

Franklin Savings Banks promotes five employees



Joseph Thornton

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of five employees to include Joseph Thornton, Julie Buker, Sue Paradis, Amy Rankins and Annette Slipp. Joseph Thornton was elevated to a newly created position of SVP, Chief Administrative Officer; Julie Buker advanced to VP, Retail Banking & Branch Administration Officer; Sue Paradis was promoted to VP, BSA, Risk Management, Security & Information Security Officer; Amy Rankins was elevated to AVP, Human Resources Officer; and Annette Slipp advanced to AVP, Credit Manager.

“I am very pleased to recognize these individuals for their unwavering support and dedication to the bank, our customers and our communities. They exemplify the spirit of community banking and lead by example each and every day,” commented Ron Magoon, President &



Julie Buker

CEO. “We applaud them for their contributions to the bank and wish them continued success in their expanded roles.”

Thornton joined FSB in 1992 as a Teller Supervisor; then later advanced into several key positions in retail and human resources where he most recently served in the role of SVP, Retail Banking & Branch Administration Officer. In his new position, Thornton will assume oversight of administrative operations for retail, business development, deposit operations, compliance, and facilities. Thornton holds a BS in business administration from Southern NH University based in Manchester.

Buker began her tenure with FSB in 2010 as a Branch Manager; then was promoted to Customer Contact Center Manager and most recently to VP, Branch Operations Officer. She is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking and New England School



Sue Paradis

for Financial Studies at Babson College. In addition, she has a BA in graphic design from Plymouth State University of Plymouth.

Paradis started with FSB in 2014 in the IT area. She later transitioned into the risk management area where she was elevated to AVP, BSA, Risk Management, Security & Information Security Officer. She is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking and received her BSA certification from the Independent Community Bankers Association in 2018.



Amy Rankins

Rankins joined FSB in 2017 as an Executive/HR Assistant, then was promoted to Human Resources Officer. She has an MBA in human resources management from Southern NH University and is a certified Professional in Human Resources (PHR) from the HR Certification Institute.

Slipp started with the bank in 2019 as Credit Manager. She has seven years of prior banking experience and more than 25 years of experience in credit servicing and management. In addition, she attended



Annette Slipp

Plymouth State University and Granite State College.

Established in 1869, Franklin Savings Bank is an independent, mutually-owned community bank, offering a full array of commercial lending, personal banking and investment services throughout the Central Lakes Region and southern New Hampshire. Headquartered in Franklin, the Bank has offices in Bristol, Boscawen, Tilton, Gilford, Merrimack and Goffstown, as well as an office in Bedford for business lending. The Bank also

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Winter sports start dates announced at Winnisquam

TILTON — Winnisquam Regional High School has announced the start dates for winter sports practices.

Wrestling and spirit were both slated to start the season on Monday, Nov. 15, while indoor track, unified basketball and boys’ and girls’ basketball are all slated to open the practice season upon return from Thanksgiving Break on Monday, Nov. 29.

Tryouts for specific sports teams are typically held during the first week of practice, but are at the discretion of the individual coaches. Once cuts are made to a team, no additional students may be added, per the athletic policy.

Additionally, middle school basketball open gyms will take place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays now until the season begins on Nov. 29. Open gym is open to any middle school student wishing to play basketball this season.

Anestis helps PSU wrestling in season opener

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Junior Angelo Folino (New Hartford, Conn.), sophomore Jaylin Houston (New Haven, Conn.) and freshman Chase Anestis (Belmont) each won twice as Plymouth State University kicked off the wrestling season with a 10th-place finish at the Roger Williams Invitational on Saturday.

Johnson & Wales took home the team title,

holding off Castleton University and the host Hawks.

The Panthers were competing for the first time since Feb. 29, 2020 — a span of 623 days. PSU is back in tournament action next weekend at the Doug Parker Invitational hosted by Springfield College.

Wrestling at 133 pounds, Folino dropped a narrow 8-6 decision,

but rebounded with back-to-back major decision victories before losing by fall to end his day.

Anestis fell by an 8-7 decision in his collegiate debut at 165 but came back with an 11-6 win by decision and a technical fall (15-0) win before succumbing in his final bout.

Houston started off his day with an 8-0 major decision win at heavy-

weight. He came up on the short end of a 3-2 decision but came back to post a 10-1 major decision victory before losing by fall in his final bout of the day.

Sophomores Yuri Case (Fairfield, Conn.) and Gary Conant (Bristol, Vt.) and juniors Tyler O’Mara (Litchfield) and Trevor O’Mara (Litchfield) also picked up wins for the Panthers.

Calling all cyclists to raise heart rates and dollars for a cause

Registration open for Cycle Mania event that supports Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction



COURTESY

Mike “Mad Dog” Gallagher and Alex Indeck; Gallagher broke the current Guinness World Record for consecutive time spent on a stationary cycle when Cycle Mania debuted in 2007 at the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club.

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction is excited to announce that the Cycle Mania fundraiser that benefits the auction will return this year with an event on Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club.

Participants may sign up to cycle for one hour or multiple one-hour slots during the event;

the cost is \$20 per hour, and all funds benefit the Children’s Auction, which will be held Tuesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 10 at the Tanger Outlets. Registration is required in advance at www.childrensauction.com.

Anyone interested in taking part should sign up soon, as there are limited slots; when you register, you can choose

a 2021 Challenge team, and your fee will count toward that team.

Cycle Mania debuted in 2007 at the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club by its owners at the time, Tom and Lori Oakley. Mike “Mad Dog” Gallagher of Gilford and John “Blue Dog” Jurczynski of Holderness broke the current Guinness World Record of 111 hours, 11 minutes and 11 consec-

utive seconds spent on a stationary cycle that year.

“For our 40th year celebration, we thought it incredibly fitting that we bring back Cycle Mania,” said auction Executive Director Jennifer Kelley. “We were thrilled to be hosted by Gilford Hills Tennis & Fitness Club, where we will have 18 bikes with people pedaling for 12 hours. There will be lots of music and energy. Cycle Mania is rolling back into town to raise money for children and families in need.”

While many auction items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community.

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Burton Joshua Page III, age 55, of Manchester was arrested on Nov. 2 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension

and Operating Without a Valid License.

Devon Eldridge, age 26, of Franklin was arrested on Nov. 2 in connection with a warrant.

