

# Gilford Steamer

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GILFORD, N.H.

## Gunstock's winter season ends this weekend

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Gunstock will be saying goodbye to its 2020-2021 ski season with a weekend long party for the whole family featuring music, costumes, an Easter egg hunt, and much more.

The winter season will officially end on April 4 with a weekend of events and activities for people of all ages.

A year ago, the mountain scheduled its closing party as usual, but with the onset of the pandemic the party was canceled and the season ended a few weeks earlier than expected.

The mountain opened back up for the 2020-2021 season on Dec. 11, with provisions for social distancing including tickets only available online, reservations required for a number of areas,



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Gunstock's ski season is drawing to a close. Sunday's weather might have been rainy and not great for the slopes, but the mountain will have some celebrations this coming weekend.

regular cleaning, closing the locker rooms, and many other details. This winter saw a lot of snow

and favorable temperatures, resulting in busy slopes all winter.

As spring begins and

the season draws to a close, this year the party is back on with provisions for social distancing.

An outdoor restaurant will be set up on Saturday with the Boston-based band Sweep

the Leg playing from noon-4 p.m. Reservations are recommended for the patio area and can be made through the Resy app. Walk-ins will be accepted depending on availability.

The last day of the

season falls right on Easter Sunday. That morning ski patrol will be hiding eggs on the trail and kids can take part in an Easter egg hunt as they ride down the mountain. Anyone who finds the

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## Cyclical appraisals underway, tax credit deadline approaching

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The appraisal cycle is underway, and 1,000 homeowners will be notified about taking part in a routine appraisal. At the same time the deadline to file for certain tax credits is coming in the next few weeks.

Finance director Holly Burbank gave the selectmen an update on her department during Wednesday's meeting.

Right now, the department is preparing the first tax warrant of 2021, which will go out around April through the first of May.

The process for appraisal updates is getting underway. Burbank said 1,000 letters were sent out to homeowners

regarding inspections as part of the regular appraisal cycle. The letters will ask homeowners to call and make appointments for appraisal inspections, Burbank said the office has been busy with these lately.

Selectman Kevin Hayes said a few weeks back an assessor came to his house.

"Very cordial, very professional, easy task; everyone should do it," Hayes said.

Applications for veteran's tax credits and elderly exemptions are due by April 15.

Board chair Gus Benavides suggested putting that information on the town's Facebook page to get the word out.

"Something as simple like that would make a

big difference in people's lives, just reminding them what the deadline is," Benavides said.

The first quarter sewer billing went out in early February and they're waiting for the bills to be issued as the sewer department reads meters. Billing for the Gunstock Acres Village Water District will also be coming up soon.

Looking at the year before, Burbank also said abatement requests "sharply declined" in 2020. That year, 23 abatement requests were made compared to 84 the previous year.

Burbank said she was gathering documents for the annual audit and there were many pages that needed to be

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## Selectmen discuss possible changes in town office hours

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The finance department will close at 4:30 p.m. and the selectmen said they want the town administrator to talk with other department managers about changing their hours.

Hours for most town

offices are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. On Wednesday, finance director Holly Burbank brought a request to the selectmen from her staff asking to close their office at 4:30 p.m. Burbank said the issue was raised to the board in January about changing office hours, but the board

decided not to change hours.

She said she has had talked with members of her team and the topic of changing the hours has come up numerous times over the past few years only to be rejected. At the same time

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## Free Dump Day to be discontinued

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This year's Free Dump Days will be the last one after two out of three selectmen voted to end the practice.

During a public hearing on Wednesday, the selectmen voted two-to-one in favor of ending Free Dump Days will end after this year's event scheduled for April 24-25.

Free Dump Days has been a longtime annual tradition in town, going from a weeklong event in years past to a weekend in recent years. The event didn't take place last year due to COVID-19, though town officials said there has been talk of ending the practice now that the town has its own solid waste center. Previously Free Dump Days were a way for residents to get

rid of trash and debris without having to take it to Laconia's transfer station. The new Gilford facility now takes waste products year-round, mostly for free with fees on some items to cover disposal costs.

A number of residents, however, have opposed canceling Free Dump Days.

Megan Sanborn wrote a letter to the board saying her household have used Free Dump Days for the past four years to get rid of trash and car parts the previous owner left on their property.

"Free trash day has been the only way we've accomplished as much as we have," Sanborn wrote. "Without it I believe we will see an increase in this dumping, not only in the old school bury technique but in dumping on the side of

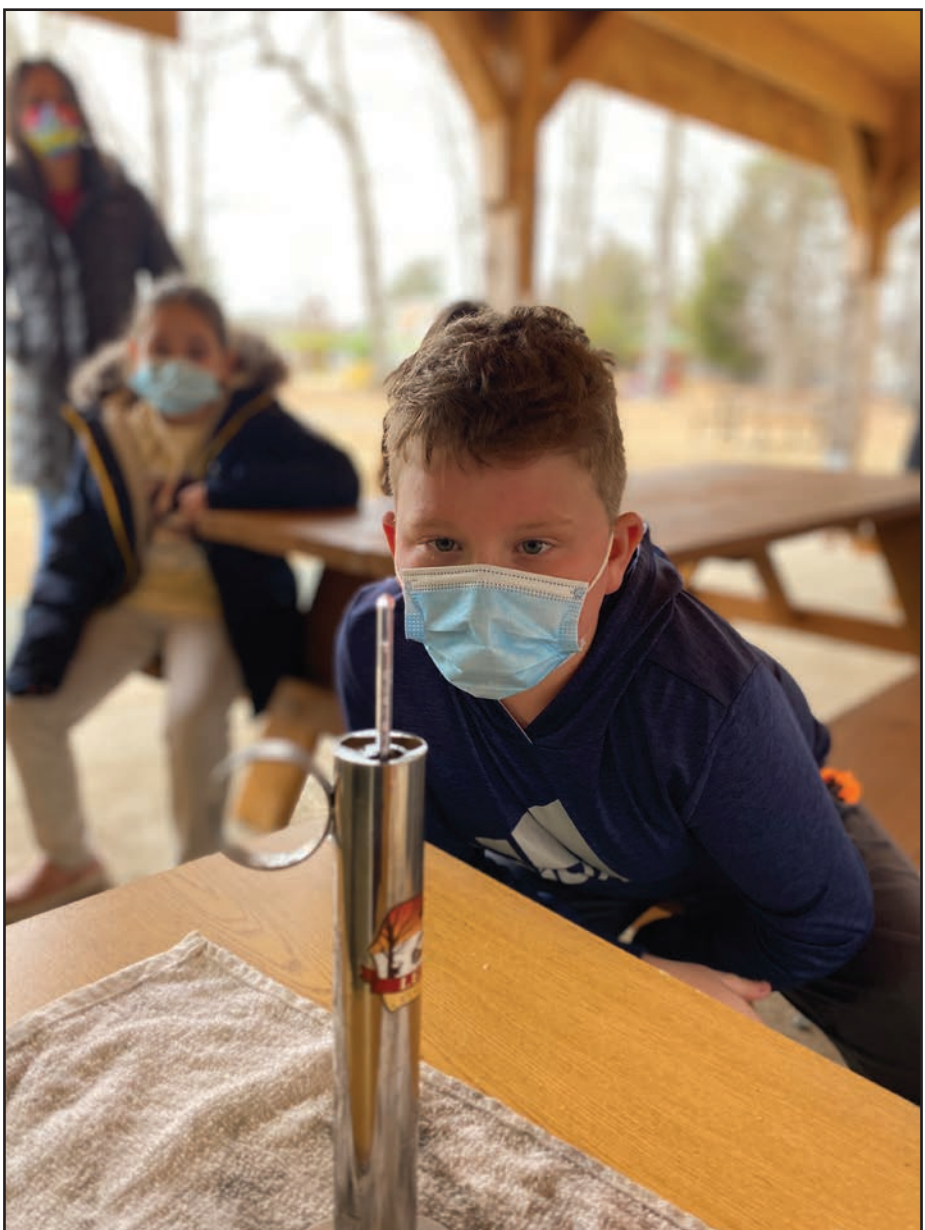
the road, woods, rivers and all the other areas that make our town a desirable place to live."

