancy Tryon at 603-934-3454.

Academies," said Davis.

"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.

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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 at your heartstrings. 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

What's not to love? Grab vour 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.

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 our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via LiveStream at www.lrpa.org. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community members to produce content that:

• fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas,

• encourages artistic and creative expression,

• promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and

• unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

LRPA's slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at www.lrpa.org.



Senior Center hosting benefit dinner for Meals on Wheels

The Tilton Senior Center, located at 11 Grange Rd. (527-8291), will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program Elder Services' Meals on Wheels program on Saturday, April 21 from 4 to 7 p.m., with entertainment between 5 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and \$5 for children twelve and under. All proceeds will go directly to the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program Elder Services' Meals on Wheels program whose mission is to assist frail and older adults and adults with disabilities to remain in their homes for as long as possible in an independent and dignified manner. Nutritious meals are delivered by trained drivers with daily safety checks, and resource information, which provides peace of mind for the participants and their loved ones. Overall, the program successfully helps to reduce or prevent malnutrition, ensure safety, reduce isolation and to keep folks at home where they prefer to be. For more information about Meals on Wheels please call your area Senior Center or Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. at 225-3295.

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nancial Focus Edward 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.)

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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.

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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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ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care supports LRGHealthcare Bridge to Recovery Walk

FRANKLIN — Plans for a great morning in Franklin are under way! All are welcome to attend the Second Annual LRGHealthcare Bridge to Recovery Walk on Sunday, June 3 at Franklin Regional Hospital.

This family-friendly event will bring together community friends and neighbors, local businesses, and LRG-Healthcare providers & staff, to raise awareness and funds and to show our support for those in our community who are struggling with, or recovering from, substance misuse or mental illness.

LRGHealthcare representatives are grateful and proud to announce that ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care has steppedup as our Water Sponsor - the highest level sponsor of the Bridge to Recovery Walk to-date! Sponsorship opportunities with great recognition benefits are still available, and many in our community have already registered to walk (teams in honor of a loved one are encouraged!).

The two-mile walk will begin and end at Franklin Regional Hos-



High-level sponsor ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care and LRGHealthcare representatives recently gathered to show support for the Second Annual LRGHealthcare Bridge to Recovery Walk, to be held at Franklin Regional Hospital on Sunday, June 3. This event will include a two-mile walk followed by a Springtime lunch celebration featuring fun activities and live music courtesy of Paul Warnick on the lawn at FRH. Proceeds will benefit substance misuse programs and mental health services at LRGHealthcare. Pictured, left to right: Dr. Raymond Suarez, LRGHealthcare Behavioral Health; Dr. Paul K. Friend, LRGHealthcare Recovery Clinic; Kevin W. Donovan, LRGHealthcare President & CEO; Dr. Paul F. Racicot, LRGHealthcare Recovery Clinic/Event Chair; Joni Hinds, ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care Regional Manager; and Randal Hinds, ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care Manager.

pital (10 a.m. Registration; 10:30 a.m. program; 11 a.m. Walk), followed by a springtime lunch celebration on the FRH lawn, showcasing the culinary skills of Dr. Paul Racicot, Bill Wilcox/Rock House BBQ, & friends. The morning's festivities will include live music by Paul Warnick, face painting and other fun activities, and an opportunity to write

messages in honor or memory of a loved one.

"LRGHealthcare is committed to working with our community partners to help those who are struggling with mental illness, substance misuse, or both," states LRGHealthcare President & CEO Kevin W. Donovan.

"We look forward to hosting the second annual Bridge to Recovery Walk at Franklin Regional Hospital on June 3, and encourage everyone in the community to join us for a nice walk, a delicious lunch, and music & celebration -- all while raising funds for a very relevant and important cause," adds Donovan.

A \$20 donation covers the Walk and includes lunch; Walk Superstars who raise at least \$100 will receive an event sport pack. Children 10 and under are free. There will be contests for largest team, most spirited team, most money raised by a team, and most raised by an individual. Winners in each category will receive a special gift.

Joining Water Sponsor ClearChoiceMD Urgent Care are Shuf-

fle Sponsors AutoServ of Tilton and Franklin Savings Bank; Balloon Sponsor Dr. Friend & Dr. Suarez and their families; and Skip Sponsor Beck & Bellucci, Inc. Community Partners include Granite State Glass and Patrick's Pub & Eatery. Other supporters include: Binnie Media, Concord Monitor, Northeast Radio/Mix94.1, Rowell's Services, Taylor Rental, and Paul Warnick. Dr. Paul Racicot (event chair) and Bill Wilcox/ Rock House BBQ will be providing and cooking lunch for attendees along with several big-hearted volunteers.

To learn more about the Bridge to Recovery Walk please contact the LRGHealthcare Office of Philanthropy: 527-7063 orrdoherty@lrgh. org or visit lrgh.org.

LRGHealthcare is a not-for-profit healthcare charitable trust representing Lakes Region General Hospital, Franklin Regional Hospital, and affiliated medical providers. LRGHealthcare's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and to strengthen the well-being of our community.

Sanbornton Public Library hosting genealogy workshop

SANBORNTON — Sanbornton Public Library subscribes to Ancestry.com. In this workshop, you will learn about the different resources found in Ancestry and the best way to search family history. This free, one-hour class is for beginners and experienced genealogists looking to become more familiar with online resources. Genealogist Erin Apostolos will once again lead this informative program. We offered this workshop last fall, and people requested we offer it again as an evening program. It will be Monday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please register in advance for this free workshop by calling the library at 286-8288.

Southern Dinner and Kentucky Derby Party May 5

LACONIA — Come celebrate the Run for the Roses in style at a Kentucky Derby Party on Saturday, May 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Beane Conference Center in Laconia.

