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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

Budget Committee rejects teachers' contract

Members claim pay increases, health care costs would place an unsustainable burden on taxpayers

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Members of the budget committee voiced concerns about the cost of the proposed teacher's contract during the school district's budget public hearing.

The town and school district's budget hearings took place on Thursday night, with voters hearing information and speaking on the budgets and monetary warrant articles.

Article 3 on the school district ballot is the multi-year collective bargaining agreement between the school board and the Gilford Educational Association.

The contract carries an estimated increase of \$296,819 for this coming school year \$268,198 in year two, and \$245,392 in

year three.

The school board unanimously recommended the article, though the Budget Committee voted five to four to not recommend the article.

"I don't think anybody's knocking any teachers; I think the teachers do a wonderful job," said committee member Kevin Leandro. "It's not about that. I've looked at it — this is by far the largest collective bargaining agreement that SAU has had since its inception."

He said the first year doubles the budget increase and does not take into account the considerable healthcare costs that are already built into the budget. Leandro said the three years of this contract account for

a tax increase of 55 cents per \$1,000 in assessed value.

"It's almost not sustainable at this rate for the taxpayers," Leandro said.

He said he thinks the

teachers should get a raise, but he wants "a more equitable deal for the taxpayers."

There was more discussion on the healthcare costs in the contract. Superintendent Kirk

Beitler said the school board unanimously sought to increase the teachers' participation in the healthcare costs from five to 10 percent, which is the amount shared by town employ-

ees. Beitler said this will happen in year three, they wanted to do this for year one but this was a compromise.

Concerns were raised that the current agree-

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COURTESY

Take the Reading Challenge at Gilford Public Library

The Friends of the Gilford Public Library are excited to sponsor the Library's 2017 Reading Challenge for its second year. Many people start off the New Year resolving to read more or read a greater variety and the Library and Friends are happy to help our patrons realize that goal this year. We're thrilled to announce the start of the 2017 Reading Challenge - a fun and varied reading list with an added incentive—everyone who completes the Challenge will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Explore new books and challenge yourself to read more this year with no deadlines, no required titles, and a tasty reward at the end, it doesn't get much easier! Stop by the Library for details and to pick up your very own Reading Challenge. Pictured, from left: Assistant Librarian Kayleigh Mahan signs up Gilford Library Friends Board Members Ardythe Eaton and Lynne DeVivo to participate in the 2017 Gilford Library Reading Challenge.

Selectmen, budget committee wrangle over town hall repair costs

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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A warrant article for town hall improvements has met with resistance from the Budget Committee, with members saying they want to see the price go down.

The town hall improvements article was discussed during the town's budget hearing on Thursday.

Article 11 calls for the town to raise and appropriate \$525,000 for phase two of town hall improvements, which includes heating and cooling fixtures, upgrades to the water system, hallway flooring, and sidewalks. This appropriation would both come from taxation but from the fund balance.

The selectmen unanimously voted to recommend this article, but the Budget Committee voted eight to two to not recommend it.

At the hearing, Town Administrator Scott Dunn asked the committee to reconsider its vote.

Dunn said 30 fan cooling units need to be replaced; five to six of them are working properly and 20 are not working. Everything in the system is over 30-years-old and in need of replacement. The building has three boilers, one of which was replaced in 2009 after cracking.

There is also insufficient water pressure to operate two appliances at the same time, an issue fully realized when the police station space was expanded.

The overall project

has been part of the capital improvements plan for the past three years and the town has

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Revised transfer station plan presented at public hearing

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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A scaled down version of the proposed transfer station project will go on the ballot for town meeting.

On Monday, the board of selectmen held public hearings for the two warrant articles that would be funded by municipal bonds.

Article 6 calls for the town to raise and appropriate \$950,000 for

improvements to the recycling center and to establish a solid waste transfer station. Currently, Gilford has its own recycling facility and uses Laconia's transfer station for solid waste.

CMA Engineers met with the Solid Waste Committee and the public works staff to help come up with a design for the project. In December, Paul Schmidt, proj-



ERIN PLUMMER
Plans for a proposed transfer station project put on display at town hall.

ect engineer for CMA Engineers, presented the conceptual plans for two possible designs of a new solid waste facility to the board of selectmen.

Solid Waste Committee member Kevin Leandro spoke against the proposed cost. Leandro has been in the solid waste business for many years, and said many aspects of this project could have been done for much less. Leandro said the overall cost estimation was closer to \$784,000 and he would encourage the Budget Committee to vote against recommending this if it was presented at its proposed price.

Richard Grenier, selectmen's representative to the Solid Waste Committee, said the committee met with the engineer shortly after that meeting to discuss how the project could be done differently.

"We just felt it was too expensive," Grenier said.

A number of items were taken out (including a compactor) and found savings in some services (such as a contractor that uses their own engineers as opposed to hiring separately).

The price tag for the project was knocked down to \$950,000 and members of the Solid Waste Committee, including Leandro, voted unanimously in favor of moving this plan forward.

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Tech crew puts together "Legally Blonde" set

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Audiences will get a look at the bright pink sets, rapid set changes, and realistic contributions from community members during the coming Gilford Middle School production of "Legally Blonde, Jr."

"Legally Blonde" will take the stage Jan. 26-27 and members of the tech crew are working hard to get the sets and behind the scenes details ready.

Art teacher and middle school tech manager Aaron Witham said he started working with director Matt Demko on the set design in October.

"He's seen the show before, and I watched it on YouTube," Witham said.

They assembled some ideas for the set



Lily Burleigh and Leah McClinton help paint the set for "Legally Blonde."

and got together with GHS auditorium director Scott Piddington to start putting it together. Piddington then got students from the high school to design the sets.

Witham said they all worked with Onshape, an online CAD program. Designs were uploaded and reviewed by everyone in the design process and make their own

suggestions and changes.

"To have it online is the ultimately easy way to work together," Witham said.

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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

The sun glinted off of its sleek wings as the predator glided over the snow-covered tree tops. The eagle isn't bothering to hide itself as it flies around Belknap Mountain. It's showing off its grace... wait... no it grabbed a rodent. OK, it's showing off its ferocity. It's somewhat macabre, but the eagle with its prey is majestic to see. I wish I could share this instance of natural beauty with others, but I went hiking alone today. If only there was a way to capture an image of nature in the moment.

They call it a camera. With it you can take a bit of that lethal majesty with you when you leave the mountain range, or the field, or the forest, so that you can share it with others or to remember the event later. Take a picture of that fox just off the road or the windswept tree top, but do it carefully because thoughtless nature photography is rarely successful.

Local expert John Gill has long practiced advanced natural photography techniques and he is willing to share his experience with others. As a professional photographer, John has a set of accolades to match his

accomplishments, including being named 'Photographer of the Year' by the New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association...twice. His photographs have been published in several New Hampshire and national magazines, his prints are hung in many commercial businesses in the area, and he sells prints on his website. Just visit johngillphoto.com to see some of his work in its exacting detail. I'm particularly fond of his shots of raptors and of the White Mountains.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. (tonight), John Gill will present "Pathways to Better Nature Photography" at the library to discuss ingredients for success in nature photography. If John had witnessed the eagle's hunt, I'm certain he would have captured the eagle scene impressively. He has several shots of the white mountains and the lakes region that demonstrate his eye for landscape photography, the kind that many of us amateurs have made attempts at. Anyone can take a photograph, and often they will be beautiful, but John Gill hopes to offer us tips and techniques to help us get the most out of what we see.

The program will

be geared to amateurs and is free and open to the public. John will demonstrate with side by side comparison shots of quality lighting, focus, subject distinctness, and many other useful metrics. Hearing John talk about the things he looks for in a professional shot of nature is as motivational as it is informative, so don't miss this unique visit.

Classes & Special Events

Jan. 19 to Jan. 25

Thursday, Jan. 19
Music and Movement, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Conversational French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Pathways to Better Nature Photography, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

John Gill, professional nature and landscape photographer, will present "Pathways to Better Nature Photography" and discuss ingredients for success in nature photography. His work has received numerous awards and the New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association has honored John twice as "Photographer of the Year." His work can be seen at www.johngillphoto.com. The program will be geared to amateurs.

Friday, Jan. 20

Baby Rhyme Time, 10-10:30 a.m.
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PJs & a Movie, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Preschoolers are invited to see Finding Dory at the Library!

Light snacks will be served.

Storytime, 10:45-

11:45 a.m.

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

Conversational Ger-

man, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 23

Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Toddler Time, 10-10:30 a.m.

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

Social Bridge, 10:30 War.

a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Storytime, 10:45-

Makerspace Club,

3:15-4:30 p.m.

Eight to 11 year olds

are invited to sign up

for this three week

program meeting Jan.

