

Shaker Village celebrates \$23,000 grant award

CANTERBURY — The Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has announced \$4.1 million in matching grants awarded to thirty-two projects across the state, including Canterbury Shaker Village in Canterbury.

Canterbury Shaker Village, a National Landmark and non-profit museum founded to preserve the heritage of the Canterbury Shakers, has received a \$23,000 grant award to support an up-

coming Building Assessment of the Village's 30 historic buildings. These funds were matched this past August at the Village's Simply Shaker Picnic-on-the-Green. Thank you to all our supporters!

"We are enormously appreciative of LCHIP's investment in Canterbury Shaker Village," said Leslie Nolan, Executive Director. "The LCHIP award will enable Canterbury Shaker Village to move forward restoring its 30 historic buildings for future generations."



Parks Commission grateful for support of Christmas Parade

TILTON — Although last Saturday's snowstorm forced the cancellation of the modified Christmas Parade planned for this year, the Tilton Parks Commission would like to express its gratitude to all the participants and volunteers who helped pitched in behind the scenes to make the event possible.

The Parks Commission is already planning ahead for next year, when it is hoped that circumstances will permit the community to safely come together in celebration once again. A fireworks display at a time and location to be determined is already on the horizon, and the Echo will feature more details as the event draws closer.



Local book updated for 2020



Joe Laurendeau

GILMANTON — In June 2018, a new book entitled "Cosmic Coincidences - a memoir of cosmic proportions" by local author Joe Laurendeau of Laconia/Gilmanton, debuted. Since the first printing, relatable stories continued to happen throughout the year, causing the author to add other chapters.

Most notable is the Hall & Oates concert in Gilford on Aug. 17, which was delayed forty minutes before being cancelled due to severe weather on the exact day of the 50th anniversary of the day the Woodstock concert was delayed over four hours due to severe weather and the only time in Meadowbrook concerts of 23 years the only concert to be canceled due to severe weather.

The Summer Solstice of 2019, June 21, was sadly noted as the day of the motorcycle tragedy in Ran-

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The Building Assessment will be a comprehensive evaluation of the 30 historic buildings that make up Canterbury Shaker Village. The assessment will be an important navigation tool for the upcoming restoration of this treasured National Landmark, and will recommend best uses and care

for each structure. The Building Assessment will be led by Martha Werenfels, Principal at DBVW Architects, and will begin in spring 2021.

This year's LCHIP funds are supporting projects in nine of the state's ten counties. The grant round was highly competitive, with nearly \$8 million in funding requests compared to

\$4.1 million available for grants. LCHIP Board of Directors Chair Amanda Merrill of Durham observed that "With the large number and high quality of applications that were submitted this year, the Board had the satisfaction of awarding grants to a variety of wonderful projects--and the regret of being unable to support many

others. It is clear to me that the work of LCHIP is more important than ever." Grant recipients are required to raise a minimum of one dollar for each dollar provided by LCHIP. This year's awards of \$4.1 million will be matched by nearly \$18 million that the project proponents will raise from other public

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Locals earn girls' soccer All-State recognition

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Local female soccer players were among those honored when the girls' soccer All-State teams were released in late November. In Division II, First Team honors went to defender Emily Kenny of Kennett and midfielder Sam Meier of Plymouth. Plymouth defender Sumaj Billin and Kennett forward Aida Wheat both earned Second Team honors. Honorable Mention went to Kennett midfielder Marissa Caputo and Plymouth forward Megan Metivier. Also earning First Team honors were goalies Sally Rainey of Lebanon and Hunter Stone-

braker of Souhegan, defenders Chloe Binder of Bow, Elizabeth Philbrook of Merrimack Valley, Calla Tucker of Oyster River, Madison McManus of Sanborn and Zahna Rice of Stevens, midfielders Kristina Pizzi of Bow, Morgan Burnap of Coe-Brown, Arden Ulmer of John Stark, Hayley Kenney of Merrimack Valley, Lindsey Butler of Pelham and Cierra Hill and Britney Hill of Pembroke and forwards Rachell Brackett of Hollis-Brookline and Rachel Gizzonio and Brooke Gizzonio of Milford. Second Team honors also went to defenders Amelia Brackett of Coe-Brown, Olivia Coakley of Pelham and Adre-

inne Dorr of Pembroke, midfielders Madison Roberge of Bow, Bella Roy of John Stark, Rachel Harrington of Lebanon, Mikayla Thompson of Milford, Greta Caulton of Souhegan and Stella Lavertue of Stevens and forwards Renee LeBlanc of Hollis-Brookline, Kaylee Magoon of Merrimack Valley, Charlotte Cousins of Oyster River and Sydney O'Toole of Sanborn. Also earning Honorable Mention were keeper Emaly Roy of John Stark, defender Brynn Murphy of Stevens, midfielders Isabella LaPerle of Bow, Corinna Fernald of Coe-Brown, Sofia Walle of Hollis-Brookline, Mary Rainey of Leba-

non, Marissa Sage of Milford, Anna Harlow of Pembroke and Luce Colcord of Sanborn and forwards Rhiley Tanguay of Merrimack Valley, Nathalie Pare of Oyster River, Maddison Curran of Pelham and Jacqueline Hayden of Souhegan. In Division III, First Team honors went to defenders Julia Pendergast of Inter-Lakes, Jaiden McKenna of Gilford, Grace Bradley of Berlin and Deanna Bourque of Belmont, midfielder Autumn Braley of Newfound, forwards Lily Kenison of White Mountains, Piper Flood of Prospect Mountain and Rebecca Fleming of Belmont.

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Ron O'Connor, Jr. joins eXp Realty

GILMANTON — Ron O'Connor, Jr. announced that she has joined eXp Realty, the largest residential real estate brokerage by geography in North America. O'Connor focuses on the Lakes Region and surrounding communities, but covers all of New Hampshire. O'Connor started in residential and commercial real estate this month. He joins his wife, Lynn, on the O'Connor Group — Brokered by eXp. Lynn has more than 20 years ago and has specialized in commercial real estate over the last five years. The O'Connors have become Exp res-

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Lynn and Ron O'Connor

its ranks opportunities to earn eXp World Holdings stock for production and contributions to

overall company growth.