Daniel D. Beaupre, age 31, of Belmont was arrested on Nov. 3 for Second Degree Assault-Domestic Violence-Strangulation, Domestic Violence-Criminal Threatening Against another Person with a Deadly Weapon, Domestic Violence-Criminal Threatening causing Fear of Bodily Injury, and Domestic Violence-Simple Assault-Physical Contact.

Jeremy D. Cook, age

48, of Belmont was arrested on Nov. 5 for being a Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon.

Patrick Joseph McDonald, age 28, of Tilton was arrested on Nov. 5 in connection with multiple warrants.

Edward Matthew McMorris, age 35, of Concord was arrested on Nov. 7 for Violation of a Protective Order.

St. Vincent Food Pantry needs 400 turkeys

LACONIA — The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, located at 1269 Union Avenue in Laconia (between McDonalds and Taco Bell) is in need of 400 turkeys for its annual Thanksgiving Basket program.

This is a “drive thru” event. All items will be distributed to you in your vehicles. You may pick up your basket on Saturday, Nov. 20 at the Food Pantry from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on Monday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You must register at the thrift store or by e-mail – pantry@stvdplaconia.org with the name and number attending the event.

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Steve Bennett retires after 36 years of service to MVSB, NH Mutual Bancorp

MEREDITH — Steven Bennett retired from New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) on Oct. 29, after 36 years of dedicated service to the company and its community financial institutions, MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank), Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack), Savings Bank of Walpole and NHTrust.

Bennett started his career with MVSB in September of 1985 as Bank Security Officer, a role previously held by his late father, Robert. When the Bank aligned with the Merrimack to form NHMB, he transitioned to a new role of Secure Documents Distribution and Special Projects Assistant in the Facilities Department for the shared services organization in 2007.

“I started here when there were just 33 employees, and now there are more than 500,” said Bennett. “The people that I have worked with and the friends that I

have made throughout my time here have just been incredible. It has been an absolute honor to have worked the last 36 years with such an amazing organization. I would recommend to anyone to work here. The management team is great and they treat their employees with respect.”

“I have been working with Steve for more than 22 years, and there are no words that can truly sum up his time here,” said Alison Whynot, Vice President, Facilities. “He has been a great example of our values and has been an incredible friend to all of us. He is always ready with a quick smile and a joke and happy to assist anyone. Many people have depended on Steve daily as he has performed a lot of little jobs behind the scenes that have kept us all going. We will miss seeing him every day and we wish him the best in his well-earned retirement.”

Bennett has always

enjoyed spending much of his free time volunteering and assisting many community organizations. He was with the Meredith Fire Department for 23 years, Chief Judge for the Annual Meredith Rotary Fishing Derby for 39 years, Town of Meredith Emergency Management Director for 25 years, and Town of Meredith Civil Defense Director for 7 years.

He is excited to spend retirement with his wife of more than 50 years, Monica; his daughter, Kelly; and his dog, Cooper.

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their shared service pro- ty Savings Bank, Sav- NHMB combined as- Steven Bennett, center, stands with Alison Whynot, Vice President, Facilities, and Rick Wyman, MVSB President, outside the MVSB Main Office in Meredith.

vider, NHMB. NHMB provides risk management, facilities, marketing, human resource, finance, compliance, information technology, deposit operations, loan operations and digital banking services to Meredith Village Savings Bank, Merrimack Coun-

ings Bank of Walpole and NHTrust. This strategic partnership has positioned the banks to leverage each other's strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing community banking standards and values.

sets total more than \$2.8 billion. For more information, visit nhmutual.com.

Deadline for Children's Auction funding requests is Dec. 15

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (GLRCA) is accepting applications for 2021 funding up until Wednesday, December 15. Details and an online application are available on the Children's Auction Web site at www.childrensauction.com.

Local nonprofit organizations that provide support to children and their families are encouraged to apply for GLRCA funding if they meet the following qualifications:

- Tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code and/or public agency status;
- A primary base of op-

erations in the Greater Lakes Region;

A proven history of providing value to the children of our local communities.

For more information on how to apply, the kinds of organizations that we fund and how you can help, please visit childrensauction.com.

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the 2021 Challenge, into a major an-

nual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.com.



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Don't be a source of misinformation

There is never a good excuse to not be informed about what is happening in your town or school district. In this day and age, with technology at our fingertips, information is readily available in a matter of seconds. Public hearings are always posted in local papers, town halls and libraries as well. Minutes from meetings are also easily accessible on town and district websites. School districts are constantly emailing information home to parents on a daily basis. Finding information could also be as simple as calling a family member or friend who tends to always be in the know. If people remain unaware of what is going on, they only have themselves to blame.

Further, do not post misinformation on social media. If you don't understand a situation completely, refrain from posting about it, until you do, unless of course your post is an inquiry. Posting misinformation does two things — it makes you look uninformed and unintelligent, and second, it passes on misinformation to others who might believe that what you're posting is true. Fact check or find out more information before blindly posting things you know nothing about. Would you give a book report without first reading the book?

While being informed is key to being a productive member of your community, keep in mind to not overwhelm yourself with too much negative news. Be sure to check the news twice a day, then turn it off. Now, if you're a news junkie, and are unaffected by too much negativity, then of course, have at it.

Be sure to avoid news on social media as it's often biased and filled with misinformation. Make sure your news sources are reliable.

Experts say that when people consume too much information, it's hard to process it in a meaningful way. It can also make it difficult to remember all of the facts. In order to properly think about new information, you need time to process it and compare it with other facts you know. You need time to reflect and form an idea or opinion that logically makes sense.

Instead of letting hours go by doom-scrolling, spend some time outdoors or with friends and neighbors. By doing so, you're engaging with fellow Americans in a positive, productive way.

Opinion

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

BY LARRY SCOTT

On a Sunday in early spring 1978, the exact date now mercifully forgotten, it took but ten minutes to announce a decision that changed the course of my life.

When my wife and I moved to central Pennsylvania to establish a new church, we did so with high hopes and unbridled ambition. The dream, however, is always more exciting than reality, and there were many days when I didn't know whether this venture of faith would survive. Or whether I would! Staff turnover, friends who came and went, financial stress, and the challenge of speaking three times a week had all left their toll. I was burned out, tired beyond belief, and ready to run.

At the conclusion of the morning worship service, I submitted my letter of resignation. After ten years of ministry, I was quitting ... bow-

The mistake of my life

ing out ... finished! It is difficult to understand the thinking that went into that decision, but it seemed right at the time. And I am haunted by "what if?"