17, 24, and 31 from 3:15-

4:30 p.m. This month's

theme is WoodWork-

ing! Put on by the Gil-

ford Public Library,

the Gilford Youth Cen-

ter, and the Gilford

Parks and Rec. Funded

by the Friends of the

Gilford Public Library.

Nightly Knitting,

6-8pm

Classics Book

Group, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

This month's book

is "Beloved," by Toni

Morrison (1987). The

classic Pulitzer Prize

winner set just after

the American Civil

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

Check Out an Ex-

pert, 10 a.m.-noon

Teen Snow Sculp-

ture Competition,

12:30-2:30 p.m.

Make mini snow

sculptures, compete,

color them! Without

snow we will watch a

movie.

Early Release Win-

ter Tracking, 1:30-3 p.m.

Elementary stu-

dents are invited to ex-

plore the woods to find

animal tracks with

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4. "No Man's Land" by David Baldacci
5. "The Whistler" by John Grisham
6. "This Was a Man" by Jeffrey Archer
7. "Sleepwalker" by Chris Bohjalian
8. "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi
9. "Wrong Side of Goodbye" by Michael Connelly
10. "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult

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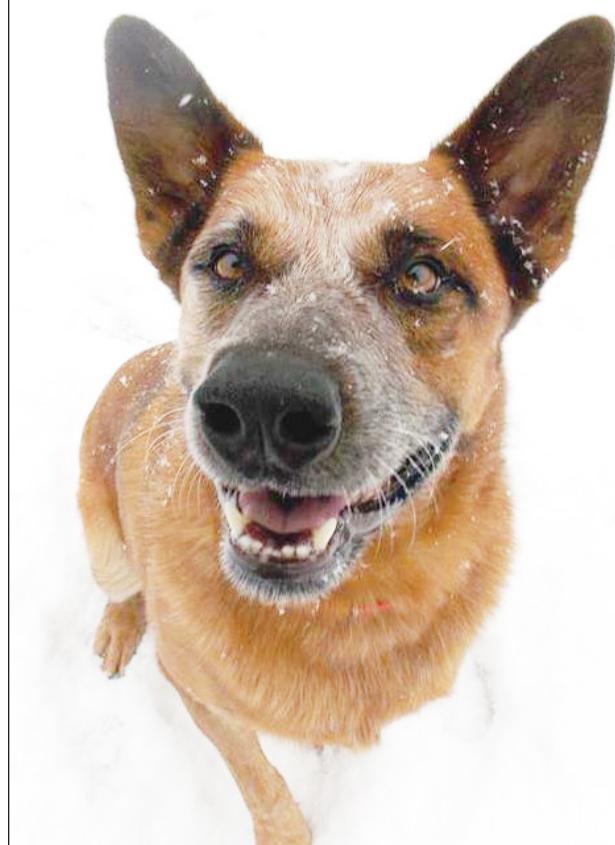
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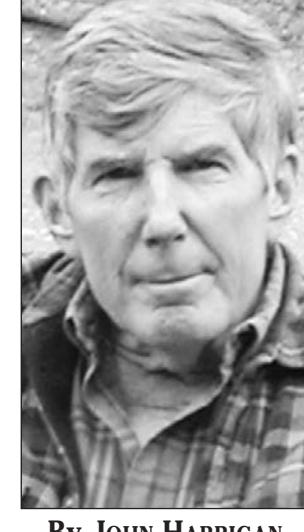


2017 starts off smartly with our first dog of the New Year looking for his permanent forever home, the very handsome, ever so slightly cross-eyed, Australian Cattle dog, Jake.

On the one hand, he is active and a bit of a canine go-getter but on the other, loves to sit in your lap as if he were of much smaller stature and thoroughly enjoys being brushed and groomed. Perhaps that activity appeals to his vanity, knowing that a well-kept, gleaming

visage will undoubtedly help in his quest for a new home. Originally hailing from the warmth of the gulf state of Mississippi, our Jake has adapted well to the northern climes of New Hampshire, and actually seems to enjoy the crisp outdoors here. So, a home with folks who enjoy a good hike in the woods, and one where he can really be part of the human pack is Jake's New Year's Wish.

Check www.nnhuman.org for more details.



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Woodland caribou were part of the northern New England scene for centuries after the last Ice Age, when the earliest known people hunted them along edge of the melting glaciers.

The glaciers began melting about 14,000 years ago. Evidence so far points to the first people arriving here about 5,000 years later. This coincides with archeological finds of the earliest known fire pits, flint points, and bones of hunted species.

Woodland caribou flourished in the region for centuries thereafter, dwindling only in recent times as habitat changed. And they hung on even in the face of European

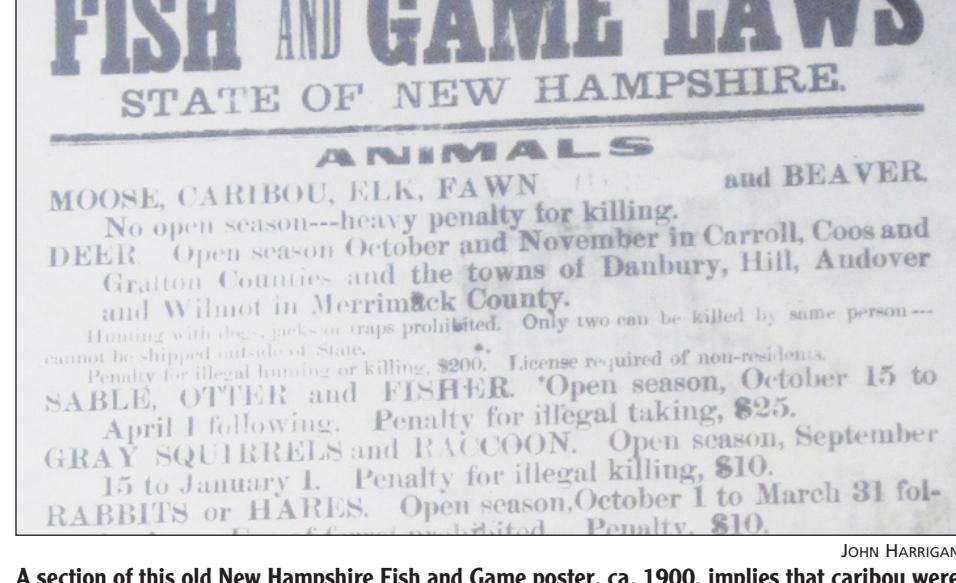
NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Maine, and New Hampshire too, were once the haunt of the caribou



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The caption for this 1895 photo reads "Four caribou were taken on a successful hunt in the Aroostook woods."



JOHN HARRIGAN

A section of this old New Hampshire Fish and Game poster, ca. 1900, implies that caribou were still numerous enough to be protected.

settlement, logging and farming.

New Hampshire's last

caribou were seen in Pittsburg around 1905. In Maine they hung on for another ten years, where two attempts to restore SEE NOTEBOOK PAGE A13

FROM OUR READERS

All VNA's are not the same

To the Editor:

I often find myself answering these questions from friends and neighbors all over the Lakes Region:

"What is a VNA?" What does the VNA do? Aren't all Visiting Nurse Associations part of the same organization?

As the Executive Director of the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, I'm writing today to answer these great questions so that the people in our community will understand the valuable services that the LRVNA provides. When people use the acronym VNA, it most often means Visiting Nurse Association or Visiting Nurse Agency. It is not affiliated with the Veteran's Administration or any government service. There are thousands of Visiting Nurse Association's throughout the country, and there are quite a few right here in the Lakes Region. They can be non-profit, for profit, stand alone or hospital based.

This type of organization provides a variety of nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapies, licensed nursing assistance, and medical social work in the comfort of your home. However, VNA's are not all alike, and they are most definitely not all related or part of the same organization.

For example, my organization is the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association (LRVNA). We are a non-profit, local standalone organization that was founded in 1923. The LRVNA was formed from the Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service and the Meredith Public Health Nursing Association. Over the years, our growth now provides services to Gil-

ford, Laconia, Tuftonborough, Sandwich, Belmont and Tilton, along with our original towns, Meredith, Center Harbor, and Moultonborough. The LRVNA assists patients based on need, not on the ability to pay. We are a local organization that is invested in our community and run by a volunteer local board of directors. Our goal is to be integrated in our community, making decisions based on local community needs. We have our annual meeting in the local community center and spend your money wisely, knowing where every dollar comes from. We don't have any high paid owners or investors. We're right here in the community and are here when you need us, within 24 hours. Our focus is the wellness of our community...not selling services for a profit driven company. There is a big difference!

