

Tilton officials in search of next Boston Post Cane recipient

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TILTON — With the passing of Tilton's latest Boston Post Cane recipient, Rachel Glidden, the town is now seeking nominations for the next honoree who can be shown as the oldest resident who has lived in the town for at least the last ten years.

The history of the award dates back to the early 1900's, when Boston Post newspaper publisher Edwin Grozier came up with the idea to advertise his publication by presenting special Boston Post canes to 700 rural towns throughout New England. The canes were made of ebony wood from the Congo area of Africa and adorned with an en-

graved gold ball on the top. In 1909, Grozier then had them delivered to each selected community with instructions that they were to be handed over to the oldest male resident and passed on through perpetuity.

In 1930, however, the rules were amended to include women as possible recipients.

Tilton's original Boston Post Cane is now kept on display at the town hall. Beside the original cane are plaques acknowledging each of the recipients who have been so honored over the last 109 years. The first to hold the cane was Joseph L. Thompson who received the distinction on Aug. 12, 1909. Thompson was born on Feb. 1, SEE TILTON, PAGE A11



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Tilton officer recognized for 10 years of service

Selectmen in Tilton paused during their weekly meeting last Thursday to congratulate Patrol Cpl. Steve Henry of the Tilton Police Department (third from right) for ten years of service and dedication to the town. Joining him for the recognition were Officers Matt Dawson and Chris Rideout, Chief Cormier, Lt. Ryan Martin and Officer Noelle Glenn.



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Icing up

Recent rain and freezing temperatures wreaked havoc for drivers but left some beautiful sights to be found around the Winnisquam Region, like this photo where winter's ice glittered on last fall's leaves still clinging to a branch in Sanbornton.

Webster Lake Fishing Derby kicks off Feb. 17

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FRANKLIN — The City of Franklin is gearing up for its annual Winter Carnival, and in conjunction with that fun-filled event, the 39th Webster Lake Fishing Derby is also scheduled

to take place on Feb. 17-18, with headquarters located on Griffin Beach. Through the efforts of a newly invigorated derby committee, last year's event was a huge success and they said they hope to make it even bigger and better for 2018.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, children 15 and under could participate for free last year and that trend will continue as once again the donor will be covering ticket prices for the first 100 boys and girls who SEE DERBY, PAGE A11

Celebrate Valentine's Day by supporting Compass Classical Academy

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FRANKLIN — For the second year in a row, Compass Classical Academy invites adults to come enjoy a great night out at their Valentine's Day Dinner Dance and Charity Auction, scheduled to take place on Saturday, Feb. 17, at their location in Franklin.

The event begins at 6 p.m. when a variety of appetizers will be served, followed by dinner at 7 p.m.. On the menu for entrees this time are Prime Rib, Honey Herb Roasted Chicken, and Vegetarian Lasagna.

Other side dishes will include Italian Wedding Soup, Dutchess Potatoes, Roasted Chipotle Butternut Squash and carrots. Bread sticks, buttered rolls and a salad bar will be included, with Chocolate Torte and Cake Truffles available for dessert. The auction will include items from several local businesses and crafters, and J-Force Productions will provide the music that everyone will want to get up and dance along to when dinner is done.

Compass Classical Academy is a free public charter school, providing "classical" education to students from all across New Hampshire. They offer an all-day kindergarten program, and currently have older students enrolled from first through seventh grades.

"We will be adding one grade each year until we are a full K-12 school," said director Judy Tilton.

The school also provides a variety of extra-curricular programs for their students. Among those are a 4-H club, intramural sports, yoga, robotics, and even Live Action Role Play where the students have opted to travel back in time to the Middle Ages. Each participant then creates

their own persona and gets to do some improvisational-style acting as that character.

Tilton said the school is also in the midst of developing their own Special Olympics team, which will participate in a variety of athletic events throughout the year.

Funds raised through the dinner and auction will help with funding for those and other programs featured at the school.

Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and can be purchased in advance at the school office or by calling 729-3370. Compass Classical Academy is located at 15 Elkins St. in Franklin, and more information on their educational opportunities can be found at www.compassclassicalacademy.com.

Belmont Public Library looks forward to a special anniversary year

BELMONT — The Belmont Public Library was established in 1893. The current library building was dedicated on Feb. 4, 1928. Throughout 2018, the library will be celebrating 125 years of service to the community and ninety years in the same building. The trustees and staff invite you to our first big event, the 90th Anniversary Open House, on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Library welcome new contributors to their meeting on Friday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. The Friends SEE BELMONT, PAGE A11



COURTESY

A historic image of the Belmont Public Library.

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PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER
Rick Wyman presents a Golden Trowel Award to John Stephens of Stephens Landscaping.



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Gretchen Gandini of the WOW Trail accepts the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce's Environmental Award from Rick Wyman.

Chamber meeting reflects on successes, looks to 2018

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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MEREDITH — The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce recognized a year of growth, a coming year with new initiatives, and a number of different building and environmental projects during its annual meeting featuring Gov. John Sununu as keynote speaker.

Board members reflected on the past year. “In over 20 communities in New Hampshire, the Lakes Region Chamber is driving engagement, growth, and opportunity for nearly 500 members everyday,” said outgoing president Jay Bolduc. “Through member mixers, legislative forums, job fairs, a nonprofit summit, and a golf tournament, we are connecting our mem-

bers with prospective clients, customers, and employees better than ever.”

Bolduc said this effort has resulted in many gains. He said traffic on the Chamber’s website increased by 50 percent over last year. Last year’s New Hampshire Pumpkin festival had over 40,000 people attending, which he said put around \$1 million into the community.

“The event is now a bright, orange glowing showcase of what our community is capable of,” Bolduc said.

The chamber is aiming to restart its legislative committee. Incoming President Bob Fitzpatrick said the Chamber has not had an active Government Affairs Committee in seven years, which he said is especially important considering the legislative action that impacts business.

The chamber will also create an advisory committee and continue their workforce development efforts.

Fitzpatrick invited the members to attend the Workforce Development Resource Summit

in March.

“The summit will bring together business leaders, federal and state resource providers, and community developers to discuss and address the challenges of recruitment and retention,” Fitzpatrick said.

The Chamber presented a number of awards to projects and initiatives by local businesses, organizations, and municipalities that have had a significant impact.

Six businesses received the Golden Trowel Award for visible improvements to their facilities, including renovations and rehabilitation.

The Center Harbor Inn received the award for the work to upgrade its building after being purchased by Steele Hill Resorts.

“The renovations have transformed this rundown, seasonal motel into a premier lakeside lodge,” Fitzpatrick said.

Outdoor New England of Franklin received the award for turning a vacant storefront into a thriving whitewater rafting busi-

ness. Studio 53 of Franklin was awarded the Golden Trowel, a business resulting from renovating a 1920’s house both inside and out.

Stephens Landscaping of Moultonborough was recognized for reusing the old Avery Building.

“The building had been abandoned for over 30 years, and was an eyesore,” said board member Ted Fodero.

The building as renovated into a space to meet the company’s needs.

Kettlehead Brewery of Tilton purchased the old DeRoy’s Markey Building and added a taproom, kitchen, and dining space to create the town’s first brew pub.

CATCH Light and Power Mill in Franklin was also recognized for its \$12 million renovation of a vacant mill building into a workforce housing complex.

The Golden Hammer Award recognized companies with new construction projects. Recipients included the Tanger outlets in Tilton for the building that now houses Starbucks and Five Guys Burgers

n Fries, the new Clear-choice MD location in Alton, the 10,000 square foot North East Motor Sports Museum in Loudon, and the new 12,000 square foot hangar at Emerson Aviation in Gilford which includes heated storage.

An Environmental Award went to the City of Laconia for two projects. One was infrastructure improvements on Lakeside Avenue in the Weirs which included new lights, underground utilities, upgraded sidewalks, and more. The second was for the pocket park at Busy Corner at the intersections of Union Avenue and Church Street after the demolition of the old Busy Corner building.

The WOW Trail received the second award for Phase 2 of the trail from Laconia to Belmont.

“The expansion of the WOW Trail is a true public/private partnership,” Fitzpatrick said. “It has shown what’s possible when municipalities partner with residents and local businesses to create the type of vibrant communities that we’d like to be.”

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Spanish Club, 10 a.m.
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

Teen Time, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 7
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8
Cribbage and Coffee, 2 p.m.
Adults Only – Can’t

play? We’ll teach.
Teen Time, 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9
Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10
Let’s Go Lego, 10 a.m.

New Items
“All-American Murder: The Rise and Fall of Aaron Hernandez” by James Patterson
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BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department responded to 88 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Jan. 19-25. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of indi-

viduals taken into protective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld from publication.

Tammy J. Stitt, age 50, of Laconia was arrested on Jan. 19 for Driving While Intoxicated.

Patrick G. Stitt, age 43, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 21 in connection with a warrant.

David Sullivan, age 21, of Tilton was arrested on Jan. 24 in connection with a warrant.

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Belmont Committee recommends investing in building space and feasibility study

BELMONT — The Belmont Facility Strategy Committee, a citizen group studying town buildings, recommends conducting a Space and Feasibility Study to assist in Town decision-making. Since last July, the Committee has reviewed Town buildings, available building studies and reports and conducted public tours and information meetings. Belmont has eight buildings with office space for Town activities. The Committee found there is 16,000 square feet of unused or underused space in Town buildings, while the Police Station, Town Hall and Library need additional space.

Belmont residents have suggested a wide range of ideas for best use of Town buildings ranging from no change to expanding the Police Department, Town Hall and the Library with various options using their existing facilities

and other Town buildings. The Town-owned historic Belmont Mill and Bank Building figure into the options as well. "Clearly, Belmont needs solid information on space needs, feasibility and projected cost for facility options to make informed long-term decisions on all Town buildings. This study is key to determining best use of Town buildings", said Donna Hepp, Facility Committee member. Based on similar studies conducted in other New Hampshire communities, it is estimated the Space and Feasibility Study will cost \$65,000. To finance the study, voters will be asked to consider using the Municipal Facility Capital Reserve Fund which currently has a balance of \$429,161. No new tax dollars are proposed. Belmont spends about \$330,000 annually to operate, maintain and improve Town buildings. This study will

provide information to help guide investment in Town buildings needed for the future. The study will draw from existing structural studies and reports for the Belmont Mill, Library and other Town buildings.

Belmont's Feb. 3 Deliberative Session provides citizens an opportunity to review proposed measures to be voted on next March. This session will be held at the Belmont High School Cafeteria at 10AM. The Space and Feasibility Study is included as Article 12 to be discussed at the Session.

Belmont Facility Strategy Committee members include Tom Garfield, Carmen Lorentz, Donna Hepp and Pret Tuthill. For more information about the Committee's work, contact dhepp3@gmail.com.

Attached are a Summary of Facility Committee findings and photos of 6 Belmont Town Buildings which would

be the focus of the Space and Feasibility Study.