I devastated my family. My wife was becoming more involved in our church's ministry and our daughter was approaching her last year of high school. Leaving my congregation speechless, and my family in an uproar, I decided to return to seminary and complete my education.

I share my story, for I am not alone in making a decision that turned out to have had catastrophic consequences. None of us is free from doing things we will always regret. The question isn't whether we have erred; the question is, what have we done about it? The temptation is to recoil in self-pity, or perhaps, to blame others and play the martyr. It is only when we are honest enough to accept respon-

sibility for our actions, however, that we will be able to reconstruct.

Leaving active ministry was truly the mistake of my life, a decision that was without merit and counterproductive. My experience at Ashland Seminary was a disaster. My personality made me unpopular with both staff and students, and a four-year degree in Counseling was of little value for a counselor I am not. And I set in motion circumstances that following graduation left me isolated from my family and my peers.

But Erwin Lutzer is right on when he writes, "We assume God is unable to work in spite of our weaknesses, mistakes, and sins. We forget that God is a specialist; He is well able to work our failures into His plans (Lutzer, "Failure: The Back Door to Success," p. 18).

When I look at where and who I am today, I

am amazed. I would not want to relive the last thirty years of my life, but neither would I want to take them back. The trauma that followed my resignation from Trinity Temple was, if not part of God's directive for my life, still to my benefit. It helped make me the man I am today. I matured, my wife is back, and my relationship with God is now stronger and more fulfilling than it has ever been.

With a lifetime of experiences to share, I have now become a writer. And thanks to the benevolent grace of God, the next ten years promise to be the best years of my life, a living demonstration of this great truth: in God's Kingdom, it's never too late to be what you might have been.

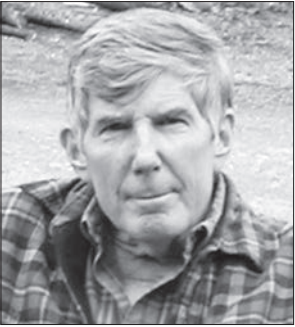
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North Country Notebook

When an old nicety just doesn't hack it

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become rampant).



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

It seemed pertinent to write a few lines this week about public access to private land. There appears to be a lot of confusion about this. Probably I'll only muddy the waters.

In particular, I hear a general queasiness among hunters away from their own areas or hunters from out of state about being where they're not wanted. If there's one dominant theme, it's this one.

Elmer Fudd is walking along in his silly hat and sees posted land on one side of the road and unposted land on the other. He's clearly not wanted on the land that's posted (hint: the signs say "No Hunting.") But is he welcome on the other?

In New Hampshire, we have what is known as the presumed privilege of trespass. This means that unless the land is "posted" with signs to the contrary ("No Trespassing," "Hunting with Permission Only," and so on), you're welcome there.

It is thus exactly the opposite of the situation in most states, where access is forbidden unless specifically invited.

Before the usual knee-jerking begins, and people go tisk-tisking "There goes New Hampshire again," it's worth noting that other New England states adopted this system too. Still, the standouts are Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

But the old way is under attack just about everywhere, led by newcomers who've bought or inherited their little piece of God's County and don't want just anybody and everybody coming along and setting foot on sacred ground. This seems totally illogical to them, and they want no part of it.

Somewhere in my reading, a good long while ago, I ran into a plausible explanation for this quirk of a system we have.

Four centuries ago, three ships stood off the New England coast. Aboard one, officers were drawing up what would be known as the Mayflower Compact. Among its agreements were these:

The New World would not be like the old, particularly England, where commoners crossing the gentry's lands had to keep to the common paths. Land would be held in common, and the right of trespass would be presumed. This was the way of the native American, and it seemed to make sense,

This made a nice story, except that it was just that, a nice story. A few years ago, I finally took time to track down the Compact, and there was no mention of any of this--not even a phrase.

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Nonetheless, the newcomers adopted the Indian way of viewing all land as held in common, except making money on or from it. It actually belonged to someone, if not native Americans then by those speculators who had paid the various tribes and nations for it, as required by the Crown. (Only later, after much subdivision and lands "awarded" war heroes and exalted politicians, did stealing aboriginal lands

Speculators soon caught onto the fact that settlements were going to follow up rivers, and bought all the land they could ahead of them. To people from Europe, where all of the water rights had long since been bought up, some owned by families for centuries, the acquisition of water rights was a tremendous thing.

Sometimes at first, and then quite often, speculators and sales agents recognized spurious "chiefs" who were said to be "authorized" to sell tribal lands. As schoolchildren have learned for generations, Indians had little concept of private ownership, and defined land vaguely in term of watersheds. With a sweep of a hand and the phrases "flowing into" and "the waters of," they delineated enormous tracts.

As long as King George III held sway, the rapacious land speculators were largely held in check. With 13 independent colonies, it was Katie bar the door. And once the crush of immigrants and the colonies' own natural growth spilled over the Appalachians and down into the Great Lakes and the Ohio valley, nothing--not even Presidential threats and promises--could stop the westward expansion.

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What will happen regarding northern New England's quirky (but somehow wonderful) approach to public trespass



JOHN HARRIGAN

Most state and federal land is open to hunting. This is part of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Tract, in Pittsburg, and this stream that some people could jump over is--believe it or not--the Connecticut River.

on private land?

I think the rights of property owners will eventually trump the cherished privilege of trespass. To me this is a shame, for its greatness is also its downfall. It is an accommodation built totally on trust.

When you allow people onto your land, you trust them to do the same for you and yours. Thus was born one of the more famed signs on the matter: "If you post your land, you don't belong on mine."

Landowner rights are all the rage just now. Hunters who use hounds to pursue and tree their quarry are bringing the land-access issue to a head. Dogs do not acknowledge property lines, of course, and

some landowners are most definitely against hounding, even those who are ambivalent about hunting or even hunt themselves.

Perhaps someone will propose some sensible legislation that attempts to thread the needle. Or perhaps someone will challenge the current laws in court.

But it will be a challenge, whether by case-law or legislation, to do justice to a way of life that was always somehow mystical, mythical, and magical.

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Comfort Keepers

Seniors and kitchen safety: Tips for the “Heart of the Home”

BY MARTHA SWATS
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A kitchen is often the central gathering place in the home. Family dinners, special occasions and time shared together all happen in the heart of the home.

Making sure the kitchen a safe, happy place is important. On a daily basis, many of us spend time in our kitchens, and it is easy to forget that the kitchen can be a place where dangerous accidents are not uncommon – especially for seniors.

