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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

# Thousands turn out for fall-themed fun at NH Pumpkin Festival

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LACONIA — Carved pumpkins, painted pumpkins, pumpkin dishes, and so much more pumpkin fun could be found at New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival.

This is the third year the Pumpkin Festival has made its home in downtown Laconia. The main festivities took place on Saturday, with a special preview on Friday night.

The Pumpkin Festival was organized by the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. Thousands of people gathered for the festivities under sunny skies.

"We were blessed with beautiful weather," said Joanne



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Kaleigha Huffer, seven, and Robert Jenot, Jr., 11, race against each other in the kids tractor pull during the New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival.

## Town reviving forgotten forestry fund

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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The town is unearthing a forestry fund that was started in 1981 and forgotten about, with the selectmen approving some seed money.

Conservation Commission Chair Carol Hall spoke to the board of selectmen about the fund during Wednesday's meeting.

Hall said around a month ago the Conservation Commission talked with Town Administrator Scott Dunn about a warrant article to establish a fund for forest management. Under state law towns can form a fund of money generated from timber cutting on town land to be put toward forest management.

Conservation Commission member Everett McLaughlin did some research and discovered that such an account was already formed with approval from voters at the 1981 town meeting. Nothing more was mentioned of this account until recently.

Research by Tim Nolan indicated that the Tilton property had been logged in the 1990's, generating around \$46,000 that Hall said likely went into the general fund.

"Clearly, somewhere along the line, the town made an egregious mistake," Dunn said.

The Conservation Commission has been doing forestry management. SEE FORESTRY PAGE A13

Haight, Membership Manager for the Lakes Region Chamber.

Haight said a number of hotels in the area had many guests registering. Haight said he spoke with a couple from California staying in the area. They were going to spend time in Boston but decided to go to the Pumpkin Festival instead.

The festival featured an array of activities, games, and plenty of pumpkins from all over the Lakes Region. Schools, senior communities, and other groups carved pumpkins that had been donated by a number of local businesses.

Haight said they also wanted to include an agricultural component.

"We planted seeds literally with students back on Earth Day," Haight said.

Haight said this event greatly helps local businesses.

"It's good for business to bring tens of thousands of people to their doorstep," Haight said.

The Belknap Mill Society held its first ever Great Pump-

kin Cook-Off where nine area restaurants served various pumpkin creations. For a \$5 donation to the mill participants sampled the food and voted on their favorites in different categories.

"It's a great community event; we're happy to be a part of it, and it's great to see so many people out enjoying our city," said Belknap Mill Events and Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean.

Between the Bagel of Moultonborough and Gilford served a special pumpkin cream cheese. Owner Craig Roeder said they found out about this competition the Friday before the event.

"I've never tried making a pumpkin bagel before," Roeder said.

Roeder said they wanted people to know this is all for a good cause and is a way for people to try local food.

"I think it's really bringing a lot of people to the area," Roeder said of the Pumpkin Festival. "I think it's a great thing for the community."

Curt's Caterers of Gilford served a pumpkin turnover with a jam. SEE PUMPKIN FEST PAGE A14

## GHS Unified teams offer opportunities, create bonds

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Unified teams at Gilford High School are giving all kids the ability to play together and have fun on the athletic field.

Fall sports are in full swing at GHS and Gilford Middle School and among the teams giving it their all on the field is Unified Soccer for both schools. During the winter season Unified Basketball will play and Unified Volleyball gets into gear in the spring. All of these teams combine students of all genders, ages, and abilities in their respective sports with students put into middle school and high school teams. Members of Unified sports will play other schools for a chance to win, though in the process all participants will form special bonds and have the opportunity to do their best.

Members of Unified will also do other activities throughout the school year. Unified Soccer head coach Laurie Belanger said this gives kids with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to play with other kids.

"It really changes the



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The GHS Unified Soccer team gives it their all.

culture of high school because it makes sports accessible to all kids," Belanger said.

On Wednesday Gilford High School's Unified Soccer team played a home game against Laconia High School. After going into extra time, the team came out victorious with a score of 2-1. During the game team members encouraged each other on the field cheering them on. SEE UNIFIED PAGE A14

## Sets for "Oliver" coming together

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Gilford High School's backstage crew is putting together scenes from 19th Century England for the set of the coming production of "Oliver."

Members of the tech crew have been working for the last couple weeks to design and build the scenery and sets for the play in time for its opening in November.

GHS Auditorium Director Scott Piddington said this show has a complicated set



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Leah McClinton helps put together sets for the coming Gilford High School production of "Oliver."

design.

"It's one of those big set shows," Piddington said.

Set designs include a replica of London Bridge that appears in various points of the

show as well as the streets, workhouse, and many more

SEE OLIVER PAGE A13

## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS  
Library Correspondent

Our display area hosts all kinds of art. Recently, we've seen art from Gilford High School students, a model train collection, egg shell art, local photography. It is building a reputation, thanks to Joanne's work in finding talented artists to share their work and the magnanimity of the artists themselves.

This month stands out with a collection of paintings by Jill Drew, who catered a themed collection for the library display specifically. Jill had only been painting for six months when Joanne asked her to display her work, but you would never know from seeing it. There seem to be two collections here, one is that of beautiful, flowing gowns, liquid hair, and vibrant colors. The other is a set of portraits, each of which depicts a soldier that fell in U.S. conflict. The dichotomy is stark, but they demonstrate Jill's eagerness to try new mediums and new materials.

I asked Jill what motivated her, and her explanation made it clear that motivation is abundant. She started painting beautiful things. As she believes, 'Love is the inspiration for art.' She likes

to paint emotion into her scenes, especially using a mix of watercolor and acrylic paint called gouache. Word for word, she said, "I have no idea what I'm doing," but that is the case for any artist that knows they have more to learn and do.

The fallen soldiers exhibit was conceived for this month's display because Jill wanted to paint a theme that held meaning for her. She has 'great respect for our military' and she thought that commemorating soldiers who have fallen in conflict would reflect that respect. She was right, in that the response of the families has been profound. A mother said to Jill, "You are keeping them alive." Painting soldiers is profoundly emotional for Jill. She explains, "It's a simple thing, but it has an impact."

She has made prints for the families. Originally, she thought about giving the paintings to the families, as giving away her paintings is her favorite thing to do with them, but most families asked that the portraits be shared and displayed so that they could be seen. There are more than 80 fallen soldiers from Maine and New Hampshire from the current con-

flict, she pointed out, so she has plenty of work ahead.

Although Jill has only been painting for a year, she has big plans. There are different mediums she would like to try and different subjects to paint. Her kids are either off to college or soon to go, so she has more time to explore her art. Having moved to Gilford with her husband and kids from Maine two years ago, Jill is a welcome addition to the town. We can meet her next week on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 5-7 p.m. during a special 'Meet the Artist' session being held right among her art in the display area. Don't miss the chance to meet Jill!

### Classes & Special Events Oct. 19 to Oct. 25

**Thursday, Oct. 19**  
Play and Learn, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join Maria for this directed playgroup

for preschoolers. We'll read, sing, and practice various early learning skills through play. Sign up required.

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

This month's book discussion is "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware, described as "... tense, claustrophobic mystery..." Copies are available at the circulation desk, and the discussion will be led by Kayleigh Mahan.

**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.**

**Evening Book Discussion, 6-7 p.m.**

See 'Brown Bag Book Discussion' above.

**Friday, Oct. 20**  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, and a craft! Ages three to five

with a caregiver, sign up required.

**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, Oct. 23

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

**Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.**

**Lego Challenge Club, 3:15-4:15 p.m.**

Join us for a new challenge every week! K - fourth grade

### Tuesday, Oct. 24

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

**Tuesdays @ the Library: Worry Dolls, 3:15-4:15 p.m.**

Tuesdays @ the Library is our new elementary after school program. All sessions include a book and activity. We meet three times/month, and the third time each month will be a special volunteer @ the library day that will include a great snack. Sign up for one or for all! It's

**Volunteer Day!** Join us to straighten shelves, organize toys, prep for the Halloween Party, and more. When we're done we'll eat caramel popcorn! Ages K-4, younger ages need caregiver help/supervision.

**Family Movie Night: Hotel Transylvania, 5:30-7 p.m.**

Families are welcome to watch a Halloween movie here at the library.

**Mystery Book Group, 6-7 p.m.**

Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of this month's book, *The Ice House* by Minette Walters. Copies are available at the front desk.

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

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

**Candy Apple Pops for Teens, 3-4 p.m.**

Make your own candy apple pops your way at the Library. There will be plenty of sweet treats to eat. Fifth-12th grade.

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Glass Houses" by Louise Penny
2. "Haunted" by James Patterson and James O. Born
3. "The Cuban Affair" by Nelson Demille
4. "Don't Let Go" by Archer Mayor
5. "The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye" by David Lagercrantz
6. "Trace" by Archer Mayor
7. "The Good Daughter" by Karin Slaughter
8. "Unbelievable" by Katy Tur
9. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
10. "Crime Scene" by Jonathan Kellerman

## GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 363 calls for service and made the following arrests from Oct. 2-15. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Caitlin E. Fillion, age 28, of Gilmanton was arrested on Oct. 2 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny).

Janelle A. Martinez, age 45, of Laconia was arrested on Oct. 2 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny).

Albert Douglas

Lynch, age 45, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 2 for Operating After Certification as a Habitual Offender.

Kevin Clague, age 35, of New Durham was arrested on Oct. 3 on two counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount less than \$1,000.

Amy Marie Canterbury, age 33, no known address, was arrested on Oct. 3 in connection with a bench warrant.

Timothy J. Spooner, age 30, of Laconia was arrested on Oct. 4 for Criminal Mischief.

Talia A. Conway, age 30, of Meredith was arrested on Oct. 4 for Theft By Unauthorized

Taking in an amount less than \$1,000.

Carrie Conway, age 38, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 6 for Operating Without a Valid License and Possession of a Controlled Drug.

A 51-year-old male from Gilford was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Oct. 6.

Paul Young, age 49, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 7 in connection with a bench warrant.

Timothy J. Spooner, age 30, of Laconia was arrested on Oct. 8 for Breach of Bail, Criminal Threatening (conduct), and two counts of Criminal Mischief.

A 38-year-old male from Gilford was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Oct. 13.