Summary of Belmont Facility Committee Findings and Concerns:

- Belmont citizens value efficient use of Town resources and the historic character of the Belmont Village where most Town buildings are located. The Belmont Library, Belmont Mill, Band Stand and other historic buildings were mentioned by many as a positive asset to the community. There's also a strong interest in facilities to support community recreation programs.

- Providing a big picture look at the best use of all Town buildings seems to make sense to most Belmont citizens we've heard from.

- There is 16,000 feet of unused or underused space in Town buildings, while the Police Station, Town Hall and Library lack sufficient space.

- An independent assessment of Town office space needs is essential for future planning (e.g. how much space is needed for the Police Station? Town Hall?). A study to determine the feasibility of Town facility options (e.g. structural feasibility and cost estimate to expand Police Station with a second story, repair second floor of Town Hall or remodel the Bank Building). These estimates would assist decision-making. They would not be detailed building design proposals.

Concerns include:

- Safety issues at the Police Station (need space for expanded dispatch, separate interview room, improvements to internal circulation)

- Inadequate space for at the Police station and Town Hall for staff, files, records and evidence, and supplies. Access for people with disabilities

to Town Hall is adequate but not customer friendly.

- Library lacks space for expanding book collection, computer use, office space and meeting rooms for a community of our size. Access for people with disabilities is limited in the Library and currently under study.

- Need a larger indoor space for Recreation Department programs, classes, supplies and equipment.

- Need a long term plan for the Belmont Mill and Bank Building which currently are underused. The Doctor's Office will be leaving the 3rd floor of the Mill this Spring. Public comments mentioned need to find a use for the Bank Building and improve its appearance.

Other needs for the Fire Department and Public Works should be addressed in the future but are adequate at present.

Early morning confrontation leads to arrest of two Northfield men

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NORTHFIELD — Two Northfield men were arrested last Friday morning after a confrontation caused some tense moments in the area of Diana Drive last Thursday morning.

Police in Northfield initially received a call for shots fired at 5:55 a.m. and raced to the scene.

"Upon initial response, officers were unable to locate the origin of the shooting and eventually cleared," reported NPD Patrol Sgt. James McIntire.

The incident didn't end there, however. At approximately 8:50 a.m., officers returned to the scene to conduct further investigations. While canvassing the neighborhood to see if anyone else had heard the gun shot, they were approached by a female who claimed to have been assaulted.

"The victim reported that she had been assaulted multiple times and described the at-



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Thirty-four-year-old David Fielding of Northfield was arrested in Franklin following a standoff with police after he assaulted a woman at a residence on Diana Drive in Northfield last week. A second man was also taken into custody as a result of the incident.

tack as having been pistol whipped by being struck in the head multiple times with a gun," McIntire said.

Northfield Police escorted her to their headquarters where she was evaluated by paramedics and EMTs from Tilton-Northfield Fire and Rescue before being transported to Franklin Regional Hospital for treatment.

In the meantime, Northfield Police continued their investiga-

tion and a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) alert was broadcast to area law enforcement for an SUV, reported to be involved in the incident.

As a result of the BOLO alert, Franklin Police officers soon located the suspect vehicle outside a residence off Punch Brook Road in their community.

At that time, McIntire said, a perimeter was set up with the assistance of Franklin, Northfield, Hill, Andover and Bos-

cawen police. Contact with two occupants of the residence was made and the pair emerged from the home to speak with police.

They were able to confirm that the two suspects wanted in the incident were sleeping inside the home. Spent bullet casings found on the ground outside the SUV also confirmed that the suspects had a firearm in their possession.

As a precautionary measure, the New

Hampshire State Police SWAT Team was then asked to respond and assist in the arrests. In the meantime search warrants and arrest warrants were applied for and granted through the court system.

Eventually taken into custody were 34-year-old David Fielding and 35-year-old Shawn Jacques, both of Northfield. Later that day Fielding was arraigned in Merrimack County Court where felony charges of Second Degree Assault and Reckless Conduct, along with misdemeanor charges of Domestic Assault and Violation of a Protective Order, were filed.

No information on the extent of injuries or condition of the female victim was available for public release.

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Take your child to the library Saturday

SANBORTON — The Sanborn Public Library invites you to join us on Saturday, Feb. 3 for "Take Your Child to the Library Day."

This national, annual event celebrates the wonders of stories and information with children. We encourage children ages six and

up to drop by anytime to get their own library card. At 10 a.m., Jessie Ahlgren, Program Coordinator, will host a story time with a craft for ages birth-6. There will be open chess for students and adults with Chess Coach Michael Gray from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Legos will be out for con-

struction all day as well as a drop-in library scavenger hunt for ages five to 12. Light refreshments will be served throughout the day. Come by and see what the library has to offer.

For more information, please contact the library at 286-8288.

Knights of Columbus hosting Really Winter Cribbage Game Night at St. Joseph, Belmont

BELMONT — Robert Leroux Council 10934, Knights of Columbus is hosting its really winter game night, tournament style, at St. Joseph Church, Belmont, Friday, Feb. 2, at

6 p.m. Door open at 5:30 p.m.

All Cribbage players are welcome! Entry fee is \$15, which includes light snacks and drinks. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

Culture wars

BY LARRY SCOTT

Even a quick survey of what is happening in America will demonstrate that our culture is out of step with the Christian faith. From abortion, to same-sex marriage, to transgender support, to the vilification of our faith within the school system, to the disintegration of the American home, Christians who refuse to go along with issues decidedly against their faith and who refuse to remain silent, are in deep trouble.

In the Jan. 9 issue of Christianity Today, several articles – “Bolivia Makes Evangelism a Crime,” “The Religious Conflict at the Heart of our Culture Wars,” “Why Chile’s Churches Are Under Attack as Pope Francis Visits” – verify again the deep divide that exists between the Christian message and our society.

George Tanner, in an article published by Fox News on April 14, 2017, notes that, “A list generated by Open Doors USA, a nonprofit organization focused on serving persecuted Christians, has documented that “as many as 1,207 Christians were killed around the globe for faith-related reasons during the 2017 list’s reporting period.” Open Doors furthermore “documented a total of 1,329 churches attacked worldwide for faith related reasons.”

What is going on? Christians – if they are consistent with their faith – work hard, are faithful to their spouse, pay their taxes, are honest and trustworthy. They are good citizens. Why the antagonism? There are, I think three reasons.

First of all, the Christian faith runs counter to human nature. One friend during my teen-age years told me, “Scott, you must be a saint! You never have any fun!” A saint I am not, but I’m having the time of my life! Some of my closest friends like me but reject what I have to say, not for theological or philosophical views, but for personal reasons: they want to preserve their freedom to do what they want when they want. God is simply not welcome.

In light of our world view, it is little wonder that we are driven to share our experience with others. I know I often come across as arrogant or as a smart-mouth and I have found it abominably difficult to counter that image. Please understand, however: if you believed what I believe you’d be out front sounding off just as I.

Finally, what we see happening in our culture – as noted above – we see as devastating to the future of America and the preservation of our society. The family, to me the focus of divine activity since the time of Abraham, is being destroyed. Divorce, abortion, gay marriage, single-parent homes, all relate back to the home, and it is having a horrendous impact on our children. Who would have thought the day would come when a boy couldn’t decide whether he was a boy ... or a girl? You have to be kidding!

To us there is but one answer: America needs to get back to God. The message of the Christian faith – the reality of sin, the need of forgiveness, and the demand to accept God’s authority, is a message far too many don’t want to hear. And to think that God’s gift of eternal life is free for the taking, There is available to each of us a quality of life that cannot be found in wealth, power, or pleasure; it is found only in Jesus Christ.

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarry-scott@gmail.com.

PET OF THE WEEK

Sweet Hound/Lab mix aged just about three years young seeks constant, loving home.

We say ‘constant’ because lovely Serenity has endured a bit of a whirlwind before finally finding a set routine at New Hampshire Humane Society. She, like many dogs we have helped, represents the collateral damage of human lives gone awry and as is oft the case, family pets get caught up in the negative drama of our lives.

Serenity has travelled to the shelter under police escort more than once, more than twice, and finally for good when the humans in her world simply could not provide the

basics all dogs need.

We want to see her in a home where folks will allow her to unpack that overstuffed suitcase she’s been lugging around, one full of rejections, despondency, worry and fear. Preferably a home where she is the one and only would be ideal for this lovely black and white dog to truly flourish and blossom.

If you have the time to help her bond, the gentle, thoughtful patience to teach her what it really could be like to live up to her name: SERENITY, enjoying life in a loving home; then please come and visit her as soon as you can.

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SERENITY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conservation District makes a difference

To the Editor:

My thanks to Belknap County and the County Delegation for past support of the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD). I ask that you continue to invest in our Conservation District to help protect Belknap County’s vital water, soil and natural resources.

BCCD has assisted Belknap County communities and landowners for almost 72 years. This work helps protect the natural setting and quality of life in Belknap County by focusing on watersheds, flood prevention, erosion control and resource conservation. These issues cross town lines and need a long term commitment. BCCD has been successful in recruiting volunteers and raising funds to provide conservation information and technical assistance, workshops and on-the-ground projects. For every \$1 contributed by the County, the District provides \$9.50 in products and services to support our natural resources.

Like all other New Hampshire Counties, Belknap County has designated funds in its budget for its Conservation District for decades. This work makes a difference in Belknap County and is worthy of continued support. BCCD accomplishments in 2017 include:

- 2000 County residents assisted by BCCD including school groups, landowners interested in protecting a stream or reducing erosion from roads or Towns asking a conservation question or help with a project, and more.
- 105 volunteers donated a total of 3,000 hours, equal to \$72,420 contributed
- 10,000 pounds of fruit and vegetables gleaned

from farms and gardens and distributed to people in need (value \$40,000)

- \$105,000 gained through fund-raising and grant project funding and \$305,000 in value for other BCCD projects and services

BCCD projects planned in 2018 include:

- Restoring 3 miles of Poorfarm Brook to improve fish habitat and reduce flooding, creating 2 wildlife habitat demonstration areas and repair of ¼ mile handicapped accessible Wetlands Boardwalk in Gunstock area.
- Stream bank stabilization on Gunstock Brook to reduce erosion, and protect Route 11B and water quality.
- A Stream Restoration and Culvert Replacement Workshop focused on assisting Conservation Commissions and others seeking assistance with stream protection.
- Increasing County Gleaning program by collecting more surplus produce for seniors and food pantries.
- Providing local landowners with trees and shrubs for gardens and conservation plantings through plant sales.

To continue the level of service County residents rely upon, BCCD needs County support in addition to grants and fund-raising efforts. The proposed 2018 County budget includes \$85,000 for BCCD. This level equates to an average of 75 cents for a \$200,000 house. That’s an investment in our future, I fully support.