When it comes to senior adults and kitchen safety, the numbers show where potential issues can occur:

The National Fire Protection Association reports that three (3) in ten (10) home fires start

in the kitchen, more than any other room in the house.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 76 million cases of foodborne illness occur each year, including 5,000 fatal cases. Older adults, due to a natural decrease in their immune systems, can succumb to food poisoning more easily and have a harder time fighting it off if they do.

Kitchens are also areas with high fall-risk areas: items stored out of reach, slippery floors, and the likelihood that meals are carried to eat in another room.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reports that people over the age of 65 have a 2.7 times greater risk of dying in a kitchen fire than the general population.

For those that want to ensure that the kitchen

is as safe as possible for their senior loved ones, there are three key areas to consider:

Fire prevention and safety – The primary cause of kitchen fires is unattended food – seniors should never leave the kitchen when food is cooking. Automatic shut-off devices are a great tool to help seniors that have memory issues but like to spend time cooking. Loose clothing, kitchen towels and pot-holders can all catch fire if too close to the stove, so it is good to be mindful about fabric near flames. And, on a regular basis, a qualified electrician should check wiring and outlets to ensure safety compliance – this is a common cause of fires in older homes.

Foodborne illness prevention – Because of the ways our bodies change when we get older, foodborne illness can become a much more

serious issue. This can be prevented by properly storing food, checking fridge temperatures often, properly reheating food, cleaning old items out of the fridge and pantry often and checking expiration dates.

Reduce fall risks – When seniors need to reach an item, whether stored too high or too low, it can cause a balance issue that may lead to a fall. Keeping cooking items within reach is critical. Clutter on counters should be removed, bright lights are helpful, and the heaviest objects should be stored at waist level. Water is often a problem in the kitchen – possible issues include spilled water from the sink, leaking refrigerators and pipe leaks. Spilled water can make kitchen floors slippery, so adding mats and checking water sources often is important.

The kitchen can be a joyful place in the home, with intentional action to minimize the risk of accident or illness. Being safe in the kitchen is not just common sense - and revisiting safety tips for the kitchen is never a waste of time.

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“Teaming Up” to sponsor Leadership program

LACONIA —The Laconia-based architectural firm Misiaszek Turpin pllc recently “teamed up” with colleagues at Team Engineering of Bedford to co-sponsor the History & Culture Program Day for the non-profit group, Leadership Lakes Region.

“We work collaboratively on projects with our friends at Team Engineering so a joint sponsorship of a non-profit program seemed like a natural thing to do” said Claire Wilkens, AIA, of Misiaszek Turpin pllc.

“This is a great financial boost for our Program,” stated Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean.

“We rely on our community business partners to enable us to present our leadership programs which are now in their 23rd year,” she added.

The sponsorship do-

nation will go to cover the costs associated with presenting a day’s worth of information concerning the history and culture of our Lakes Region to the 25 area professionals who comprise the leadership class. The scheduled program was planned by McLean in concert with Architect Wilkens and her classmates from last year’s Leadership class, Tiffany Baert and Brad Melson. Topics included the historic significance of the Belknap Mill, a narrated walking tour of downtown Laconia, a review of Lakes Region history, a practical interactive leadership discussion using examples from the film “Gettysburg” and a tour of the renovated Colonial Theater tracing its history from performance center to cinema and back to a performing arts center for the entire region.

The current leader-

ship class members represent 14 towns/cities in New Hampshire including Gilford, Laconia, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Meredith, Loudon, Tilton, Canterbury, Sanbornton, Gilmanton, Wolfeboro, Milton, Holderness and Plymouth. The class consists of bankers, public safety personnel, non-profit directors/staff, a town administrator, healthcare professionals, a financial planner and ski industry managers. The Board of Leadership Lakes Region extends its deep appreciation to Misiaszek Turpin pllc and Team Engineering for their sponsorship which



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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Work with life partner to achieve mutual goals

When you and your life partner work together to achieve your important long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement lifestyle, the experience can be greatly rewarding. However, your success will require commitment and discipline. So, what steps should you take along the way?

One key move is to decide early in your relationship how you will handle money. Many couples merge their finances and make joint decisions on major purchases. But some couples like to keep at least part of their finances distinct, perhaps by maintaining separate checking or savings accounts. There's really no one correct solution for everyone, but whatever you decide, you'll want to be assured that all the bills will be paid and that neither one of you feels the pressure of an unfair financial burden.

Here's another suggestion: Try to avoid keeping financial secrets from your partner. That means disclosing your debts, hidden funds or uncommon investments. These types of surprises can lead to difficulties and mistrust. Even if you're entering the relationship carrying something like a heavy student loan, it's best to get it out in the open right away so, together, you can strive to gradually eliminate it.

Of course, there's also a practical side to not keeping secrets. Your large student loan could affect your credit rating – an issue that may arise when you and your partner are seeking a mortgage or some other type of loan. Clearly, you both should be aware of this potential stumbling block before you begin the application process.

Now, let's consider your investments. You each may have your own

IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might also share a joint investment account. However, you might not share the same risk tolerance – perhaps one of you tends to be more aggressive, willing to take more risks in exchange for potentially higher returns, while the other is more conservative, preferring to keep down the risk level of a portfolio, even if it means lesser capacity for growth.

Again, neither you nor your partner is necessarily “right” or “wrong” in your views on investing – and nobody's feelings about risk should be ignored. But once you've clearly identified your retirement goals and estimated their cost, you may find that compromise is possible. In other words, perhaps the conservative

partner will realize that a too-cautious approach could hinder progress toward the desired retirement goal, while the partner who focuses on maximum growth will learn that a somewhat less aggressive approach can still yield the desired results. This type of compromise may affect the investment choices you make in your individual accounts as well as your joint accounts. And the way you choose your investments may even change over time, especially if your financial goals evolve.

Ultimately, communication is the key. As long as you're talking to each other and openly expressing your wishes and concerns, you and your partner can find a way to keep moving toward your mutual goals.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Gannon

Meet Gannon! This big doofus loves to play, go for walks and eat treats. He's an inexperienced fella who needs an experienced owner to help him learn his manners! Gannon isn't a big fan of other dogs or cats, so he's seeking to be the only pet in his new home. Because Gannon is inexperienced with petting and handling, and he's still learning to share his things, he will do best in a home without children. Gannon is currently being treated for a skin condition that may or may not resolve with his current treatment plan. His adopters should speak to their veterinarian, and be prepared for the possibility than Gannon will need to take medication or be on a perscription diet for the rest of his life. If you are looking for a mature dog who needs help learning what love is really all about, then ask us about Gannon!