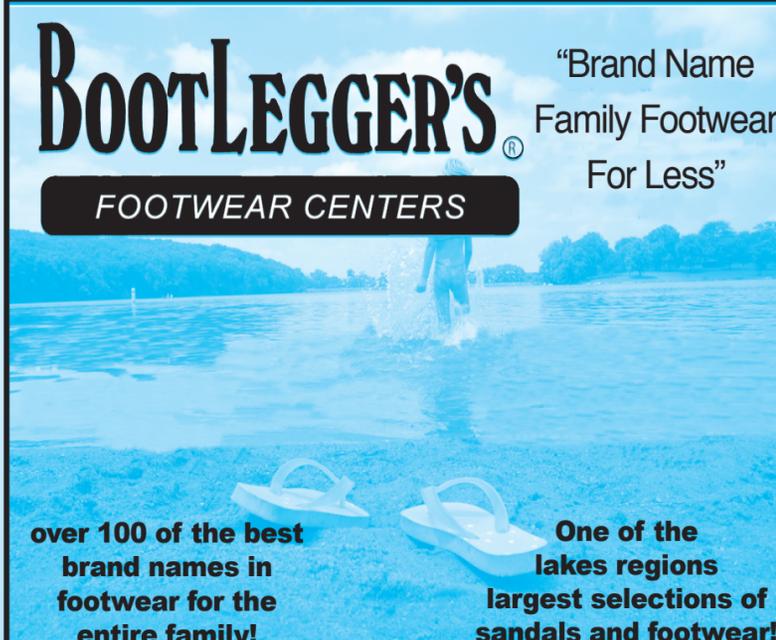
Kaylen Joy Longnecker, age 27, of Bristol was arrested on Oct. 13 for Driving While Intoxicated.

David Jason Horvath, age 39, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 14 for Unlawful Activities; Litter Control.

Reagan E. Jorgensen, age 18, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 15 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol. A 38-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.



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# Carving party at GMS contributes to Pumpkin Festival

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Gilford Middle School held one big pumpkin carving party for the NH Pumpkin Festival thanks to some generous donors.

On Thursday afternoon, most every kid in the school went outside to collect a pumpkin and then worked on tables set up around the school grounds to carve their own designs. Overall around 350 decorated pumpkins were taken to Laconia and mounted in the Bank of New Hampshire parking lot



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Gilford Middle School art teacher Aaron Witham helps distribute pumpkins to students.

for Pumpkin Fest. "One of the school board's goals is community involvement; that's something we try to do," said teacher Aaron Witham.



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(Left) Kids get to work on their pumpkins.

do that. Three years ago, a similar event took place for the first Pumpkin Festival in Laconia when event organizers donated pumpkins to the school. Witham and Amber McLane coordinated the first pumpkin carving two years ago.

Last year, the school did not receive such a donation and only the sixth graders did the carving.

This year, the school received 350 pumpkins though a contribution by Mark Bourgeois and family and MB Tractor and Equipment as well as assistance from Winnepesaukee Woods Farm and John H. Lyman & Sons, Inc.

GMS Principal Peter Sawyer said when they learned they got so many pumpkins they decided to do a school-wide carving.

"We're glad its back," Sawyer said.

The carving was organized by the Unified Arts teachers and had numerous parent volunteers as well as volunteers from the Parks and Recreation Department.

Before the carving the kids watched a video in their classes on the basics of carving and cleaning out a pumpkin.

Many kids carved their own designs and a number used patterns.

The seeds were taken into the kitchen where volunteers roasted them. The roasted pumpkin seeds will be served at snack time.

Sawyer said it always feels nice to help out.

Sawyer said the Volunteer Steering Committee did a nice job of getting the pumpkins out.

"If it wasn't for the Bourgeois family we would have had the kids bring them in," said organizer Andrea Damato.

Many students said they loved doing this activity.

"It's a great festive activity," said Jalen Reese.

"I think it's pretty good once you get the

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## GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

BY HERB GREENE  
Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Youth Basketball registration night on Wednesday, Oct. 25

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will begin accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Program for Gilford children in grades one through six on Monday, Oct. 23. The Recreation Department will be holding a Registration Night on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Office. Registration deadline for all divisions is Wednesday, Nov. 8.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Herb Greene at 527-4722.

### Senior Moment-um Blood Pressure screening, lunch and presentation by VNA - Monday, Oct. 23

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Oct. 23. We will meet at the Community Church, Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. The Lakes Region VNA will be sponsoring a blood pressure clinic/screening for any interested participants. Following these screenings at approximately noon, we will be serving a lunch of beef stew, rolls and butter. After lunch, Mary Ellen McCormack, Nurse Liaison for the Lakes Region VNA will hold a brief presentation covering the variety of services and resources available through the VNA. The cost for lunch will be \$3 per person and coffee, tea, and water will be provided as well! Participants are asked to please RSVP by Friday, Oct. 19.

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

### Adult Pick-up Basketball continues on Thursday evenings

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Pick-up Basketball program for adults ages 18

and up, every Thursday evening from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Gilford Middle School Gymnasium. This program runs through the Nov. 16 (no program on Nov. 9). There is a \$2 fee per participant, per evening. This program is open to any interested adults and no pre registration is required.

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

### Senior Strides weekly walking program on Wednesday mornings

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford Youth Center are co-sponsoring a weekly walking program for senior adults on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 a.m. at the Gilford Youth Center. Participants can track their progress or just walk for fun and socialize with friends. Weather permitting; there may be an option to walk outside through the village as well. There will be plenty of chairs

available to take a break as you wish and coffee, tea and water will be provided. A \$1 donation is suggested and fees will go towards monthly raffles and prizes.

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

### Gunstock Ski/Snowboard program registration deadline Nov. 8!

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a four-week learn to ski/snowboard program to be held at Gunstock Ski Area for Gilford children in grades K-6. This program will be running from 4:30 - 8 p.m. every Tuesday from January 2nd - January 23rd, 2018. There is also rental equipment available to those who need it. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 8.

For more information, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Herb Greene at 527-4722.

### Annual "Halloween Happening" Party on Oct. 27

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring their annual "Halloween Happening" Party on Friday, Oct. 27 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Gilford Middle School Gym and Cafeteria. This party is open to all Gilford children up through the sixth grade. Activities will include; Give-Aways, The Monster Mash Raffle, Costume Contest, Halloween Games and of course the annual Halloween Jail and Pillow Fight Ring. Cupcake decorating and Halloween crafts will again be available in the cafeteria (until 6:30 p.m.)!

As always, the Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to assist with the party. Help is needed with running games/activities during the party and clean-up following the party.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please call

the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

\*The Gilford Police Department has set Trick-or-Treating in Gilford for Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 5 - 8 p.m. During these hours, Belknap Mountain Road will be closed from Potter Hill Road to the Imagination Station Parking Lot at the GES.

### 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.



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# Pet of the Week: NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

## Stache

### Foliage, ATVs, word-play, and "winch" (and "wench")



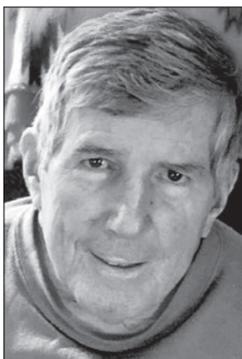
NH Humane Society truly is safe harbour for animals, so many survive by their own wits and the sometimes kindness of strangers. Little Stache, adorable black and white cat, aged about three, with appropriate markings, hence his name, survived in less than stellar conditions. Cats will find somewhere to sleep out of the ravages of the weather even if that spot is ramshackle or derelict; for them, it's better than the rain and snow, but hardly ideal.

Stache arrived in April and has proven to be a 'cats cat' he loves the company of other felines and has discovered that humans, actually can be relied upon to provide a warm, cozy, clean environment, which may not

have been his prior life experience.

Now vaccinated, neutered, microchipped, healthy and ready to go, socially he is ready for a new home. Stache does require that one special commodity...time to settle. Having fit so well into shelter life, that next move is going to feel like another uprooting for him. With the proper amount of patience and understanding for a cat that has endured much in his young life, he truly deserves the permanent luxury of a caring forever home where he can further blossom and flourish.

Check [www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org) or Call 524-3252 to find out more about Stache.



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

The economy gurus say that fall foliage is a \$3 billion windfall for northern New England. I can believe it, having seen tour buses as far north as Colebrook and even (gasp!) Pittsburg, proof positive that the earth, for flat-earthers, does not end at Franconia Notch.

This year, a lot of us thought that the foliage season would be a bust. "Looking pretty sorry," we said, leaning on our shovels or rakes or whatever and looking out over all those pastels. But along came a night's soft rain, and the colors just popped out. A banner year, indeed.

With leaf-peeping, I've always wondered how much is enough. I mean, when is the breaking point? Tour-bus leader: "Wow, folks, just look at that ridge on our right. Just glorious!" Disgruntled leaf-weary passenger: "We saw one just like that an hour ago."

This is why, I think, savvy tour-guides keep a handy supply of jokes, games and songs, and talk about what's for lunch.

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Still, this is not to suggest that even people living amidst annual explosions of colors take it all for granted.

A neighboring logger had just finished unloading some tree-length hardwood when I walked up to his cab to palaver, and he shut down so both of us could hear.

It was a cool, clear,



JOHN HARRIGAN

In foliage season, I save a lot of gas, time and money by just going out onto the front lawn.

crisp day when you could see forever.

"This is when working outside seems pretty damned good," I said, reflecting on the days when it was downright awful, days when not even dogs would go out.

"Right," he said, looking all around.

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Lending your ATV out to someone is like lending out your truck, chainsaw or dog, but I did it last week for friends hauling firewood, and was giving the rundown on how to run it.

"It has a winch on the front and sometimes a wench on the back," I said gamely, watching for reaction.

Nope. Went over like the Hindenburg.

"Wench," of course, is an unmoded word and now deemed insensitive to women, but still, there it is, or was.

Back when I owned newspapers and answered to nobody but readers and the bank, I made up a phony classified ad or two for

each week's edition. One asked that whoever borrowed the town's road-bander bring it back immediately, because it was time to band the roads again. Some got this, some didn't.

But I swear, I'm in the habit of combing various local newspapers whenever I'm in one territory or another, and I have actually seen classified ads for ATVs for sale, with wenches.

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A few weeks back, I wrote about disappearing songbirds, and my suspicion that devastation of winter habitat in Central America was largely to blame, which for some reason gets no American media attention.

The Oct. 9 issue of the New Yorker carried the sorry story of monarch butterflies, which make one of the grandest migrations on the planet.

While we here in the Northeast worry about milkweed, and rightly so, in Mexico a "surge in illegal logging," to quote

the article, is decimating the Monarch's shrinking wintering stands of Oyamel firs.

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A couple of columns ago, in a segment on looting and its scarce mention in Big Media's reporting on natural disasters, I used local vernacular for the firearm I'd reach for, as in "30-odd six," and waited for critique. Silence.

It is, of course, thirty-aught six, meaning 30-06," aught" being the near-forgotten term for zero. Thus I was tickled to see a writer in the same aforementioned magazine refer to the early 2000s as "the early aughts."

There is hope yet.

*(This column runs in a dozen papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers in case of questions. Write to [campguyhooligan@gmail.com](mailto:campguyhooligan@gmail.com) or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)*

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### Is this life all there is?

