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Belknap Landscape supports Gale School project

BELMONT — Belknap Landscape Company purchased \$20,000 in New Hampshire business tax credits to support the redevelopment of the Gale School in Belmont. The project will transform the historic schoolhouse into a community facility that will include a new early learning center operated by the Boys & Girls Club and a new program center operated by Lakes Region Community Services.

"We are happy to lend our support to the Gale School Project," said Hayden McLaughlin, Principal of Belknap Landscape Company. "It will be exciting to see the building brought back to life and serving kids and families again. What a great asset this will be to the community."

"We are so grateful to Belknap Landscape Company for their support," said Carmen Lorentz, Executive Director of Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD), the developer of the project. "We can't do this project without the support of our local business community."

Construction on the Gale School could begin as early as summer 2022, if fundraising is successful. LRCD must sell \$496,000 more in tax credits to move ahead with construction. Businesses interested in purchasing tax credits for the Gale School project should contact Carmen Lorentz at LRCD by calling (603) 524-0747, ext 110.

The Gale School was built in 1894, and was used by the Belmont school district until the mid-1980s. The building has been mostly vacant since then, and years of neglect have taken their toll. The Gale School was named to the New

Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in 2018, and was selected as one of New Hampshire's Seven to Save in 2017.

In July 2020, the building was successfully moved by the local Save Our Gale School Committee (SOGS) to a new location at 60 Concord Street in Belmont Village. LRCD agreed to partner with SOGS to redevelop the building.

The tax credits are administered by New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). Any business with operations in NH that contributes to a CDFA tax credit project receives a NH state tax credit worth 75% of their contribution. The credit can be used over a period of five years to reduce the business' state tax liability (business profits, business enterprise or insurance premium taxes). The tax credit program allows New Hampshire businesses to redirect a significant portion of their state tax dollars to



Carmen Lorentz, Executive Director of LRCD; Ruth McLaughlin, Business Systems Manager of Belknap Landscape; and Hayden McLaughlin, Principal of Belknap Landscape.

support local projects that they care about.

CDFA reviews many project applications tax credits to those they determine are feasible and will make the biggest impact on economic

LRCD was \$750,000 in credits for the Gale School project, and has sold \$254,000 to date.

Mix Cash and Cans prize calendars on sale now

REGION — Mix 94.1 FM's 35th annual Cash & Cans Money and Food Drive for the Holidays is set for Dec. 10-17. A unique way to raise money is to purchase a Mix Cash & Cans prize calendar.

"The calendar is filled with over 4,800 dollars in cash and prizes, each prize donated to us by area businesses and individuals. And we appreciate each and every one of them," said Fred Caruso, founder of the Cash & Cans program in 1987.

Winners will be selected daily during December and you can win multiple times.

Calendars are \$10 each, and available at Prescott's Florist, Vista Foods and All My Life Jewelers in Laconia; at Franklin Savings Bank offices in Franklin, Tilton, Gilford, Bristol, Tilton and Boscawen; Caleb's Barber Shop, Tilton and the Park-N-Go Market, Northfield. You can also e-mail Caruso at fred@mix-

941fm.com and calendars will be mailed to you.

Last year, Mix Cash & Cans raised over \$52,000 in cash and thousands of pounds of non-perishable food items. All donations stay local, benefiting the Twin Rivers Interfaith Food Pantry; The Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region; the Tilton/Northfield/ Sanbornton (TNS) Christmas Fund; Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen; the Franklin Police Toys for Tots program; Santa's 'Lil Helpers through the Belmont Police Department; Every Child Is Ours; the Meredith Emergency Food Pantry and the Northfield/Tilton Congregational Church Food Pantry.

Mix Cash & Cans week is set for Dec. 13-17, with many events planned to benefit Cash & Cans happening the week before as well. For more information about the Mix Cash & Cans program, contact Caruso at 603-934-2500, by e-mail or online at www. mix941fm.com.

each year and awards development in the state. **Spaulding Academy & Family** Services names Spirit Award winners

NORTHFIELD Spaulding Academy & Family Services has named the winners of its monthly Spaulding Spirit awards for the third quarter of 2021: Dawn Hinxman – Stephanie Capen – August and all Spaulding staff - September. These peer-nominated awards recognize employees who embody the spirit of the organization and inspire fellow team members with their ded-

ication. Hinxman joined Spaulding Academy & Family Services in 2014 as an administrative assistant in Behavior-



Dawn Hinxman

al Health, having years of experience in similar roles within various health care settings, including a physician's office and the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association. When a Support Services op-



Stephanie Capen

portunity opened, she transferred to that department as an administrative assistant and was recently promoted to office manager. Hinxman holds an associate degree in Legal Administration from Chamrently works with neurobehavioral students who are nine- to 11-years-old. She has been in special education for 12 years

Capen is a special ed-

cation teacher and cur-

and was initially hired by Spaulding Academy & Family Services as a paraprofessional. Capen transitioned to teaching once she earned her Bachelor's degree from Granite State College and is now pursuing a master's degree in Education, with a focus on Curriculum and Instruction, at Southern New

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Hampshire University.

Streetcar presents "All Together Now" this weekend



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

BY ERIN PLUMMER

mnews@salmonpress.news LACONIA This weekend, Streetcar Company will present a special show celebrating community theater, marking its first musical since the pandemic.

Streetcar will do a production of "All Together Now" at the Belknap Mill featuring 15 classic songs from different musicals tied together by a story of a telethon supporting a community theater company.