*Donna Hepp
Belknap County Conservation District volunteer
Belmont*

Belmont residents interested in best use of town buildings urged to attend Deliberative Session on Feb. 3

To the Editor:

Belmont residents interested in best use of town buildings should attend the Feb. 3 Deliberative Session. A citizen group, the Facility Strategy Committee has proposed a measure to be brought to voters next March. The Town Budget Committee and Selectmen approved this proposal for voters to consider. Since last July, the Belmont Facility Strategy Committee has reviewed Town buildings, available building studies and reports and conducted public tours and information meetings. The Committee found there is 16,000 square feet of unused or underused space in Town buildings, while the Police

Station, Town Hall and Library need additional space.

To make informed decisions about best use of Town buildings, a citizen-driven independent analysis of space needs and feasibility of facility options is needed. The Committee recommends support of Article 12 to fund a Space and Feasibility Study using existing Municipal Facilities Capitol Reserve funds (current balance is \$419,161). Based on similar studies conducted in other NH communities, the request is \$65,000 for this work. No new tax dollars are needed for this study.

Other New Hampshire communities have contracted for this work to make long term decisions on which buildings to retain, sell or lease, and project costs for building improvements to meet their future needs. Currently, Belmont spends about \$330,000 annually to operate, maintain and improve Town buildings. This study will provide information to help guide investment in Town buildings needed for the future. The study will draw from existing structural studies of the Belmont Mill, Library and other Town buildings.

More information about the Facility Strategy Committee findings and recommendations will be available at the Deliberative Session or by contacting dhepp3@gmail.com. We hope to see you at the Deliberative Session.

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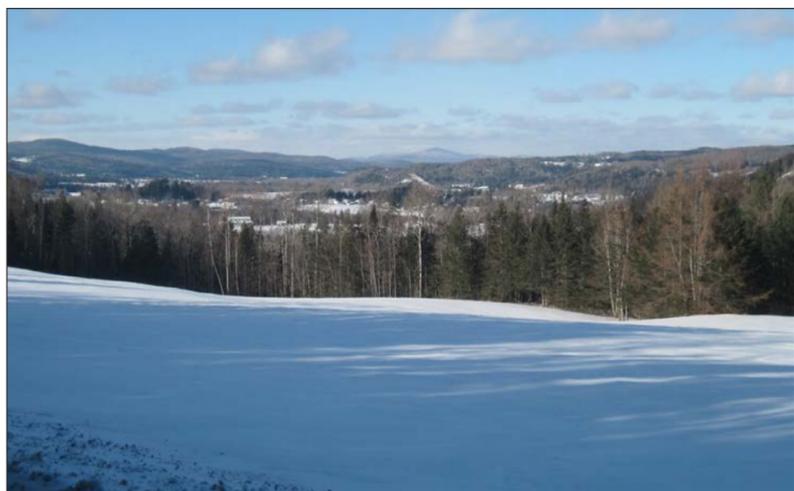
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North Country Notebook

With skin in the game, you've just gotta go



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST



JOHN HARRIGAN

Snow blanketed the North Country landscape before the January Thaw, and plenty remained after, especially in the woods and in the high country of Clarksville, Stewartstown and Pittsburg. This view from Titus Hill in Colebrook, at mid-thaw, looks straight ups the Connecticut River valley into Lower Quebec.

It was above freezing on Saturday, and all around, things were melting. Parts of the road above the frost line turned slick. I had the usual three layers on but needed only two.

This was a January thaw, all right, but far beyond what many people wanted in a region where snowmobiling is so crucial to the winter economy.

Downtown for errands, I came home via Route 26 and Fish Hatchery Road just to vary the trip. A snowmobiler in black, hunched over his machine, was coming up the trail alongside

the Colebrook Country Club's first fairway.

He had one corner ahead, and then another, and then he'd be on the long and straight stretch of trail on the Davis farm, and I knew he'd do what most everyone does, open it up. But not for long, because in open areas there'd be puddles, broken ice, rocks, roots and stumps. "Better look out, Bub," I thought.

All this could change

in a heartbeat if, say, a foot or two of snow appeared on the radar. And eventually, of course, it will. But for the present, it was the kind of riding that beat up on man and machine.

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Unless you've lived the life, and I have, sort of, it's hard to understand why such a parade of people in expensive

trucks and SUVs towing thousands of dollars' worth of snowmobiles, their vehicles loaded with all the accessories, makes the trip north each weekend--and never mind the conditions on the trails. It's almost as though the amount of snow doesn't matter. And that's because it doesn't.

First, many people plan vacations in winter because they

just plain love riding on the snow. I've done my share of that, and though I've long since downsized from a too-fast Arctic Cat Jag to an actual antique, I can understand.

Second, many snowmobilers rent rooms or cabins or entire lodges a year in advance. Some rent snowmobiles and gear as well. And if that weren't enough to compel the northward trek, the investment by most snowmobilers surely is. For some, money sunk into a vehicle, trailer, snowmobiles and gear amounts to a figure second only to the mortgage.

Third, we now have endless three-day weekends because of a real game-changer the media seem to have scarcely noticed: the four-day workweek. Many businesses now allow employees to work four 10-hour days instead of the traditional five. That means that in many cases, come late Thursday afternoon, the SUV and

trailer are packed and ready to go.

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The in-state media dutifully report snowmobile accidents, with weekly newspapers paying particular attention to what's happening on--and too often off--the trails. Lately, machines and riders going through the ice have dominated the news.

By the by, I admire Fish and Game for providing the details of every accident, response and rescue, even (and especially) down to the details of whether the rider had his machine under control, was driving safely for conditions, and was wearing safety clothing and equipment. In theory, at least, this adds to the learning curve.

As the snowmobiler went into the turns, I thought about the ads we see in print and on TV. The message always seems to be go fast, lean into that curve, jump that drift. Seldom have I seen one that said "Slow down," and never have I seen one that said something like "Give it a rest for a weekend, the trails are lousy."

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Bunch of stuff



BY MARK PATTERSON

It is not uncommon for a potential new client who brings their current investment portfolio into our initial meeting to have multiple accounts with retail mutual funds, stocks and sometimes exchange traded funds. A discussion about diversification is always a part of our meeting. Having multiple mutual funds with different names often provides comfort

to the holder of those investments believing that there must be some kind of plan behind the investment choices.

As I've written in the past, I arrived into this business 24 years ago as a retail broker. I was fortunate to join a conservative firm with some "old school" brokers that mainly dealt with individual stocks and bonds. There were some mutual funds out there that had very good performance based on the manager's expertise or a sector, such as "banking". There was so much consolidation in the banking industry, that all you had to do was buy a few local banks and they would get bought out at a premium by bigger banks. Average returns in the equity markets were closer to 18 percent than today's 5 percent. So, if a mutu-

al fund was charging 7% commission and one and a half percent fees, you could still make money. Obviously, commissions have come down and fees are slightly less, however fees are still a much greater percentage of the total return than in the past.

I still see far too many "C" class mutual funds in potential client accounts. See class mutual funds have fees that the client doesn't see unless they know where to look. I have seen "C" class bond funds where the broker and the fund company make more return than the owner of the fund. It is my opinion that selling "C" share classes are not in the client's best interest. The C class mutual funds are often found in brokerage accounts that are commission based whereas the broker added these

funds set up an annuity stream of payments for themselves. There are likely "A" class shares that charge an upfront commission and have less internal expense. These fund companies pay incentives to many brokerage firms who sell them called "revenue-sharing." You can see how you could end up with a portfolio made up of a bunch of stuff because that stuff benefits the brokerage firm and the broker, not the client. Brokers or a.k.a. financial advisors have not in the past been required to act in the client's best interest, but some legislation that has been delayed, but I believe still will happen, will hopefully force brokers from a "suitability" standard to a "fiduciary"

requirement.

The problem with having a bunch of stuff in your investment portfolio, is that it has no plan. You could be approaching retirement and need to adjust your portfolio to protect your assets and potentially convert them to steady sustainable income. You may want to use modern portfolio theory to construct a low-cost portfolio of low to non-correlated asset classes that may provide less risk and more return over time. The client must be able to look at their portfolio and understand it's true purpose and objectives.

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Leroy Walter Sargent, 80

CANTERBURY — Leroy Walter Sargent, 80, passed away in Sanbornnton Jan. 22, 2018 following a three week battle with Leukemia.

Leroy won, Leukemia lost — Leroy is now celebrating with Jesus, his parents Harrison and Mona (Porter) Sargent, brothers Richard Sr. and Harry, grandparents, cousins and fishing and hunting buddies waiting for him.

He will wait for his wife of 22 years, Charlene; sisters Elsie (and husband Steve) Campbell, June (and husband Frank) Gilbert; brother William (and wife Lucy) Sargent; three stepdaughters; 10 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, and more hunting and fishing buddies.

Born in Concord on



Oct. 31, 1937, Leroy lived in and was educated in the Canterbury area until moving to Sevierville, Tenn. 13 years ago. He served 10 years in the United States Navy. For over 20 years, he worked with his brother and nephew at Dick's Service Center in East Concord. He also worked in the construction of Canterbury Woods Golf Course, staying on as a grounds keeper.

In Tennessee, he

and Charlene attended Cedar Bluff United Methodist Church in Sevierville, a small but close-knit church family. Thank you, Pastor Ken and everyone for your long distance support.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 at William F. Smart, Sr. Memorial Home, Franklin-Tilton Road, 584 West Main St., Tilton, NH 03276. Calling hours were held from 1 to 3 p.m., with the service following at 3 p.m. Interment will be in spring at Maple Grove Cemetery, Canterbury.

At his request, no flowers please; donations may be made Pets Without Parents, 901 Mize Lane, Sevierville, TN 37862.

For more information, go to www.smart-funeralhome.com.

Peter P. Gauthier, 72

GILFORD — Peter P. Gauthier, 72, of Gilford, passed away at home on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 after a long courageous battle with cancer, with his wife of 24 years, Jane, by his side.

He was born in Holyoke, Mass., graduated from Comprehensive High School with high honors in cabinet making. He worked for thirty-six years as an Architectural Carpenter and retired from the New Hampshire General Court Legislative Operations in 2015.

Prior to moving to New Hampshire in 1995, he resided in Palmer, Mass.

Peter was a Vietnam Veteran, serving two

tours in Vietnam while serving in the US Navy, Seabees Unit MCB58 from 1965 to 1969.

He taught CCD class at St. Thomas Church, played in minstrel shows as a wing man and was a member of the Elks Lodge in Ludlow, Mass. prior to moving to New Hampshire.

Peter had a great love for the outdoors, fishing, hiking, boating, long rides in the White Mountains and enjoyed wood working in his shop.

He is survived by his wife, Jane (Gullmes) Gauthier of Gilford; three children, Lee, Peter L. and Jill Keiter; a step-son, Leroy; three sisters, Carroll Prive, Marlene Pouliot and Do-

lores Brodecki; several grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours.

Services will be private.

Per Peter's request, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Jack Clarence Estes, 86

BELMONT — Jack Clarence Estes of Belmont died peacefully in his home on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018 with his loving wife of 66 years, Dorothy by his side.

