

Gilford Steamer

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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE



ERIN PLUMMER

Students helped load up a trailer with items going to hurricane-affected areas in Texas in September.



ERIN PLUMMER

Gilford High School students brought "Little Shop of Horrors" to the stage in March.

2017 proves to be a year of growth at GHS

BY ANTHONY SPERAZZO

Principal
Gilford High School

The Oct. 1 enrollment (official count for the Department of Education) at Gilford High School (GHS) was 485. GHS bid farewell to Polly Rouhan as she retired. After 20 years of dedicated service in education, Polly left the Chemistry classroom. Her enthusiasm for Science showed

Year/Group	Gilford High School	New Hampshire	Global
2017	87.0	71.0	60.0
2016	82.2	72.6	60.2
2015	85.0	74.3	60.6
2014	87.9	76.0	61.3
2013	82.2	74.9	60.9
2012	83.7	75.7	61.5
2011	77.8	76.6	60.2

through her interaction with students. We welcomed three new faculty members to our staff: Kate Criscone

(Art), Melissa Otis (Science), and Suzanne Twombly (Math).

We are excited to announce that 78 per-

cent of the Class of 2017 attended a two or four year college, 19 percent entered the workforce, while two percent enlisted into a branch of the military. Our students are prepared for their next career path based on the course of-

ferings we provide to our students through a comprehensive curriculum. Our goal is one that personalizes education for each child so we meet the needs for their future career.

Our Advanced Placement (AP) program

continues to challenge our most motivated, academically-prepared students who are likely to benefit most from AP coursework. By providing this level of academic rigor, we better prepare students for the challenges of college as well as developing the skills and academic background necessary to succeed in the twenty first century. We are proud to report that 87% of GHS students that took the AP exam in 2017 scored a 3 or better (3 or better SEE GHS PAGE A10)

Increased patronage and holiday events among library report highlights

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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The Gilford Public Library is ending the year with an increase in circulation and going into the new year

with some new programs.

Library Director Katherine Dormody gave her regular report to the board of selectmen during their meet-

ing on Dec. 13 updating the board on goings on at the library.

According to a recording of the meeting, Dormody reported that SEE LIBRARY PAGE A10

Free Christmas Dinner brings people together from across the region

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

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

Alward said Patrick's Pub and Eatery used to do a free Christmas dinner. Being an only child, Alward said her family's Christmas usually consisted of herself and her parents



ERIN PLUMMER

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

and they would all go to the dinner. She said when Patrick's came under new ownership the free dinner was discontinued and she said her family didn't spend Christmas anywhere SEE DINNER PAGE A12



COURTESY

Lions bearing baskets

Continuing an annual holiday tradition, the Laconia/Gilford Lions Club gathered food in holiday baskets to donate to the needy in their communities. Club members and volunteer helpers (left to right) Jamie Caldwell, Lois Smith, Nancy O'Connor, Hali Dearborn, Matt Soza, Bill Chandler, Marilyn Brown and Mike Adams pose with the overflowing baskets, which include canned and nonperishable items, along with a ham and a chicken. "The holiday baskets are only one of the charitable causes supported by the Lions, largest service organization in the world, every year," commented Club member Lion Marilyn Brown.

Approved transfer station loan could save town \$133,000

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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The selectmen approved going for a loan for the transfer station project that could save \$133,000 in interest though carrying a higher yearly cost

compared to one proposed when factoring the budget.

The selectmen approved going with the loan with Bank of New Hampshire during the Dec. 13 meeting.

The selectmen were

asked to formally vote on what bond they would go with after getting some other proposals. According to a recording of the meeting, Town Administrator Scott Dunn said the budget for the transfer station project was originally proposed based on bond numbers from the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank, which offered a 20 year bond with a 2.67 percent interest rate.

Dunn said the town also received a quote from Bank of New Hampshire for a 10 year loan at a fixed 2.48 percent rate.

Dunn said the ad- SEE TRANSFER PAGE A10

Happy New Year from the Steamer!

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

The staff of the Gilford Steamer wishes our readers a very safe and Happy New Year.

Allen Wayside Furniture

LOOK INSIDE FOR YEAR END SAVINGS AT ALLEN WAYSIDE FURNITURE!

Don't Miss It!

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

Ah, here, as Winter is in full swing, I fondly remember the Summer Reading Program. Kids psyched to read new books, keeping track of their accomplishments, and getting rewarded for their enthusiasm. Then, as if the spirits of good reads past had witnessed my reminiscing, I heard about a new program to renew that energy. But

it wasn't a spirit, it was Arielle the Children's Librarian!

She has put together a Winter Reading Program. Though totally and completely original, it is almost identical to the summer reading program. The difference is that it takes place right now. From Jan. 2 to March 2, kids in grades K-4th can fill out reading logs each week. The goal is to read at least 20 min-

utes each day. Each week when a child returns a completed log, they will get a token prize and be entered into a raffle to be drawn at the end of the program, where there will be three winners.

March 2 is no arbitrary day. It is Dr. Seuss' birthday! It is also known as Read Across America Day. Read Across America Day is cause for a huge celebration, doubly so because of all the read-

ing done during the Winter Reading Program. So save the date now for the party.

I'm extra excited about the challenge list. The logs will have a checklist with various challenges to encourage kids to try genres they haven't tried before, to read in different and fun places, and to try different ways of reading. They do not have to do everything, of course, but they can if they want to! From what we have seen, kids love to be given opportunities to try something new or to be silly.

To top it all off, the Friends of the Gilford Public Library have do-

nated brand new books for the kids who complete the program. Every kid who finishes the program will get to choose a book to keep.

I hope we all enjoy some good reads this new year. Let's make it a good one.

Classes & Special Events Dec. 28 to Jan. 3

Thursday, Dec. 28
Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Teen Table Toppers, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Teens can play games at the library every Thursday after school!

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 1
Library Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

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

Lakes Region Community College, Planning Commission host joint reception for state legislators

LACONIA — Approximately 20 state legislators attended a recent reception cohosted by Lakes Region Community College and the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

"This reception was a great opportunity for our legislators to learn about the important work that LRCC is engaged in to support a better educated and skilled workforce in the region," said Dr. Larissa Baia, Interim President of LRCC. "We recognize that this work is most effective when done collaboratively, therefore building and expanding partnerships with organizations like the Lakes Region Planning Commission makes sense."

Legislators received updates from both Lakes Region Community College and the Lakes Region Planning Commission, and

had the opportunity to discuss to learn more about the priorities of each organization. The discussion was followed by campus tours aimed at showcasing new buildings and improvements made over the past several years.

Jeff Hayes, Executive Director of the Lakes Region Planning Commission added, "This was a good opportunity to advance dialogue about our regional legislative priorities and concerns with our representatives. There is so much that we can accomplish through working together at the regional level."

Lakes Region Community College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire that serves over 1,200 students annually. LRCC offers 28 associate degree programs in-

cluding, Hospitality Management, Pastry Arts, Restaurant Management, Business and Accounting, Automotive, Marine Technology, Graphic Design, and Nursing, as well as short-term certificate programs. In addition, LRCC provides a strong background in Liberal Arts for students who choose to do their first two years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university for a baccalaureate degree. LRCC is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. For additional information, contact Carlene Rose at crose@ccsnh.edu.

NHTI announces Fall 2017 Dean's List

CONCORD — The following students from your area have been named to the Dean's List at NHTI, Concord's Community College, in recognition of their academic achievement during the Fall 2017 term. In order to qualify for Dean's List a student must be considered full time (registered for 12 credits or more) and have a term GPA of 3.3 or higher.