"All Together Now" is a musical review that Music Theatre International (MTI) has offered for free to community theater groups to help them get back on their SEE **STREETCAR**, PAGE A11

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Belknap Landscape wins four Cornerstone Awards

GILFORD week, the New Hampshire Home Builders Association announced winners of the annual Cornerstone Awards, recognizing excellence in the building industry. Winners included local firm Belknap Landscape netting four awards in the categories best outdoor living space, landscape design, landscape construction, and stone/ masonry work. These awards add to a total of twenty-one Cornerstone Awards Belknap Landscape has received. Owner Hayden McLaughlin is quick to point out the group efforts a winning project requires.

"It takes a great team. From design to permitting, construction and

— Last finishing touches, everyone needs to execute on a level worthy of an award. You can't have a weak link and be successful," McLaughlin says. "One of these properties had over twenty-five Belknap team members and partners involved from start to finish. Every one of them contributed their unique skills and craftsmanship."

> Located on Alton Bay, that property featured a terraced landscape with natural stone retaining walls and patios, a perched beach, fire pit, built-in spa, rolling lawn, and ornamental gardens. Another winning property on Silver Lake features a twentyfive-foot-long, seven-foottall cylindrical retain-

ing wall capped with a stone patio seating area. This wall, reminiscent of a castle tower, was constructed using a drystacked stone technique with some stones protruding into the retained earth over three feet, belying their size but creating a feature that will last the test of time.

"Landscapes like these are complex. Everything we do is custom, built specifically for each project. While some may not understand everything that goes into building something like these landscapes, when you get recognized for doing a good job by those who do understand, the builders association, it means a lot," McLaughlin continued. "It makes



Hayden McLaughlin of Belknap Landscape holds the four Cornerstone Awards his company won

me proud to win these awards because it shines a light on the work my team does. They deserve that."

Belknap Landscape is a locally operated full-service landscaper based out of Gilford with

locations in Belmont and Wolfeboro. To learn more about Belknap Landscape, visit belknaplandscape.com

Open "The File on Thelma Jordan" on LRPA this weekend

1940s and '50s produced some of the grittiest films in cinematic history, better known to

LACONIA — The movie buffs as film noir. Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) celebrates that genre with our Noir in Novem-

ber! festival, four fantastic films featuring tough broads, shady gangsters, hard drinking and bad decisions. Join us each Friday and Saturday night at 10 p.m. for these WHEELHOUSE KITCHENS vintage Hollywood movies. This weekend's entry (Nov. 12 & 13) is1950's dark crime drama "The Showroom Located inside Baker Valley Floors File on Thelma Jordan,"

> Assistant District Attorney Cleve Marshall (Corey) is having marriage problems, which aren't helped by the fact that he's gone on a drunken bender and missed his anniversarv celebration with his wife. Into his office enters the seductive and mysterious Thelma Jordan (Stanwyck), to whom Cleve feels an immediate attraction. She's there to report an attempted burglary at the house of her elderly Aunt Vera. Cleve can't get Thelma out of his mind, and the two begin an affair. Meanwhile, Thelma has also been seeing Tony Laredo, a thug and a thief. Of course, she lies to Cleve about their relationship. Sometime later, Aunt Vera is shot by an intruder. Thelma calls Cleve to the house to help, all the while casting suspicion on Tony. Cleve gets assigned to the case. The evidence points to Thelma, and Cleve does everything he can to defend her, putting his reputation on the line. Although the odds are stacked against Thelma, Cleve chooses to believe her – but in the shadowy world of film noir, is anything ever the way it seems?

Barbara You can't find tele-Stanwyck vision like this it anymade her share of nowhere but LRPA TV, Attable films noir in her long and illustrious calantic Broadband 25. Not reer, including two that a subscriber? Log onto are infamous -- Douwww.live.lrpa.org ble Indemnity and The catch all the fun. Strange Love of Martha About Lakes Region Ivers (which LRPA plays every now and then), **Public Access Television** – so it's an interesting (LRPA) Lakes Region Pubfootnote that "The File on Thelma Jordan" is a relatively obscure film.

lic Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA streams via the web at live.lrpa.org, and cablecasts locally on Atlantic Broadband Channel 24 (educational programming), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 to nearly 11,000 viewers in our member communities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community members to produce content that

fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas,

encourages artistic and creative expression, promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and

unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

LRPA's slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at www.lrpa.org.

(government meetings) **Granite VNA offers** Grief in the Holidays support sessions

LACONIA — Granite VNA, formerly Concord Regional VNA and Central NH VNA & Hospice, is offering in-person and online sessions of Grief in the Holidays beginning Wednesday, Nov. 17. Sessions are open to adults grieving any beloved person(s) and participants can come to any one or more sessions.

This time of year can be full of memories, feelings, and challenges and sessions are for community members who have suffered the death of loved ones. Together, we will explore how to be tender toward our

grief and our own needs during this time.

The schedule is as fol-

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. noon Laconia

Wednesday, Nov, 17, 6 p.m. Online

Thursday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. noon Concord

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. noon Wolfeboro

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 6 p.m.

Online

Sessions are free of charge. In-person sessions may shift online in case of inclement weather or public health concerns. Participants are expected to wear masks and seating will be spaced. For online sessions, we will send you the link once your registration is confirmed. Technical instruction is available to participate in the group.

To register, call Dan Kusch at (603) 524-8444, ext. 62393 or visit www. granitevna.org/griefsupport.

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PRODUCTION MANAGER JULIE CLARKE (603) 677-9092 julie@@salmonpress.news starring Barbara Stanwyck and Wendell Corey. It was well received by critics in its day, with Variety noting that it "... unfolds as an interesting, femme-slanted melodrama, told with a lot of restrained excitement." It features very strong performances from both Stanwyck and Corey, the latter of whom was usually relegated to supporting character roles. "The File on Thelma Jordan" was supposed to have been directed by Otto Preminger, and Stanwyck was excited to work with him. It turned out that Preminger's schedule could not accommodate this film, and so it was taken over by the German émigré director Robert Siodmak. Legend has it that Stanwyck did not enjoy working with Siodmak, but the results of this stylish noir with great cinematography and a wonderful supporting cast speak for themselves. Grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for a twisted tale of tense noir.

