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Memories and lessons for graduating Gilford High seniors

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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The Gilford High School class of 2017 reflected on memories and important life lessons during graduation.

On Saturday morning, seniors received their diplomas at Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion to an audience of loved ones.

"Throughout your life you're going to come in contact with many people of every walk of life," said GHS Principal Anthony Sperazzo. "Each one of these individuals has something to offer you."

Sperazzo said the students are now beginning their adult lives and will have many good serious moments, though they will be defined by how they respond to these challenges. He advised the students to remember their parents' advice and asked for them to



Valedictorian Jack Harding gives his address at Gilford High School's graduation.

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learn from every moment.

"I can't thank you enough for the smile you put on my face," Sperazzo said, "and if you

can't figure out why I was smiling, I was smiling because you put it there."

Senior class president Johanna Morris said she

reached out to her classmates and asked them four questions about their memories from GHS including what is the biggest lesson high

school has taught them, what is their most memorable moment, what they would do differently, and what are their stories.

She read some of the responses she received, including car rides with peers, how two students went to the Winter Carnival dance, and one student saying being part of theater tech helped her open up.

"I want to thank you all for sharing your stories because you have the best advice," Morris said.

Morris talked about the need for everyone to "have each other's backs."

"If you're scared don't feel alone, all 130 of us feel the same thing," Morris said.

Salutatorian Leah Gardener told a story of some band students complaining about playing Mozart being told, "What happens if bands stop playing Mozart?" Gar- SEE GRADUATION PAGE A14

Gilford Farmers' Market is reopening Saturday

On Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. - noon, Gilford Farmers' Market welcomes both its returning vendors and a nice selection of new vendors. Once again, it is located on the grounds of the 1838 Rowe House on 88 Belknap Mountain Road where there is plenty of parking.

Aaron of Winnepesaukee Woods Farm is one of the many farmers returning with an assortment of fresh produce, thanks to his greenhouses located on Hoyt Road in Gilford. The Root Cellar is also returning with their assortment of dried beans, mulberries and other items. Joyce Keyser of the Shepherd's Hut

in Gilford will also be there with her fresh frozen assortment of lamb products, plus sheep themed crafts.

Among our returning craft vendors is Molly Harper of Soul Pine Pottery; she was first introduced to ceramics as a student at Gilford High School and fell in love with working with clay. Her items are unique, they range from mugs with a nature theme to more ornate items that could be the center of attention on a table, with varying price ranges.

Diane Alting is a new vendor; since retiring from Gilford Elementary School she enjoys creat- SEE FARMERS PAGE A14

Local officials, organizers gather to kick off Bike Week

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GILFORD — The 94th annual Laconia Motorcycle Week kicked off this past weekend with some returning events and new features.

Representatives from across the state, area, and beyond gathered at Gunstock Mountain Resort on Thursday morning for a press conference on the coming week.

"The theme of this year's press conference is 'We've got it all,'" said Motorcycle SEE BIKE WEEK PAGE A14



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Cody Gray and Sam Kline of the Harley Davidson Motor Company stand with members of the Laconia Police Department at Gunstock.

Put yourself in the spotlight with a Gilford Steamer Selfie!

Here at Gilford Steamer, we believe that each and every one of our readers has a unique story to tell, and we want to give you an opportunity to share yours with a Gilford Steamer Selfie!

Tell us a little about yourself by responding to the following questionnaire and submit your answers to us at steamer@salmonpress.com, along with a "selfie" (or self-taken photo), and let us put you in the spotlight! We will choose one "Selfie" each week for publication, so be sure to read the paper regularly because yours

might be next!

The Gilford Steamer Selfie profile

Name:

Occupation:

I live in:

Family (Are you married? Do you have children?):

Pets:

How long have you lived in the area?

Do you have a favorite food?

What is currently your favorite TV show?

What is your favorite travel destination?

What's the best part about your town?

Who has been the greatest influence in your life?

Who is your favorite musical artist?

What is the greatest piece of advice you have ever been given?

Favorite Sports team:



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Members of the departing fourth grade class of Gilford Elementary School sing during the Fourth Grade Finale.

Fourth graders celebrate their time at GES

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Fourth graders celebrated their years at Gilford Elementary

School and their coming journey through the middle school last week at the Fourth Grade Finale.

Students, families, and teachers celebrated the fourth grade class and their accom- SEE GES PAGE A14

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

School is almost out and student brains are about to atrophy. Have you ever noticed that kids forget what they learned all school year as soon as summer starts? Teachers do. It's like the knowledge is tied to the setting. School means thinking and learning and growing, and everywhere else is for vegging out.

They call it the summer slide. According to the National Summer Learning Association, children who don't find educational stimulus in reading and math throughout the summer perform worse than their peers who do, even when they were on par during the last school year. What's worse is that the effect is cumulative, so if a student repeatedly lacks summer stimulus, they will fall further and further behind as they

grow. Low-income families are hit the worst, since they often can't afford private educational opportunities, camps, and other projects.

The library can be one of the places outside school where students can keep learning, without the rigidity of a classroom. The Summer Reading Programs are designed to motivate kids and teens in a fun way without pressuring them to read when they really don't want to. Almost all of the programs are entirely free and awesome.

Both the children's and teen's Summer Reading Programs run from June 26 to Aug. 4. They are sponsored by the Friends of the Gilford Library (Thanks!). Children earn a raffle ticket for every hour they read, which can be turned in for prizes or to enter raffles. There are all sorts

of gadgets they can 'buy' with their tickets, or they can try to win prizes like tickets to Water Country, Storyland, Santa's Village, Gunstock, and Canobie Lake Park.

Throughout the summer there will be sweet programs starting with the Kick-Off party on Tuesday, June 27 from 2-4 p.m. (teens are invited too!). Hampstead Stage company will be performing Beauty and the Beast on June 29 from 3-4 p.m. Animal lovers can see the Squam Lakes Animal Architects on July 11th from 2-3pm. There will even be a Family Magic Show on July 27 from 6-7 p.m. (for up to eighth graders).

Teens can work with librarians to set their own reading goals for the summer. Each week they check in they will receive a prize. For completing the program they will go into the raffle for

a couple of grand prizes that no teen would want to miss out on. Teens can participate in the Book to Movie Book Club, where we will read books that have become movies and chat about them over food. There will be Book Bonanzas and Teen Maker Camps, so keep an eye out for the calendars to see what's happening.

Let's keep kids reading and save their brains! Adult brains aren't safe either, so consider getting motivated with the adult summer reading program too.

Classes & Special Events

June 15 to June 21

Thursday, June 15
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

It's time to celebrate a year of reading! If you've been involved in the 1,000 Books program, be sure

to sign up and join us for a graduation celebration.

Conversational French, 3:30-4:30pm

Friday, June 16
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 19
CPR for Babysitters, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Planning to babysit this summer? Join us to get CPR certified and learn about babysitting safety. Be sure to pack a lunch! Ages 11 - 16, sign up required. \$35/person. Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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

Book Bites, 5-6:30 p.m.

Join us for this month's cookbook club!

This month's theme is Summer Eats! Sign up required, cost is \$5.

Islands of Winnepesaukee, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join Ron Guilmette, author and photographer, as he relates his adventures and experiences paddling to all of the islands of Lake Winnepesaukee. Ron and co-author Jay Lecese have released the second edition of their award winning coffee table book, "The Islands of Winnepesaukee," which documents the authors' kayaking adventures to all of the lakes islands with more than 275 full-color photos. It also contains many interesting anecdotes and fun facts about the lake and its islands.

Wednesday, June 21
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "The Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck
2. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles
3. "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins
4. "Before We Sleep" by Jeffrey Lent
5. "Come Sundown" by Nora Roberts
6. "Same Beach, Next Year" by Dorothea Benton Frank
7. "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly
8. "16th Seduction" by James Patterson
9. "Two From the Heart" by James Patterson
10. "If Not For You" by Debbie Macomber

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 278 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of June 5-12. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Jamison E. Merriam,

age 41, of Gilford was arrested on June 5 for Domestic Violence; Simple Assault; Physical Violence.

Matthew Doucette, age 20, of Belmont was arrested on June 7 for Reckless Operation.

Jason Labonville, age 21, of Laconia was arrested on June 10 for Possession of a Controlled Drug

(marijuana). Shaine Beaulieu, age 23, of Laconia was arrested during the same traffic stop for Transporting a Controlled Drug in a Motor Vehicle.

Eugene David Lemay, Jr., age 43, of Gilford was arrested on June 10 in connection with an outstanding An 85-year-old male from Gilford was

taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 10.

Denise E. Daly, age 54, of Stoughton, Mass. was arrested on June 10 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Jesse L. Pollock, age 26, of Meredith was arrested on June 11 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.



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Ribbon cut on new WOW Trail phase

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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LACONIA – Organizers and supporters celebrated the completion of phase two of the WOW trail with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a group tour of the new trail.

On Sunday afternoon, project principals, city officials, and WOW Trail users on foot and bikes came to the ribbon cutting ceremony on the new part of the trail behind the Laconia Train Station. Phase two runs from the train station down to the Belmont town line, making for a total of four and a half miles from Belmont to Lakeport.

WOW Trail President Allan Beetle said a trail like this was included in a 1982 report by the city of Laconia with the Lakes Region Planning Commission of things



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Laconia Mayor Ed Engler cuts the ribbon on phase two of the WOW Trail with many project principals and WOW Trail supporters taking part.

that should be built in the area. In 2001 a group of city officials and stakeholders formed the Laconia Rails with Trails Exploratory Committee. Beetle said this vision

was carried over today. Beetle said this vision was carried over through this project.

Construction of phase two began last August with work done by Ly-

man Construction with services from HEB Engineers. Construction was mostly complete by November with a few basic items remaining.

Beetle thanked all

of those who made this project possible including contractors, city and state agencies and officials, businesses, grants, individual and family donors, and many others. Beetle said it was people like the ones at the ceremony that made this possible from people who came to the WOW Sweepstakes Ball to elementary school kids who opened their piggy banks.

Beetle said the trail went right up against some abutter's properties and had to be redesigned in one section so it wouldn't clip someone's house. He said the abutters were generally supportive. Some had some trepidation, though warmed up to the concept when they saw the people coming through.

"For many abutters, they don't know what the change is going to be," Beetle said.

Beetle said the project came in on time and under budget.

Beetle noted that the WOW Trail was listed in the "Top 10 Things to Do in New Hampshire" guide.

"I'm so proud of all of you who had anything to do with phase two," said Laconia Mayor Ed Engler. "This has been a long time coming."

Engler said this project provides "a lifetime of travel" for all parts of the city and can bring people to the area.

"We really and truly believe if we can complete this trail it will be a poster child for reasons to come to New Hampshire," Engler said.

Engler said he was fully committed to this project.

"Laconia and the WOW Trail rocks," said Laconia City Councilor David Bownes.

The goal is to have 25 miles of trail from Franklin to Meredith. Plans for phase three to the Weirs have run into opposition from some abutting condominium associations. Beetle said as the economic impact of this project grows more apparent more walls will come down.