BY LARRY SCOTT

Can man live without God? Absolutely... and man has done so throughout human history and, some would say, very effectively. For some, it was because they weren't even aware there was a God; others rejected Him by choice. Let's face it: rejecting God appears to have its

benefits. The drive to be free and to do as we please is a characteristic, human, trait.

To those who have researched this issue, French Philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche is a well-known figure. Prior to his death in 1900, he led an all-out attack challenging the existence of God. One of the most influential

and forceful atheists of all time, Nietzsche not only dismissed the existence of God, he also rejected many of the traditional values held by the Christian community.

"God is dead," he proclaimed, and since God does not exist the world is all there is. To him, as he wrote in Antichrist, Christianity "is the greatest of all conceivable corruptions.... I call it the one immortal blemish on mankind (p. 220). It is, unfortunately, a point of view with which many would agree.

The kicker here, however, is that so many of those fundamental principles necessary to a balanced, responsible, and happy life have a tie-in to the existence of God and

the values He has built into each one of us. Think for a moment. Without God, not only must we discover for ourselves who we are and why, we must also determine our purpose for living, the ethical standards that will guide us through life, and the hope that justice will eventually be served on the Hitler's of our society. If man is the measure of all there is, whom do we follow: Hugh Hefner, Joseph Stalin, or Mother Theresa?

If you were to postulate a life without God and without an objective standard of morality, I will grant you the possibility of enjoying what is known as "the good life." You are satisfied, self-confident, SEE STRATEGIES PAGE A13

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# Lions to hold electronic waste collection day

Got an old computer collecting dust in your closet, or a broken air conditioner sitting on the back porch? What do you do with such items when you replace them? Everything from laptops, phones and computers to TVs cost a fortune to haul away.

Turn all that junk over to the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club during their Electronic Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Oct. 21 in the Lowe's parking lot in Gilford from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For a small disposal fee (most items are \$5), not only will we take your old electronic items off your hands, we will recycle them. The disposal charge is almost always less than the prices at local transfer stations. Cash or checks will be accepted but not debit or credit cards.

Just bring your electronics to Lowe's parking lot, 1407 Lakeshore

Rd. in Gilford, on Saturday, Oct. 21 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Club members will even help you unload them! You do not have to be a resident of Laconia or Gilford to take advantage of this fundraiser - it is open to everyone.

Items you may want to consider dropping off are laptops, CPUs, servers, CD/DVD players, camcorders, AV equipment, VCRs, speakers, copiers, faxes, scanners, printers, phones (land and cell), phone systems, UPS systems, humidifiers, cords, cables and computer accessories (all \$5).

In addition, we will also take microwaves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers (all \$10), computer monitors and TVs less than 25 inches (\$20), TVs 26 inches and larger (\$30). A TV needing more than one person to lift will be \$40. Anything with a



**Laconia-Gilford Lions Club members (from left to right) Marilyn Brown, Lois Smith, Eileen Morey, Mike Adams, Bill Chandler, Allyn Bridge and Matt Soza working at last spring's Electronic Waste Collection Day.**

cord not listed will also be accepted.

You cannot drop off: smoke detectors, oils, paints, thinners, batteries (except car batteries), tires, items

containing mercury such as fluorescent and CFL light bulbs or thermometers, capacitors, ballasts, or any other hazardous waste. Don't miss this opportunity or you'll be storing these things another year - "Don't throw it out, Recycle it!" You'll not only help the environment by disposing of your unwanted electronics responsibly but also help the Lions, the largest service organization in the world, raise funds to meet pressing needs in our community: eye glasses and hearing aids, food pantries, college scholarships, holiday food baskets for needy families, youth sports programs, are just a few of the local charitable organizations that we assist.

# Tommy Turkey seeks teams for 13th Plunge

LACONIA — Tommy Turkey wants to remind everyone that the 13th Annual Salvation Army Turkey Plunge will take place at Opechee Cove Beach on Saturday, Nov. 18 starting at noon. Gates open at 10 a.m.

This family-oriented fun time features members of the public in bathing suits or costumes plunging into the 'balmy' waters of the lake while raising funds for the Salvation Army. Salvation Army Commander Captain Scott McNeil urges sports teams, businesses, church and school groups to start assembling their team of intrepid Plungers to help raise awareness of, and financial support for, the local Salvation Army.

"The key to our Plunge success each year is the involvement of teams representing various churches, clubs, businesses and schools," said McNeil.



**Tommy Turkey points out the November date for the 13th Annual Turkey Plunge to Salvation Army Officers Captains Nora and Scott McNeil.**

"And the Plunge is a great way for any group of employees to

bond and build memories to last until next year's Plunge," Cap-

tain Nora McNeil added.

SEE PLUNGE PAGE A13

## All Marines welcome to 19th annual gathering and ball

GILFORD — The Lakes Region Detachment of the Marine Corps League will celebrate its 19th Annual "Gathering of Marines" on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club, 140 Country Club Rd., Gilford.

The annual event was announced by Robert Patenaude, Commandant of the Lakes Region Detachment #506 to commemorate the 242nd birthday of the founding of the United States Marine Corps at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Pa. On Nov. 10, 1775.

Each year, Marines old and new from WWII to those now on active duty throughout the world, celebrate the occasion, which is unique among all the branches of the military services, at 7 p.m. A presentation of the Colors occurs, followed by the National Anthem and a salute to all branches of the services. The "Commandant's Birthday Letter" is read, and the traditional "cake cutting" ceremony, in which the first and second pieces are given to the youngest and oldest Marines in attendance, follows next. Recognition is also rendered to any special attendee who has been awarded honors for his or her service to the Marine Corps. Once again, the very favorable Contigiani's buffet will be

served, which includes a prime rib of beef or chicken and the fixings, with their traditional ice cream/strawberry dessert and cake. A cocktail hour will precede the ball from 6 'til 7 p.m., and dancing will be available to all throughout the evening to the live music of "Express Revival."

Those who wish to attend this year's "Gathering" with spouses and guests are encouraged to contact Commandant Patenaude at 455-0636 or via e-mail at rppatenaude@aol.com as soon as possible to make reservations. Mail checks to Lakes Region Det., MCL, P.O. Box 764, Center Harbor, NH 03226.

**Seeking Women to join a local chapter of Womenade, serving the men, women, and children of Tilton, Sanbornton, Belmont, and Northfield. Womenade provides emergency financial assistance. The idea is simple, the impact is immeasurable. Have fun, make friends, do good. Contact Susan at winniwomenade@gmail.com**



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# Benefit celebrates Belknap County conservation champions

MEREDITH — At a Farm to Table Harvest Supper fund-raiser for the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) on Oct. 12, annual conservation awards were announced. The event, held at Moulton Farms in Meredith, included a farm tour, and a three-course meal do-

nated by John Moulton and his team to support BCCD, wine-tasting, live music and a silent auction. John Moulton shared the story of his family's farm dates to the 1890's and was surprised by BCCD Chair, Donna Hepp announcing Moulton Farm as 2017 Cooperator of the Year.

"Moulton Farm continues to set the standard County and Statewide as a conservation champion through use of best conservation practices, innovative public programs and workshops and outreach. John Moulton represents Belknap County on the State Agriculture Board and last year received the Andrew L. Felker award for leadership promoting the growth and prosperity of NH agriculture. Moulton Farm was one of the first recognized as a New Hampshire Farm of Distinction," said Hepp.

For 2017 Volunteer of the Year, BCCD recognized Jan Hooper from Center Harbor and retired BCCD Program Coordinator.

"There really was no

doubt," shared Hepp. "Jan has been tireless in her pursuit of conservation demonstration projects at Gunstock through grant writing, coordinating a series of 10 Volunteer Work Days and fund and friend-raising."

The final award for 2017 Conservation Champion went to the Laconia Daily Sun for outstanding coverage of natural resource conservation issues.

Annual highlights for County Conservation District shared included: on-going assistance to landowners and Towns, successful plant and bulb sales for backyard conservation, public workshops such as a recent Dirt and Gravel Road session with 85 participants, conservation

planting and school projects, new major grants which funded a Forest Management Plan and Stream Restoration Assessment and will create wildlife habitat and restore 2 miles of Poorfarm Brook. In addition, BCCD hosts the New Hampshire Gleans Program in Belknap County which collects surplus produce from farmers and home gardeners with volunteers and distributes it to seniors and food pantries. So far this year, the program has collected and distributed over 9,000 pounds of produce to people in need.

"We've accomplished a great deal, but reductions in the County funding portion of BCCD's budget, down 38 percent from our 10 year average before 2015 are having a

big impact. We can't fully fund our single staff, at this level and need this match for our grants. Grants rarely cover administrative costs, so public donations and the office space provided by the County and space for storage shed on County land help, but still fall short of our needs," said Hepp. The great response to the BCCD fund-raiser and support from local farmers, like John Moulton indicate that the community recognizes the contribution that the County Conservation District makes to help sustain soil, water and natural resources in Belknap County. The Conservation District has been serving Belknap County for more than 70 years.



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The Hon. John T. Broderick, Jr., retired Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court, will participate in a program on Change Direction, to change the culture of mental health in America, on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia.

## Change Direction at UUSL Oct. 22

LACONIA — Change Direction, is a coalition of concerned citizens, nonprofit leaders, and leaders from the private sector who have come together to change the culture in America about mental health, mental illness and wellness.

On Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m., the Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia will host a presentation and discussion with Charles J. Saia, executive director of the Governor's Commission on Disability, and the Honorable (Ret.) Chief Justice John T. Broderick, Jr. Justice Broderick will offer a moving and inspiring account of the Broderick family's

experience with mental illness.

The goal of Change Direction is to change the culture of mental health in America so that all of those in need receive the care and support they deserve. Change Direction encourages all Americans to pay attention to their emotional well-being – and it reminds us that our emotional well-being is just as important as our physical well-being.

The program, beginning at 2 p.m., is free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow the presentation. The Unitarian Universalist Church is at 172 Pleasant St. in Laconia. All are welcome.

## Try to escape the "Carnival of Souls" this weekend on LRPA

LACONIA — Throughout October, join Lakes Region Public Access Television each Friday and Saturday night at 10:30 p.m. for a scary good time! "LRPA After Dark" celebrates Halloween with four frightening films from Hollywood's past. This weekend (Oct. 20 & 21), we present the eerily atmospheric cult favorite, 1962's "Carnival of Souls," directed by Herk Harvey and starring Candace Hilligoss.