Mark your calendars for Noir in November!

Nov. 12 & 13: " T h e File on Thelma Jordan"

Nov. 19 & 20: "Quicksand" (1950)

Nov. 26 & 27:

"D.O.A." (1949)



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Children's Auction item collection sites open!

LACONIA—It's never too early to start thinking about the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, Dec. 7 – 10! If you're an early shopper, we've got you covered there are many item collection sites now open where you can drop off items! All of them are conveniently located here in the Lakes Region:

ALTON:

Irwin Marine, 396 Main St.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 82 Wolfeboro Highway

ASHLAND:

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 5 Riverside

CENTER HARBOR: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 28 State

Route 25 FRANKLIN:

Aubuchon Hardware, 880 Central St.

Grevior Furniture, 440 Central St.

Independence Financial Advisors, 402 Central St.

GILFORD:

Gilford Tennis and Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore Rd.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 1383 Lakeshore Rd.

LACONIA:

Body Covers, 94 Primrose Dr. N.

Hiller Orthodontics, 394 Union Ave.

Irwin Marine, 958 Union Ave.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 379 S Main St. (Route 106)

North Water Marine, 18 Endicott St.

The Wellness Complex, 827 N Main St. MEREDITH:

Edward Jones, 164 NH Route 25, #1A

Lee's Candy Kitchen, MillFalls Marketplace, 312 DW Hwy

Meredith Insurance Agency, 2 Lakes St.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 71 NH Route 104 and 24 NH Route 25

The Xavier Group - 66 NH Route 25

MOULTONBOR-OUGH:

Meredith Savings Bank, 991 State Route 25

PLYMOUTH:

Hiller Orthodontics, 15 Town West Rd.

Lee's Candy Kitchen, 91 Main St.

Meredith Village Savings Bank, 131 Main St.

TILTON: Tanger Outlets, Shopper Services, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton

Need ideas on what to donate? Items that bring the high bids include:

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Tools

Toys

Sporting goods Household items Many thanks to these collection sites! Questions? Visit www.childrensauction.com or call (603) 527-0999. where you can discover more about sponsorship opportunities and way to donate.

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the 2021 Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.com.

Leadership group launches 23rd annual class

GILFORD — Leadership Lakes Region, the non-profit professional development organization, recently launched its 23rd annual Program Year. The event, Orientation Day, took place at Gunstock, where the 25 class members from 14 area towns were briefed on the organization's purpose and procedures over a delightful catered breakfast.

Welcoming the group were Tom Day, Gunstock General Manager, and former GM Greg Goddard, now of the Leadership Lakes Board. Goddard and fellow graduates Paula Glaude, Rachel Templar and Jennifer Kelley planned the day's program with

Coordinator, Jennifer McLean. Leadership guest speakers included Danielle Cyr, Marketing Manager for NHIS and Chief Anthony Bean Burpee of the Gilford Police Department. Both speakers are Leadership Lakes' graduates with Bean Burpee also serving on the Board. Scheduled activities for the new class were Zip Lining, Aerial Treetop Adventures and a walking history tour of Gunstock.

Post-luncheon guest speakers were Warren Bailey, popular radio and media icon of the Lakes Region and the "founding father" of what has become the highly successful holiday Children's Auction and Allan Beetle, co-owner of Patrick's Pub, which has been a financial mainstay of the Auction for many years. Their topic for the class was " giving back" and how one or two individuals, armed with a positive, caring idea can change an area, a town or an organization as they have done, with support from throughout the Lakes Region and beyond, for the Lakes Region's children. This Orientation Day, sponsored by Gunstock, allowed the new class to bond and get to know one another; a critical component of the success Leadership Lakes Region has enjoyed since 1998.



Allan Beetle, Madison Harris, Greg Goddard, Alyssa Raxter and Warren Bailey. Harris and Raxter are members of the new Leadership Lakes class.

Concord Hospital - Laconia welcomes Krista Hachey, MD, MPH

cord Hospital - Laconia is pleased to welcome Dr. Krista Hachey to the Weight Institute of NH.

Dr. Hachey graduated

Bachelor's in biochemistry from Brown University in Providence, R.I., where she also attended

Boston, Mass.

entered the General Surgery Residency Program at Boston University School of Medicine and the Warren Alpert Med-Boston Medical Center fied in the fundamentals cord Hospital - Laconia. ical School of Brown in Boston, Mass., and of laparoscopic surgery Weight Institute of NH pointment, call (603) 527simultaneously earned her master's in public health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston, Mass. She also completed a research fellowship in thoracic surgical oncology at Brigham and Women's Hospital in

> Dr. Hachey earned additional fellowship training in cardiothoracic surgery at the Uni

versity of Miami Jackson Health System in Miami, Fla.

Dr. Hachey is certiand in fundamentals of endoscopic surgery.

Dr. Hachey is a gen-

eral surgeon and sees patients at the Weight Institute of NH, located on the campus of Conspecialists are dedicated to providing personalized. compassionate

care to support patients in their weight loss jour-

For more information or to schedule an ap-2946 or visit winh.org.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

magna cum laude with a University. Dr. Hachey BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 25 to Nov. 1.

Heather L. Michael, age 38, of Franklin was arrested on Oct. 28 For Driving Under the Influence-Impairment, Misuse of Plates, and multiple counts each of being in Control of a Premises Where Drugs have been Kept and Possession of Drugs.

Robert N. Thomas, Jr., age 25, of Belmont was arrested on Oct. 29 for Breach of Bail.