"I think we are really fortunate to have Allan and Jennifer Beetle in our community to be the driving force for the WOW Trail," Linda Peary of Laconia said at the ceremony.

Peary and her family members are avid users of the trail. She said later the section out to Belmont is beautiful with rolling hills and views of the lake.

"When we're out there and you see families biking too and everybody says hello to you when you're on the WOW Trail," Peary said.

Mike Gagnon of Laconia was at the ribbon cutting with his and a few other families. He said his family is a big fan of the WOW Trail.

"We absolutely love it, it's one of our favorite things," Gagnon said.

Gagnon said they biked to the Water Street Cafe that morning. He said when they were at Burrito Me one day they met a family who had taken the WOW Trail from Lakeport to get there.

At the end of the ceremony walkers and cyclists were invited to walk down to Bartlett Beach, where a mural was painted.

The WOW Trail is looking for people to be part of the ambassador's program to help monitor and clean up the trail.

GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

BY HERB GREENE

Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Tickets available for Red Sox bus trip on July 19

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a bus trip to watch the Red Sox at Fenway Park this summer. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th to see the Red Sox play the Toronto Blue Jays. Travel to and from the game will be provided aboard a Coach Company, Luxury Coach fully equipped with climate control, DVD Video System and Lavatory. This trip is limited to 53 participants, so register early!

Cost: \$75 per person or \$280 for a four-pack

For more information, please call the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Archery lessons

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a four-week session of Olympic Archery instruction, to be led by certified archery instructors from Archery In Motion. This program will be held on Tuesday afternoon/evenings from July 11 – Aug. 1 at the Arthur A. Tilton Ice Rink. The Beginner session will run from 4-5 p.m., with the Intermediate session running from 5:15-6:15 p.m. These classes are open to Youth and Adults ages seven years old and up and no experience is required. Enrollment in this program is limited, so sign up soon! Registration forms can be picked up at the Parks and Recreation office or can be found on the department website at www.gilfordrec.com. Priority will be given to Gilford Residents.

Cost: \$65 per person and includes all necessary equipment; you may also bring your own equipment (with approval by instructor).

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is once again inviting the Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp to come to Gilford this summer! The camp will be held in the Gilford Middle School Gym from June 26 – June 30. Session 1 for children entering grades 1-4 will be run from 8 – 10 a.m. Session 2 for children entering grades 5-8 will be run from 8 a.m. – noon. Participants may register by picking up a form from the Parks and Recreation office or by visiting the Gilford Parks and Recreation Web site at www.gilfordrec.com.

Cost: \$85 for Session I and \$130 for Session II

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

LEtGO YOUR MIND Robotics Camps

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two one-week LEGO robotics camps the week of June 26 – June 30. The camps will take place at the Gilford Middle School from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The "Build it BIG: Superstructures, Motorized LEGO Cars & Stop Motion Animation" is open

to children ages five and a half to nine years of age and the "Build it BIG: EV3 Robotics, Minecraft & Stop Animation" is open to children ages nine to 14 years of age. Participants can register on-line at www.letgo-ourmind.com.

Cost: \$310

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Challenger British Soccer Camp

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is again sponsoring a week-long Challenger British Soccer Camp. This camp will be held from July 10 – July 24 at the Gilford Village Field. This camp offers a three-hour program for children ages six to 12 and a one-and-a-half-hour program for children ages three to five. Participants may register by picking up a form from the Parks and Recreation office or by visiting the Challenger Web site at www.challengersports.com.

Cost: \$126 for ages six to 12 and \$94 for ages three to five

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Sciensational workshop for kids! "Arcade Electronics Galore!"

The Gilford Parks

and Recreation Department is Sponsoring a workshop through Sciensational Workshops for Kids for children ages seven to 12, from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 and 15. Participants will build and play their own arcade games and more. You will have at your disposal, resistors, switches, wires, LED diodes, transistors and more. You will program the spinning light fan to display different sayings. Build and play a Home Run Derby game. See who gets the most home runs before getting 10 outs. A winning song will cheer. Build circuits to test your memory. Build an electronic circuit that plays the card game 21. You can learn to program the circuit board to emit different funky sounds. Play with the disco ball, sirens, or a light show. Learn the effects of the different electronic components. Learn what amps, volts, resistance and power are. Yes, this is Sciensational Workshops learn by doing. That is STEM. Registration is taking place at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Office and forms are also available on-line at www.gilfordrec.com

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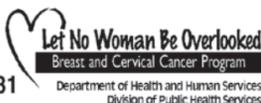
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We're going to jail

It isn't often that we are placed in the position of making news ourselves rather than reporting on it, but we feel it is our duty to announce that our Editor is going to jail...for charity.

On June 29, we will be joining other notable locals from throughout the Lakes Region who are taking part in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) "Lockdown" fundraiser — an annual event hosted by Cactus Jack's in Laconia during which individuals from the community are selected — or is targeted a more appropriate word? — by friends and colleagues for "arrest" and "jailed" inside the restaurant until they are able to post their "bail" (or fundraising goal) and secure their release. The proceeds from the "Lockup" are used to send children and teens afflicted with muscular dystrophy — an inherited disorder which causes a progressive weakening and breakdown of skeletal muscle tissue over time, leaving many sufferers unable to walk as they age — to one of the 75 week-long summer camps sponsored throughout the country by the MDA. These camps provide young MD patients with what may well be a once-in-a-lifetime outdoor experience, helping them engage in adaptive sports, arts and crafts, dances, and a myriad of other activities. For parents and guardians of children with MD, the camps also provide a much-needed break from the demands that come with a caregiver's role, allowing them to attend to their own physical, mental, and emotional needs for a while.

Unfortunately, the benefits offered by the MDA's summer camp program come at a price. It costs roughly \$2,400 to send just one child to camp for a week, making events like the Laconia Lockup a vital source of funding for the organization.

We know from the overwhelming show of support we see each year for events such as the WLNH Children's Auction that the Lakes Region has a big and generous heart, and we strongly urge our readers to join us in supporting this important and wonderful cause by visiting our Editor's donation page at <http://www2.mda.org/goto/BrendanBerube> and giving whatever they are able to give toward his efforts to raise his "bail." We, and the future campers who will benefit from your generosity, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



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Strategies for Living

BY LARRY SCOTT

Many years ago, in a rather tense conversation with a gentleman who was not the least bit sympathetic to my faith, I asked, "Jim, have you ever given thought to the resurrection of Jesus Christ?"

"Huh," he quickly replied, "many people have come back from the dead. That's no big deal!" In one short statement, he rejected one of the great facts of history. Jesus was to have no place in his life.

It was evident he had not given the fundamental cornerstone of the Christian faith an honest evaluation. Granting that many have been revived after clinical death, that has no bearing here. Take the emaciating effects of the scourging, the sword that was thrust into His side piercing the pericardial sac that surrounds the heart, and His

burial for some 36 hours and, far from being a resuscitation, you have a genuine restoration of life for which there is no scientific explanation.

Study the record and you cannot be honest and help but conclude that Jesus did, indeed, arise from the dead. To me the most conclusive evidence, however, is to be found in the judgment of the Apostle Paul. To the church in Corinth, he wrote: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins ... that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and ... appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living."

This, I would remind you, was from the pen of the Osama bin Laden of the early Christian

church. A devout follower of God, sincerely convinced that Christianity was an abomination to his faith, Paul had done everything he could to eradicate what he believed to be a false and ungodly religion.

But something happened to him on a journey he made to Damascus. He had an experience by which he concluded that Jesus had been for real, the promised Messiah for whom he had been praying from his earliest days. The transition from persecutor to preacher, from outright rejection of everything Christianity stood for to becoming an avid follower of Jesus Christ dramatically changed him and had a major impact on the course of history.

This to me is the strongest evidence for the resurrection. Paul was no push-over. He knew the facts of life and was well

aware of how unique an event this was. A genius in his own right, he had no interest in proclaiming a faith that had no merit. He had opportunity to interview the Apostles and some of the over 500 people who had seen Jesus after the resurrection. So clear-cut was the evidence, so convincing were the eye-witnesses, Paul concluded he could no longer deny an event that had to have happened.

Jesus had been dead and had come back from death to verify the message He had preached. And Paul gave the rest of his days proclaiming the dynamic of his faith in Jesus and ultimately gave his own life in its defense. Jesus was truly dead ... but thank God Almighty, He arose to live again!

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

FROM OUR READERS

You made our Kitchen Cravings experience very rewarding

To the Editor:

Kitchen Cravings has been sold, and we would like to take the opportunity to thank all the people who fell in love with our restaurant over the past 10 years. We put more heart and soul into making sure you received good quality, kick-ass food and an experience to remember. Our rewards were watching people taking their first bite and seeing the sheer joy on the faces, or looks of amazement when they received their food — taking pictures to send all over the country and the world even before taking a first bite.

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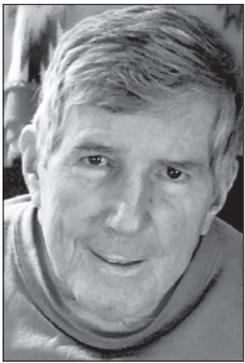
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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Listening to a lot of hammering, hoping that the Big Guy is back



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

The hammering has been going on for about two weeks now, mostly in the punkie remains of an old stub, a big maple that has stood strongly along our rural road for the better part of two centuries.

Now its sugar-tapping days are over, but its hulking remains are



JOHN HARRIGAN

This old maple trunk just down the road, still standing strong, continues to serve various wildlife roles, in this case getting hammered to pieces by various woodpeckers.

still serving various food and shelter functions in the wildlife world--most noticeably, these days as a practicing, feeding place or showoff spot, I think, for every variety

of woodpecker in the territory.

Downy, Three-toed, maybe even, we hope, the top hammerheads themselves, Mr. and Mrs. Pileated, are swing-



COURTESY

A Downy Woodpecker, listening and feeling (through its feet) for various insects crawling under the bark or boring away within.



COURTESY

A Three-Toed Woodpecker exhibiting its usual gravity-defying travel up (or turning around, down) a tree.

ing by for a whack at the old man along the stone wall. And an impressive pile of chips is accumulating alongside the road, highly visible as a work in progress. From my lawn, porch or deck I can hear the birds down there, working away.

Each species of woodpecker has its typical rhythm, The Downy hammers its "dot-dot-dot-dot," a pause, then an almost exact repetition. The Three-toed taps out a more muted "dot-dot-dot-dot-dot," then two or three "dot-dots," and then an almost exact repeat of the first series. Meanwhile we listen for the distinct sound of the Big Guy, the Pileated, with its solid, strong, heavy "DOT-DOT-DOT-dot-dot-

dot-dot," followed by a much more muted "dot-dot-dot-dot-dot." In there somewhere is more modest percussion from other species of the region.