With the increase of large, for profit agencies making their way into our area, I felt it my duty to help people understand that when it comes to home care, you can make your own decision who you bring into your home. I hope that you will choose Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association. Our non-profit continuing mission is to provide compassionate care right here in the Lakes Region as we have done since 1923. If you or your family members are ever in need of in-home care, please ask for the care of the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association.

Sincerely,

*Cheryl Gonzalo
Executive Director
Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association*

Thank you from the Tagg Team

To the Editor:

We feel great pride, and were so thankful to accept the Outstanding Participation Award on behalf of 24 Tagg Team members for the 2016 Pub Mania at Patrick's Pub. Together with 744 Pub Maniacs and scores of supporters of the 31 teams, we raised an amazing \$276,267 for the Greater

Lakes Region Children's Auction.

Congratulations to Bonnette, Page and Stone for the Top \$ Award and to Laconia Country Club 19th Hole team for their well deserved Feeding Families Award. Over 14,000 food items were donated to St. Vincent's food pantry during Pub Mania and throughout the year.

Moving forward, Tagg Team is planning our annual Gift Certificate Gala on May 7 at Patrick's Pub, just in time for Mother's Day. We will be collecting gift certificate donations from local businesses for our supporters to win, with all money raised invested in community services funded by the GLR Children's Auction. Mark your calendar and plan to join us at this fun event. Please contact us at tagteam@metrocast.net or call 493-9524 to donate gift certificates or to learn more about this fund-raising event.

Congratulations again to all Lakes Region community supporters for another successful event!

*Judi and Butch Taggart
Tagg Team Co-Captains, Pub Mania
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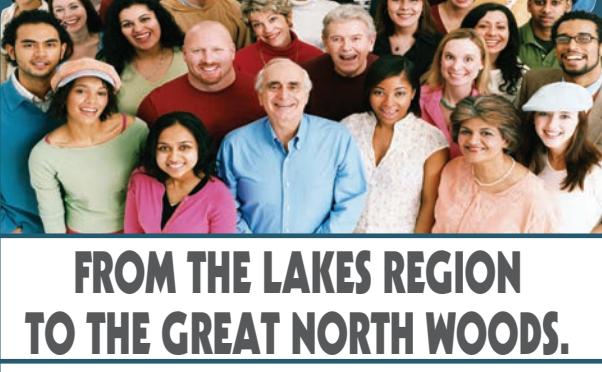
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Gilford Parks and Recreation news

BY HERB GREENE

Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 15

The Gilford and Belmont Parks and Recreation Departments are co-sponsoring a bus trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday, March 15. Cost of the trip is \$137 for lower level Loge seats and \$92 upper level balcony seats and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford or Belmont and tickets to the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from Gilford High School at 5 p.m., and the Belmont Park & Ride-share (Route 106) at 5:15 p.m. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the game. Our seats are in section #19 (Loge) and 329 (Balcony) for the 7:30 p.m. game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web

site at www.gilfordrec.com.

Senior Moment-um Programs

Lunch and Trivia on Jan. 23

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Jan. 23. We will meet at the Community Church, Fellowship Hall at noon to enjoy some delicious soup served in bread bowls while we participate in a fun, interactive game of trivia. There is a \$2 fee for those who want lunch. Coffee, Tea and water will also be provided. Participants must RSVP by Jan. 19.

Dinner and Theater Night on Jan. 25

Gilford Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the Gilford Middle School Performing Arts is sponsoring a Dinner and Theatre evening for participants of the Senior Moment-um Program. This activity is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25. Participants will meet in the Gilford High School Lobby at 5 p.m. to enjoy a pasta dinner. Following the dinner we will

head into the Auditorium to watch the Middle School's performance of "Legally Blonde, Jr.". There is no fee for this program, but space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come basis. Participants must RSVP no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, Jan. 20.

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

Adult Snowshoeing program Held on Tuesday mornings

The Gilford Parks

and Recreation Department is once again sponsoring a series of snowshoe hikes for any adults looking for fresh air, fun and exercise on Tuesday mornings this winter. Participants will meet in the Gilford Town Hall at 9:30 a.m. prior to each hike. The scheduled hikes continue on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at Ahern State Park in Laconia and Jan. 31 at the GES Nature Trail in Gilford.

If you are in need of snowshoes, we do have a limited supply available for each hike at a nominal fee. They may be reserved one hike in ad-

vance on a first come basis by calling the Parks and Rec office. All interested participants must RSVP at least one day prior to each hike. The cost of the hikes is \$1 per person, per hike and snowshoe rentals are \$4 per hike.

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

Senior Strides weekly walking program On Wednesday mornings

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford Youth Cen-

ter are co-sponsoring a weekly walking program for senior adults on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 a.m. at the Gilford Youth Center. Participants can track their progress or just walk for fun and socialize with friends. There will be plenty of chairs available to take a break as you wish and coffee, tea and water will be provided. A \$2 donation is suggested and fees will go towards monthly raffles and prizes.

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

A Christmas of Mission

It was an active Christmas season at the First United Methodist Church of Gilford-Laconia (FUMC), filled with joyful celebration observing the birth of Jesus Christ, involvement in mission activities serving people in the Lakes Region, and gathering together with folks from Lakes Region Churches for the Annual Epiphany Service.

Throughout the fall and winter, the Mission Committee of the church sponsored various endeavors to assist those in need in the Lakes Region: A Winter Warmth program, in which numerous new or gently used winter coats, new hats, mittens and gloves were collected and brought to the Salvation Army of Laconia. This program is ongoing. Provision of new, warm snow pants,

gloves and hats to the children of the Pleasant Street School of Laconia.

Christmas Giving Tree program supported children in the Head Start and Early Head Start program of Laconia; people took gift tags from a Christmas tree set up in the Church Sanctuary, and prior to Christmas, brought in approximate-

ly 120 gifts for children ages three months to five years.

Through the efforts of Jessica "J" Alward and her family, and many volunteers from FUMC and the surrounding community, the church welcomed 176 people on Christmas day for the Annual Christmas Dinner of ham and all the fix-

Laconia Indian Historical Association announces new board of directors

LACONIA — L.I.H.A. has had their annual election of officers. The results are as follows:

Board of Directors — Barry Chamberlain, Sue Lynn Thyg of Fall River; President, Francis Howes of Laconia; Vice-President, Richard Corso of Meredith; Secretary, Jennifer Hyslop of Tilton.

There will be an in-

stallation ceremony in February at the Dulac Land Trust in Sanbornton.

Laconia Indian Historical Association is a 501c3 non-profit educational organization that strives to share and teach Native American traditions and history. To learn more about about L.I.H.A. find them on Facebook.

ings, preceded by a time for appetizers, music and Christmas cheer. The dinner was free of charge and open to anyone who wanted to attend.

On Jan. 8, the Annual Epiphany Service was held at FUMC; with choirs from various Lakes Region Churches, including the United Baptist Church of Lakeport, Laconia Congregational Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gilford Community Church, Tilton-Northfield United Methodist Church, and FUMC, everyone enjoyed a joyful celebration of the Epiphany commemorating the coming of the Magi to see the Christ Child. The service was filled with song, bell ringing and reading of scripture. The Epiphany Service ended with all of the church choirs joining together to sing a beautiful rendition of "Joyful All Ye Nations

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"Defying the Nazis" film at UUSL Jan. 29

LACONIA — The Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia

presents a Sunday afternoon film presentation of Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky's

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"Defying the Nazis: The Sharps' War" on Sunday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m.

This film tells the never-before-told story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and his wife, from Wellesley, Mass., who left their children behind in the care of their parish, and boldly committed to a life-threatening mission in Europe. Over two dangerous years, they helped save scores of imperiled dissidents and refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation of Europe.

During this time, the Sharps would face harrowing encounters with Nazi police, narrowly escape arrest and watch as the Third Reich invaded Eastern Europe. Their marriage would be tested severely, and the two children they left behind would grow saddened by their parents' absence. But dozens of scientists, journalists, doctors, powerful anti-Nazi activists and children would find a way to freedom and start new lives in America because of their efforts and sacrifice.

The film will be shown Sunday afternoon Jan. 29 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Church, 172 Pleasant St. in Laconia, followed by refreshments and a discussion. The public is welcome; there is no charge. Snow date: Feb. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.

David Decker, 79

David Decker died peacefully at the age of 79 on Jan. 11, 2017.

He was born on Feb. 1, 1937, in Chicago, Ill., the oldest of three children of Elmer John Decker, Jr. and Beatrice (Doerr) Decker. At age eight, David and his mother and two younger brothers moved from Chicago to Methuen, Mass., and lived there for six years and then moved to Salem, where David attended Woodbury High School and then went on to the University of New Hampshire and Boston College law school.