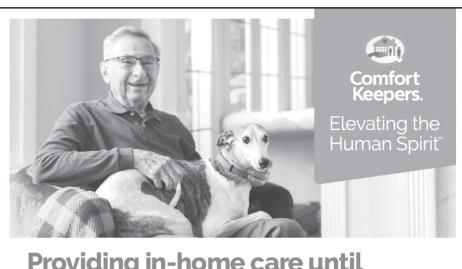
Leah Cordero, age 38, of Warren was arrested on Oct. 29 for Driving After

Revocation or Suspension; Reckless Driving.





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The origins of **Veterans Day**

We would like to begin this Editorial by sharing words of gratitude to our veterans. Thank you for your valor, your sacrifices and your courage to defend our rights and to keep us safe.

In honor of all those who have served our country, past and present, we thought we would share some history behind how Veteran's Day came to be.

The Great War was officially over when the Treaty of Versailles was signed in June of 1919, in France. Actual fighting ended seven months earlier between Germany and Allied nations, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Since then, Nov. 11, 1918 is known as "the war to end all wars."

In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. Wilson stated, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

In June of 1926, Congress officially recognized the end of WWI, passing a resolution. Part of that resolution stated, "Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

In 1938, Nov. 11 became a legal holiday to celebrate all veterans in WWI and WWII. Armistice was replaced with Veterans. In 1954, Veteran's Day would honor all veterans in all wars.

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First Place

LRSF Executive Director, Karen Switzer (pictured at right) is thrilled to present the First Place School Trophy for this year's Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation Second Annual Community Pumpkin Figure Decorating Contest to Pleasant Street School (Laconia) Principal David Levesque (pictured left) and students Evelyn Bullerwell and Fayth Bartlett (pictured middle).

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

A jailhouse conversion

BY LARRY SCOTT

It was Sunday evening, Aug. 12, 1973, and Chuck Colson was in Boston en route to the home of Tom Phillips, President of Raytheon, and a good friend.

Chuck, caught up in the throes of the Watergate scandal, needed just such a friend. On the screened-in porch over a tall glass of iced tea, Tom got straight to the point. "Tell me, Chuck, are you doing okay?"

Not excited about discussing his own rapidly collapsing world, Chuck said. "I'm not doing too badly, I guess. ... But I'd rather talk about you, Tom. You've changed and I'd like to know what happened.'

"The success came, all right but something was missing," Tom re-sponded. "I felt a terrible emptiness." "I don't

understand it," Colson interrupted. "I knew you in those days. You were a straight arrow ... everything in fact going your

"All that may be true, Chuck, but my life wasn't complete. ... I began to read the Scriptures, looking for answers. Something made me realize I needed a personal relationship with God. ... One night I was in New York on business and noticed that Billy Graham was having a Crusade in Madison Square Garden.

What Graham said that night put it all into what was missing, the personal relationship with Jesus Christ. ... So I did it – that very night at the crusade. ... I asked Christ to come into my life and I could feel His presence with me, His

peace within me.' "Then I went out for a walk alone on the streets of New York. I never liked New York before, but this night it was beautiful. I walked for blocks and blocks, guess. Everything seemed different to me. It was raining softly, and the city lights created a golden glow. Something had happened to me and I knew it" (From Colson, "Born Again," p. 109,

Tom Phillips had hit a nerve that evening, and Chuck knew it. On his way home, tears streaming down his face, he pulled to the side of the road and prayed, "God, I don't know how to find You, but I'm going to try! I'm not much the way I am now, but somehow I want to give myself to you." And on the following Friday, Aug. 17, 1973, Colson did it. "Lord Jesus, I believe You. I accept You. Please come

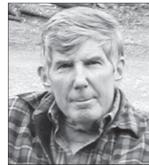
into my life. I commit it to You" (Ibid. p. 130). And the rest, as they say, is

A "jailhouse conversion?" you ask. No matter. We were all in trouble before we came to Christ, for sin is an unrelenting and life-destroying taskmaster. That was Billy Graham's message and remains the clear message of the New Testament. Conversion to Jesus Christ is real, and the change that comes into the life of every new believer is indescribable; it must be experienced to be understood. It is, indeed, the greatest miracle I have ever seen, and it is up to each of us to respond to the question of the ages: What are you going to do with Jesus Christ?

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

North Country Notebook

Hunters swore they'd seen this: "Yes! There it went! A zebra!"



By John Harrigan **COLUMNIST**

I have so many Notes to Self kicking around my desk that a gust of wind could start a blizzard. Thus, it was good to check my desk the other day and find a note from someone else.

"Enjoyed your story on possums in the North Country," said a reader from Berlin. "I've been around for more than a few decades and had never seen one north of Ossipee until a few weeks ago when I caught one on a camera in my backyard on the east side of Berlin.

"Neat looking animal, and if they love to eat ticks, as I've learned, I hope they stick around."

To me, opossums look like they were made by the same committee that designed platypuses, with their floppy pig's ears, opposable thumbs on their rear feet, and tail so suited to hanging out. They eat ticks, all right, and just about anything else, including your garbage.

Possums somehow remind me of armadillos. Maybe we'll get those

When I worked for the New Hampshire Sunday News back in the '70s, I had the Fish and Game beat, and at this time of year (deer season) I had the habit of hanging out for an afternoon now and then at the Department's old headquarters building at 34 Bridge Street in Concord.

The old brick building was cramped but comfortable in the way that only old buildings can be. It was destroyed by a fire in 1984, and the Department had temporary quarters until it could move into a new building on Hazen Drive, on the Heights.

Joe Wiley was a game biologist when I had the beat, and he used to keep an unofficial list of animals reportedly seen in the woods by hunters. Sometimes some pretty strange animals made the list. One year, for instance, several people saw a zebra, presumably all seeing the same zebra. I kept waiting for the hippopotamus.