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Edwards here to help with your real estate needs

Local realtor specializes in Newfound Lake area properties



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Tom Edwards is interested in helping you buy or sell real estate in the Newfound Lake region.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

REGION — While relatively new to the real estate business, Tom Edwards might be a familiar face around the Newfound Lake area and he's looking to help anyone who might be interested in buying or selling property in the region.

"I didn't grow up here, but I love it here," Edwards stated. "I liked it so much, I moved here."

Edwards spent three decades working in

the biopharmaceutical industry, learning and teaching customer-focused selling and is excited to bring that experience to his new venture, helping folks with their real estate transactions with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services – Verani Realty out of Moultonborough.

Edwards said he was hoping to get his name out there as an option for buying and selling property and is excited about what he and his company can bring to the table for buyers and sellers.

"There's a lot of options, I have a lot of experience in sales," he said. "And Berkshire Hathaway brings a lot of resources to the table."

He noted that pricing strategies and market analysis are a couple of things that he can do for customers but he also can bring a good marketing plan forward, one that could help customers buy or sell quickly.

"We have international reach," he said. "Who buys houses in the area? Many times it's folks from Massachusetts and we have a large network there."

Edwards pointed out that with real estate inventory at an all-time low, he can create a digital strategy that targets people who want to purchase in the Newfound Lake area.

"We can research where do buyers come from in the Newfound Lake region and they we can market to those communities," he said.

Edwards grew to love the area he now works in as a child, when he would visit his family's cottage on Whittemore Point in Bridgewater. Several years ago, his family purchased a vacation home on the northeast side of the lake in Hebron and after a few years, made the move to the area full-time. His kids have been on the ski team at Ragged Mountain for many years and his wife has settled in as the computer teacher at the Newfound Memorial Middle School in Bristol. Edwards has also

been enjoying his role as outdoor coordinator for the Bristol Boy Scouts, Troop 59.

During his time in the biopharmaceutical industry, Edwards bought and sold many homes, condominiums and the like around the country and 10 years ago started a rental property business in Newton, Mass., so he's been in real estate development for a decade.

Looking for a second career, he began working his way toward a real estate license during the COVID-19 pandemic,

taking the exam to get certified and all the classes online. He passed his final test on Sept. 10 and came aboard with Berkshire Hathaway after that.

If you are looking to purchase or sell real estate in the Newfound Lake region, Edwards can be reached at tom.edwards@verani.com or by phone at 253-7766.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

Wolves Split Season Midgets finish first in Tier III

LACONIA — With the cancellation of the NH Tier III playoffs, the NE Wolves U18 Split Season team officially concluded its season on Nov. 22 with participation in the Lakes Region Midget Challenge.

With almost 30 hours of on ice practice time, and bi-weekly strength and conditioning sessions, the Wolves Split Season Midget program provided a terrific outlet for 20 local high school eligible players. Boasting

an 8-1 league record and +52 goal differential, the Wolves Split Midgets showed outstanding improvement and development in a shortened season.

The Wolves were led in nets by their two goalkeepers, Adam Omundson and Hunter Robb. Upfront they got key goal scoring from Nick Potenza, Andrew Spicuzza, Andrew Duany, Eric Ellingson and Breckin Bates. On the back end, Bailey Savage, Andrew Rowley and Cam Kean were critical pieces to the defense.

Many of these players will be joining their highs programs in the next few weeks (provided New Hampshire completes a high school season). In the meantime, the players can take great pride in their first place finish in the regular season for NH Tier III U18. The team is coached by Kingswood boys' hockey coach Mike Potenza.



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Breckin Bates and Andrew Spicuzza celebrate a goal for the Wolves U18 Split Season Midgets.

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Scholarship Foundation welcomes new Assistant Director



Amanda L'Heureux Dudek

GILFORD — Executive Director, Karen Switzer, announced this Fall that she and the Board of Trustees were pleased to welcome Amanda L'Heureux Dudek to the Foundation as their new Assistant Director. Dudek will be stepping in as the Foun-

dation transitions their executive staff.

Former Assistant Director, Karen Switzer stepped up to the Executive Director's position back in June, replacing Paulette Loughlin, who will be retiring the end of this year. Dudek will step into Switzer's shoes and serve as the Assistant Director. Switzer commented that she and Loughlin had worked as a team the past two years at the helm of the Foundation. She hopes to do the same with Dudek.

Switzer added, "We are pleased to have Amanda join us. When we were looking for someone to fill this posi-

tion, we were especially looking for a person who had a real community spirit and dedication. Someone who was looking to make a difference. Amanda fit that bill with the bonus that she is a Laconia native and loves the area and has been active in the community. Amanda told us that she values the importance of strengthening the Lakes Region community and believes that helping students reach their goals, through education, is a perfect way to do just that. She hopes to make a difference in the students' lives by working with the foundation."

Dudek grew up in

Laconia, went to Holy Trinity School and then graduated from Laconia High School. She then attended Plymouth State University, where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Marketing. Upon graduation, she pursued a successful career in marketing, sales and management in the Portsmouth area. Despite her success, Amanda, decided that she wanted to return to Laconia and build her life in the Lakes Region, where her family lives and her heart resides. Dudek found a position as Account Executive with the Laconia Daily Sun, where she still

works part time. She intends to continue to grow in knowledge in her field, while she pursues her new career with the Foundation. She will be continuing her education online at Southern New Hampshire University.

When asked how she felt about her new position with LRSE, Dudek said, "I am thrilled to be working at the Foundation. I am eager to meet many of the wonderful donors, who have created scholarship funds to help young people of the area succeed in their dreams of a career or obtain skills. As I hope to be here for many years,

I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to know each of the donors. This organization has been serving the community for 65 years as of February of 2021. That is just amazing. If anyone is interested in becoming a new donor with Lakes Region Scholarship or making a donation to us to help us to continue our work, I hope that they will not hesitate to contact me. The foundation is easy to find through our website, our Facebook page or by just checking our phone listing."

Hermit Woods Winery & Deli hires new chef

MEREDITH — Hermit Woods Deli, on Main Street in Meredith, has hired Chef Manager, Debra Urquhart. After many years as a nurse, Urquhart is a local Meredith resident who concluded that the kitchen is the place for her. She is mostly a self-taught chef who brings a background of science and nutrition and a creative spirit that is sure to be reflected in her menus.