Tickets cost \$20 per person, and include a Southern Dinner of split pea salad, biscuits, chicken, gravy, and grits. The dinner will finish with your choice of Texas sheet cake, or pecan pie. The Tom Robinson Jazz Trio will entertain with live music. Both silent and live auctions will feature chances to bid on items such as 18 holes of golf for 4 people at Laconia Country Club with lunch included in the dining room, an antique Deacon's Bench from the original Unitarian church building, and a Family season pass for the Winnipesaukee





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Partygoers can take a chance on a horse (a \$25 ticket includes a mint julep) and win prizes for win, place, or show. The evening includes an "Enter the Hat" contest for men and women. Take a Chance Gift Basket Raffles will be held. A limited number of

tickets will be sold, so call quickly to reserve your ticket. Call 524-6488 or order online at http://nhisom.org/ events. This event is hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia.

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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 Senior Members. as 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

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

Team. The team is is a year-round pro- tivities 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.

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

LACONIA — LR-GHealthcare 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, LRG-Healthcare 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 Le-Roy. 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 LRGHealthcare's as 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



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

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

presented details of the organization's financial picture and what's being done to turn things around.

The governance portion of the evening included the addition of two new members of LR-GHealthcare as well as Treasurer/Secretary; Scott Clarenbach; Nancy Leroy (retired at end of annual meeting); K. Mark Primeau: Russell Thibeault; 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.lrgh.org.

Sanbornton selectmen seeking applicants for Franchise Agreement Advisory Committee

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Board of Selectmen are seeking volunteer applicants for appointment to the Franchise Agreement Advisory Committee.

Purpose: to review the Town's franchise agreements and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. This advisory committee is in effect for 12 months and will consist of: four members, a Board of Selectmen ex-officio member and one alternate member, all with terms expiring on March 15, 2019.

Applications are available on the Town's website or at the Town Offices.

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit applications to the Town Administrator by April 27, either via email to townadministrator@sanborntonnh.org or in person at the Sanbornton Town Offices, 573 Sanborn Rd.

Questions can be directed to 286-8303.

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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 Chair-Officer, Wayne Bennet man; Cynthia Baron,



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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 accessible way."

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 5 at 10 a.m.; Art & Science of Aromatherapy on Saturday, May 12 at10 a.m.; Herbal Spa Day of Pure Beauty: Creative Non-Toxic Herbal Beauty & Spa Treatments You Can Make on Saturday, June 2; Making Baskets Using Materials from Garden, Field & Forest on Saturday, June 9; Creating



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an Herbal First Aid Kit on Saturday, July 14; How to Make Herbal Syrups for Health and Healing on Saturday, Aug. 11; How to Make Herbal Oils, Salves, and

Ointments on Saturday, Sept. 29; Herbs and Healing Foods to Create a Strong Immune System on Saturday, Oct. 20; and Old Fashioned Herbal Holidays: Heart-

al Crafts for Gift Giving on Saturday, November 17. Anyone who signs up for the entire series will get the Woods Walk on May 5 for free. For more information, detailed 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), Gladstar's Rosemary 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

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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 all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on public programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with over 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape, as well as Fledglings Nature-Based Preschool and WildQuest summer and vacation camps. For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

Prescott Farm –exploring and preserving the natural world, one adventure at a time.

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid announces promotions

LACONIA — Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid is a regional Fire and EMS Dispatch center, dispatching professional Fire, EMS, and All Hazards emergency dispatching to 35 communities in and around the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

LRMFA is proud to announce, the promotion of Paul D. Steele, Jr. from Lieutenant to Deputy Chief Coordinator. Deputy Chief Coordinator Steele, 34 of Campton was hired at Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid in 2006 and promoted to Lieutenant in 2013. Deputy Chief Coordinator Steele has been assigned as the Shift Supervisor on A shift since that time. He currently also serves as our IT/Radio System Administrator. Deputy Chief Steele is only the fifth Deputy Chief Coordinator, and third Full Time Deputy Chief Coordinator in the history of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid.

The process was open to the four LRMFA Lieuuty Chief Coordinator, a Lieutenants position was opened. Dispatcher Erin Hannafin, a fiveyear veteran of Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Hannafin currently serves as a Dispatcher and is the Training Coordinator. Lieutenant Hannifin's responsibilities as the Training Coordinator require her to coordinate recruiting, and training for new hires, and ongoing training for current employees. Lieutenant Hannafin is also the Quality Assurance program manager, and reviews calls monthly to assure they are handled within our policies, procedures, and standards.

Both members will be promoted effective May 1. LRMFA will host a recognition ceremony in late May to present them and two new hires with their new badges and recognize our existing employees for their time with the organization. Beginning May 2, LRM-FA will welcome two full time Dispatchers, Christopher Rice of Rochester, and Matthew Nelson of Canterbury. Congratulations, and Welcome to each of you.



tenants and involved an anonymous Resume Review Panel with panelists from as far away as New York, an Oral Board style interview process with panelists from outside, and within the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid District, as well as a Chiefs Interview.

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New pub open at Highland Mountain Bike Park

NORTHFIELD — The Highland Pub is now open! Located inside the newly renovated lodge at Highland Mountain Bike Park, the Highland Pub is an exciting and welcoming place for riders and non-riders alike.

The Highland Lodge has long been a staple of the Northfield community. Operating as Highlands Ski Area from the 1960s to the 1990s, it reopened its doors in 2006 as the now- world-renowned bike park. The introduction of the Highland Pub creates a new place in Northfield for locals and visitors to enjoy the laid-back, friendly atmosphere Highland is known for.