Another year several hunters reported seeing a huge black bull, going pretty much wherever it wanted (after all, it was a huge black bull). This led me to the question, what does anyone do about this? In an official capacity, I mean.

That was when I found out about a Round 'Em Up, Get 'Em Out service being run by a couple of experts at lassos and the like down around Milford. For a reasonable fee (they said), they would locate your wild-eyed, snorting beast, capture it, and bring it home, where it would kick your barn apart.

I wonder who's doing that kind of stuff today. If you have a cow or horse that's gone berserk, destroyed several fences, and run off to pick its feet in Poughkeepsie, who you gonna call? Not the Ghost-Busters, they're probably busy with another sequel.

The Loon Preservation Committee says it's making slow and steady progress in restoring loons to all of their available habitat, but would be much farther ahead were it not for lead fishing tackle still out there on the bottoms of lakes and streams.



The lure known as a spoon was not lead, but the small jig just above it was lead through and through, and it killed this adult loon found on Umbagog Lake. (Radiograph courtesy of **Meadow Pond Animal Hospital)**

The loons spot the objects, mistake them for pebbles, and pick them up as grist for their gizzards.

In fact, the LPC says that during the past three decades, lead fishing tackle has accounted for 41 percent of all loon

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE A4 deaths, far ahead of any other factor.

Although tackle manufacturers quickly found other materials to use when lead was banned. plenty of old lead lures and sinkers remain in fishermen's tackle boxes. That's why the LPC began a program years ago to arrange swaps for

gift certificates and the like to encourage trading in old tackle for new.

People who love to fish love seeing and hearing loons too. This year's LCP buyback program ends December 31, and November is a double-voucher month, meaning that fishermen can receive a \$20 purchase voucher for their old tackle. Details and a list of participating dealers can be found at loonsafe.org.

The people who live along the Mekong River in Southeast Asia are among the Earth's poorest, with many families eking out a living fishing and farming. China controls the headwaters, and in the past 30 years has built 11 giant dams, the last of which has finally given it the ability to manipulate the river's flow.

After it leaves China, the Mekong flows through Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia, and on into Vietnam. For millennia, people along the river and its many tributaries have learned to live with and benefit from its seasonal flows. In 2019, with the completion of its last dam, the

Chinese chose an odd moment---the middle of an unusual drought---to shut the river down.

Was this a wagging of the ultimate Big Stick? China-watchers can't see how China has much to gain by antagonizing its neighbors.

But one veteran observer had a simpler explanation: tion. No-shows failed to

collect rainfall, runoff and water-level data, he wrote, meaning that government officials and foreign policy-makers made decisions using faulty data.

(Please address mail, including phone numfor questions, to campguyhooligan@ gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH

Light up the season with the Belknap Mill!

LACONIA — Lighting the windows of the Belknap Mill during the holidays has been a long-standing tradition. Every year candle lights are placed in each of the 122 windows of the historic Mill to celebrate the holiday season. On the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, through the end of January, Beacon Street East glows in the reflection of festive candle lights.

We invite you to join us in brightening the windows of the Belknap Mill! Dedicate a candle light in honor of someone special that you would like to celebrate holiday season.

What better gift than giving the gift of light... the gift of hope...the gift of love. For each candle light you dedicate in someone's name they will receive a personalized card from the Belknap Mill acknowledging the gift from you in their honor. Your gift will also include acknowledgement in the Laconia Daily Sun, on the Belknap Mill's social media, and an invitation to the First Annual Lighting event, complete with a champagne toast, on Sunday, November 28th as we officially kick off the holiday season!

The tradition of lighting the windows at the Belknap Mill begins Nov. 1. Lights can be purchased online at www. belknapmill.org. All proceeds from 'Light Up the Mill' support our mission driven programming. For any questions please email us at: operations@belknapmill.org.

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3)nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and to celebrate the Lakes Region's cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement.



Santa coming to Rotary Riverside Park

LACONIA — Santa and Mrs. Claus are looking forward to visiting

with children and families during the Belknap Mill's 5th Annual Yule-



tide Traditions event being held Sunday, Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belknap Mill and outdoors in the Rotary Riverside Park gazebo.

> Join us with your camera for your own personal photo-op with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Children can make an ornament, join Artist-in-Residence Larry Frates for cartoon storytelling, meet Socks the Elf and enjoy holiday treats. Please dress napmill.org. warmly as this event is being held partly outdoors.

The cost of the event

is \$10 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the event but may also be purchased in advance on our website. Special thanks to our event sponsors, Larry Frates Creates and our media sponsors, 104.9 The Hawk and 101.5 Lakes FM.

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Loneliness and isolation can affect senior health

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For seniors, maintaining social connections and staying in touch with loved ones not only improves quality of life, it improves health. Socially isolated seniors have a 59% greater risk of mental and physical decline than those who do not experience social isolation, and socialization has been shown to slow Alzheimer's and Dementia patient's decline.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 11 million, or 28 percent of people who are aged 65 and older, now live alone and almost half of women over 75 live alone. By taking intentional steps to reduce isolation and

reduce lack of contact, overall wellbeing is also improved.

So, how can seniors foster connection and reduce loneliness?

Social Media - Facebook, Instagram and other social media sites can help seniors stay connected to friends and family across the country. And many social media platforms have built in chat functions, games and other features that foster connection.

Togetherness Activities – For older adults, planning activities reduces lack of contact. This can be in-person, when possible, or through video chat and phone calls. Virtual or in-person activities can include good conversation, cooking and eating

together, reading together, playing games, scrapbooking, or listening to music. And studies show that planning and looking forward to an event can have mental health benefits too!