For the past ten summers or so we have had a pair of Pileateds, the "we" being the four or five neighbors that form a sort of big circular route for these biggest of the non-raptor birds, save for the Ivory-billed, long thought extinct but then rediscovered, with great amazement and joy, several years ago in

the swamps of Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Our Pileateds, their 30-inch wing-span taking up such an impressive area of air space, climb a bit and swoop, come up a bit and swoop, in the loop-de-loop so characteristic of the species. They are truly a majestic bird, a reminder of what we might have lost.

I hope our Pileateds are back, to make their haunting cry and funny flight and thud away at anything in decay, but having at it even on sound trees, their massive heads hammering out their distinctive deep triangular excavations as they search for some insect they can hear boring within.

For those interested in the search for the Ivory-billed by birders who for generations had bemoaned its loss, and a deeper look into thoughts about wild places and the conservation movement, readers can seek out James Kilgo's Deep Enough for Ivorybills (1995).

It offers a striking look at what we have lost, and the just-born national conservation movement that managed to save so much of what we see, enjoy, and hear today--in my case all that thwacking, just down the hill.

(This column runs in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters should include town and telephone numbers for questions. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Dividends on steroids



BY MARK PATTERSON

There is a strategy that I would like to discuss that may sound very complicated and potentially have you stop reading this article, but resist that and stick with me because it may be a strategy that could more than double the yield on your dividend paying stocks.

First off, I'm not recommending the purchase or sale of any particular stocks, but I will speak about AT&T stock for exemplary purposes only. Many dividend investors view AT&T as a dividend play not growth, so let's say you want to make a \$25,000 investment in AT&T stock for the dividends which is roughly \$1.92 per share for the year. But as you know with dividends on common stock, this is not guaranteed but voted on by the Board of Directors, however AT&T has had a consistent dividend.

So, let's buy 300 shares of AT&T common stock today at about \$38.50 a share that will cost us approximately \$11,550. So that leaves us about \$13,450 left over in cash which really doesn't pay anything for interest, or does it? What I want to do is to go into the options market one year from now and sell three put option contracts which will represent 300 shares of AT&T, for that I will collect \$2.62 per share in premium or \$786 total. If AT&T stock trades below

\$37.50 per share at expiration, the AT&T shares will be put to me at 37.50 but I have collected \$2.62 per share so my breakeven is \$34.88. If AT&T stock is trading above \$37.50 I just keep the premium and do not buy the stock. This would represent a 6.5 percent gain just by having sold three options contracts and collected the revenue from the premium.

We have a 6.5 percent gain on that portion of the trade, but I did buy 300 shares of AT&T for \$38.50 a share that I've spent \$11,550 for the shares and the stated dividend is \$1.92 per share times 300 or \$576 just for owning the stock. However, I did tell you this was "dividends on steroids", so what I am going to do is sell three covered call options representing the 300 shares that I purchased and I will collect \$1.84 per share in option premium or \$552 for a \$40 strike price expiring next year at this time. Someone else has paid me \$552 for the option to buy 300 shares of AT&T stock at \$40 per share. If AT&T stock is trading above 40 a share, my breakeven is \$41.84, strike plus premium collected. So, if the stock is not called away I would make 9.1 percent return if the stock was called

away I would make 11.2 percent return on the 300 shares that I bought for \$38.50 per share.

As I said before this may sound complicated, but don't let that stop you from looking at the strategy that is commonly referred to as a buy/write strategy. Selling the cash covered puts was just to demonstrate that it can be done, however many just may want to buy 600 shares of AT&T stock and apply this strategy and sell six covered calls.

There is risk involved that must be understood and mitigated, but this strategy is only one of many portfolio management techniques that may or may not be appropriate for you. If you'd like more information on these strategies just call or email me.

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

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Elmer George Davis, 82

Elmer George Davis, 82, passed away peacefully at home on May 30, 2017.

Elmer was born on Aug. 7, 1934 in Wolfeboro, the son of Ernest and Bertha (Welch) Davis.

Elmer attended the Quimbey School, graduating in 1953, after which he spent several years cooking at various eating establishments before enlisting in the United States Army. After his enlistment, he worked at hotels and restaurants all up the East Coast including The Inn at Steele Hill, St. Pierres, and finally retiring from Top of the Town Restaurant. Chef Elmer was well known for his "Kentucky High Pie", and his "Vinegar Pie."

During his retirement, he enjoyed visiting



restaurants all over the region with Brock Piper, Cassandra Hamilton, and Clay and Sarah Piper.

Elmer is survived by his honorary family, Cassandra A. Hamilton, Brock Piper and their children, Sarah Piper and most notably Clay Piper, who had a special bond with his Grandpa Elmer; his second cousin Arnold Ward his third cousins; Edwin Garrett of Mirror Lake, and Gloria Bean, and his very good friends Kathy Polovick of Gilford, Sandy Frazier of

Laconia, and Ray Marie Davis, as well as many, many other friends. Elmer was predeceased by his parents and brother Ernest Davis who passed away in 2016.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, June 19, 2017, followed by a memorial service at the Moultonborough Methodist Church on Route 25 in Moultonborough, also on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. In Lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the New Hampshire Humane Society 1305 Meredith Center Road, Laconia, New Hnd Meredith Bay Crematorium are assisting the family with arrangements.

To view Elmer's online book of memories go to; www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com.

Robert V. Robinson, 63

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Robert V. Robinson, 63, went to be with the Lord March 14, 2017, in Virginia Beach, Va. He, gratefully, had very little pain and died of an acute coronary insufficiency. Bobby was born in Cincinnati, OH May 4, 1953. His childhood was spent in Winchester, Mass., and he was a graduate of Winchester High School and Norwich University in Vermont. He was a Postman in Alton Bay area, and did many other jobs.

Bobby was known as a caring, loving person. A smile always was present when he met a friend. He made people feel welcomed. He was very thankful and was known to

give great thought to gifts to people that he wanted to thank for helping him. He loved animals, the outdoors, Robert Frost poetry, and fishing. However, his greatest love was to travel and to have interesting adventures. He was a devoted Catholic and carried a picture of Jesus in his wallet with his rosary beads.

Bobby was the beloved son of MaryJean Robison of Meredith and Rolland Robison (deceased); brother to Judy Hudson of Alton Bay and David Robison of Jacksonville, Fla.; brother-in-law to Lynne Robison of Jacksonville, Fla. and Robert Hudson (deceased) of Alton Bay; uncle to Leslie and Kristie Hud-

son of Denver, Colo., John Hudson of Boston, Mass. and Ryan Robison of Massachusetts.

There will be a graveside service at the Wildwood Cemetery, Winchester, Mass. at noon, June 17. We will meet at the main gate of the cemetery at 11:50 a.m. to then proceed to the Robison family burial plot. Arrangements are being done by Lane Funeral Home in Winchester, Mass. Lunch will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to any Salvation Army or changedirection.org/nh.

Bobby is now in Jesus' arms in heaven. He will be in our hearts forever.

Granite Health receives grant from Tufts Health Freedom Plan and Northeast Delta Dental to combat drug crisis

CONCORD — On Wednesday, Granite Health announced the organization has been awarded a grant from Tufts Health Freedom Plan and Northeast Delta Dental to implement efforts aimed at preventing addiction and combating New Hampshire's opioid crisis by reducing excess prescription opioids.

Picking up on the important work by Jim and Jeanne Moser and their Zero Left Campaign to combat New Hampshire's drug crisis, Catholic Medical Center, Exeter Health Resources, LRGHealthcare, Southern New Hampshire Health, and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital will implement multiple initiatives throughout this year to reduce excess prescription opioids in New Hampshire. Zero Left's approach is to stop addiction before it starts. With a focus on addiction prevention, the initiatives come on the heels of the state's most successful drug

takeback day and the recent discovery of carfentanil's presence in New Hampshire communities.

The grant will fund three components of Granite Health's initiative to reduce excess prescription opioids, including:

Takeback Boxes: This year, Granite Health will install takeback boxes at three of its member's facilities for people to dispose of excess or expired opioids. The boxes will be located at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, LRGHealthcare in Laconia, and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover. The takeback boxes will make it easy for people to dispose of their unused opioids that are prescribed by a doctor or dentist.

"Many people save excess pain pills 'just in case' they need them but what they don't realize is that having prescription pain pills around the house can pose a very real risk

for addiction," said Travis Harker, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Granite Health. Adding, "Four out of five people who use heroin or fentanyl begin their addiction with prescription opioids from a legitimate prescription or from a friend who had left over pain pills. Getting rid of any excess opioids is an important step in preventing addiction."

Deterra Deactivation Pouches: Participating members of Granite Health have committed to distributing 15,000 drug deactivation pouches, which neutralize the active ingredients in opioids for safe in-home disposal of excess or expired medication. The pouches will be distributed by physicians following surgery. Handing patients deactivation pouches alongside their opioid prescription upon surgical discharge and discussing an appropriate pain management plan, including

how to dispose of the excess pills, will help patients better understand the dangers of misusing and storing excess medication.

Provider Education: Grant funding will provide specialized education and training on appropriate prescribing to medical providers and dentists. Following new rules adopted by the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, and Dentistry mandated by the legislature last session, the education program will fulfill requirements for

physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and dentists to safely prescribe opioids. Further, the education will be customized for post-surgical vs. chronic pain prescribing which is important because safe and appropriate prescribing is different for acute and chronic pain.

The Moser's lost their son, Adam to an overdose in 2015 and founded the Zero Left Campaign. Jim is a surgical technician at Exeter Health Resource-

es, a Granite Health member, and has made it his mission to raise awareness of the dangers of prescription opioids.

"The purpose of the Zero Left Campaign has been to help people understand the dangers of prescription opioids and ensure there are 'zero left' in the medicine cabinet following a prescription cycle," said Moser. "We are very pleased to have healthcare organizations at Granite Health make important commitments aimed at

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June is National Home Safety Month!

Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association helps educate and raise awareness

REGION — June is National Home Safety Month, according to the National Safety Council (NSC). During this time, the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association is working to educate people on how to keep their homes safe from accidents and injury. Safety at home is so important, especially for seniors. Falls in the home cause more

injuries to the elderly than anything else.

Here are some tips on protecting seniors at home:

-Consider a medical alert or a buddy system.

-Improve the lighting. Poor lighting inside and outdoors can increase your risk of falls. Make sure you have enough lighting

in each room, at entrances and on outdoor walkways.

-Install hand rails and grab bars. Have handrails installed on both sides of stairs and walkways. If you must carry something while walking up or down stairs, hold the item in one hand and use the handrail with the other. Properly placed grab bars in your tub and shower, and next to the toilet, can help you avoid falls, too.

In-home care for seniors is growing in popularity. It's important to make sure you and your loved ones are aware of any potential dangers present in the home for seniors living alone and prepare accordingly. To find out more about the home care the LRVNA provide, visit www.LRVNA.org.

To receive special health tips and notices about flu clinics and health screenings, you are invited to sign-up for the free LRVNA "Nurses Care" email newsletter program by visiting www.LRVNA.org. The Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association is located at 186 Waukegan Street in Meredith, NH, phone 279-6611. The LRVNA serves Laconia, Meredith, Gilford, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, Melvin Village and Sandwich.