A native of Cedar Rapids Iowa, Jack was born on May 7, 1931 to his adoptive parents, Joe and Hazel Estes. He proudly served our country as a seaman in the Navy during the Korean War on the U.S.S. Shangri-La and the U.S.S. Antietam. After the Navy, Jack lived and worked in Cedar Rapids raising his family, until 1967 when he moved to New Hampshire to work as a salesman for WLNH. He continued his sales career for many years, retiring from Frigidaire in 1995. After retirement he enjoyed working for first student as a bus driver for 14 years.

Jack lived to make people laugh, a teller of constant stories, many over exaggerated, but always entertaining.

Blessed with a large and loving family, Jack's six children, 22 grand-



children, and 23 great grandchildren were the pride of his life.

A man of Christian faith, the church and community provided Jack and his family support especially during the latter part of his life.

Predeceased by his mother, father and twin sister, Janette Anthony, he is survived by his wife, Dorothy Watson Estes; six children (Robert Estes and his wife Claire, of Tilton, David Estes and his wife Judy of Belmont, Joseph Estes and his wife Carol of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., Philip Estes and his wife Katie of East Greenwich, R.I., Scott Estes and his wife There-

sa of Belmont, and Sheri Crausen and her husband Tom of Eaganville, Ontario, Canada).

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at the Evangelical Baptist Church, 50 Washington St., Lakeport, with a reception to follow.

Burial with military honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen.

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

Robert F. Sharon, 75

FRANKLIN — Mr. Robert F. Sharon, 75, former Franklin City Councilman, died on Jan. 24, 2018 at Mountain Ridge Center in Franklin. He resided at Newbury Elderly Housing at the time of his passing.

Bob was born in Newton, Mass. on Feb. 23, 1942, the son of Francis and Margaret (Browne) Sharon. He was raised in Rumney and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1958, moving to Franklin later on. He served in the US Army for six years, and continued his service with the Reserves.

Bob owned Bob Sharon's Auto in Franklin for many years. He later worked at Concord Hospital in security and environmental services.

He was very active in his community. Bob was a member of the Planning Board, City Councilman, "Choose Franklin," Merrimack



Watershed Council and the Upper Merrimack River Advisory Commission. Bob also was a former member of Rotary, Franklin Opera House, former Sexton of Webster Place Cemetery and current President of Webster Place Cemetery.

He was voted Citizen of the Year in Franklin a few years ago.

Bob was a Senior Companion in the Newbury area and was site manager at Newbury Elderly Housing.

He was a member of Hope Community Chapel and past President of

Ken Fernald Ministries.

His wife, Emma (Ciley) Sharon, died in 2013.

Family members include two stepchildren, Allen W. Avery of W. Jefferson, S.C. and Barbara M. Gordon of Lexington, N.C.; a brother, Richard Sharon of Wentworth; and a sister, Marion Wojul of Littleton; his wife's family, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Hope Community Chapel, 108 Hill Rd., Franklin, on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 at 11 a.m. Spring burial will be in Webster Place Cemetery.

In lieu of Flowers, donations in memory of Bob may be made to Franklin Opera House, 316 Central St., Franklin, NH 03235

Thibault-Neun Funeral Home is assisting Bob's family with arrangements.

For an online guestbook, please visit www.neunfunrealhomes.com.

Robert S. Collins, 56

LACONIA — Robert S. Collins, 56, of Laconia, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018.

He was born on Dec. 30, 1961 in Warwick, R.I., the son of the late John F. Jr. and Lucille (Miller) Collins. Robert worked for several years as a chef, most recently for Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough. He loved to cook and work on cars. Robert was a self-proclaimed jack of all trades and enjoyed spending time with his girlfriend and her children and grandchildren. He had many friends through the Salvation Army community in Laconia and could be described as having a heart of gold.

He is survived by his two sons, Rob Collins of Holbrook, Mass. and Adam Collins of Laco-



nia; one daughter, Ashley Collins of Concord; three grandchildren, Madilyn and Sophia Collins of Tilton and Camden Collins of Laconia; two sisters, Barbara Lamb and MaryLu Cook, both of Rhode Island; his girlfriend, Wendy Swinton of Laconia; and many other extended family and friends.

There will be no calling hours.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on

Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

Burial will be private. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Laconia Salvation Army, 177 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246 or to the Memorial Service for Bob Collins Fund online at <https://www.gofundme.com/memorial-services-for-bob-collins>.

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

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Caden Scott Strong

BOSTON, Mass. — Caden Scott Strong, age six months, died in his parents' arms Jan. 25, 2018 at the Boston Children's Hospital, after fighting Rhabdoid Tumor.

He was born on July 2, 2017 in St Marys, Ga. to Corey S. and Mollie (Rozean) Strong. He had the brightest smile and the biggest blue eyes. He enjoyed playing with his crinkle toys and having long talks with his big sister. He was loved by all who meet him, and will be greatly missed.

Caden's family includes his parents of Ballston Spa, N.Y.; his sister, Adelynn Strong; maternal grandparents Scott D. and Pamela J. (LaPlante) Rozean of Northfield; paternal grandparents Scott Strong of Manches-



ter, Kimberly Stone of Laconia; maternal great grandfather John Rozean of Densmore, Kan.; paternal great grandfather Bobby Strong of Penacook; paternal great grandmothers Gail Strong of Laconia, Brenda Blais of Franklin; Uncles Matthew Rozean, Daniel Strong; Aunts Kelsey Garnett, Olivea Strong.

There will be no call-

ing hours. A celebration of Caden's life will be held Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Tilton-Northfield United Methodist Church in Tilton. Burial will be held on the spring in Park Cemetery in Tilton. Memorial donations in memory of Caden may be made, denoting "for Caden Strong" to Wolfson Children's Hospital, 800 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, Fla., 32207.

"You'll move mountains! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so get on your way!" Dr. Seuss

Arrangements are under the direction of the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home in Tilton.

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

GILFORD — Robert D. King, 79, formerly of Cotton Hill Road, died Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia.

He was born on Dec. 15, 1938 in Laconia, the son of the late Lucien and Irene (Paquette) King. Robert served in the US Army. He worked for several years as a tool-and-die maker for Aavid Engineering. Robert was a longtime member of the Laconia Elks #876. He enjoyed fly fishing and working on his classic VW Beetle.

He is survived by his son, Ralph King, and Donna Hume of Meredith; two daughters, Tamara Lindberg and husband Duane of California and Debra Lucas

Robert D. King, 79



and husband Ken of Arizona; one brother, Lucien King, and wife Joyce of Florida; three sisters, Betty Weitekamp of Arizona, Marcella Perry of Alton, Carole Maheux and husband Roland of Vermont; four grandchildren (Damien Wyatt of Georgia, Phoenix DeMark of Laconia, Brianna and Brittany Lindberg of California); two great grandchildren, Clara and Lincoln Wyatt of Georgia; and

his companion, Elaine Muller of Gilford.

There will be no calling hours.

A service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 or to New Hampshire Humane Society, PO BOX 572, Laconia, NH 03247

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

FSB shares seven tips to prevent tax ID fraud

Tips are being provided as part of Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week

FRANKLIN — As the 2018 tax season gets underway, Franklin Savings Bank is urging all customers to take extra precaution when filing their return to prevent their exposure to tax fraud.

"Fraudsters are using very clever tactics to get a hold of your personal information and submit false tax claims," said Jonathan Winters, VP, Information Security Officer. "Consumers must be suspicious of any communication from the IRS three quarters through email, text or social media ¾ that requests personal information, and should keep a watchful eye out for missing W-2s and mail containing sensitive financial information."

Tax identity fraud takes place when a fraudster files a false tax return using a stolen Social Security number in order to fraudulently claim the refund. Identity thieves generally file false claims early in

the year and victims are unaware until they file a return and learn one has already been filed in their name.

In recognition of Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week Jan. 29-Feb. 2, FSB is offering the following tips:

- File early. File your tax return as soon as you're able to give criminals less time to use your information to file a false return.

- File on a protected Wi-Fi network. If you're using an online service to file your return, be sure you're connected to a password-protected personal network. Avoid using public networks like a Wi-Fi hotspot at a coffee shop.

- Use a secure mailbox. If you're filing by mail, drop your tax return at the post office or an official postal box instead of your mailbox at home. Some criminals look for completed tax return forms in home mailboxes during tax season.

- Find a tax preparer you trust. If you're planning to hire someone to prepare your taxes, obtain recommendations and research a tax preparer thoroughly before handing over all of your financial information.

- Shred what you don't need. Once you've completed your tax return, shred the sensitive documents that you no longer need and safely file away the ones you do. FSB offers free shred events in the spring and fall to enable customers to safely destroy old and unwanted financial documents.

- Beware of phishing scams by email, text or phone. Scammers may try to solicit sensitive information by impersonating the IRS. It's important to keep in mind that the IRS will not contact you by email, text or social media. If the IRS needs information, they will contact you by mail first.

- Keep an eye out for missing mail. Fraud-

sters look for W-2s, tax refunds or other mail containing your financial information. If you don't receive your W-2s, and your employer indicates they've been mailed, or it looks like it has been previously opened upon delivery, contact the IRS immediately.

If you believe you're a victim of tax identity theft, or if the IRS denies your tax return because one has previously been filed under your name, alert the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit at

1-800-908-4490. In addition, you should:

- Respond immediately to any IRS notice and complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit.

- Contact your bank immediately, and close any accounts opened without your permission or those with fraudulent activity.

- Contact the three major credit bureaus to place a fraud alert on

your credit records:

- Equifax, www.Equifax.com, 1-800-525-6285

- Experian, www.Experian.com, 1-888-397-3742

- TransUnion, www.TransUnion.com, 1-800-680-7289

- Continue to pay your taxes and file your tax return, even if you must do so by paper.

More information about tax identity theft is available from the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/taxid-theft and the IRS at irs.gov/identitytheft.

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Bedford for business lending. Franklin Savings Bank also offers investment, insurance and financial planning services through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Independence Financial Advisors, from offices in Franklin, Bedford, Gilford, Nashua, Rochester and Merrimack, New Hampshire. As a recognized leader in providing the latest in financial services technology, Franklin Savings Bank remains committed to serving the needs of businesses, families and the communities it serves, through a dedicated team of employees, a diverse line of financial products and services, and continued investment in emerging technology.

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Annie's Book Stop hosts the "Good Dr. Jack" on Feb. 10

LACONIA — Jack Polidoro, Ph.D. ("The Good Dr. Jack") is a New Hampshire author, songwriter, singer, and performer of contemporary folk/easy listening popular music. Dr. Jack accompanies himself on six and 12-string guitars, and has been performing in the New England area for about 30 years. He's been a novelist since 1999.