Mary Henry (Hilligoss) and two friends are out in a car, enjoying the day. At a stop light, some guys in another car challenge them to a street race, and they accept. As the girls' car speeds across a bridge, the driver loses control and the car plunges into a river. A search party drags the river for the car, and just when things look dire, Mary emerges from the water,

cold and dazed. She can't seem to remember any details about the wreck and has no real answers for the searchers. To move on with her life, Mary accepts a job in a different state as a church organist. On the drive to her new position, she passes a mysterious deserted carnival pavilion to which she finds herself inexplicably drawn. As she is looking at the pavilion, Mary is startled by an ominous man looming in her path, nearly causing her to drive off the road. She blames this vision on a lingering aftereffect of the accident, composes herself, and drives to her destination. Mary arrives at her destination and takes a room at a boarding house, meets her new employer, and generally tries to get on with her life. However, she can't stop seeing the apparition of the menacing man – nor can she get

the vision of the abandoned carnival pavilion out of her head. What do these frightening visions mean? Will she ever be able to move on with her life?

Although it was an initial failure at the box office, "Carnival of Souls," made on a shoestring budget of less than \$20,000 and with a total crew of six, has since become a highly regarded and well-loved horror cult classic. Upon the film's re-release in 1989, critic Roger Ebert awarded the film three out of four stars and wrote that the movie was "... an odd, obscure horror film that was made on a low budget in 1962 and still has an intriguing power. Unlike most of today's horror movies, 'Carnival of Souls' has few special effects. Instead, it depends on crisp black-and-white photography, atmosphere and surprisingly effective acting." Lead actress Candace Hilligoss studied with famed teacher Lee Strasberg at the Actor's Studio in New York City, and brings remarkable depth to the character of Mary. This movie's not to be missed! So grab your candy corn and join LRPA after dark for this fan favorite classic from the past.

Mark your calendars for our final Halloween treat:

Oct. 27 & 28: 1972's "Horror Express"

You can't find television like this anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then

log onto Live Stream through our website ([www.lrpa.org](http://www.lrpa.org)) where you can catch all the fun.

### About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA cablecasts locally on MetroCast Channel 24 (educational programming and public bulletin board), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member communities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community members to produce content that

- fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas,

- encourages artistic and creative expression,

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

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

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# Leadership Group kicks off its 19th class year

GILFORD — Leadership Lakes Region recently kicked off its 19th class year with an orientation day at Gunstock Mountain Resort for the 25 class members.

Begun with planning in 1996 and a first class graduating in 1998, Leadership Lakes Region has had a new class enrolled every year since except for 2007. That year the group conducted a program review with strategic planning sessions. This year's class was welcomed to Gunstock by General Manager Greg Goddard, a staunch supporter of Leadership Lakes through the years. Robin Rowe of Gunstock and Marius Rosioru of T-Bones/Cactus Jack's then facilitated a team building exercise to acquaint the class members with each other.

Rowe, Rosioru and fellow graduate Bryan Murphy of Centerplate Foods at Gunstock helped Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean plan the entire day's activities. Team building was followed by guest speaker, former Mayor of Laconia



Leadership speaker and former Mayor of Laconia Mike Seymour and Gunstock Mountain Resort GM Greg Goddard are pictured with Class of 2018 student Samantha MacDonald of Patrick's Pub and Eatery.

and current COO/CFO of Meadowbrook, LLC at Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion, Mike Seymour. Seymour is a graduate of Leadership Lakes Class of 2006 and gave a dynamic presentation on

leadership within organizations. The class then had lunch catered by Centerplate Foods under the watchful eye of Chef Murphy. More team building and bonding occurred as the class enjoyed the Aerial Treetop Adven-

tures course and the Gunstock Zipline.

This year's class includes a hospital CEO and VP, seven bankers, a realtor, a customer service manager, a fire chief and a firefighter/paramedic, four hospitality/culinary professionals, an architectural designer, a building and grounds supervisor, a school district training and marketing coordinator, a director of long term care services, a director of child and family support services, a tourism director of marketing, an HR manager and a nurse practitioner. The class meets again next month for History and Culture Day. For more info about this class with photos and the Leadership Program, please visit [www.leadershiplakesregion.org](http://www.leadershiplakesregion.org).

## The Taylor Playreaders present "Forever Yours"

LACONIA — For a fun-filled afternoon, come experience the Taylor Playreaders as they present a one-act comedy entitled, "Forever Yours," Monday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. in the Taylor Community's Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The play opens in a funeral parlor after Emery Glass' death at age 65. His active life included eight marriages, all of which ended with his wives divorcing him. The marriages lasted between four months to two a half

years. Three of the ex-wives attend the funeral, meeting one another for the first time. This provides the women the rare opportunity to share and explore why each one ended their marriage. The funeral director protests the comments others make about him. Emery's brother and sister, Howard and Ginny, present the history of his life. The siblings are caregivers to their mother Gertrude, who is often confused and outspoken. Emery's daughter, Sally,

arrives with two young children who are heard, but not seen.

Perhaps you'll be able to figure out why the deceased's marriages failed. In any case, you'll enjoy trying.

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### Burlesque Night Live returns to Pitman's

Burlesque Night Live's "A Good Ol' Burlesque Show" returns to the Lakes Region for one night only at Pitman's Freight Room in Laconia on Saturday, Oct. 21. Burlesque Night Live (BNL) is a musical variety show, written and directed by Rick Morten performed by the BNL Troupe and the Mistress of Ceremonies, Miss Vivian Wilde. This special Halloween edition of the show contains hilarious comedy sketches, comic blackouts, classic musical theatre numbers, and a very special guest, writer and comedian, Zachery Foote. BNL showcases the talents of local actors, dancers and singers in a bawdy genre popular in the age of dance halls, opera houses and vaudeville theatres, with the flavor and style of classic TV musical variety shows of the 1960s and '70's, like the Dean Martin and Carol Burnette Shows and "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In." Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (general admission only) and will be available at the door. Pitman's Freight Room, a historic warehouse lovingly refurbished and comfortably furnished as a function room and performance space, is located at 94 New Salem St. in Downtown Laconia, and is a BYOB-only venue.



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# Lakes Region Uncorked 2017 promotes the best in local products and talent

**M E R E D I T H** — Showcasing wonderful hand crafted foods and beverages, talented chefs, farmers and musicians and supporting Lakes Region Community Services' mission throughout the Lakes Region - the Fifth Annual Lakes Region Uncorked at Church Landing on Nov. 2 in Meredith, is simply not to be missed!

"Locally made wines, beers, meads, ciders, coffees, and spirits and 'farm to table' foods and homemade desserts are gaining popularity across the country and NH is becoming known for small businesses that



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Guests enjoying Lakes Region Uncorked Charity Tasting Event to benefit Lakes Region Community Services.

New England Culinary Institute, and long-time Laconia resident, is a strong supporter of the Lakes Region community. He will demonstrate his original and delicious culinary 'Amuse Bouche' creations at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tamworth Distilling is working with Chef Kevin to pair his creations with specialty cocktails. Seating is limited and a separate ticket is required.

As this event has grown, so has the Uncorked silent auction.

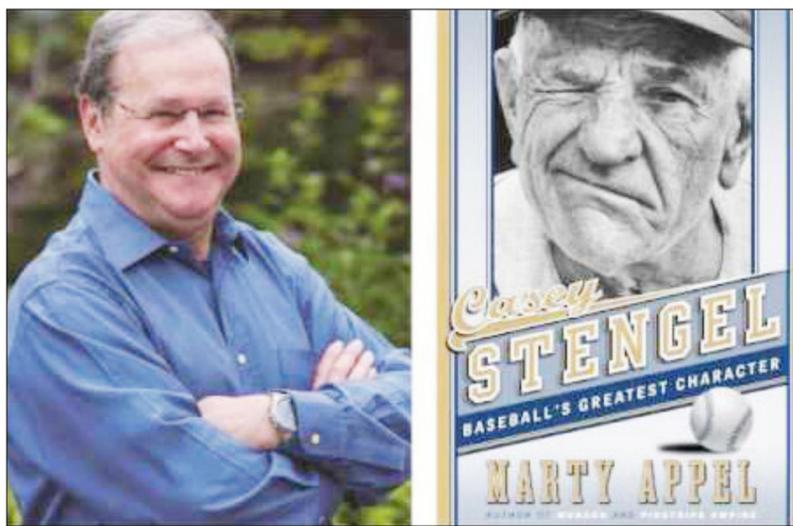
"We are grateful for the support we get from businesses near and far. Unique items and experiences have been donated this year including six special 2018 Boston Red Sox box seats; golf four-some at Candia Woods; overnight at a Mill Falls hotel; restaurant and retail gift certificates; lift tickets; private tasting tours; and cord wood!" stated Shannon Robinson-Beland, owner of Wood & Clay Fine Homes of Gilford and volunteer on the Uncorked Planning Committee.

"The auction is a great place to start your holiday shopping," added Robinson-Beland.

Another popular Uncorked feature is the 'Wall of Wine' Pull, where guests donate \$20 to pull a cork and receive a bottle donated by individuals, supporters and vendors. Many of the bottles on the Wall are valued much higher than the raffle ticket donation. This year, a second Wine Raffle has been added. 'The Best of Show-Blue Ribbon Raffle' allows anyone to purchase raffle tickets (maximum of 250 being sold) to win your own amazing wine collection and hand-crafted birds-eye maple wine rack made by Wood & Clay cabinetmakers. The winning ticket will be pulled at Uncorked and ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

"None of this would be possible without the very generous sponsorship of the many businesses, and donors who step up to support us," added Rebecca Bryant, LRCS President and CEO. "It is so gratifying to enjoy support from the business community and our community partners. They understand the importance of the work we do in providing critical social services to people living in the area and share our commitment to building a strong and inclusive community for all."

Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased at [uncorked-nh17.eventbrite.com](http://uncorked-nh17.eventbrite.com) or by contacting LRCS [www.lrcs.org](http://www.lrcs.org) or [uncorked@lrcs.org](mailto:uncorked@lrcs.org) or call 524-8811.



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Marty Appel

## Taylor Community hosting Laconia Putnam Fund presentation with author Marty Appel

LACONIA — Marty Appel has had an amazing career in baseball. At 19, he was hired to answer Mickey Mantle's fan mail, leading to a life-long friendship with the Mick. George Steinbrenner hired him as publicity director for the New York Yankees when Appel was only 23.

Not only that, but he has written more than 20 books on the sport, including books about Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra, Whitey Ford and most

recently, Casey Stengel, which includes information on Stengel's connections to Boston and its baseball teams.

Finally, for 20-plus years, Appel helped edit ballplayers' plaques hanging in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

A special presentation by Appel is Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in Taylor Community's Woodside Building. This will be a truly special event, which is sure

to fill up fast, so it's recommended people arrive early to reserve a seat.

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produce some of the very finest products made anywhere," commented Joanne Piper Lang, LRCS VP Development. "Together, these businesses help sustain the economic vitality of the Lakes Region and state. This is such a great event to enjoy and appreciate all we have here in New Hampshire."