Although her time as a professional chef is brief, her interest in cooking goes back to her early years.

She said, "For as long as I can remember, I've always wanted to cook. As a child, I remember having this big stock pot in our house. You were only allowed to use the stove once you were tall enough to see over the pot. I remember wanting to cook so badly that I would stand on a milk crate hidden under a long dress to be 'tall

enough."

Urquhart said the constant pressure to create an instant reward as each plate goes out is inspiring. The "chaos" in the kitchen. The heat from the oven. The sizzling of scallops meeting a hot sautee pan. The steak that you know has been cooked to perfection because it feels right. You can smell that the carrot cake is almost done. She is continuously using every one of her senses.

Urquhart reflects that "The world is a better place when I cook healthy nourishing food. It's fun to create art on a plate balancing colors and textures, and flavors that create a symphony. I often joke with people that I'm not a chef but a food Maestra, a master, coordinator, and a teacher of a food orchestra."

She concludes, "everything about food is an experience from source

ing ingredients, preparing, cooking, and a way to gather my friends and family together. It makes me happy that there are people willing to share that experience with me."

Bob Manley, Co-Founder of Hermit Woods Winery & Deli, had this to say: "Since founding our Deli in 2017, we have had the pleasure of working with numerous talented and hardworking cooks and chefs. Debra's enthusiasm, creativity, science background, and passion make her uniquely qualified to take our Deli to the next level. We are honored and excited to have her on our team."

About Hermit Woods Founded in 2011, Hermit Woods is a small boutique winery and Deli crafting fruit wine, meads, and ciders, and producing farm to table cuisine. Our wines and ciders are local (as much as possible), vegan (ex-



Debra Urquhart

cept the honey wines), gluten-free, raw, and made from non-certified but mostly organic fruit. We always use the whole fruit and gentle hand processing. We style our wines, meads, and ciders after classic dry European wines and ciders. Hermit Woods sees over 15,000 visitors in its tasting room and Deli every year. These wines are available throughout New Hampshire and direct to consumers in 38 states.

Hermit Woods Winery and Deli is located at 72 Main Street in Meredith, NH, and is open seven days a week year-round. They are offering wine flights (a self-guided tasting experience) during the pandemic. Their traditional tours and tastings will resume by appointment just as soon as they can make them available safely. Visit them at www.hermitwoods.com to learn more.

RE/MAX Bayside's Commercial Division merges with Weeks Commercial

LACONIA — Chris Kelly, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Bayside, is excited to announce a merger with Weeks Commercial Group. Chris knows the value that Steve Weeks and his team bring to commercial and business negotiations and looks forward to helping our Lakes Region commercial owners move successfully in these exciting times.

Steve Weeks, Jr. and Warren Clement each offer many years of experience in sales, leasing and business brokerage. Their combined knowledge includes a lifetime of local business ownership and community involvement. Weeks is a 30 year veteran in the commercial real estate industry, having worked for 14 years with the Flatley Company prior to becoming broker/owner of the Weeks Commercial Group. Clement joined Weeks Commercial 10 years ago after 37 years as the owner of the well known Sundial Shop in downtown Laconia, Gilford and Meredith. Community participation has always been very important to him, being

involved in the Laconia Rotary, Lakes Region Chamber, United Way, Laconia Main Street and more.

Steve and Warren are joining forces with the current members of RE/MAX Bayside's Commercial Division - Ron Talon, Russ Poirier, Reuben Bassett and Kathryn Johnson. Ron Talon has been widely recognized with much success in his 12 years of experience in both residential and commercial real estate. Poirier comes to the company with a vast amount of commercial and residential experience in both the southern part of New Hampshire and the Lakes Region. As owner of three local restaurants - Local Eatery, Burrito Me and Wayfarer Coffee Roasters — Bassett's commitment to the area brings an enormous amount of enthusiasm to this diversified group. Kathryn (Kat) Johnson has teamed up with Reuben, after a career in teaching, to pursue her passion for the real estate profession.

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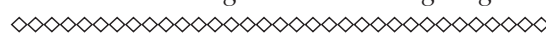
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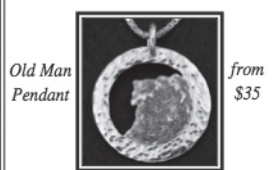
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The struggle against Old Man Winter

The first big nor'easter of the season has come and gone, leaving us with anywhere from three to nine inches of snow (or more in some cases), depending on where you live. As with most things, we like to think about how our ancestors handled certain situations. It was during a snowy drive last winter that we became more grateful for studded snow tires and heat, after thinking about how those before us dealt with travel during snowstorms.

During the winter of 1717, a storm dumped four feet of snow, creating snowdrifts of up to 25 feet. Passing through the snow covered roads was too much for a postman who traded his horse for a pair of snowshoes. Objects similar to skis were attached to carriages as a means of winter transportation.

Streets had to be passable for wood and food deliveries. When the roads were not passable townspeople would gather together in large groups and dig out a path. The snow was placed into the back of a horse-drawn cart by gangs of men and driven to the closest river to be dumped. Salt was also used on streets, but many people complained because it ruined their shoes and clothes.

Fast forward to 1840, when the first snow plow patent came to be. It wasn't until 1862 that the first snowplow was put into use. The plow was attached to a cart and pulled by a team of horses. Soon after, many cities began to use the horse-drawn snowplow.

Typically the use of the horse-drawn plow was only used to clear main streets, leaving side streets and sidewalks snowed in by large piles often blocking entrances to businesses. Many business owners actually brought lawsuits against the plowing companies as a result because their customers could not gain access to the storefronts.

The solution to that conundrum, was the hiring of snow shovelers to accompany the plow. The blizzard of 1888, however, was too much for the "modernized" plow, leaving many people trapped inside their homes. This emergency was the catalyst cities needed to begin coming up with a better plan for snow removal. One idea was to stay on top of the storm as it started, instead of waiting for it to end. Different men driving the plows were assigned to certain neighborhoods as well.