This Lakes Region author has published

nine books, eight of which are novels of mystery and suspense. His genre is medical/murder mysteries or general NH based historical fiction. Some of his novels take place in New Hampshire and New England. With titles like "Rapid Descent (a plane crash into Boston Harbor)," "Project Samuel (Fenway Park and the cloning of Ted Williams)," "Return to Raby (compelling read

of a small NH town with issues)," "Sniff (death and a Boston based glamour magazines' perfume connection)," "Tattoo (a murder during NH's 83rd annual bike week)," "Brain Freeze -321F (medical thriller with a Red Sox connection)," and "The Dog in the Out House (death of an anti-gun lawyer in the Lakes Region)."

Known as "Dr. Jack" in acoustic music/

songwriting /recording and performing and as "J.P. Polidoro" in his novels, Jack now resides in Gilmanton, the home of the late author, Grace Metalious of Peyton Place fame. Jack will be signing his books and recordings (CDs) available at Annie's Book Stop located at 1330 Union Avenue in Laconia on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come meet/chat with a popular lo-

cal author/songwriter. His novels and music make great Valentine's Day gifts for that special someone in your life. He will be bringing his guitar for some musical entertainment in the bookstore!

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LRSF New Board members and with the newly elected Executive Committee members. Sitting (l to r): Marjory Wilkinson and Fredda Osman. Standing (l to r): Paulette Loughlin (Executive Director) James Waldron (Treasurer), Lori Fasshauer (VicePresident), Donna Hennessey (President), Pam Hayes (Corporate Secretary) and Karen Switzer (Assistant Director).



Joan Cormier (center) shakes hands with her successor, the new Executive Director, Paulette Loughlin (at the left). Loughlin is only the second Executive Director to serve LRSF. Simultaneously Joan shakes hands with Karen Switzer, the new Assistant Director who started in the position this past September. Looking on are members of the Executive Committee: L to R: James Waldron (Treasurer), Donna Hennessey (President), Lori Fasshauer (Vice President) and Pam Hayes (Corporate Secretary).

Scholarship Foundation celebrates past, looks forward, and announces scholarship deadline

GILFORD — At the Annual Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, held on Jan. 17, new board officers were elected. They include: Donna Hennessey, President; Lori Fasshauer, Vice President; Pam Hayes, Corporate Secretary; and James Waldron, Treasurer.

The Board said goodbye to Lisa Bianco, who has been with LRSF for nine years and has reached her term limit, and Sarah Svindland, who has served since 2012. Lisa Bianco has also been one member of a team that has participated in the Foundation's Annual Community Spelling Bee for a number of years. Both of these women have been valued members of our team, sharing their knowledge, time, and expertise over the years.

LRSF also welcomed new Board members: Fredda Osman and

Marjory Wilkinson. Fredda Osman recently retired from the State of NH Department of Health and Human Services working with local health centers and area agencies. Fredda has had a connection to the Foundation for a number of years, as she is the donor representative for three of their donor funds: the Ed & Polly Chertok Fund, the LHS Class of 1965 and the LHS Class of 1933, where she has long represented her dad. Marj Wilkinson is a retired teacher, who shared her love of language arts for many years with the young people at Memorial Middle School. She is involved in a number of volunteer activities in the area and is the donor representative for the LHS Class of 1964.

These are not the only changes at Lakes Region Scholarship this year. Paulette Loughlin has stepped up to the Executive Director po-

sition and Karen Switzer came on as the new Assistant Director in the Fall. Together they will be taking on former Executive Director, Joan Cormier's role.

Donna Hennessey, new LRSF Board president thanked immediate past-president, Mike Nolan, for all his accomplishments over his past couple years.

She commented, "I have some big shoes to fill and I look forward to serving the Foundation as President the next two years."

Mike Nolan will remain with the Foundation for another year as a trustee, finishing out his third three-year term on the Board.

Hennessey added, "to recap this past year, we awarded scholarships to 286 local students to continue their education through the generosity of 250 donors. We were the recipients of 11 new funds. We also upgraded our comput-

ers and systems with help from the \$27,500 in grants we received from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and the Bank of NH. Our 18th Annual Community Spelling Bee was a great success with net proceeds of over \$10,000, the best year we have ever had."

New Executive Director, Paulette Loughlin added "We will not be just resting on our laurels in 2018, we are already planning for an outstanding year to follow up our success from the past. Scholarship applications for 2018 are now available online through our website: www.lrscholarship.org with an application deadline of April 1, 2018. The Annalee Thorndike Art Competition committee is working and planning for the art show in April. Our Donors' Day date has been set for Wednesday, May 23 and we have plans for our 18th Annual

Community Spelling Bee, tentatively scheduled for October 25th of this year at Laconia High School. All of this would not be possible without the support of our donors, benefactors and the Lakes Region Community."

Assistant Director, Karen Switzer continued with Loughlin's remarks by adding: "Any additional application information or questions may be answered by contacting us via email scholarship@lrscholarship.org or calling the office at 527-3533. She wanted everyone to know that LRSF has a number of specially designated scholarships also listed on our site. These are available through an additional application process that can be downloaded from our site. One of these special exception scholarships is the Annalee Thorndike Art Competition. The artwork submitted by local high

school graduating art students, who will be continuing their education in this field, will be on display at the Laconia Public Library April 6 through April 12, with an Awards reception on the evening of the 12th. All are welcome to come and see the work of these talented students. I think that you would be surprised to see the work that these young people produce. Two other exceptional scholarship opportunities are the John F. Mullen Memorial Essay Competition and a new award for the Foundation, the Gilmanton Legion Auxiliary Stockwell Essay Competition. Please check our Web site for the specific requirements to qualify for these awards as well."

Switzer echoed Loughlin's comment that the application deadline for Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is April 1.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 522 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Jan. 22-28. Please note that the names of juveniles,

and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld from publication.

Arrested during this

time period were Mark Cormier (for Violation of a Protective Order), Brandon Janek (for being a Habitual Offender), Carson Corbell (in connection with a warrant), Jacob Deveno (in connection with a warrant), and Aidan McWhinney (in connection with a warrant).

SANBORNTON POLICE LOG

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Police Department responded to 20 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week ending Jan. 27.

John W. Fuller, age 70, of Claremont was arrested on Jan. 25 for Yellow Line violation and Driving While

Intoxicated. He is scheduled to appear in Franklin District Court on Feb. 5 at 8:15 a.m.

The breakdown of the remaining calls was follows: one animal involved incident, one request to assist another department, one attempt to commit burglary, two requests

for citizen assistance, one D.W.I., two motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle summons, five motor vehicle warnings, two road hazard complaints, one report of suspicious activity or vehicles, one yellow line violation, and two unclassified calls.

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Northfield Voters Public Hearing

The Northfield Budget Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2018 budget at 7:30pm on Thursday February 8, 2018 at Northfield Town Hall, 21 Summer Street. The proposed budget is available at Northfield Town Hall and at www.northfieldnh.org.

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TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE & EMS DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AND WARRANT

Monday, February 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm
Tilton Town Hall, 257 Main Street, Tilton, NH

Tilton-Northfield Fire District Budget Committee to go over the proposed 2018 budget will begin at 5:30pm, Commissioners will meet on the Warrant immediately after the Budget Committee

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University of New Hampshire announces Dean's List for the Fall 2017 Semester

DURHAM — The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2017 semester.

Kristin Spink of Belmont with Honors
 Mary Russo of Belmont with High Honors
 Ryan Contois of Belmont with High Honors
 Alise Shuten of Belmont with Highest Honors
 Trevor Hunt of Belmont with High Honors

Shania Mulley of Belmont with Highest Honors
 Veronica Harris of Belmont with High Honors
 Kendolyn Roe of Sanbornton with High Honors
 Peyton Vaillancourt of Sanbornton with Highest Honors

DanaMary Beane of Sanbornton with High Honors
 Parker Normand of Belmont with High Honors

Northfield with Highest Honors

Timothy Beaulieu of Northfield with High Honors

Micaela Baney of Tilton with Honors

Kimberly Lowrey of Tilton with High Honors

Thomas Marchese of Tilton with High Honors

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are stu-

dents who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point av-

erage is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

The University of New Hampshire is a flagship research university that inspires innovation and transforms lives in our state, nation and world. More than 16,000 students from all 50 states and 71 countries engage with an award-winning faculty in top ranked programs in business, engineering, law, liberal arts and the sciences across

more than 200 programs of study. UNH's research portfolio includes partnerships with NASA, NOAA, NSF and NIH, receiving more than \$100 million in competitive external funding every year to further explore and define the frontiers of land, sea and space.

To learn more about the opportunities at the University of New Hampshire, visit: www.unh.edu.

Belmont native named to Newberry College Dean's List

NEWBERRY, S.C. — Billie Harper from Belmont has been named to Newberry College's Dean's List for Fall 2017.

Students receiving recognition on the Dean's List at Newberry College had to achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or high-

er on a 4.0 scale during the semester.

A total of 400 students earned Dean's List honors for the fall semester.

About Newberry College

Newberry College is a private, residential, co-educational

college with a diverse student population. Founded in 1856 by the Lutheran Church, the College is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the National Council for Accreditation of

Teacher Education and the National Association of Schools of Music. Newberry College was ranked in the top tier of regional colleges in the South in the 2016 issue of U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges in the U.S. The College offers baccalaureate degrees in 33

major, 39 minors, 42 areas of concentration and 10 pre-professional programs and features a radio and television station. The College offers 17 NCAA Division II sports, cheerleading and dance. For more information, go to www.newberry.edu.

Local resident make Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology

BOSTON, Mass. — The following local student has made the Dean's List at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the fall 2017 semester.

* Rachel Willcutt of Tilton

Founded in 1904,

Wentworth Institute of Technology is an independent, nationally ranked institution offering career-focused education through 19 Bachelor's degree programs in areas such as applied mathematics, architecture, business

management, computer science, computer networking, construction management, design, engineering, and engineering technology. The Institute also offers Master's degrees in architecture, civil engineering, construc-

tion management, facility management, and technology management. Wentworth is a leader in engineering, technology, design, and management education, and is known for its focus on career success, academic ex-

cellence, cooperative education (co-op) programs, community service, and support for the economic growth of the Greater Boston region.

For more information, visit www.wit.edu.