Gilford
Nathan Cobis, Kaitlyn

Marcella, Mason McGo-nagle, Connor Perkins, Thomas Pouliot, Connor Sleeper, Kiara Smith, Celia Weeks

NHTI is a dynamic public institution of higher learning providing accessible, rigorous education, serving students, businesses and the community by creating pathways for lifelong learning, career advancement and civic engagement. With 95 full-time faculty and over 300

adjunct faculty, NHTI Concord's Community College offers more than 80 academic programs to more than 7,000 students annually. NHTI is a member of the Community College System of New Hampshire, and has been accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., a non-governmental, nationally recognized accrediting agency, since 1969.

WMUR forecaster Haley LaPoint to appear at Taylor Community

LACONIA — Born and raised north of Topsfield, Mass., Haley LaPoint has been interested in weather since she was a young child. She would often spend hours in front of the family camcorder with a large map pointing out the next big weather system coming up the coast.

Today, as a meteorologist for WMUR, LaPoint reports live from active weather

situations and produces special weather content for TV, mobile and the WMUR Web site. Join us as she discusses forecasting New Hampshire weather Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This free event is open to the public.

She went to college in the Green Mountains of Vermont at Lyndon State College. While attending Lyndon State College, she earned a Bachelor's degree in Meteorology

and an Associate's degree in TV News.

LaPoint began her career in Fargo, N.D., at KVLV-TV & KX-JB-TV. While in Fargo, she received the Certified Broadcast Meteorologist seal from the American Meteorological Society - the first TV meteorologist to receive this seal in the Fargo television market. The CBM seal, as it's known, is a newer, more rigorous certification. She carries this distinct certification with her to WMUR. In 2013, LaPoint was

elected to the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Board of Broadcast Meteorologists.

Taylor Community is a not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community whose mission is to provide the highest quality of retirement living options to support the independence, health and dignity of community residents. Visit www.taylorcommunity.org, or call 366-1400 for more information.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Midnight Line" by Lee Child
2. "Rooster Bar" by John Grisham
3. "The Family Lawyer" by James Patterson
4. "End Game" by David Baldacci
5. "Two Kinds of Truth" by Michael Connelly
6. "Count to Ten" by James Patterson
7. "Year One" by Nora Roberts
8. "Hardcore Twenty-Four" by Janet Evanovich
9. "The People Vs. Alex Cross" by James Patterson
10. "Origin" by Dan Brown



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Gilford town, school budget process continues into the new year

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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The process of putting together the town and school district budgets is underway with public hearings and deliberative sessions scheduled in the next few months.

Budget Committee meetings on the town and school budgets will continue through January leading up to the public hearings, deliberative sessions, and polling.

In November, the Gilford School Board and administration presented a proposed budget of \$26,237,939, a reduction of \$246,011, or nine tenths of a percent, from last year. The budget includes a number of previously de-

ferred capital improvements items including a new roof at Gilford Middle School, refurbishing the Gilford High School gym, and many others. The district has also had a number of cost reductions including a lower guaranteed maximum rate for health insurance. Positions for one paraeducator and one assistant teacher that had been vacant will be cut from the budget.

Details on the proposed town budget will come at a later date.

The proposed budgets by the selectmen and the school board are in the process of review by the Budget Committee, who will then present the

town and school district budgets for the budget process.

Budget Committee meetings will continue through January. The next meeting is on Thursday, Dec. 28 with others scheduled for Jan. 4 and 11. All Budget Committee meetings will be held at town hall at 6:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

The deadline to submit petition warrant articles is Tuesday, Jan. 9.

The public hearing for the town and school budgets are on Tuesday, Jan. 16 starting at 7 p.m. at the Gilford High School Auditorium.

The school deliberative session has been scheduled for Tuesday,

Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in the GHS auditorium. The town deliberative session will be announced later.

The filing period for town and school district offices begins on Wednesday, Jan. 24 and

will run from Friday, Feb. 2. Those who wish to run for office must be a registered Gilford voter and file with the town or school district clerk. The list of open offices will be announced at a later

date. Voting day on town and school district offices and warrant articles will be on Tuesday, March 14 with polling at the Gilford Youth Center.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for Feb. 26, 2018

The Gilford and Belmont Parks and Recreation Departments are co-sponsoring a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018.

Cost of the trip is \$120 for lower level Loge seats and \$70 upper level balcony seats and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford or Belmont and tickets to the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from Gilford High School at 5 p.m., and the Belmont Park & Rideshare (Route 106) at 5:15 p.m. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own

prior to the game. Our seats are in section #19 (Loge) and #310 & #311 (Balcony) for the 7:30 p.m. game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web site at www.gilfordrec.com.

Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski program

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 and will continue through Jan. 27, 2018

(in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather, it will be made up the week(s) following Jan. 27). Lessons begin at 10 a.m. and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop!

Registration forms are available at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop.

Cost: \$70 per person includes rental equipment!

\$40 per person if you have your own equipment!

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.



COURTESY

Zach and Matt Hooper received Buy a Board plaques from their Center Harbor grandparents who volunteer at the Wetlands Walk at the Belknap County owned Gunstock Recreation Area.

Volunteers plan repairs to Gunstock wetlands walk

The 25 year old, wheelchair accessible, Wetlands Walk at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford will soon be undergoing major repairs.

The Wetlands Walk is a quarter mile elevated boardwalk that surrounds a picturesque wetland at the Resort. Thanks to the help of many volunteers and donors, it has been temporarily stabilized to reduce further tilting, the boardwalk support posts have been cleared of rot-inducing debris, other minor repairs have been completed, and the edging which helps guide the visually impaired has been fixed, primed and painted. When

trees fall on the boardwalk, the Resort crew makes the repairs. The permanent boardwalk supports to be installed, which look a bit like oversized ice augers, are intended to keep the surface fairly level for the next 40 years.

In 2017 alone, volunteers donated more than 1,000 hours making these improvements. Those who made financial donations are honored with name plaques that are placed on individual boards within the Walk. These plaques are available through the Buy a Board program and may also be given as a gift. For more information on the Buy a Board pro-

gram visit website belknapccd.org. A grant from the New England Forest and Rivers Foundation of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to help with the costs requires a 50:50 matching input of time, materials and funds (such as donations and the county's support for the Belknap County Conservation District). For more information on the program and to volunteer on this project in 2018 contact the Belknap County Conservation District at 527-5880, or Jan the volunteer Wetlands Walk Volunteer Manager at 707-9760 or at wetlandswalk@my-fairpoint.net

Lissa Mascio joins Prescott Farm team

LACONIA — Prescott Farm is excited to welcome Lissa Mascio as the new Development & Communications Director. Mascio was born and raised in New Hampshire, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of New Hampshire, Durham in 1999. She then struck out to explore the country, landing at various times in Vermont, California, Arizona, New York and Georgia, while also earning a law degree in 2006. Lissa returned to New Hampshire with her young daughter in 2011 as a practicing attorney, specializing in family law in the Lakes Region. In 2016, she transitioned back into the nonprofit arena as a marketing and development professional. Al-



though she grew up on the Seacoast, Mascio has put down roots in the Lakes Region since her return to New Hampshire, as a 2015 graduate of Leadership Lakes

Region; a member of the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, and; an active member of her church community and her daughter's school. SEE MASCIO PAGE A10



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From January 2-January 26
Monday through Friday**

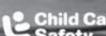
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Pet of the Week: NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Rhonda

Of mice and men, and New Year's regimen



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

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

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

Rhonda arrived via our SAFE HARBOUR program. She's been

calling our shelter home since the Summer.

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

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

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

We have not given up hope and neither should she!



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

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

This column will appear just four days shy of 2017, too late for my usual Christmas Gift List, but not too late for readers to

roll their eyes at my infrequent New Year's Resolution List.

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

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

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

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

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

Solar Power Guru.