Mr. Decker was admitted to the New Hampshire bar in 1963. He practiced law in Laconia until 1990. After he resigned from the bar, he worked as a paralegal for 23 years at the Boyle law office in Plymouth.

Dave was active for years in local politics as the chairman of the Laconia Republican committee, the attorney for the city of Laconia, the Belknap County attorney, and the moderator for the Gilford School district.

In his younger adult years, Dave was a member of the Laconia Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Laconia Lions Club, and the Laconia Elks Club. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Laconia and served as the scoutmaster of their boy scout troop, Troop 143, for seventeen years. He was a member of their parish activities committee. Dave was their general chairman for 10 years and loved organizing the Hazel Duke Thanksgiving dinner, which provided a holiday feast for the members of the community.

Dave had a heart to help and serve others. Some of his proudest accomplishments include helping a neighbor to become an American citizen, guiding over a dozen boys to become Eagle Scouts, and teaching others about American history. For the past several years, Mr. Decker, a Civil War expert, gave more than 50 speeches all over New England on various topics, including his favorite topic, Civil War General George



Thomas.

He was predeceased by two wives, Gloria (Ladd) Decker, and by Susan (Norz) Decker; his mother, Beatrice (Doerr) Brown; his step-father, Harry Dunlap Brown, Jr.; his father, Elmer John Decker, Jr.; his step-mother, Norma; his half-brother, Harry Dunlap Brown III; his sister, Linda Brown Collupy; and his brother, Marshall Decker.

He will be greatly missed by his brother, Steve Decker, and his wife Donna of Windham; three children, Kimberly (Decker) Knight and her husband Alexander of Billerica, Mass., Douglas Decker and his wife, Jennifer, of Rochester, and Keith Decker and his wife, Denise (Proulx) Decker, of Manchester; by three step-daughters, Tammy

(MacQuarrie) Emond and her husband David of Gilford, Donna (MacQuarrie) Abrams and her husband Ross of Deadwood, S.D., and Brenda (MacQuarrie) Anderson and her husband Vince of Reno, Nev.; by three step-children, Gilbert Pidgeon of Gilford, Donald Pidgeon of Dover; and Danielle (Pidgeon) LaFond and her husband, Brandon, of Gilford; by six grandchildren, and 11 step-grandchildren.

Dave's family would like to thank Care and Comfort Nursing of

Gilford and the staff at Lakes Region General Hospital for their compassionate care.

Calling hours were from 1 to 3 p.m. On Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A celebration of his life was held at the Congregational Church of Laconia, 69 Pleasant St., Laconia, on Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 at 11 a.m.

The burial will be

private.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Civil War Round Table at P.O. Box 887, Epping, N.H., 03042.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Maureen Eva Campbell, 83



NASHUA — Maureen Eva Campbell, 83, a longtime resident of Nashua, passed away peacefully at Southern NH Medical Center on Dec. 31, 2016.

She was born in Methuen, Mass. on Nov. 17, 1933, a daughter of Walter and Eva (Vignault) Desharnais.

Mrs. Campbell is remembered as a dedicated mother and grandmother, and retired in 2001 from working for more than 30 years at HBM in Framingham, Mass. to move to New Hampshire in 2003.

She was a spirited woman who maintained her sharp mind through extensive reading and word search puzzles. She

enjoyed yard work and her morning cups of coffee, daily news stories and the comforts of her home. She also enjoyed relentlessly playing Bingo with her longtime friends Darlene and Irene. Her trips to Florida with her friend of over 50 years, Mickey McEnroy of Nashua, will always be cherished.

Her fun and outgoing personality and caring nature will be missed by all who

knew and loved her. As she always said, "God watches over me and I will be fine."

Mrs. Campbell survived her devoted children, William Campbell, Jr. and his wife Chris, Michael Campbell, Jimmy Campbell, and Maureen Padula; her beloved grandchildren, Shawn, Shaylan, Cole, Hollie-Anne, and Michael, Jr.; her great grandchildren, Brittney, Theodore, Jayden, Ariella and Jackson; and those who were like family to her, Mark Padula and Aggie Plourde.

There are no visiting hours. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 777 West Hollis St., Nashua, on Saturday morning, Jan. 21, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Friends and family are invited to attend. Interment prayers and burial will be private and held at the convenience of her family. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a memorial donation in Maureen's memory to either St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 (stjude.org) or the ASPCA (aspca.org).

The David Funeral Home, One Lock St., Nashua, has been placed in charge of arrangements. An online guestbook is available at www.davisfuneral-homenh.com, 883-3401.

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Arline Laura Downing, 88

LACONIA — Arline Laura Downing, 88, of Bishop Bradley Apartments at 406 Court St., formerly a longtime resident of 36 Dixon St., died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 in Laconia in a motor vehicle accident.

She was born on July 18, 1928 in Laconia, the daughter of the late Harry E. and Mary (Smith) Downing. Arline worked for many years as an Administrative Assistant for the State of New Hampshire - Welfare Department. She also worked as an Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at the former Laconia State School.

Arline was a long-time communicant of St. Andre Bessette - St. Joseph Church in Laconia, where she was a member of the Ladies Guild and a member of the Catholic Daughters. A woman of great faith, Arline enjoyed many trips to various shrines in the Northeast and in Canada. She also enjoyed Saturday "road trips" with family and friends, knitting and going out to eat, especial-



ly to her favorite restaurant, Sawyers, to enjoy a lobster roll. Those who knew her loved her sense of humor. Always known as a jokester, she would enjoy teasing people, and would often introduce herself to others as "Trouble." She was known as being more like a grandmother to her great nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her two nieces, Patricia Ann Smith and her husband Gerard of Penacook and Maureen Trumper and her husband Christopher of Merrimack; four grand nieces and grand nephews; and several close friends.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by one brother, William Russell Downing, in 1990 and one sis-

ter, Mary F. Hutton, in 2012.

Calling hours will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 at St. Andre Bessette Parish - St. Joseph Church, 30 Church St., Laconia. Burial will be held in the spring in the family plot at St. Lambert Cemetery in Laconia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Rehabilitation & Nursing Center-Recreation Fund, 406 Court St., Laconia, NH 03246. Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

John Dennis Mahan, 66

LACONIA — John Dennis Mahan, 66, of Laconia, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 at Lakes Region General Hospital.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1950 in Lynn, Mass., the son of the late Bryan C. and Mary L. (Dineen) Mahan. He worked as a machinist for over 40 years at Lewis & Saunders. John was local entrepreneur and avid gardener who enjoyed all things green. He enjoyed fishing, camping and pulling pranks. John was a member of the Elks Club and the Laconia Rod & Gun Club.

He is survived by his three daughters, Amy L. Ojikutu of Sanbornton, Elizabeth M. Johnson of Sanbornton and Jill E. Mahan of Belmont; six grandchildren (Kathleen, Edward, Grace and Alex Ojikutu and Madeline and Gavin Johnson); one sister, Mary E. Mahan of Center Barnstead; and two nephews, Trevor White of Manchester and Bryan S. Mahan of St. Augustine, Fla..

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his three brothers, Bryan B. Mahan, Thomas J. Mahan and James C. Mahan, along with his beloved dogs, Chester and Otis.

There will be no calling hours.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at the Laconia Rod & Gun Club, 358 S Main St., Laconia. Burial will be held in the spring in the family plot at the Great Hill Cemetery in Chester.

For those who wish,



memorial contributions may be made to Central New Hampshire Kidney

Center, 87 Spring St., Laconia, NH 03246.

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John Albert Morrison, Sr., 92

LACONIA — John Albert Morrison, Sr., 92, of Woodland Avenue, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017 in the presence of his wife and family.

John was born on July 30, 1924 in Warren, the son of John H. and Alice (Plaisted) Morrison. He grew up in Concord and moved to Laconia prior to joining the US Army in 1943; he served in the European Theater until December 1945. Upon his return, he married Beverly Sinton and resided in Laconia for the past 70 years.

John worked for 40 years at Allen Rogers Corporation, and then on to Marcoux Plumbing, and eventually for Lake Aircraft of Gilford. John was a hard worker, and often worked a second job, with his work week often being 60-plus hours long. He retired at age 75. He and his wife spent several winters in Siesta Key, Fla.

John's interests were riding motorcycle

and being around aircraft at the local airport.

John is survived by his wife of 70 years, Beverly Morrison; two sons, John Jr. and his wife, Fran, of Belmont and Kerry and his wife, Claire, of Gilford; a granddaughter, Julie McBride and her husband, Mark, of Gilford; a great granddaughter, Emma McBride, also of Gilford.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Charlie, and by his twin sisters, Ellen Purdy and Helen Bourgault.

Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Jan.