Board Chair Gus Benavides initially said he wondered if opposition to getting rid of this event comes from people who do not use the new solid waste facility. He said already the facility has processed so much material that it has helped curb expenses from trash removal. He said it seemed like Free Dump Days was a misnomer, since taxpayers are still paying for disposing of that waste.

Benavides also said he has heard from a number of other residents that they wanted to bring back Free Dump Days after the event was put on hold last year.

Selectman Chan Eddy

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## Maple sugaring at GES

It's maple sugaring time at Gilford Elementary School! Kaden Blouin is seen measuring the sugar content of sap using a hydrometer. Warm days and cold nights have helped the learners collect more than 250 gallons of sap from the trees they tapped around Gilford Village. With four days of boiling sap complete, this whole school project has already yielded four gallons of maple syrup.



# Harbor Freight Tools to open new location in Gilford



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Harbor Freight Tools, America’s go-to store for quality tools at the lowest prices, has announced that it will be opening a new store in Gilford. The new store will be located at 1458 Lakeshore Road and is expected to open this spring. An official opening date will be announced closer to opening.

Construction has already begun at the location, using local workers and companies from the surrounding Gilford area.

In addition, the store is expected to bring between 25 and 30 new jobs to the community, in-

cluding Sales and Logistic Supervisors, Senior Associates, Sales Associates, and seasonal opportunities as well. Harbor Freight Tools offers a competitive starting rate along with a best-in-class retail benefits package that includes robust health coverage, and Thanksgiving and Christmas off. Harbor Freight provides stability and the opportunity to advance in a company that continues to grow, with more than 23,000 associates and more than 1,100 locations nationwide. Forbes Magazine recently recognized Harbor Freight as the country’s number one employer for Veterans as well as one of the top 20 large employers in all of retail. In addition, DiversityJobs.com has named Harbor Freight one of their 2021 Top Employers, citing the company’s commitment to recruiting and hiring from all diversity groups.

“We’ve been looking to open a location in Gilford for a number of years so that we can provide the tools and equipment at tremendous values to the community,” said Trey Feiler, Senior Vice President, Real Estate and Construction for Harbor Freight Tools. “In addition to finding a great location, we were attracted by the availability of great associates in the Gilford area, and we look forward to having them join the Harbor Freight

team.”

Interested applicants can apply online at [www.harborfreightjobs.com/retail](http://www.harborfreightjobs.com/retail) and search “Gilford, NH”.

About Harbor Freight Tools

For more than 40 years, Harbor Freight Tools has been America’s go-to source for affordable tools. The family-owned company started in Southern California in 1977, when 17-year-old Eric Smidt began transforming his father’s small phone sales business into a successful mail order company, bypassing the resellers, dealing directly with factories, and passing the savings on to the customer.

The company opened its first store in 1980. Today Harbor Freight Tools has 1,100 stores across the country, 23,000 associates and more than 40 million customers who depend on Harbor Freight’s quality and value to earn a living, repair their homes and cars and pursue their hobbies. With core values of excellence and continuous improvement, Harbor Freight Tools works to constantly improve the quality of its products and this year will introduce more than 600 new tools and accessories. Harbor Freight Tools is one of the nation’s fastest growing retailers, opening two new stores every week.

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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

What's new at the Library?

Great news! As of April 1, the Gilford Library is updating our hours to include evenings on Thursdays (and this isn't an April Fools!) We will now be open 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday evenings and our regular hours other days of the week. In addition to updated hours, we keep adding programs in-person as well as virtually. Take note of the special upcoming events including the ever-popular National Library Week Touch-a-Truck Series and a book presentation of "The Last Traverse; Tragedy and Resilience in the Winter Whites" with author Ty Gagne on April 7. Another exciting part to National

Library Week is Amnesty Week! If you come in any time next week and mention Amnesty Week, we are forgiving late and overdue fines up to \$10 per card, so you don't want to miss out on that one! Adult and kids have crafts up and coming in the near future as well to get you excited for spring and warmer weather. Most programs noted below require registration and masks for participation. Take a look and perhaps we'll see you this month!

Classes & Special Events  
April 1 - April 8  
\*Sign up and face masks required

Thursday, April 1  
\*Geri Fit, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

\*Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

\*Mother Goose On the Loose (Virtual), 10:30-11 a.m.

\*Bee & Bunny Dessert Bombes, 1-1:30 p.m.

Join Kayleigh and Arielle on Facebook Live as they make special springtime dessert bombes in the shape of a cheery bunny and springy bee!

Friday, April 2  
\*Advanced Line Dancing, 9-10 a.m.

\*Preschool Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

\*Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

If German is your second (or third) language and you would like to

maintain your skill this weekly class is for you. For advanced conversational German Speakers.

Monday, April 5  
\*Geri Fit, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

\*National Library Week: Touch a Truck: Fire Truck & EMS, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come and celebrate National Library Week with our popular Touch a Truck. \*Call to register for a time slot. We will schedule visits for 10 children at a time. Masks required for ages three and up.