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

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

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

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

The cycle of nations

BY LARRY SCOTT

In the Sept. 24, 2009 issue of the Winnisquam Echo, Bill Tobin, who had for many years served in the NH House of Representatives, posted what has become known as the Cycle of Nations:

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

From bondage to rebellion;

From rebellion to spiritual faith;

From spiritual faith to great courage;

From great courage to liberty;

From liberty to abundance;

From abundance to complacency;

From complacency to apathy;

From apathy to dependence, and,

From dependence back to bondage."

I often wonder where we are in this cycle. It is clear to many of us that, as a nation, we are in deep trouble. And please, I am not talking politics here (that is not the focus of this column); I am talking about morality. Many of us who have been influenced by the Judeo-Christian ethic are aghast. In our view, we are living in a godless, self-centered and misdirected society. Having abandoned the Bible as giving us an objective standard of morality, we have been damaged by the absence of those principles of right and wrong that used to be commonly taught in our schools and universities. Far from being snobbish and judgmental, the Christian community has agonized over the state of our nation. There is here no joy when things have deteriorated to the

point where our young people can't even determine their gender! Who would have thought!

There is little need for me to enumerate the many expressions of political correctness and personal freedom that have permeated every level of our society. So pervasive has become an almost total disregard for those moral principles we once accepted as truth, it is difficult for the Christian community to keep from simply giving up. It would be so easy for us to conclude that we are the victims of a godless society and that nothing we can do will make a difference, so "cash it in, fold your wings, bury your head in the sand" ... and leave society to live out the pleasure of its own will.

But that, we think, would lead to catastrophic consequences. We have hit "complacency" and are well on our way to "apathy" and, true to

the model, no one seems to care! Live and let live, be happy, you only go around once, so live it to the fullest ... seems to be our society's philosophy. There seems to be little awareness that we are rapidly approaching the day when our nation will have to "pay the piper."

But this is God's world, and although most generally disregarded, He is available to all who are prepared to make Him welcome. He created us as an act of love and has given of Himself to make possible a change in the purpose and direction of both our lives and our nation. I fear for America but I am not about to give up! Whatever the future course of our history, I shall proclaim this foundation principle as often as I can: there is an alternative ... and His Name is Jesus Christ.

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

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FROM OUR READERS

Community Band members deserve acknowledgement

To the Editor:

The Gilford Community Band recently performed its Annual Holiday Concert to complete the 2017 season. Many thanks are in order for the dedication and time involved in the rehearsals, summer concerts, and the Holiday Concert.

Thanks go to all the people behind the scenes (who we always acknowledge), but we rarely acknowledge

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all the musicians by name. These musicians present a spectrum from Middle School to retired citizens. So we would like to do so now: Sarah Svindland, Yvonne McEvoy, Kaelan O'Connor, Thea Aloise, Dave Nix, Chris MacIver, Erin Plummer, Becky Soules, Jennifer Goddard, Sally Jensen, Patrick Gandini, Bruce Reynolds, Reagan McIntire, Larry DiBioso, Michael Wernig, Russ Thibeault, Drew DeCarli, and George Faran. Also Shannon Anderson, April Day, Peter Spollett, Bradley McIntire, Brad Parker, Pam Gardner, May Stewart, Owen Day, Robin Jackman, Emma Ramsey, Mary Sawyer, Vicki Wood-Parrish, Keith Parrish, Zachery Harper, Bill Day, John Gunthier, Dan O'Meara, and Mike O'Meara. Lastly, Norm Bretton, Bern Altmire, Jenna Delucca, Chandler Greene, Jesse Powers, Suzanne Satnick, and Riley Powers. Also Director Lyvie Beyrent, special guest soloist Elizabeth Greene and the mystery percussionist.

The dedication of all of these volunteer musicians is greatly appreciated. After a long respite, rehearsals will start up again in May.

Frank M. Weeks
Gilford Community Band

Derek A. Cote, 54

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

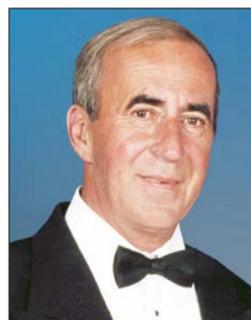
Robert William Fugere, 70

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

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

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

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, C.J.



Charlotte Mae (Jenot) Fugere, of Belmont; a daughter, Melissa Hill and her husband, Rick, of Laconia; a son, Troy Fugere, of Franklin; two grandchildren, Ricky Hill of Belmont and Katelyn Hill of Belmont; two great grandchildren, Brandi Lynn Hill, and Carson Vlacic; Melissa Kiver mother of Brandi, and Petko Vlacic father of Carson; a brother, John Fugere, of Dayton, Texas; and several nephews and nieces.

In addition to his par-

ents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Richard and Francis Fugere.

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

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

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

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.

John F. Hadam, 94

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

Of Polish origin, John learned English when he first began school. He was a US Marine serving in the fourth Marine division in the Pacific theater in WWII and was activated from the reserves in the Korean conflict, achieving the rank of first lieutenant upon his discharge. He attended Princeton University as part of the officer candidate program, graduating in 1948. John lived in New England for many years; first in the Boston area with his family, and in Moultonborough since 1979. He began his almost 40-year career with New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in one of Western Electric's factories and retired as General Financial Supervisor in



Susan Berking, and her husband, Chuck, of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John was predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy, and his brother, Bill.

There will be no calling hours.

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

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

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

Mary Florence Morse, 94

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

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

Most recently, she took up the Bodhran drum at 92, playing with The Dump Run Gang. Mary was an active member of the Gilmanton Community Church and loved her church family as her own. She had a gift for hospitality, loved cooking, spending time with family, friends and neighbors. She was known for her volunteerism and stepping in when needed. One of her greatest joys was her



large weekly family dinners.

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

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her hus-

band, Howard B Morse, and two brothers, Duncan A Geddes, and David W Geddes.

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

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

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

and joyful holiday spirit.

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Herbert C. Wright, 87

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

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

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



Appliance Service in Laconia for an additional 14 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Carol" narrated to music, "Ring Those Christmas Bells," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." A highlight of the holiday concert was a sing-along and a surprise appearance by Santa himself! The trip was complete with a delicious meal at the famous Maggiano's

Little Italy restaurant, beautifully decorated for Christmas, with an atmosphere filled with nostalgic Italian charm and family portraits reminiscent of pre-World War II. Maggiano's serves family style with dishes made from scratch from recipes that have been in the family for decades. The evening was filled with great food, friends, mu-

Symphony Nova in concert at Taylor Community Jan. 14

LACONIA — Taylor Community's 2018 Concert Series kicks off with a performance by Symphony Nova. This free event is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. in Taylor's Woodside Building and is open to the public.

The string quartet consists of Janny Joo and Zenas Hsu, violin; Maureen Heflinger, viola and Timothy Paek, cello. Musical selections include pieces by Mendelssohn and

Shostakovich.

Symphony Nova creates opportunities for talented music school graduates to present fine concerts, develop professionally and serve the Boston community. Music Director Lawrence Isaacson is a vibrant presence in the classical music world. He is well known for inspiring audiences with exciting, interactive and creative concerts, helping them to discover the classical

tradition's depth, beauty and relevance today.

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Lakes Region Community College welcomes Joyce Larson as Director of Enrollment Management and Onboarding

LACONIA — Lakes Region Community College is proud to welcome Joyce Larson as the new Director of Enrollment Management and Onboarding.

“I’m very excited about the experience Ms. Larson brings to LRCC, as well as, the continued development she will add to the college’s holistic approach to enrollment management,” said Dr. Larissa Baia, Interim President of Lakes Region Community College.

“We are looking forward to her expertise not only in admissions and recruiting, but also in helping to build pathways and interventions aimed at setting up students for success throughout their LRCC experience,” said Baia.

Larson joins the LRCC team after a long and successful career at Plymouth State University, where she held several positions, including Director of Enterprise Information Management, Institutional Research, Registrar, and Admissions Officer.