17, 2017 from noon - 2 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance. A Funeral Service followed the calling hours at 2 p.m., also at the Funeral Home. Burial followed in the family plot at Meredith Village Cemetery in Meredith.

For those who wish, the family suggests that memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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Patricia Ann Field, 80

memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

She is survived by her son, Michael Field of Belmont; two daughters, Nancy DeVivo and her husband Peter of Belmont and Laurie Field of Belmont; three grandchildren, Gabrielle Guyer, Andrew Decormier and Reese DeVivo; one great grandchild, Jaylynne McClellan; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, George Field.

There will be no calling hours.

A memorial service will be held for family, close friends and caregivers at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia. Burial will be held at St. Lambert Cemetery in Laconia in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Andre Bessette Parish - Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia, NH 03246 or to the Belknap County Nursing Home - Activities Fund, 30 County Drive, Laconia, NH 03246.

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Mary B. Frohock, 56

cles and cousins, many from Rochester.

She was predeceased by her father.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

Mary worked as a Registered Nurse for nearly 20 years, most recently as an ER Nurse for Concord Hospital. Mary was an active CASA volunteer, Yoga teacher and Reiki healer. She is lovingly remembered as "Aunty Mary" to many and will be dearly missed. Mary was one of the kindest, most positive, loving and generous people you could meet. She could be found in the summer, soaking up the sun, swimming and enjoying the "lake life" on her beloved Winnipesaukee or hiking up Riley Road to visit her neighbors. In the winter, Mary could be found snuggling her cats and reading.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to CASA of New Hampshire, Inc., P.O. Box 1327, Manchester, NH 03105-1327 or to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO BOX 572, Laconia, NH 03247.

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CONTRACT

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ment would be close to the "Cadillac" plan that would be taxed under the Affordable Care Act. Beitler said there is a provision in the contract that if the "Cadillac tax" is levied then the contract will be opened up again and negotiated.

Budget Committee Chair Norm Silber presented a series of statistics on the Gilford community and the school district, including the fact that 7.8 percent of families are below the

poverty level and enrollment in Gilford schools has decreased for most of the decade.

He said figures show 10 of the district's 12 administrators have compensation packages in excess of \$100,000 a year, while one out of 90 members of the support staff and 34 out of 146 teachers make that amount. He said he thought the average teacher was under-compensated.

Silber said figures also show that the school

district pays more than \$22,000 per student.

"I think that it's just outrageous; that's why I thought that this contract should be voted down, and the majority of the committee agreed with me," Silber said.

Silber said he understands it is a difficult job to teach young children, though they need to keep an eye on how successful the district is.

Silber said statistics show the Gilford School District is ranked 25th

out of 58 in the state with an individual school district grade of B+. The average SAT score is 1160 and 64 percent are proficient in reading and 49 percent on average are proficient in math.

At the same time over 22 percent of students are on free or reduced lunch.

Silber said these are Cadillac prices for a Yugo or maybe a Chevy result.

"We cannot sustain the continued increase in the taxes," Silber said.

BUDGET

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been earmarking money towards it.

The original proposal was for \$450,000 for the whole project. Dunn said the heating and cooling system portion then came in with an initial projected price tag of around \$400,000. Dunn said these numbers came from consulting with reputable contractors: one of whom did the heating and cooling in the police station and the other did the me-

chanical, electrical, and plumbing project at Gilford Elementary School. Dunn said he went back to them and got another estimate of around \$200,000 at the lowest.

Dunn suggested the appropriation in the article go back to \$450,000.

"Our goal is to do these things as economically as possible," Dunn said.

Dunn said the town already approved a \$2.2 million project for necessary upgrades to the systems at GES.

"I'm here to tell you today, we need to spend some money on the town hall," Dunn said. "We can't just pretend this will go away if we do nothing."

Committee chair Norm Silber said when adding the numbers including the \$200,000 for the HVAC work the total of that project came closer to \$375,000. Dunn said he wasn't entirely sold that the HVAC project could be done adequately for \$200,000. He said 26 pumps were included while the building has 30.

Budget Committee member Kevin Leandro said there is no doubt this work needs to be done, but he said the cost seemed excessively high. He said he was pleased with this lower estimate, but wanted to see the cost come down.

Chris McDonough, school board representative to the Budget Committee, said he would not support the article until it is reduced by \$200,000.

"My concern is you keep saying this is surplus money," McDonough said. "No it's not; it's tax dollars that were raised. I don't want to spend an extra dollar we don't have to."

my goal is to spend as little as possible and spend it appropriately."

McDonough proposed approving the article for \$375,000, though Silber said the article was already voted down by the committee.

After discussion, it was agreed the selectmen would submit a new article with a new amount.

On Monday, Dunn told the selectmen they received a third cost estimate from their two contractors. Spartan Mechanical gave an estimated cost of \$202,000 while LDG Corporation had an estimate of \$364,950.

Dunn recommended that they propose the article for the original amount of \$450,000. With the estimate from Spartan the \$450,000 would also cover items such as fencing and ADA compliant doors for the building entrance.

The selectmen unanimously approved Article 11 for \$450,000. The article will be discussed again at the deliberative session.