The invention of the automobile brought with it a crutch and a new possibility as far as snow removal went. The crutch being that an entirely new method needed to be engineered and put into use. In New York in 1913, a dump truck could be seen on city streets. Seven years later the first snow loader, came on to the scene. It had a big scoop with a conveyor belt. The snow would go into the scoop via the belt, then dumped into the back of the truck. From there, off to the river it went.

It wasn't until 1959 when the weather was able to be predicted more accurately, allowing towns and cities to better prepare for any incoming storms.

Reading old diaries of our New England ancestors gives the perfect window as to what it was like to experience a bitter cold winter, prior to modern practices.

As literary critic Van Wyck Brooks wrote in "The Flowering of New England, 1815-1865," "All praise to winter; then, was Henry's feeling. Let others have their sultry luxuries. How full of creative genius was the air in which these snow-crystals were generated. He could hardly have marveled more if real stars had fallen and lodged on his coat. What a world to live in, where myriads of these little discs, so beautiful to the most prying eye, were whirled down on every traveler's coat, on the restless squirrel's fur and on the far-stretching fields and forests, the wooded dells and mountain-tops,—these glorious spangles, the sweepings of heaven's floor."

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North Country Notebook

Hunters, your stories, please; and further words on weasels



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Hunters—I'm looking for the stories you brought back to camp. Well, maybe not camp—maybe the kitchen, and not just about birds, ducks, or deer. If you bumped into anything truly unusual during hunting season, I'd like to know about it.

For instance, I have seen some pretty amazing things (to me, at least) out there, but everyone's sick and tired of hearing about mine, so I want yours. But I'm thinking about the infamous Stone Wall to Nowhere, a story that has been worth a lot of words over the years, or the huge oval-shaped pile of rocks down near Derry, which I found out years later was for a horse.

Every fall, the biggest evidence-finding force in the nation sallies forth for hunting season. Oh, they're hunting, for sure—but they stumble into all kinds of stuff. Year in and year out, hunting season results in crimes solved

Even with leaves on the ground, hunters often miss what others have passed right by. I've participated in line-searches, and even they can miss key elements. Because many hunters do not take

stands but instead move slowly and quietly, they see and hear what most others don't.

One year, when we were muzzle-loading in upstate New York, one of the guys who was part of a long line of guys moving down a ridge spotted a leaf—a single leaf, mind you—that looked somehow out of place. He picked it up, and on the underside was the name of one of our own party who has a habit of doing such things (we are a strange bunch).

Hunters can also be just like the rest of us, oblivious to the obvious. A reader once told me about encountering a locked safe, with prying and bashing marks betraying furious efforts to get in. Because it was near a road, and tracks in the snow showed that many others had walked right by, he figured it had already been reported. It had not.

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What's in a name department: last week, I had fun writing about weasels, which mandates more to tell.

New Hampshire has two kinds of weasels, the short-tailed, which lives from northern New England to Canada and Alaska, and the long-tailed weasel, which lives from southern New England to the tropics.

The two species overlap, naturally, but short-tailed weasels seem to be predominant in the northern third of New Hampshire, and the opposite is true. For more on this, I called Pat Tate, who is in charge of fur



JEFF FAIR — COURTESY

Jeff Fair sent me photos of this almost-all-white ermine that's been hanging around his place up in Alaska. He feels lucky to have it in the woodpile (i.e., they're great mousers).

bearers for Fish and Game. I started looking for him at around 11 a.m., and he called me back at 2 p.m. or so, from his deer stand, no less.

"I really have no idea where the weasel line is," Pat said half-jokingly from his carefully chosen spot somewhere east of Nashua. He got the message that I was looking for him, and called me from his stand.

Talk about dedication. But it was all right, Pat said, because he'd just had lunch, and was re-fluffing his feathers to settle down for when the deer would start moving.

Both species of weasel turn white in winter (and both are called ermine) except for the tips of their tails, which are black. People steeped in woods lore speculate that the black tip is there for a reason, perhaps to momentarily distract a predator, and gain the weasel that extra



FILE PHOTO

This was commonly called a pine marten, but evidently it's now just plain marten, which makes sense because it also lives in spruce and fir. Note those rounded ears.

split-second it needs to get away from a fox or a hawk.

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The literature and reporting are equally fuzzy on the most obscure member of the weasel family, the once-rare marten.

This amazingly fast little predator is a bit

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

The other side of Christianity

BY LARRY SCOTT

Maggie Gobran, sometimes known as the "Mother Teresa of Egypt," was invited to speak at the 2011 internationally televised Global Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Willow Creek Community Church, Chicago, Ill. I was able to sit in on the broadcast.

In concluding her remarks, Mama Gobran as she is affectionally known, made this comment:

"Silence your words that you may listen to your thoughts; silence your thoughts that you may listen to your heart; silence your heart that you may listen to God."

And then, resplendent in her all-white habit, she said, "I would like to end my presentation by thanking God

and blessing you." And then, kneeling to the carpet, face in her hands against the floor, Mama Gobran spent the next five minutes in silent prayer. There was not a dry eye in the house as several hundred Pastors and Church Leaders watched in awe, profoundly moved as the benevolent "Mother of Cairo" prayed for us. It was a moment I will never forget.

Mama Gobran is an apt example of what I'm writing about. She was raised in wealth and already successful in the business world when a personal visit to the garbage slums servicing the city of Cairo touched her heart. She soon sold all she owned, and together with an army of men and women who shared her vision, founded Steven's Children and

blessed over 30,000 families with God's love.

A manufacturing center that gave many of her kids a marketable skill soon followed, along with primary and elementary schools, medical clinics, and a home for boys and one for girls who had been abandoned by their families. A new world was opened to children who had no hope, and they were able to break free from the poverty, disease, and hopelessness in which they had been trapped.

I make a point of this, for America has sometimes accused the evangelical church of being intolerant, homophobic, anti-abortion, arrogant, and out of step with this modern age. Here we have the other side of Christianity. Indeed, we have much to say about

moral and social issues that violate principles given us in God's Word, but we are also out there, wherever there is a need, lending a helping hand.

And, yes, Maggie, we heard you! We have silenced our words, quieted our hearts, and listened to God. And we have accepted your challenge. Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse, the Salvation Army, World Vision, and many others have joined you on the front-lines of suffering, working one-on-one with the most disadvantaged, and showing by our actions that God loves you and so do we. "By this," Jesus said, "will everyone know you are my disciples, if you have love." Indeed!