“Being new to the LRCC team, I’m really looking forward to making connections



with students and their families, and developing ongoing partnerships with the community,” said Larson.

“I’m very excited about this opportunity and look forward to reaching out to schools, new and prospective stu-

dents, and businesses in the area.”

Larson lives in Moultonborough with her family. She is a member of the Moultonborough School Board, and is active in the Destination Imagination organization. When she is not cheering from the sidelines of youth baseball and soccer games, she enjoys hiking, skiing, and music. She welcomes communication from all members of the community and can be reached at 366-5266 or jlarson@ccsnh.edu.

Lakes Region Community College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of

New Hampshire that serves more than 1,200 students annually. LRCC offers 28 associate degree programs including Business Management, Hospitality Management, Automotive, Marine Technology, Culinary Arts, Graphic Design, and Nursing, as well as short-term certificate programs. In addition, LRCC provides a strong background in Liberal Arts for students who choose to do their first two years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university for a baccalaureate degree. LRCC is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire.

Wounded Warriors – Self healing from invisible wounds

LACONIA — Robert Vallieres struggled to find his “new normal” when he returned home

after serving in the military. An accident in Kuwait left him suffering constant pain from traumatic brain injury and internal injuries.

Wounded Warriors is Vallieres’ story of self-healing from crippling “invisible” wounds. He’ll bring his story in two separate sessions at Taylor Community: Wednesday, Jan. 9 at 2:30 p.m. in the Ledgewood Building’s Lake Room and Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 2:30 p.m. in Taylor Home. Both events are free and open to the public.

After clinics, painkillers and behavior modification pills did nothing to ease his pain, he seemed to vanish. Then a local newspaper ad caught Vallieres’ eye—a SEE WARRIORS PAGE A11

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

Ring in the New Year with live music, dancing, a delightful hors d'oeuvres buffet and complimentary champagne toast at midnight at Pitman's Freight Room.

The Racky Thomas Blues Band has been a torchbearer for the blues since its formation in 1995, when Racky collaborated with bassist Todd Carson, guitarist Nick



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ton area. Thomas has a vast repertoire of tunes – blues from world-class bluesmen, plantation gospel (the original blues), rocking electric blues, classic and obscure blues, and Racky Thomas blues! including “Matchbox Blues,” “Biscuit-Bakin’ Woman,” “Mona,” “Sugar-coated Love,” “Big Road Blues,” “Hoochie-Coochie Man,” and “Mojo Workin’” (to name a few).

Gutsy vocals, down and dirty harmonica, smoking guitar, a killer rhythm section delivering pure unadulterated blues, and you've got the Racky Thomas Band. Twice nominated for Boston Music Awards, and winners of the 1997 Battle of the Blues bands you've only got to experience them once to become a believer.

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MARK ON THE MARKETS

Financial abuse and older Americans



BY MARK PATTERSON

Before I begin to share information regarding the financial abuse amongst our seniors, I must state that I know or have known people near 100 that have not lost cognitive abilities and remain very sharp, so just realize that this information is a generalized statistical study.

According to new research from Daniel Marson, a professor of neurology at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, adults in their 60s and 70s start to

exhibit declines in financial abilities, including a vulnerability to potential telephone fraud, difficulty with making change at checkout and having a harder time at prioritizing bills. Those diminished abilities can become a real struggle when trying to keep up with everyday financial management tasks.

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

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

Research also confirms that people typically live longer than they had anticipated, creating planning problems around their long term health plans, or just having adequate income to live. I have experience with clients that wanted to go for a high risk investment for a big return out of desperation. That desperation opens them up to “get rich quick” schemes that are targeting seniors and their money. Contractors, financial advisors and even family members can be the culprits looking to take advantage of the vulnerable. Contractors, financial advisors, accountants and lawyers can be checked out for problematic pasts, but a family member

with bad intentions can be most difficult to recognize.

For those seniors with a spouse, make sure your spouse is aware of what is going on with the investments and household finances that is just a good practice for a number of reasons. For those without a spouse or partner, a sibling, son, daughter or close friend may be honored to have you “consult” regarding day to day financial decisions.

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

Mark Patterson is an advisor with MHP Asset Management and can be reached at 447-1979 or Mark@MHP-Asset.com.

Adams, and drummer Ted Larkin to make a demo cd, and do some gigs around the Bos-

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Local audiologist certified to treat vestibular disorders

LACONIA — Laura O. Robertson, Au.D., Doctor of Audiology, has achieved Certification for the evaluation and treatment of Vestibular Disorders. Instruction, examination and certification were provided by the American Institute of Balance (AIB). AIB training is recognized by the American Institute of Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Robertson attended a course taught by Dr. Richard Gans, Ph.D., and Darren Kurtzer, Ph.D. While AIB is located in Clearwater, Florida, Dr. Robertson attended a course held in the Bronx, NY in mid-November, 2017.

Patients with equilibrium disorders do not have to be told, “learn to live with it.” There are successful management strategies which can allow them to return to nor-

mal lives. As the risk of falls increases significantly with age, it is vital to manage balance problems to keep people able to live in their own homes. Falls lead to loss of independence. Balance related falls are the leading cause of accidental death in individuals over 65. Dizziness is the most common health complaint stated by people aged 70 or more.

Trouble with balance can begin in childhood. It may be related to conditions present at birth. By age 8 and into the 30's, there is a risk of concussion while participating in physical activities. Dr. Robertson obtained AIB certification for evaluation and treatment of concussion previously this year. By puberty and into the 50's migraine symptoms may

develop. 25% of individuals with migraine will experience vertigo as an aura, either with

or without headache. By 50 and up, shingles may trigger vestibular

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

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

McCormack has been the unofficial curator of the Plymouth State University Draper & Maynard Collection for 15 years. Her program features a colorful, historical slideshow, focusing on the history

of the company, the infamous Boston Red Sox visits and information valuable to collectors of Draper & Maynard memorabilia.

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means the student has proven himself/herself capable of doing the work of an introductory-level course in a particular subject at college). (See chart for more information).

GHS students continue to exceed state and national Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) results. Students that took the SAT in 2017 scored an average of 532 in Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (increase from last year-526) and 540 in Mathematics (increase from last year-516). GHS students outperformed their peers across the state on the EBRW section of the assessment. Seventy percent of GHS students were proficient on this section compared to the New Hampshire proficiency rate of 66 percent. Proficiency rates on the math assessment show that 56 percent of students were proficient and above at GHS compared to the state average of 39 percent. The New England Common Assessment Program reported that the Science results at GHS outscored the state. Forty-nine percent of GHS students were proficient or above compared to 32 percent at the state level. Our students continue to make academic gains.

The Performing Arts Program continues to bring great pride to our school and community. The cast members in "Little Shop of Horrors" and "A Dollar" put on a magical play last spring. In the fall, the students showed off their talents to the musical, "Oliver" and drew some of the biggest crowds seen in years. The show was well attended by the community as well as by senior citizens who were treated to dinner and a show put on by the Interact Club in partnership with Gilford Rotary.

The boys tennis team captured their fifth state title in a row behind the leadership of coach Terry Wilson. They're currently on an 84 match winning streak. The Athletic Department established a Student Academic Leadership Team that promotes healthy choices for our

students through leadership opportunities.

Freshmen began obtaining their community service hours in October as part of the 24 hour requirement to graduate. The theme focused on GHS and the school community in and around school property. Some of the activities that students took part in were baking treats for staff members to show their appreciation, developed a mural for our LEAD (Learn, Excel, Achieve, Dream) motto, painted the dugouts, raked leaves around the campus, created random acts of kindness activities to last throughout the year, and learned the basics of first aid and CPR to name a few. Students were then treated to a barbeque and further collaborated with the two towns in team bonding activities.