Local students Named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm

MANCHESTER — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a Grade Point Average of 3.1 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study

which award a letter grade. A total of 692 students representing 21 states and 3 countries received this honor.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester,

New Hampshire. Courtney Pelletier of Belmont and Ryan Smith of Northfield

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedic-

tine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

Summer Theatre to host auditions for children's shows

MEREDITH — The Interlakes Summer Theatre and Interlakes Children's Theatre will hold auditions for the summer on Saturday, March 10 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Meredith. We

will be seeking a company of Teens and Tweens (Ages nine to 18) for our children's shows, including "Honk, Jr.," "Really Rosie," and "The Lion King, Jr." ILST will be seeking

one small girl who sings like an angel for Professional Company of "Evita" and one young girl for "Show Boat." Other ensemble/small adult roles for Evita, Show Boat, La Cage aux

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Prescott Farm offers unique intensive maple sugaring experience

LACONIA — New this year, Prescott Farm is offering a full-day Maple Sugaring Intensive Program on Saturday, Feb. 10. Have you always been interested in making maple syrup but don't know where to start or lack the trees or time for your own sugaring operation? In this more intensive program you will learn the basics - everything from tree identification to the correct consistency of the finished maple syrup - starting in the classroom and then outside as we prepare our sugarhouse and trees for the upcoming sugaring season. You'll then put your knowledge into practice during one or more of our public education programs in March. On this day (or days!) you'll keep the fire going and monitor sap boiling, carry sap to the sugar house, and assist our educators with other aspects of the

public program. Participants must be 18+ and in good physical condition (able to use snowshoes, hike uphill and lift buckets of sap). Cost is only \$20 per person. For more information on this program, please contact Sarah Dunham-Milottis, Education Programs Director at sdunham@prescottfarm.org or call 366-5695, or register online at prescottfarm.org. Prescott Farm is still hosting its ever popular Maple Sugar program for people of all ages in March. Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center on White Oaks Rd in Laconia offers a comprehensive maple sugaring program, five sessions every Saturday in March. From identifying sugar trees to tapping to tasting the delicious product, you will have a truly unique hands-on experience with our naturalists and educators. Fun for the entire



COURTESY

New this year, Prescott Farm is offering a full-day Maple Sugaring Intensive Program on Saturday, Feb. 10.

family! Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, \$8 for Members, \$10 for non-members, \$12 at the door as space is available. For more information and registration, visit www.prescottfarm.org. "Maple sugaring is a classic New Hampshire experience, and here at Prescott Farm you really get to participate in the entire process, from start to finish," says Lissa Mascio, Development & Communications Director at Prescott Farm. "This program is very popular so register now." Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 environmental education center committed to helping people discover their own connections to the natural world. Prescott Farm offers a world of discovery to children of all ages, from Fledglings nature-based preschool to WildQuest vacation camps, with

experienced "Naturalists in the Classroom" working in area schools, and welcoming school trips to Prescott Farm to explore nature. For more than twenty years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-on educational programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with over 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape. For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

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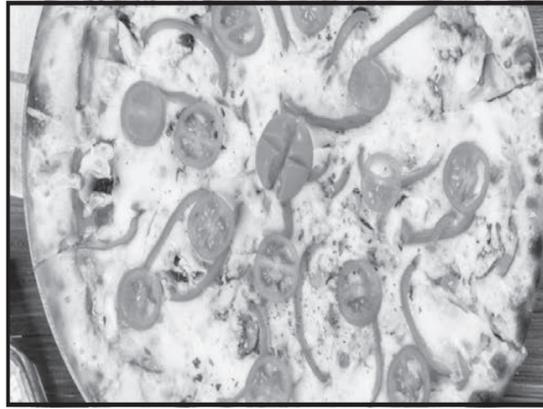
LACONIA — Pitman's Freight Room, located on New Salem Street in Laconia, is thrilled to host the following shows this weekend. **Friday, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., \$20: Annie and the Orphans** Annie and the Orphans, the popular 6 piece Lakes Region band was formed in 1964 and has performed in many venues for over 50 years, including as a featured act on the cruise ship M/S Mount Washington. Lead vocalist Anatole

"Annie" Paquette and bass player Bob McNab are two of the original performers. Joining them to rock the night away are Roy Dinnocenzo on guitar, Steve Giotas on drums, pianist Peter "The Wildman" Previte and Scottie "The Horn" Groleau on sax. The band specializes in rock 'n roll and during their performances, the band will intertwine dance music from the fabulous fifties and the British invasion of the sixties. This group always gives their audi-

ence a high energy performance and promises to get your spirits up and your toes tapping! So come out and Rock 'n Roll with Anatole! Doors open at 7 p.m., and we are a BYO Venue. For reservations, call 527-0043. www.pitmansfreightroom.com **Saturday, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., \$20: The Jodie Cunningham band** Pitman's is excited to welcome back the Jodie Cunningham Band. Jodie is a modern rock-edged country artist that delivers a blend

of cover songs and original material truly relevant in today's Nashville music industry. Jodie gives her audience her passionate, high energy vocal performance, backed by four, seasoned & well versed musicians. The band's on stage presence is high energy and infectious! With a driving rhythm section, screaming guitars, tight harmonies and soaring lead vocals, this team will certainly prove that they are not your traditional country band, but a modern country music fusion that cross-

es over into rock & the top 40! Jodie has opened for and/or shared venues with national acts such as; Sugarland, Zac Brown, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Gretchen Wilson, and Carrie Underwood. Carlos Flores - lead guitar; Phillip Sica - drums; Leo Melanson - steel guitar, fiddle, rhythm guitar; Steve Dillard - bass guitar. Doors open at 7pm and we are a BYO Venue. For reservations, call 527-0043. www.pitmansfreightroom.com



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Immerse yourself in Irish culture with "Dancing at Lughnasa!"

MEREDITH — The Winni Players Community Theatre presents "Dancing at Lughnasa," an absorbing tale of five fiercely proud sisters liv-

ing during difficult times in rural Ireland in 1936. Set in Ireland's County Donegal, the play, written by dramatist Brian Friel, is told from the

point of view of an adult narrator looking back at his life at age seven with his mother and aunts. In their cozy cottage, these women engage in live-

ly dancing, laughing, and loving while they take on life's hardships. Difficulties are cumbersome, but dealt with in profound, compelling, and rousing ways, both for the narrator and the audience.

Talented local performers of the Winni Players Community Theatre bring to life the excellent Irish piece in keeping with the 2018 theme of Around the World in 18 Plays. The volunteer performers include Matt Mutrie, Tamara McGonagle,

Margaret Lundberg, Nerrishia Bodwell, Delaney Andrews, Doreen Sheppard, Ken Chapman, and Ben Heath. The Stage Manager is Judi Rogato. Direction is provided by the 2010 New Hampshire Theatre Best Director Award winner for "The Laramie Project" and Co-Chair of the Winni Players Community Theatre Committee, Rick Morten.

As the winner of the 1992 Tony Award for Best Play, the Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Broadway Play, and

the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Play, "Dancing at Lughnasa" will take you to the rural Irish life of years past.

As the New York post wrote, "This is no way a play to be missed—simply a wondrous experience. Experience it."

The performance runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Purchase tickets online at www.winnipesaukeeplayhouse.org or call 279-0333.

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is a new group, eager to enlist supporters of the Belmont Library during the anniversary year. The Friends are in the process of establishing themselves as a non-profit group. Contact the Library for more information.

Needlefelting: Diane Cook Johnson of Soft Touch Farm in Center Sandwich is the guest instructor on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. The cozy, fuzzy 3D art objects are not as complicated as they might seem. Come experiment with wool and needles to satisfy the need to create. Supplies are provided. A voluntary contribution of \$5 is welcome.

Our Third Friday Book Group reads "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr on Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. "All the Light We Cannot See" won the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the 2015 Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction Set in occupied France during World War II, the novel centers on a blind

French girl and a German boy whose paths eventually cross. All are welcome and copies are available at the desk.

The Senior Center book group is reading "The Last Days of Ptolemy Gray" by Walter Mosley on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. Marooned in an apartment that overflows with mementos from the past, 91-year-old Ptolemy Grey is all but forgotten by his family and the world. But when an unexpected opportunity arrives, everything changes for Ptolemy in ways as shocking and unanticipated as they are poignant and profound. Copies are available at the Senior Center.

Simple STEM Challenge is aimed at grades one through four and available for families at Saturday, January 20 at 10am. It's a build challenge this month! Middle School Madness (grades five through eight) stars a new activity each month. In February, we're playing with pink bubbles. The date is Monday, Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m. Preschool-age storytime features sto-

ries, movement, music, and crafts to encourage early literacy skills Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. LEGO Build is Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Adults can bring their own creative projects each week on Fridays at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. and join likeminded crafters for a cozy visit. Do you enjoy playing card games like Spades, Hearts, Canasta, Rummy, or Bridge? Would you like to learn how to play these different card games? We are currently looking for someone who can show us the rudiments of bridge. Come Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Bring a friend!

The library will be closed Monday, Feb. 16.

The Belmont Public Library is open six days a week and any time at www.belmontpubliclibrary.org, serving the community with books, digital resources, and cultural programming.

For more information, contact:

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TILTON

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1817 and passed away on Aug. 17, 1913.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindy Reinartz said that since 1989 eight women, Ruth Horne, Ruth Lynch, Marian Fox, Gladys Betten-court, Ruth Smith, Clarida Cannon, Sue Rayno (who moved out of town) and Glidden, along with two men, Raymond Hinds and William Bayley, have been designated as Tilton's Boston Post Cane holders. Now the search for the next honoree is underway.

Criteria for candidates is basic. The person should be a Tilton resident for at least the past ten years as verified through voter reg-

istration or tax records. Anyone submitting a person's name for consideration should also include an original or certified copy of the nominee's birth certificate.

"Residency in a nursing home or assisted care facility, regardless of duration, shall not disqualify a person whose permanent domicile remains in Tilton," the Selectmen's Boston Post Cane policy states. Undeveloped land, however, does not qualify as a domicile.

Should the oldest resident opt to decline the honor, policy reads that the honor will be retained by the town until that person's demise when a new candidate will be sought.

Each recipient will be presented with a replica of the original Boston Post cane to be held throughout their lifetime then returned to the town. They will also receive a certificate, recognizing them for their unique distinction as Tilton's oldest resident.

Nominations for a potential candidate should be addressed to the Tilton Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office and may be submitted by mail, delivered in person to the Town Hall or sent by email to tctc@tiltonnh.org. Deadline for nominations will be March 5.

Questions about the Boston Post Cane award process should also be directed to the Town Clerk's office at 286-4425, ext. 104.

DERBY

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take part in the derby. All children will also receive a free tip-up and prizes will be awarded for top fish registered.

For the adults, there are any number of ways to be a winner this year. Trophies for the top three fish in the categories of trout, perch and pickerel will be awarded both days and the largest of each will then be entered for a one-in-six chance at taking home the \$500 Grand Prize Drawing.

There will also be 50/50 raffles on Saturday and Sunday, along

with a special raffle for three great prizes- a Jiffy gas-powered auger valued at \$409, an Instashak two-man pop-up ice shelter with a Buddy Heater valued at \$319, and finally a Shappell jet sled with a hitch, which is valued at \$129. The tickets for that raffle are \$5 each or three for \$10 and are available now at a number of pre-registration locations in the area.

Onsite registration for the derby is \$15 for adults, however those who buy their tickets in advance will not only receive a \$3 discount on that price, they will also be eligible for daily door

prizes to be awarded during the derby weekend.

Advance ticket sales can now be found at the following locations: Castaway Bait & Tackle, Grevior Furniture, Newfound Trading Post, Drew's Auto Parts/Camaro Heaven, Barn Store of New England, Bryant Lawrence Hardware, and the New Winnisquam Market & Deli.

Food will also be available for purchase at the Griffin Beach headquarters and proceeds from those sales will benefit the nonprofit organization, Every Child Is Ours.