For more thoughts like these, follow me at indefenseoftruth.net.

Flying Monkey to host Buster Keaton double feature

PLYMOUTH — He never smiled on camera, earning him the nickname of “the Great Stone Face.” But Buster Keaton’s comedies rocked Hollywood’s silent era with laughter throughout the 1920s.

See for yourself with a screening of two of Keaton’s classic features, “Go West” and “Battling Butler,” on Friday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 S. Main St., Plymouth.

Admission is \$10 per person, general seating.

The family-friendly films will be shown with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, a New Hampshire-based performer regarded as one of the nation’s leading silent film musicians.

At the Flying Monkey, accommodations are in place to keep patrons safe in the Covid-19 era.

Face-coverings are required to enter the theater, and should remain on at all times until movie-goers take their seats. Capacity is limited to 50 percent; audience members are asked to observe social distancing in choosing seats.

“Films from the silent era were designed to be seen with an audience, and it’s totally safe to do so,” Rapsis said.

In “Go West” (1925), Buster heads out to ranch country, where the stone-faced comedian encounters romance with—a cow! Can he save his love from a trip to the livestock yards? Rustle up some belly laughs as

Buster must once again prove himself worthy to all those who doubt him.

“Go West” was an unusual film for Keaton. With its portrayal of a down-and-out wanderer who becomes a reluctant hero, ‘Go West’ could have been a vehicle for Charlie Chaplin’s Little Tramp.

The film was praised by critics and did well at the box office.

Co-starring in “Go West” is a sad-faced cow named Brown Eyes, with whom Keaton worked extensively prior to the filming. Brown Eyes received a credit in the movie, and even got a salary for her acting — \$13 a week.

Keaton’s female co-star is actress Kathleen Myers. Joe Keaton, the comedian’s father and a popular vaudeville performer, appears briefly in a barbershop scene.

Much of “Go West” was shot on location in Kingman, Az., during the summer of 1925, in temperatures approaching 120 degrees.

“Battling Butler” (1926) tells the story of pampered millionaire Alfred Butler (Keaton) who tries to impress the girl of his dreams (Sally O’Neil) by pretending to be a championship boxer with same name.

The masquerade leads to knockout comedy both in and outside the ring, giving Keaton ample opportunity to display his gifts for physical and visual comedy.

In the 1920s, boxing rivaled baseball as the

nation’s most popular sport. Neighborhoods, communities, and ethnic groups all rooted for their favorite fighters, and heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey ranked as an international celebrity.

Because of this, boxing stories were popular with early movie audiences as well.

“These films are audience favorites, and people continue to be surprised at how engrossing and exhilarating they can be when shown as they were intended: in a theater, and with live music,” said Rapsis, who accompanies more than 100 screenings each year at venues around the nation.

Rapsis improvises live scores for silent films using a digital synthesizer to recreate the texture of the full orchestra.

“It’s kind of a high wire act,” Rapsis said. “But for me, the energy of live performance is an essential part of the silent film experience.”

Many critics regard Keaton as the best of all; Roger Ebert wrote in 2002 that “in an extraordinary period from 1920 to 1929, (Keaton) worked without interruption on a series of films that make him, arguably, the greatest actor-director in the history of the movies.”

But while making films, Keaton never thought he was an artist, but an entertainer trying to use the then-new art of motion pictures to tell stories and create laughter.



COURTESY
Buster Keaton and Kathleen Myers star in the classic silent comedy “Go West” (1925), to be shown with co-feature “Battling Butler” (1926) with live music by Jeff Rapsis on Friday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flying Monkey Moviehouse and Performance Center, 39 S. Main St., Plymouth. General admission \$10 per person. For more information, visit www.flyingmonkeynh.com or call 536-2551.

As a performer, Keaton was uniquely suited to the demands of silent comedy. Born in 1895, he made his stage debut as a toddler, joining his family’s knockabout vaudeville act and learning to take falls and do acrobatic stunts at an early age. He spent his entire childhood and adolescence on stage, attending school for exactly one day.

Keaton entered films in 1917 and was quickly fascinated. After apprenticing with popular co-

median Roscoe “Fatty” Arbuckle, Keaton went on to set up his own studio in 1920, making short comedies that established him as a one of the era’s leading talents.

A remarkable pantomime artist, Keaton naturally used his whole body to communicate emotions ranging from sadness to surprise. In an era with no special effects, Keaton’s acrobatic talents meant he performed all his own stunts.

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For more information on the music, visit www.jef-frapsis.com.

NOTEBOOK

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bigger than the long-tailed weasel but smaller than the fisher (cat). The old-timers I was lucky to know always said that a marten was the only creature that could catch a red squirrel in a tree (please note those qualifiers, “red,” and “in a tree”).

(I know, I know—the fisher is not a cat, so please, no finger-wagging notes. Most of the time I put “cat” in there for tradition. Sometimes I do it just to irk the book-bound. Ditto the vaunted “partridge,” as in the handed-down and even cherished saying, “cartridges for partridges,” which is two misnomers

in one phrase, because it’s not a cartridge, it’s a shell.)

The marten has been expanding in its old habitat, generally perceived as from the southern foothills of the White Mountains northward, although some of its old territory in the high country of the state’s southwest may remain yet longer bereft. (For years now, I’ve been waiting for a chance to use “bereft.”)

For a few years, New Hampshire was obtaining live-trapped martens from Maine, a pretty nice thing for one state to do for another in my book, but this is no longer deemed necessary.

They are still fully protected (the martens, not the people in Maine). Still, I have to wonder about those people in Maine, don’t you know? Look at what they do to their hotdogs. (For the culturally deprived, they dye them red.)

Let’s not let this hotdog thing just sail on by, as if it weren’t significant, whereas it is something really worth noting, in an anthropological sense. The thing is, the hotdogs don’t taste any different, because I’ve had plenty, with the usual condiments. They just look different, kind of like some of my cousins Down East.

Some readers have survived the ravages of time, and have long memories about martens, if not hotdogs, and send me their stories from the old days. Still others have sent nice

notes about seeing them in recent years—martens, not hotdogs. That’s a real treat, and once or twice people have sent me photographs to prove it.


