

# Gilford Steamer

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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

## Petting farm comes to GYC

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Families could meet some animal friends right at the Gilford Youth Center with its first ever Barnyard Adventures Live Petting Zoo.

On Saturday, Carriage Shack Farm of Londonderry set up a small petting farm in the GYC gym. Families could meet ducks, chickens, goats, rabbits, a pig, a sheep, a mini horse, and others. Kids could also enjoy some carnival themed snacks, games, and activities.

GYC Director Scott Hodsdon said this is a first for the GYC.

"We always try to come up with new ways to get people out of the house especially during the winter months," Hodsdon said.

He said they thought it would be a good idea to try this out. The idea ended up being a big success: a lot of people came out to the event.

In addition to the pet-



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John and Alex Dixon give a better view of the animals to their sons Damon and Mathias.

## Trainings, volunteers among GPD highlights

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Upcoming projects, trainings, and citizens' involvement were some of the highlights from the police chief's report to the selectmen.

Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee gave a regular report on his department to the board of selectmen during the March 13 meeting. Bean Burpee updated the selectmen on personnel shifts, train-

ings, and other activities.

Work will start this spring on an impound lot. The money set aside for this project has been made available after the budget passed. Bean Burpee said they will be working with Public Works Director Jason Hayden and other parties on the project, possibly having it done by this summer.

The department has been leading and

scheduling a number of active shooter and emergency operations trainings in the community.

In May, they will be leading tabletop exercise at Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion, a venue that can have up to 9,600 patrons and 500 to 600 staff members. Representatives from the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force will tour the pavilion in May, and might look at

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ting zoo there were carnival snacks, a bouncy house, carnival games, and visits from some special characters.

"The goal was to make it a carnival-like atmosphere," Hodsdon said.

Hodsdon said this was possible thanks to some

generous sponsors and volunteers.

Sponsors included Kennell Orthodontic and SEE PETTING ZOO PAGE A12

## Waste disposal fee raised

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Gilford will raise fee for commercial waste and stop subsidizing this service as of May 1 though will keep the current fees for residential waste.

The selectmen held a public hearing on March 13 to amend the waste disposal fee schedule, increasing the cost of commercial waste.

Currently, residential and commercial trash from Gilford is dumped at the Laconia Transfer Station at \$45 a ton. The 2015 report of the Solid Waste Committee said that actual cost for dumping commercial trash is \$90 per ton, meaning that the taxpayers are subsidizing half of that. Laconia residents, however, are charged \$90 per ton for residential

trash. "We are concerned that this fee system may lead to abuse as non-Gilford residents and commercial haulers seek to get a better deal by claiming their trash originated in Gilford," the report stated.

Under the amendment, the fee for disposing of commercial trash from Gilford will be \$90 a ton. residential waste will still be disposed of at \$45 a ton.

The 2015 Solid Waste Committee report encouraged the selectmen to look at the fee schedule and more to a more used-based fee system as opposed to one supported by tax dollars.

"I would view the step you're considering tonight as a step towards that," said Town Administrator Scott Dunn said.

Dunn said two weeks ago a speaker raised this issue to the board suggesting that this be done. Dunn said they tried calling all the companies that haul trash in Gilford to see what the average practices are. One said they have separate routes so it wasn't an issue, another said they co-mingle the two types.

Selectman Richard Grenier said it is also theoretically possible that a garbage hauler SEE WASTE PAGE A11

## Beach Bar returns to Patrick's

The owner of Remodeling Remedies, Jonathan "Jon" Booth gets summoned to Patrick's Pub & Eatery plenty for help with renovations and other projects. But when Co-owner Allan Beetle called Jon last winter and said he had an idea, Jon sensed an innovation in the works.

"Allan sounded as giddy and excited as a 10-year-old boy," Booth remembered. "He asked me to meet him at Patrick's. I couldn't get out of my truck fast enough for

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COURTESY (Right) Jonathan "Jon" Booth, the owner of Remodeling Remedies who built the tiki bar and boardwalk at Patrick's.



# Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS  
Library Correspondent

Local author Scott Hutchison's second book of poetry, "Moonshine Narratives," came out on Feb. 19 of this year, and it is a thoughtful, authentic, and vivid picture of a life of maturation. With a distinctively rural feel, Scott describes familiar scenes from our collective experiences without any watering down. The result is at times heart-warming, heart-wrenching, and raw. It's a kind of narrative poetry that makes you think about the author's voice, which is why you won't want to miss his live reading of it at the Gilford Public Library on April 2 from 7-8 p.m.!

Many of us locals know Scott as the high school Literary Arts teacher. He has been teaching there since 1987, and in that time, he has helped thousands of young writers grow in confidence, skill, and accolades. He

and his students have been nominated for and won several writing competitions. The special projects he's been involved with at the school, like the Unified Writing Class and Obsessive Image Literary and Artistic Magazine, have been celebrated at the national level.

Scott and I shared a couple of emails and he explained how he forms his poetry and who his audience is. Here's how he put it: "As for the writing: many people enjoy lyrical poetry; they like short, clean, punchy lines that demonstrate economy and deliver a precise feeling and theme. I don't know if those readers would like my work or not, but I hope they'd give it a read. As you can see by the very title of my second book, I want to be clear: I'm a narrative poet. I love telling a story, but I also love framing the pieces in poetry. It's a delicate

balancing act-how to tell a story and honor poetry conventions without slipping into prose writing. It's a meatier kind of poem with more moving parts, but hopefully they all add up to something that stays with you for a while after reading the piece." Being a narrative kind of poetry, it is approachable for readers and listeners not versed in 'poetry conventions.' Anyone can come listen and take something from it.

Scott went on, "As for my audience: I try to create earthy characters and situations with the poetry. People are flawed, people are always figuring things out about life and living; sometimes they fail, sometimes it's a draw, and sometimes people are wonderfully heroic in their choices and actions. When I write poetry, I don't want to tell you how to feel about what's been presented to you-I want readers to hear and imagine the scene and the people, and I want the reader to be an active participant in determining what the content of the narratives adds up to. I feel that's a richer experience for the reader."

His focus on the reader is telling. You could be that reader this coming Tuesday

night!

## Classes & Special Events March 28 - April 4

**Thursday, March 28**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Music and Movement, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.  
Teen Game Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.  
Tidying Up With Betty Tidd, 6-7 p.m.

She's back and tidier than ever. Betty Tidd returns to help you tidy up your life, organize your closet, and declutter your crap. Free and open to the public.

**Friday, March 29**  
Goodbye Bash for (Joanne) Buckner, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Stop by and say Goodbye to Joanne on her last day at the Gilford Library! We will miss her, and we know you will too, so come by during the day to wish her well on her future adventures!

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

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

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

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

**Saturday, March 30**  
Tales for Tails, 11 a.m.-noon

Do you have a reluctant reader? a shy read-

er? a beginner reader? If you answered yes, then come on in to meet Jet. Jet is a black Labrador that loves children to read to him. Studies have shown that children who read to a dog will increase their confidence and reading skills. You can borrow one of our books to read to him or bring one of yours. Open to K-4th graders

**Monday, April 1**  
T'ai Chi Chih, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Nancy Frost, a T'ai Chi Chih certified teacher, will lead an eight week course at the Gilford Library. With 19 stand-alone movements and one pose, T'ai Chi Chih is beneficial to all, and easy to learn. Join us for the T'ai Chi Chih 8 week course to focus on the development of intrinsic energy (Chi), increase your energy, balance, flexibility and stamina.

Baby/Toddler Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.  
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 2**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Hook Nook, 10-11 a.m.

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

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

Spanish Camp, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Hola amigos! Spanish camp will provide

a basic introduction to the Spanish language and culture. Examples of what will be learned are simple conversations, numbers, colors, names of animals and what animals say in Spanish, as well as other topics. We will also explore the cultures and people of various Spanish speaking countries. This will be accomplished through activities, stories, songs, projects, and games. Grades 1-4. Sign-up required

Mystery Book Group, 6-8 p.m.

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of the book "Faceless Killers" by Henning Mankell, a police procedural and the first installment in the Kurt Wallander series. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Moonshine Narratives: Poetry by Scott Hutchison, 7-8 p.m.

Scott T. Hutchison, Gilford High School's own Creative Writing Teacher, will share his newest book of poetry, "Moonshine Narratives." Scott will read from his new collection, and copies will be available for purchase.

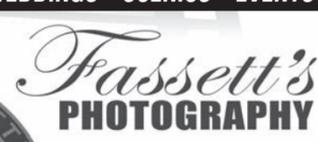
**Wednesday, April 3**  
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

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## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Wolf Pack" by C.J. Box
2. "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
3. "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
4. "Educated" by Tara Westover
5. "The First Lady" by James Patterson
6. "The Chef" by James Patterson
7. "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides
8. "The Wedding Guest" by Jonathan Kellerman
9. "Never Tell" by Lisa Gardner
10. "Little Moments of Love" by Catana Chetwynd

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## GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 197 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of March 18-25. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protec-

tive custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld from publication.

Sebastian S. Khan, age 19, of Manchester; Gavin J. Cere, age 18, of Manchester; Richard I. Pow, age 18, of Hook-

sett; Tyler D. Breton, age 19, of Manchester; and Kristopher J. Lesperance, age 19, of Manchester were arrested on March 18 for Criminal Trespassing.

Jacob M. Farrell, age 41, of Gilford was arrested on March 22

for Aggravated Felonious Sexual Assault against a Victim under the age of 13.

Robert Mike Stone, age 47, of Gilmanton was arrested on March 22 for Receiving Stolen Property valued at less than \$1,000.

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# Document fees updated

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A number of the town's document fees

have been reduced after the adoption of a new fee schedule.

On March 13, the

board of selectmen held a public hearing on updating its document fee schedule. The previous

document fee schedule was established in 2012.

A number of different fees were reduced for

physical and electronic documents.

The cost of 8.5-by-11-inch documents will be going down from 50 cents apiece, to 25 cents. Other fees were reduced for paper sized and electronic copies and new fees were established for delinquent tax lists.

A full list of the fees and a comparison between the 2012 fees and the new ones can be found at [https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/1/postings/public\\_hearing\\_notice\\_document\\_fees.3-13-19.pdf](https://www.gilfordnh.org/assets/municipal/1/postings/public_hearing_notice_document_fees.3-13-19.pdf). Copies are also available at the selectmen's office.

Some changes include that notarized copies will go from \$3 per 8.5-by-11-inch page to \$1. Faxes were \$2 per page and are now \$1 per page.

If approved the new fee schedule would take effect immediately.