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Temple B’nai Israel of Laconia commemorates Kristallnacht



LACONIA — Eighty-three years after the “The Night of Broken Glass,” also known as Kristallnacht, Temple B’nai Israel joined in a global campaign to unite in solidarity against antisemitism, racism, hatred, and intolerance by keeping the lights on from sundown to sunup.

“Let There Be Light” was launched in 2020 by the International March of the Living, an annual educational program, bringing individuals from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance, and hatred. Since its

inception in 1988, more than 260,000 alumni from 52 countries have marched down the same 3-kilometer path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Remembrance Day - Yom Hashoah - as a tribute to all victims of the Holocaust. The “Let There Be Light” initiative has reached millions around the world, brought together more than 700 Houses of Worship of all faiths and institutions and partners from more than 75 countries; and has been featured in more than 120 news outlets worldwide. The message of spreading light over the darkness of hate was displayed on the façade of the Cov-

entry Cathedral in the United Kingdom and on the walls of the Old City in Jerusalem.

“The Holocaust is not just a Jewish issue it is a universal issue. We must learn from the past, so that a more tolerant and just society will evolve for the betterment of all humankind,” states David Machlis Ph.D, Adelphi University and Vice Chairman of the International March of the Living.

As the sun set in Laconia, a group of temple members and community leaders including newly re-elected mayor, Andrew Hosmer, and city councilman from

Ward 4, Mark Haynes, gathered on the front steps of the temple on Court Street to commemorate the events of Nov. 9, 1938, when violent anti-Jewish demonstrations broke out across Germany, Austria, and the Sudetenland region of Czechoslovakia. Nazi officials depicted the riots as justified reactions to the assassination of German foreign official Ernst vom Rath, who had been shot two days earlier by Herschel Grynszpan, a 17-year-old Polish Jew distraught over the deportation of his family from Germany.

Over the next 48 hours, violent mobs, spurred by antisemitic exhortations from Nazi officials, destroyed hundreds of synagogues, burning or desecrating Jewish religious artifacts along the way. Acting on orders from Gestapo headquarters, police officers and firefighters did nothing to prevent the destruction. All told, approximately 7,500 Jewish-owned businesses, homes, and schools were plundered, and 91 Jews were murdered. An additional 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Nazi officials immediately claimed that the Jews themselves were to blame for the riots, and a fine of one billion reichsmarks (about \$400 million at 1938 rates) was imposed on the German Jewish community.

The Nazis came to call the event Kristall-

nacht (“Crystal Night,” or “The Night of Broken Glass”), referring to the thousands of shattered windows that littered the streets afterwards, but the euphemism does not convey the full brutality of the event. Kristallnacht was a turning point in the history of the Third Reich, marking the shift from antisemitic rhetoric and legislation to the violent, aggressive anti-Jewish measures that would culminate with the Holocaust.

The lights were shining from every window inside Temple B’nai Israel as the brief ceremony began with a reading of Martin Niemöller’s poignant poem, “The Quotation.” Niemöller was a prominent Lutheran pastor in Germany. He emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps. He is perhaps best remembered for these postwar words that were read by temple member Lois Kessin:

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—
because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—
because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—
and there was no one left to speak for me.

Following Lois, Barbara Katz, a member of the Board of Directors of Temple B’nai Israel, recited a poem selected by TBI Rabbi, Dan Danson:

In the presence of eyes which witness the slaughter,
which was the oppression
the heart could not bear,
and as witness the heart
that once taught compassion
until the days came to pass
that crushed human feeling,
I have taken an oath:
To remember it all,
To remember – not once to forget!
Forget not one thing to the last generation
When degradation shall cease,
To the last, to its ending,
When the rod of instruction shall have come to conclusion.
An oath: Not in vain passed over the night of terror.
An oath: No morning shall see me at flesh-pots again.
An oath: Lest from this we learned nothing.
Avraham Shlonsky (March 6, 1900 – May 18, 1973)

Because the world has still not learned the lessons of the past and attacks on Houses of Worship of all faiths continuously occur; time and time again, it is vital to keep the lights on and illuminate the cause of righteousness and justice.

Mickey Rooney takes an unexpected turn in “Quicksand” on LRPA

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Feb. 23 & 24) for our “LRPA After Dark” presentation of 1950’s forgotten noir “Quicksand,” starring Mickey Rooney, Jeanne Cagney (sister to actor James) and Peter Lorre.

Auto mechanic Dan Brady (Rooney) wants to impress his hot date Vera Novak (Cagney), the sultry waitress from the local diner, but she is a gold-digger with expensive tastes and he doesn’t have the dough. Dan comes up with a brilliant solution: he’ll “borrow” \$20 for the date from the garage’s cash register and re-

turn the money the next morning. Dan’s friend Buzz owes him money, and had promised to pay him tomorrow. Dan knows that the garage’s bookkeeper won’t be in to check the cash drawer for a few days, which gives him plenty of time to set things straight. While out on their date, Dan and Vera run into her shady ex-boyfriend Nick (Lorre), who still has a thing for Vera. The next morning, Dan can’t get a hold of Buzz – and, unexpectedly, the bookkeeper arrives two days early to reconcile the cash drawer! Dan comes up with a new scheme to cover the missing \$20 by purchasing, then pawning, an expensive watch. That leads to more trou-

ble from a detective who threatens Dan with jail if he doesn’t pay back the pawnshop within 24 hours. Dan then turns to robbery, and that quickly spirals out of control, eventually leading to blackmail, kidnapping and more. And you thought your week was bad! How much further will Dan stoop to resolve his problems? And how will he get himself out of this quicksand of crime?

“Quicksand” was a rare film in Mickey Rooney’s career. After years of playing the clean-cut, All-American boy next door, Rooney was cast against type, playing a small-time tough guy who, led astray by a pretty face, makes one terrible choice after another. This was a conscious choice on Rooney’s part, as he wanted to be known for more serious, adult roles. In fact, his

work in “Quicksand” did lead to other noir-ish films, such as “The Strip” and “Drive a Crooked Road.” Fun fact: Rooney and Peter Lorre weren’t just the stars of “Quicksand,” but also acted as behind-the-scenes executive producers. The two stars co-financed its production, hoping to start their own independent production company. However, the deal never materialized, forcing Lorre to declare bankruptcy and, for a time, move back to Europe. Regardless of the film’s financial legacy, many critics and film buffs view “Quicksand” as Rooney’s finest performance, much more real and gritty than any “Andy Hardy” movie. Lorre also gives a dynamo performance, resulting in a character that is immoral, untrustworthy and menacing – a true pleasure to watch! What more does a movie-lov-

er need? So grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this melodramatic film noir from the past.