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

Tuesday, April 6  
\*Geri Fit, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

\*National Library Week: Touch a Truck: School Bus, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come and celebrate National Library Week with our popular Touch a Truck. \*Call to register for a time slot. We will schedule visits for 10 children at a time. Masks required for ages three and up.

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

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of Garden of Lamentations by Deborah Crombie, a Duncan Kincaid/Gemma James Scotland Yard crime mystery. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Wednesday, April 7  
\*Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

\*National Library Week: Touch a Truck: Dump Truck, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come and celebrate National Library Week with our popular Touch a Truck. \*Call to register for a time slot. We will schedule visits for 10 children at a time. Masks required for ages three and up.

After School Teen Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Afterschool Teen Club. Hangout with friends, play games, and make stuff. This club is whatever you want it to be! 5th-12th grade.

\*Ty Gagne: The Last Traverse, 5-6 p.m.

On a mountain somewhere above treeline, in some of the coldest and worst winter conditions imaginable, two men lie unconscious in the snow as explosive winds batter the nearby summits. In "The Last Traverse; Tragedy and Resilience in the Winter Whites," Ty Gagne masterfully lays out the events that led up to an epic and legendary rescue attempt

in severe and dangerous winter conditions in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Ty will be here (virtually) to talk about his book.

Thursday, April 8  
\*Geri Fit, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

\*Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

\*National Library Week: Touch a Truck: Sweeper Truck, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come and celebrate National Library Week with our popular Touch a Truck. \*Call to register for a time slot. We will schedule visits for 10 children at a time. Masks required for ages three and up.

\*Bird Feeders, 6-6:30 p.m.

Join Kayleigh on Facebook Live (or in-person!) to make an awesome bird feeder. Sign up to get your own bird feeder kit to get ready for spring! Limit to 12 people.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 22-28.

Eric Fennell, age 27, of Laconia was arrested on March 24 in connection with a warrant.

Jacob Daniel McGlothlin, age 51, of Moultonborough was arrested on March 25 for Driving While Intoxicated.

Jonathon T. Allen, age 28, of Loudon was arrested on March 27 for Driving While Intoxicated. A 27-year-old female from Madbury was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

Diamantis Diamantopoulos, age 35, of Southwick, Mass. was arrested on March 27 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Belknap Mill Society to hold virtual Annual Meeting

LACONIA — On Wednesday, March 17, the Belknap Mill Society held its Annual Meeting via Zoom. Staff and Board members provided an overview to attendees on the Mill's accomplishments of 2020, a review of the Mill's financials and a look ahead into 2021. Board Co-Chairs, Jennifer Anderson and Peter Karagianis facilitated the meeting.

New Board members, Mark Edelstein, Laura LeMien, Dana Gardner, Steve Geer and Cheryl Avery were officially welcomed and Board Co-Chair, Jennifer Anderson was appointed to another 3-year term. Outgoing Board member, Martin Hough, who served as Treasurer for 6 years, was thanked for his dedication, commitment and financial leadership in guiding the Mill forward towards a strong and secure future. A special framed caricature, created by Artist-in-Residence Larry Frates, was presented to Martin.

Tara Shore, Program and Operations Manager, announced the annual

Volunteer of the Year award which was presented to members of the Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt Clue Crew. Their many volunteer hours over the past 5 years in creating and developing the Historic Scavenger Hunt has become a signature event of the Belknap Mill. A special gift will be presented to the Clue Crew on June 26th at this year's 5th Annual Hunt.

Executive Director, Karen Prior updated members on the Museum Assessment Project that is currently underway to create a plan for the redevelopment of the 1st floor museum space. This project was funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in collaboration with the American Alliance of Museums. Marketing and communications coordinator, Jill Desruisseaux presented the long-anticipated reveal of the redesigned website and a presentation by Bryan and Johanna Halperin on Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's upcoming 2021

Season lineup concluded the meeting with lots of great energy and enthusiasm.

The Belknap Mill announced that they are holding their first Membership Drive in years! The Mill announced a new membership level specifically geared towards families. In our ongoing effort to support the community, the Mill will donate \$10 to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction for each new membership that comes in by April 30. NOW is a great time to join the Belknap Mill - support the Mill and support the Children's Auction! To learn more about membership opportunities visit our Web site at: [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org) or call us at: 524-8813.



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How much risk should you take before retirement?

If you're planning to retire in just a few years, you may be getting excited about this next phase of your life. However, your ability to enjoy retirement fully will depend, at least partially, on the resources you can draw from your investment portfolio. So, while you still have time to act, ask yourself if you're comfortable with your portfolio's risk level. Your relationship with risk can change noticeably over time. When you started saving for retirement, you may have been willing to take on more investment risk, which translated into a relatively high percentage of stocks and stock-based mutual funds in your investment portfolio. As you know, stocks offer the potential for greater returns than other assets – such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) – but they are also typically more volatile and carry more risk. But when you were many decades away from retirement, you had sufficient time to recover from market fluctuations. (Of course, there are no guarantees – it's possible that some stocks will lose value and never regain it.) Now, fast forward to where you are now – closing in on retirement. Even at this stage of your life – and, in fact, even during your retirement – you will need some growth-oriented investments to help stay ahead of inflation. Over time, even a low inflation rate, such as we've had the past several years, can erode your purchasing power. So, the issue isn't this: "Should I get rid of all my risk?" You shouldn't – and, in fact, you couldn't, because all investments, even the ones considered most "conservative," contain some type of risk, even if it isn't the risk of loss of principal. For instance, some investments run the risk of not keeping up with inflation. Instead, ask yourself these questions: "How much risk should I take within my portfolio?" "How much risk do I actually need to achieve my goals in retirement?" Of course, there are no one-size-fits-all answers. You'll need to look at your investment portfolio to see if it's positioned to provide you with the income you'll require in your retirement years. You might have initially based your financial strategy on a specific type of retirement lifestyle, but now that you're nearing retirement, perhaps you've changed your mind. Your anticipated new lifestyle might require either more or less income than you had originally projected – and if that's the case, you may need to adjust the risk level in your portfolio or make other adjustments. For example, suppose you had initially envisioned a rather quiet retirement, sticking around your home, volunteering and spending time with your grandchildren. But in recent years – and especially since the confinement many of us have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic – you may have thought that you'd now like to travel extensively. To achieve this goal, which will likely cost more than your original one, you may have to work longer, or invest more each year until you retire, or seek a higher return on your investments – which means accepting more risk. As you can see, managing risk is a balancing act – and you may need to make some tough choices. But as long as you're aware of how much risk you can take, and how much risk you may need to take to reach your goals, you can develop a strategy that aligns with your objectives.