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Gilford High School Assistant Principal Timothy Goggin presents a New Hampshire red Sox Foundation scholarship to Mark Young.



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Kassy Weston and Kayla Zarella receive the Franklin Savings Bank scholarship from Jess Price.



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Members of National Honor Society receive special stoles from juniors.

GHS seniors receive scholarships, awards

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Gilford High School seniors were honored and received some help toward their future endeavors during the

school's annual scholarship awards night last week.

Families, faculty and staff, and community members recognized the graduating students at

the awards ceremony on Thursday night.

"Tonight you'll be recognized because there's something about you that has impressed somebody," said GHS

Principal Anthony Sperazzo.

Sperazzo said in the case of memorial scholarships, there is something about those students that reminded

someone of their loved one.

The Harry and Nancy Bryant Scholarship was given to Stevie Orton, Kayla Zarella, and Kassy Weston.

The Gilford District PTA presented its STEM Award to Connor Craigie, the Education Award to Andrew Nelson, and the Community

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GHS students honor veterans

Students and teachers from Gilford High School brought another huge batch of ceremonial flag cases to the New Hampshire Veterans Home last Friday afternoon, marking the third year in a row that this year-long joint project has given this gift to our residents. The polished triangular wood cases are used to hold the ceremonially folded flag that was draped over a veterans coffin. The Home presents them to the families of NHVH residents who pass away. The students brought about 60 this year, double the number from 2016. The project was spearheaded by business teacher Steve O'Riordan, whose business class raised the funds for the materials, and the cases were built in the classes of technical education teacher Dan Caron. The officers of the Home's Resident Council were on hand to convey the residents' thanks.

Gilford boys' tennis - Division 3 champions



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Unified Writing at GHS: Breaking new academic ground

The French writer Gustave Flaubert once said, "There is not a particle of life which does not bear poetry within it." And it is precisely that kind of discovery that fuels the new Unified Writing class at Gilford High School. Students within the course examine everything from rain to the Robert Frost-inspired concepts of fire and ice as well as issues like growing up; the students then illuminate the particles of life that they discover through writing poetry.

Inspired by the success of Unified Sports, Gilford High School has chosen to take the next step: creation of an academic Unified class. The purpose of the class is to promote social inclusion through study involving both reading and writing experiences. The main focus of the course is poetry, and all of the students participate in active writing time resulting in both classroom and public sharing of their work. Similar to



Aaron Matthews reads his poetry to the Gilford High School Unified Writing class

Unified sports, special needs students and Partners work together to support one another in achieving goals. Gilford is unique in this aspect—when looking around the State for models, the closest class with such a goal amounted to a Unified Physical Education class. Thus, Gilford High School breaks new ground with the creation of this academic class.

Gilford's PTA made a major contribution to the Unified Class: they contributed

money that allows each student to produce a book of poems to be published at the end of the course. Students chose poems from the ones they wrote during the trimester, arranged them, and created covers, title pages, dedication pages, and the tables of contents to go into the books. Students were allowed the freedom to go with whatever design they might want within the proper book framework. Added to the PTA's support, SEE UNIFIED WRITING PAGE A15

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"Mr. Misunderstood" himself, Eric Church, returns to Gilford for two epic nights, Sept. 21 and 22!

GILFORD — Country Music's award winning Eric Church returns to Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion Sept. 21 and 22! Tickets go on sale Friday, June 9 at 10 a.m., and range from \$49.75 to \$144.75. Get your tickets by calling the

Box Office at 293-4700 or online at www.BankNH-pavilion.com.

Coming off his Holdin' My Own Tour, with "the attitude of rock 'n' roll, transgression and a little sin," (The Courant) Eric Church is bringing a

two-night tour encore to Gilford. Church will retire his two-set model (for now), and bring special guests to join him.

"This tour has been so special musically; I can honestly say I'm really gonna miss it," Church says, referring to not only the journey but seeing everyone on their feet night-after-night singing as loud as they can for the entire show. "That being said, I'm looking forward to sharing the bill with some artists I enjoy. It's gonna be a fun challenge to turn a three-hour show into a shorter one that can vary drastically night-to-night."

Church's Holdin' My Own Tour has notched the #1 most attended touring concert in the world in 2017 according to Pollstar, with critics noting, "in a relatively short time Eric Church has firmly established himself as one of the best live performers of his generation," Thom Jennings of the Niagra Gazette observed following his Buffalo show. "His albums keep getting progressively better as do his live shows. It may only be a matter of time before he is too big for hockey arenas and will start headlining stadium shows."

Don't miss Eric Church Sept. 21 and 22!

Get your tickets Friday, June 9 at 10 a.m. by contacting the Box Office at 293-4700 or log on to www.BankNH-pavilion.com!

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Located on the banks of beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford, New Hampshire, Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion is New England's premier outdoor venue with 6,000 seats under a large pavilion roof and a spectacular lawn seating area for an additional 2,000 patrons. Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion is known for attracting world-renowned artists from Luke Bryan to James Taylor, from

Train to Crosby, Stills & Nash, Dave Matthews Band to Chris Stapleton, and especially for its state-of-the-art audio system. Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion was nominated for the Music Venue of the Year Award by the Academy of Country Music six times; Pollstar Magazine Red Rocks Award for best small outdoor venue five times; named USA Today's 10 Best Concert Venues in the USA; and, nominated for Music Venue of the Year by the Country Music Association two times. Each summer more than 200,000 concertgoers enjoy the venue's beautiful location, clean facility, and friendly staff.

Lasell College names Laconia resident to Dean's List

NEWTON, Mass. — Lasell College recently named Ashley Stuart of Laconia, to the Lasell College Dean's List for the Spring 2017 semester. Stuart, whose major is Psychology, is a member of the class of 2017.

To achieve the academic honor of being named to the Dean's List, Ashley Stuart must be full-time carrying 12 or more graded credits for the se-

mester with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

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Gilford Community Band opens season on June 21

With summer fast approaching, what is more appropriate than the Gilford Communi-

ty Band's first performance on the Summer Solstice. The band will open up on Wednesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at the Weeks Bandstand in Gilford Village. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be at the Gilford Performing Arts Center at the Gilford High School.

The first two summer concerts on June 21 and July 5 will be directed by Rachel Auger, who is the new Gilford Elementary School Music Director. Rachel attended school in Maine, and received her post-secondary education in Music Education at Ithaca College in New York. Ironically, two of this year's graduating Gilford seniors will also be majoring in the performing arts at Ithaca College. Rachel has primarily played piano for most of her life. In the past, she has been a participant and a music director for the always popular Prescott Park Arts Festival in Portsmouth.

One selection will be "Those were the Days", which was composed by Gene Raskin, who wrote the English lyr-

ics of youth and romantic idealism to a Russian song "By the Long Road." Mary Hopkins' 1968 version was #2 on the Billboard 100. Another selection will be the famous Righteous Brothers's "blue eyed soul" song "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling." It will bring back memories of the 1960's. "Men of Ohio" was composed by Henry Fillmore in the early twentieth century. He is known as the "Father of the Trombone Smear," which is when one note is played to the next note in one breath. "Haskell's Rascals", composed by Paul Yoder in 1954, will feature Leah Gardner and Ben Altmire with their dazzling "sticking" on the snare drums.

This initial summer concert will present marching music and contemporary hits. So be sure to mark your calendar or smart phone for Wednesday, June 21, for this first concert of the summer. Further information on the band can be obtained from long-time Band Director Lyvie Beyrent at lbyrent@sau73.org.



COURTESY

GHS students donate to Got Lunch

The Gilford Got Lunch Board would like to thank Gilford High School's Business Management II Class for their generous donation of \$1,000. The class is taught by Steve O'Riordan, and the students have named their product Steve O Subs. The proceeds from their sales were donated to the program. This is the second year the program has benefited from the support of the students. Their donation will make a difference for children during the summer when school is not in session. During the summer weeks, GILFORD GOT LUNCH provides seven days of healthy breakfast, lunch, and snack options for each child in our program. We deliver the bags to the children's homes along with fresh produce which is co-ordinated by Aaron Lichtenberg from Winnepesaukee Woods Farm. The first delivery will be June 26. For more information about Gilford Got Lunch, visit our website at www.gilfordgotlunch.com Names for Photo: Bottom, Left to Right, Sydney Holland, Logan Essaff, Danny Getchell-Lacey, Ian McNeil. Top Left to Right Maccoy Bourgeois, Alexa Dembiec, Tyler McKinney, David Hart, Don Troiano, Braedon Lacroix, Meg Jenkins, Callie Hackley, Natasha Tyler, Alyssa Walsh, Samantha Johnson. Missing: Bryan Chilvers, Danielle Clairmont.

Streetcar Company holding auditions for summer youth theatre

LACONIA —The Streetcar Company, the Lakes Region's oldest running community theatre, announces auditions for their upcoming SKYT summer shows,

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Enjoy "Life with Father" this weekend on LRPA

LACONIA— Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (June 16 & 17) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1947's Academy Award-nom-

inated comedy "Life With Father," starring William Powell, Irene Dunne, with a wonderful supporting cast including Elizabeth Taylor and Martin Milner.

"Life With Father" is the story of turn-of-the-century stockbroker Clarence Day (Powell), a no-nonsense businessman who runs his Madison Avenue home with the same efficiency as he runs his Wall Street office. Day's numerous rules and domestic eccentricities make keeping hired help nearly impossible, but his mild tempered and wily wife Vinnie (Dunne) manages to keep their home together. Clarence and Vinnie have four red-headed sons who are beginning to spread their wings in the areas of school, work and love – and their antics threaten to turn Day's neatly ordered life upside down in the process. Along the way, we are introduced to Vinnie's cousin Cora (Zazu Pitts) and her young, beautiful companion Mary (Taylor), who, in Day's opinion, disrupt the household with their visit. There are rapid fire discussions about life, love, business, religion and even a ceramic pug!

"Life With Father" began as a memoir

written by Clarence Day, Jr. about his family's life in 1880s New York. It was adapted into a play that ran for more than seven years and holds the record for the longest-running non-musical play on Broadway, staging nearly 3,225 performances. Based upon its enormous popularity with critics and audiences alike, Warner Bros. paid over half a million dollars for the screen rights to the play, the highest price paid to that date. They cast two very popular actors, Powell and Dunne, as the leads, and filled out the supporting cast with stellar character actors (Zazu Pitts and Edmund Gwenn) as well as those whose stars would soon be on the rise, including the very young Elizabeth Taylor, and Martin Milner, who would go on to a successful television career on the shows "Route 66" and "Adam-12." Directed by Michael Curtiz ("Casablanca," "Mildred Pierce," "White Christmas"), "Life With Father" was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Actor, Best Cinematography, Best Art Direction and Best Score. It was very well received at the box office, winding up on

several critics' lists as a top ten movie of the year. In a 1948 interview in the Saturday Evening Post, William Powell noted that the character of Clarence Day was his favorite screen role to date. The film remains a classic, allowing the viewer to step back into New York in the Gay Nineties. What else do you need to know? Grab your popcorn and join us after dark for this comedic trip down memory lane.