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WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Winnisquam Regional Budget Committee has a vacancy it seeks to fill from the town of Tilton until the 2021 annual meeting of the school district. Interested candidates must be a resident of Tilton and a registered voter.

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Consider These Year-end Financial Moves

We’re nearing the end of 2020 – and for many of us, it will be a relief to turn the calendar page on this challenging year. However, we’ve still got a few weeks left, which means you have time to make some year-end financial moves that may work in your favor.

Here are a few suggestions:

- Add to your IRA. For the 2020 tax year, you can put in up to \$6,000 to your traditional or Roth IRA, or \$7,000 if you’re 50 or older. If you haven’t reached this limit, consider adding some money. You actually have until April 15, 2021, to contribute to your IRA for 2020, but the sooner you put the money in, the quicker it can go to work for you. Plus, if you have to pay taxes in April, you’ll be less likely to contribute to your IRA then.
- Make an extra 401(k) payment. If it’s allowed by your employer, put in a little extra to your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. And if your salary

goes up next year, increase your regular contributions.


- See your tax advisor. It’s possible that you could improve your tax situation by making some investment-related moves. For example, if you sold some investments whose value has increased, you could incur capital gains taxes. To offset these gains, you could sell other investments that have lost value, assuming these investments are no longer essential to your financial strategy. Your tax advisor can evaluate this type of move, along with others, to determine those that may be appropriate for your situation.
- Review your investment mix. As you consider your portfolio, think about the events of these past 12 months and how you responded to them. When COVID-19 hit early in the year, and the financial markets plunged, did you find yourself worrying constantly about the losses you were taking, even though they were

just on “paper” at that point? Did you even sell investments to “cut your losses” without waiting for a market recovery? If so, you might want to consult with a financial professional to determine if your investment mix is still appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance, or if you need to make some changes.

- Evaluate your need for retirement plan withdrawals. If you are 72 or older, you must start taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Typically, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. However, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Stimulus (CARES) Act

suspended, or waived, all RMDs due in 2020. If you’re in this age group, but you don’t need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

- Think about the future. Are you saving enough for your children’s college education? Are you still on track toward the retirement lifestyle you’ve envisioned? Or have your retirement plans changed as a result of the pandemic? All of these issues can affect your investment strategies, so you’ll want to think carefully about what decisions you may need to make.
- Looking back – and ahead – can help you make the moves to end 2020 on a positive note and start 2021 on the right foot.



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Point of Law



Death – Wills and Estate Planning



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What will you leave behind? How about final instructions? Or - clear, understandable status of family finances? Or – a list of financial accounts, credit cards, bank access, retirement accounts? Or – life insurance policies, loans? Or – the status of tax and related filing documentation? Consider the myths that are associated with these and related topics:

Myth 1 – wills are only for old people, or those who are sick ... I'm young and in good health so I don't need one; Myth 2 – estate planning and wills are for the wealthy or those who own a lot of property; Myth 3 – the "government" will do whatever it wants with my estate so it's a waste of time and money to plan – there is actually a lot you can do – the fact is the reverse .. no planning

ensures the government will do what it wants. You need to be pro-active in these matters regardless of how uncomfortable it may be to think or talk about it – you need to talk to those who will be impacted and help them by the use of your time and by using your time to create at least three distinct lists that reflect your desires: List 1 – contact info for those who should be notified .. relatives, friends,

associates, acquaintances, etc.; List 2 – access instructions to financial accounts (passwords, pin numbers to your computer(s) with names and passwords; where and how to locate the important (to you) documents, email addresses, and misc. electronic information; and, instructions on what and how to eliminate what you do not want going further or

made known, and, List 3 – all bank accounts, credit card accounts, investment accounts, monthly bills, debts (large and small) and any other information to assist those left behind they, who will be responsible and need to organize a clean, orderly and manageable task. Grief is extremely difficult to deal with – do not add to it! Do not put this off!

Comfort Keepers

Five ways to connect with seniors during the Holidays

BY MARTHA SWATS
Owner/Administrator
Comfort Keepers

This year, when in-person visits and holiday dinners may not be possible, it is more important than ever to keep in touch with senior loved ones in a safe, thoughtful way. Families should find meaningful ways to make sure older adults are physically and mentally healthy, and to ensure that they are feeling the joy of the holiday season. And connection isn't just important during the big days on the calendar – it includes time throughout the season in between holiday celebrations. Feelings of senior isolation and loneliness can lead to depression, especially during quarantine and stay-at-home orders for seniors. It doesn't take much time or effort

to brighten someone's day with a smile and hello in any shape or form. And with so many seasonal activities on hold, many need to find new ways to stay connected. From parents, grandparents, and elderly neighbors to friends and family in other cities and states, here are a few ways to connect with others when you can't be together in person. Phone calls Don't underestimate the joy that a daily or weekly phone call can bring to both seniors and those that care for them. Most seniors have a phone readily accessible. Schedule a call or reach out during a time you know they'll be available. Spend time during the holidays to talk about past celebrations, family updates and everyone's wellbeing. Get

silly, sing holiday songs together, and remember to find reasons to laugh together. Video calls There are a number of apps and websites to facilitate a video call. Many seniors are familiar with this technology, but some are not. Have someone in their household help set up a video call for older adults that aren't sure how to get started. And families can consider gifting a tablet or smart phone to a senior that doesn't have access to a video system. Even for those that are familiar with the technology, make the first move and call them first. Spontaneous video calls may catch some off-guard, so be respectful of time and space. And find ways to make it special – decorate your background, send your

senior loved ones' small items to decorate theirs, use holiday frames, or use the time to sing or read stories together. Recorded video messages Another way to spread holiday cheer over video is with recorded video messages. Have family and friends record a short video and send it to a senior loved one. There are apps that make recording and editing video quick and easy, and being able to see loved ones at any time is a true gift for many seniors. Letters and post cards Nothing beats a surprise note in the mailbox. Take pen to paper with a handwritten message or type and print a longer letter to share a

personal update, favorite memory, or story. As a special bonus, add a few printed pictures in the envelope. And remember to reach out to senior loved ones early and often during the holidays. Set up a pen pal exchange or send frequent notes with favorite holiday memories. Visit a senior safely While it is not recommended that seniors attend in-person gatherings outside of their household, there are many creative ways to show older adults love during the holidays. Leave a message on their sidewalk with chalk, stand outside with signs and banners, have a family drive-through holiday parade for a senior, leave a thoughtful gift on their doorstep or sing

carols. About Comfort Keepers Comfort Keepers is a leader in providing in-home care consisting of such services as companionship, transportation, housekeeping, meal preparation, bathing, mobility assistance, nursing services, and a host of additional items all Meant to keep seniors living independently worry free in the comfort of their homes. Comfort Keepers have been serving New Hampshire residents since 2005. Let us help you stay independent. Please call 536-6060 or visit our Website at nhcomfortkeepers.com for more information.