Our students took part in giving back, not only in their community, but as far away as Texas with the hurricane Harvey relief effort. Our Interact Club, National Honor Society, and athletic teams challenged their classmates and community to bring in needed food items. The front entrance of the high school was filled with canned goods as well as many other useful items. A semi-truck drove the food down to Texas. Then, during Homecoming, our students and families donated over 455 pounds of food that were distributed to our local community. It was easy to see that our students understood what it means to give back to their community.

GHS continues to partner with local programs to offer students a less stressful, and a more physically and emotionally secure environment. Kerri Lowe, a substance misuse prevention coordinator at Partnership for Public Health, spoke to our student-athletes in the fall about making positive choices with their health. Lynn Lyons spoke to our community on anxiety and how it is affecting our children. There also is an Alateen group that has formed to assist those

students who have been affected by a family member that have dealt with alcohol addiction or other forms of addiction through Navigating Recovery in Laconia.

In 2017, our students traveled to Quebec and Montreal to immerse themselves in their culture. This was an enriching experience for them as many of the students commented on what a positive impact it had on them.

GHS is proud to announce that we have a Unites States Presidential Scholar recipient. Connor Craigie received the medallion in Washington, D.C. in June. Out of the 3.5 million students that graduated from high school last year, more than 5,100 candidates qualified for this award by demonstrating outstanding academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contributing to school and community. 161 students were recognized for this achievement and Connor is one of only 20 students that qualified in the area of Career and Technical Education.

Throughout the year, GHS staff have focused their professional development efforts in the following areas: analyzed student data using recent and longitudinal evidence, developed curriculum using Understanding by Design, created a curriculum map placing our curriculum in one common area, began addressing our needs for the New England Association for Schools and Colleges decennial visit, and continued to effectively use formative assessments to better assess teaching and learning in the academic program.

The towns of Gilford and Gilmanton have much to be proud of with the achievements your children make in a variety of areas. We are confident that with your continued support and with the dedication of our staff, they will be provided the personalized attention they need to be prepared for the world. Thank you for your support!

LIBRARY

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through the end of November circulation is up 1.2 percent over last year.

"This puts us at first in the state for the lowest cost per circulation, and sixth for circulation per capita," Dormody said.

Dormody said of those taking out materials, 60 percent were adults and 40 percent were children, 94 percent of the material checked out was physically taken off the shelves, and six percent was downloadable content and ebooks. This year they signed up over 400 new patrons and as of that meeting the library had 6,817 patrons.

Dormody said they received a memorial donation that will go towards the purchase of a new speaker system and camera. She said this will improve the quality of presentations at the library that are recorded and aired on Lakes Region Public Access.

One presentation scheduled they hope to record is "Medicinal Mushrooms" with mas-

ter herbalist Nathan Searles, which has been scheduled for Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

In the days following the meeting the library held different holiday themed events.

Gingerbread decorating took place the week of Dec. 13 with different decorating sessions for different grades. The session on Dec. 12 had to be postponed due to weather, though resumed the next day. Dormody said 35 kids were at the library for the start of the decorating.

"It's very much the holiday season in the library," Dormody said.

Saturday, Dec. 16 was the library open house sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The open house was held in place of the Candlelight Stroll, which was postponed this year. The event featured live music, visits with Santa, and free books for the children of library card holders.

Regularly scheduled story times will be back the first week of

January.

The library will be starting a few new programs in 2018. There will be an Arts Alive program for elementary school students and Yoga for Kids, a preschool program.

A winter reading program will take place for children of all ages.

The library will also take part in the statewide initiative called "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" which encourages children to read 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten.

Dormody said the library is in the midst of renewing its contract with its geothermal system provider, who now does all the services for the system.

"This year, we've been very fortunate not to have too many repairs on the system; probably the least since we started," Dormody said.

The library also switched back to using Fairpoint for its phone service, which Dormody said might save them \$50 a month on phone service.

TRANSFER

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vantage of a longer loan was having a longer time to pay it back with smaller annual payments.

"Which is going to be less painful: higher amount for shorter period of time or lower amount for a longer per of time? There is the crux of the matter," said board Chair Chan Eddy.

Selectman Richard Grenier asked what Finance Director Glenn Waring suggested. Dunn said he and Waring discussed this and agreed to give the board the numbers for the selectmen to pick the one they liked best.

Eddy said he was interested in seeing the total payouts for both loans compared to each other.

Dunn said the 2018 budget included just the interest payment based on the numbers from the Bond Bank.

Eddy said he would rather postpone the

vote on this until the Dec. 27 meeting, though Dunn said the Bond Bank's deadline was that Friday. Eddy said he was not pleased with the short deadline and would rather take time to consider this. Dunn said they could meet on this the following day before the Budget Committee meeting and he would present more concise numbers.

The selectmen reconvened the meeting on Dec. 14, where Dunn said the Bond Bank option the town would pay \$13,528 in 2018, which accounted for interest. The Bank of NH option would save the town around \$133,000 in interest, though the annual payments would significantly increase. Instead of budgeting for \$13,528 in 2018 the town instead would budget \$107,745.

"Even though if we pay a little bit more each year, we're only

paying over 10 years versus 20 years, and we save ourselves a considerable amount of money in the long run," Eddy said.

Dunn said if maintaining the tax rate does not absorb the extra cost they could be covered with fund balance surplus if the selectmen wish.

"I don't want to burden the taxpayers for 20 years, and we're saving them \$133,000 by going to a 10 year," Grenier said.

Grenier said he understands they will have to pay more sooner, Eddy said they will be able to get out from under it sooner.

"Let's get this paid off as quickly as we can and save some money in the long run it means paying a little more," Eddy said.

The selectmen unanimously approved going for the 10 year, 2.48 fixed percent loan from Bank of NH.

MASCIO

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Lissa is joining the Prescott Farm team in a newly created position, focusing on advocacy, outreach and stewardship of the mission.

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

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

the mission of Prescott Farm, her strengths as a relationship-builder and communicator, and her boundless energy make her a great addition to our team!"

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 environmental education center committed to helping people discover their own connections to the natural world. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on educational programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Prescott Farm is the ideal place to unplug, relax, and explore independently or with one of the many programs led by experienced naturalists. It is a designated wildlife

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NOTEBOOK

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--Get another cat that is from a proven long line of really good mousers. This will enable me to avoid having to tend a trap line. Trap lines are no fun unless you get to hole up in a cabin all winter, drinking cheap whis-

ky and thinking about how to build a better mouse trap, and emerge in the spring, rubbing your eyes like a half-blind woodchuck.

--Wire up the Deep Winter Woodshed, right there beside the outdoor furnace, so I can actually see what I'm doing when I'm out there in the dark heaving 100-pound pieces of wood around. It's an expensive prospect, but it has to be worth the lot

cheaper than visiting the Emergency Room.

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

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WARRIORS

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bird-watching trip to see raptors in the New Hampshire mountains. Emily Dickinson's poem sprang to mind. It reads: "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tune - without the words and never stops at all."

His story of recovery offers hope to thousands of military personnel who suffer this physical and mental internal battle.

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ROBERTSON

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neuritis, a common cause of vertigo.

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Treatment is most successful when performed within a multidisciplinary approach. Key members of the evaluation and rehabilitation team may

include: physicians, audiologists, nurses, physical and occupational therapists and other allied health specialists. Communicating to your health care provider about your dizziness or balance problem is vital. A review of your medications is the first step toward finding improvement. If a solution is not easily identified, then it is time to ask for a referral or visit your audiologist for further care.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

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

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

Here are some ideas to think about:

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

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

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

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

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

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

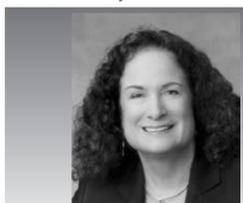
- Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets. We've had a long run of rising stock prices - but it won't last forever. If we experience a sharp market downturn in 2018, don't overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you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

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

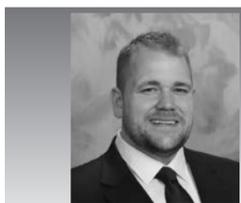
try to determine, possibly with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk - or possibly too little risk - with your investments.