So, how's the food? Everything you could want in a great pub, including appetizers, entrees, and beverages. Fans of the old Highland Café will still be able to enjoy classic Highland favorites such as the CBR sandwich or Vido Burrito, while others may find a new favorite among the burgers and chicken tenders on the recently expanded menu. If you like bacon and jalapenos, give the Hellion Burger a try!



The Highland Pub is now open! Located inside the newly renovated lodge at Highland Mountain Bike Park, the Highland Pub is an exciting and welcoming place for riders and non-riders alike.

The Highland Pub currently has twelve draft beers on a rotating tap—including several local brews—as well as a wide selection of bottles and craft brewed cans. Follow @HighlandMTN-Pub on Facebook and be on the lookout for weekly beer specials throughout March and April! You can check out the menu ahead of time at www. highlandmountain. com/highland-pub/.

Great reviews are already rolling in! Northfield local Leif Martinson says, "The new Highland Pub is an excellent local dining option, with a great assortment of beer on tap and pub fare that does not disappoint. The fries are excellent." Stop by the Highland Pub this

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The Highland Pub is currently open for Spring hours: Fridays from 4–9 p.m., Saturdays & Sundays from noon–8 p.m.

Check out our Web site, https://www.highlandmountain.com/ highland-pub/ for Highland's Spring and Summer hours!

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Franklin VNA & Hospice scores a hat trick with excellent care!

FRANKLIN — A hat trick, or three successes of the same kind, within a limited period of time is not an easy feat whether that be in hockey or healthcare, yet Franklin VNA & Hospice has done just that earning perfect CMS survey results, a perfect score on the CMS's Targeted Probe and Educate and earning five-stars, the highest rating available, on the Patient Satisfaction Survey!

That's a whole lot of clinical excellence backed up by excellent patient care, and they are rightfully proud.

If you aren't into the nitty gritty of home care, here's what all that means. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), conducts a stringent survey of every home health and hospice agency who wants to be able to accept patients with Medicare or Medicaid insurance. Each agency is surveyed every two years and those results are made available on Home Health Compare Website: medicare.gov/ homehealthcompare. Beginning this January,

CMS released new conditions of participation for agencies to adhere to, setting yet a higher bar in the quality of care patients must receive. On the heels of all these changes to patient rights and higher standards of care Franklin VNA & Hospice earned perfect survey results!

If that weren't enough to be proud about they also completed CMS's Targeted Probe and Educate program ("TPE") with flying colors. This program is designed to help providers and suppliers reduce claim denials and appeals. They do this by reviewing 20 - 40 claims and all supporting medical records to ensure that every signature and document are present, and that all documentation necessary to support the claim is there as well. This is to prevent any overpayment for services. This rigorous review is another new program home care and hospice agencies are going through and in their first time through it Franklin VNA & Hospice had a perfect score!

Perhaps most excit-

ing is that for the second time in a row they have earned a perfect 5-Star rating for Patient Satisfaction. This rating provides an indicator of an agency's performance compared to other agencies. Across the country, most agencies fall "in the middle" with three or three and a half stars. This holds true even within our state, yet Franklin VNA & Hospice's patients reported excellence in communication, discussion of medicines, pain and home safety, and professionalism. It also asked if they would recommend the home health agency to friends and family, and for an overall rating of experience. Those responses were tallied into a glowing Five-Star rating available to see and compare to other agencies on the medicare.gov/homehealthcompare Web site.

hard, we work together, and we work every day to get our patients the care they need and deserve. People have a choice in their VNA whether they are in the hospital coming home, or already at home. They can choose us, and we work hard to be worthy of that choice."

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Asked about her feelings on her agency's well-earned accolades, Barbara Normandin, Executive Director, said, "I am so proud of each and every member of the Franklin VNA & Hospice family. We work



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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 Hamp-

shire, 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. While humans are dealing with the last few weeks or months of a loved one's life, Pet Peace of Mind® will ensure beloved family 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" Jennifer commented 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. Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is your community resource for Home Care and Hospice in the home as well as several local facilities. They know that people are happier and do better at home. They offer inhome healthcare services to Lakes Region communities by providing Home Care (nursing services in the home); Rehabilitation Services; Pediatric Care (direct health care, education and support services for children and families); and a comprehensive, team-based Medicare Certified Hospice program.



Ice out...at least temporarily

According to family records, it was about a week late this year, but on April 12, the ice finally went out on the pond at Bodwell Tree Farm in Sanbornton Village, giving hope that ice will soon be gone from larger lakes and ponds in central New Hampshire.



COURTESY Celebrating 35 years as a Call Firefighter for Tilton-Northfield Fire and EMS, Duane Harbour received certificates of recognition from representatives of both communities. He is shown here with Tilton Selectman Jon Scanlon (left) as Chief Michael Sitar looks on.

TNFD

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recognized for their longevity and service, in-

cluding TNFD's Deputy Fire Chief Timothy Joubert who has been with the department for ten years.

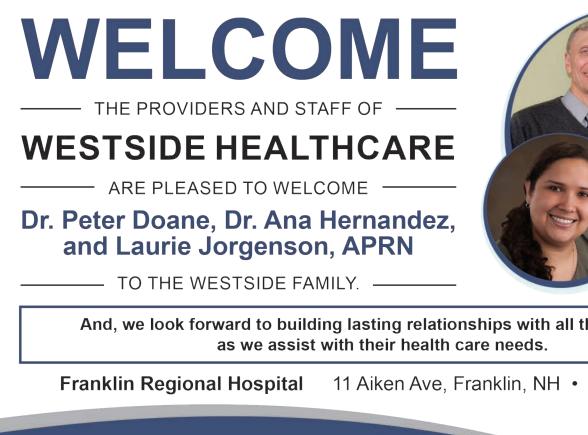
A slide presentation also showed photos of some of the incidents the department handled, training activities and

Chief Michael Sitar congratulated Deputy Fire Chief Mike Robinson of the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department's Call Company for 40 years of service during their annual recognition dinner last week.

past year.