You can't find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream through our website (www.lrpa.org) where you can catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public 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 cablecasts locally on MetroCast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via Live Stream at www.lrpa.org. 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,
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- promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and
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COURTESY

Alton Dance Academy presents "Snow White and the Huntsman"

The Alton Dance Academy will proudly present "Snow White and the Huntsman" at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton. The show time are June 23 at 6:30 p.m. and June 24 at noon and 5 p.m. A third show was added due to high demand - a great accomplishment for many local children. Tickets go on sale June 12. Ticketing info and more info on lessons and summer camps can be found at 875-3623, our Facebook Page and Web site, www.altondanceacademy.com

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Diversify with Bonds (Even If Rates Are Low)

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One of the biggest benefits provided by bonds is their ability to help you diversify a stock portfolio. Stocks and bonds often move in different directions – in fact, the same economic or political forces that can be bad for stocks might be good for bonds, and vice versa. Consequently, if you own a reasonable percentage of bonds, you may not be as vulnerable to the impact of those inevitable downturns in the stock market. Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't guarantee profits or protect you against losses.

Of course, the other major attribute of bonds is the regular income they provide through interest payments. Unless the issuer

defaults – an event that's generally unlikely, assuming you purchase quality, "investment-grade" bonds – you can count on receiving the same payments for the life of your bond. Then, once your bond matures, you'll get back the original principal, again assuming the issuer doesn't default. The ability to receive regular payments may help improve your cash flow and possibly help you avoid selling stocks to meet unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair. And holding your bond until maturity can help you plan to meet specific goals; for example, if your child will be starting college in five years, you can buy a bond scheduled to mature at the same time, providing you with an influx of cash you can use for tuition and other school expenses.

Still, despite the benefits of diversification, steady income and the repayment of principal, you may find it hard to ignore the relatively low interest rates you're seeing on your bonds. This is especially true if market rates rise, causing the value of your bonds to fall. (Investors won't pay you the full price – that is, the face value – of your bonds when they can buy new ones issued

at higher rates. So, if rates have risen and you want to sell your bonds before they mature, you'd have to offer them at a discount.)

One way of coping with interest-rate movements is to build a "ladder" of bonds of varying maturities. When your short-term bonds mature, you can reinvest the proceeds in newly issued bonds that may offer higher rates, while your longer-term bonds continue to pay you greater income. (Generally – but not always – longer-term bonds carry higher interest rates than short-term bonds.)

Even within this type of bond ladder, though, you will want to diversify your holdings among different types of bonds from different issuers. In any case, be sure to evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Don't ignore bonds when constructing and maintaining your investment portfolio. No matter what interest rates are doing, you'll find that bonds can play an important role in your portfolio.

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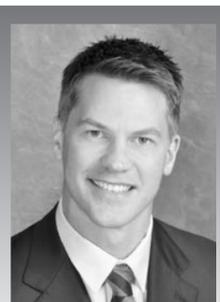
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Pitman's welcomes the Mallett Brothers Band

LACONIA — Pitman's Freight Room is pleased to announce the following shows this weekend.

Friday, June 16, 8 p.m., \$20: The Mallett Brothers Band

The Mallett Brothers Band plays original music with a unique style that spans across country, rock and roll, Americana and "alt-country" genres. The band has grown a dedicated fan base across the country since releasing their debut record in 2009. With songs that can range from alt country, to americana, honky-tonk, jam or roots rock, theirs is a musical melting pot that's influenced equally by folk and singer/songwriter influences as it is by harder rock, twang and psychedelic sounds. Led



The Mallett Brothers Band

by brothers Luke and Will Mallett, the band is rounded out by Brian Higgins on drums, Nick Leen on bass, Wally on dobro and electric guitar, and sometimes filled out by Matt Mills on lead guitar, pedal steel and banjo. It's song-driven music that holds up under the lens of solitary listening, but that's equally apt to crank a room full of rockers into whiskey-fueled high gear.

Since forming in 2009, the band has provided support for acts ranging from The Josh Abbot Band, Blackberry Smoke, and the Turnpike Troubadours, to legends like Lynyrd Skynyrd, Charlie Daniels, and 38 Special. Their touring circuit stretches from the Appalachian to the Rocky Mountains, from Maine to Mississippi, and they've appeared in front of many fine



The Tall Granite Big Band

people at some of the finest music venues in the country, including the Continental Club in Austin, the legendary Gruene Hall in New Braunfels, Texas, the Birchmere in Alexandria, Va., the Bluebird in Nashville, Tenn., Meadowbrook Pavilion in New Hampshire, and more.

Doors open at 7 p.m., and we are a BYO Venue. For reservations, call 527-0043.

Saturday, June 17, 7 p.m., \$20: Swing Dance with the Tall Granite Big Band

From the syncopated heart of New Hampshire, the Tall Granite Big Band carries on its Swing tradition Texas style! The 18-member band has its roots in Texas with music collected over seven decades by the late Houston band leader Johnny Dyson. The Dyson band's early repertoire included

classics from Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Perez Prado, Duke Ellington, Harry James, and other greats. But Dyson also worked closely with Texas arrangers including Don Elam and Fred Baetge, and over time his bands acquired unique material reflecting the vital "Third Coast" culture and its Blues and Latin influences, which help distinguish Tall Granite today. Today, our members are drawn from around the Granite State and our focus — as it was in Dyson's day — remains on dancing! So if you're done with dueling banjos or screaming guitars, grab your two-tone shoes, slick back that hair, join us at the excellent Pitman's Freight Room and swing and sway or just relax to the Tall Granite Big Band's smokey horns and unique sound! Free Dance Lesson before the show from 7 – 8 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m., and we are a BYO Venue. For reservations, call 527-0043.

Lakes Region beauty on exhibit

TILTON — The Lakes Region is one of New Hampshire's most picturesque areas. So, when local artists were asked to catch the splendor and charm of the region, it was an easy task. Working in oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylics and photography, 34 artists from the Lakes Region Art Association submitted more than 68 pieces of original works for a spectacular art exhibit at the Lakes Region Art Association Art Gallery, located in the Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd., Suite 132 in Tilton. The "Around the Lakes" Art Show, on display till July 17, celebrates the beauty and magic of Central New Hampshire.

From lake scenes and mountain vistas to forest hiking trails and New England architecture, the "Around the Lakes" Art Show features paintings and photographs from every corner of the region. Views from atop Mt.

Major, barns in Canterbury, to beautiful panoramic paintings of Lake Winnepesaukee, Lake Winnisquam, and Lake Opechee are just a few of the scenes represented at the show. Featured artists include Robert Emory, Meredith; G. Edward Hudson, Canterbury; Gisela Langsten, Gilford; Beverly Shanley, Gilford; BJ Eckardt, Belmont; Scott Hayes, Hebron; Gerard Paquette, Northfield; Gerri Harvey, Gilford; and others.

The Lakes Region Art Association, founded in 1940, is a non-profit group providing education and support to

local artists, both amateur and professional, in the Lakes Region. The Gallery represents more than 29 artists and photographers from the Lakes Region. On display and for sale are more than 100 original works in oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylics, photography and more.

The "Around the Lakes" Art Show and Sale is presented by the Bank of New Hampshire. The Reception and Show are free and open to the public. The Gallery is open Thursdays through Mondays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.lraanh.org.

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Come meet Betsy

Sarah Elizabeth Hannah, a.k.a. Betsy, is a hand carved, fully jointed doll made by Reverend Fred Laughon for the Happy Hobby Doll Club in 1995 for the 1996 Alton Bicentennial and has been donated back to the club by Alton Resident, Ruth Messier, who passed away this past March. The doll was first raffled in 1996 to a couple in Maine from which she was donated back to the club and subsequently raffled again last year when Ruth won her. Presently, Betsy is on display in the Gilman Library in Alton. Betsy is 15 inches tall, and is a replica of a 1796 doll with her historically authentic wardrobe and accessories included. She is signed and dated by Fred Laughon who made wooden dolls and 18th and 19th Century salesman's sample size furniture in his Williamsburg, Va. woodworking shop for collectors all over the world. She is inscribed "Made Especially for the Happy Hobby Doll Club, Alton Bicentennial 1796-1996." Visit Betsy at the Gilman Library and pick up a pre-addressed envelope with a bidding slip for your name, address, phone number, email address and bid. All bids must be received by Dec. 1, and the winner will be notified in early December. For more information please email sandy2@metrocast.net.

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Laconia couple win Art Association Gallery's latest free art drawing

TILTON — Drew Gillett, who recently moved to Laconia with his wife, Barbara, is the lucky winner of the Lakes Region Art Association Gallery's free art drawing, which featured Gerri Harvey's work, "Lift Off."

Gillett is a retired consulting engineer in the field of renewable energy and had been coming to the Lakes Region for vacations with his family since he was seven or eight years old. When he and Barbara retired, they decided to move to the Lakes Region area permanently. They had only been in Laconia for a couple of weeks when, looking for something to do, they decided to attend the reception for the Around the Lakes

Art Show that was being held at the LRAA Art Gallery at the Tilton Outlets and which featured various local artists. Drew and Barbara very much enjoyed both the reception and show and in the process registered for the drawing to win the original acrylic painting by Gerri Harvey. Never thinking they would win, they were delighted when they were notified that Drew had been selected as the winner of Harvey's painting. They were particularly happy that the picture was a water scene from the lakes area and plan to display the painting in a prominent location upon completion of their move.

Harvey, a retired registered nurse who



Award winning artist Gerri Harvey, right, presents her original acrylic painting, "Lift Off" to drawing winner Drew Gillett of Laconia and his wife, Barbara, at the Lakes Region Art Gallery in Tilton. Behind them is Gerri's display panel at the gallery.

lives in Gilford, is an award-winning local artist who has been painting in acrylics for a number of years and has recently been exploring watercolor and mixed media painting. She has also been one of the association Artists of the Month on several occasions. When she retired from nursing after 40 years she started devoting more time to painting, studying and teaching painting to others. She is inspired by landscapes and wildlife in the beautiful Lakes Region area of the state and donated her acrylic painting for the May drawing at the gallery. Other pieces of her artwork can be seen at the LRAA Gallery as well as at the VynnArt Gallery in Meredith, Artistic Roots in Plymouth and on Gerri's website at www.gerriharvey-art.com.

The LRAA Art Gallery is located in the Tilton Tanger Outlets (near the Customer Service office) and is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition to Harvey's work, the gallery displays original artwork from more than 27 other Lakes Region area artists, both emerging and professional, including oils, acrylics, watercolor, photography and digital painting. The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA), founded in 1940, is a nonprofit group providing education and support to local artists, both emerging and professional, in the Lakes Region. For more information LRAA and the gallery, see www.lraanh.org.

The Ossipee Mountain Boys to kick off summer concerts at the Belknap Mill

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill is looking forward to entertaining the Lakes Region this summer with their annual Music on the River Concert Series.