"It seems like some of our document copy fees are a bit over the top," said selectman Chan Eddy. "I know there was some question about the legality of charging as much as we did, so this basically corrects an oversight I think that we had and brings us within line of state law."

Selectman Richard Grenier said this issue was brought up through a citizen's concern. He praised Dunn with bringing this to the selectmen's attention at the first possible meeting.

The selectmen unanimously approved a motion to adopt the new fee schedule effective on March 14.

## Gilford High School honor roll

Gilford High School has released its honor roll for the second trimester of the 2018-2019 school year.

### Grade 9

High Honors: Claire Bartley, Eva Bondaz, Shealagh Brown, Kaleena Dyer, Vanes-

sa Genakos, Nicole Green, Hale Kutuk, Zoe Lehneman, Avery Marshall, Jaiden McKenna, Josh Merriam, Marlow Mikulis, Mackenzie Roys, Reece Sadler, Lindsay Shute, Lauren Sikoski, Catherine Stow, Kate Sullivan, Mitchell

Townsend, Jacqueline Wright, Esther Wrobel.

Honors: Finn Caldon, Jack Cennamo, Anna Cook, Emily Crowell, Joshua Dery, Cassandra Ellis, Danielle Giardini, Tyler Hazelton, Laura Hughes, Van Langath-

ianos, Sophia Lehr, Karina MacLeod, Riley Marsh, Riley McDonough, Bradley McIntire, Saje Merrill, Blythe O'Connor, Nathaniel Poll, Anna Roy, Colby Smith, Ruby Tinsley, Jasmyn Watt.

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## Garden Club meets April 1

Elaine Hinchey of Heaven Scent Design will present "Spring Awakening," a program about spring flowers in unique designs, to the Opechee Garden Club on Monday, April 1 at 1 p.m. at the Gilford Community Church, Potter Hill Road, Gilford.

Elaine, owner and head designer at Heaven Scent Design in Laconia, has over 30 years of experience in the floral industry. She has won numerous awards for her work and the flower shop has been voted #1 Florist in the Lakes Region seven times.

Throughout her life, she has been a creative person and has enjoyed the beauty that flowers bring to her life and to others.

## Service of Meditation and Healing

On Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m., there will be a service of meditation and healing at the First United Methodist Church of Gilford/Laconia.

During this service there will be singing, meditation, prayer and a time for anointing and healing prayer. The service is fashioned after the Taizé services in France.

"The exchange with

God becomes real for us in prayer: by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us. By his word and by the sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him."

— Brother Alois, Letter from Cochabamba

Jesus said to go and make disciples and heal the sick. Healing

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## Lake Life Fashions at Patrick's

GILFORD — Patrick's Pub and Eatery will host Lake Life Fashions at their networking event, "Connect," on Thursday, March 28 from 5-7 p.m.

Lake Life Fashions is a small boutique where fashion meets outdoor living, which is strongly influenced by the owner's warmer weather outdoor lifestyle. After 15 years of owning and operating a local marina, Charity and Bill decided to open this small boutique that brings the quality brands that they love and wear in their daily life to the Lakes Region community. Lake Life Fashions offers brands such as Coolibar, Life is Good, Kut from the Kloth, ExOfficio, Principle Denim, DEEP, Sanuk, Blowfish Malibu, Sperry, Savvy Design Jewelry, goodr sunglasses, Joy Susan Handbags, The Naked Bee, Kates Candle Co. and Hydro Flask. Brands that are fashionable as well as functional for both men and women, including UPF 50+ clothing to protect you from the sun and insect shield pieces to help keep those pesky ticks and mosquitoes away, all while looking and feeling great in what you're wearing. Whether a visitor or local resident, stop by and experience this local, unique and fun place to shop. Lake Life Fashions opens for the season on April 3.

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to Lake Life Fashions. Stay and enjoy live music with Christine Chisson.

Patrick's Connect features local businesses and organizations. The evening includes complimentary craft beer

sampling from Woodstock Brewery and raffle drawings at 6 and 7 p.m., followed by live music. A grand prize of an overnight stay, brewery tour and breakfast at the Woodstock Inn is given away at 7 p.m.

For more information on Patrick's Connect or to register your own business to be featured at an event, call 293-0841 or visit [www.patrickspub.com/connect](http://www.patrickspub.com/connect).

To learn more about Lake Life Fashions, please visit [lakelifefashions.com](http://lakelifefashions.com).

## GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

BY HERB GREENE

Director  
Gilford Parks and Recreation

### Senior Moment-um Funspot Mini Golf and Kellerhaus Trip on April 1

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Senior Moment-um Program on Monday, April 1st. We will meet upstairs at Funspot at 12:15 p.m. for a fun round of mini golf. For \$5, you will be able to "putter" through many NH landmarks and

some fun obstacles! After golf, we will be heading to Kellerhaus for dome of their delicious ice cream and a look around their beautiful gift shop. Participants are responsible for their own golf and ice cream costs. Participants are asked to RSVP by Friday, March 29.

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

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# Pet of the Week: Minky



Since October this utterly precious 7-year-old beauty has been staying with us, waiting ever so patiently for you to come and take her to her forever home. Minky came to us when her previous caretakers could no longer care for her and her two sisters due to a move. This girl has been through a lot of ups and downs in her relatively short life and deserves a stable home to get her groove on and show

just how cool it is to be a cat. Sweet, timid and shy, or like any good cat, discerning. Once Minky warms to that right human you will find that she's got the perfect cat class and cat style with her sassy proud walkin' jingle in the midnight sun attitude. Minky's deep soulful green eyes are the kind you'd like to melt into for a thousand years and still want to share more life with this sweet feline.

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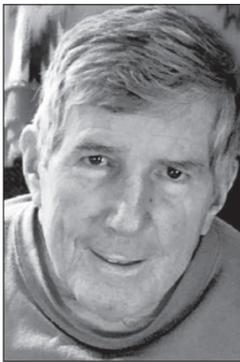
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## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

*If a woodchuck could chuck wood, he'd probably aim right for my head*



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

It won't be long before people will have forgotten everything, and will just go around mumbling and grunting, because they don't read, and if you utter an oath like "Judas Priest!" they'll say "Huh?" and not even look.

The same thing is in store, I'd bet, for a huge number of old catch-phrases, like the ones my mother's mother used to use. For example, when her hair was all a-fly, which it seldom was, she'd say "Goodness! My hair looks like the wreck of the Hesperus!"

She lived Down East, around Jonesport and Cherryfield, Maine.

At the time of the wreck of the Hesperus (1839), some of the nation's blue-water shipping was still under sail. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's famous poem was probably based on the wreck of another ship, the Favorite, out of Wiscasset, which was smashed up on an out-



COURTESY PHOTO ROGER IRWIN

Woodchucks perhaps aren't the problem they once were, with fewer cows and tractors coursing the land. This one, when Guildhall's Roger Irwin photographed it, cast a shadow worthy of some over-promoted-to-the-point-of-madness annual event in a state with too many letters to spell here.

crop of rock known then and now as Norman's Woe.

At the time, human sustenance depended almost wholly and directly on the ocean and the land. Saltwater farms had a long list of special rules and cautions, built on centuries of first-hand experience.

Lobstering was (and is) like that too. During my working career I did photo-features on lobstering twice, once with a man who fished shallow waters like estuaries and mouths of brooks and rivers, and the other time with a hardy soul who fished the deep blue sea.

Both trips bolstered my convictions about how hard and dangerous lobstering can be, and if someone complains about the price

of lobster I'm just as likely to reply "You go fish for it, then."

It's the same with hay. In a perfect world, a bale of hay means four trips around the field: cut, ted (meaning flip), rake, bale. Then you have to pick it up, and then get it to the barn and stow it away, but who wants to hear all that?

So, I'm also the wrong guy to complain to about the price of a bale of hay, my likely reply being "You go make one."

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What got me going on this subject was the ridiculous poem "How much wood could a woodchuck chuck," ad nauseam, all because someone began it on the phone the other

day and I couldn't get my hands over my ears in time. (It seems to be one of the few old sayings that has not been set to music, or at least I am blissfully unaware of it.)

When I was just getting into my teens, Spring meant (among other things that would become all-important) shooting woodchucks. This meant any woodchuck, anywhere outside of town, that you could draw a bead on. The snow had just gone and fields were still bare of sprouting greenery, and you could see forever.

In this scenario, the woodchuck carcass was checked for deadness, left in the hole, and quickly succumbed to scavengers, burying beetles, and the tug of gravity. Farmers thanked you, because a woodchuck hole is a perfect place to break a cow's leg or a tractor's front wheel. And shooting woodchucks was not necessarily the purview of lone hunters. Entire families could be seen, driving around and stopping now and then, at which point a lone figure would jump out, take long and careful aim, and shoot.

This action was followed by two things: (a) the shooter ran SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A12

## FROM OUR READERS

### Pub Mania gratitude to community supporters

To the Editor:

We are simply overwhelmed with the support Tagg Team received at the Gift Card Gala held on March 24 at Patrick's Pub in Gilford. Dozens of businesses donated gift cards and prizes, the Emerald Room was filled with generous game players, and our volunteers came together in spades. Our hearts are filled knowing we raised a record \$3,843 for the GLR Children's Auction!

Thanks once again to Patrick's and their staff for hosting this event, to our wonderful volunteers Debbie Frawley Drake, Adam and Emily

Frawley, Mark Emery and Kathy Calvin, to Tony Felch and Jon Rich for extra tables and chairs, and to the Gilford Steamer for sharing our invitation with their readers.

With spring weather returning, we look forward to seeing more community supporters participate in Patrick's Pub Mania shuffles beginning on Wednesday, April 17.

*Judi & Butch Taggart  
Pub Mania Tagg Team Captains  
Gilford*

### St. Vincent de Paul spring schedule

To the Editor:

Spring has finally arrived and the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is bustling with shoppers who are taking advantage of the wonderful selection of Spring and Summer clothing now on the racks. Our dedicated volunteers who work in the Sorting and Pricing departments have been busy putting out Spring and Summer clothing along with accessories for the coming season. The newest items in the Thrift Store are a nice selection of reasonably priced Bridal gowns for that special occasion. Prices start at \$50. New merchandise is being put out daily, so stop by the Thrift Store and check it out.

Volunteers in the housewares, furniture and small appliances are busy sorting and cleaning all the gently used items that are donated to St. Vincent de Paul, then arranging them in various displays throughout the store. The Thrift Store accepts Debit/Credit Cards, MasterCard, and Visa with a \$10 minimum purchase. Store hours are Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Senior Day is on Tuesday where seniors 60-plus years old, get 30 percent off their purchase. Be sure you check the "Daily Specials Board" when you enter the store! You don't want to miss some great deals!