For the fifth year, this signature charity tasting event introduces new vendors to join popular favorites - adding up to 30 local vendors. New to Uncorked 2017 are: Cold Garden Spirits; Lone Wolfe Brewing Co., Curt's Caterers; Fox County Smoke House; Winni Woods Farm and Moulton Farm. Moulton Farm will be displaying specialty foods as well as their Chef preparing dishes for guests to sample.

Also headlining Uncorked '17 will be performances by two very talented musicians - David Lockwood, Pianist and Rik Pfenninger, Saxophonist. Lockwood has played for over thirty-five years in the greater New England area with the Attractions, Raccoon Beach, Little Dav-

ey and the Aberrations, and various freelance duos and trios, sharing the stage with Bonnie Raitt, Joe Lovano, and Mavis Staples among others. As a solo singer/pianist he covers a wide range of material from jazz standards to classic pop tunes and one hit wonders to his own songs.

Dr. Rik Pfenninger holds degrees from Eastman School of Music, The University of Michigan, and Temple University. He is a professor in the music department at Plymouth State University where he teaches saxophone, jazz studies, and music technology. In addition to his numerous commercial works, Rik's jazz recordings and film soundtracks can be heard on Apple iTunes, MusicMine Records, and "The Best of Smooth Jazz Christmas" by the Universal Music Group.

In addition to live music and a fabulous tasting room, guests who opt for a Premier ticket will be treated to a special session hosted by Chef Kevin Hallygan, Owner and Executive Chef of Laconia Local Eatery. Chef Hallygan, a graduate of the

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# Bob Sargeant announces retirement from Meredith Village Savings Bank, John Swedberg promoted

MEREDITH — Bob Sargeant, Executive Vice President and Senior Commercial Lending Officer for Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) is retiring on Dec. 1 after more than 17 years with the organization. John Swedberg, Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer, has been selected to take over Sargeant's responsibilities.

When Sargeant joined the Bank as Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer, he brought with him more than 26 years of commercial banking experience. In 2009, he was promoted to Senior Vice President and assumed responsibility for managing the Bank's commercial lending strategy and department. Sargeant was promoted to his current role of Executive Vice President in 2013.

"Bob's wealth of knowledge in banking and dedication to the



Bob Sargeant, Executive Vice President, Commercial Lending Officer, Meredith Village Savings Bank, is retiring. John Swedberg will step into Sargeant's role.

Lakes Region business community has made him an instrumental member of our commercial lending and senior management teams," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "We have been fortunate to have Bob lead our com-

mercial lending efforts, as he has created solid, long-term customer and community relationships for the Bank. MVSB has been very fortunate to have him these last 17 years."

His leadership has led to an exceptional and professional lend-



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ing team that continues to grow the Bank's commercial business while supporting the organization's overall strategic goals.

"It's been an honor to work alongside such a dedicated group of Commercial Lending professionals," said Sargeant. "I'm proud of the team and department we've built together. The incredible relationships we've established with businesses and non-profits of all sizes will endure for years to come."

The Bank's commercial department has successfully expanded business services and lending expertise through its talent and product development, becoming a true partner across many industries.

Prior to his time with MVSB, Sargeant held several leadership positions, including Vice President and Senior Loan Officer for Pemigewasset National Bank in Plymouth. He eventually transferred his community banking success to the Lakes Region, growing

and expanding MVSB's footprint statewide.

Sargeant is currently active with the Belknap County Economic Development Council, serving on its loan committee and has previously served on its board. He has also served on the boards for the Plymouth and Central New Hampshire Chambers of Commerce. He is a graduate of the commercial banking and lending program at the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Georgetown University.

John Swedberg has been selected to lead MVSB's Commercial Lending department upon Sargeant's retirement.

"John's promotion is very well-deserved," said President Wyman. "It acknowledges his exceptional ability to meet the needs of our customers and the community, which has helped us expand our footprint throughout the Lakes Region and beyond."

Swedberg joined MVSB as a Commercial Loan Officer in

1999 after working as a Commercial Loan Officer for Pemigewasset National Bank in Plymouth, and a Commercial Credit Analyst for North Conway Bank and Dartmouth Bank. He was promoted to Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer in 2000 and promoted to Senior Vice President in 2014.

With a passion for helping the youth, Swedberg has served as a coach for the Lakes Region Rebels AAU Basketball Club, coach and referee for the Bill Lamper Youth Basketball League. Additionally, Swedberg has been a loan officer and participant of Open for Business, a hands-on learning experience and school-to-work program requiring students from the Moultonborough school district to develop their own business plans and product prototypes. Swedberg has reviewed student business loans of Open for Business participants in Moultonborough throughout his time at MVSB. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Plymouth State College.

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## King of Klean launches newly designed Web site!

LACONIA — King of Klean, located at 979 Union Ave. in Laconia, announced earlier this week the launch of its newly revamped Web site: [www.KingofKleanNH.com](http://www.KingofKleanNH.com).

The redesigned website offers customers quick and easy access to all King of Klean services: carpet cleaning, grout cleaning, water damage restoration, upholstery cleaning, and the newly launched Area Rug Drop-Off Center. The bright uncluttered design, created by Creative Marketing Guru of Gilford, displays across all platforms and mobile devices providing customers with seamless access wherever they are.

"We are excited about the new website launch and the information it provides our customers," said Rick Kelly, Owner and Founder of King of Klean, "For the past 15 years, King of Klean has been committed to pioneering new technologies in the field of green cleaning. We wanted a website that would reflect that commitment and provide our customers with a smooth experience to understand our services and multiple technologies to contact our office."

The redesigned website added a section dedicated to the Area Rug

Drop-Off Center at 979 Union Ave. in Laconia. The Area Rug Drop-Off Center offers a state-of-the-art rug cleaning process specifically designed for fine area rugs which require specialized attention to be cleaned safely and properly. Customers can review the 8-step area rug cleaning process, find directions to the center, and check operating hours through the new Web site.

New and existing customers also have access to the 24/7 water damage and emergency clean-up line within the redesigned website where they are always able to reach a live person to help with water emergencies like a flooded basement, soaked carpets, or damaged drywall. Time is of the essence for water emergencies, and the website provides the fastest access to the KLEAN TEAM 24/7 emergency service.

"We wanted the new

design to clearly outline the services provided by King of Klean," said Jenn Kelly, Business Manager of King of Klean, "From carpet cleaning to tile and grout cleaning, to emergency water clean-up and the Area Rug Drop-Off center, the website provides a single place for people to easily visualize the speciality cleaning services we offer and options conveniently contact us. We are excited to finally launch the new design!"

**About King of Klean**  
King of Klean is a Laconia based cleaning company, specializing in carpet cleaning, grout cleaning, water damage restoration, upholstery cleaning, and the Area Rug Drop-Off Center at 979 Union Ave. Established in 2004, King of Klean is founded on a philosophy of providing green cleaning services to the Lakes Region to prevent harsh chemicals in family homes.



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# Irwin Ford delivers new 2017 Ford GT Supercar to a very lucky customer

LACONIA — Irwin Ford helped a loyal Ford customer go through the rigorous process to determine if they were eligible to be one of the 250 customers in 2017 that will own a new 2017 Ford GT. Ford Motor company received more than 6,500 applicants interested in buying the supercar starting at \$450,000. Unfortunately, Ford will only produce 1,000 GT's during the next four years, leaving a lot of customers wanting what they can't have. Ford is letting down rejected applicants easy and thanking them profusely for their interest in buying a GT. In a way, it is like a college putting a prospective student on a waitlist.

Erik Faro, Product Specialist at the Irwin Automotive Group, was able to guide Connecticut residents David and Cindi Coutu through the application process



Erik Faro, Product Specialist at the Irwin Automotive Group, delivers a new Ford GT Supercar to David and Cindi Coutu of Connecticut.

highlighting their passion for the Ford brand. They are loyal Ford customers who depend on

Irwin Ford for all their Automotive need. They currently own a special edition 2014 Ford F-150

Raptor, 2017 Ford F-350 Lariat, and 2017 Ford Focus RS, all purchased from Irwin Ford Lincoln in Laconia. David and Cindi Coutu were able to prove to the Ford Motor company that this Ford GT is a car they are really planning to drive regularly and that every time they get behind the wheel they would celebrate the Ford brand.

These lucky customers received Ford GT number 102 off the assembly line. A few other GT customers that were lucky enough to be accepted into the GT family were Music sensation Deadmau5, Baseball star C.J. Wilson, YouTube Shmee150, and Brooks from Drag-

times Scottish singer Amy MacDonald and Late Night personality Jay Leno.

Each applicant had to apply online and demonstrate to Ford not only that they were loyal customers, but also that they will be using the car in their daily activities instead of collecting them for investment purposes. Many of the successful applicants used social media to convince Ford they were the type of GT customers they were looking for. They produced elaborate YouTube videos and set up pages in Facebook, Instagram and other media to show how they would be strong advocates for the Ford brand.

Designed to deliver optimum speed and exceptional handling, Ford's most powerful mid-engine two-seater is shaped like a teardrop for aerodynamics. Its carbon-fiber body is lightweight for maximum acceleration and speed powered by a powerful twin-turbocharged V6 producing 647 hp and 550 lb-ft tq. The GT is considered a street-legal racing machine by many of the critics, offering five racing modes. The body is made of carbon fiber, and the entire car lowers down to just 2.7 inches off the ground. It is capable of reaching speeds of 216 miles per hour.

All 250 applicants have already been selected to be the recipients of the 2017 Ford GT Supercar this year. Based on the demand and interest from applicants in 2017 your chances of scoring a new 2018 Ford GT sit at about 3.8 percent. Representing a lower acceptance rate than any of the Ivy League universities (for its Class of 2019, Harvard is at 5.3 percent). All that being said, Irwin Ford is happy to answer any questions regarding the application process and would love to help make the dream of owning a Ford GT Supercar a reality for another deserving customer. Contact Erik Faro Product Specialist at the Irwin Automotive Group at 581-2987 or email eric.faro@Irwinzone.com for more information.

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### Put Lessons From "Retirement Week" to Work

To raise public awareness about the importance of saving for retirement, Congress has designated the third week of October as National Save for Retirement Week. What lessons can you learn from this event?

First of all, save early – and save often. Too many people put off saving for retirement until they are in their late 40s – and even their 50s. If you wait until you are in this age group, you can still do quite a bit to help build the resources you will need for retirement – but it will be more challenging than if you had begun saving and investing while you were in your 20s or early 30s. For one thing, if you delay saving for retirement, you may have to put away large sums of money each year to accumulate enough to support a comfortable retirement lifestyle. Plus, to achieve the growth you need, you might have to invest more aggressively than you'd like, which means taking on more risk. And even then, there are no guarantees of getting the returns you require.

On the other hand, if you start saving and investing when you are still in the early stages of your career, you can make smaller monthly contributions to your retirement accounts. And by putting time on your side, you'll be able to take advantage of compounding – the ability to earn money on your principal and your earnings.