The series kicks off on Friday, June 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Rotary Riverside Park with the Ossipee Mountain Boys. The band has regrouped for several shows in 2017. Featuring original members Jeff Nelson, guitar, vocals, Dave Walker – bass, harmonica, vocals and Paul Luff – banjo, guitar and vocals, OMB played all over NH in the late 70's and early 80's. They were favorites at the Sandwich Fair during those years as



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well as pubs and taverns throughout the Lakes Region. They continue to use blue grass arrangements of fun and popular songs from yesterday and today in a folk, rock, swing, grass "put your hands together for this one" style.

Joining the Ossipee

Mountain Boys is Seacoast recording artist Tom Yoder. As the mandolin and fiddle player for the Don Campbell Band he enjoyed the opportunity to perform at The Grand Old Opry in Nashville and many other prestigious venues.

This year the series

will fall on scheduled Friday evenings with the exception of The 39th Army Band NH National Guard concert which will be held on Thursday, July 20th. A free event that is open to the public, we encourage you to bring the family, a few lawn chairs and to drop on by.

Should there be inclement weather; the show will be held on the third floor of the Belknap Mill at 25 Beacon Street East in Laconia. For a listing of the artists, visit the Belknap Mill website at www.belknapmill.org.

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501 (c) (3) 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.

For further information on the mill and its events, email programs@belknapmill.org, visit www.belknapmill.org, or call 524-8813.

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Temple supports veterans group

LACONIA — Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia recently hosted a concert featuring a tribute artist performing the song books of Barry Manilow and Rod Stewart. All proceeds from the concert went to the local non-profit veterans support group, Camp Resilience. The Temple's We Care Committee conducts two concerts per year with 100 percent of the gate receipts donated to local charities. For their Memorial Day Weekend concert, they fittingly chose Camp Resilience to show their support for our veterans. Thanks to the hard work and diligence of the We Care Committee, with the support of the Temple's congregation and sponsorships from Meredith Village Savings Bank and Golden View Healthcare, a total of over \$ 6,800 was raised for Camp Resilience. Camp Resilience provides four day sessions monthly for veterans suffering from the visible and invisible wounds of war including PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury and loss of limbs.

"Our motto is helping those who served bounce back in mind, body and spirit," said Camp Resilience founder, retired Army officer Kurt Webber of Gilford.

"Since we are a group of volunteers, we rely on donations from community members and businesses to fund our sessions which cost the visiting veterans nothing to attend. All their costs while here in the Lakes Region are paid for by Camp Resilience thanks to generous benefactors. This tremendous support from Temple B'nai Israel will go a long way towards funding our summer sessions and we are deeply grateful to the congregation and especially the We Care Committee for their invaluable help and support," Webber added.

For more information about Webber's group and how you can help, please visit the Web site: www.pri.us.

The second annual charitable concert hosted by Temple B'nai Israel will take place on October 21st at the Interlakes High School Auditorium



COURTESY

Kurt Webber, founder of the non-profit Camp Resilience for veterans, receives a check for \$6,800 from Temple B'nai Israel's President Marsha Ostroff. Joining Webber for the presentation was Camp Resilience board member Don Morrissey, left, while Temple We Care Committee members Gary Broom, far left and Ken Goodman, far right look on.

in Meredith and the beneficiary will be the Belknap House, the recently-opened cold weather shelter in Laconia. This concert will feature the acapella choral group from Boston's renowned Berklee

College of Music. Both Camp Resilience and the Belknap House encourage area residents to support the Temple's fund-raising efforts including the 20th annual Jewish Food Festival which takes place on July 9 at the Temple, 210 Court St. in Laconia from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This annual event sells out fast so the public is urged to get there early to purchase delectable food products from the congregation's treasure trove of family recipes. For more information, please visit the Web site, www.tbinh.org.

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GRADUATION

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dener said in its own way the same thing could be asked of any other school tradition.

"If bands stop playing Mozart, Mozart disappears," Gardener said.

Gardener said she had a partial answer to the conundrum of not living in the past yet not letting memories disappear.

"Share your stories with those you meet in the future and reminisce with those you know in the past," Gardener said.

She asked students to keep up their traditions and pass them down as well as to reflect so the memories can stay alive. Gardener said the best advice she can give comes from a song they learned in elementary school.

"Always remember make new friends, but keep the old," Gardener said. "One silver and the other? The other's gold."

Valedictorian Jack Harding said he changed the theme of his speech right after reading "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry and three lessons the Fox imparts to the Little Prince: "What is essential is invisible to the eye," "It is the time you invested for your rose that made your rose so important," and "You are responsible forever for what you have tamed."

"You cannot rely on objects to make you happy," Harding said. "Lean on your foxes and your roses, but do not expect



Connor Craigie receives his diploma from GHS Principal Anthony Sperazzo.



Salutatorian Leah Gardner receives her diploma.

your roses and foxes to fix everything."

Harding said this is one of the most important lessons he has learned in high school.

"The struggle that is high school has forced itself to a special spot in my heart," Harding said, later adding, "You can look on high school as Antoine de Saint-Exupéry looks at the stars."

This year's keynote speaker was retiring science teacher Polly Rouhan, who said all of them will be faced with many decisions.

"The one thing I hope you have learned during your tenure at Gilford High School is to make

informed decisions," Rouhan said.

She advised students to use the scientific model in their lives: starting with a theory, then observations and experiments, then adjusting the theory based on new information.

Rouhan herself started her career as an engineer.

"I was very happy with my decisions until I wasn't," Rouhan said. "Life is a journey, not a destination." She decided to change careers for teaching in her mid-30's, saying this has been the hardest job she has had and the most rewarding.

FARMERS

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ing hand crafted jewelry. Each of her pieces is unique and no two are alike. Look for her at her Bead Statements table, she is a guest vendor and will be there twice a month.

Another new vendor is Farmgirl Flowers and Finds. She specializes in unique hand decorated vases and jars that highlight flowers and repur-

posed antique containers and garden items.

Visitors may also enjoy buying a cup of coffee, a doughnut, or any of the fresh breads and rolls that are available and sitting down and chatting with one another.

On Opening Day, June 17, Dan Carter, a local professional musician and singer, will be at the Market to share his mu-

sic with us. We are fortunate to have Dan willing to help out the Gilford Historical Society raise funds for the renovation of the 1838 Rowe House, as all vendor fees go into a special fund for that purpose. So, when shoppers help themselves by buying locally grown produce and crafts, they are also helping to preserve the Rowe House.

GES

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plishments during the annual Fourth Grade Finale on Tuesday night.

GES Principal Danielle Bolduc came to GES five years ago when the members of the fourth grade class were in kindergarten.

"I had no idea how to be a principal, but I knew I was coming to a school that loved children and put them above everything," Bolduc said.

Bolduc said she learned about the school and progressed through it at the same time the students did.

She remembered the Friendship Bench Dedication when she chanted the wrong slogan.

Bolduc also recalled tearing down the old Imagination Station so a new one could be built as well as the "One School, One Book" projects, sledding under the stars, tapping maple trees and boiling sap in the parking lot, and the "epic fail" of cardboard sleds, and many more.

Bolduc remembered the JBT Walk in honor of John Bradley Thompson, a member

of the class who was battling Diffuse Pontine Glioma (a type of childhood brain tumor). John Bradley lost his battle in 2014 and he was remembered during the ceremony.

Bolduc said remembered the rows of orange down the street.

"We learned to lean on each other and build houses with friendship," Bolduc said.

Bolduc advised the students to find their struggle and work through any challenge.

"Know that your greatest accomplishment will be when you find that struggle," Bolduc said.

She advised the

BIKE WEEK

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Week Association President Cynthia Makris.

Makris expressed gratitude to fellow board members for all their work, saying they continue to ensure that Bike Week continues to its 100th anniversary. She also thanked the sponsors and the many other people who make this event possible.

Meredith Town Manager Phil Warren welcomed people to come to Meredith during the week.

"There's plenty to see and do in town," Warren said. "We hope that you ride, we hope that you stay safe."

Laconia Mayor Ed Engler recognized the efforts of Charlie St. Clair, saying St. Clair and Paul Fitzgerald worked to resurrect the Motorcycle Week Association after it had fallen dormant over the years.

Engler said there are "dozens and dozens" of city departments involved in working on Bike Week.

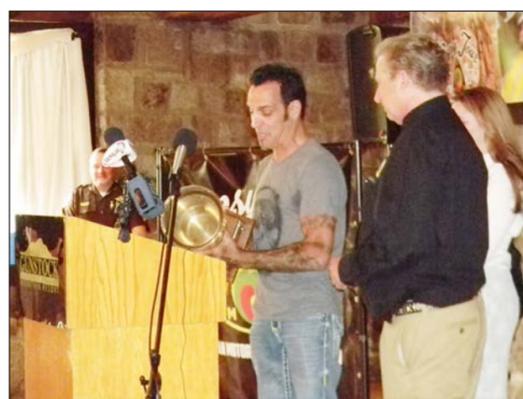
"Let's all have a great week, let's all have a fun week, let's all have a safe week," Engler said.

Maj. Russ Conte of New Hampshire State Police, Laconia Police Chief Matt Canfield, and Laconia Fire Chief Ken Erickson talked about the safety preparations, partnerships, and efforts going on during the week.

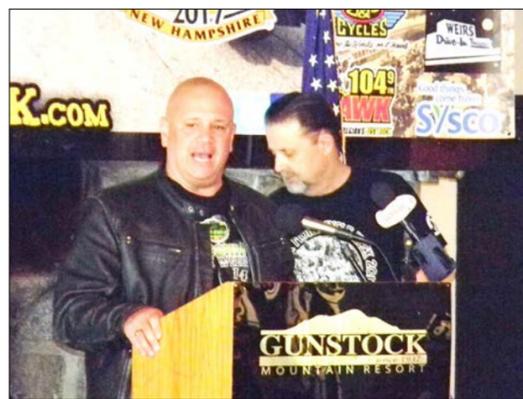
"The safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance to us," Canfield said.

Kris Neilson from the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism said Bike Week is an old tradition for so many people.

"Motorcycle Week is a Granite State success story," Neilson said. "It also affords the opportunity to show the state to people who want to live here."



Doug Asermely of Sick Boy Motorcycles receives the Fritz Baer Award from Charlie St. Clair and Jennifer Anderson.



Meredith Town Manager Phil Warren and Laconia Mayor Ed Engler speak at the Bike Week press conference at Gunstock.

One of the biggest events during the week was the return of the Hill Climb at Gunstock on Wednesday. Gunstock General Manager Greg Goddard said Gunstock is celebrating its 80th birthday this year.

"What better way to kick it off than with the return of the original hill climb during Bike Week," Goddard said.

Goddard said one of the first things new Marketing Director Mike Roth did was working to get the hill climb back, working with Mike Farnsworth and Ridge Runners Promotions.

St. Clair said this year marks the 100th anniversary of the Hill Climb.

"Never thought we'd get the Hill Climb back," St. Clair said. "It's a big deal because there's so many locals that appreciate it."