"It was great to have members of the two communities come out to

other highlights of the join us for a nice dinner and show their support for the fire district. We really appreciate it," said Chief Sitar.



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LRGH

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ed 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 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 LRG-Healthcare with help from a private firm has taken a look at the most important services for the community. Orthopedics 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

volunteers had a lot to

show for all their hard

safe going over there.

There are a few more

items we'll be adding

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Tryon was very grate-

helped," Collins said.

"Now the kids are

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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

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squirrel kill zone 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.

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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 Camptown Races (doo-dah) in the livingroom ceiling. I think they are about to have babies.

Out comes the scoped

THEATRE

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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

the prospects. He said while they might not get certification now, they will continue to pursue it in the futurre. will continue to pursue it for the future. they will continue to pursue it for the future.

nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities or just plain retirement 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 twothirds 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.)

TRYON

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up to par. Word about a work day he was planning spread through social media and soon other adults, along with students from the Winnisquam School District, agreed to pitch in and help.

Last Saturday morning, the volunteers were allowed access to the facility where they spent the day picking up garbage and leaves, remov-

HALL

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ing old pipes and other obstacles, then repairing the fence and some of the equipment. They had no funds from the town to work with but they did have some generous donations.

"I'd really like to thank Leon Thibeau, Cyr's Lumber in Tilton, Kingsbury Landscaping and Home Depot, which donated half of the materials we needed to fix the fence," said Collins.

At the end of the day, the newest group of

using any of them are See Science Center in Manchester. Shanahan asked to call ahead for said that she believes availability.

Hall Memorial Li-

and safe environment. While the Northfield Police Department does perform regular motor vehicle and bicycle patrols of the area in the summer months, she said they could always use some help from the public as well.

"If people see something wrong or damaged, I hope they'll say something to the police, not just get back in their car and not go down there anymore," said Tryon.

calendar," said Maggie McCall, who handles the library's Advocacy and Publicity Services.

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.

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also pursuing ISO 9001

Certification. Donovan

said their survey is

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sits atop a hill just west

common, hence the "be-

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shorts.

and read for a half hour to take \$2 off their fines or \$5 for an hour of reading," Shanahan said.

Some forward-thinking teens even took the opportunity to build "credit" on their account in case they forget to return a book on time in the months to come.

"They have return boxes for our library in their schools but teens are doing a million things and can be forgetful about things like that, so they asked if they could build up credit for the future. I thought that was pretty clever so of course we said yes," said Shanahan.

National Library Week was not just the chance to earn credit or "read down" library fines though; Tilton-Northfield residents also had the opportunity to learn more about the many services their library has to offer. In addition to books, newspapers and magazines, there are also audio books, movies, and video games that people can borrow as well as some fun family board games..

Want more? Hall Memorial Library has six computers and printers available for public use. They also have free discounted passes or to many family-favorite locations, such as Squam Lakes Science Center, the New Hampshire History Museum, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and the

some of their best passes though are good for not only the Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner, but its affiliate sites such as Canterbury's Shaker Village and Portsmouth's Strawberry Bank.

"Even if the pass is only for a discounted admission, it still helps families enjoy some great places without paying the full price," Shanahan said. "That's money they can always spend on lunch or something else."

She did caution that because the library's passes are not only limited but in high demand, people interested in

DAVID GOLDSTEIN

Chief of Police, Franklin

brary doesn't end their public outreach there though. There are weekly story times and crafts for children, Lego groups, teen programs, adult crafts, knitting and sewing groups, checkers gatherings and even some special evening programs. The next public presentation for people of all ages will be a discussion on bobcats led by New Hampshire Fish and Game on Monday, April 30, at 6 p.m.

"We have a small budget for adult programming but I think we do very well with it. There is always something interesting on the

The 2018 children's summer reading program, "Library's Rock," will also begin the second week of July. It will include a number of fun crafts, reading challenges and some special events, finishing up with a concert by children's entertainers Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley in August.

To learn more about their numerous serrecommended vices, reads and upcoming programs, please visit their Web site, www.hallmemoriallibrary.org.

"We always have something going on," McCall said.

WATERSHED

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will run a weed-watcher training class that will take place in early June. Lake wide weed watching events will be scheduled in the months of July-September. Please consider joining our weed-watcher group. The time commitment

is not huge and will go a long way to preserving our beautiful lake. Sign up can be accomplished by emailing us at winnisquamwatershednetwork@gmail.com. Also, please visit our Web site at http://www.winnisquamwatershed.org or our Facebook page @ winsquamwatershednetwork.

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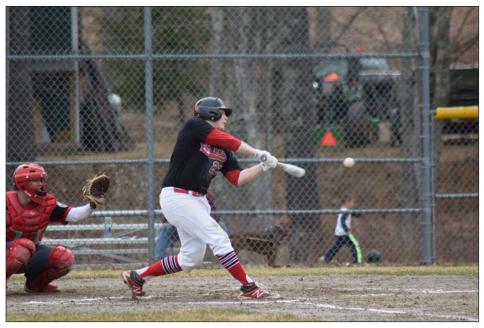


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Griffin Embree had 10 strikeouts in a solid 11-1 win for Belmont.

Cam Magerer takes a swing against Berlin last week.