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

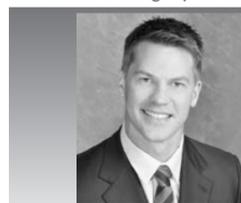
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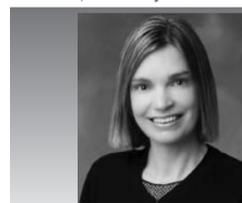
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DINNER

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else for two years. Alward said her mother had always been involved in the community and her parents came up with the idea of holding a free Christmas dinner. "The church has always been gracious and opened their doors," Alward said. "It's been going on ever since." The dinner is open to anyone who wants to take part with no prerequisites. "If you have a need to be with people or fill your belly on Christ-

mas your welcome to be here," Alward said. Attendees are asked to make reservations, though Alward said they prepare to have 20 more people than projected. There were 137 reservations and Alward said they were prepared to make food for 200 people. Alward said she still anticipated a large crowd despite the snow predictions. She said in 21 years they have had two or three Christmases with poor weather and they still saw a lot of people.



Volunteers lay out tablecloths for the Free Christmas Dinner. ERIN PLUMMER

All leftover food is donated to the Friendly Kitchen. The dinner is funded by the church and by private donations, people will also drop by with dishes. The dinner has amassed a large number of volunteers helping to set up and pre-

pare on Christmas Eve and help out on Christmas Day. Alward said there are so many people involved she could walk out the door and everyone would still do what needed to be done. She said there are some who have been involved for a long time. "I watched their kids grow up," Alward said. Lynn and Abe Dadian of Meredith have been volunteering at the dinner for around seven years. "It's just one of those

random acts of kindness," Lynn Dadian said. She said she is happy to help, saying this is just two hours of her time to make a difference. "It's just a way to give," Abe Dadian said. Abe said they try to help out in the community, such as give people rides. Lynn said she especially enjoys the dinner's camaraderie, saying this is like an Old Home Week where she sees so many people she usually doesn't see all year.

"I think it's a good thing that J's been doing here and her parents before that," Lynn said. Erin Zarella of Gilford said her family has been taking part since her daughters were little. This year Kayla and Cecilia Zarella are older and volunteering as well. "I like that we're giving back to the community," Erin Zarella said. She said her family volunteers in many places. "I want my girls to be with their community," Zarella said. Shirley of Laconia said she has been doing some cooking for the dinner for several years and this was her first year setting up. She said the dinner is always delicious. "It's hot, it's served fast," Shirley said. She said the music performed before the meal is a highlight.

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

BY BOB MARTIN

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

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

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

In the second period, the Renegades struck first with a goal by Brett Burns, assisted by Garrett McCarthy and Brett Caswell with 11:22 remaining.

Belmont/Gilford's Zach Gilbert was called for tripping and the Renegades had a power play with 8:30 left,



BOB MARTIN

Harrison Parent brings the puck up the ice against Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes but the Bulldogs fought through it and tied up the game 1-1 with an un-



BOB MARTIN

Troy Gallagher winds up for a slap shot against the Renegades in a 3-3 tie.

assisted, shorthanded goal by Harrison Parent.

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

"That line is really

putting it together this year," said Belmont/Gilford coach Dave Saball.

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

With a 2-2 game in the third period, both teams were amped up and knew it could go any way. The intensity was high, with good, clean hits on both sides. However, both teams had some penalties resulting in power plays in the period. At one point, it was four on four, and with seven minutes remaining Harrison Parent took a shot as he was getting hit near the goal and put it in for the 3-2 lead.

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

The goal was assisted by Broedy Gagnon and Troy Gallagher.

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

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

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

There were opportunities for both teams to score at the end of the third period, but more outstanding work in goal led the bout into overtime. Overtime saw the teams, which were gassed but throwing every ounce of energy out there, firing off shots left and right. Sorokin had several slap shots that ended up in the chest of McGreevy and the Bulldogs had some close shots that just missed.

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

"I thought both teams played really well," said Saball. "It was a good up and down, hard fought game. We got a chance

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Holiday Hoop Tournament under way in Gilford

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — High School basketball teams from around the

Lakes Region will be on holiday break this week, but that doesn't mean they won't be out on the court playing

ball. Starting on Dec. 27 Gilford High School will once again host the Holiday Hoop

Tournament that will pit eight local teams against each other, and eventually crown a boys' and girls' win-

ner.

For the girls, the first round began with the Winnisquam Bears taking on the Belmont Red Raiders at 11:30 a.m. in the Gilford High School gym on Dec. 27. At the same time Prospect Mountain will be up against Laconia in the middle school gym.

At 2:30 p.m. Newfound was up against Kingswood in the middle school gym and Gilford was playing Moultonborough Academy in the high school gym.

The first round for the boys started with Winnisquam against Belmont at 1 p.m. in the high school gym, as well as Prospect Mountain against Laconia in the middle school gym at the same time. At 4 p.m. Newfound went up against Kingswood in the middle school gym and Gilford faced Moultonborough in the high school.

The semifinals take place on Dec. 28, with all games taking place at the Gilford High School gym.

For the girls, the

winner of the game between Belmont and Winnisquam will take on the winner of Laconia and Prospect Mountain at 11:30 a.m.

The winner of Kingswood and Newfound will be up against the winner of Moultonborough and Gilford at 2:30 p.m.

For the boys, the winner of Belmont and Winnisquam will meet the winner of Laconia and Prospect Mountain in the semifinals for a 1 p.m. match-up. The winner of the game between Kingswood and Newfound will take on the winner of the game between Moultonborough and Gilford at 4 p.m.

There will be consolation games for the girls at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. for the boys. These games will be held in the middle school gym.

The finals will take place on Dec. 29 at the high school gym with the girls' game at 4:30 p.m. and the boys' game immediately following at 6 p.m.

Chris Martin to address Trout Unlimited on Jan. 16

PLYMOUTH — Seeing a Bald Eagle on local lakes or rivers still comes as a pleasant surprise to many. Some of the thanks go to Chris Martin, who has worked for New Hampshire Audubon for more than 26 years as a Conservation Biologist, specializing in birds of prey. Martin has climbed to bald eagle nests in Alaska's Katmai National Park, counted seabirds near the Aleutian Islands and will be the guest speaker at the Pemigewasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited's monthly meeting. He will speak about the remarkable recovery of the Bald Eagle in NH.

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Chris Martin will be addressing the local chapter of Trout Unlimited.



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Chris Martin has specialized in bald eagles and other birds of prey.

Pemigewasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Jan. 16, meeting, 7 p.m. at the Common Man Inn, in Plymouth and meet Martin and fellow fishermen. There will be a raffle with the proceeds going toward sending a lucky boy or girl to the Barry Fishing Camp.

Trout Unlimited is a non-profit organization with a mission dedicated to conserve, protect and restore North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds. Membership is open to all; meetings are free and open to the public. Visit www.pemigewasset.tu.org and like the group on Facebook.

Team O'Neil completes successful season

DALTON — With two titles secured in October, Team O'Neil Motorsports recently completed a successful 2017 season of competition. Driver and car owner Dave Wallingford (Columbus, Ohio) and co-driver Leanne Junnila (Calgary, Alberta) garnered two separate 2WD championship titles; the Canadian Rally Championship (CRC), as well as the North American Rally Cup (NARC). Junnila also finished first in the Canadian Ladies Cup.