You can’t find television like this anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto LiveStream through our Web site (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 11,000 viewers in

our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via LiveStream 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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Thornton Wilder’s “Our Town” comes to the Colonial Stage

LACONIA — Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is excited to share its first large scale community theatre production with the Lakes Region. Powerhouse will debut Thornton Wilder’s American classic, “Our Town,” directed by Bryan Halperin. “Our Town” is sponsored by Lovering Volvo Meredith, Wescott Law and The Soucy Family. “Our Town” runs Friday, Nov. 19 and Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. Masks will be required for patrons and room for social distancing will be included in the balcony. Tickets can be purchased at www.coloniallaconia.com

Described by Edward Albee as “the greatest American play ever written,” “Our Town” brings us to small town Grover’s Corners, NH to stand in for every town, everywhere. Following the Gibbs and Webb families through 12 years of life changes - from the mundane, to the romantic, to the devastating, Wilder delivers universal truths about what it means to be human with wit, humor and heart.

“Our Town” features a cast of 39 performers from age 10 through 70+! Some performers will be on stage for the first time ever, and some are theatre veterans with years of experience.

Says Halperin, “The cast is truly reflective of our community and have come together to tell this important story. Some were members of my cast when I directed the play in 2006, another is an adult who started doing theatre with me years ago as a kid, moved away, and has since returned to the Lakes Region, another has just moved to Laconia and joined the cast to meet people. I can’t wait to share this version of ‘Our Town’ with our community.”

The cast is led by Heather Bullimore as the Stage Manager and Ben Hunton and Kayla Zarella as George and Emily. Other familiar faces to the Lakes Region theatre scene include Jim Rogato, J Alward, Jim Gocha, and Tamara McGonagle as the parents. The production is stage managed by Judi Rogato, costume design is by Gay Bean, set design by Dan Daly, music and sound FX by Chuck Fray, and lights and sound by TS Event Productions.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative and the Belknap Mill have partnered with Celebrate Laconia, Laconia Historical and Museum Society, Laconia Public Library, Larry Frates Creates and others to provide art, history and community events from opening night through Jan. 9. For more details visit: <https://www.belknapmill.org/celebrate-our-town>.

Powerhouse’s 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live and the Colonial Series is sponsored by the RE/MAX Bayside and Taylor Community. For more details on Powerhouse and all the programs at the Belknap Mill or to find out how to become a sponsor or a participant, visit www.belknapmill.org or email powerhouse@belknapmill.org.

Wescott Law welcomes new attorney



Kyle Amell

LACONIA — Wescott law is proud to announce the addition of attorney Kyle Amell to their Laconia office.

A cum laude graduate of Boston College Law School, Amell practiced for more than a year as

a student attorney in two of the school’s clinics – the Boston College Defenders Clinic and the Civil Litigation Clinic. During law school, Amell also completed internships for the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office and the National Environmental Law Center.

He became familiar with Wescott Law during his final year at Boston College and joined the firm as a law clerk in January 2021.

“We are thrilled that Kyle is joining our team of attorneys. He has proven to be a dedicated and compassionate advocate”, states Allison

Ambrose, Wescott Law’s Co-Managing Partner.

A 2013 graduate of St. Lawrence University, Amell earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Government and minoring in Economics. He worked for a period as a paralegal in the Boston area, both for a prosecutor’s office and for an in-house large energy firm, before pursuing law school.

Growing up in the Adirondacks of New York, Amell developed a passion for all things outdoors, including water-skiing which he started before entering kindergarten. Prior to relocating to New Hampshire,

he and his wife Elizabeth enjoyed an annual tradition of hiking Mount Washington with her family. Amell enjoys taking advantage of New Hampshire’s high peaks, where he can be found snowboarding, hiking, and camping.

Amell offers a variety of legal services, focusing primarily on Civil Litigation, Criminal Defense, Municipal Law, Land Use, Planning and Zoning.

“I really enjoy the litigation side of law”, states Amell, “Advocating for my clients in the courtroom is most rewarding.”

Become a Children’s Auction Super Bidder

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction (GLRCA) has a benefit for potential bidders for this year’s upcoming auction, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 10 at the Tanger Outlets. Anyone looking to increase their support of the auction—or to have an edge on bidding—can become a Super Bidder.

For a donation of \$100, Super Bidders will be granted a look at the items on the auction boards as soon as they are available. Super bid-

ders can bid on items before they are open to the public; submit bids with incremental increases up to the bidders’ pre-chosen maximum; see how many bidders are also bidding on the item that they are interested in; enjoy VIP check-out and pick-up service; and be proud to support the children of the Lakes Region.

Interested community members can become a Super Bidder at bids.childrensauction.com.

“In past years, community members have mentioned that they

would love to be able to have tools available so that they could spend less time babysitting the auction for the items that they most wanted to bid on,” said auction chairperson Jaimie Sousa. “It will also give people an opportunity to donate directly to the auction to assist children in need while getting some great benefits.”

While many items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community.

Auction leaders will collect new, unused, unwrapped items right up to the week of the auction. Gift cards, electronics, tools, toys, sporting goods and household items all bring the highest bids. Go to our website at ChildrensAuction.com for a list of convenient donation drop-off sites throughout the Lakes Region. And on Black Friday weekend, Friday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Nov. 28, visit the collection site at Tanger Outlets and drop your items off between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp announces Lena Dionne as Assistant Vice President, Loan Operations



Lena Dionne

MEREDITH — New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) is pleased to welcome Lena Dionne as Assistant Vice President, Loan Operations. In this role she will help oversee the efficiency and effectiveness of the loan servicing functions for NHMB sister banks, Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack), MVSBS (Meredith Village Savings Bank) and Savings Bank of Walpole.

“Lena brings a wide range of loan operations knowledge to this position and will be a valuable

asset to our team,” said Kimberly Carter, Vice President, Loan Operations Manager. “We pride ourselves on the customer experience, and Lena’s leadership will help us continue to maintain and raise those standards. We are excited to welcome her aboard the team.”