Here's another lesson to be taken from National Save for Retirement Week: Maximize your opportunities to invest in the tax-advantaged retirement accounts available to you, such as an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employ-

er-sponsored retirement plan. If you have a 401(k)-type plan at work, contribute as much as you can afford every year, and increase your contributions whenever your salary goes up. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Apart from saving and investing early and contributing to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts, how else can you honor the spirit of National Save for Retirement Week? A key step you can take is to reduce the barriers to building your retirement savings. One such obstacle is debt. The larger your monthly debt payments, the less you will be able to invest each month. It's not easy, of course, to keep your debt under control, but do the best you can.

One other barrier to accumulating retirement resources is the occasional large expense resulting from a major car repair, sizable medical bills or other things of that nature. If you constantly have to dip into your long-term investments to meet these costs, you'll slow your progress toward your retirement goals. To help prevent this from happening, try to build an emergency fund big enough to cover three to six months' worth of living expenses. Since you'll need instant access to this money, you'll want to keep it in a liquid, low-risk account.

So, there you have them: some suggestions on taking the lessons of National Save for Retirement Week to heart. By following these steps, you can go a long way toward turning your retirement dreams into reality.

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## GYRL hosts program on "Spirits of New England" Oct. 19

GILMANTON — Dustin Pari (yes, that Dustin Pari from "Ghost Hunters," "Ghost Hunters International," and "Destination Truth") will present his brand new lecture, "Spirits of New England," when he visits Gilmanton on Thursday, Oct. 19. He will be at Old Town Hall in Gilmanton Iron Works at 6 p.m.

As many of us natives know, New England is full of tales from the past and many from our very own homes that will send chills down anyone's spine! Dustin will share



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Dustin Pari

stories he has gathered from his extensive research and tell a few stories of his own!

This event is sponsored by the Gilmanton Year-Round Library and is free and open to the public. But space is limited. Sign ups will begin on Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Library. Don't miss this once in a lifetime chance to meet a world renowned Paranormal Investigator!

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# Eric MacDonald named Vice President at Meredith Village Savings Bank

MEREDITH — Eric MacDonald has been promoted to Vice President, Commercial Credit Manager at Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb). In this role, MacDonald will continue to oversee the underwriting of commercial loans for MVSb.

MacDonald joined the organization in 2005 as a Credit Analyst for Bow Mills Bank and Trust, and joined Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) when it acquired Bow Mills in 2007. He was promoted to Senior Credit Analyst at the Merrimack in 2008. He transitioned to the same role for MVSb during the spring of 2015 and was then promoted to Assistant Vice President, Commercial Credit Manager in October of that year.

MacDonald retired from the U.S. Army in 2016, having served two deployments to the Middle East. A graduate of Leadership Lakes Region, he is also a proud member of the National Guard As-

sociation of the United States and the American Legion.

MacDonald earned his MBA from Southern New Hampshire University. He is a former board member of the Friends of Gilford Eagles Football and resides in Gilford with his family.

“Eric has done an outstanding job overseeing the prudent and thorough underwriting of our commercial loans,” said Bob Sargeant, Executive Vice President Commercial. “He ensures that the loans we give to our local businesses are a good fit for them. In addition, not only is Eric a valued asset to the bank, he has also offered immense dedication and sacrifice for our country. It’s an honor to promote him.”

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Eric MacDonald

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New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, a mutual holding company, was formed in 2013, when two New Hampshire-based community banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank, formally affiliated – the first relationship of its kind in New Hampshire. This strategic partnership has po-

sitioned the Banks to leverage each other’s strengths, which includes the ability to expand growth and career opportunities for employees between affiliates. Since its founding, the Banks have successfully worked together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing their community banking standards and values. MillRiver Wealth Management joined as a third subsidiary of NHMB in 2015, combining the financial advisory divisions of MVSb and The Merrimack. NHMB combined assets total more than \$1.6 billion. To learn more, visit nhmutual.com.

## Record breaking crowds outweigh record breaking pumpkins

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is grateful for the tremendous community support at NH Pumpkin Festival 2017.

“We couldn’t have asked for better weather,” proclaimed Karmen Gifford, President of Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce which is the Official Organizer of NH Pumpkin Festival. “It was picture perfect. We anticipated over 40,000 attendees. We did not break any Guinness Records, but based on the crowds that continued to grow throughout the day Saturday and into the evening, the number of attendees far exceeded our expectations!”

The 34-foot Tower of Pumpkins featured 855 pumpkins carved by local businesses, carvers from across the US, international travelers visiting the festival, and a few who had nev-

er carved a pumpkin before. School children and their families were delighted to find their pumpkins on display at Bank of New Hampshire. Experiencing this year’s street festival was more important than bringing along a jack-o-lantern. There was live music in Veterans Square, Main Street and Beacon St West. The zip line and kiddie amusement attractions were a big hit. Local restaurants and merchants were great ambassadors to the City of Laconia. From horse drawn hay rides, a zombie walk, costume parade, horse drawn hay rides, Riverside Duck Derby, a variety of delicious foods including the Great Pumpkin Cook-Off and even a TV production crew filming “State Plate,” hosted by season 5 “American Idol” winner Taylor Hicks.

With a staff of two,

the Lakes Region Chamber relied on the support of local businesses, civic organizations and amazing volunteers that were committed to carving out the many activities, events and attractions that made NH Pumpkin Festival 2017.

“The collaboration of these businesses, individuals along with all employees from the City of Laconia departments including Public Works, Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Planning and our city officials was so important to the event’s success,” stressed Gifford. “We are fortunate to have a community that works so well together!”

The dates for the New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival 2018 have been set for Oct. 12-13, 2018. As with any event, there are always opportunities for improvement. Volunteers are welcome in the

planning process. If anyone would like to take part in the planning process, they are asked to e-mail kgifford@LakesRegionChamber.org with their contact information.

The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization made up of approximately 500 members businesses making a financial commitment to the Chamber and to the business community supporting 24 towns/cities including Laconia. The Chamber strives to create and promote a more engaged community and thriving economy for the businesses in the Lakes Region. For more information about the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, on-line business directory or a list of community events, visit LakesRegionChamber.org.

## Auditions for teens/tweens talent show

MEREDITH — The Interlakes Children’s Theatre will be producing a Talent Show featuring local teens and tweens on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Meredith Community Center. We are seeking acts from kids ages nine to High School. Singing, Dancing, Comedy, Musicians, Skits or any talent you would like

to share.

Auditions for the talent show will be at the community center on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. You can come and show us your act or come and talk about your act. If you can’t attend, you can contact Nancy Barry at interlakestheatre@gmail.com or call 707-6035.

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# Runners take on the state to Reach the Beach

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REGION — From the mountains by Bretton Woods to the sands of Hampton Beach, teams of runners and their support crews took on more than 200 miles during the day and night for the annual Reach the Beach Relay.

Teams from all over took part in the annual relay sponsored by Ragnar. The relay began at Bretton Woods on Friday morning, with team members taking on different sections of the course. Overnight, the teams converged on the Lakes Region, with exchanges at Sandwich Central School, the Center Harbor Congregational Church, Prescott Park in Meredith, NH Ball Bearing in Laconia, Gilford High School, a Wild Card stop in Belmont, and beyond. Different groups also served food and drinks for the runners.

Prescott Park's exchange manager, Rachel Shea, said the event was going really well and there was a lot of everything for people.

"I think this is wonderful, and I'd like to do it again next year," Shea said.

The members of Where's Wenda said they wanted to take part for the challenge.

"Your body is capable of doing so much," said Erin Capron of South Berwick, Maine.

Team member Gina Brackett of South Berwick, Maine, said the course leading up to Meredith was "hilly" which was to be expected because of the area.



Lights could be seen all over the roads of the Lakes Region overnight as Reach the Beach runners took on their courses.



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(Left) Runners hand off to their partners at the Prescott Park exchange during Reach the Beach.

rie. Karen Raymond of Harrisville said she really enjoyed meeting new people.

"Covering lots of miles as a team, it's great," Christophers said. "We've got great team support that's totally enthusiastic."

The members of No Sleep Till Hampton came from the southern part of the state, some had done the event multiple years while this was the first year for others. Jessica Bellemore of Bedford also did the Cape Cod run.

Leigh Matson of Bedford did it for the first year, saying she was supposed to do it last year but wasn't able.

"It was on my bucket list. I always wanted to do it," Matson said.

Kristen Wojciechowski of Derry did the course leading to Meredith.

"The hills were crazy; they just kept going forever and ever," Wojciechowski said. "Downhill was worth it."

Kazumi Francis of Litchfield said she did like seeing all the lights on the course.

The members of the team said they especially loved spending time with each other.

"It's its own community," Bellemore said.

Wojciechowski said the other runners were also great.

"Just general chit chat," said Brooke Bishop of Londonderry, adding "You feel like old friends by the end."

Bellemore said this was also a good way to get away from the stresses in life.

"It's an excuse to have a girls' weekend," Matson said.

At the event, the members of the Inter-Lakes High School class of 2019 sold food and drinks, a major fundraiser for the class. Class advisor Jocelyn Judge said many parents came to help out too. Parents and any one over 18 who wanted to volunteer also directed traffic in and out of Prescott Park.

Judge first learned about Reach the Beach when working at Kennett High School in Conway as a volleyball coach.

"I'd always be driving in a bus watching this happen," Judge said. "It's really an experience."

Teams converge at Prescott Park in Meredith on Friday night.

"It's a fun event," Capron said.

Mary Hussey of South Berwick, Maine, said she especially loved the camaraderie.

"I just love the laughter and the fun with other people," Brackett said.

Brackett said after 36 hours together, they all miss each other when they part.

Rum Runners was led by Jaimie Kierstead of Dublin. Kierstead has been running for two years, inspired to keep healthy after an illness in the family.

He completed the course from Center Harbor to Meredith.

"That was some hills," he said.

Kerry Christophers of Hancock started the

run at Bretton Woods, describing the course as tough but with great scenery.

Gray Desautels of Oxford, Mass., said this was the first time he had ever doing this event.

"It's a bucket list thing," said Shane Raymond of Harrisville.

He said overall his favorite part of this event was receiving support from all the runners.

Kierstead said he really liked "the sense of community."

"Everybody cheers for everybody; it's a real fun event," Kierstead said. "Even the locals like us."

Christopher and Dave Blanchette of Antrim said there was some great camarade-

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agement using money out of its Conservation Land Fund, which contains monies generated from the Land Use Change Tax and donations for special purposes.

The Commission spent around \$5,000 to \$7,000 out of the fund for a recent forest study and Hall said more work will be needed for a project to mark the town boundaries.

“We need to somehow make sure the maintenance of those lands is done, and that account probably would have helped with it,” Hall said.