The team successfully campaigned its Ford Fiesta R2T across the United States, Mexico and Canada. Highlights of the season included a podium finish in class at WRC Mexico, competing at the Mt. Washington Climb to the Clouds, and contesting the majority of American Rally Association and Rally America events. The results were that much more impressive considering the 2017 season was only Wallingford's second full season of stage rally competition.

In the season's final event, Wallingford and Junnila brought home a convincing victory at the Big White Winter Rally in Kelowna, BC Canada. The victory was particularly satisfying given Wallingford's relative lack of stage rally experience in winter conditions. The event delivered with snow-covered roads that challenged competitors. The slick roads collected their

share of casualties, Wallingford and Junnila were among only a few competitors to successfully navigate the three-day event in aggressive fashion.

"Big White Winter Rally was a great event," stated Wallingford. "I've struggled at snow rallies in the past, but I think I was able to balance the patience required for racing in the snow with my desire to go fast. I drove consistently and stayed out of the snow banks, so we didn't have any of the drama that our competitors did, and I finally enjoyed a winter rally. Winning 2WD was a great bonus."

With the 2017 season complete, the team is already fully-focused on 2018 and making the jump to AWD competition in a M-Sport built Ford Fiesta ST production vehicle, the all-wheel-drive Fiesta R5 is M-Sport's most successful global rally car with over 200 of the cars competing around the world.

"Winning the CRC and NARC 2WD championships was a great way to end 2017," stated Wallingford. "It's given me the confidence to step up to the next level of competition in the Fiesta R5. I'll be competing against the top teams in the US and Canada, and I plan to see how I do against international competitors in a few WRC events as well. It's a big step up, so I have my work cut out

for me over the winter to get ready for 2018."

Events tentatively on the 2018 schedule for the team include WRC Mexico, WRC Spain and WRC Great Britain. In addition to international competition, Wallingford and Junnila plan to once again campaign the full American Rally Association series in 2018. For continuing updates on the car, results and the team's competition schedule follow Wallingford's Instagram "savage-daverally" or Team O'Neil Rally School on Facebook "teamoneilrally", Instagram "teamoneil", YouTube "teamoneilrally" or visit TeamOneil.com.

For the past 20 years Team O'Neil Rally School located in Dalton has offered a variety of dirt and gravel road driving courses, including rally driving, winter safe driving, off-road and security courses for individuals, private companies and government agencies. Courses offer educational and recreational experiences appropriate for all abilities. The facility sits on 585 acres of rolling terrain with over six miles of stage rally roads, and miles of OHRV and four-wheel drive trails. The Motorsports division offers competition rally car preparation, support and serves as the United States distributor of M-Sport parts and car kits. For more information visit teamoneil.com.

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Gilford girls get revenge on White Mountains

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Gilford girls' basketball team wasted no time in redeeming themselves from an opening night loss by beating White Mountains 50-35 to bring the team to a 2-2 record entering the holiday break.

The win on Dec. 19 was a much better showing than the 36-29 loss to White Mountains on the first of the month. This time around Gilford wasted no time and jumped out early with a 20-1 lead after one quarter.

Ten of the team's 20 points in the first quarter came from Hannah

Perkins. Forge said the White Mountain squad not only had trouble finding the basket, but his team was doing a great job making shots, saying they shot "lights out."

"They couldn't buy a basket and we couldn't miss," Forge said. "We put the pressure on early and forced some turnovers. We were able to dictate the flow and the tempo of the game."

The Golden Eagles had a 26-6 lead by half-time and at this point everyone on the team had been on the court for Gilford. Forge said it was nice to go deep into the bench and get everyone involved. It was a 36-22 game in the third quar-



BOB MARTIN

ter, and at this point Gilford was cruising.

Perkins ended with 15 points and 13 rebounds, with Forge saying she was a monster from the

beginning. Perkins had eight of her 13 rebounds in the opening quarter. Forge said a key of the game was rebounding, with Gilford outrebound-

ing White Mountains 38 to 23. There were plenty of put backs throughout the game, as the team had 11 offensive rebounds.

Senior captain Brooke Beaudet scored 11 points in the win, with all of them coming in the fourth quarter. Forge said the White Mountains squad shut down Beaudet early but she opened up in the final quarter to help push the Golden Eagles to victory.

Other top performers included Shelby Cole with nine points, Lauren Dean with eight points and Abby O'Connor with six points off the bench.

"Abby has been get-

ting better every day," said Forge. "She is working hard and has turned into a great option off the bench. I call her our Kevin McHale."

White Mountains came into the game 4-0, and Forge was happy to see his team come away with a solid win. Up to this point the Golden Eagles have been on both the positive and negative ends of close games.

Forge knows that when he looks at his 2-2 record the team could easily be either 4-0 or 0-4. That doesn't change the fact that Gilford came away with its second straight win. This time it was against one of the stronger teams in Division 3, and one that had already beaten the Golden Eagles on opening night.

"It was our first home game and we were playing on a familiar court," Forge said. "The kids were motivated last night and knew what needed to be done. We know that every night we need to come to play and play all 32 minutes, and I think the kids are picking up on that and finding their roles on the team."

Ice fishing seminar is Jan. 10 in Concord

CONCORD — Mark your calendars and plan some new adventures for the upcoming ice fishing season. New Hampshire Fish and Game is hosting a free ice fishing seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord. The talk begins at 7 p.m.

The featured presenter will be New Hampshire fishing guide Tim Moore. In his talk, Moore will explain the tools and techniques he uses to catch white perch and lake trout through the ice. You'll get the latest insights on equipment and gear, where to find these fish, and strategies for angling success. Both

experienced ice anglers and those new to the sport are welcome.

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

Moore is a full-time New Hampshire fishing

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

Free workshop on snowshoe hare hunting Jan. 20

HOLDERNESS — Learn about the exciting sport of snowshoe hare hunting at a free workshop being offered at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's Owl Brook Hunter Education Center in Holderness. The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

This year, registration for the workshop will be completed online. To register, visit www.huntnh.com/hunting/owl-brook.html. Under "View Classes at Owl Brook," select "Learn to Hunt" and select "Snowshoe Hare Hunting Workshop."

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Laconia Lacrosse Club hosting free clinics

LACONIA — In preparation for the spring lacrosse season, girls and boys in grades one through eight from Meredith, Center Harbor, Franklin, Tilton, Sanbornton, Belmont and Laconia are all invited to try lacrosse at the Laconia Lacrosse Club free clinics, Sunday nights, beginning Jan. 7.

Clinics will be held in the Laconia High School

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HOCKEY

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and they got a chance, back and forth. The kids played hard and I know the kids were getting tired out there and both goalies had outstanding games in net."

The Bulldogs had McGreevy in goal and despite his young age, he did not disappoint. McGreevy handled 42 shots from the Renegades coming at him from all angles.

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

Yaeger had similar sentiments, saying it was a night where the goalies were the stars, but that both teams

played their hearts out. Sanders had the task of fighting off 36 shots by the Bulldogs, saving 33 of them.