The Food Pantry is a busy place on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Volunteers are assisting families, who may come once a month, to pick up food supplies to help stretch their family budgets. Regular hours for the Food Pantry are Mondays from noon-2 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.

The Children's Foundation continues to work

with school nurses, guidance counselors, case managers and teachers by providing them with necessities for children so they will have a positive self-esteem and educational experience. Parents with infants and toddlers (under 5 years of age) may come into the Thrift Store and request assistance with diapers and wipes once a month. The Children's Foundation also provides "Scholarships" for college students who could use some financial assistance with their classes. For more information regarding any of the Children's Foundations Programs you may call 524-5470.

The Financial Assistance team serves residents of the cities/towns of Alton, Belmont, Gilford, Gilmanton, and Laconia. Financial teams of two meet with individuals to help assess their needs, review budgets and determine where financial help is needed. Please visit your Town or City Welfare office before calling to make an appointment

Volunteers are always needed at St. Vincent de Paul. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this opportunity, please stop by the store to fill out an application and ask to speak with June or Betty. The St. Vincent de Paul Society, an all-volunteer/ 501C3 organization, is located at 1269 Union Ave. in Laconia. For more information, please stop by the Thrift Store or call 524-5470.

*Sue Page  
Volunteer  
St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Children's Foundation*

# The time is right to sell a home

If you own a single-family home in Gilford, it's an unequalled time to sell. It's "list opportunity or missed opportunity" time. Let me tell you why:

### Prices are peaking

In 2018, the median "closed" price for single family homes in Gilford was the highest since 1997, which is as far back as data go in the New England Real Estate Network Multiple Listing Service database.

In other words, sales prices for Gilford single family homes are the highest they've ever been.

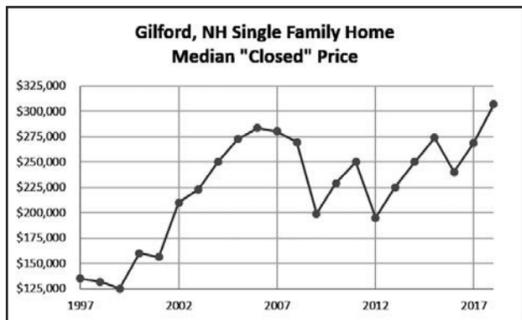
### But prices won't climb forever

Don't just take my word for it... ask someone who didn't sell at the previous property value peak in 2006. Gilford single family home values subsequently plummeted 30 percent over the next three years (that'd be like a \$92,100 loss in value from today's median price) and sellers had to either absorb the loss or wait with regret for well more than a decade for prices to recover.

Let me make a very simple case for why I think home prices are more likely to stall or decline than continue to climb much further.

Let's compare two factors: Gilford home prices and real median household income in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, where the preponderance of out-of-state buyers come from.

Gilford house prices grew 115.2 percent between 1999 (the market



bottom) and 2017 (the most recent year for which income data are available).

During that same timespan, median household income in New Hampshire and Massachusetts grew just 10.04 percent and 12.75 percent, respectively.

In short, home price growth in Gilford is far exceeding income growth in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Add the chilling effects recent interest rate hikes have had on homebuyers and it becomes difficult to imagine that home prices will somehow continue to magically and indefinitely outpace earnings at the rate they have been.

Think about it... how do you buy a house you can't afford, now that banks are no longer offering home loans to just about anyone, including unqualified buyers, like they did during the subprime mortgage crisis in 2006? You don't.

Buyers become forced to wait until: a) prices drop, b) income skyrockets, or c) lenders repeat the mistakes of the past and offer mortgages that allow buyers to purchase more home than they can realistically afford.

That's why I think the divergence between

home price and income growth suggests a coming correction in property values. Here's another way to drive the point home: household income grew 10 to 12 percent in our two biggest buyer markets (New Hampshire and Massachusetts) over 18 years, 1999 to 2017. Median Gilford house prices, on the other hand, grew more than 14 percent in just one year, between 2017 and 2018.

So if you want to sell successfully, maybe make this the last long, brutally cold winter you have to endure in New Hampshire, it's an unparalleled time to list, based on prices alone... before they inevitably drop and you get stuck.

### Days on Market are Plummeting

If high prices alone aren't enough to convince you, consider another key indicator: the blistering pace of "Days on Market" required to sell.

In 2018 the median number of days on market for Gilford single family homes was just 42. With the close exception of 2017 (40 median days on market), that's the fastest pace in at least 21 years.

The number of days



on market tends to be inversely proportionate to buyer demand. A low number of days on market—which we clearly have now—suggests a high amount of consumers with high motivation to buy.

### Low inventory gives you a head start and an advantage

In addition to the highest home values and one of the fastest selling paces in more than two decades, Gilford presently has an extremely low number of houses listed. Today there are only 36 single family homes listed in Gilford, a town the U.S. Census Bureau estimates to have a population of 7,156 people, and 4,312 housing units.

A low supply of for-sale homes can create serious leverage for sellers. Buyers are more willing to overlook perceived shortcomings in a home (like dated appliances or no walk-in closet) when inventory is tight and there's less competition for their fickle affections. When there are fewer properties to compete with, the result can often be multiple offers, stronger negotiating position and higher prices for sellers.

By listing now (yes, in March) you can get a

head start on the competition and stand out to buyers who want to begin enjoying a new Lakes Region home in time for summer 2019. Remember, many closings take 45 to 60 days to complete.

### Interest rates are down, for now

Yes, interest rates have climbed, paralyzing many buyers who had grown accustomed to abnormally low rates. But there's good news. According to Frank Nothaft, chief economist for CoreLogic, a leading property analytics provider, "Fixed-rate mortgage rates have dropped six tenths of a percentage point since November 2018, and today are lower than they were a year

ago. With interest rates at this level, we expect a solid homebuying season this spring."

So please take note if you've been waiting for a great time to sell. It's now. Prices are at their apex and days on market have plummeted. Inventory is low, giving sellers who list now a head start advantage before inventory and competition inevitably increase.

Give me a call if you've considered selling your house in Gilford and you're curious what your home might sell for in this seller's market.

It might be the best time to sell a Gilford single family home in over 20 years, and homeowners who missed the opportunity to sell at the previous peak had to wait 12 long years for home values to recover. It's truly "list opportunity or missed opportunity" time.

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## Locals named to Endicott Dean's List

BEVERLY, Mass. — Endicott College is pleased to announce the Dean's List students for fall 2018. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C", have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

### The following students have met these requirements:

Karina Tomlinson, daughter of Derek and Cynthia Tomlinson, an Accounting and Finance major

Kelli Vieten, daughter of Daniel and Holly Vieten, an Interior Design major

**About Endicott College**  
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## Annie's welcomes Red Sox author

LACONIA — On Saturday, March 30, Annie's Book Stop of Laconia will once again host Red Sox Author Carl Johnson. Mr. Johnson will be sharing with us his eighth book, entitled: "The Best Team Ever?" This book chronicles the Boston Red Sox' 2018 championship season.

According to a USA Today article published on Aug. 22, "the 2019 baseball season will have the earliest opening day to date. Major league baseball says all 30 teams will play on March 28."

Mr. Johnson is a

baseball columnist and historian with the Biddeford (Maine) Journal Tribune. He writes a weekly column on Major League Baseball and also produces a blog on the subject. In addition, he produces baseball columns for several other newspapers; he also lectures on baseball and its history.

Baseball, and games resembling the sport, in the US date back to the 18th century. Two English games were similar: rounders and cricket. The History website states: "In September 1845, a group of New

York City men founded the New York Knickerbocker Baseball Club. One of them—volunteer firefighter and bank clerk Alexander Joy Cartwright—would codify a new set of rules that would form the basis for modern baseball, calling for a diamond-shaped infield, foul lines and the three-strike rule.

Cartwright's changes made the burgeoning pastime faster-paced and more challenging while clearly differentiating it from older games like cricket. In 1846 [The New York Knickerbocker Base-

ball Club]... played the first official game of baseball against a team of cricket players, beginning a new, uniquely American tradition."

<https://www.history.com/news/who-invented-baseball>

You are invited to visit the bookstore and meet this prolific local author from Maine; he will both captivate & familiarize you with the sport including its history. Carl Johnson will be here from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. Thank you for supporting your local bookstore!

## International Film Series continues with "Dreams"

LACONIA — The Laconia Human Relations Committee in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library offers the film, "Akira Kurosawa's Dreams," as the April selection for the International Film Series. The film will be shown on Monday, April 1 at 6:15 p.m.

"Akira Kurosawa's Dreams" is a 1990 Japanese-American magical realism film of eight vignettes written and directed by Akira Kurosawa. It was inspired by actual dreams that Kurosawa claimed to have had repeatedly. He was a Japanese film director and screenwriter, who is one of the most important and

influential filmmakers in the history of cinema.

The main themes of the movie are: childhood, spirituality, art, death, universal disasters, and man's mistakes regarding the world. The film does not have a single narrative, but is rather episodic in nature, following the adventures of a "surrogate Kurosawa" (recognizable by Kurosawa's trademark hat) through eight different segments, or "dreams." The titles of the various dreams are "Sunshine Through the Rain," "The Peach Orchard," "The Blizzard," "The Tunnel," "Crows," "Mount Fuji in Red,"

"The Weeping Demon," and "Village of the Watermills."

This is another in the International Film Series shown monthly from September through June at the Laconia Public Library. Check the International Film Series shelf at the library for this and other films shown over

the past six years.

The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world. For more information contact Len Campbell at [Lsoup03@gmail.com](mailto:Lsoup03@gmail.com).



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*Vera May Hartley-Burr, 98*

OSS�PEE — Our most amazing mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Vera May Hartley-Burr was Promoted to Glory on March 15, 2019 while residing at Mountain View Community in Ossipee. She was 98 years old.



Vera was born May 11, 1920 in Long Beach, Calif. She became active in the Salvation Army Church at age 14 while living in Southern California with her family. At age 17, she moved to The Bay area of Northern California and graduated from Vallejo High School in 1938.

She then enrolled in the Salvation Army Officer Training School in San Francisco. After she graduated as a Captain in the Salvation Army, she was appointed to work in the Chinatown Corp where she headed a vibrant youth program. When Pearl Harbor was bombed, she was sent to Honolulu, Hawaii to help in the Salvation Army relief effort there. She traveled from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor on the luxury liner-turned troop ship SS Lurline where she was one of a handful of women on board with over 1200 US military soldiers being sent into the Pacific Theater from Pearl Harbor shortly after the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. She initially assisted in the "coffee and doughnut" runs for the troops stationed around the Island of Oahu, but later headed the youth work at the Salvation Army Pacific HQ up Manoa Valley in Honolulu. It was at Waikiki she met and later married the first love of her life, John W. Hartley, Sr., who

was stationed at Pearl Harbor as a machinist helping repair the Pacific Fleet troop ships as they came into port.