Hall said the Conservation Commission does not want to try tracking down that \$46,000.

Dunn said as soon as there is a timber harvest, money from that harvest will go into the proper account.

Hall said no cuts are scheduled any time

in the near future. The Commission did ask for a maximum of \$7,000 to cover the cost of the two surveys they did this year with the future survey to be requested in the 2018 budget.

Dunn said he did not recommend putting money towards this fund and advised continuing to use the Conservation Fund.

Hall said McLaughlin, however, would rather save as much money in that fund as possible for its intended use of purchasing conservation land.

“It’s not something we can really count on,” Hall said. “We really want to protect the account for what we feel it’s intended for and this is ongoing maintenance.”

Dunn said around \$155,000 was spent from that fund this year leaving \$252,000.

“That’s \$252,000 sitting there which can be

used for the things that you want to use it for without using tax dollars for it,” Dunn said.

Hall said the \$155,000 was for the purchase of the rest of Piper Mountain, for which they also had donations. She said if they keep pulling money out of that fund something else will come up that they may not be able to use those funds for.

Selectman Gus Benavides made a motion to take \$7,000 from the general fund and put it in the forestry fund.

“I think we owe it to them, I think its a small price to pay because someone in your past didn’t do due diligence,” said selectman Richard Grenier. “I hate to say it, it is taxpayer money, but I think we owe them a debt and I think \$7,000 is a small price to pay.”

The selectman unanimously approved the motion.

## CARVING

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hang of it,” said Kellin Jeffreys.

Jack Curley and Shealagh Brown said it was fun to get out of class and do this.

“I love it because these pumpkins are

really big,” said Kayla Gallagher.

Olivia Hagan said she liked being part of an attempt at a world record for the most carved pumpkins in one place.

“I think it’s cool to be part of something that kind of brings community together and I just like carving pumpkins because it’s creative and fun,” said Lauren Nash-Boucher.

## STRATEGIES

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## PLUNGE

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Once again, WEMJ radio personality Pat Kelly will handle the announcing tasks and urge the crowd to cheer on the participants. The public is also invited to the delicious luncheon provided by well-known area restaurants and catered by the Culinary Arts students of Lakes Region Community College starting at 12:30 p.m.; location is a surprise this year! A \$5 donation qualifies the general public for the luncheon as well

as the chance to win valuable door prizes. Last year’s Plunge generated more than \$10,000 but the needs are great in this economy, especially for the Carey House homeless shelter, said Captain McNeil. He has offered to have Tommy Turkey visit your business or group to personally collect pledge cards for the November Plunge. Contact Captain McNeil at 524-1834 if you are interested in a Tommy visit.

If you are unable to

plunge yourself, it’s easy to make a donation in support of the other plungers. Simply go online to [www.salvationarmynh.org/plunge](http://www.salvationarmynh.org/plunge) or text turkeyplunge to 71777 or call the local Salvation Army office at 524-1834. You may also register on-site the morning of the Plunge as an individual or as a team.

You’ve heard about the Plunge, now come on out and join the fun. See you at Opechee Beach.

## OLIVER

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ERIN PLUMMER

Lou Lacroix and Kendra Tibbals work together on a setpiece.

scenes.

Piddington said design began the first week of September with senior Brayden Casella playing out the sets in CAD software. Casella took a CAD class last year and used what he learned for this set.

Casella said they first had to look at the whole set and figure everything out.

“You build things to work for a special purpose and figure out the problem,” Casella said.

Casella said he has been doing tech since freshman year and especially enjoys seeing things become real.

Piddington said a good number of veteran tech students graduated last year, though they have been getting a number of new people. Piddington said they got a lot of fresh-

men working backstage.

“A lot came in from the middle school program, but a few are brand new,” Piddington said.

He said they have gotten quite a few new upperclassmen as well.

Freshman Leah McClinton did tech in middle school and is working backstage at the high school for the first time. She said she wants to have a career in engineering and tech has been a great introduction to that.

“You meet a bunch of people you wouldn’t meet walking around the halls,” McClinton said.

She said tech at the high school is a little more difficult, but she enjoys learning about new shows.

Senior Lou Lacroix has been doing tech

for four years. She said the set is a challenge, though not incredibly hard.

“The structure’s different from what we usually do, but it’s not the most complex we’ve done,” Lacroix said.

She said she likes watching how everything materializes.

Senior Kendra Tibbals did two years of tech in middle school and all four years of high school.

She said she enjoys the late nights leading up to the show.

“I think it’s always better at night because the friendships are pure,” Tibbals said.

She said she also enjoys the artistic side of it.

“Oliver” will take the stage at GHS Nov. 10 and 11 and 17 and 18.



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**PUMPKIN FEST**

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ERIN PLUMMER

Dan Becher of Curt's Catering cooks up some pumpkin turnovers in the Great Pumpkin Cook-Off.



ERIN PLUMMER

Elm Street School held a bake sale to raise money for its ski and snowboard program at Gunstock. Participants included Ava Currier, Brooklyn Gray, Becca Von George, Gavin Buttermore, Rileigh Gray, Shannon Buttermore, and Kevin Buttermore with Lucy.



ERIN PLUMMER

Gilford Middle School was one of the many area schools that had pumpkins on display at the Pumpkin festival.

lapeno sauce served by members of the family company.

"I think it's great, it's such an awesome opportunity for the Lakes Region and today could not be more perfect," said Curt's Caterers Event Coordinator Julia Chesley of the festival.

Elm Street School of Laconia held a big bake sale benefitting Elm Street's participation in Gunstock's school outreach program, where students can learn to ski and snowboard. Kids and a number of volunteers helped out with the sale.

Volunteer Shannon

Buttermore said she loved the Pumpkin Festival.

"I think it's a great way to fundraise for the kids and the kids, I know they loved it," Buttermore said. Numerous kids games and activities were staged on Canal Street, or Pump-CANAL-y. One of the games was the second annual kids tractor pull put on by Hiller Orthodontics.

Lisa Montminy of Hiller Orthodontics said this is a great fall activity as many fairs will have a kids' tractor pull. Kids could take part for free with the option of hauling a pumpkin on a sled.

Afterward all participants got a prize.

"I think it's great just to see all the people come together," Montminy said.

She said she loves all the pumpkins.

Meredith Imbibo of Hiller Orthodontics said they wanted to in-

(Right) The tower of pumpkins looks over downtown Laconia during the NH Pumpkin Festival.

clude more fun activities for kids.

"We thought what better ways for kids to do something fun," Imbibo said.



ERIN PLUMMER

**UNIFED**

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celebrating good plays, and giving reassurances if they had a bad play.

Belanger said she loves the kids and how this is building spirit. She said she has seen the kids thrive from the experience.

"(You) see them develop into happy, healthy teens when they might have been isolated before," Belanger said.

Members of the team said being part of this has helped them make friends and increase their self esteem.

Katlynn Hamel has been playing with Unifed for three years and does soccer and volley-



ERIN PLUMMER

(Left) Members of the Gifford High School Unified Soccer team give high-fives to members of the Laconia High School Unified team after a recent game.

ball. "I feel like I'm more included and not made fun of," Hamel said. "I feel like I'm actually included not excluded."

Allyson Paige has played for three seasons and said she loves being part of this. She has spent three years at GHS after a year homeschooled and said it feels great to be part of this team.

"Kids like this get a chance to play a sport even if it might not be a regular sport," Paige said.



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# SPORTS

## Gilford golfers tee off in State Meet

BY BOB MARTIN

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CAMPTON — The top 11 high school golf teams in Division 3, as well as the top two golfers for the remaining schools, competed at Owl's Nest on a windy but clear Tuesday morning, with Derryfield taking the title with a combined score of 343.

This year's top golfer at the team portion of the Division 3 championship, which took place on Oct. 10, was Keegan Branham of Sanborn with a 76. This was a +4 on a par 72 course.

Gilford came into the division final in tied for 10th in Division 3 with Stevens. While the players gave it their all, the Golden Eagles took 11th place. While it was a low finish on the big day, coach Tom Carr achieved his preseason goal of making the play-offs.

"I'm glad they accomplished that," said Carr. "It was a young team with a lot of sophomores. All of them have a whole year to get better and maybe next year we can be a little higher up and make the top five."



BOB MARTIN

(Right) Brady Reynolds was the top golfer of the day for Gilford High School, shooting a 99 at Owl's Nest in the Division 3 championship.

The championship is decided by the combined number of the top four golfers of each team, with the lowest score winning. Gilford shot a 407 on the 18-hole course, with Derryfield leading the way with a 343. Prospect Mountain edged out Gilford for the 10th spot by one point.

Leading the way for Gilford was Brady Reynolds, who shot a respectable 99 on the 18-hole course. He shot a 53 on the front nine and 46 on the back nine, but



BOB MARTIN

Senior Shaun Edson shot a 102 at Owl's Nest on Oct. 10 during the Division 3 championship match.



(Left) Brendan Bergman had an even 100 on the day, shooting a 50 on both the front and back nine.

started the day on hole number six.

Reynolds had five pars on the day and would have had a much lower score if it wasn't for holes three, four and eight on the front nine. These were holes that stumped plenty of golfers throughout the day. On number three, Reynolds shot an eight on a par four; on number four Reynolds shot a nine on a par five; and on number eight Reynolds shot a nine on a par four.

Reynolds vastly improved on the back nine, shooting a 46 with a couple of pars and four bogeys.

Brendan Bergman shot 50 on the front nine and 50 on the back for an even 100. Shaun Edson had a 50 on the front nine and 52 on the back nine for a score of 102. Hunter Wilson rounded out the team's scoring with a 106. He had a 51 on the front nine and 55 on the back nine.

Not included in the scoring was Anthony Flanders with a 114, Connor Sullivan with a 116 and Austin Milligan with 123.

Gilford had a com-

bined 15 pars on the day, but had no birdies. They were killed by several bad holes, with three, eight, 13 and 15 being especially tough. Swirling winds made it difficult on some holes.

"Hitting into the wind made it difficult," Carr said. "If you slice or pull a ball, the wind accentuates that. We had a lot of balls hit out of play."

Carr said a problem for the team all season is letting a few bad holes get to the players, which he hopes can change for next season. He said this is a common problem for beginning golfers, but as the players gain experience, they should know how to move past the bad holes and focus on the next ones.

Carr said the players on his team have a good idea of what they need to work on to be better players for next season. He said some will be hitting balls indoors during the winter, but others are encouraged to go play during the spring and summer months in preparation for the season.

"We have a group of kids who are pretty passionate about playing and getting better, so I think next year you'll see an improved team out there," Carr said.

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# Freshmen lead Golden Eagles in home meet

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — Seven teams from around Division 3 participated in the Central Lakes Invitational Cross Country meet hosted by Gilford on Oct. 13, and while the Golden Eagles didn't place high overall, the team was well represented with some solid performances by both male and female runners.