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

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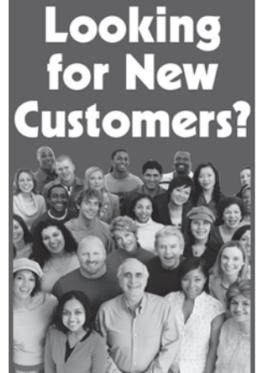
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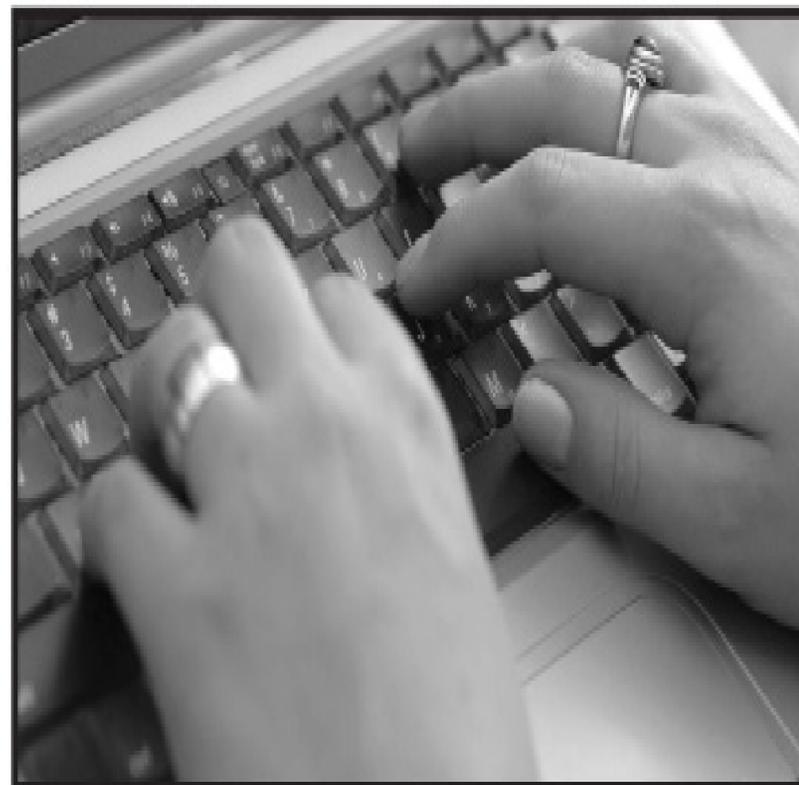
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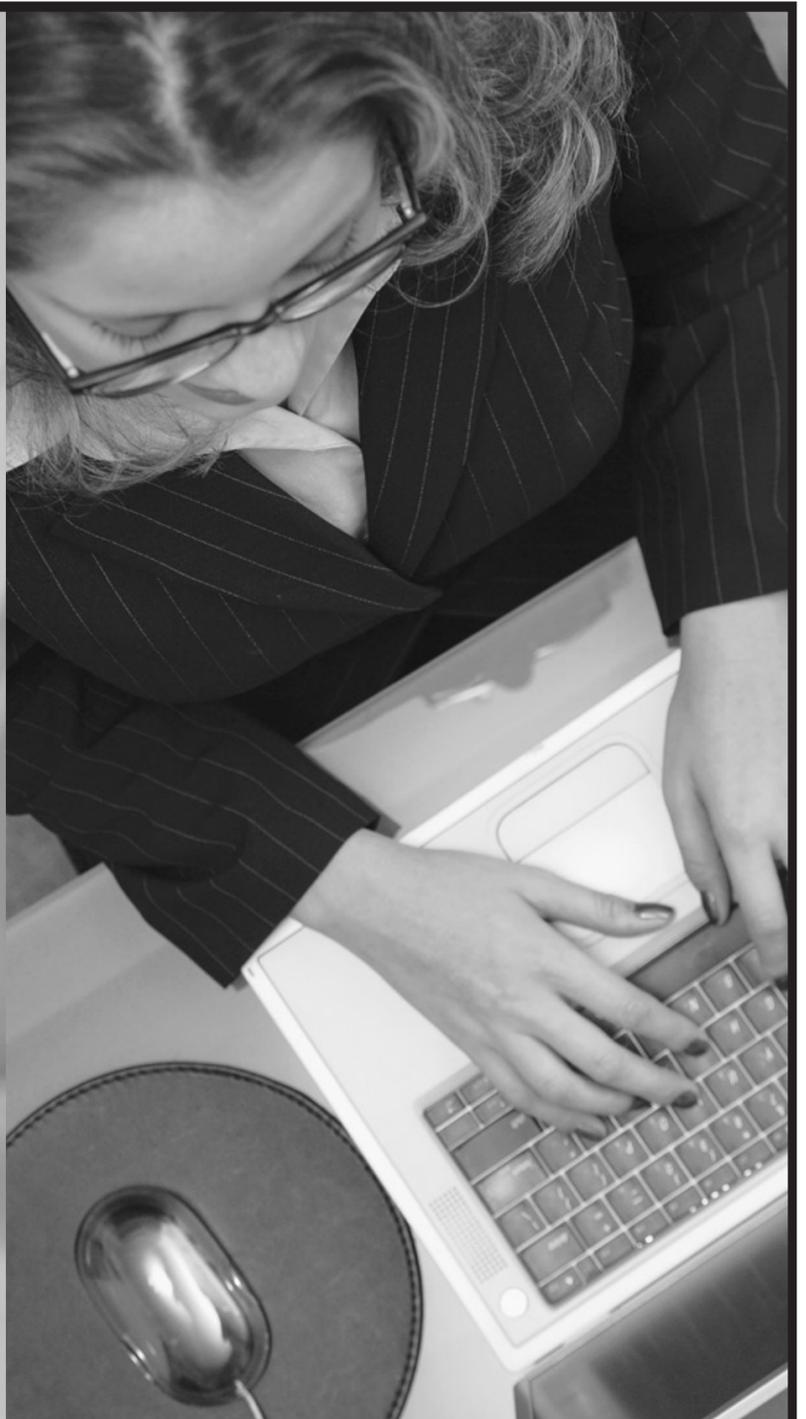
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 Military Appreciation -\$500
 Competitive Lease -\$1000

HURRY IN FOR SAVINGS!

TOTAL SAVINGS \$6,909

BUY FOR **\$32,411***

2017 JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE



#SCT7691, MSRP \$27,615
AutoServ -\$1,404
 Rebate -\$4000
 Military Appreciation -\$500
 Sub-Prime Credit -\$1500

LEASE FOR **\$179***

PER MO. FOR 48 MOS.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$7,404

BUY FOR **\$20,211*** OR LEASE FOR **\$251***
 PER MO. FOR 48 MOS.

SIGN AND DRIVE

ZERO DOWN!

2018 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE



#CT18053, MSRP \$32,835
AutoServ -\$2,541
 Rebate -\$2500
 Military Appreciation -\$500
 Sub-Prime Credit -\$1500
 Chrysler Capital Bonus -\$500
 Owner Lease Loyalty -\$500

LEASE FOR **\$233***

PER MO. FOR 36 MOS.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$8,041

BUY FOR **\$27,044*** OR LEASE FOR **\$318***
 PER MO. FOR 36 MOS.

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2017 RAM 1500 EXPRESS V-6 QUAD



#SCT7496, MSRP \$41,215
AutoServ -\$2,580
 Rebate -\$6,250
 Owner Lease Loyalty -\$2,500
 Military Appreciation -\$500
 Sub-Prime Credit -\$1500
 Chrysler Capital Bonus -\$500

LEASE FOR **\$222***

PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$13,830

BUY FOR **\$27,385*** OR LEASE FOR **\$309***
 PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

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2018 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING L PLUS



#CT18060, MSRP \$36,590
AutoServ -\$3,211
 Rebate -\$1000
 Competitive Lease -\$1000
 Military Appreciation -\$500
 Select Inventory Bonus Cash -\$1000

LEASE FOR **\$246***

PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$6,711

BUY FOR **\$29,590*** OR LEASE FOR **\$324***
 PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

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2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE



#CT8006, MSRP \$40,085
AutoServ -\$3,022
 Rebate -\$2,000
 Competitive Lease -\$1000
 Military Appreciation -\$500

LEASE FOR **\$264***

PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$6,522

BUY FOR **\$33,563*** OR LEASE FOR **\$348***
 PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

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2018 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SPORT



#SCT18169, MSRP \$36,894
AutoServ -\$2580
 Military Appreciation -\$500

LEASE FOR **\$244***

PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

TOTAL SAVINGS \$3,080

BUY FOR **\$33,814*** OR LEASE FOR **\$327***
 PER MO. FOR 39 MOS.

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