**REDUCE
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Laconia Adult Education Winter 2017 Enrichment Catalog							
Course Title	Day(s)	Start date	Times	# weeks	Cost	Location	Instructor Name
Arts & Crafts							
{ Adult Coloring with Eye Shadow	Thurs	1/26/2017	6:00-8:00	4 weeks	\$45.00	LHS514	Ellen Olson
Cake Decorating Basics & Beyond	Tues	3/7/2017	6:00-8:00	6 weeks	\$55.00	LHS605	Jean Cadrette
Ink Tiles	Thurs	1/26/2017	6:00-8:00	1 week	\$25.00	LHS509	Elizabeth Keefe
Knitting for Beginners (No online registration)	Tues	1/24/2017	6:00-8:00	5 weeks	*\$60.00*	Lamb's Ear Yarns	Susan Greene
Mosaics: A New Modern Technique	Thurs	2/2/2017	6:00-8:00	4 weeks	\$65.00	LHS509	Elizabeth Keefe
{ Beginner Quilting	Tues	1/24/2017	6:30-8:30	3 weeks	*\$35.00*	LHS901	Ardy Eaton
Water Color Painting Workshop	Mon	3/20/2017	6:00-8:30	6 weeks	*\$70.00*	LHS514	Mary Lou John
Cooking							
{ Buttercream 101	Tues	3/21/2017	6:00-7:30	1 week	\$25.00	ctc-H220	Gretchen Preston
Chinese Cooking	Thurs	3/9/2017	6:00-8:30	5 weeks	*\$55.00*	ctc-H220	Yan Li
{ Just Desserts!	Tues	1/24/2017	6:00-8:00	6 weeks	*\$60.00*	ctc-H220	Gretchen Preston
Easy Cooking: Quick, Healthy & Delicious	Wed	1/25/2017	5:30-7:30	3 weeks	*Free*	ctc-H220	Elizabeth White RD, LD
Health & Wellness							
Abundance and the Law of Attraction!	Tues	1/24/2017	6:30-8:00	1 week	Free	LHS208	Celeste Lovett
Acupuncture, Herbs, & Holistic Medicine	Tues	1/24/2017	7:00-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS608	Brian Paterson, ND
Belly Dancing Fun & Exercise for Beginners	Mon	2/6/2017	6:15-7:30	10 weeks	\$65.00	LHS-Café	Andrea Aldrovandi
Holistic Roots to Healthy Living & Life Style Choices	Tues	1/31/2017	7:00-8:30	6 weeks	Free	LHS608	Brian Paterson, ND
Life Coach- How to be the Best You in 2017	Wed	1/4/2017	6:00-7:30	5 weeks	\$99.00	LHS615	Emily Clement
{ Life Empowerment 101	Wed	4/5/2017	6:00-8:00	3 weeks	Free	LHS828	Phill Reed
Mah Jongg Made Easy and Fun	Wed	1/25/2017	7:00-9:00	5 weeks	\$50.00	LHS514	Sharon Fleishman
Reiki Level I Certification	Mon/Wed	3/13,3/15/17	6:00-8:30	1 week	\$125.00	LHS-Library	Carol Wallace
Reiki Level II Certification	Mon/Wed	3/20,3/22/17	6:00-8:30	1 week	\$150.00	LHS-Library	Carol Wallace
T'ai Chi Chih for Beginners	Thurs	1/26/2017	5:15-6:30	8 weeks	\$65.00	ctc-H235	Nancy Frost
Tone and Strengthen Your Body : Do It Now	Mon	1/23/2017	6:00-7:00	4 weeks	\$40.00	LHS916	Janine Page
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning	Tues	1/24/2017	5:00-6:15	8 weeks	*\$55.00*	ctc-H225	Bonnie Morin
Zumba	Tues	1/24/2017	6:15-7:15	8 weeks	\$55.00	LHS-Café	Alison Witham
Informational Classes/Seminars							
Affordable Healthcare: Understanding How it Works	Mon	1/9/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS614	Donna Toomey
{ Business Strategy for the Mid-Size Corporation	Thurs	2/9/2017	6:00-7:30	7 weeks	\$220.00	LHS615	Mel Ingalls
Estate, Wills, Trusts & Guardianship Planning	Tues	1/24/2017	7:00-9:00	1 week	Free	LHS613	Catelyn McCurdy
{ Intro to Business Strategy	Mon	1/23/2017	6:00-7:30	1 week	Free	LHS615	Mel Ingalls
Savvy Social Security & Medicare Planning	Wed	1/25/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS613	Greg Caulfield
Smart Retirement Strategies	Wed	2/1/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS613	Greg Caulfield
{ Strategy for Small Business	Mon	2/6/2017	6:00-7:30	6 weeks	\$55.00	LHS615	Mel Ingalls
Wealth Planning 101	Wed	2/8/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS613	Greg Caulfield
Language							
French for Beginners (Conversation)	Mon	1/23/2017	7:00-8:15	10 weeks	*\$50.00*	LHS202	Marta Burke
Portuguese for Beginners	Wed	2/1/2017	6:00-8:00	10 weeks	\$55.00	LHS612	Alice Gomes
Spanish for Beginners	Mon	1/23/2017	6:00-7:00	10 weeks	*\$45.00*	LHS203	Mark Frattarola
Spanish Intermediate Level I	Mon	1/23/2017	7:00-8:00	10 weeks	*\$45.00*	LHS203	Mark Frattarola
Spanish Intermediate Level II	Mon	1/23/2017	8:00-9:00	10 weeks	*\$45.00*	LHS203	Mark Frattarola
Learning a skill							
Dog Obedience: Beginning	Wed	3/22/2017	6:00-7:00	8 weeks	*\$55.00*	WHS	Carolyn Bancroft
Dog Obedience: Advanced	Wed	3/22/2017	7:00-8:00	8 weeks	*\$55.00*	WHS	Carolyn Bancroft
{ Fine Furniture Making, Level 1	Thurs	1/26/2017	6:00-9:00	8 weeks	*\$310.00*	LHS517	Tom McLaughlin
Fly Tying	Mon	1/23/2017	6:30-8:30	9 weeks	*\$50.00*	LHS509	Mike Cox
Genealogy: Problems Finding your Family Roots?	Wed	1/25/2017	6:30-8:30	4 weeks	\$30.00	LHS203	Chuck North
Golf for Beginners: Learn How to Play	Tues	5/2/2017	5:30-6:30	5 weeks	\$99.00	Laconia Country Club	Ben Stone
Golf: Intermediate-Sharpen your game	Thurs	5/4/2017	5:30-6:30	5 weeks	\$99.00	Laconia Country Club	Ben Stone
Guitar for Beginners (Level 1)	Thurs	1/26/2017	8:00-9:00	6 weeks	\$50.00	LHS607	Carlton Page
Guitar for Beginners (Level 2)	Wed	1/25/2017	8:00-9:00	8 weeks	\$60.00	LHS607	Carlton Page
Welding Basics: ARC, GAS, MIG & TIG	Tues	1/31/2017	5:30-8:30	10 weeks	*\$225.00*	LHS-Welding LAb	Rick Hewitt
Welding Basics: ARC, GAS, MIG & TIG	Wed	2/1/2017	5:30-8:30	10 weeks	*\$225.00*	LHS-Welding LAb	Rick Hewitt
Welding: Advanced MIG, TIG, Stick, Fabrication	Thurs	2/2/2017	5:30-8:30	10 weeks	*\$225.00*	LHS-Welding LAb	Rick Hewitt
Woodworking	Tues	1/24/2017	6:00-8:30	10 weeks	*\$110.00*	LHS517	Ed Fellona
* * Additional Supply/book fee or pre-class requirement is additional in this course. Call Laconia Adult Education at 524-5712 for details.							
{ New Course offering at Laconia Adult Education							
NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION							
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Gilford High School placed on College Board's AP® District Honor Roll

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Gilford High School is one of 433 school districts in the U.S. and Canada

da being honored by the College Board with placement on the 7th Annual AP® District Honor Roll. To be included on the Seventh Annual

Honor Roll, GHS had to, since 2014, increase the number of students par-

ticipating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP

Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

Anthony Sperazzo, Principal of GHS, was thrilled when this distinction was announced. Sperazzo went on to say that, "Each year, the staff is impressed by the

SEE HONOR ROLL PAGE A13

Shayla Hubbard of Laconia named to Assumption College Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Assumption College has announced that Shayla Hubbard, a member of the Class of 2017 from Laconia, is one of 486 students named to the College's prestigious undergraduate Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Assumption students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5

or higher for a five-class, 15-credit semester. The Dean's List is announced twice per academic year, once at the completion of the fall semester, and again at the completion of the spring semester.

"The College is proud to formally recognize those students who have achieved a level of academic excellence through their dedica-

tion, hard work and commitment to their studies, resulting in their in-

clusion on the College's prestigious Dean's List," SEE HUBBARD PAGE A13

Stratton Coleman named to University of Vermont Dean's List

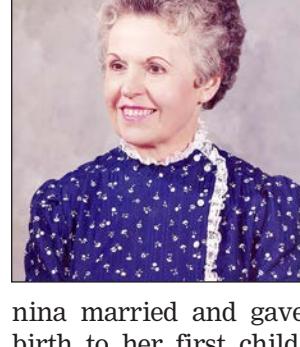
BURLINGTON, Vt. — Stratton Coleman has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at the University of Vermont. Coleman,

from Gilford, is majoring in Global & Regional Studies - Asia in the College of Arts & Sciences.

To be named to the

SEE COLEMAN PAGE A13

Janina Pietlicki



nina married and gave birth to her first child, Richard. Soon after she followed her parents to Brooklyn, N.Y., where she gave birth to her second child, Basia. She then moved to New Hampshire where she gave birth to her third child, John. While living in Manchester, and then in Laconia, she found a life of family, friends and fulfillment.

Many will remember Janina from her days working in the school lunch program, particularly at Pleasant Street School in Laconia, where she was always ready with her easy smile and mild manner (not to mention an extra helping for

those children she felt were "too skinny"). She was further employed by several area firms, was active in community service organizations including the Red Cross, St. Joseph's Church, and the Emblem Club, where she was a member and president. In retirement she worked and volunteered at the Laconia Police Department and Lakes Region General Hospital until age and health forced her into the care of her children, and eventually the nursing home. Nursing home staff will fondly remember her good nature, penchant for singing, and her never-ending requests for a cup of coffee!

Janina's smile and kindness, which became her trademark in life, will forever be remembered by those who had the good fortune to meet or know her.

She is survived by her children, Richard Pietlicki of Idaho, Basia Pietlicki of Henniker, and John

Pietlicki of Barrington; ten grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and her sister, Maria Poloniewicz of Belmont, N.C.

In addition to her parents and two brothers, she was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Pietlicki, in 1970.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017 at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, 30 Church St., Laconia. A private burial will be held at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Laconia.

For those who wish, and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or go to <http://www.alz.org>.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Stanley R. Powell, 87

TILTON — Stanley R. Powell, 87, formerly of Gilford, Laconia and Sudbury, Mass., died Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 at the New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1929 in Boston, Mass., the son of the late Adam and Anna (Barry) Powell. Stanley served in the US Army during World War II. He was a life member of the D.A.V., a member of the VFW and a member and past President of the Sudbury Rod & Gun Club.

He is survived by his three daughters, Susan E., Church of Groton, Mass., Cheryl A. Carley of Harrington Park, N.J. and Deborah A. Nilo of West New York, N.J.; and eight loving grandchildren (Joseph III, Patrick and Shannon Carley, Meredith, Melissa and Robert Church and Samantha and Anthony Nilo).

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Doris A. (Mills) Powell, in 2010.

There will be no calling hours.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the New

Spring Coaching Position

Alton Central School, pre-k-8, is seeking qualified applicants to coach the following sport for the 2016 – 2017 season:

Middle School Baseball Coach

If interested please submit a letter of interest, application, resume and 3 references sent to: Alton Central School, Russ Perrin, Athletic Director, 41 School Street, Alton, NH 03809.

Application Deadline: January 20, 2017 or until filled

EOE

2017-2018 Fall Coaching Position

Alton Central School, pre-k-8, is seeking qualified applicants to coach the following sport for the 2017 – 2018 season:

Volleyball Coach for A and B teams

beginning in late August

If interested please submit a letter of interest, school application, resume and 3 references sent to: Alton Central School, Russ Perrin, Athletic Director, 41 School Street, Alton, NH 03809.