After WWII, she and John moved to Soughern California, where they had many great adventures including owning a gas station and rooming houses, investing in real estate and building two motels and a campground in the Disneyland area. Their adventures took them to New Hampshire in 1960 where they built Wanderlust Resort, one of the the premier campgrounds of its time on Lake Winnepesaukee. After selling the campground in the early 1970s she and John started Hartley Well Drilling company in Meredith. Her desire to escape cold New Hampshire winters prompted many wonderful trips to Florida and to California to visit her family. She always claimed her California roots even though she spent the better part of 50 years in the Lakes Region. Her work with the SA continued unabated as she played piano for decades at the Laconia Corp of the Salvation Army and provided thousands of meals to the needy of the Lakes Region.

At age 89, she met and married the second love of her life, Howard W. Burr, a retired Salvation Army

Brigadier and retired Pastor. They resided in Largo, Fla., where they fellowshipped at the Salvation Army Clearwater Citadel and continued in their work feeding the needy and visiting the shut-ins at area nursing homes.... pretty amazing for two nonagenarians! These activities continued until Howard's death in 2017, whereupon she moved back "home" to NH, residing in Chocorua with family, then Meredith, and finally Ossipee.

Survivors include her children, John and Vicki Hartley from Chocorua, Sandy and Chris Kirchoffer from Paauiilo, Hawaii, Bill Hartley from Orono, Maine, and Lynn Hartley from Laconia. Her grandchildren are Erin, Tara, Heather, Matt, Shawn, Karen, Jeremy & Jessica, and her great-grandchildren are Daniel, David, Hannah, Eden, Saelah, Avie, Eva and Samuel. Her daughter Karen and both husbands preceded her in death. A memorial service is planned for April 2 in Tamworth.

Her love for our Lord and Savior is evidenced by the legacy she leaves—an amazing generosity and great love for her family, a joyful and adventurous spirit and a constant desire to serve others in her quiet and unassuming way. She is greatly loved and will be greatly missed. But she would remind us that Jesus says "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me, even though he dies, will live. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die- ever. Do you believe this?" — John 11:25-26.

**MARK ON THE MARKETS**

*Required minimum distributions*



BY MARK PATTERSON

Tis the season for Clients that have reached the age of 70 and a half to think about their Required Minimum Distributions. RMDs only affect qualified or retirement funds, but not Roth IRA's. When we defer money into our Traditional IRA, 401k, 403b or really any tax deferred plan, we are deferring paying the tax on that money, so at some point, in this case, 70 and a half, the government wants our money which they believe is their money. People that are taking an income from those accounts are usually fulfilling the requirement, however many are not and at 70 and a half are required to take what starts out at approximately 4 percent but increases each year.

Many people have other sources of in-

come like Social security, pensions or a variety of other means that fulfill their need for income. Leaving a legacy is important to many who have this retirement money that is not needed for current income. That opens-up a variety of strategies for passing wealth to beneficiaries. Without getting into multi-generational trust or other complicated means of transferring large sums of wealth, I would like to make a few suggestions for people who have worked hard for their retirement dollars and want to pass them efficiently to beneficiaries but are not in need of a team of tax attorneys and accountants.

One simple strategy is to fund a Life Insurance Policy, passing a tax-free death benefit to your beneficiaries. Another potential benefit of this strategy is that this policy may fund chronic illness, potential in home care or skilled nursing facility if needed for the owner of the policy. Some policies can grow cash value in addition to these other benefits like college funding for grandkids. These policies vary from carrier to carrier and based on the owner's health and age, so take this as gen-

eral information and speak with a qualified planner that works with these scenarios to see if you may qualify for a policy that has these potential benefits.

For some who may not qualify for a policy or do not want to go through the underwriting process, there are some options that we can discuss, like a stretch IRA. If you are fortunate enough to have been able to have this flexibility with your RMD's, take the time and use your imagination about what you would really like to accomplish with this money, a qualified independent planner should be able come up with great vehicles to get you where you want to be.

I would encourage you to seek advice from an independent firm that is not compensated for the use of proprietary products, or captive agents who can only show you their companies' products, and I always say; work with a fiduciary who works for the client, not their firm!

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

*Art Association names featured artist*

TILTON — Photographer James Cryan, a member of the Lakes Region Artist Association, has been selected by the association as April's 'Featured Artist of the Month.' His high quality and creative photos

include many images of Ireland, its landscape, people and historic sights.

Cryan has visited

Ireland seven times over the past 50 years to take photos, hear stories about its history and meet with his relatives, one of which was his 90 plus year-old grandfather. Cryan's exhibit is free and open to the public at the Lakes Region Artist Association/Gallery, Tanger Outlet Mall, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton, Suite 132,

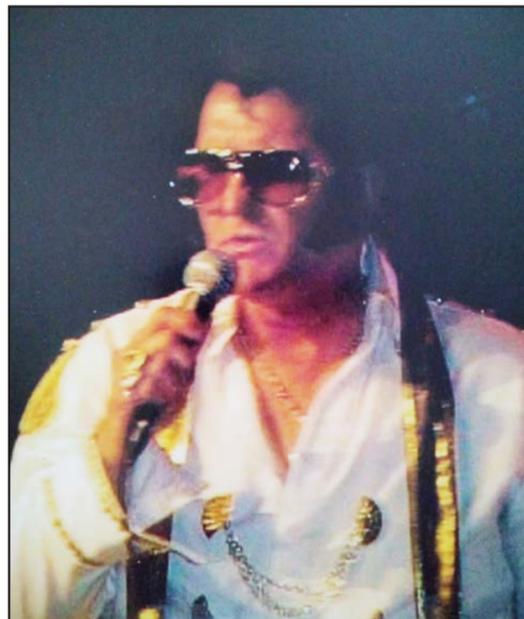
Thursday- Sunday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Cryan's impressive resume includes earning a Master's degree in Irish literature and history from the University of Massachusetts, a trained infrared aerial recon combat photographer in Viet Nam, and awards for his photography. In 2013, Cryan returned to Viet Nam to contin-

ue taking photos, work with an English language school and work on a medical mission in Can Tho and Saigon. While there he teamed-up with a longtime friend, Thach Nguyen, who assisted him as his guide and host. Cryan has his own showroom and gallery studio in Pelham, NH, 422 Mammoth Rd. It's open by appointment, 635-9071.

**Elvis is coming to Laconia**

LACONIA — Love, INC presents Richard Parker, Elvis impersonator, at the Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dance to be held 5:30-8 p.m., Saturday, March 30 at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall



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Richard Parker as Elvis.

located at 31 Gilford Ave. in Laconia.

Parker has two albums under his belt as a tenor in a barber-shop quartet, traveled in a Gospel singing group and sang during a memorial service for 911 the following September at the Hart Senate Building in Washington, D.C. He began his Elvis show 10 years ago and also works as an electrical contractor.

Spaghetti with delicious homemade meatballs and marinara sauce, garlic bread and salad will be served along with homemade

desserts. Gluten free and dairy free options will be offered.

This fund raiser will assist Love INC in helping needy individuals and families of the Lakes Region. The organization is made up of volunteers from multiple churches in the area, linking up churches, volunteers, social service agencies and people in need. Please call 366-1525 or see loveinclr.org for tickets. Adults are \$15, children under 12 are \$10 and families, \$45. The evening will also include free door prizes.

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# Huot students make a difference with CERT

LACONIA — Thinking back to our teen years, we can all remember many things we were told we can't do, for a host of reasons. However, there is one very important thing teens can do: Learn to protect themselves,

their family, and their friends in case of a disaster.

The CERT training is offered to students in the first year Health Science and Technology, and Law Enforcement classes at the Huot Career & Vocational

Training Center, Laconia High School. This effort is a collaboration between the Partnership for Public Health, Emergency Preparedness & Response office and the Huot Center.

Community Emergency Response Team



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reduce stress on those impacted by disaster situations. At the completion of the class, CERT instructors will lead the students through a simulated disaster exercise. Students will utilize their new skills to safely mitigate the disaster simulation. At the completion of the program, students will travel to Concord to visit the New Hampshire Fire Academy, Incident Management & Operational Center, State Emergency Operations Center, New Hampshire State Police Dispatch Center and the NH DOT Traffic Management Center.

## Man becomes the prey on LRPA

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (March 9 & 10) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1932's mystery-adventure "The Most Dangerous Game," starring Joel McCrea, Fay Wray and Leslie Banks. Immediately following is a bonus episode of vintage television: "The Rifleman," the popular vintage television show starring Chuck Connors. This episode from season 2 (1960) is entitled "The Day of the Hunter."

"The Most Dangerous Game" opens aboard a luxury yacht sailing to South America. One of the passengers is big game hunter, author and adventurer Bob Rainsford (McCrea). The ship runs aground on a coral reef in dangerous, shark-infested waters. Several passengers enter the ocean but only Rainsford survives the shark attacks, swimming to a remote island. Looking for help, he comes upon the jungle fortress of Count Zaroff (Banks), an exiled Russian aristocrat. He also meets other victims of recent shipwrecks, including Eve Trowbridge (Wray) and her brother Martin.

The Count, himself an avid sportsman who has turned the island into a private hunting preserve, knows of Rainsford's hunting prowess and is delighted to host him as his island's newest "guest." Eve confides to Rainsford that she feels something is not right on the island — several other survivors have recently gone missing. Searching the fortress, they come across a room filled with big game trophies, and one of them is a man's head! Rainsford realizes that the Count is a madman who hunts humans for sport. Rainsford and Eve soon find themselves as the prey in the most dangerous game! How will they escape with their lives?

"The Most Dangerous Game" began production at RKO Studios at the same time as "King Kong." The films had the same producers, so to save money, they shared several of the same actors (notably, Fay Wray) and jungle sets, as well as the same editor, screenwriter and composer. Fans of "Kong" may

feel a similar style and pace to "The Most Dangerous Game." The film was very well received during its time by critics and moviegoers alike. Although the story has been adapted for film many times throughout the years, our version is considered to be the closest to the original story and still the very best. All three leads give solid performance, particularly Leslie Banks as the over-the-top Count Zaroff. In his review, Mordaunt Hall of the New York Times noted, ... "Through the imaginative fashion in which it has been produced... the fantastic theme of 'The Most Dangerous Game' makes a highly satisfactory melodrama." What are you waiting for? Grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this vintage thriller.