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# Springtime legends

The first day of spring just passed us by on March 20. Now that we are over the hump and into the rainy, sunny, snowy, muddy bit we thought we would share some fun myths surrounding this blooming time of year.

The first story begins with Persephone and Demeter. Persephone was the goddess of spring and holds the most well known story of the season to date. Persephone is the daughter of Demeter, the goddess of agriculture and Zeus, the king of the gods. Persephone married Hades who kept her hidden against her will. Demeter set off to find her daughter and for every minute she was lost, not a crop would grow. Zeus then ordered his daughter to remain in the underworld for half of the year because she ate all of the fruit (pomegranate seeds), the other half of the year she spent with her mother. The idea is that every time Persephone goes into the underworld, winter arrives and the crops die, when she is with her mother, crops bloom.

According to Cherokee legend, the reason trees lose their leaves in the fall is because of the communication between animals and humans. Apparently, animals were able to communicate with humans and the world was utopian. Every year the birds would fly south for the winter. During one particular year, a sparrow who was injured was not able to fly south, he sent his flock ahead without him so the would not freeze, meanwhile he sought shelter. The bird flew to an old Oak tree and was told that he could not seek shelter in its branches, the same thing happened with every tree the bird visited until he was finally granted permission to stay in a pine tree. The pine tree, not popular with the others because of its hard, sharp leaves welcomed the little bird. The sparrow was forever grateful.

The sparrow survived the winter and welcomed his family home during the warmer months. Because the other trees, turned on the Sparrow during a most vulnerable time, the creator cursed their leaves to die during the winter except for the pine tree.

The Shinto Sun Goddess and Bringer of Light, Amaterasu, according to legend, is in control of the sun's movement to insure rice and other crops will grow. This goddess is well known for her ability to spin satin. Her fame caused her brother Susanoo, the god of storms, to become extremely jealous. The angry deity destroyed his sister's weaving loom and wrecked her rice fields. The rampage caused one of Amaterasu's closest friends to parish, as a result she locked herself inside a mountain resulting in the disappearance of light. Because of this, crops would not grow. Uzme, the goddess of laughter traveled to the mountain where Amaterasu was hiding. She placed a shiny necklace on a tree, then began to dance causing the other gods to laugh. When Amaterasu heard the laughter she peeked out of her cave and slowly began to walk towards the necklace. At this, Uzme had the cave blocked and light was restored to the world.

Some actual facts concerning the spring season are as follows; in 1582, if Pope Gregory XIII would not have established the Gregorian calendar, then every 128 years, the vernal equinox would have come a full calendar day earlier, which would put Easter in the middle of winter.

The famous myth about being able to balance an egg on its end on the spring equinox is not true. Attempting to balance an egg on its end is no easier on the spring equinox than on any other day.

During the springtime, birds are louder as they sing to attract mates and to warn enemies to steer clear.

The term "spring fever" refers to the psychological and physiological symptoms that go along with the arrival of spring, which include, daydreaming and restlessness. Over the years, scientists surmise the cause in the hormone shift could be due to the increase in sunlight and increased physical activity.



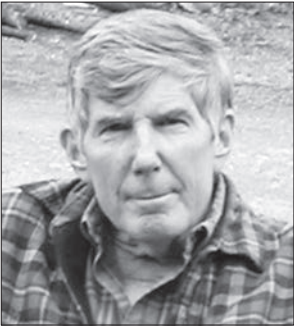
COURTESY

## Boys and Girls Club members learn to cross country ski at Bolduc Park

Bolduc Park recently hosted 47 members of the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region for a day of winter sports. A grant from The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction made it possible for the youngsters to hone their skills on skis and snowshoes. Many of the kids tried those sports last winter for the first time at the non-profit Bolduc Park located on Gilford Avenue on the Laconia/Gilford town line. This year, the kids took right off skiing the groomed trails, showing off the confidence they gained from a year ago. With help from the Children's Auction funding, Bolduc Park plans to have the Boys and Girls Club and other organizations serving low and moderate income youth come to the park this spring and summer to play disc golf and take golf lessons. Piche's Sports Shop donated staff time to fit the kids with equipment. Bob Bolduc, Course Superintendent at Bolduc Park, says "We want to use the Children's Auction grant to give kids a chance to enjoy outdoor recreation and learn the lifelong sports we offer. Many of the kids we aim to reach just don't have much opportunity to enjoy these sports." For more information, call Bolduc Park at 524-1370.

### North Country Notebook

## The deer, cavorting around, like heifers let out of the barn



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

Who takes the time to watch the snowbanks melt, or has it to begin with? There is too little time for the important things in life, like watching those little whirligigs produced by the bank maples, the ones that helicopter to the ground.

These are the trees that stand their ground in the face of adversity. Their leaves turn upside down when it's going to rain. This in turn makes the cows go flat as a cow flap, getting up only to create crop circles.

Silver maple is the term, the species of tree so adapted to scouring ice and spring floods, thriving into the Dog Days of August, their big branches spring-loaded for kids on the end of a rope.

In the fall, they add their brilliant hues to the riot. Sugar orchard and firewood purists give them short shrift, but they have a dignity that goes with being tough.

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The snowbank I photographed yesterday was gone today. That's how warm it got toward the weekend, warm enough that I let my fire go out. It had been a non-stop fire since early October. Time to go, I said, and out it went, but not for long, I know, I know. We've still got April and May to go, let's not for-

get, and the first half of June, too.

Count 'em up (you'll need two hands). Begin with the last half of September, and no shillyshallying around. One, two, three, all the way to seven, and one-half. There's no room here for denial, like black flies.

The more I think about things, the more everything seems to go in a circle, and so it is with fireplaces of old design, the kind with deep bays, and walls that flare out, and a top that slopes gently up to the flue.

Fred Lay built my fireplace, and somehow he had just the right plans in his head, perhaps from working with builders who were only a couple of generations removed from a time when there were no stoves, just fireplaces.

A big gnarly piece of rock maple makes a perfect back-log. In front of it you run a fire in an endless circle--raking light, fluffy ashes to either side, pulling red-hot coals forward, putting a new piece in behind.

It's a mesmerizing business. If you look at the fire every now and then, and go back to reading a few paragraphs of a good book, pretty soon your eyelids droop no matter how good the book, and it's time to climb the stairs, but not before you put the fire to bed, so you can wake it up in the morning.

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The deer are out, seeking anything that's green and not the growth-end of a spruce, fir, cedar, hemlock, or tamarack. Every now and then, if you get to watch them long enough, you'll catch a deer capering.