Another major event was the Peter Makris Memorial Ride on Saturday, which Erickson said has raised under \$350,000 for Laconia Water Rescue and for Easter Seals: Veteran's Count.

On Monday riders took part in the Mae West Memorial Ride to benefit the New Hampshire Humane Society, named in honor of St. Clair's cat who passed away last year.

Doug Asermely of Sick Boy motorcycles announced the ride would raffle off a guitar autographed by all the members of Guns 'n Roses with the exception of lead singer Axl Rose.

"They have a voice, pets don't have a voice," Asermely said.

This year, Bike Week has some special guests, including Sam Kline and Cody Gray from the Harley-Davidson Motor Company who came from Milwaukee. Harley Davidson will have a booth right by the Weirs Sign all week, including a large fleet of demo bikes as well as clothing and accessories.

Will Swart, General Manager of Laconia Harley Davidson, announced that LHD is also raffling off a trip for two to Harley Davidson headquarters in Milwaukee with a tour, travel expenses, and a stay at the Iron Horse Hotel. Proceeds will go to the Children's Auction of the Greater Lakes Region.

Organizers from the Sturgess rally will be in Laconia this week.

The Gypsy Ride will take place on Sunday. Bike Week has been recognized as the longest running National Gypsy Tour in the United States by the American Motorcycle Association. Sunday will also be the 94th running of the Loudon Classic at NHMS at 2 p.m.

Dave McGrath, General Manager of New Hampshire Motor Speedway also announced a number of other events going on at the speedway including motorcycle demo rides, the Wall of Death show, displays, and more.

At the end of the conference, St. Clair presented the Fritz Baer Award to Asermely.

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Tom Raffio is the President & CEO of Northeast Delta Dental.

He says, “With the continued severity of New Hampshire’s opioid crisis, Northeast Delta Dental is proud to partner with Granite Health and its members to prevent misuse of prescription opioids. We know that opioid misuse has oral and overall health implications and Northeast Delta Dental will work with Granite Health to increase awareness of this important health issue while providing resources for the public and medical and dental professionals.”

Brian Wells is the President of Tufts Health Freedom Plan, a newly established health insurance company in New Hampshire.

He says, “It is our job not only as an insurer, but as a company with strong roots in the community to do whatever we can to help prevent medication from ever being misused. The opioid epidemic is ravaging our community, and we must come together to do whatever we can to prevent overdoses before they happen.”

The grant is funded by contributions from Tufts Health Freedom Plan and Northeast Delta Dental, who each share a relationship with Granite Health. The components of Granite Health’s initiative will be progressively rolled out over the course of this year.

About

Granite Health

Granite Health was formed in 2011 and is a partnership of six independent New Hamp-

shire health systems dedicated to leading the transformation of healthcare delivery in the communities they serve. Catholic Medical Center, Concord Hospital, Exeter Health Resources, LR-GHealthcare, Southern New Hampshire Health, and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital are committed to sharing resources to provide better, more seamless, and affordable care to their patients.

About Zero Left

The Zero Left Campaign was founded by Jim and Jeanne Moser who tragically lost their son Adam to an overdose in 2015. Zero Left is a public service campaign designed to educate the public on the potential hazards of opioids and the need to remove excess opioids from the community.

UNIFIED WRITING

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Winnisquam Printing, which has worked with Gilford High School on numerous publications including the school’s award winning literary magazine, committed to the project. Winnisquam Printing expressed belief in the purpose of the Unified Writing class, and spent extra hours to deliver beautiful books, two per student--something that the young writers and their parents would hold on to for a lifetime. Additionally, the Unified students created a presentation space in the teacher’s copy room. Their idea: teachers have to stand and wait while photocopying materials, and thus they would have something artistic and engaging to occupy their wait time. The Unified students made it a point to regularly refresh the presentation for the teachers. The result: the students have a regular audience for their work. There’s also a comment section to the presentation, and in a direct audience to artist exchange, the teachers have both thanked and praised the students for sharing their work. Responses have included such comments as “These are wonderful...reading them makes me reminisce about days gone by...some make me feel “free” and spirited, and some make me emotional. These poems have done a great job of doing that. “ Another teacher wrote “What a great idea to put your pieces in the

copy room. It gives me a quiet ten minutes during my day. It was the best ten minutes by far. You’ve put a lot of time into your writing and should be proud of your results. Keep up the fantastic work and I’m look forward to seeing more!”

Senior Aaron Matthews has always been a private writer, but the class has allowed him a wider audience. “I honestly think that Unified Writing Class is an awesome experience for anyone and everyone.” Matthews also encourages others to take the Unified Writing class: “Even if you never write poems or you don’t like poems, this class will allow you to be yourself and to positively express yourself. I looked forward to this class all the time. There was never a dull moment and I would definitely recommend this class to anyone interested in having an awesome time.”

Senior Hannah Bellissimo didn’t know whether she liked writing before she took the course but now she says “I love making poems. I love my poems, and I can’t wait until my book is done so I can look back on it when I get older and say I did this, wow.” Poetry has now become important to Bellissimo: “Poems to me are a way of explaining my thoughts and problems in life. Before, I didn’t know know that you

could write anything about your life in poems. Thanks to Unified, I now understand how to write proper poems and though I’ve been anxious about it at times, I feel good knowing people read and like and understand my poems.”

Sophomore Nicole Berube served as a Partner this year—the class is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors from all levels. Berube states that “taking Unified Creative Writing has been an exciting, eye-opening, and all around fundamentally pleasant experience for me. Every student in the class was very welcoming to new ideas or listening to other’s work, which made everyone feel valued for their work in and out of the classroom. I believe everyone was able to express themselves creatively and had a lot of freedom in their work. I was elated to be able to listen to everyone’s vast abilities!”

On Monday June 5th, the students had invited guests come to their classroom. To finish the class students gave a poetry reading to their guests, followed by lunch. Some students read their own favorite pieces, while some asked that another member of the class read for them. Everyone in the audience would agree: the “particles of life” are strong in all of these young writers.



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Service Award to Johanna Morris.

The Nathan J. Babcock Award was given to Daniel Getchell-Lacey, Joseph Bonnell, Johanna Morris, and Kassy Weston.

The Cheryl Lynn Walsh Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Hannah Sullivan and Daniel Getchell-Lacey.

Franklin Savings Bank Scholarships went to Kassy Weston and Kayla Zarella.

Gilford Community Church Scholarships were presented to Grant Workman, Daisy Meeiros, Jack Harding, Shannon Anderson, and James Buckley.

Libby Giles and Kaylee Robbs both received awards from the GHS Behavioral Health Awareness Fund.

Aaron T. Francoeur Memorial Scholarships went to James Buckley, Johanna Morris, and Stevie Orton.

Stevie Orton and Mark Young were given the Gouin Sportsmanship Award.

The Nest Service Award went to Sydney Holland, Alexa Dembiec, and Maccoy Bourgeois.

Ian McNeil and Andrew Nelson were given GHS “Blue Jeans” Faculty Scholarships.

The Annie Forts “UP” Syndrome Fund presented scholarships to Savanna Brunelle and Johanna Morris.

The Dan Allard Scholarship Foundation gave awards to Kassy Weston, Leah Gardener, and Stevie Orton.

Kassy Weston and Marlon Pacheco received the Wilkens-Smith American Legion Scholarship.

The Gnerre Memorial Music Scholarship Fund presented scholarships to Dawson Ellis and Leah Gardener

Individually Johanna Morris was presented the Meredith Village Savings Bank James D. Sutherland Memorial Scholarship and the Gilford Education Association Scholarship. Alex McNamara received the Stockwell Scholarship from the Gilman-ton American Legion Auxiliary and the CJ Grahahm Memorial Art Scholarship. Danielle Clairmont was given the Gilman Award and The Nest Award.

James Buckley was given the Elwyn and Edith Hook Scholarship and the Berghahn Family Nursing Scholarship. Kayla Zarella received the first ever Don Kim-tis Community Award and the DAR Good Citizenship Award. Leah Gardener received the John Phillip Sousa Band Award and the New Hampshire Music Educators Award.

Michaela Ralls was awarded the new Gilman-ton Women’s Club Award. Sydney Holland received a scholarship from the Lakes Region Board of Realtors. Hannah Sullivan was presented the Winsheblo Award. Sean Desautelle received the Chelsea R. Bowen Memorial Scholarship. Ian McNeil received the Amy An-nis Memorial Scholarship. Nathan Cobis was awarded the Gilford Food Service Award.

Andrew Nelson was presented the Alex Rowson Make-a-Difference Award. Brad Parker was presented the Robot-

ics Scholarship. Mark Young received a 2017 New Hampshire Red Sox Service Scholarship.

Dawson Ellis was awarded the National School Choral Award

The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation presented 44 scholarships to GHS students totaling \$58,600.

The Huot Technical Center presented 12 different awards to students and 13 students received Parents of Performing Students’ Scholarships

Connor Craigie received a special recognition for being named a Presidential Scholar, being simultaneously nominated by GHS and the Huot.

The Principal’s Award was given to Kaitlyn VanBennekum and the Principal’s Leadership Award went to Nathan Cobis.

Special recognitions went to the Top Five Scholars: valedictorian Jack Harding, salutatorian Leah Gardener, Alexa Dembiec, Mark Young, and Shannon Anderson.

The 29 students named New Hampshire State Scholars received special medals.

Senior Sports Awards were given to those who have lettered in three varsity sports for three or more years. Four Year Theatre Awards went to students who have performed or done tech in seven of eight theater performances in four years. Recognitions were given to the senior members of Student Council, National Honor Society, and the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

AUDITIONS

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Auditions will take place on Sunday, June 25 from 6-9 p.m. at the 1st United Methodist Church in Gilford. Auditions will consist of singing a song of your choice and reading from the script.

Rehearsals will take place on Sunday, Monday and Thursday nights and performances will take place on Aug. 24 and 25 at 6 p.m. Both shows will be presented on the same night. All rehearsals and perfor-

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GILFORD — The Golden Eagles baseball team didn't make it past the first round in the Division 3 state tournament, but they have a promising future with Adrian Siravo being chosen as a first team All-State player.

Also chosen was ace pitcher Tyler Sargent for the second team and sophomore Alex Muthersbaugh for the third team.

Siravo:

"To be selected first team All-State as a freshman is an outstanding accomplishment," said coach Vint Choiniere. "He led our team in virtually every offensive category.