BOB MARTIN

Belmont baseball off to good start

BY BOB MARTIN Bob@Salmonpress

BELMONT — Last season the Belmont High School baseball team went all the way to the Division 3 state championship after starting 0-2. This season the Red

Raiders started 2-0 with the offense and pitching on fire out of the gate. On April 9 Belmont won its opening game

against Fall Mountain on the road 5-0. The team then hosted Berlin on April 13 and won 11-1. Both games saw dominant pitching and defense, but the bats really opened up against three with an RBI. Berlin.

Brett Lima took the mound against Fall Mountain and pitched a complete game shutout. Lima, who coach Matt Leblanc spoke highly of entering the season, had nine strikeouts, three hits allowed and one walk.

Leading the offense was senior second baseman Matt Pluskis, who was two for three with an RBI. Pluskis got things going and started a scoring surge for Belmont in the game. Brett Auclair was also two for

Griffin Embree took the mound for the Red Raiders against Berlin and was dominant in his first start of the season. He had his fastball working well throughout the game, and the Mountaineers had trouble putting the ball in play. Embree had a complete game with an earned run, two hits, 10 strikeouts and a walk.

Embree was in the number two spot in the batting order for the Red Raiders and went four for four in the game with three RBIs, two runs.

Kolby Brown was the leadoff man and went three for three with a walk, three runs and two steals. Getting this type of production from the top of the order is huge and something Leblanc hopes continues.

Also chipping in with a long double in the first inning was catcher Cam Magerer. While it was his only hit of the day, he was getting solid contact every time he was at the plate.

"It's nice to see them hitting the ball hard," said Leblanc. "Even the outs. There have been some loud outs. Cam hit a ball that almost knocked a guv over in right field. It's really exciting to see this so early."

Last year Embree was the number three starter behind Division 3 Player of the Year Cole Contigiani and first team All-Stater Corey Derosier. This year he and Lima share the top of the rotation and Leblanc said he has been thoroughly impressed.

"We've been fortunate over the last few years to have some solid pitching," said Leblanc. "These guys are stepping right in where the other guys left off. Lima had a great game for us after not pitching for a solid year. He's such a good kid and deserves that. With Griff, we knew what we were getting out of him. He's awesome. He's a special kid and our ace clear cut for sure."

Lima said one of the keys to the early success of the team is sound defense and the fact that he and Embree have been able to put batters away.

"We need to keep hit-SEE **BASEBALL**, PAGE B3





for their commitment, time and support. They are a valuable part of LRGHealthcare and truly represent our values of care, compassion and community. Please join us in recognizing all our volunteers for all they do to make LRGHealthcare and our community a better place.





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Aubrey St. Onge had a tough outing against Gilford to start the season, but followed it up with a nice win over Somersworth.

Vinnisquam softball splits first two games

BY BOB MARTIN

Bob@Salmonpress.news TILTON — The Winnisquam softball team started the season 1-1 with blowout loss to Gilford to start the season followed by a blowout win over Somersworth.

The Gilford 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,

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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.

> Winnisquam won

17-4 in a game against Somersworth two days later. The team had two runs in the first inning, four runs in the third, five runs in the fourth inning, two runs in the sixth and three in the seventh inning. The offensive leader was Carly Catty, who went three for four with a double and two RBIs. Hannah Max was two for three with two doubles and two RBIs. Chloe Colarusso was three for four with a double and four

RBIs. Five other players in the lineup had a hit.

Cailey Clogston takes a swing for Winnisquam in a loss to Gilford.

St. Onge took the win in a complete game with four runs and three of them earned. She scattered eight hits, had a walk and three strikeouts. St. Onge made a

nice 1-2-3 double play to end the game.

BOB MARTIN

The Bears traveled to Bishop Brady after deadline on April 17 and the next game for Winnisquam is on the road against Prospect Mountain at 3 p.m.



Julianna Estremera winds and fires a pitch for Belmont in a loss to Berlin.

Morgan White came in as a relief pitcher and had two strikeouts and no runs allowed.



BY BOB MARTIN

Bob@Salmonpress.news BELMONT -The Red Raiders softball team opened its season 1-1 with a 12-3 win over

said Clary. "She also threw out a runner attempting to steal second."

Other stars of the game were Makenzie Laconia on opening day Donovan, who went

up a double followed by an error in the outfield where miscommunication led the ball to drop in after the players colknocked in the second

ed to take the win.

While the pitching was solid, the offense had a tough time getting going. Clary said he was lided. An RBI double happy with Margaret Witham's first start at and third run, and that first base, as she had one would be all Berlin need- of the three total hits for a 4 p.m. game.

from the team.

Belmont had a game on April 16 that was postponed due to weather. The team faced Gilford on April 18 after deadline and on April 20 Belmont will travel to Newfound



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and a tough 3-0 loss to Berlin on April 13.

Julianna Estremera was the starting pitcher in both games. In the win over Laconia, Estremera had 17 strikeouts and only walk in the complete game. She struck out the first nine batters of the game. At the plate Estremera was also a force, going two for three.

It was a fairly close game until the sixth inning when Belmont had six hits and seven runs to break the game open.

Coach Bill Clary commended catcher Jordan Sargent for her work in the field.

"Jordan Sargent had a great game behind the plate calling the game," three for four with three runs; Lizzie Fleming who went two for four; Becca Fleming who went two for four and Raven Gates who was two for three.

In the game against Berlin, Estremera went 5 1/3 innings, allowing three runs on six walks and seven hits. Morgan Hall came into the game in relief and pitched 12/3inning of scoreless ball. She had two strikeouts.