They remind me of spring heifers--young females raised to replace



JOHN HARRIGAN

This aerial photo, shot from more than a mile high in the sky, shows a remote section of Newfoundland--no, just kidding. It shows a big patch of snow melting to oblivion on my thoroughly dog-pooed front lawn.

milk cows. When they are let out of the barn or trucked to spring pastures, they really know how to kick up their heels.

Typically they are first raised in calf-hutches, rugged plastic igloos with about room for an adult person. The only freedom they know comes when they out-grow the igloos and are put out to pasture until fall. Then into the heifer barn they go, until they are needed on the line.

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I don't understand why farms are depicted so neat and tidy in television commercials. In one, barns are bright red with white trim, and a perfect white-board fence surrounds a perfect riding ring, and someone's planting a perfect garden.

Life is nowhere near so neat and tidy. Where are the discarded round-bale wraps, the old tires holding down the bunker tarps, the tractors and hay wagons waiting for repairs?

How are you going to keep the youngsters from leaving gay Par-ee for a wonderful life on

the farm?  
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In a pile of stuff on the kitchen table, I found a Wish List that apparently was supposed to be the kernel of a New Year's piece, which for mysterious lack of merit never saw the light of day.

These items are purposely selected, mind you, to be obscure and mundane. Among things I wished for in the movies were real wood fires in campfire scenes, instead of obvious gas fires. Or saddle-ropes that showed dirt and grime, as opposed to brand-new and squeaky clean.

How about how to hold a gun, and how never to point one at people? How about six, count 'em, six shots per revolver, or tires that don't squeal on dirt, or bullets that don't ricochet off wood?

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## Spring to Action admissions event to be held at LRCC

LACONIA – Becoming a student at Lakes Region Community College has never been easier than a one-day Spring to Action Express Admissions event on Wednesday, April 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. Prospective students can complete the entire process of applying to LRCC, applying for financial aid and scholarships, and registering for classes.

Students who bring a copy of their high school transcript or equivalency certificate will be accepted on the spot and can register immediately for the Summer Term, which begins Monday, May 17. Members of LRCC's OneStop office will be available to help students through the entire process. Scholarships will be available for new and returning students.

"We're pleased to offer the Spring to Action event as a convenient way for prospective students to complete the

process of admission to the college," said Barbara Wilson, Admissions Recruiter. "With one visit to the College, students are able to complete most or all of the enrollment process steps with ease and meet face-to-face with our friendly faculty and staff."

Students who pre-register can access a guided tour of their program areas and campus housing. The event is free and all those interested are encouraged to attend. Due to safety protocols, space is limited, and pre-registration is encouraged. Those interested can pre-register at [www.lrcc.edu](http://www.lrcc.edu) or call Lakes Region Community College at 366-5210.

Lakes Region Community College offers many associate degree and certificate programs, including Business, Accounting, Culinary Arts, Hotel and Restaurant Operations, Electrical, Automotive, Nursing, Graphic De-



sign, Advanced Manufacturing, and Fire Science, just to name a few. In addition, LRCC provides a strong background in Liberal Arts for students who choose to do their first two

years at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university for a baccalaureate degree. Business and industry training programs are also available.

Lakes Region Community College is a fully accredited, comprehensive community college located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and serves more than 1,200 students annually.

LRCC is part of the Community College System of New Hampshire. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at 366-5210.

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# Family & Friends Fun Day returns to Prescott Farm

LACONIA – On Saturday, April 17, Prescott Farm welcomes the community to its White Oaks Road property for the Spring Family & Friends Fun Day. The two fun-and fact-filled sessions are Mud Tracking and Become a Meteorologist.

Mud Tracking (10 a.m.-noon) is the perfect program for curious learners who want to really get their hands dirty! Program attendees will trek in the woods and search for signs of animals welcoming back the warmer weather. Our educators will help guests identify animal tracks in the mud and preserve discoveries by making a plaster cast of an animal track!

Become a Meteorologist (1-3 p.m.) will help answer that age old question: what’s the weather going to be – and why? Guests will learn to set up a homemade weather station to take daily weather measurements in order to learn more



about the climate of New Hampshire.

Family & Friends Fun Days are brought to the public with the gen-

erous support of New Hampshire Electrical Cooperative Foundation. Their sponsorship allows Prescott Farm to

offer this program at no charge to participants.

A full calendar of programs, descriptions, age level recommendations,

fees, and registration information is available at [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org).

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 dedicat-

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



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## New volunteer coordination effort underway by County Conservation District

REGION — Amelia Kaufhold is leading a new Volunteer Coordination initiative in Belknap County hosted by the County Conservation District. This program assists local organizations in promoting volunteer opportunities for environmental stewardship and food assistance programs in Belknap County.

nia. She is a seasoned educator and grower, as well as a graduate of the sustainable agriculture program at UNH’s Thompson School and Cooperative Extension’s Natural Resource Stewards Program. Weaving together growing food and medicine, natural resource management, land stewardship, and education, Amelia is passionate about working with nature and helping build community. As a longtime volunteer herself, she is eager to step

into this role where she can collaborate with local organizations to help build connectivity in the community around food and natural resource conservation. She lives in a tiny house in Strafford with her husband, dog and cat, where they co-manage 50 acres of forest and an acre of orchard and gardens with their family.

Jillian Olevitz, a University of New Hampshire’s Nutrition and Dietetics student, is

working with Kaufhold on this Volunteer Coordination program. Olevitz is Co-President of UNH’s Student Nutrition Association and is an Eating Concerns Mentor at the university. She is also a member of UNH’s Women’s Club Hockey team. She is excited to bring her passions for food and health to help this pilot program for food assistance grow. Coming from Winthrop, Massachusetts, Jill loves baking and the beach.

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## Small businesses to receive COVID-related expense relief

LACONIA — Over the next few months, the Belknap Economic Development Council (Belknap EDC) and three partner regional development corporations will be allocating more than \$200,000 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act)

grant funding to small businesses negatively impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Community Development Block Grant - CARES Act Funds Program (CDBG-CV), administered by the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) is for low- to moderate-income

(LMI) microenterprises and start-ups to offset costs associated with preparing for, responding to, or recovering from COVID-19.

“We are pleased to partner with the CDFA and our partners to provide this much needed financial support to our small business community,” said Justin Slat-

tery, Belknap EDC’s Executive Director. “The need this year has been extraordinary and we’re grateful for this collaboration to help more small business clients than ever before.”