Application Deadline: February 3, 2017 or until filled

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Gilford School District PUBLIC NOTICE

FILING PERIOD FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

1/25/17 - 2/3/17

FILING PERIOD FOR TOWN OFFICES

1/25/17 - 2/3/17

Town Clerk - Tax Collector's Office, 47 Cherry Valley Rd., Gilford, NH

The Town Clerk is accepting declarations for candidacy for the following Town Offices:

Office	Positions	Term
Selectman	1	3-year
Town Clerk - Tax Collector	1	3-year
Treasurer	1	3-year
Trustee of Trust Funds	1	3-year
Library Trustee	1	3-year
Cemetery Trustee	1	3-year
Fire Engineer	1	3-year
Budget Committee Members	3	3-year

Candidates must be a registered voter in the Town of Gilford to file for office.

Town Clerks hours for filing are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. - Fri.* Thurs.

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

*Except for the last day of the filing period (2/3/17) in which the law requires the

Town Clerk's Office to be open until 5:00 pm

Please call the Clerk's Office at 527-4713 if you have any questions.

Gilford School District PUBLIC NOTICE

FILING PERIOD FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

1/25/17 - 2/3/17

The following school district offices are vacant:

Office	Openings	Term
School Board Member	1	3-Year
School District Moderator	1	1-Year
School District Clerk	1	1-Year
School District Treasurer	1	1-Year

Written declaration of candidacy must be filed with the Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017 in order for the name of the candidate to appear on the ballot. Forms may be obtained from the Superintendent of School's Office; 2 Belknap Mountain Rd., Gilford, NH 03249, telephone number 527-9215.

Candidates must be a registered voter in the Town of Gilford.

School District office hours for filing are 7:30 – 4:00 Monday – Friday *

*Except for the last day of filing (2/3/17) in which the law requires the School District Office to be open until 5:00 p.m.

Kimberly Zyla
School District Clerk

Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund announces grants to local non-profit organizations

MEREDITH — The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund at New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has awarded \$106,400 to 35 non-profit organizations. These include \$92,400 awarded to 21 local agencies, and \$14,000 donated to 14 area food pantries. These grants are additional to the Bank's many local contributions in the form of sponsorships, donations and scholarships, as well as the impressive volunteer efforts of its employees.

"The community has always been at the heart of our mission," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "We're very proud to be able to offer any support we can to organizations that provide so many wonderful local resources and services."

Recent recipients of the MVSB Charitable Fund include:

Belknap House (Laconia)

Awarded \$5,000 to support their Strengthening Families program, which enhances the five protective factors that keep families strong and children safe from abuse and neglect. Belknap House is an emergency cold weather shelter scheduled to open this winter.

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ter that will provide support to homeless families in Belknap County.

Belmont High School Robotics (Belmont)

Awarded \$7,500 to go toward the equipment purchase for elementary and middle school-level programs related to robotics. These programs, which encourage student-interest in STEM-based fields, provide engaging experiences in robotics-related activities.

Belmont Middle School (Belmont)

Awarded \$6,000 to go toward the creation of a makerspace area, including a 3D printer, software, sewing machines and electronic kits for students. The space will be made available for Belmont Middle School students and teachers to gather, create, invent and learn.

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth/ CADY (Plymouth)

Awarded \$5,000 to support the Launch Youth Entrepreneurship Program, a development program that combines workforce training, paid summer employment and substance misuse prevention strategies for youth living

in the Newfound and Pemi-Baker regions. CADY was founded in 1999 to educate families, schools and communities about the importance of drug prevention and misuse among youth of Central and Northern NH.

End 68 Hours of Hunger (Wolfeboro)

Awarded \$6,000 to expand the food provision program for children in need from Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro and Ossipee. The program allows children, who would otherwise have insufficient food on the weekends, to bring home a bag containing three dinners, two breakfasts, lunches and snacks on Fridays. End 68 Hours of Hunger confronts the hunger some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school on Friday afternoon and the free breakfast they receive in school on Monday morning.

Gilford Youth Center (Gilford)

Awarded \$2,500 to support transportation costs for summer camp. The Center's Summer Camp is a seven-week program, offered to local area middle school students. Gilford Youth Center is a safe, affordable and inclusive facility for Gilford and the Lakes Region, offering educational, athletic and community opportunities for youth, adults and families.

Got Lunch – Ashland/Holderness (Ashland)

Awarded \$1,000 for support of the Got Lunch program in the towns of Ashland and Holderness for summer 2017. Got Lunch is a community-based program that provides healthy lunch foods to children during their summer break.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council (Plymouth)

Awarded \$5,000 to go toward the cost of a professional delivery service to pick-up donated food twice per week for GCSCC Seniors. The Plymouth Regional Senior Center receives generous donations of up to 50 cases of food from Hannaford Supermarkets through the Fresh Produce Rescue Program

of the NH Food Bank, and funding supports pick-up and distribution. Founded in 1972, GCSCC provides home-delivered meals, outreach and counseling, on-demand transportation, activities, educational programs, congregate meals, volunteer opportunities, assistance with chores and repairs and telephone reassurance to the homebound community.

Greater Meredith Program (Meredith)

Awarded \$5,000 to expand their Career Partnership program to Interlakes Middle Tier students. The expansion will increase the reach of the program so that every student, prior to high school graduation, is involved with at least one job shadow and one internship. The Career Partnership Program offers work-based learning opportunities through internships, job shadowing, guest speaking and career fairs.

Interlakes Community Caregivers (Center Harbor)

Awarded \$3,500 for an expanded and improved volunteer screening program to include critical background checks. Interlakes Community Caregivers is supported by caring volunteers who provide services to individuals and families in times of need. This program complements existing public and private resources that assist community members to live independently in their homes for as long as possible.

Laconia School District - Office of Extended Learning (Laconia)

Awarded \$4,000 to provide elementary students from low-income families the ability to rent or purchase instruments for Beginners' Band. Beginners' Band is an individualized and group instrumental instruction program for elementary students in Laconia.

Lakes Region Art Association (Tilton)

Awarded \$1,000 toward the replacement of the Association's computer, printer and software. The Lakes Region Art Association, formerly known as the Laconia Art Association, was founded in 1940 to encourage the creation of art and to further community appreciation of art by the promotion, education, sale and display

The Village Players (Wolfeboro)

Awarded \$5,000 toward the repair and replacement of its theater roof. The Village Players is a non-profit amateur community theater in Wolfeboro.

Wamesit Engine Companies (Meredith)

Awarded \$2,500 to go

of visual fine arts by local artists.

Lakes Region Humane Society (Ossipee)

Awarded \$7,400 toward the repair and refinishing of the Society's concrete floor, where shelter dogs wait before they are adopted. The Lakes Region Humane Society provides year-round rescue and shelter services to dogs and cats.

New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse (Laconia)

Awarded \$5,000 to update the organization's computer network and information security systems. New Beginnings is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support.

New Durham School (New Durham)

Awarded \$6,000 to help students attend the Camp Invention Enrichment Program for one week. Camp Invention is a summer STEM enrichment program where students are given the opportunity to practice innovation, creative problem solving and apply engineering skills.

NH Historical Society (Concord)

Awarded \$2,500 to support the expansion of the Society's education program to Lakes Region students. The New Hampshire Historical Society is the independent nonprofit that saves, preserves and shares state history, serving thousands of children and adults each year through its museum, library, education, publications and outreach programs.

Patriot Resilient Leader Institute (Gilford)

Awarded \$6,000 to support the Institute's four-day Camp Resilience program for disabled veterans. Camp Resilience, which consists of life-skills training and outdoor team-building activities, empowers disabled veterans to gain greater self-confidence and to improve their quality of life.

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toward the purchase of thermal imaging cameras for all fire trucks at the Meredith Fire Department. Thermal imaging cameras allow firefighters the ability to see in a smoke filled room. Wamesit Engine Companies was founded by active and retired members of the Meredith Fire Department to serve the Greater Meredith Community.

Wolfeboro Senior Center and Meals (Wolfeboro)

Awarded \$1,500 to extend the Center's meals and activities service period one month; beginning services in August instead of September and lasting through May of the following year. The Wolfeboro Senior Center was founded in 2010 to enrich the lives of local seniors through educational programs, informative events, recreation and nutritious meals within a welcoming community.

Women's Health at Memorial Hospital (North Conway)

Awarded \$5,000 to support the Hospital's New Life Prenatal Substance Abuse program for prenatal drug-addicted women and their drug-exposed newborns postpartum.