You can't find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, Atlantic Broadband Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream through our Web site SEE LRPA PAGE A10

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## Edward Jones: Financial Focus

### What Should You Do With an Inheritance?

If you were to receive a sizable inheritance, what should you do with it? This money could help you achieve some of your important financial goals — so you'll want to think carefully about your choices. Of course, everyone's needs are different, so there's no one "right" way to handle a large lump sum. But here are a few suggestions that may be useful:

**Pay off some debts.** Depending on the size of your inheritance, you may want to consider paying off some, if not all, of your

debts, such as car loans, personal loans and student loans. You might even consider paying off your mortgage, but you may not want to, as you might be able to get a better return on your money by investing it. Also, if all your money is tied up in a house, you'll typically have less liquidity than you would get from your investments.

**Contribute more to your retirement accounts.** You may now be able to afford to contribute more to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement

plan, as well as to your IRA. These accounts offer tax benefits plus an array of investment choices, so they are excellent ways to build resources for retirement.

**Save for college.** If you have children, or grandchildren, whom you would like to someday send to college, you might want to put some of your inheritance into a college savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan, which provides tax benefits and gives you great flexibility in distributing the money.

**Build an emergency fund.** If you haven't already built an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you may be able to do so now, using part of your inheritance. Keep the money in a liquid, low-risk account, so that it's readily available to pay for unexpected costs. Without such a fund, you might be forced to tap into your long-term investments. Above all else, you may want to get some help. If you don't already have one, a financial professional can recommend

ways of using the money to help you meet your goals. For one thing, you could further diversify your investments, which is important, because diversification can help reduce the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't prevent all losses or guarantee profits.) And a financial professional can help you determine how much your plans could change due to the inheritance. To name just one possibility, you might be able to move up

your retirement date. If so, you'd need to adjust many aspects of your financial strategy, such as when to take Social Security, how much to withdraw each year from your retirement accounts, and so on. You'll also need to consult with your tax advisor, because some inherited assets, such as an IRA, could have tax implications. Your loved ones worked hard, and probably invested for many years, to leave a legacy for you. So, to honor their memory, do whatever you can to handle your inheritance wisely.

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## Easterseals NH Camp Sno-Mo: Unifying Kids of All Abilities at Summer Camp

Easterseals Camp Sno-Mo, located in Gilman Iron Works, NH, has served campers, ages 11-21, with special needs at a residential camp since the early 1970s. Over the course of a fun-filled summer, our campers are joined by 500-600 Boy Scouts on the space we share at Hidden Valley Campground. The co-location of these two programs provides the opportunity for an atmosphere of acceptance, diversity, and education for all.

Children of all abilities love and thrive during a summer camp experience. Summer camp allows for time away from home, meeting new people, creating lasting friendships, sleeping under the stars, and the endless opportunities to try something new! For some children this can be a challenge. Children with special needs are not always



able to attend camp because their unique needs make it difficult. However, at Easterseals Camp Sno-Mo, campers with special needs are able to have a truly amazing experience is a

safe, adaptive, and caring environment.

Additionally, our campers participate in activities offered by the Boy Scouts. These activities are those you



will find at many traditional summer camp programs throughout the country and include aquatics (swimming and boating), riflery, archery, hiking, ecology, first aid, high and low ropes courses with a zip line, camp crafts, and more.

Sno-Mo Campers participate alongside Scout campers to complete requirements to earn their badges. They form friendships and memories while working together. This partnership allows our

campers to enjoy a traditional camping experience where the possibilities are endless.

Our caring staff receive extensive training on therapeutic crisis intervention, medical/water safety and first aid/CPR ensuring our campers enjoy a safe and meaningful camp experience. Sno-Mo staff hail from many countries and bring their culture and experiences with them. By providing a safe environment, we enable our campers to challenge themselves to learn and grow, develop confidence, and discover how much they can achieve.

A perfect example of this is embodied in Alex's story. Alex is a long-time Sno-Mo

camper who uses a wheelchair and walks with a crutch. He is also living proof that you are only limited by the limits you place on yourself.

Once summer Alex has a conversation with his one-on-one camp staff Jessica. Alex had indicated that he wanted to hike Mt. Shannon while at camp. Given his mobility limitations, we knew this would require some creative thinking but brainstormed the possibilities because Alex was adamant about doing the hike with his crutches! Mt. Shannon is 1,400 feet above sea level and, at certain points, can be a little tricky to navigate especially near the summit.

After much discussion  
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who they are instead of limiting what they can do. Why put a limit on it? As we have seen on many occasions, if a Sno-Mo camper feels they want to try an activity that has been out of their reach, we will find a way to

make it happen! We believe the only disability is a bad attitude!

For more information about Easterseals NH Camp Sno-Mo, please contact Camp Director Robert Kelly at rkelly@eastersealsnh.org.

sion, we determined that if we could come up with a plan that would allow Alex to safely do this then we would make this dream come true. Within a matter of hours, we devised a well-thought-out and concise plan for Alex to tackle the climb.

Not only did Alex climb up and down Mt. Shannon unaided, he has repeated the feat each summer thereafter with staff nearby for support. When we recognized Alex's accomplishment at the dining hall during our next meal, his fellow Camp Sno-Mo and Boy Scout campers, gave Alex a very well deserved

standing ovation. It was one of those moments in time where you remember where you were when it happened. It was simply inspirational.

Since our beginning, Camp Sno-Mo has been a special place where our campers have achieved countless accomplishments and milestones. The level of character, dedication, and potential we see in our campers is unmeasurable. Gone are the days where people would say "are you sure he or she should be doing that?" Instead we would rather embrace the individuality of our campers define

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# Woodstock Inn partners with Patrick's Connect

GILFORD — Looking to grow your presence and generate new customers for your business? Interested in getting to learn more about some great local businesses in a fun and low-key setting, while sampling

craft beers and having the chance to win some exciting prizes?

“Our Connect event, held Thursdays from 5-7 p.m., is about partnering with local businesses and organizations to generate some buzz, make new

relationships and have fun,” says Patrick's General Manager Megan Page. “We work hard to provide exceptional value to our Featured Businesses while building new relationships and new customers.”

Adding to their business partners for Connect, Patrick's is announcing that Woodstock Inn & Brewery of Lincoln will be featuring their craft brews during each Connect event.

“We'll be provid-



Tracey Sopinsky, Bar Manager of Patrick's, and Arthur Chase of Woodstock Inn & Brewery.

# LRCS celebrates Family Resource Center

LACONIA — Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS) Annual Celebration will be held Thursday, April 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Beane Conference Center in Laconia. The LRCS Annual Celebration brings together community leaders, supporters, donors, partners, volunteers, school and businesses and participates in its programs and services to celebrate accomplishments and to recognize people and organizations that support the community-based work of LRCS.

This year's program “Strong Families, Strong Communities” will honor the LRCS Family Resource Center of Central NH (FRC-CNH). The FRC-CNH impacts a growing number of families and children in the greater Lakes Region through specialized programs, services and outreach events. Responding to the challenges facing local families, the Family Resource Center collaborates with other key service providers and community partners to build strong and healthy families.

The keynote speaker for the event is Lakes Region resident and former LRCS Executive Director, Christine Santaniello. Santaniello serves as the Director of the Division of Housing and Economic Stability for the NH Department of Health and Human Services, leading a division that manages Family Assistance, Child Support Services,



CHRISTINE SANTANIELLO, Director of the Division of Housing and Economic Stability, NH Department of Health and Human Services will keynote the 2019 LRCS Annual Celebration on April 11 at the Beane Conference Center in Laconia.

Child Development and Headstart Collaboration, Housing and Employment supports. She will address the state's priorities in strengthening individuals, families and community supports to build better outcomes for children, families and adults in NH focusing on the important role played by Family Resource Centers.

“We are excited to have Chris return to share her vast experience, leadership and passion for building better outcomes for children, families and adults in NH. Understanding NHHHS priorities and the opportunities for collaboration is critical to developing and implementing resources and programs in our work to strengthen NH families,” commented Rebecca Bryant, LRCS President and CEO.

The event will begin at 4:30 with a catered reception and musical entertainment followed

by LRCS Annual Community Partner and Employee Longevity awards and program at 5:30. The event wraps up at 6:15 with coffee and desserts.

## 2019 Community Partner Awards

Selected for outstanding support of the LRCS Family Resource Center mission are:

Collaboration Hero: Marti Ilg, Director Lakes Region Childcare Services

Supporter/Funder: Tom and Liz Kelsey and The Linden Family Foundation

Community Partner/Advocate: Navigating Recovery of the Lakes Region

“We are thrilled to spotlight the LRCS Family Resource Center this year, and recognize our dedicated employees, our many partners as well as the families who work hard every day to build a better future for their children,” stated Erin Pettengill, VP Family Resource Center.

There is no charge to attend this event how-

ever seating is limited! RSVP by April 8 by contacting Judy Maguire at 603-581-1504 or [jmaguire@lracs.org](mailto:jmaguire@lracs.org).

Lakes Region Community Services is a nonprofit, comprehensive family support agency with a primary focus of providing supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and/or acquired brain disorders and their families.

A dynamic human services organization, LRCS offers other essential and critical services to individuals in the greater Lakes Region from birth throughout their lifespan. At the core of LRCS' work are inclusion, acceptance, and building strengths and partnerships – whether at the individual, family or community level. LRCS has offices in Laconia and Plymouth which combine to serve families residing throughout Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. For more information contact Joanne Piper Lang at 603-524-8811 or visit [www.lracs.org](http://www.lracs.org).

# Chamber announces food truck festival

TILTON — Lakes Region Chamber is excited to launch the Exit 20 Food Truck Festival event Saturday, May 11 from noon to 5 p.m. at Tanger Outlets Tilton.

“The Chamber is looking forward to kicking off spring and the tourism season bringing local food trucks and specialty food vendors to create a

fun, friendly, foodie experience,” announced Karmen Gifford, President of the Lakes Region Chamber. “We are thrilled with the initial response we have had from local vendors and our collaboration with the Tanger Outlets®. The variety of menus to be offered includes Cajun, Creole & Caribbean, gluten free,

tacos, avocado fries, pierogi poutine, mac n cheese parfaits, BBQ, burgers, baked treats, ice cream sandwiches, waffle cones & more! We still have space for additional food trucks and specialty food vendors.”