Qualifying businesses may receive up to \$2,500 in direct grant funding for equipment costs, operational expenses, working capital, and minor construction or modification projects. A qualifying business must be classified as a for-profit entity with five or fewer employees, be in current operation or in start-up mode, be located within Belknap County and meet specific income requirements.

“Many small businesses have been hard hit by the Coronavirus pandemic,” noted Slattery. “By providing direct grant support, we are pleased to support our small business community.”

More details can be found at [belknapedc.org](http://belknapedc.org).

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In an effort to comply with State and Federal Laws governing special education, to maintain eligibility for Federal Funding, to engage in sound long range planning and to provide evaluation and programming where appropriate, the Barnstead School District is making a conscientious effort to identify any students with potential disabilities who reside within its jurisdiction.

Parents of children up to age 21 who suspect that their child may have an educational disability are encouraged to contact Allyson Vignola, the Student Services Director at Barnstead Elementary School, [avignola@mybes.org](mailto:avignola@mybes.org) 269-5161 ext 308.

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# LRPA celebrates films “Overlooked by the Oscars” this month

LACONIA — This year, April is Oscar® month, and as always, LRPA After Dark wants to celebrate achievements in film. But what about when Hollywood fails to recognize great movies, including some that go on to be considered classics? It turns out that many fine films get passed over during awards season. This month, Lakes Region Public Access Television will screen movies “overlooked by the Oscars,” featuring wonderful films and spectacular performances that never won anything. First up this weekend (April 2 & 3) is 1937’s delightful screwball comedy “Nothing Sacred,” starring Carole Lombard and Frederic March.

“Nothing Sacred” introduces the viewer to ambitious New York City newspaper reporter Wally Cook (March),

whose career is in a slump. He hears the sad story of Hazel Flagg (Lombard), a small-town woman diagnosed with radium poisoning who only has six months to live. Cook sees a chance to redeem his failing career and proposes that Hazel travel to NYC, expenses paid by the paper, and enjoy her final months. A problem (?) arises: Hazel finds out that she was misdiagnosed and isn’t dying after all. To get out of Warsaw, Vt., she accepts Cook’s offer to come to New York so that she can finally see the world. Hazel arrives in NYC to great fanfare, including a ticker tape parade and key to the city. Along the way, she and Cook fall in love, but problems arise after an independent medical exam shows that Hazel is going to live. Will Cook lose his reputation and job? Will Hazel be forced to return

to Warsaw, Vt.?

Screwball comedies were Hollywood’s hilarious response to the everyday woes of Depression-era America. Carole Lombard graced us with three of the best: “My Man Godfrey,” “Twentieth Century,” and “Nothing Sacred.” This film has everything you’ve come to love in the genre – quick, witty dialog, interesting, off-beat characters, wonderful romance. What really sets this Nothing Sacred apart from other movies in this category is that the humor is very cynical, and highly critical of both the tabloid newspaper business as well as the sentimental public eagerly devouring the “reality” story of the day. For a movie nearly 85 years old, the plot sounds remarkably modern.

Carole Lombard of-

ten described “Nothing Sacred” as one of her favorite films, and the critics heartily agreed. Directed by the legendary William Wellman and with outstanding performances by Lombard, March and its supporting cast, Nothing Sacred is a terrific film. Some terrific comedies from 1937 were nominated for Academy Awards, including “The Awful Truth” and “Topper,” but “Nothing Sacred” was overlooked. Grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this witty and romantic gem from the past.

Mark your calendars as LRPA After Dark celebrates a month of films overlooked by Oscar®:

April 2 & 3: 1937’s “Nothing Sacred,” starring Carole Lombard and Frederic March

April 9 & 10: 1941’s “Meet John Doe,” star-

ring Barbara Stanwyck and Gary Cooper

April 16 & 17: 1934’s “Of Human Bondage,” starring Bette Davis and Leslie Howard

April 23 & 24: 1940’s “His Girl Friday,” starring Rosalind Russell and Cary Grant

You can’t find television like this anywhere but LRPA TV, Atlantic Broadband Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Join our live stream at [lrpa.org/watch-us-live/](http://lrpa.org/watch-us-live/) to catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, non-commercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA cablecasts locally on Atlantic Broadband

Channel 24 (educational programming and public bulletin board), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to more than 12,000 homes 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.

LRPA’s slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at [www.lrpa.org](http://www.lrpa.org).

## Comfort Keepers Starting the conversation

BY MARTHA SWATS  
Owner/Administrator  
Comfort Keepers

For many families, starting a discussion with a senior loved one about care needs can be difficult. But, according to the Home Care Association of America (HCAOA), nearly 70 percent of Americans that reach age 65 will need care at some point in their life. And, nine out of 10 seniors want to remain in their home as they age.

It is comforting to know that talking to the older adult in one’s life about their care needs doesn’t have to be a negative experience. Family and friends should remember to share the ways that in-home care can help seniors live the life they want, maintain their physical and emotional wellbeing, and bring more hope, purpose and joy to their days.

Timing is everything

Deciding when to start the conversation about care needs is important. It is never too early to discuss what care might be needed and the desires of the person that will be receiving care. And, when it is time for care to start, everyone will be on the same page about the plan.

Ideally, there will be multiple discussions on the topic of care. Making plans before there is

an emergency or sudden problem in the senior’s home helps alleviate stress for everyone. Families and friends should talk to the senior in their life early and often.

Gather information

Remember that everyone will have the best experience possible if this is a true conversation with the care recipient, not about them. Those involved should have the opportunity to speak their mind and talk about the future. There are many options for in-home care, from the type of care services to the number of hours a week. It is a good idea for participants to do research online or by calling a care provider to get questions answered before the family meets to talk about options.

Support is imperative

Ultimately, everyone wants to ensure that the care recipient is supported, cared for, and safe in their home. It can reduce stress if those speaking to their senior loved one understand that there may be resistant to the idea of having a caregiver provide assistance, and the care recipient may feel that they are losing independence. While family and friends should be honest about their observations and feelings, the senior that will be receiving care should also have a voice.

This not only helps everyone feel comfortable with the plan moving forward, but opens up the conversation about all the ways home care can improve quality of life – physically, mentally and emotionally.

Think beyond the basics

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About Comfort Keepers

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# LRPC TAC Committee to meet April 7

REGION — The Lakes Region Planning Commission’s Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, April 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

TAC members will hear presentations from five Lakes Region municipalities that have applied to the NH Department of Transportation for funding via the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAC members will prioritize the five applications based on criteria established for the federally funded program. Criteria include safety, project connectivity, and potential for success. Eligible projects include

trails, sidewalks, traffic calming techniques, and other non-motorized forms of transportation.