For the girls' team, which came in third, freshman Kayla Loureiro had her best race of the season with a seventh place finish with a time of 22:56. She was followed closely by senior Madison Relf, who was eighth with a time of 23:14. Relf's twin sister, Elizabeth, was 13th with a time of 24:21 and Bethany Tanner was 14th with a time of 24:29.

For the boys' team, which came in fifth, freshman Jonas Bi-



BOB MARTIN  
(Left) Kayla Loureiro was the top female runner for Gilford, finishing in seventh place.

lodeau continued his strong season with a time of 18:35 good for seventh place. Michael McDonough was 15th with a time of 19:34, Beck McLean was 18th with a time of 19:51, Eddie Demers was 20th with a time of 19:58, Charles Townsend was 23rd with a time of 20:15 and senior Michael Wernig was 25th with a time of 20:21.

Coach Janine Powis commended the work of all the seniors in what was the final race at home. It is Wernig's second year in the program, and Powis said it is clear how much he has learned and how much stronger of a runner he has become. It was McLean's first year and Powis said it has been fun to watch him take his athleticism to the next level. Jacob Malbourne has become a stronger runner, she said, and has become more competitive.

Powis has been coaching the Relf sisters since they started high school, and she said it was impressive to see how far they have come.

"Maddie and Lizzie, I've been coaching them for a couple years, so it has been cool seeing them transform into the runners they are today," Powis said. "From my first time coaching them until now, they look so much stronger. They've improved a lot."



BOB MARTIN  
(Right) Jonas Bilodeau had a solid fifth place finish at the home cross country meet on Oct. 13.

## Gilford boys earn a split of two

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Golden Eagles boys' soccer team had a couple of tough matchups last week but came away with a 5-0 win over Raymond and a 2-1 double overtime loss to top-ranked Derryfield.

On Oct. 10 Gilford hosted Raymond. At the eight-minute mark, Tyler Hanf scored on assists from Sandor Gamache and Patrick O'Connor. At the 27-minute mark, Colton Workman had goal number two with Hanf on the assist.

It was 2-0 at halftime and in the second half O'Connor took a rebound from an Adam Donnelly, shot and knocked it in to put the Golden Eagles up 3-0 at the 71-minute mark. At 78:30, Mike Eisenmann scored with an assist by O'Connor. Daegan Boucher wrapped up the scoring at the 79-minute mark with a goal assisted by Eisenmann.

Ethan Warren had three saves in goal.

"We came away with a great win against a very talented team," said coach Dave Pinkham. "We are playing well. I think defensively we are playing better than we have all season long."

Gilford brought this strong play to Derryfield, in what Pinkham called a "great performance" by his team on Oct. 13. It was a 0-0 game at halftime and 10 minutes into the second half Derryfield scored on a scramble in front of Warren. At about 78 minutes, Gamache scored an unassisted goal where he took the ball at midfield, went straight down and hit a great shot to the corner of the net from about 15 yards out.

With six minutes left in the second overtime period, Derryfield scored on a nice passing play.

"Ethan had five saves and was great in goal, but their goalkeeper had four saves and played very well," said Pinkham. "I felt really, really good with the way we played against this unbeliev-

ably experienced Derryfield team. Their coach said to me that they have nine seniors that started since ninth grade."

Pinkham said in the first overtime period Gilford had a chance to win when Hanf took a shot off the crossbar and narrowly missed the game winning goal. He said in the first 40 minutes of the game Gilford was outplayed but it was a different story in the second half.

"We played great soccer, moved the ball nicely and played great defense," said Pinkham.

Pinkham said while Derryfield has an undefeated record, he noted that other good teams like Belmont have given the team a scare as well. He said he likes the chances for Gilford moving forward, but admitted that to win championships you need a proper combination of skill and luck.

"I've always said and will maintain this, in order to win a tournament game, you need some luck," said Pinkham. "Also my thought has always been that I will take defense over offense any day in high school soccer. I feel good based on where we are defensively."

Pinkham said the team will be working this week on increasing

their offensive opportunities.

"I think the kids are playing well, and I've said it all season, when you look at the schedule there isn't a team playing a tougher schedule in Division 3," said Pinkham. "We have to play really well these last two games and finish on a positive note. I'm a happy coach

based on the effort the kids are giving. They are playing hard and doing a good job."

Gilford takes on Winnisquam at home on Oct. 18 and then Berlin on Oct. 20 at home to finish out the regular season. As of deadline Gilford was tied for third with Stevens with an 11-3 record.

## Winning streak continues for Gilford volleyball

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Golden Eagles volleyball team increased its winning streak to five games with a 3-0 win over John Stark on Oct. 13, which put the Gilford squad at 11-2 as of deadline.

Gilford won by scores of 25-20, 25-20 and 25-16.

In the first set, Maggie McNeil had four points on three kills. Lexi Boisvert also had four points with two kills, a block and an ace. Brooke Beaudet had two kills, including one for the set point. Bailey Hildreth had back-to-back ace serves and Abby O'Connor had a key

block.

The second set saw Gilford getting out to a big lead, led by Samantha Holland who had nine straight serves, giving the Golden Eagles a 10-1 lead. Holland had two aces. Boisvert had five points with four kills and a block in the set. Beaudet and McNeil had a pair of kills apiece while Abby Warren had a kill to solidify the win.

It became a tight set when John Stark battled back and came within four points, with a score of 20-16. Beaudet and Boisvert then led a surge to wrap up the set.

In set three, Gilford took advantage of John Stark's errors,

Bailey Hildreth had six straight serving points and put Gilford up 22-11. Boisvert was a key player in the set with four kills.

On the day, setter Karly Sanborn finished with 18 assists and right sigs. Boisvert was the offensive leader with 10 kills, seven digs, a block and an ace. McNeil led the defense with 13 digs, but also had seven kills and two aces. Hildreth was the leading server with three aces, and also had six digs.

Other key players included Holland with 11 digs; Beaudet with five kills, 10 digs and two aces; Kasey Moore with four digs; Lindsey Sanderson with a kill and a block; O'Connor with a dig and a block; and Warren with a kill.

Gilford faced Portsmouth and Kennett at home after deadline. As of deadline, Gilford was in a three-way tie with Portsmouth and Windham for third place in Division 3.

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# Gilford-Belmont picks up first victory

BY BOB MARTIN

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PEMBROKE — The

Gilford-Belmont Golden Eagles football team won its first game of

the season in Pembroke on Oct. 14, with a 26-6 to give the team a

1-5 record. Quarterback Greg Madore threw for 75

yards and a pair of touchdowns in the win. One was to Pat-

rick Carr and the other to freshman Brandon Gallagher.

Leading the rushing attack was Dylan Gansert, who eclipsed 100 yards in the game. Rushing touchdowns came from Brandon Cole and Blake Desco-teaux.

The defense was led by Tanner Woods and Ethan Roy who had 11 tackles and nine tackles respectively.

“It feels good to see the kids finally get rewarded for their hard work,” said coach Josh Marzahl. “These kids spend a lot of time practicing and working hard, and it’s a great feeling to have them see the rewards of the time and dedication they’ve spent this season.”

## Golden Eagle soccer girls get two shutouts

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Gilford girls’ soccer team had a pair of shutout wins last week to give the Golden Eagles a 7-7 record at deadline with two games remaining on the schedule.

Gilford beat Berlin with a 4-0 win on Oct. 10 to kick off the big week. In the first half, Sophie Leggett scored on a goal assisted by Lauren Dean. The next three goals came in the second half, started by Taryn Breton with an assist by Gwen Knipping. Sam Knowles also had an unassisted goal, with the last goal coming from Sarah Fillion assisted by Rhianon Day.

On Oct. 13 Gilford beat Laconia 3-0. In the first half, Julianna Colstring opened up the scoring with an assist by Leggett at about 11 minutes in. She was able to finish the ball nicely in the corner of the net to give Gilford the 1-0 lead. The Eagles scored again in the first half, about 30 minutes in, with a goal by Knipping. It was assisted by Maddie Rechter, who played a great ball through the defense to Knipping.

Gilford also scored about midway through the second half. The Golden Eagles had a corner kick and the ball came outside the box to stopper Sarah Currier who launched the ball into the corner of the net from about 25 yards out.

“In the second half, I really thought our offense came alive more,” said coach Tom Raymond. “We had a lot of chances.”

Gilford was able to hold Laconia well defensively. Raymond gave credit to Aria Stephen, who he said contained Laconia’s best



BOB MARTIN (Left) Lauren Dean dribbles the ball up the field during a win over Laconia at home last week.

players and was key in the shutout. Sweeper Olivia Trinidad also impressed Raymond during the win.

Hannah Perkins had her fifth shutout of the season.

Gilford took on Inter-Lakes at home on Tuesday after deadline. The Golden Eagles will head to Newport for a 4 p.m. matchup on Oct. 19 for the final game of the regular season.

## Gilford finishes fourth, looks to defend Division 3 field hockey title

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The field hockey Golden Eagles wrapped up an impressive regular season with a 5-0 win over rival Laconia on Oct. 11. This put Gilford at 11-2-1 overall, which had the team in fourth place overall.

It was a good overall team win for Gilford, with the defense led by Randi Byars, Kolbi Plante and Taryn Fountain. Jenna DeLuca had a solid day in goal with a key

save.

The offense was led by Bri Salanitro, who had a pair of goals on the day. Other goals came by Kellie Ryan, Cloe Bouche and Sydney Lehr. Coach Dave Rogacki was also impressed by freshman Alysson Carr, who he said had a good offensive game moving the ball from the defensive to the offensive.

The defending Division 3 champions will host a first round play-off game at 3 p.m. this Thursday.



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Sophie Leggett had a strong week for the Golden Eagles in a couple of wins over Berlin and Laconia.

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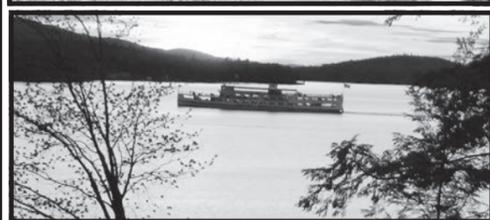
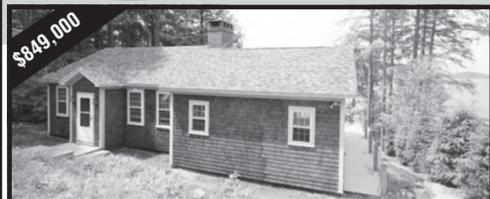
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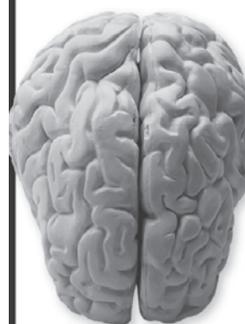
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