The event will take place Saturday afternoon of Mother's Day weekend. The 405 Pub & Grill will feature a beer tent with craft beers. Live musical performances will be provided all afternoon featuring the All You Got Tour with Artists on the Move from Boston, featuring two tour bands and solo performers. Local car enthusiasts are encouraged to join the event with a Spring Car Meet Up. Spring your beloved antique/classic car, slammin' hot rod or precious jalopy out of winter

with a delicious breakfast and tour of the brewery.

“We like to call this a ‘Get Out of Town’ Prize Package,” says Page. “Our customers really enjoy the chance to get up to Lincoln for a great overnight trip, with great fun and hospitality from the staff at the Woodstock Inn.”

“Our goal is to make this a successful night for the Featured Business and their customers, while also creating a fun experience for our customers,” explains Page.

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A free special car “meet up” parking area will be provided. Rowell's Sewer & Drain will display a truck, happy people along with their iconic Poop Emoji mascot, giveaways and happy surprises. Rain or shine, it will be a perfect day for spring shopping at Tanger Outlets®!

The Lakes Region Chamber is a private, non-profit organization striving to create and promote a more engaged community and thriving economy for the businesses in the Lakes Region. For more information about participating at the Exit 20 Food Truck Festival and a full community calendar of events, go to [LakesRegionChamber.org](http://LakesRegionChamber.org) or call the Chamber at 524-5531.

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## GPD

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and discuss emergency operation plans. Bean Burpee said this will get an emergency operations plan in place if something does occur at Bank of NH Pavilion.

They will also be doing training on the digital forensics system Cellebrite as well as crash investigation, potentially using the runway at the airport.

Bank of New Hampshire had asked the GPD to do some emergency training at their Gilford branch. Bean Burpee said the bank liked the training so much they have asked the GPD to work with the Laconia Police Department for a training at the main branch in Laconia.

The second annual Citizen's Police Academy started in February, 12 students have been taking part in the once a week course for two or three hours a class over 12 weeks covering different topic areas. The week before the meeting the students went to the

Huot Technical Center in Laconia for a mock trial conducted by students with participation by department members.

The latest member of the academy will graduate in May.

The Gilford Police Department will take part in Drug Take Back Day in April. On April 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., members of the department will be at CVS collecting any unused medication and safely disposing of it, a process that is completely anonymous. There is also a box in the town hall lobby where people can drop off their unused or expired medication.

The department has received some Highway Safety STEP grants, which will allow the department to do extra patrols for DWI, distracted driving, and speed enforcement. The details will supplement the usual highway details and run for three to six hours focusing on these specific areas.

Bean Burpee said a number of volunteers have been helping out with some day-to-day tasks. The volunteers will perform tasks such as scanning, data entry, shredding, and bringing in food. A few volunteers also do winter house checks, which frees officers to take calls for service.

"I knew that you had this, but I didn't realize the depth that it was going," said board chair Gus Benavides.

Benavides said having these citizens volunteer is also a big savings to the taxpayers. He asked how they can find more people who would be willing to volunteer.

Bean Burpee said the only requirement is the volunteers work at least five hours week. He said there's a steady group of six volunteers with four or five there weekly. Volunteers have worked on filing and last year they spent three hours detailing the interior and exterior of cars.

## WASTE

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could have three-fifths of a load from Laconia, make a couple stops in Gilford, and claim it's all from Gilford. As a result the fee will be \$45 for the whole truck and the town would be subsidizing \$45.

The board voted unanimously in favor of adopting the new fee schedule to take effect on May 1.

Another question was raised of trucks that have mixed loads of commercial and residential trash. Board Chair Gus Benavides

said that would have to be addressed and some kind of warnings and deterrents would have to be created to stop that process. Grenier and Benavides said it is still possible that the trash company could tell the scale operator that all of it was residential. Dunn said since this will be taking place at the Laconia Transfer Station Gilford would be out of the enforcement of this.

"My suggestion would be to treat a

mixed load at the higher rate, which would provide those companies with an incentive to have separate routes," Dunn said.

The selectmen agreed. Grenier said they would need to look at this again in the future.

"The one thing about this board is, we've all said nothing is written in stone. We can always go back and look at it and address it if something has to be fine tuned," Benavides said.

## BEACH BAR

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him that morning."

The two men walked inside from the parking lot, and Beetle led Booth to the Emerald Room and flung open the doors. Turning to Booth, Beetle said: "Beach Bar."

"I told him he was crazy!" Booth recalled. "I said, 'If you're going to go through with this, you have to go all out. You have to bring in sand, the whole nine yards.'"

Beetle went 10 yards.

He dove into the vision, and, before long, a 20-foot boardwalk and a tiki bar were assembled in the Emerald Room. Six thousand pounds of sand were hauled in by Tyson McKenna, the owner of Gilford Gardens, who spread it over a tarp on the dining room floor. A tropical oasis was born for our customers in the middle of a cold New Hampshire winter.

If you visited the Beach Bar last April, you might remember squishing your toes—or your boots—in the soft sand and drinking a fruity beverage. This month, we're bringing the bar back on Friday, March 29 with a Grand Opening party

and some great new features.

"People loved the Beach Bar," Booth said. "They thought Allan was crazy at first, but a lot of people I know appreciated the fact that he's willing to step outside the box. Lots of folks came down to Patrick's just to check out what Allan was doing. It definitely got people's attention."

Faith Francis, a Patrick's customer since it opened, was amazed by the scene the first time she walked into the Emerald Room and found a beach. She didn't get away to a warm location last winter and considered the Beach Bar her tropical escape—just a mile and a half from her home.

"It's a really cool endeavor for Allan and Jeff to bring a little Caribbean flair to the Lakes Region when there really isn't anything similar without getting on a plane," said Francis, who works as regional sales manager for Binnie Media.

Beetle leaned on Booth to bring his plan to life. Booth created the boardwalk and tiki bar, building the latter

upstairs on the patio in 25-degree weather; then, he dismantled it and reassembled it inside. He said Megan Page, Patrick's general manager, was a huge help in the process.

Booth has been a loyal Patrick's customer for more than 15 years, and he said having the Beach Bar helped mix things up at the restaurant during a traditionally slow month. "We added lots of fun things to really create the atmosphere we wanted," he said. "Floor-to-ceiling, full-color posters, sand, wind, beach smells, the sound of waves, and more all came together to put you in that kind of mood."

In addition, Booth enjoyed the wall ring-toss game in the Beach Bar—also an idea of Beetle's. He took part in the game tournament at the end of April, splitting the \$500 prize money with four other local residents who were in the top five slots.

For more information on the Beach Bar or Patrick's Pub, call 293-0841 or visit [www.patrickspub.com](http://www.patrickspub.com).

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### Grade 10

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**PETTING ZOO**

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Families spend time with animals from Carriage Shack Farm that visited the Gilford Youth Center on Saturday.

Children's Dentistry of the Lakes Region. The event had more than a dozen parent and student volunteers.

"Without them we couldn't do this event," Hodsdon said.

Hodsdon said they definitely will do this again sometime.

Carriage Shack Farm is an educational petting farm based out of

Londonderry. Cheyenne Schacht of Carriage Shack Farm said the farm is family owned and run as a team effort by members of the family. They travel with the animals all over New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts for special events and educational opportunities like this.

She said the animals

are pretty cooperative and enjoy spending time with the visitors.

"They really enjoy attention, they really love to be petted and loved," Schacht said. "They're attention hogs."

Schacht said the group at the GYC were great.

"We travel to a lot of events, these guys are really nice," Schacht said.

**NOTEBOOK**

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out into the field and, while holding the woodchuck's carcass aloft, did a little jig, with much gesticulating and pointing; or (b) the shooter, having missed, slunk (slink, slank, slunked) back to his witnesses. "Wind was off" was a pretty good line to have handy.

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Ken Hartlen was a crack shot and a well-known woodchuck hunter. He stopped to stand behind me and watch one day when I was about to take a shot on the Chet Noyes Road that I'd spent a good deal of time lining up. My .22 bolt action with open sights was clearly not up to the task; this shot was too far away, and really called for a scope.

Still, I knocked the woodchuck over with a clean shot, the kind of shot I prob-

ably couldn't have made again in a zillion years. Ken walked down with me to retrieve the woodchuck, and we talked about getting used to piece-work (at the time, I was working at the Beecher Falls Factory, Ethan Allen).

Today the pastures and fields that have not grown up are likely to be home to sheep, goats, horses and beef cattle, and I seldom see anyone stopping to take a shot at a woodchuck. The custom seems to be gone, to which I'd bet many people would add "For good."

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As I look back on those days, just about half a century ago now, two thoughts on ethics arise, which back then nobody, I think, ever thought about.

One, which I have practiced ever since

my teens, ever since the day I shot a bear that I had no good reason to shoot, is to eat what you kill and kill nothing you won't eat. No problem there. On top of that, I've eaten woodchuck pie, which, in accord with the axiom that everything that is not a fish ultimately tastes like chicken, tastes just like chicken pie.

The other one, much less clear, is what to do about problem animals--specifically, what to do about the woodchuck that has its holes near your garden and is sneaking out at night, or in broad daylight, to mow down your lettuce, corn shoots and bean sprouts with mind-numbing regularity and efficiency.

Oh, here comes the chorus, I can hear it now-- a wave, a tsunami of finger-waggers: "Have a heart, Harrigan!" (get it?).

But here is something the trap and release advocates never seem to address: The likelihood that any nearby habitat for woodchucks--and you can replace "woodchuck" here with skunk, squirrel, raccoon, armadillo, chipmunk and mouse--is likely to already be full. Meaning, put a little more bluntly, the space and food for every specific species is already taken. No room at the inn.

This is why, when someone's inquiring at the hardware store about what to do about a marauding woodchuck, the whispered answer is likely to be "Lead poisoning."

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**Artists of the Month**

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# Local skiers shine in Alaska

BY BOB MARTIN

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ANCHORAGE, Ak. – Two members of the Gunstock Nordic Association traveled to the 2019 Cross Country Junior Nationals in Anchorage, Alaska from March 11 to March 16 to compete against some of the top Nordic skiers around the nation.

In the U18 division in the freestyle race, Cal Schrupp of Gilford had time of 26:09.5 for 42nd place. In the sprint classic race, Schrupp was eighth overall with a time of 3:26.91. In the 10K classic, he had a 29th place finish and a time of 27:07.2

In the U20 division in

freestyle, Zach Ennis of Belmont had a time of 26:08.3 for 30th place. In the classic spring he had a time of 3:30.69. Ennis was 26th in the 15K classic race with a time of 41:02.0. His New England team won the Alaska Cup.

Another skier who did very well was Josh Valentine, who is a Gilford resident skiing at Green Mountain Valley School in Vermont. Valentine placed sixth in the U18 freestyle race with a time of 24:16; fourth in the spring classic with a time of 3:16.66; eighth in the mass start classic race with a time of 26:28.