Successful project proposals will be selected by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. Project costs must be a minimum of \$400,000, with a maximum cost of \$1,250,000. The federal share of funding will be 80 percent of project costs. Municipalities will be responsible for 20 percent of project costs.

The public is welcome to attend the TAC meeting.

As a result of the coronavirus/COVID-19

public health crisis and pursuant to Emergency Order #12 issued by Governor Sununu on March 23, 2020 regarding the state of emergency currently extended through March 25, 2021 pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order 2021-04, the Lakes Region Planning Commission has determined that this meeting of its Transportation Advisory Committee will not be held at a physical location, but will be conducted via Zoom.

There are two ways for the public to access the meeting: Online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84008643115> or by telephone at 1-929-205-

6099 and enter Zoom Meeting ID 840 0864 3115. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC Web site at [www.LakesRPC.org](http://www.LakesRPC.org).

Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting can call 279-5334 or email [admin@lakesrpc.org](mailto:admin@lakesrpc.org) for assistance.

The LRPC TAC encourages all members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5334.

# Bank of New Hampshire promotes Lisa Dauphine to VP – Project Management Officer

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce the promotion of Lisa Dauphine to Vice President – Project Management Officer. In this role, she is responsible for planning, organizing and directing the completion of specific projects for the bank while ensuring these projects are on time, on budget and within scope.

“Lisa is a very dedicated and committed employee who is very deserving of this promotion,” said Cheri M. Caruso, SVP, Chief Technology, Digital Banking & Operations Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. “She brings a high-level of banking knowledge

and experience which includes good leadership, communication, time management and team management skills which lead to successful projects.”

Dauphine joined the bank in 2000 as the Items Processing Supervisor. She has held many positions since then including Items Processing Manager where she was responsible for the daily management of the Mail Delivery/Processing and Courier Functions, Statement Rendering, Printer and Copier Servicing, and Office Supply and Business Card Servicing. She was then promoted to AVP – Project Manager & Items

Processing.

Dauphine is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking, BMA Leadership on the Line, Leadership Lakes Region and also holds her Supervisory Skills Certificate from Northern New England CFT.

Bank of New Hampshire is excited to have her in this new role on our team as we aspire to remain an independent mutual financial institution, delivering innovative solutions and exceptional service, while assisting our employees, customers and communities to build brighter futures.

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shire, founded in 1831 provides deposit, lending and wealth management products and services to families and businesses throughout New Hampshire and southern Maine. With 21 banking offices and assets exceeding \$2 billion, Bank of New Hampshire is the oldest and one of the largest independent banks in the state. Bank of New Hampshire is a mutual organization, focused on the success of the bank’s customers, communities and employees, rather than stockholders. For more information, call 1-800-832-0912 or visit [www.BankNH.com](http://www.BankNH.com).

# Bank of New Hampshire promotes Tiffany Baert to VP – Marketing Officer

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce the promotion of Tiffany Baert to Vice President – Marketing Officer. In this role, she is responsible for overseeing the Marketing team in a variety of functions in support of the Bank’s strategic initiatives as they relate to customer experience, communication, public relations and advertising.

“Tiffany has spent the last ten years of her career honing her skills, successfully functioning in several roles within the Marketing department,” said Michael Seymour, SVP, Chief Marketing & Retail Lending Administration Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. “Bank of New Hampshire is lucky to have a professional such as Tiffany to lead our marketing efforts into the future.”

Baert joined Bank of New Hampshire in 2010 as the Marketing Administrator, and over the past ten years has been promoted several times focusing on all aspects within the Marketing Department. She holds the top professional designation for bank marketers from the American Bankers Association, the Certified Financial Marketing Professional (CFMP) designation.

Baert holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Plymouth State University. She is also a graduate of the ABA Bank Marketing and Management School, the Northern New England School of Banking and is currently enrolled in Leadership Lakes Region. She continues to be active in the community serving time as a mentor for the Circle Program, a board member of the Campton Historical Society and a member of the Marketing Advisory Committee for Plymouth Regional High School.

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# Bank of New Hampshire promotes Eric Carter to SVP – Digital Solutions & Innovation Officer

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce the promotion of Eric Carter to Senior Vice President - Digital Solutions & Innovation Officer. In this role, he will lead the new Innovation & Process Improvement team while continuing to oversee the Electronic Banking division. Carter’s extensive knowledge in bank technology and operations will enable him to identify ways to enhance the bank’s processes, enhance our customers’ banking experience and introduce new and innovative solutions to the Bank.

“This is the perfect role for Eric,” stated Cheri Caruso, SVP, Chief Technology, Digital Banking & Operations Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. “Under his leadership, the bank will continue to make advancements in digital technology, improve business processes and provide our customers’ with innovative products and solutions.”

Carter joined Bank of New Hampshire in January of 2000. His past roles within the bank, include AVP – Retail Office Manager, VP - Alternate Delivery Channels/Operations, and SVP - Electronic Banking Manager.

He holds a Business Management Degree from Plymouth State University and is a graduate of the ABA Stonier Graduate School of Banking. He has been active in the local community serving as President/Chairman of the Board for a number of non-profit organizations including the Lincoln/Woodstock Chamber of Commerce, Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice, Plymouth Main Street Inc., and the Bolduc Park Association. He currently serves on the New Hampshire Financial Abuse Specialty Team (FAST) and is the chair for the New Hampshire Bankers Association’s Fraud Peer Group.

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DUMP

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said he would utilize Free Dump Days until the solid waste center opened, now he can dispose of any materials there he would previously at low or no cost.

“I’d say 70 or 80 percent of the stuff you bring in you’re not going to be paying anything for to dispose of, so I think some folks have some slight misconceptions about what our solid waste center can do.”

Public works director Meghan Theriault said she understood that Free Dump Days would end once the new facility opened, information that she had been telling people since last year. She said the facility will dispose of a lot of materials for free year-round with Saturday being one of their busiest days. She also said the department would need more people to help out that day since the staff is limited and

asked about the costs of the event.

Eddy said he wondered how much people would bring in on Free Dump Days this year given how long the facility has been open and if there are still people saving up all their materials. Theriault said she had a gut feeling that less materials would be brought in and there probably would be people who have been saving their materials for the event.

Fred Wernig said he uses the solid waste facility on a regular basis but advocated for keeping Free Dump Days.

“I don’t want to see driving around Gilford, having it start looking like Rumney or some of these towns that don’t have any kind of enforcement and everybody’s got a junkyard in their yard and when you drive around Gilford it’s



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Free Dump Days will end after this year’s event on April 24-25 after a split vote by the selectmen.

not bad,” Wernig said. “I think it’s a good practice.”