Online Interaction Seniors may enjoy virtual meetups, online worship services, Facebook trivia night, virtual communities focused on hobbies, and other online activities can help people connect to others in their community without leaving home. For those that are able to go out, sharing hobbies and activities with others can bring joy and connection.

Virtual Volunteers For seniors looking for a sense of purpose, there are opportunities to volunteer to help others from the comfort of home. This can include building Easter baskets for children's charities, sewing quilts for shelters, writing cards for military service members oversees and other activities that allow people to do good works in their free time.

Isolation and loneliness can be signs that a senior lacks the support and tools needed to live a healthy, independent life. However, with planning and deliberate action, fostering positive relationships and connections can be incredibly rewarding for everyone involved.

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Bank of New Hampshire Joins Gilda's Club New Hampshire's Red Door Society



Susanne Stiles, Chairman of the Board, Bank of New Hampshire; Chris Logan, President & CEO, Bank of New Hampshire; Pat Anderson, Board President, Gilda's Club NH; Scott Kalicki, Executive Director, Gilda's Club NH; Rod Dyer, Board Member, Gilda's Club NH.

LACONIA — Gilda's Club New Hampshire welcomes Bank of New Hampshire as the newest member of their Red Door Society. The Red Door Society is a fundraising campaign designed to help Gilda's Club establish a sustainable income through a multi-year financial commitment. Bank of New Hampshire joins the Red Door Society as a "Champion" member, the highest level of support, by making a funding commitment of \$30,000 to Gilda's Club New Hampshire.

"Bank of New Hampshire strives to make a difference in the community," stated Chris Logan, President & CEO

for Bank of New Hampshire. "The efforts being made are fueled by passion. We look forward to the impact that Gilda's Club will have for so many here in New Hampshire."

"Since 2018, when we received our charter from the Cancer Support Community to establish a Gilda's Club, Bank of New Hampshire has been a community leader in their financial support to our organization and our mission to open a facility to support those impacted by cancer," commented Pat Anderson, Board Chair and founding member of Gilda's Club New Hampshire. "This is their third gift to Gilda's Club, and because of continuous support, we are on the cusp of "opening our

doors." Gilda's Club New Hampshire, an affiliate of the Cancer Support Community, the largest professionally led nonprofit network of cancer support, is dedicated to ensuring that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

"With over 9,000 individuals in New Hampshire projected to be diagnosed with cancer this year, they and their families are in dire

need of the support and services that a Gilda's Club offers," added Scott Kalicki, Executive Director of GCNH. "Our services are an essential complement to medical care, providing support groups, healthy living workshops, educational programs, and social activities for adults and children, all free of charge and all outside of a clinical environment, in a welcoming, safe space."

When Gilda's Club opens in the greater Lakes Region, it will be the first Gilda's Club in New Hampshire and New England.

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Financial tips for new veterans

On Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have served in our armed forces. If you've recently separated or retired from the military, or you will be leaving soon, you can be proud of the service you've provided to your country. But once you're a veteran, away from the structure and imperatives of the military, you may need to take greater control over managing your finances and protecting your family.

For starters, consider housing. When you were on active duty, you may have moved around frequently and found it more convenient to rent, but you may now want to purchase a house. Assuming you meet the eligibility requirements, you could apply for a VA loan, which typically does not require a down payment and is usually offered at a favorable interest rate. Make sure that you only take out a mortgage you can afford - you don't want to become

"house poor." You'll also want to save and invest for retirement. While on active duty, you could invest in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), but when you separate from service, you can no longer contribute to it. Now, if you get a job in the civilian sector, you may have access to a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, and you might be able to roll your TSP balance into your new employer's plan. If you become self-employed or open your own business, you may be able to choose from several retirement plans, including a SEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA or an "owner-only" 401(k). But no matter what plan you have, try to contribute enough to meet your income needs in retirement, which could last two or three decades.

Furthermore, once you become a civilian, you may need to consider two topics that have special importance

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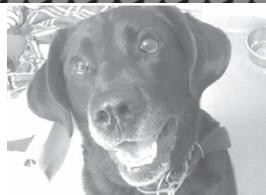
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ative aspect of becoming a veteran: fraud attempts. It's unfortunate, but scam artists frequently target veterans Scammers may tell you that you qualify for "secret" government programs, but you must first pay a fee or provide personal information, which can then be used for identity theft. Or they might try to charge you for access to your service records, even though you can get them free from the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a general rule be suspicious of anyone you don't know who seems overly eager to help veterans.

Entering a new phase in your life can be exciting and rewarding - and you'll enjoy it even more when you get comfortable with your new financial arrangements.



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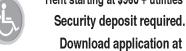
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Plans underway for annual Mae Hart Thanksgiving Dinner

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Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant has partnered with the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department for years to provide this wonderful meal and wanted to ensure that the meal would be provided again this year.

the Annual Mae Hart house bound and would Thanksgiving Dinner will be a drive-thru event and offered to those in the Meredith

and surrounding area. We will still be providing delivery to those who are house bound who live in Meredith, Center Harbor & New Hampton.

Anyone wishing to pick-up a meal, volun-Again this year, teer their time or is like a meal delivered please contact Terri Thompson at the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department at 279-8197 or tthompson@ meredithnh.org. Preregistration for drivethru curbside pick-up and housebound delivery is required by no later than Nov. 19.

Drive-thru curbside pickup will take place at the Meredith Community Center from 11am-1pm on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday,

Nov. 25. Meal delivery will be made between 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.

This special meal is a long-time tradition thanks to the generosity of Mae Hart, the Hart family matriarch, who promoted community spirit and believed no one should eat alone on Thanksgiving Day.

The very generous Hart family has contin-

ued her tradition since 1988. We would also like to thank a generous anonymous donor, who contributes funding each year to help provide delivered meals. Thank you also to the many volunteers who have made this wonderful gathering possible over the years.