Coach Nina Gavrylyuk, who herself is a



COURTESY

Zach Ennis and Cal Schrupp, who is in bib 232, ski alongside each other at Junior Nationals.

three-time Olympic gold medalist as a former Soviet and Russian cross country skier, spoke highly of the two athletes.

Schrupp is a Gilford resident who will be graduating from St. Paul School this year. Gavrylyuk explained that during his school racing season he was always taking the top three spots, and she was happy that he also achieved his goal of making Junior Nationals. Schrupp will be skiing for Bates College next season.

"I remember him starting Nordic skiing at a very young age, maybe three-years-old with his parents and his brother Jack Schrupp and sister Tessa Schrupp," said Gavrylyuk. "They were all on the Gilford middle school team and GNA club members. I was involved in coaching them. Cal is a very strong skier with good technique. It is because he started skiing at a very young age."

She explained that she has watched Ennis

grow as a Nordic skier over the past four years. He started as a freshman, which she admitted might have been a tad late.

"It was wonderful to watch Zach growing, getting faster and stronger," said Gavrylyuk. "He was not shy to set a big goal for himself and try to reach it. Always asking for any advice how to get better and now he is becoming an experienced skier. I'm glad he made it to Junior Nationals. It was his dream for two years."

## Ennis reflects

Ennis took time to speak about the Junior Nationals, skiing under the helm of a legendary Nordic coach and his ski career with Belmont High School and Gunstock Nordic Association.

While Ennis took an unconventional route, starting to Nordic ski during his freshman year, he has certainly taken advantage and done extremely well. He was the top skier in Division 3 this season with wins at states, and week in and week out he was at or near the top of the pack. He is the only skier on the Belmont High School Nordic ski team.

"I basically just started doing Nordic to stay in shape for track without the pounding of running," said Ennis. "I really liked it and liked the competitiveness of it all. I did some summer training leading up the next year and then started really training hard, which continued. It's been a progression."

Ennis said it has been a pleasure skiing under the guidance of Gavrylyuk. He said she works skiers hard and drives them to be the best they can be.

"She's a great coach SEE ALASKA PAGE B2

## Gunstock, Gilford skiers compete at Eastern High School Championships

BY BOB MARTIN

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FORT KENT, Maine – The top Nordic skiers from the east competed at the Eastern High School Cross Country Championships between March 15 and 17, with skiers from Gilford, Inter-Lakes and Moultonborough Academy involved.

For the girls' races, in the 5K freestyle, Catherine Stow of Gilford was sixth with a time of 16:54.2; Vanessa Genakos of Gilford was 55th with a time of 18:47; Maya Weil-Cooley of Inter-Lakes was 57th with a time of 18:48.6 and Maddie Perrotti was 82nd with a time of 19:56.6. Katie Watt, a skier from Concord High School who also skis with Gunstock Nordic Association, placed 33rd with a time of 17:47.5. Leah Dutkewych, also of GNA and White Mountains, was 16th with a time of 17:14.7.

In the 7.5K classic, Stow was 15th with a time of 29:22.1; Genakos was 28th with a time of 30:21.2; Weil-Cooley was 72nd with a time of 33:11.1 and Perrotti was 73rd with a time of 33:21.5. Watt placed 33rd with a time of 30:43.6. Dutkewych was 28th with a time of 30:12.5.

In the 1.1K race, Stow was 16th with a time of 3:27.82; Weil-Cooley was 43rd with a time of 3:40.69; Genakos was 60th with a time of 3:45.88 and Perrotti was 90th with a time of 4:21.94. Watt was 62nd with a time of 3:46.60. Dutkewych had a time of 3:37.07 for 28th place.

For the boys, in the 5K freestyle, Mitchell Townsend of Gilford was 38th with a time of 15:26.8; Eli Misavage of Inter-Lakes was 54th with a time of 15:51 and Caleb Duggan of Gunstock Nordic Association was 93rd with a time of 17:25.6. Cameron Brochu, also of GNA and Concord High School, 77th with a time of 16:16.7.



COURTESY

Gunstock Nordic Association was well represented at the Eastern Nordic Championship. From left to right is Cameron Brochu, Caleb Duggan, Catherine Stow, Vanessa Genakos, Leah Dutkewych, Katie Watt and Mitchell Townsend

In the 7.5K classic, Misavage was 23rd with a time of 24:58.3; Townsend was 64th with a time of 26:19.5 and Duggan was 65th with a time of 26:22.8. Brochu placed 40th with a time of 25:27.3.

In the 1.1K race, Misavage was 17th with a time of 3:01.14; Townsend was 33rd with a time of 3:07.07 and Duggan was 69th with a time of 3:17.78. Brochu was 40th with a time of 3:10.32.

Stow was on the second place mixed relay team with a time of 42:46.9. The team included Catherine Bregou, Andy Rightmire and Quinn Wilson.

Misavage was on the 12th place mixed relay team with a time of 44:01.4. The team includ-

ed Noah Phipps, Leah Dutkewych and Charlotte Whitcomb.

Genakos was on the 14th place mixed relay team with a time of 44:19.2. Emma Rothe, George Gowdy and Cameron Brochu were also on the team.

Weil-Cooley was on the 20th place mixed relay team with a time of 45:01.9. It included Gus Whitcomb, Caroline Loescher and Samuel Heyliger.

Townsend was on the 30th place mixed relay team with a time of 45:59. It included Theo Castonguay, Hannah Thelemarck and Lila White.

Perrotti was on the 32nd place mixed relay team with a time of 46:50.4. It included Justin Andrew, Katharine

Gage and Carter Wilcox.

Duggan was on the 38th place mixed relay team with a time of 48:12.2. It included Noah Geary, Kathryn Hawkes and Ellie Page.

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The men's podium for the parallel slalom at Waterville Valley Saturday included (l to r), Tucker Marshall, Garrett Driller and Alex Leever.



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The women's podium for the parallel slalom at Waterville Valley Saturday included (l to r), Stephanie Currie, Nina O'Brien and Alice Merryweather.

# O'Brien, Driller win first parallel U.S. Titles at Waterville Valley

BY TOM HORROCKS  
US Ski Team

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Different venue, and a totally different first-time championship event, but the same outcome for Nina O'Brien (San Francisco, Calif.) as she won her third-consecutive Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships title in parallel slalom at Waterville Valley Resort Saturday.

Fresh off her super-G and alpine combined titles earlier

this week at Maine's Sugarloaf Mountain, O'Brien was hot from the start in Saturday's race, posting the second-fastest qualifying time, and then easily moving through the opening rounds and into the semifinals and finals where she defeated Canada's Stephanie Currie for the victory.

"I've had a few good ones lately," she said referring to her past few days of racing. "I've actually never

won a parallel before, so this was a good day for me. Certainly a long day, but I think it was fun for everyone racing and watching."

Currie, who also competes for nearby Dartmouth College, settled for second as Alice Merryweather, who won the U.S. Championships downhill title on Tuesday and competed for the Attitash Race Team, rounded out the podium in third.

On the men's side,

World Pro Ski Tour experience proved to be the deciding factor as the top three all recently competed in pro events that featured the parallel slalom format.

"The World Pro Tour definitely gave a little added experience, knowing how to come out of the start gate, and how scary it is to have someone right next to you going down the course," noted winner Garrett Driller (Tahoe City, Calif.).

Driller, who won his first U.S. title, qualified third and advanced through the event to face off against Tucker Marshall (Pittsfield, Vt.) in the finals. However, Marshall injured his back two gates from the finish in his semi-final victory and was unable to start the finals.

"We have matched up a couple of times on the Pro Tour, and we have gone back

and forth in winning runs," Driller said. "He was really hoping to get in there on the finals with me. He made it there, but his back went out and it was a bummer that he didn't get to do the final race against me."

"The day started out really good," said Marshall, who qualified 11th. "I was feeling really good on my skis... but about two gates from the finish (in his semifinal run against Alex Leever), I slide into a rut and compressed my back... and kind of limped into the finish and into the final," said Marshall, who sat out the first run of the finals, but did attempt to start the second to no avail as the pain was too great.

Leever (Vail, Colo.) defeated recently crowned U.S. alpine combined champion Luke Winters (Gresham, Ore.) for third.

The parallel slalom format has proved a

huge success on the FIS World Cup with city events in Sweden, Norway and Russia over the past few seasons. Introduced to the U.S. Alpine Championships program this year, the athletes and the fans embraced the head-to-head format that filled the day with aggressive racing.

"I love this format," Marshall said. "It's making a comeback... with younger generations getting into it. There are more races. We had one NorAm this year where I was on the podium again, so I like the event and I can only imagine it's going to get bigger and bigger."

"I feel like I've found some consistency in my skiing this year, and I was happy to see that show up in my speed races as well," O'Brien said. "So I'm hoping to close off the season here in Waterville on another good note."

## ALASKA

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and doesn't take it easy on us," Ennis said. "It has been awesome to have her as a coach."

His hard work paid off and earned him a trip to Junior Nationals for the first time, and on top of that he was given the chance

to explore the beautiful state of Alaska on days off. Ennis was there for a week and was able to take in the wildlife and scenery for a trip of a lifetime.

"It was a good time and a great way to end the season," said Ennis.

"I didn't necessarily race the way I had hoped but it was still a great experience."

Next year Ennis will ski at Bowdoin College and he hopes to get back to Junior Nationals in the U20 bracket next season.

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**Coach comments**  
Coach Nina Gavrylyuk was very pleased with the way her Nordic skiers performed at the Eastern Championships, as well as the previous week's U16 Eastern Championships.

"This ski season flew by quickly. It seems like just yesterday we started skiing on actual snow and we just had the last ski races of the season - the Division 3 State Championship," she said.

Gavrylyuk was impressed by the performance of Mitchell Townsend, who as a freshman placed second in the classic race of the Division 3 Championships.

"For a freshman, this is not an easy task as most of the competitors are older and more

experienced," she said. "He also made the cut for the NH U16 Eastern Championships, which took place last weekend. He placed first in the classic race and third overall based on points from all races. This is a huge accomplishment for a skier in the 14-15 age category."

Gavrylyuk also spoke highly of Stow and Genakos, who are also freshmen that were impressive all season. The two skiers were on the podium for the state meet and participated in U16 and Eastern Championships. In the U16 Stow was third overall based on points. In the division races, Genakos was one of the top skiers and placed first in the morning classic race who Stow was the skate race.

William Riley, another GNA member from Canterbury who goes to Belmont Middle School, made U16 in his first season as a Nordic skier.