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On February 4, the eyes of most of the country – and much of the rest of the world – will be on Minneapolis, site of the most-watched football game in the U.S. As a fan, you can admire the way quarterbacks in the Big Game direct their teams. But as an investor, you can learn something from the big game by putting together your own team to help you achieve your financial goals – and you may find it helpful to have your own "quarterback."

Who should be on your team? Your financial strategy will involve investments, taxes and estate planning, so you will

likely need a financial advisor, a tax professional and an attorney. Ideally, your financial advisor – the individual with the broadest view of your financial situation – should serve as the quarterback of this team. And, just as a quarterback on a football team must communicate clearly with his teammates, so will your financial quarterback need to maintain consistent contact with the other team members.

Let's look at a couple of basic examples as to how this communication might work.

First, suppose you are self-em-

ployed and contribute to a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) IRA. Because your contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. (In 2018, the maximum amount you can contribute is \$55,000.) Your financial advisor can recommend investments you can choose from to help fund your SEP IRA. Yet you will want your financial advisor to share all your SEP IRA information with your tax professional. When it's near tax-filing time, your tax professional can then let you and your financial advisor know how much room you still have to contribute to your

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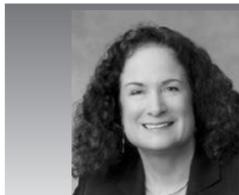
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Harrison Parent scored his 100th point and 50th goal of his career on Saturday.



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Broedy Gagnon had a great all-around performance for the Bulldogs last weekend.

Milestone night for Parent as Bulldogs roll

BY BOB MARTIN

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LACONIA — Harrison Parent has been a consistent offensive force for the Belmont/Gilford hockey team throughout his playing career, and on Saturday in a 9-1 blowout win against Hollis Brookline/Derryfield, he scored his 50th career goal and 100th career point.

"He is a really hard worker and I am happy for him," said coach Dave Saball. "He loves hockey and puts a lot of effort into it. He had been snakebitten for a

while and it just didn't seem like anything would go in, but he was on fire Saturday. They just couldn't stop him.

Parent had a hat trick in the big win within the first three minutes of the game, with assists going to Broedy Gagnon and Zack Gilbert on goals number two and three. He was given a five-minute major penalty later in the period but once back on the ice took immediate advantage with another goal in the first period. It was assisted by Cam Jarvi and Gagnon.

"He came out of the box and I don't think he

was out for more than 15 seconds before he had another one," said Saball. "He is such a hard worker so this is good

to see these shots going in. He is a good leader and that night they just couldn't stop him."

The 100th point of his

career came early in the second period on a goal assisted by Miles Defosses. However, Parent wasn't done. He scored

with 2:07 left in the period for his sixth goal of the night. It was assisted by Troy Gallagher and

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Records for Syed and Riley at UNH

BY BOB MARTIN

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DURHAM — The Belmont High School indoor track team traveled to the University of New Hampshire on Sunday, and several athletes had strong performances including several top finishes and school records.

Sana Syed, a sophomore had a time of 9.44 seconds to take the win in the 55-meter hurdles. She tied a Belmont school record with the time, and qualified for the state meet. In the 1,500 meters, Alice Riley finished fourth with a time of 5:08.7, which set a school record and



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sana Syed had a big day for the Belmont indoor track team, placing first with a school record time of 9.44 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles.

qualified her for the state meet.

Other top female athletes included Jessica Hutchinson, who was in ninth place with a time of 3:24.6 in the 1,000 meters. The 4X400-meter relay team of Hutchinson, Makayla Palmer, Aurora Couto and Riley placed 13th with a time of 4:50.4. This was the best time of the season for the relay team. The 4X160 relay team finished 13th with a season best time of 1:36. It included Gabby Day, Skylar Ruelke, Syed and Amber LeMay.

The boys' team was led by Hunter Dupuis, who placed first in the 300 meters with a time of 38.1, as well as third in the 55 meters with a time of 6.9 seconds. Nick Randos was second in the 1,500 meters with a

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Belmont girls earn a split of two

BY BOB MARTIN

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BELMONT — The Belmont Red Raiders suffered a tough 60-39 loss to Sanborn last week, but the girls' basketball team didn't let the big loss get to them, and came out with a good 48-27 win over Raymond on Jan. 26 to give the team a 4-7 record.

The loss to Sanborn

came on Jan. 23 on the road against a tough opponent poised to make a run deep into the playoffs in just a few weeks. Leading the way for Belmont was Julianna Estremera, who had a team high 21 points. Elaina Hoey pitched in with seven points and Katie Galambos had five points.

"Give Sanborn cred-



Elaina Hoey blocks a shot in the final seconds of the first half.

BOB MARTIN

Bears grapple to win over Mascoma

BY BOB MARTIN

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TILTON — The Winnisquam wrestling team beat Mascoma 60-17 on Jan. 24, and coach Tom Osmer was very happy with the way his team wrestled.

"We wrestled very well," said Osmer. "Mascoma gave forfeits at several weight classes but the kids they had were good wrestlers. They are a small school and sometimes struggle to fill every weight but their kids are well coached and prepared to wrestle."

Several Winnisquam wrestlers had standout performances in the dual meet, including Derrick Tremblay at 220 pounds, who came away with a tough win.

Osmer praised his work in what has been his first season wrestling. He explained that wrestling can be complicated and unforgiving, and the smallest mistake can make a difference.

"For these reasons, there is usually a pretty long learning curve for new wrestlers," Osmer said. "Derrick is a quiet, mild mannered kid, whose body type doesn't scream athlete, but there is something inside of him that just loves to compete. When it's time to wrestle, I don't know what's going to happen, except I do know that Derrick is going to compete, compete hard, and try everything he can think of to win the match. He's just fun to

watch, and everyone on our team loves when he goes out to wrestle."

Osmer also commended 106-pound Michael Mitchell and 120-pound Hunter Finemore for winning by pin and continuing strong seasons.

Brandon Marceau made his varsity debut in the 182 class, taking a 7-0 lead in the first period and impressing Osmer in his first year.

"In that first period, we got to see a little glimpse of what Brandon is capable of," said Osmer. "He's a big strong freshman, and with more experience we should have a very capable wrestler on our hands."

Also winning matches for Winnisquam were Cameron Roberts at 145 pounds, Kobe Briand at 152 pounds and TJ Robinson at 285 pounds.

On Jan. 27, Winnisquam competed at the Capital City Classic in Concord. Osmer was impressed by Kenzie Bourgeois at 126 pounds, saying he never backs down and put up an impressive battle.

Winnisquam's only winner was Briand, wrestling at 152 pounds. "Kobe wrestled a solid tournament," Osmer said. "There was nothing easy about his path to the podium. He just keeps plugging away whether it's at practice or a long tournament day. Kobe got a great attitude and it is starting to earn him results on the mat."



Julianna Estremera has been a scoring leader for Belmont all season.

BOB MARTIN

Red Raiders can't harness momentum from win over Lakers

BY BOB MARTIN

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BELMONT — The Belmont High School boys' basketball team had a frustrating week, but managed to make it out 1-1 and still poised to make a difference in the upcoming playoffs.

On Jan. 24, Belmont hosted Sanborn and lost 65-58 in a game that the Red Raiders led for much of but let slip from their grasps. Matt Pluskis had 23 points and Griffin Embree put up 11 points to lead the offense.

Coach Jim Cilley said after a big win over Inter-Lakes he was disappointed to see the team fall to Sanborn in hopes that the Red Raiders could have started gaining some momentum. He said the team struggled in all aspects, but mostly shooting, and said the rust could have been due to lack of practice leading up to the game due to weather cancellations.

"It's no excuse but we came out and were really bad defensively," said Cilley. "We struggled against their zone and they made us shoot from the outside. We couldn't really get anything going offensively either."

The team bounced back and got a win on the road against Raymond by a score of 63-54. Cilley said he was happy that the team got a win but he said there was plenty of room for improvement.

The team was led by Dylan Gansert's 15 points and 11 rebounds, as well as 24 points for Pluskis.

"Matty has had a really good run and has been very efficient," said Cilley. "He is someone I ha-

ven't had any problems with how he is playing. He steps up and makes big plays."

Belmont traveled to Franklin on Jan. 30 and on Feb. 2 the team will host Mascoma Valley for a 6 p.m. game.

"Everyone scored and played well," said Dawalga. "It was nice to get back to practice and take it to the game. It showed tonight as the team really played well and executed the game plan."

Belmont hosted Franklin on Jan. 30 and on Feb. 2 the team will host Mascoma Valley for a 6 p.m. game.



Andre Cormier placed second in the high jump and was on the seventh place 4X400 relay team for Winnisquam.

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Cormier jumps to second in State Meet tune-up

BY BOB MARTIN

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DURHAM — The Winnisquam indoor track team was represented at the meet at UNH on Sunday, with Olivia Doubleday plac-

ing 12th in the shot put with a throw of 26 feet, 7.75 inches.

The boys' 4X400-meter relay team consisting of Richard Fournier, Riley Mann, Robert Dylan and An-

dre Cormier was seventh with a time of 3:57.54.

Cormier tied for second place in the high jump with a leap of five feet, six inches.



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Lars Major placed second in the slalom at Gunstock last week.



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Katie Gagnon was one of the leaders of the Belmont High School girls' alpine ski team, which took home a win at Gunstock last week.

Belmont girls take victory at Gunstock

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GILFORD — The Belmont High School alpine ski team had an impressive day at Gunstock last week, highlighted by a first place finish for the girls' team, edging out Hop-

kinton by three points. In the giant slalom, Katie Gagnon missed a first place finish by .01 with a time of 54.25 for second place. Becca Camire was 10th with a time of 1:00.07 and her sister Abby Camire was 12th with a time of

1:00.48. Other top skiers were Margaret Witham in 14th with a time of 1:02.03 and Keegan Berry with a time of 1:06.86 for 18th place. In the slalom, Gagnon was fourth with a time of 1:06.37. She was followed closely by

Abby Camire, who was in fifth with a time of 1:06.66. Other top skiers were Witham in 15th with a time of 1:13.63; Becca Camire with a time of 1:13.91 for 16th place and Keegan Berry with a time of 1:14.25 for 17th place.

The boys' team came in seventh on the day, with Bow taking the win. In giant slalom, the top skier was Lars Major with a fifth place finish with a time of 51.70. Mitchell Berry placed 18th with a time of 56.36 and Jake Deware was

20th with a time of 57.67. In slalom, Major narrowly missed victory with a second place finish and a time of 53.92. Deware was in 13th place with a time of 1:03.35, while Berry was 17th with a time of 1:08.36.

Bears can't hold on against Mascoma

BY BOB MARTIN
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WINNISQUAM — The Winnisquam boys' basketball team traveled to Mascoma Valley last week and lost a tight matchup, 55-51.

"We led for most of the game but couldn't hold onto the lead with a little over a minute," said coach Kevin Dame.