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Ron has lived in Gilmanston for five years, in Gilford the 45 years before that, and knows the area and its surrounding communities. Over the years, Ron has served as a on numerous children's sports organizations as Webmaster and Board Member, such as Laconia Little League, Lou Athanas Basketball, Gilford Parks and Rec and is currently a volunteer for Special Olympics. Ron is also a Board Member for the Huot Tech Center, the T-Ten Program at LRCC and the Ford ASSET Program at Manchester Community College.

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JUMPWORD

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Second Team honorees include defenders Payton Everett of Prospect Mountain, Sara Harris of Inter-Lakes and Courtney Burke of Belmont, midfielders Lexi Demming of White Mountains, MollyLu McKellar of Newfound and Allie Kenyon of Gilford and forward Jill Hallee of Berlin.

Earning Honorable Mention were goalie Alexia Bassett of Newfound, defenders Morgan Doolan of White Mountains, Cassidy Kelley of Prospect Mountain and Ruby Preisendorfer of Inter-Lakes, midfielder Darci Stone of Belmont and forwards Geena Cookinham of Gilford and Ava Bartoli of Berlin.

Also earning First Team honors were keepers Grace Atkins of Hillsboro-Deering and Emily Senko of Bishop Brady, defenders Sarah Bradley of Trinity, Brynna Hone of Raymond, Nora Dunningan of Fall Mountain and Morgan Wagner of

Campbell, midfielders Ella Pottle of St. Thomas, Rebecca Pincince of Somersworth, Caroline Camp of Kearsarge, Caitlin Clark and Annie Higginbotham of Hopkinton, Leah Hoey of Derryfield, Megan Graff of Conant and Karleigh Schultz of Campbell and forwards Kathryn LaCasse of Raymond, Trista Faulkner of Monadnock and Isabella Daly of Laconia.

Second Team honors also went to Molly Lewis of Somersworth, Macayla Dutile of Laconia and Sam Meadows of Kearsarge, defenders Kally Murdough of Hopkinton, Avery Stewart of Fall Mountain, Charlotte Skaal of Derryfield, Jenna Harvey of Conant and Alex Wallenmaier of Campbell, midfielders Skyler DePetrillo of Trinity, Madilyn Robertson of Raymond, Bre Lawrence of Monadnock and Emily Howell of Hillsboro-Deering and forwards Chelsea Cooper of St. Thomas and Lauren Beitler of Bishop Brady.

Also earning Honorable Mention for Division III were defenders Ava Houde of Trinity, Grace Bronkma of Somersworth, Ellie Camp of Kearsarge, Madeline Follansbee of Hopkinton, Alexis McClure of Hillsboro-Deering and Madison Rhynhart of Bishop Brady, midfielders Amanda Behre of St. Thomas, Bailey Pollock of Raymond, Sierra Shaw of Laconia, Makeena Grilone of Fall Mountain, Lilly Losey of Derryfield and Hanna Keane of Campbell and forwards Emma Onduso of Monadnock and Heather Gonyea of Conant.

In Division IV, First Team honors went to goalie Gracey Boucher of Moultonborough, defender Morgan Wagstaff of Woodsville, midfielders Kiara Evelyn of Moultonborough, Hannah Brown of Littleton, Aiden Jessemann of Lisbon, Alyvia Drapeau of Lin-Wood, Madison Ash of Groveton and Madi Buteau of Gorham and forwards Madison Mc-

Laren of Profile and Olivia Corrigan of Littleton.

Second Team honors went to defenders Shaela Sturgeon of Moultonborough, Sydney Pickering of Lin-Wood, Emmalee Deblois of Groveton and Isobel Micucci of Gorham, midfielder Lauren McKee of Littleton and forwards Olivia Sarkis of Woodsville, Sophie Bell of Profile and Kate-lyn Clark of Lisbon.

Earning Division IV Honorable Mention were keeper Seven Fitzgerald of Lin-Wood, midfielders Liz Lawton of Profile and Kat Gleeson of Moultonborough and forwards Leah Krull of Woodsville, Bre Lemay of Littleton and Julie Glover of Groveton.

Also earning First Team honors were keeper Angelina Narolilo of Hinsdale, defenders Jewel Young of Portsmouth Christian

and Nona Dowsett of Mount Royal, midfielders Elizabeth Tschudin of Sunapee, Madison St. George of Pittsfield, Sophie Grondin of Pittsburg-Canaan, Maggie Moore of Newmarket, Jenna Needham of Epping, Hannah Risteen of Concord Christian and Samantha Howe of Colebrook and forwards Elizabeth Jacobs of Wilton-Lyndeborough, Abigail Pollari of Sunapee, Elisa Gillis of Portsmouth Christian and Riley Skarin of Newport.

Second Team honors also went to defenders Ashley Bolton of Pittsburg-Canaan and Paige Greenhalgh of Newport, midfielders Morgan Hock of Newmarket, Jade Gagnon of Epping, Victoria Ritchie of Concord Christian and Delaney Wilcox of Hinsdale and forwards Sophia Sistachs of Wilton-Lyndeborough, Brynn

Smith of Sunapee, Lula Wamberg of Portsmouth Christian, Arie Prentice of Pittsfield, Annemarie Sweet of Mount Royal and Sage Smith of Colebrook.