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Lakes Region Rotary awards \$20,000 to local charities!

LACONIA — What a night! On Thursday, Oct. 21, the Lakes Region Rotary Club held a reception at the Laconia Country Club to hand out proceeds from their annual car show fundraiser held in July.

The reception provided a great opportunity for sponsors to meet the reception. the local charities that benefit from their sponsorship and learn about the important work that they do. The Lakes Region Rotary Club is especially grateful to the lead sponsor of the car show, Graham & Veroff, PC, for

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creative feet after the pandemic. The entire live theater industry was especially hit hard during the pandemic. "All Together Now" features 15 different songs from different musicals.

"Basically, it was tailor made for us," said director David Nelson of Gilford.

Theater groups had the option of presenting the show however they wanted, whether as a concert type performance or within the context of an original story. Nelson wrote a script about a telethon that helps raise money for a small New Hampshire theater group like Streetcar with the help of a big name announcer.

Nelson said he had never written a show before, and started putting ideas down.

Nelson plays Jimmy, a personal assistant to nationally known host Malcolm Palladium, who he convinces to host a telethon for a community theater group in his hometown.

Like many theater groups, Streetcar hadn't been able to stage any productions since the COVID lockdown in the spring of 2020 forced the indefinite postponement of its planned 50th anniversary show, a revival of "The Wizard of Oz." The company returned to the stage this summer with a production of "The Birds" (based on the short story by Daph-Dumaurier). "All Together Now" will be their first musical since

Nelson said this production has been going great leading up to opening day.

"(This) exceeded my expectations of what I thought the show could be." Nelson said.

Brendan Berube of Laconia plays famous host Malcolm Palladium, who he described as "professional" from how the dresses to how he makes himself heard.

Berube has been in a number of Streetcar shows, recently performing in "The Birds."

"I missed it so much," Berube said. "That connection you have with a live audience, there's nothing like that in the world."

He will also be singing for the first time ever in this show. He was initialalso covering the cost of ly not going to sing, but was encouraged by Nelson, who convinced him to take lead vocal duties on the show's opening number, "Be Our Guest"

Carey Hough of Gilmanton Iron Works plays Sara Dutile, Jimmy's love interest.

and the Beast."

from Disney's "Beauty

"Sara is a small-town girl who is determined to help her local community theater organization come back after being closed for so long," Hough said.

Hough returned to the stage after 21 years away. Hough said she started doing theater in eighth grade at Palmer High School in Massachusetts. She did some more theater in high school and started studying musical theater in college, but got into other things.

She said she has been missing it for a long time and decided to audition for the Streetcar show.

"It's been amazing; it kind of fills like a place that I didn't know was missing," Hough said.

Hough said getting back to it was hard at first, but she got acclimated.

"I've found a great group of people here, and I've made some great friends," she said.

Streetcar Patte Sarausky of Laconia plays Ethel Dingmeyer, an older lady who is hard of hearing.

Sarausky is currently Streetcar's longest serving active member. She first performed with the company in 1987 in its original production of "The Wizard of Oz," and has been a regular performer over the past 36

"People become part of your extended family," Sarausky said. "You grow together, and you help each other out."

She said it felt great to be back in the process.

"It's wonderful to be able to go out and to learn lines and memorize lyrics," Sarausky said. "It's wonderful to go through the process of the show again."

"All Together Now" will be performed at the Belknap Mill in Laconia Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door and online at streetcarcompany.com.

This year's car show was the most successful yet, raising \$20,000 that was distributed to 15 local charities on Thursday. Beneficiaries include Belknap House, Got Lunch Laconia, Got Lunch Gilford, Greater Lakes Child Advocacy Center, Hands Across the Table. Isaiah 61 Café. Laconia Endowment Educational Foundation, Winnipesaukee Association, Lakes Region Food Pantry, Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, Patriot Resilience Leadership Institute, Prescott Farm Environmental cation Center, Rotary International, Rotary Youth Leadership, and the Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region.

Rotary President Larry Greeley stated, "As a service organization, the Lakes Region Rotary is so pleased to be able to host such a wonderful reception for our supportive business owners and the charitable nonprofits that they helped assist.

These nonprofits provide much needed help to those in the Lakes Region that lack adequate food, clothing, shelter, or need support services. We are proud to have awarded over \$100,000 in the last 9 years to our community."

Lakes Region Rotary would like to acknowledge the generous support of the sponsors who helped make this year's show a success; lead sponsor Graham & Veroff, PC, Foley Oil & Propane, Grappone Automotive Group, ReMax/Bayside, CBH Landscape Contractors, the Daily Sun; Bank of New Hampshire, Bootleggers, HPM Insurance, Meredith Bay, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, The Insurance Outlet, Alton Motor Sports, Cross Insurance, Edward Jones, Jenness Hill Auto and Marine Storage, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and Penco Plumbing and Heating.

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Lakes Region Rotarian Jeff Pierson presents a check to Phoebe Van Scoy-Giessler, Development Director of Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center. Prescott Farm was one of 15 local charities to receive monies raised from the Lakes Region Rotary's annual Charity Car Show fundraiser. This year's Car Show was a tremendous success raising \$20,000 for local charities.

Tickets on sale for community production of "Into the Woods"

MEREDITH Thanksgiving weekend, One Light Theatre and the Performers' Initiative of the Lakes Region will bring all your favorite fairy tale characters to life and shed new light on their very famous stories. "Into the Woods" will be performed at the Interlakes Community Auditorium in Meredith on Nov. 26 and 27 at 7pm and Nov. 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available now by visiting the company website at One-LightTheatreNH.org.