"Catherine, Vanessa, Mitchell and William made big improvements this season," said Gavrylyuk. "They like the Nordic sport and they will be doing more and training hard to achieve their future goals."

In Easterns, Stow did very well by placing sixth in the classic race. Gavrylyuk said this was very impressive for her age, also noting that this was her strongest type of race.

"It was a day when she was able to focus on what she can possibly ski very well and did it," Gavrylyuk said.



Aidan Cox, 13, was winner of the Gilmanton 5K on Saturday.



Addison Cox, 16, was the female winner of the Gilmanton 5K.

# Northwood siblings win Gilmanton 5K

BY BOB MARTIN  
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GILMANTON — A pair of Northwood

teenage siblings were the winners of 21st annual Gilmanton 5K out of 265 runners, with

Aidan and Addison Cox winning the male and female brackets respectively.

For the male bracket, Aidan Cox, 13, was the first to cross the finish line with a time

of 17:09. The rest of the top 10 runners are in order as follows: Andrew Tuttle, 23, had a time of 17:44 for second; Luke Tkaczyk, 15, was third with a time of 17:46; Jim Johnson, 41, was fourth with a time of 17:53; Timothy Lindberg, 25, was fifth with a time of 18:19; Kirpal Demian, 17, was sixth with a time of 18:28; David Martino, 26, was seventh with a time of 18:33; eighth was Lars Hogne, 15, with a time of 18:37; Benjamin Neff, 16, was ninth with a time of 18:51 and Dave Dunham, 54, had a time of 19:20 for 10th place.

er” and according to Runnersworld.com, in 2016 Cox set the world record for 10-year-old runners at the SEA 5K in Concord with a time of 17:24. This beat the previous record by 24 seconds.

The race was at Gilmanton Academy and started on the south side of Currier Hill Road and moves up Route 140, looping back down Currier Hill Road ending in the vicinity of the Gilmanton Town Hall.

It was the first of eight races in the Capital Area Race Series (C.A.R.S.), which goes until July 27 with the final race in Canterbury. Racers' top five race scores count toward the race series scoring, and there is a \$1,500 prize purse for the five deep overall winners of the series.

According to Clark, who also ran and came in 11th, all proceeds go toward youth athletes that go to running camps over the summer. Clark, who lives in Gilmanton, said he was very pleased with how the race went, and the type of turnout it got on a cold day.

The female bracket was led by 16-year-old Addison Cox with a time of 20:43 for the win. Second place was Elizabeth Beeson, 46, with a time of 22:49; Katie Nadeau, 36, was third with a time of 23:11; Kerri Mobile, 38, was fourth with a time of 23:33; Gini Nichols, 59, was fifth with a time of 23:50; Ginny Hast, 56, was sixth with a time of 24:52; Kristen Korek, 33, had a time of 25:08 for seventh; Ellen Raffio, 50, was eighth with a time of 26:09; Claire Lund, 45, was ninth with a time of 26:17 and Victoria Dean, 19, was 10th in 26:31.

Race director Scott Clark explained that Addison Cox is a sophomore at Coe Brown and Aidan Cox is an eighth grader moving on to Coe Brown next year. Clark said that Aidan is a “bonafide world record holder”

For more a complete list of results for the 227 runners who finished the race, log onto [http://www.coolrunning.com/results/19/nh/Mar23\\_Gilman\\_set1.shtml](http://www.coolrunning.com/results/19/nh/Mar23_Gilman_set1.shtml).

# Top slalom skiers tackle Waterville Valley

## O'Brien, Winters win U.S. Alpine Championship slalom titles

BY TOM HORROCKS  
US Ski Team

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Nina O'Brien (San Francisco, Calif.) and Luke Winters (Gresham, Ore.) are both on a late-season hot streak after winning slalom titles at the 2019 Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships Sunday at Waterville Valley Resort.

O'Brien won her fourth-consecutive U.S. title by taking Sunday's victory under warm sunshine on Waterville's World Cup Course, and Winters won his second title to back up his alpine combined win Thursday at Maine's Sugarloaf Mountain.

“I didn't expect really to win that combined because I hadn't trained much super-G, but I've been training slalom all year, so I knew I had an advantage in the slalom, and then to come here and do this, get two wins after never winning a national title before, is pretty fun,” Winters said.

But it wasn't easy. Taking a slim .07-second lead over Sandy Vietze (Warren, Vt.) in the first run, a slight bobbly midway down the rutted second run almost cost Winters a shot at the title. But he dug deep into his bag of rut-skiing experience to pull out the victory.

“It was pretty rough out there,” Winters said. “It's a good thing I grew up at Mount Hood Ski Bowl and skied the wet, salted, ruddy snow growing up. So, when it's like that, it tends to help me.”

Garrett Driller (Tahoe City, Calif.), Saturday's parallel slalom champion, finished second, with Vietze rounding out the podium in third. Jimmy Krupka (Waitsfield, Vt.) was the top junior finisher, followed by Jett Seymour (Steamboat Springs, Colo.) in second and Tim Garrett in third.

In the women's slalom, O'Brien proved unbeatable once again, winning for the fourth time



Luke Winters (center) took his second win of the 2019 U.S. Alpine Championship Sunday at Waterville Valley Resort. Garrett Driller (left) was second and Sandy Vietze was third.



The women's podium on Sunday at Waterville Valley included (l to r), Paula Moltzan, Nina O'Brien and Tricia Mangan.

in the 2019 U.S. Alpine Championships following victories in parallel slalom, super-G and alpine combined. O'Brien now has seven U.S. titles that she made it look easy Sunday, taking a 1.45-second advantage over Paula Moltzan (Burlington, Vt.) into the second run.

“I knew I had a good lead, so I didn't need to reach for some crazy speed that I've never skied before, but at the same time, all these girls they are pushing, they are hammering, so I couldn't go easy (in the second run) by any means,” O'Brien said. “So, I just had to ski sol-

id and make clean good turns.”

As the defending U.S. slalom champion though, O'Brien did admit that the butterflies were fluttering at the start. “I was feeling nervous at the top and I was like ‘OK, just think about the skiing’ and it's working out, so I'm happy,” she said.

Moltzan held on for second, as Tricia Mangan (Derby, N.Y.) was third. Keely Cashman (Strawberry, Calif.) was the top junior, followed by Emma Hall (Avon, Colo.) in second and Caroline Jones (Edwards, Colo.) in third.

The 2019 U.S. Al-

pine Championships continued Monday at Waterville Valley with women's giant slalom. O'Brien, the 2015 giant slalom champion, was excited for one final race of the season before heading back to the classroom for the spring semester at Dartmouth College on Tuesday.

“I think I'm going to just sort of keep the same mindset (I had for slalom) and not worry about it,” she said of trying to make it five-straight U.S. Alpine Championship victories. “I feel good about my GS, so we'll see what happens, but hopefully it will be fun.”

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# Ashworth on Assumption track team

WORCESTER, Mass. — Assumption's Department of Athletics has announced that Morgan Ashworth of Gilford was named to the 2018-19 women's track and field

roster. Ashworth, class of 2022, is competing during the Greyhounds' spring season.

The Assumption women's track and field team relied on its youth

and depth to compile one of the best indoor seasons in program history, culminating with the program's first-ever runner-up finish at the Northeast-10 Champi-

onships in February. Over the course of the season, the team set 16 new school records, and Abby Jones '19 earned an invite to the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships in early March. The team looks to build on its successful indoor season when they move to outdoor competition this month.

"Coming off our best

indoor season ever, expectations are high leading into outdoors," said head coach Trent Baltzell. "This is the time of year where we can really begin to train to the best of our ability. The clear-cut goal for this team will be to take home the NE10 Championship trophy in early May, a goal that is on the mind of every member of the team. The women

are more focused than ever before at practice, something that can be attributed to the confidence we earned from a successful indoor campaign. I am also pleased by their academic performance as the women maintain a focus on their studies."

For more information on Assumption athletics, visit [www.assumptiongreyhounds.com](http://www.assumptiongreyhounds.com).

## Pancake breakfast in Gilford on April 6

GILFORD — The Belknap County Sportsmen's Association will be hosting a pancake breakfast Saturday, April 6, 8 to 11 a.m. to honor its late director Melanie Himmer. Himmer was a very active director and was focused on women having the opportunity to learn outdoor survival, hunting and fishing skills as taught by New Hampshire Fish and Game in their BOW (Becoming an Outdoor Women) program.

Pancakes, blueberry, plain, or chocolate chip, bacon, sausage, orange juice, and coffee with real New Hampshire Maple Syrup all for \$5 per person, all you can eat.

All proceeds will be donated to the Belknap County Sportsmen's Charitable Fund in Himmer's name. Please plan on attending and bring your family and friends.

PLYMOUTH — The National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) has announced the 2018 Zag Field Hockey/NFHCA Division III National Academic Squad and nine members of the Plymouth State University field hockey team were among the 1,746 student-athletes to receive the honor.

The National Academic Squad program honors student-athletes who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher through the first semester of the 2018-19 academic year.

## Panther field hockey players earn national All-Academic honors

Achieving the honor for the Panthers were senior Patty Newhard (South Dennis, Mass.), juniors Keeley Bartolini (Topsham, Maine), Kaihley Rafferty (Salem, Conn.) and Maddie Kabasakalian (Kent, Conn.), sophomores Haley Wakefield (South Paris, Maine), Kaitlyne Silva (Seekonk, Mass.) and Meaghan Allard (Amherst) and freshmen Maddie Ruffing (Durham, N.C.) and Shannon Ford (Bow). Kabasakalian is a three-time winner, while Rafferty, Wakefield and Newhard earn recognition for the second time.

Plymouth State was one of nine Little East Conference (LEC) schools to have student-athletes included, along with Bridgewater State, Castleton, Eastern Connecticut State, Keene State, Salem State, Southern Maine, WestConn and

Westfield State. Williams College led all institutions with 23 selections. Last week the NFHCA announced the National Academic Team Award honorees, which included Plymouth State. A full list of the honorees can be found at the NFHCA website at [www.nfhca.org](http://www.nfhca.org).

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10:20	Star Clippers	Jeri Hamilton
10:40	Insight Vacations	Holly Hauser
11:00	Un-Cruise Adventures	Gisele Fernandez
11:20	Crystal Cruises	Dottie Veneto
11:40	Club Med	Aideen Mulholland
12:00	CIE Tours	Christina Aresco
12:20	Marriott Resorts/Caribbean	Michael Rudloff
12:40	Aruba Dept of Tourism	Katy Kennedy
1:00	Trafalgar Tours	Bryan Towler
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