Also earning Honorable Mention were keepers Ella Walsh of Portsmouth Christian and Trinity Johnson of Pittsburg-Canaan, defenders Vanessa Pollair of Sunapee, Aura Parker of Newport and Allison Herres of Colebrook, midfielders Brooke Lane of Wilton-Lyndeborough, Abigail Smith of Pittsfield, Emma Treece of Mount Royal, Olivia Gosselin of Epping and Grace Rose of Concord Christian and forwards Abby Henry of Newmarket and Kleay Steever of Hinsdale.

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BOOK

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dolph took the lives of seven people.

“I was updating the book with a new chapter, and shortly, another story worth printing would happen,” commented Laurendeau. “In order the cover the high cost of printing, which includes lots of color photos, the price on Amazon is \$58 with free shipping. In order to qualify for expanded distribution to bookstores and libraries, Amazon will require raising the price to \$38, which we will try in February. So for anyone reading this, just \$37 with signature to give local area residents a chance to save,”

he added.

The book is easy to order by PayPal at superjukebox.net, which is currently streaming rare Christmas music 24/7. Stories include “The Old Man of the Mountains,” “The Space Shuttle Challenger,” and other national news stories.

“I am certainly excited to hear from area residents and anyone with their comments,” the author added.

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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: POTATO LATKES

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to a party.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 22 = E)

A. 9 16 3 25 2 9

Clue: Small meals

B. 26 22 14 22 4 3 23 22

Clue: Drink

C. 18 4 6 22 16 15 9

Clue: Close companions

D. 25 12 3 5 13 3 23 16 22

Clue: Bubbly beverage

Answers: A. snacks B. beverage C. friends D. champagne

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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8	4	5	3	6	9	7	1	2
7	6	9	1	5	2	3	8	4
4	8	3	6	9	1	7	5	2
9	6	5	3	8	9	4	2	7
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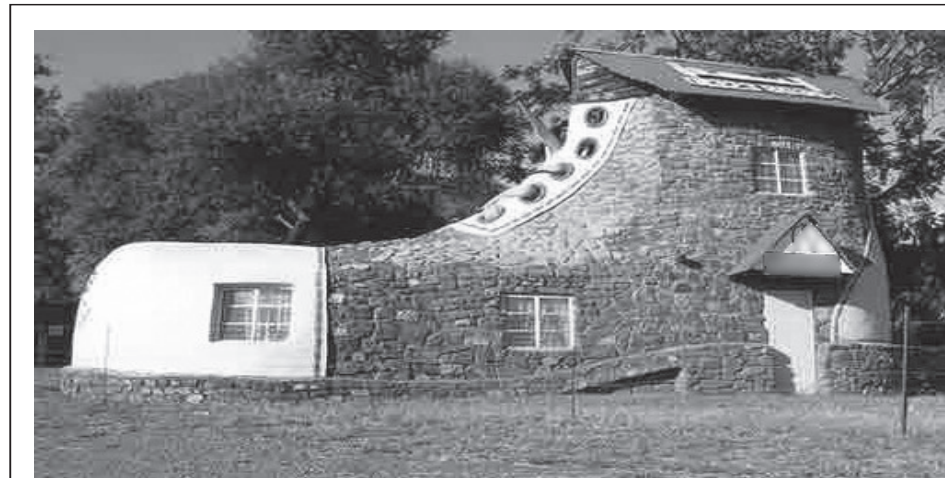
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LRCS selected as Hannaford Reusable Bag Program beneficiary

LACONIA — Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS) has been selected as a beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program for the month of December.

The Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program, which launched in April 2014, facilitates community support with the goal to make a difference in local communities. The program makes it easy for shoppers to support non-profits within the area through the purchase of a reusable shopping bag. A portion of the proceeds is donated to the monthly beneficiary.

LRCS was selected by store leadership at the Hannaford located at 1425 Lake Shore Rd. in Gilford to receive a \$1 donation every time the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at this location during December.

“As a community-based organization, we are especially grateful for the support we receive from local businesses that help us to carry out our mission,” commented Becky Bryant, LRCS President and CEO. “We very much appreciate the generosity of Hannaford Supermarket in supporting the families and individuals we serve through the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program.”

The money collected from the December Community Bag Program will go directly to LRCS, a family-centered social service agency that provides a broad range of programs and services designed to support and empower individuals and families throughout their life cycle, strengthening their role and capacity to contribute to a healthy and vibrant community and to live a productive, independent, dignified life. LRCS is one of the state’s ten area agencies that provide comprehensive services to people with developmental disabilities and acquired brain disorders, enabling them to be active and fully participating citizens in their communities.

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PSU pair aim to transform practice of law with groundbreaking data analytics

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ing potential, including identifying ways to reduce the excessive use of force by police departments and creating criteria for less arbitrary criminal sentencing decisions. “Data analytics will eventually transform the legal industry. It will help companies improve their operations by preempting a certain number of lawsuits and making litigation more effective, streamlining the process with fewer motions and more informed negotiations,” Forgues said. “We anticipate many large companies and law firms will turn to analytics in the future, taking a more data-driven approach to practicing law.”

Since publishing initial research in Bloomberg Law and the New Hampshire Bar News, Forgues and Lee presented their research and methodology at The Future of Law symposium earlier this fall, teaching other legal practitioners to take an analytical approach to law. The Future of Law is an international symposium hosted annually by LexTech, an Irish firm specializing in digital solutions for multiple legal practice areas. The 2020 conference was held virtually and brought together more than 400 leading legal authorities from around the world, including Ireland’s Minister of Justice, Helen McEntee. Forgues and Lee were among the few invited presenters.

Their session, “Litigation Data Analytics – The Advent of Predictive Outcomes in Litigation,” discussed the two branches of litigation analytics they identified: legal risk analytics, which uses data to identify risk factors that make a business more or less likely to be sued or to sue another; and litigation management analytics, which helps lawyers gain a litigation advantage. Legal risk analytics is an uncharted area of law of which few lawyers are even aware. Litigation management analytics is also unique; using text analytics to predict litigation outcomes is a novel approach in the field with great promise. Forgues and Lee’s research illustrates how legal risk analytics could be used at large firms to identify specific factors that put organizations at litigation risk, helping them anticipate and even preempt certain lawsuits. Just as preventative care medicine looks to reduce negative outcomes and costs down the line, legal risk analytics can reduce or eliminate the costs associated with being sued or



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