The pandemic cost local arts groups dearly, but One Light is making a strong come back with their 2021 season that began with hugely successful productions of "The Little Mermaid" and "Little Mermaid Junior" this summer. "Into the Woods" will feature some of the local performers from those productions including Chelsea Sasserson, as Little Red Riding Hood, Brianna Romiglio as Jack's Mother and Hunter Perkins as Cinderella's Prince. Other wellknown local performers include Molly Conner as Jack, Taylor Cloutier as Cinderella, Justin Posnanski as the Baker, Lee Basna as Rapunzel's Prince, Maria Uicker as Rapunzel, Amie White as the Baker's wife, Jack Newton as the Narrator and Ro Gavin as the Witch. Olivia Martinson, Matt Demko, Ashley Hanson, Elizabeth



Dow and Marissa Dolpies round out a talented cast. The creative team is lead by Director Jason Roy and Chris Lockman, musical director.

Tickets can be purchase now at One-LightTheatreNH.org and seating is limited

so early purchase is recommended. Seating is by general admission; masks are required for everyone entering the school building. Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain. If you would like more information about the show, need spe-

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Belknap Mill celebrates groundbreaking of **Powerhouse Patio**

Friends and colleagues gather at the Belknap Mill on Oct. 21 to honor the groundbreaking of the Rod and Gail Dyer Powerhouse Patio. Michael Seymour of Bank of New Hampshire commented, 'the Rod and Gail Dyer Powerhouse Patio will serve as a visible reminder

for years to come that the hard work, dedication and the commitment of one person can indeed change a city.' Here, Jared **Guilmett**, Architect Misiaszek from Turpin and Doug Greiner, landscape designer, share the design of the patio.



WINNERS

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As part of the Spaulding Academy & Family Services annual Employee Appreciation Day, all staff were named the September Spaulding Spirit award winners for their dedication to the children they serve.

"Even with hundreds of employees on staff, Spaulding Academy & Family Services feels

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overall organization." For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services and its current employopportunities, visitSpauldingServices. org/careers.

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About Spaulding Academy & Family Ser-

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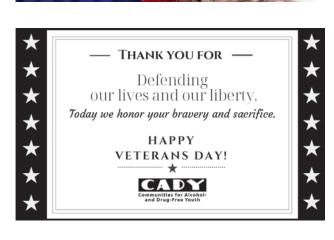
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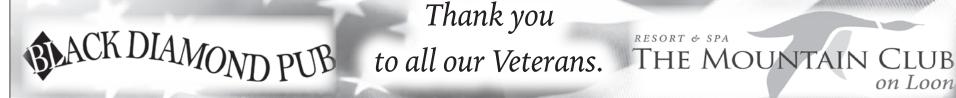
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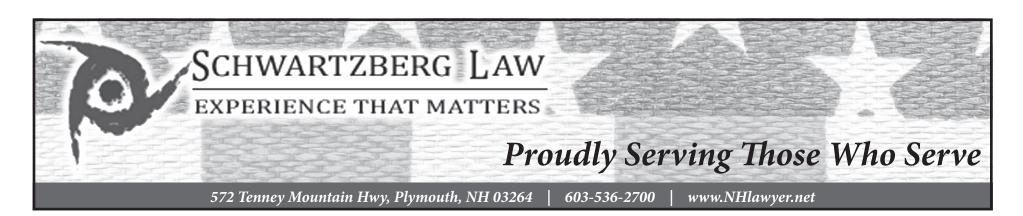
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United States military personnel make myriad sacrifices every day. Recognition of those sacrifices is just one of the many ways Americans can show their appreciation for the military, even during the era of social distancing.

· Help a veteran. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of 2019 there were 17.4 million military veterans living in the United States. More than half of those veterans are 65 or older. As difficult as social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic has

proven for everyone, perhaps no group has sacrificed more than men and women over 65, millions of whom have been separated from their families. Aging men and women spent a year or more isolated at home to protect themselves from a virus that public health officials acknowledged was especially lethal to people over 65. Adults who want to show their appreciation for military veterans can reach out to local veterans' organizations and offer to lend a hand. Such organizations may be delivering meals to vulnerable veterans, driving veterans to appointments to see their doctors or get vaccinated or organizing events for veterans who have already been vaccinated. Pitching in to help with such efforts is a great way to show veterans their efforts are still appreciated, even if it's been decades since

they last served.

· Help a military familv. Data from the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense indicates that there were roughly 1.3 million active-duty military personnel in 2018. Many of those service members serve overseas for months at a time. Their families back home can use a helping hand even in the best of times, but they might be especially needy while confronting the pandemic. Though vaccination projections suggest hundreds of millions of Americans will be fully vaccinated by mid-summer, in the meantime neighbors can help local military families handle life at home. Invite a local military family over for a weekly meal, offer to take kids to a sports practice if it's safe to do so or help out with chores like mowing the lawn or washing the car.

Donate to charities

that serve the military. Adults who have not been vaccinated and are hesitant to be around others can still show their appreciation for military service members. Various organizations help both active-duty military and veterans, and donating

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MEREDITH — Jay Bisson has joined New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) as Vice President, Information Security Officer. In this position, he oversees

curity for the company and its subsidiary financial institutions, MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank), Merrimack County Savings Bank

ings Bank of Walpole and NHTrust.

"Jay's deep understanding of IT security and passion for technology made him an ideal candidate for this position," said Robert Soloway, Executive Vice President, Chief Technology and Services Officer. "We know having Jay's leadership as part of the organization will only strengthen and grow the already talented team we have here at NHMB."

Bisson obtained a Technical Certificate in Computer Networking from Boston University and he brings more than 20 years of technology and information security experience to the role. Prior to joining NHMB, he managed the security program for Granite State Management and Resources. He also managed security and engineering at the International Association of Privacy Professionals.

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