Kyle Mann led the team in scoring with 20 points, followed by Phil Nichols with 10 points. Avery Hutchinson added six points.

"The players played hard but Mascoma made a couple more plays than we did," Dame said. "We were also 15-24 from the free throw line."

It was a tale of two teams for the Winnisquam boys' basketball team the previous week, with the Bears getting their second win of the season with a 55-51 vic-

tory over Sanborn and then a blowout 54-29 loss to Stevens.

The 55-51 win over Sanborn came on Jan. 16. Sanborn was up 16-12 after one quarter and Winnisquam battled back to take a 27-21 lead at halftime. It was a 44-38 Winnisquam lead after three quarters and the Bears held on to win.

Dame said this was a huge confidence boost for the Bears.

"We are getting to a stretch of games now that we can compete, so getting this win was huge," said Dame. "The guys certainly needed it."

Kyle Mann led the way with 28 points and Phil Nichols had 17 points. Dame said the game was won by solid shooting and forcing turnovers. He acknowledged that it has been a tough year for Winnis-

quam shooting the ball, but the team was able to get to the basket well.

The Stevens game was on Jan. 19 and he said it was like a totally different team was on the floor. The Bears found themselves down 25-14 at the half and 38-27 after three quarters, but the bottom fell out in the fourth quarter. Dame said it was a very poor shooting night for Winnisquam, and there were too many holes that they just couldn't crawl out of.

"It was a little bit deflating for us," Dame said. "We shot absolutely atrocious. We were 0 for 20 from three and you just aren't going to win a lot of games like that."

On Jan. 30, Winnisquam hosted Campbell after deadline and on Feb. 2 the team will host Fall Mountain for a 6 p.m. matchup.

Deadlines and the Olympics

MEREDITH — Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding will be covering the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea coming up in February.

Because of the time difference and the Olympic schedule, this will require a few deadline changes for a couple of weeks while he is out of the country.

All sports items for the North Country papers (Littleton Courier, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter) for the issues of Feb. 14 and Feb. 21 must be submitted by noon on the Sunday prior to publication.

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Defosses.

In the third period Defosses scored unassisted at 10:05. Other goals were by Anthony Gentile assisted by Gagnon and Logan Brady assisted by Defosses.

Earlier in the week Belmont/Gilford had the always tough task

of facing Berlin and fell 5-3. Gilbert scored the first goal in the second period with an assist by Gallagher and Hayden Parent. The second goal came on a power play by Gagnon and was assisted by Gallagher. The last goal was in the third period by Gilbert, assisted by Harrison Parent and Defosses.

"The Berlin game was

a good game," Saball said. "We had a bad second period, came out not ready, but it was a good game."

He added, "Always a tough place to play."

Belmont/Gilford traveled to Somersworth/Coe-Brown on Jan. 31 after deadline. The team hosts Monadnock on Feb. 3 at 3:45 p.m.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Nick Randos took second place in the 1,500 meters on Sunday.

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time of 4:23.1.

The boys' 4X160-meter relay team of Mark Forgione, Ian Remenar, Hunter Dupuis and Connor Dupuis tied a school record with a time of

1:20.2, good for third place. The 4X400-meter relay team of Connor Jackson, Tom Pare, Micah Edgren and Randos was 12th with a time of 4:06.9. The 4X800-meter relay team placed eighth with a time of 9:38.74. The team consisted of

Jackson, Kaleb Brown, Evan Cochran and Ben Pare.

Zack Duclos was eighth in the shot put with a throw of 35 feet, 4.5 inches. In the high jump, Remenar placed seventh with a leap of five feet, two inches.

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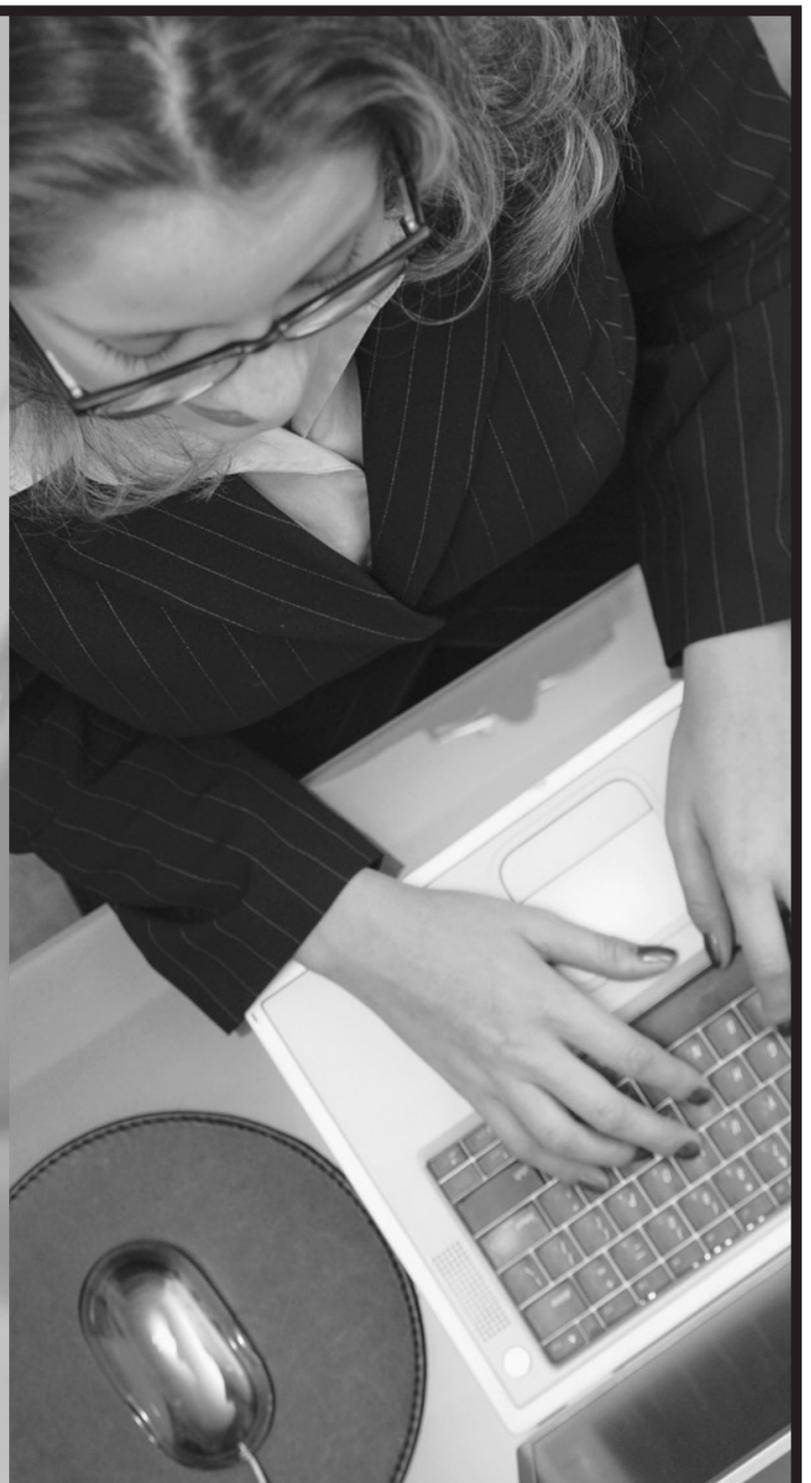
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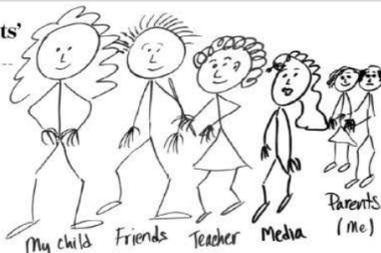
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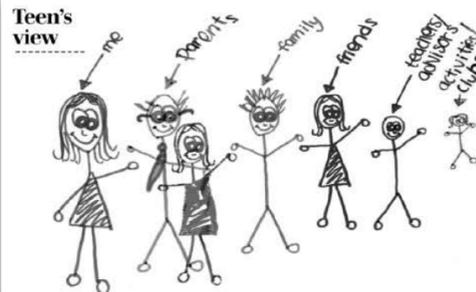
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 recognized as one of the Best Schools in NH,
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 announces an immediate opening
 for the 2017-2018 school year:
Elementary Special
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 NH General Special Education certification required.
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 Fran Bean
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF
DELIBERATIVE SESSION
 The Shaker Regional School
 District Deliberative Session for
 the 2018-2019 budget will be held
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 at 6:00 pm in the Belmont High
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Newfound Area School District
Current Employment
Opportunities

- **Technology Support Specialist**
 Provide support of district wide
 technology by maintaining systems,
 peripherals and applications.
- **Long Term Substitute**
 Bridgewater Hebron Village School
 Elementary Certification Required
 The position will be from March 5 to
 April 11.
- **1:1 Paraprofessional**
 Bristol Elementary School
 Para II Certification Required
- **Softball Coach**
 Newfound Memorial Middle School
- **Substitute Custodians**
 District Wide

*Applicants for all positions should submit a letter
of interest, resume, supportive credentials, job
application and three current written references
to: Stacy Buckley – Superintendent of School
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Friends and peers
 The single most predictive risk for
 underage drinking is if your child's peers
 drink. Encourage your kids to choose
 friends who support your family values
 and no-alcohol rules.
 Students with high-refusal-assertiveness skills are less
 likely to drink underage. Find good ways to say "no" and
 practice them often in role-play situations. Some ideas are:

- "No thanks. Drinking is not my thing."
- "No thanks. I need all the brain cells I've got."
- "No thanks. I've only got one brain. Why would I want to trash it?"
- "No thanks. Drinking before your brain is developed can dumb yourself down."

If there is alcohol at a party, LEAVE.
 Keep your social environment alcohol-free.
Peers
 Children often think that other
 people their age are drinking and
 smoking regularly, but most are not.
The Law
 Furnishing or supplying
 alcohol to a minor is a
 criminal offense-punishable
 by a \$2,000 fine and 12
 months in jail.
 Buying or supplying tobacco
 to anyone under 18 is also a
 punishable offense
 Help your child to choose friends wisely
 Get to know your child's friends and their parents.
 Discuss your no-alcohol rule with the parents and enlist
 their support. Ensure that teens and their friends have
 planned activities with appropriate adult supervision.
 Check Yourself:
www.checkyourself.com
 A place for teens to check where
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 Confidential,
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Military Appreciation -\$500
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Select Inventory Bonus Cash -\$1000
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ALTITUDE



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Rebate -\$2500
Military Appreciation -\$500
Competitive Lease -\$1000
TOTAL SAVINGS \$6,523

LEASE FOR
\$269*
PER MO. FOR 36 MOS.

BUY FOR **\$33,562***

2018 CHRYSLER
300
LIMITED



#CC18088, MSRP \$39,320
AutoServ -\$3,409
Rebate -\$6,000
Military Appreciation -\$500
Competitive Lease -\$1000
TOTAL SAVINGS \$10,909

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