He said the annual island cleanup event was also a good practice to keep going. He also said if they’re worried about the cost of the event then they should charge people a nominal fee to get rid of their stuff.

In the end, the selectmen voted two to one to end Free Dump Days effective on March 26, with Benavides the opposing vote.

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FINANCE (Continued from Page A1)

scanned. This year the auditor is doing a hybrid model which includes an in-person visit, which she said they greatly wanted.

"I hoped they would come here and do the audit because it's much quicker," Burbank said. "It's anywhere from three to five days and

its done, last year it took three months to do." The department is also working on the regular computer replacement cycle including getting pricing and reaching out to different department managers to see what they need for their technology. Every year, the town replaces around 13 to 15 computers.

HOURS (Continued from Page A1)

one agreement with one employee specifies a 4:30 p.m. end time and Burbank said overall the staff feels there is an unfairness in the hours. Additionally, Burbank said the office really gets no customers after 4:30 p.m., including no foot traffic or phone calls.

"They're simply asking a change in the office hours from 8-5 to 8-4:30, shortening their lunch break to a half an hour," Burbank said.

The selectmen unanimously approved a motion to change the finance department's hours to 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and change the lunch break to half an hour effective March 29.

Benavides said he would like Dunn to go back to the department managers and discuss this matter again.

"I don't want one off open until 4:30, another open to 5, and so on and so forth," Benavides said.

Board Chair Gus Benavides said this matter was brought to the board about a month ago and discussed at length. He said he was in favor, but the idea was shot down because there was a general sentiment that no one wanted to change the hours, and everyone wanted their hourlong lunch. Benavides said this was an opportunity to revisit that topic.

Dunn said two offices have more unique circumstances. He said the most resistance to changing office hours came from the planning and land use department and advised contacting that office about their hours and selectmen said they would want to do that.

The town clerk's office closes at 4:30 p.m. but staff will work an extra half an hour to close out their books for the day.

Dunn said he would speak with the planning director and the town clerk, and if they have any requests, he would bring them to the board.

Beginner Rug Hooking virtual workshop hosted by Belknap Mill

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill is pleased to offer its second textile workshop as part of its year-long series in 2021. This 5-week virtual workshop will take place on Thursday

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The Bel knap Mill, along with funding from a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts, is able to offer this workshop at a special price of \$120 per participant. The cost includes a kit with a pattern, all material required to complete the 16-by-16-inch piece, 12-inch quilting hoop, a rug hook, and small group virtual instruction for five weeks. (A small pair of scissors will also be required.)

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# Carr, Sanderson earn hoop All-State honors



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Allison Carr earned All-State Honorable Mention to close out her Gilford career.

REGION — Local girls' basketball players were among those honored when the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization re-

leased its list of All-State teams following the conclusion of the 2020-2021 hoop season. Paulina Huckins of Newfound was named to the Division III First

Team, where she was joined by Player of the Year Elizabeth Gonyea of Conant, Avery Stewart and Sophie Bardis of Fall Mountain, Emma Ten-ters of Conant and Tori Allen of Campbell. Newfound's Malina Bohlmann and Prospect Mountain's Hannah Capsalis both earned Second Team honors. Also earning Second Team were Caroline Camp of Kearsarge, Morgan McGrath of Hopkinton, Brynn Rautiola of Conant and Karleigh Schultz of Campbell. Honorable Mention for Division III went to Morgan Hall of Belmont, Allison Carr and Lindsey Sanderson of Gilford, Makenna Balderrama of Berlin, Lily Kenison of White Mountains, Bailey Fairbank of Newfound and Molly Moynihan of Inter-Lakes. Also earning Honorable Mention were Grace Le Clair and Mea Carroll-Clough of Monadnock, Makenna Grillone of Fall Mountain, Kathryn LaCasse of Raymond, Kally Murdough of Hopkinton, Riley Gamache of Campbell, Teagan Kirby of Conant and Rayna Tucker of Kearsarge. Division III All-Defensive Team honors went to Gilford's Sanderson, Conant's Rautiola, Murdough of Hopkinton, Raymond's Lacasse and Schultz of Campbell. Raymond's Lacasse earned the Jack Ford Award while Brian Troy of Conant was named the Varsity Coach of the Year.

Prospect Mountain JV Coach Ernie Tiede was named Division III Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year. Woodville seniors Olivia Sarkis and Emily Prest were both named Division IV First Team All-State, where they were joined by Player of the Year Sage Smith and Samantha Howe, both of Colebrook, Angelina Nardolillo of Hinsdale and Emmy Plage of Derryfield. Division IV Second Team went to Emmalee Deblois of Groveton and Megan Swedberg of Moultonborough, along with Brianna Fillion of Newmarket, Delaney Wilcox of Hinsdale and Chloe Weeks and Jaclyn Peaslee of Farmington. Littleton's Olivia Corrigan, Hannah Brown and Lauren McKee, Woodville's Graci Kaiser and Morgan Wagstaff, Groveton's Nodia Davenport, Lin-Wood's Alyvia Drapeau and Lisbon's Sara Brown all earned Honorable Mention, along with Shawna Lesmerises of Derryfield, Maddie Trainor of Portsmouth Christian, Abby Pollari of Sunapee, Abigail Henry of Newmarket, Jenna Needam of Epping, Olivia Wattendorf of Franklin and Rosie Treece of Mount Royal. Sarkis also earned Division IV All-Defensive Team along with Derryfield's Plage, Newmarket's Fillion, Hinsdale's Nardolillo and Colebrook's Smith. Moultonborough's Swedberg was named the Jack Ford Award winner for Division IV. First-year Woodville head coach Steve Colby was named Division IV Coach of the Year. In Division II, Kennett's Maddie Stewart earned First Team hon-



Lindsey Sanderson finished her Gilford career with an All-State Honorable Mention nod.

ors, where she was joined by Player of the Year Ami Rivera of Bishop Brady, Valentina White and Jennifer Bettencourt of Coe-Brown, Catherine Cole of Lebanon, Abuk Teng of West, Jasmine Becotte of Pelham, Ellen McGough of Sanborn, Macy Gordon of Merrimack Valley, Lindsey Laperle of Bow, Carissa Miller of Oyster River, Brady Johnson of John Stark, Kate Canavan of Souhegan, Sarah Dobbs of Milford and Maddy Faber of Con-Val. Maddie Houghton of Sanborn was named the Jack Ford Award winner while Dan O'Rourke of Hanover was named Varsity Coach of the Year and Mike Mahoney of Merrimack Valley was named Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year. Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

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