Dionne has more than 25 years of banking experience in lending, servicing and collections. Prior to NHMB, she worked for Triangle Credit Union for more than six years, where she oversaw the Mortgage, Loan Servicing and Collection Departments.

Outside the office, Dionne enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, traveling, playing cards and cheering on the Bruins.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) was created through a unique alliance between three mutual community

banks and a wealth management firm who maintain separate organizations and management. The companies are able to achieve best in class software, services and staffing while providing efficiencies through their shared service provider, NHMB. NHMB provides risk management, facilities, marketing, human resource, finance, compliance, information technology, deposit operations, loan operations and digital banking services to Meredith Village Savings Bank, Merrimack County Savings Bank, Savings Bank of Walpole and NHTrust. This strategic partnership has positioned the banks to leverage each other’s strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing community banking standards and values. NHMB combined assets total more than \$2.8 billion. For more information, visit nhmutual.com.

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation announces new Assistant Director



COURTESY

Karen Switzer, Executive Director of Lakes Region Scholarship, welcomes Chris Guilmett to the staff of the Foundation. Pictured (l to r) Chris Guilmett and Karen Switzer.

GILFORD — Executive Director, Karen Switzer, announced that she and the Board of Trustees were pleased to welcome Chris Guilmett to the Foundation as their new Assistant Director.

Switzer said, “We are excited to have Chris join us. We have been looking for a person with real community spirit and dedication to fill this position; someone who was looking to make a difference. Chris more than fit that bill, with the bonus that he is a Laconia native, loves the area and has been active in the community for many years.”

Guilmett grew up in Laconia, and graduated from Laconia High School. He earned an

A.B.S degree from Hesser College, and was then hired by Laconia Savings Bank, where he worked in their residential real estate department for over 24 years, culminating as A.V.P. Mortgage Loan Originator. After a brief time with Normandin, Cheney & O’Neil, where he worked as a Real Estate Closing Coordinator, he went on to serve as a Customer Service Rep for Engraving Awards & Gifts in Laconia for a number of years.

His work experience in Laconia is only a small part of the picture, as he has also been an active member of the community in many areas of the city. His involvement over the years included: Leadership Lakes Re-

gion; Laconia/Gilford Lions Club; The Historic Belknap Mill; Lakes Region United Way; Bolduc Park Association; Lakes Region Santa Fund; Laconia School Board; St. Andre Bessette Pastoral Council, and Lakes Region Children’s Auction Disbursement Committee.

When asked about his new position with LRSE, Guilmett said, “The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation plays such a vital role in helping people in the Lakes Region realize their aspirations to further their educational goals. I am looking forward to working with donors to help make these dreams come to fruition.”



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dle with You” retitled “Stuck Quarantining with You,” and ending with a stirring encore of “Bohemian Rhapsody.” Their signature sound was performed with perfection – every note, every vocal intonation, each carefully rehearsed instrumental sound, rang out through the theatre to thunderous applause. This was just the second live perfor-

mance for FOCS since the beginning of the pandemic. It was clear they were thrilled to be back on stage performing their music, sharing their stories, and engaging with the audience. The show was opened by Plymouth State University a cappella ensembles, Mixed Emotions, an all-female group, and Vocal Order, an all-male group. Both ensembles

had the unique opportunity to study with members of Five O’clock Shadow earlier that day, learning new techniques and preparing for the evening’s performance. After the groups’ impressive appearance on stage, FOCS member Dan Lennon congratulated the students and he explained to the audience that FOCS is dedicated to continuing

education and outreach to young performing groups. The We Care concert series allows local non-profits and businesses the opportunity to come together to form mutually beneficial partnerships as well as bringing awareness to the public of their individual mission, services, and products. This event was a record fundraiser for

the 18th We Care concert since its inception in 2013. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from ticket sales, contributions from the main event sponsors, Audi Nashua, Miracle Farms Landscaping, The Bank of New Hampshire, Pemi River Fuels, and Hannaford, as well as many local businesses and individual contributions amounted to a donation of \$24,000 to The Bridge House in Plymouth.

Cathy Bentwood, executive director of The Bridge House, offered her thanks via email: “I love the ‘Little Temple that Could.’ Thank you all for exemplifying the best team effort I’ve ever experienced.”

Marybeth Bentwood, owner of Brand Elevation Communications and marketing coordinator for The Bridge House, also offered her thanks: “this event raised my appreciation for how individuals, who are committed to supporting and uplifting their community, can move mountains.”

And the beat goes on ... get ready to rock and roll with We Care again on Memorial Day Weekend, Saturday, May 28, 2022. Stay tuned for more details to be announced soon,



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Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

4	3		13
2		7	9
	5	1	14
14	8	14	

1	5	8
7	0	2
6	3	4

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

FTSDUEF SCTUR

ANSWER: Stuffed crust

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

• **1842:** ABRAHAM LINCOLN MARRIES MARY TODD IN ILLINOIS.

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New word

KNEAD

work dough with the hands

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Dough

SPANISH: Masa

ITALIAN: Pasta

FRENCH: Pâte

GERMAN: Teig

Did you know?

A STUDY BY THE USDA FOUND THAT PIZZA IS AN EXTREMELY POPULAR MEAL AMONG MALES AGES 6-19. ONE IN FOUR MALES IN THAT AGE GROUP CONSUME PIZZA ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to autumn. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = U)

A. 12 26 2 26 20 22
Clue: One of the seasons

B. 25 19 12 14 19 5
Clue: Parts of trees

C. 15 26 20 15 3 21 22
Clue: Orange gourd

D. 16 8 21 5 3
Clue: Cold but refreshing

Answers: A. autumn B. leaves C. pumpkin D. brisk

SUDOKU

	9							1
8			5	2				
2				1	6			4
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	2	9	7		4			
	7				2			
	4						9	6
	3			8				2

Level: Intermediate

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2	6	8	1	5	3	9	4	7
9	6	8	7	5	3	2	4	1
3	1	5	4	2	9	6	8	7
5	4	1	8	5	6	7	9	3
2	7	3	9	6	5	8	2	1
4	9	3	2	7	1	6	5	8
8	4	7	6	1	9	3	5	2
9	3	6	2	5	4	1	8	7
1	5	2	8	4	3	7	9	6

ANSWER:

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Holiday Gift Guide

Major benefits to early holiday shopping



Some people begin their holiday countdowns the day after the festivities have come and gone. With 365 days until the next celebration, it may seem like one has all the time in the world to complete holiday tasks. But before long, holiday crunch time arrives and some people find themselves rushing around to buy gifts and

other essentials.