It was a 0-0 game in the top of the fourth inning but Estremera gave up a single and an error put two people on. She walked two more batters in a row, which scored the first run of the game. In the top of the fifth inning Estremera gave

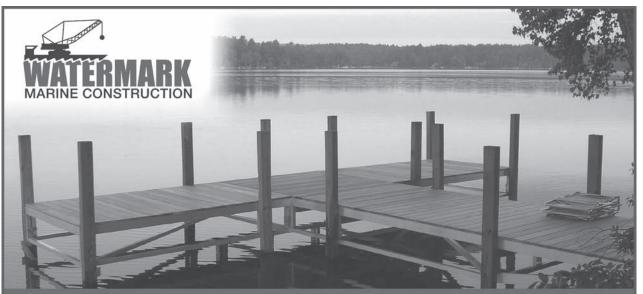
Belmont boys' lacrosse season cancelled

BY BOB MARTIN Bob@Salmonpress.news

BELMONT — Due to a lack of interest, the Belmont boys' lacrosse season was cancelled this spring as the team could not bring in the number of players needed.

Coach Darren Premo was saddened by this stage of events, saying that he still supports the idea of creating a cooperative program between Belmont High School and another school system.

"We only had at the



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most 11 players," said Premo. "My athletic director told me if we don't have 14 we won't have a season, and that makes total sense to me. You don't want to mess things up for these other teams. They won't let you start with less than 10, so this would just be a problem."

Premo said it was unfortunate and not the way he would have liked his time coaching at Belmont to end, but he said if the team can bring in more players in the future he would happy to come back and coach.

Premo said he has still offered his time to coach and run practices for younger students who are interested. He has high hopes that interest will return to the sport. Premo said in a small school district, without a feeder program interest simply hasn't been generated and people aren't coming to play.

The idea of a cooper-

ative team has been on Premo's mind for years. He has had the idea of joining with Winnisquam Regional High School, and he said the schools have talked, but this is something that is out of his hands. Knowing that there are students who would like to play, but do not have the option, is frustrating to him.

"I think there are kids at Winnisquam who want to play lacrosse," said Premo. "I heard from one person who wanted to come over and play who thought we were still a club team, but I told him he couldn't because we were varsity. He said that was unfortunate because there were a lot of kids who would want to play."

The Belmont girls' lacrosse team, while numbers have diminished, will continue its season. The next game for Belmont is in Derryfield on April 20.





Devan Glover took the mound for the Bears in the opening game.

BOB MARTIN

Noah Smith throws out a runner during the game against the Golden Eagles.

BOB MARTIN

Winnisguam baseball falls to Giford

BY BOB MARTIN

Bob@Salmonpress.news TILTON — It was a rough start to the season for the Winnisquam baseball team, as the Bears were shut out by the Golden Eagles in a no-hit effort by Gilford pitcher Adrian Siravo.

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 estimated 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.

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.

Winnisquam coach Fred Caruso said it was a tough day for the team, and that it will be difficult for anyone in the division to put up numbers against Siravo.

"I consider Siravo one of the best players in D-3," said Caruso. "He's only a sophomore but I think he is one of the best at the plate and on the mound. He is a really good player."

However, Caruso said there were some ways that the team could have stayed in the game and situations where they shot themselves in the foot.

"We got a couple good swings on him but we dug ourselves into holes in the counts," said Caruso. "We made some errors and they took advantage. I thought Devan

Red Raider lax girls fall to Plymouth

BY BOB MARTIN

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PLYMOUTH — The Belmont girls' lacrosse team started off the season 0-1 with a 13-3 loss to the Plymouth Bobcats on

April 10.

Leading the way for Belmont was Katie Gagnon, a sophomore, who had two goals. Sopho-

Keagan Berry had eight saves in net.

"Belmont's girls lacrosse game against Plymouth was a little more Haley Treamer had rocky we are going back a goal, as well. Senior to the core basics this week and fixing some things," said coach Meya Minor. "We had the potential just mostly struggled getting that ball through the midfield."

Miner said the team

pitched okay but he has to get in a better rhythm out there. He had a lot of deep counts, and he was at 90 pitches after four innings. There's a lot we need to work on."

Winnisquam, which has had some powerhouse teams over the years, is coming off a

tough season and the team has been trying to bounce back. However, the game after Gilford was on the road against Somersworth where the Bears were shut out 8-0.

Winnisquam's next game is on the road against Prospect Mountain on April 19 at 3 p.m.





Trail race in Belmont on April 29

BELMONT — Local athletes Alice Riley and Nick Randos will be organizing a 5k trail race on April 29 for their community service project. The race will take place at Belmont High School and begins at 12 p.m., with registration open-

BASEBALL

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ting the ball," said Lima. "The pitching is doing their job, we are playing great defense making no errors, so we need to keep all that up."

Embree agreed, saying the team has come out of the gate hot. He said both wins were complete team wins and this is the type of baseball he hopes the team can continue to play moving forward.

"We've got to keep it

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ing at 11 a.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Proceeds will go to the

Shaker Care Closet, a local organization that donates supplies to area students in need of resources, such as deodorant, toothpaste and

up," said Embree. "11 runs definitely helps me out."

Leblanc knows that it is early and that the team still has some fine tuning, as it is a young squad and considerably different from last year. However, after the game Leblanc and his fellow coaches couldn't hide their excitement for how the team looks. He was still quick to say that the season is very young and the team needs to continue to progress.

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baserunning, early season stuff," said Leblanc. "It's nice to be able to have a lot of success and be able to teach things at the same time. We are still really young and working on a lot of things, but you've got to be happy with the way we have started."

Belmont had its game on April 16 cancelled due to weather. On April 18 the Red Raiders took on rival Gilford and on April 20 Belmont travels to Newfound for a 4 p.m. matchup.

had recorded about 15 shots including some good looks. However, the defense broke down early, which led to good looks by Plymouth.