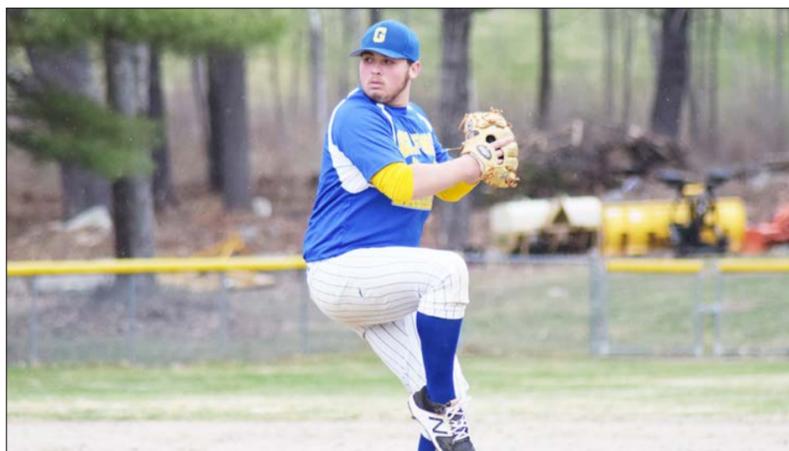
Siravo was not only a force at the plate with a .345 batting average and a .527 slugging percentage, but he also played well defensively at a number of positions in the field. He also showed his arm on the mound, earning two victories and closing out four other games.

"Adrian single handedly carried our team offensively for much of the season," said Choin-



Adrian Siravo made first team All-State as a freshman for Gilford this year.

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(Left) Tyler Sargent was the ace on the mound for Gilford this year and made second team All-State.

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iere. "He played a very important role in all aspects of the game, and to do so as a freshman was remarkable. He has a very bright future."

Offensive stats:

Slugging %	.527
Batt Avg.	.345
RBI	12
Hits	19

Doubles	4
Triples	3
Runs	13

Pitching Stats:

ERA	1.16
Opponent Batting Avg. Against	.168
Strikeouts	38
Innings	30

Tyler Sargent:

"At any level a pitcher who has a strikeout to walk ratio of 2:1 is considered good," said Choiniere. "Tyler had a ratio of nearly 4:1. He was clearly the heart and soul of our team and he performed well when facing the toughest opponents."

The senior leader was known for his pitching but he also tied for the team lead in walks with 10 and had a .422 on base percentage.

His top performance was at Fall Mountain where he had 15 strikeouts in a three-hit complete game shutout. He also had a great game against Belmont where he left the game with a 0-0 tie in the seventh inning when he reached his pitch count. Against Raymond, Sargent lost 2-0 but gave up no earned runs on only one hit. "Ty-

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All-State honors for Golden Eagle softball pair

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Gilford High School Golden Eagles softball team had a solid season with a playoff berth, and while the team had high hopes of advancing further in the state tournament, they had plenty of accolades including two players named to the All-State first team.

Stevie Orton

Gilford's lone senior was the starting catcher and one of the top hitters on the team this season. In 17 games Orton tied for the team high in on base percentage with .500 and stolen bases with 11.

She was second in RBIs with 23 and hits with 27. She also had a home run, a triple, six doubles and 14 runs scored. Orton also had a career day against Inter-Lakes this season when she hit for the cycle.

Orton made first-team All-state for volleyball, basketball and softball. According to coach Joan Forge, she is the only other Gilford athlete to do so aside from Lindsey Carr.

"Stevie is an inspiration to her team and has developed into one of the best catchers in D-3 in just two short years," said Forge. "She played outfield and first base prior to her junior year. Last season when we needed a catcher Stevie stepped in and was a sponge trying to properly learn the position. She is an unselfish athlete and always puts what is best for her team first."

Orton explained that softball is fairly new to here and she admits it wasn't her strongest sport all along, so this was a nice surprise. She said she worked hard



Stevie Orton is the starting catcher for the Gilford High School softball team and made first team All-State this season.

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Jillian Lachapelle played first base and led the Golden Eagles in a number of offensive categories this season, on her way to being named first team All-State.

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over last summer and things fell together this year because her bat heated up and she was more comfortable behind the plate.

Being the only senior, Orton sees the Golden Eagles having great things ahead.

"They definitely have a bright future," said Orton. "I was a big part of it this season but they have so much talent. There are so many athletic kids on that team."

Jillian Lachapelle

Lachapelle had a fantastic senior season where she led the team in batting average, hits, doubles, homeruns, stolen bases and RBIs. While she spent some time on the mound, she was recognized for her great play at first base. Forge said she was great at defending the bunts up the first base line. She described her season as a "banner year."

Lachapelle hit .459 with five home runs, 35 RBIs, 11 steals, 28 hits, 23 runs scored and had a .500 on base percentage. She set the Gilford record

for most doubles in a season with 10.

"She is a versatile player who has the ability to play multiple positions including pitcher,"

Gilford hands out athletic awards

Senior Athletic Awards:

Anthony Eldridge (2013-2017 cross country, indoor track, outdoor track)

Sander Valpey (2014-2017 soccer, 2013-2017 Nordic skiing, 2013-2017 lacrosse)

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Stevie Orton (volleyball 2014-2017, basketball 2013-2017, softball 2014-2017)

Kaitlyn VanBennekum (2014-2017 field hockey, 2014-2017 basketball, 2014-2017 lacrosse)

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Stevie Orton, softball

Bryan Chilvers, baseball

Olivia Morea, track

Benjamin Altmire, track

Connor Craigie, tennis

Sarah Fillion, tennis

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Trail races coming to Wolfeboro this summer

WOLFEBORO — In July the Wolfeboro Free Masons will be hosting a family friendly running series at Abenaki ski area. There will be a three-mile trail race for all abilities, a short one-mile course and a pop-sicle dash for toddlers. The trails used are maintained by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust. The three-mile race will be timed, the one-mile race will not be timed as they would like it to be stress free and fun for all abilities. The dates for the races will be July 13, 20 and 27. It will be called the Wolfeboro Masonic

Summer Cross Country Series. The toddler dash will start at 6 p.m., the one-mile fun run at 6:05 p.m. and the three-mile race at 6:30 p.m. All races will start on time.

This summer race series is for first time runners and seasoned runners. The goal is to create a non-intimidating environment that brings adults, children, families, new runners and fast runners together. Track teams are encouraged to come out and run too. With three different race options on well-marked courses there is something for everyone

who wants to get out in the woods and make new friends. Socialization before, during and after the races will be encouraged and the last race will offer an awards ceremony for series winners as well as a potluck barbecue.

The proceeds from the race will benefit the Wolfeboro Masons and \$2 from every race entry fee will be donated to the Lakes Region Conservation Trust.

Entry for each race will be \$15 for adults racing the three-mile course and \$10 for students. If you choose to register in advance for the series it will be \$30 for each adult and \$20 for students. The one-mile course and toddler race will be free but donations are encouraged.

Organizers are looking for a photographer to take pictures of the runners and if anyone is willing to donate food for the barbecue, Gatorade for during the race, timing equipment to be used during the race, survey flagging, raffle prizes or money to offset the cost of race insurance, bib numbers and trophies for the winners, please e-mail kfolcik2@gmail.com.

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Vanbennekum, Normandin earn lacrosse All-State honors

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GILFORD — The Golden Eagles girls' lacrosse team had a strong season by making its way into the state tournament. While they lost in the first round to top ranked Derryfield, the team had bright points which were highlighted by two players being named to the All-State team.

Kaitlyn Vanbennekum

Vanbennekum was a senior who played defense for the Golden Eagles this year and was a force on the field all season. Coach Mike Normandin said that the four-year player has been versatile throughout her career at Gilford. She has played all over the field, including some attack in the past.

"She's a great kid and super coachable,"



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(Left) Kaitlyn Vanbennekum was named to the first team All-State this year for girls' lacrosse.

team."

Vanbennekum said it is a breathtaking being named to the team, which is her first time as an All-State.

"It's kind of unbelievable and a lot of hard work," said Vanbennekum.

Julia Normandin

Normandin is also a senior this year and was named to the second team All-State as a midfielder. It was her first time being named to the team.

"I didn't get to play last year in lacrosse so I really had to step it up a notch being a returning senior from sophomore year," said Normandin. "I think I had to prove myself to the girls that I could come back like this. I think we worked together really well."

Normandin said she loves the team and they all treat each other like family.

"I've been with these girls on this team since second grade," said Normandin. "They're all my best friends and it's the best team I've ever been on. They're the greatest girls ever."



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Julia Normandin made the second team All-State in her senior season at Gilford.

said Normandin. "She is a gamer who loves to come out and play the game and be in charge."

Vanbennekum said it was great to be a part of the team that has grown and improved during her time playing.

"We have come so far and finally proved ourselves," Vanbennekum. "It's been a challenge all season but we were always working and trying really hard. We practice a lot, work as a team on passing and teamwork is what has made us a good

Gilford pair falls in doubles tournament

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MANCHESTER — The doubles pairing of Sarah Fillion and Reagan McIntire competed in the girls' doubles tennis tournament at the Derryfield School last weekend, but lost 8-3 to a Breuna Rose and Elizabeth Dion from Nashua North High School in the first round.

Coach Hermann Defregger expected that the

lack of experience of his doubles pair would get the better of them against a Division 1 team, but he was happy they had the opportunity to be there and gain much needed experience.

Unforced errors had Fillion and McIntire behind 5-0 but they regained their confidence and rallied to get a few wins.

"In the end the maturity of the Nashua North

seniors was too much for them," said Defregger. "I'm very proud of our team this year. We rebounded from an 0-14 season last year to 6-8 record this year. Three of the losses were 4-5 decisions with a tie breaker, 7-9 and 6-8. And that was against number three, number six and number eight teams. Hopefully we can continue to grow and make the playoffs next year."

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Alex Mutthersbaugh had a strong sophomore season and was named to the third team All-State for the Gilford High School.

ler pitched the second half of the season with a pulled hamstring but he still performed at a very high level," said Choiniere. "He is truly one of the finest pitchers in all of Division 3 and he will be sorely missed. He will take his talents to NH Technical Institute in Concord next season and we wish him all the best. I am very confident that he will do well."

Pitching stats:
ERA: 1.37
Strikeouts: 75

Innings 45 and 2/3
Opponents combined batting avg. against: .151

Alex Mutthersbaugh:
"Our most versatile defensive player- very knowledgeable and our best bunter," said Choiniere. "After a slow start offensively Alex finished the regular season on a seven game hitting streak batting .375 during that stretch."

Key stats:
On base percentage:

.397
Walks: 8 (tied for second on team)
"His versatility made him a very valuable player on our team," said Choiniere.

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Additionally, a Kids' Fun Run will immediately follow the 5K. Registration for the Fun Run is one non-perishable donation item for the food pantry.

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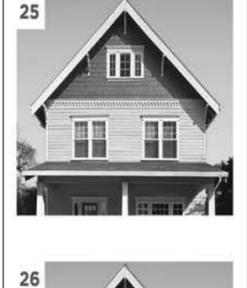
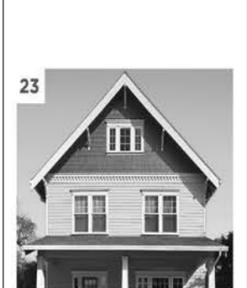
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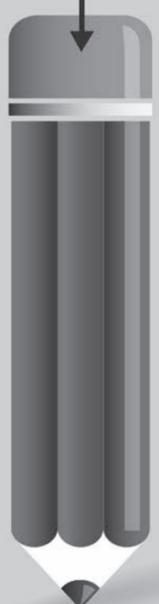
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