A 2020 Gallup poll found the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$942 on gifts in 2019. The personal finance site Mint.com from Intuit reported roughly \$729 billion was spent during the holidays in 2019—making it the biggest holiday season to date.

Though the pandemic changed the holiday

shopping landscape in 2020, a return to normalcy appears to be on the horizon for the 2021 holiday shopping season. In fact, the adage of “the early bird catches the worm” could help shoppers scoop up gifts and bargains before the holiday shopping rush begins. Individuals who start their holiday shopping early this year may discover there are many

benefits to such an approach.

Spread out spending
Those who begin shopping well before the holiday season arrives can spread their spending over several months rather than a short period of time. This can make shopping more affordable for those who may have limited financial leeway. It may be easier to swallow spending an extra \$100 per month throughout the year as opposed to having a \$1,000 bill at year’s end.

Shop sales
A Coresight Research survey found that more than 25 percent of shoppers expected to start holiday shopping earlier than usual in 2020, when

retailers offered their promotions earlier than normal to compensate for a decline in brick-and-mortar shopping. While it remains to be seen what retailers will do this year, shopping early means people are not beholden only to holiday sales promotions; they can take advantage of major sales throughout the year, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, back to school season, tax-free weekends (often offered in August), and even retailer-specific sales like Prime Day.

Avoid delays
Continued pressure on shipping companies as online shopping has become so prevalent inadvertently leads to

delays. Couple this with supply chain disruptions due to the pandemic, and certain items may be out of stock or on back order.

“With potential product shortages continuing, if you see something you know you want, go ahead and buy it,” said Karl Haller, retail industry expert at IBM Global Business Services.

Shopping early also assists those who have to ship gifts domestically or internationally. Shopping early ensures those presents get to their recipients on time.

Getting a head start on holiday shopping is advantageous to shoppers who want to budget, save and ensure items are available.

10 gift ideas for people who love to cook

Many people know someone who loves spending lots of time in the kitchen. Certain home cooks may enjoy whipping up favorite recipes, while others might get excited about experimenting with new flavors and ingredients.

A love of cooking paves the way for many different gifting opportunities. Food-related gifts also come in a wide variety of price points, making it easy for shoppers to spend as little or as much as they want. Check out these 10 gift ideas for the foodie on your holiday shopping list.

1. Sheet pans: They may not seem like the most sexy or high-tech tools of the kitchen, but sheet pans are among the most versatile. They

can be used for cookies, sheet pan cakes, oven-frying cutlets or fries, or even serving as the perfect bases for candy brittle.

2. Air fryer tool set: By now many people have hopped on the air fryer bandwagon, but they may not have all of the accessories to take air frying to the next level. From spatulas to tongs to silicone brushes, an air fryer tool set can make meals even more delicious.

3. Dutch oven: You’d be hard-pressed to find a more hard-working tool in the kitchen than a Dutch oven. These heavy, often enameled cast iron vessels come in various quart sizes. They can be used to cook stews, breads, cakes, and much more.

4. Kitchen compost bin: Home cooks who want to cut down on waste will appreciate a countertop compost bin to gather food scraps.

5. Serving board: The rise in cheese and charcuterie boards means cooks will need something attractive to serve their spreads. Wooden and stone boards are attractive when serving sliced cheeses, crackers, chutneys, and other appetizer.

6. Electric wine opener: Wine is the perfect

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Holiday Gift Guide



Post-pandemic gifts for friends and loved ones

Families, businesses, schools, and just about everyone had to modify daily life in dramatic ways due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the most significant effects of COVID-19 — beyond the health implications — have been the changes in outings and gatherings and the ways holidays were celebrated.

The 2021 holiday season figures to be especially jovial as the world continues to emerge from the pandemic. As shoppers hit the holiday shopping trail once more, they can look to the pandemic for gift-buying inspiration.

Travel-related gifts
Travel restrictions

greatly limited where people could go, so millions embraced staycations as a means to taking breaks from school and work. Travel restrictions have now been lifted in many parts of the world, and vaccinated individuals may feel more comfortable traveling again. Consider gifts that include travel essentials, such as luggage, plane tickets, toiletries, hotel vouchers, and even gift cards to use on vacation purchases.

Preparatory gifts
People are much more “germ-conscious” as a result of the pandemic. Cases of COVID-19 are on the decline, but it still pays to be cautious and sanitary. Gifts that promote cleanliness may continue to be appreciated and also prepare a person should another pandemic occur in the future. Stylish reusable face masks; special sanitary “keys” that limit contact with things like ATMs, doors and elevator buttons; ultraviolet disinfecting lamps; and even purses and bags that can be cleaned without damage are all gift ideas that make cleanliness more convenient.

Home improvement



supplies
In the wake of canceled vacation plans, homeowners channeled their vacation dollars into home improvements. Those who still have plans to redo and renovate will appreciate gifts that may include gift cards to popular home improvement and design retailers. In addition, as certain home improvement materials like lumber have gotten more expensive, a cash gift to offset the cost of materials can help people see projects through to completion.

Dining out vouchers
Even though many restaurants pivoted to takeout service or established outdoor seating to meet safety requirements, dining establishments still felt the pain of the pandemic. More people have now returned to traditional dining, and restrictions on indoor dining have gradually been loosened. Therefore, gifts that focus on dining out, such as certificates for favorite restaurants or wine bottle caddies for BYOB establishments, can make for great gifts.

Support new hobbies
Many people took on new hobbies and explored new activities to pass the time during the pandemic. Encourage these hobbies by gifting tools and supplies. If a person adopted a new pet, try pet-toy subscriptions or even purchase pet health insurance.

Though the pandemic is something many people would love to forget, holiday shoppers can look to it for inspiration when buying gifts for loved ones this year.



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7. Spiralizer: The

trend for pasta alternatives continues, and having a spiralizer that can turn vegetables like zucchini into spiraled “noodles” will be handy in most kitchens.

8. Apron and accessories: Home cooks need to protect their clothing in the kitchen. A fashionable apron and match-

ing oven mitts can make a statement and keep clothes clean.

9. Meat delivery: The number of direct-to-home meat shipping providers continues to grow. Have quality cuts of meat delivered right to a home cook’s house so that he or she can cut back on trips to the store.

10. New blender: Today’s blenders can crush ice, process foods, puree, and chop foods. These versatile appliances make a welcome addition to any kitchen.

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