"With the midfield we have been working on our draws with some girls and I think it showed by staying pretty even," said Miner, who added the team had seven faceoff wins compared to Plymouth's nine. "They have quite a good goalie which I expected from the start and their offense was not afraid to drive at all costs."

Belmont had a game on the road against Hopkinton and a game at home against Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough after deadline. The Red Raiders travel to Derryfield for a 4 p.m. game on April 20.

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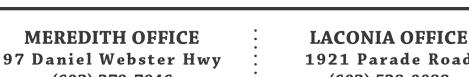








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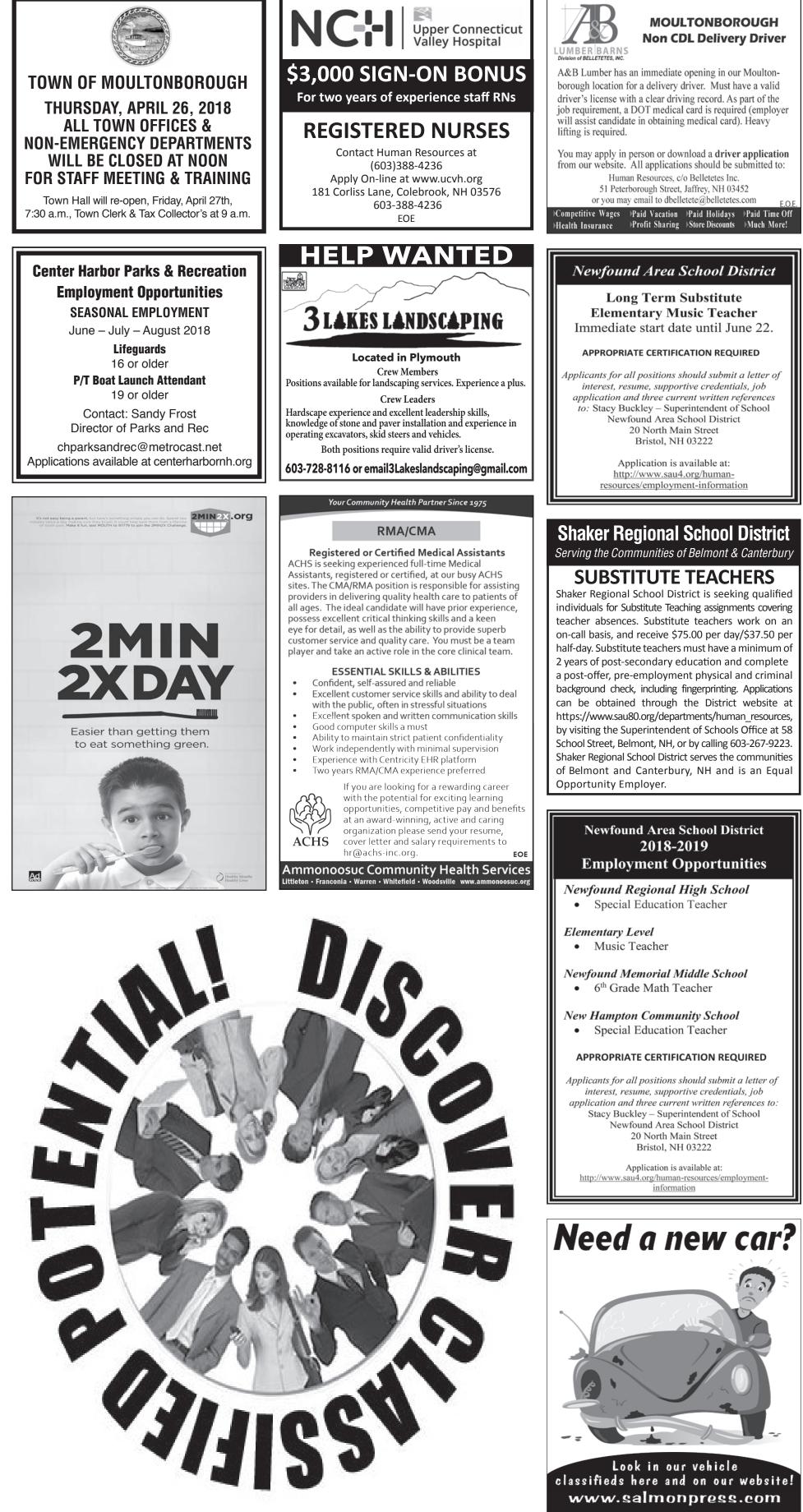
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Successful candidate(s) for this law enforcement position will be at least 21 years of age, a U.S. citizen, high school graduate or equivalent, have a current driver's license, and ability to pass a comprehensive physical agility, background investigation, psychological and polygraph examinations. Candidates without current NH certification are encouraged to fully explore the requirements, including a physical agility test by the NH Police Standards and Training Council before applying (www.pstc.nh.gov/faqs).

Please submit your letter of interest, resume, and application by May 11, 2018 (available at www.moultonboroughnh.gov Paid, Volunteer & Contract Opportunities) to Walter P. Johnson, Town Administrator, 6 Holland Street, PO Box 139, Moultonborough, NH 03254. Position(s) open until filled. Applicants not selected for the current position(s) will remain on an eligibility list for one year. EEO Employer.

CAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRESCHOOL **TEACHER 50%**

(Must be NH Early Childhood Education Certified)

2018-2019 School Year

Please send letter of intent, resume, transcripts, certification and references to:

> Ms. Janet Eccleston Special Education Coordinator Campton Elementary School 1110 NH Rte. 175 Campton, NH 03223 jeccleston@pemibaker.org



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Lumber Counter / Millwork Sales

This is a full time position in our Ashland Lumber store. Duties include assisting customers and contractors with product selection and order entry. Minimum 2 years experience in the building industry. Basic computer skills required. Excellent customer service skills a must. Will be required to work some Saturdays and Sundays. Saturday hours 7:30 - 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

You may apply in person or download an application from our website. All applications should be submitted to

> Dan Uhlman, General Manager 20 West Street, Ashland, NH 03217 or you may email to duhlman@belletetes.com

Paid Vacation Paid Holidays Paid Time Off Competitive Wages Profit Sharing Store Discounts Much More! Health Insurance

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2018-19 Technology Support Specialist Moultonborough School District

Serve as primary support person for the Moultonborough Central School (PreK-6) providing technology assistance for faculty, staff and students in a progressive school district with a 1:1 iPad program. 260 Day Position. For complete job description, go to http://www.sau45.org/home/district-job-openings Please send cover letter, resume, certification(s) if any, and three (3) current letters of reference by May 4, 2018 to:

Laura Maroon, Technology Director

Moultonborough School District PO Box 419 Moultonborough, NH 03254 or email all documents to: Imaroon@sau45.org Equal Opportunity Employer



GOOD PAY FOR HARD WORK

King Forest Industries, located in Wentworth, NH, is currently accepting applications and resumes for full and part time work as lumber handlers, equipment operators and experienced maintenance personnel. Individuals must be hardworking, able to take and follow directions, dependable and able to do hard work for good pay. You must be able to lift at least 50 lbs

As a full-time employee, you will qualify for health insurance/dentail/401K retirement plan/paid vacation/paid holidays and production bonuses.

If you wish to apply, stop in to our Wentworth office for an application or drop off a resume and a completed employment application, which can be downloaded from our website and dropped off in person Monday thru Thursday 7am-4:30pm and Friday until 4pm. No phone calls please.

King Forest is an equal-opportunity employer.

53 East Side Road • Wentworth, NH • www.kingforest.com



Moultonborough Central School - Tutor

Immediate opening for a tutor for a 7th grade student. Up to 10 hours/ week, up to 5 days/week. Paraeducator II certification preferred. Send cover letter, resume, and three current letters of reference and certification to:

Ryan Marsh, Special Education Director PO Box 419 Moultonborough, NH 03254 or email all documents to rmarsh@sau45.org



Registered Nurse Psych Care Coordinator

We are seeking a Registered Nurse Psychiatric Care Coordinator to work with our Behavioral Health and Psychiatric Team at Northern Human Services. This position will include (but not limited) to the following responsibilities:

- Manage Patient Health Assessments/Screenings
- Specimen Collection
- Prescription Pre-authorizations
- Psychiatric Appointments Coordinate Treatment Plans with community health partners
- Documentation Auditing Assists Psychiatrist with • Health Counseling
- Patient Management · Health Counseling and Monitoring for clients with psychiatric diagnoses

The candidate must be able to work on a team with other behavioral health providers in a busy

- Programs

Monitor Self Medication
 Pre-screen/Schedule

clinical outpatient environment. Moderate computer skills are required (MS Word, Excel, Outlook) including extensive use of electronic medical record for documentation management and billing.

Requirements: Registered Nursing Degree from an accredited program, State of NH license plus minimum of two years licensed nursing experience; knowledge of state laws relating to emergency treatment, training/storage/administration and disposal of medications; experience with clients with mental illness is preferred including some knowledge of current accepted treatment approaches and concerns.

Northern Human Services offers an excellent benefits package including medical, dental, employer paid group Life, LTD & AD&D insurances, 11 paid holidays, generous paid time off and more.

Interested candidates, please send your resume with cover letter to Eve V. Klotz, LICSW, Director of Behavioral Health by e-mail, eklotz@northernhs.org, or mail, The Mental Health Center, 25 W. Main St., Conway, NH 03818, or fax to 603-447-1021.

> *This position requires a valid driver's license, proof of adequate auto insurance,* and the completion of criminal, driving and background records checks. This agency is an Equal Opportunity Employer and provider.

LABORER/EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TOWN OF WOODSTOCK

Full-time position available to perform labor work and operate equipment. Minimum of 2 years equipment operator and snow plow experience required. CDL and current medical card also required. Competitive wage & benefit package offered to qualified applicants.

Applications and job descriptions will be available at the Woodstock Town Office or at the Town Garage and will be accepted until April 20, 2018.

> The Town of Woodstock is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Excellent Banking Job Opportunities West Plymouth Branch

Northway Bank, the largest independent community commercial bank in New Hampshire is looking for exceptional candidates for the following job opportunities.

Tellers

The ideal candidates must enjoy working with other members of our team to accomplish the necessary work to enhance our customer experience.

We have a 30 hour per week opening.

Teller - A Teller's primary responsibility is to provide superior customer service by processing transactions accurately and efficiently. Proactively identify customer needs and recommend financial products and services to consumer and small business customers.

We take pride in delivering personalized service, advice and valuable financial solutions. Candidates looking to share their talents in a challenging and rewarding team based environment are encouraged to apply.

At Northway Bank

• We focus on our customers and provide excellent customer service.

- We respect, care for and recognize our **employees** for excellent performance.
- We actively participate in the **communities** in which we do business.

Northway Bank offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits, a positive work environment, and future career growth opportunities. Interested applicants may view Northway Bank Career Opportunities and apply online via our website listed below.

> Northway Bank, Human Resources Department Apply Online: www.northwaybank.com

Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action employer Women, Minority, Veteran and Disability Applications Encouraged.









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