The Meredith Village Savings Bank Fund was established in 1997 under the leadership of John Starratt, then President and CEO of the Bank. Since then, 329 grants totaling \$1,290,867 have been awarded to a wide range of environmental, social, educational and historic projects throughout the Greater Lakes Region and Plymouth areas. Over the years, the Fund has supported literacy programs, after-school programs, environmental monitoring, restoration of historic structures, organizations that provide support for individuals and families in challenging circumstances and equipment that helps save lives. The deadline for consideration for the next grant cycle is Oct. 15. Applications are available on the Bank's website and at all MVSB offices.

For nearly 150 years, Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Central New Hampshire. MVSB and its employees are guided by the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, North Hampton, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

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Gustavus Adolphus Orchestra national tour performing in Gilford

The Gustavus Adolphus College Wind Orchestra will be visiting Gilford as part of its 2017 Northeast U.S. Concert Tour. The 70 member ensemble will be performing in a combined concert with the Gilford High School Symphonic Band on Thursday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. at the Gilford Performing Arts Center (auditorium).

The Wind Orchestra is under the direction of James Patrick Miller, the Douglas Nimmo Professor of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra in Music at the Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Min-

nesota. The orchestra does a national tour every year and an international tour every fourth year. This year the orchestra will be performing in Belchertown, Massachusetts, on Feb. 1, in Gilford on Feb. 2, and then in Scarborough, Maine on Feb. 3. On Saturday,

Feb. 4, they will tour the sights (and do some shopping) of Boston.

This year's concert theme will be "Voices From the East," a presentation of stirring musical selections, past and present, from the countries of Asia.

This enjoyable concert will be very similar to the New England Music Festival which was held last March in Gilford. At that time, Gilford and the surrounding communities played host to

approximately 450 musicians for two nights. This year there will be 70 visiting college students, and the Gilford Performing Arts Department and Parents of Performing Students (POPS) will again be seeking assistance in housing those students. Volunteers

would only have to provide a place to sleep and an early breakfast for their guests. If you are available to host a few students or more, please contact

Janet Breton (yes, she did this last year) at email: jabreton@metrocast.com; or at cell telephone 344-6971; or at home telephone 364-6464. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated and the opportunity to socialize with these students will be most rewarding.

Be sure to attend and enjoy the music performed by the Gustavus Adolphus College and Gilford High School orchestras on Feb. 2 at 6 p.m.

LRPA presents Hitchcock's classic "Sabotage" as this weekend's After Dark feature

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Jan. 20 & 21) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of Alfred Hitchcock's 1946 espionage thriller "Sabotage," starring Sylvia Sidney, Oscar Homolka and John Loder.

All of London goes dark, and people at a cinema are angry, demanding their money back. Just as the blackout occurs, the cinema's owner, Karl Verloc (Homolka), secretly comes home to his upstairs residence through the back entrance, pretending that has been asleep. When his much younger wife (Sidney) comes to get him, Verloc tells her to refund the customers' money, much to Mrs. Verloc's surprise, as they are short of cash. Verloc reassures her, stating that her that he will be "coming into money soon." Shortly thereafter, the electricity is restored, and it is revealed that the blackout was an act of sabotage on the city's power grid. Verloc is a member of a secret European terrorist group and took part in the thwarted blackout. As such, he gets a new, more serious and dangerous assignment — to place explosives at the Piccadilly Circus train station, a job that makes him uncomfortable. Unbeknownst to Verloc, he has aroused the suspicions of Scotland Yard. Detective Ted Spencer (Loder) has been assigned to investigate Verloc. Spencer goes undercover as a green-grocer and befriends Mrs. Verloc's younger brother Stevie, using his friendship with the boy to get closer to the

family, as Scotland Yard is unsure as to whether or not Mrs. Verloc is part of the terrorist plot. Spencer grows fonder of both Stevie and his sister as Verloc becomes more suspicious. The detective begins to create doubt in Mrs. Verloc's mind: what is her husband really doing when he leaves the house? She starts to pay closer attention to her husband and question his actions. Verloc realizes that he's being watched so his contacts come up with a devious plan to get the bomb to Piccadilly Circus, which includes getting Stevie to unknowingly deliver the package. Will Spencer be able to intervene in time? And what will happen to those who engage in sabotage?

The subject matter of "Sabotage" — organized terrorist activities — may have felt outrageous to pre-WWII audiences, but will seem very up-to-date to today's viewer. The film includes one of Hitchcock's most infamous scenes, one that shocked audiences in 1936 and is still quite powerful more than 70 years later. "Sabotage" features outstanding performances from both Oscar Homolka and Sylvia Sidney, as well as first-rate production values and cinematography. Four years completing this film, Hitchcock moved to Hollywood and directed "Rebecca" for David O. Selznick, beginning his long and illustrious U.S. career. If you've never seen "Sabotage," then grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this thrilling movie from the past.

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TILTON — Over the last few months, Lakes Region Artists have been encouraging a greater appreciation of the arts by offering an opportunity for individuals to register for a monthly free art drawing.

Recently, Justin Wheeler, a self-taught, local photographer from Hill who donated his

LACONIA — Pitman's Freight Room is pleased to announce the following events for this weekend:

Friday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., \$20: The Blues Tonight Band

A lot of Blues bands come and go on the local music scene these days, with most never to return. However, this band did return in 2011 with a vengeance! Consisting of three core members of the original LA East Band from Laconia, and by adding in fresh new talent, we round out this five piece hard hitting blues band, named Blues Tonight.

Not only does the Band play covers of blues songs that we are all familiar with, Blues Tonight also performs songs that not everyone has on their set list. But playing covers isn't really what we are about, it's the original songs that we are getting known for and that people are requesting. So come see for yourself what a powerful sound we can create and enjoy what everyone has been talking about in New Hampshire!

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

Pitman's Freight Room welcomes the Blues Tonight Band

The Blues Tonight Band



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The Tall Granite Big Band

Saturday, Jan. 21, 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! Organized in Concord last year, the 18-member band has its roots in Texas with music collected over seven decades by the late Houston bandleader 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! Our Pitman's Dance Nights typically are prefaced with a complimentary Swing dance lesson from area instructors to help everyone acquire or brush up their moves! 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.

For reservations, call 527-0043.

Monthly free art drawings held at Lakes Region Art Gallery

framed photograph print titled "Grey Rocks-Newfound Lake, NH," presented it to this month's winner, Anne Normandin of New Hampton.

Wheeler specializes in unique and expressive landscape photography, including limited edition nature photographs, which create new and captivating visions of

the natural beauty of New Hampshire. More examples of his photographs and prints are on display at the LRAA Gallery as well as on his Web site, www.naturallynh.com/home.html.

Normandin was quite surprised when she was notified that she had won the drawing for the photographic print and indicated that she didn't recall having signed up for the drawing. Soon, however, she realized that her daughter had submitted her name. She was pleased that she had won the photograph and she and daughter, along with two grandchildren came to Lakes Region Art for the presentation from the art

ist. Currently on display at the gallery store is this month's free art piece, a work by Marian Federspiel of Meredith. Federspiel is a digital painter of landscapes and lake scapes in the mountain and lakes regions of New Hampshire. Anyone interested in art, as well as a chance to win free art, should stop by the gallery to view Marian's free artwork piece which is displayed in the window. Registration slips for the drawing are available at the gallery checkout counter; no purchase is necessary to register. One registration per person, per drawing.

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TRANSFER

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ward. Town Administrator Scott Dunn said during the hearing that the station should pay for itself over time. The town will be \$71,176 by ending the payments for commercial trash disposal to Laconia and ending the payment of \$26,063 for the disposal of recyclables. The town could receive an estimated \$8,500 a year in revenues for recyclables, as the mate-

rials will be packaged in bulk and marketed.

There will be an estimated \$35,000 in increased labor costs for two part time employees working 20 hours a week and an estimated increase of \$2,000 in operating expenses, which mostly accounts for electricity and fuel costs.

The project could carry an average of \$65,345 a year in loan payments over a 10-year period.

In total, the town will have \$102,345 in new expenses and \$3,394 in net annual savings.

A public hearing was also held for Article 7, calling for the raising and appropriation of \$725,000 for improvements to the two sewer pump stations on Varney Point.

There was little public comment for both hearings.

NOTEBOOK

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them in modern times failed. And because they are even more susceptible to brainworm than moose, and because of changes in habitat and climate, it is highly unlikely they'll ever be seen here again.

I've had a great interest in caribou ever since longtime Fish and Game wildlife biologist Dave Patrick gave me a copy of Helenette Silver's classic "History of New Hampshire Game and Furbearers" when I was a kid. Here is part of what the author had to say about caribou when the book was published, in 1957:

"Because of their rarity, it is doubtful that hunting in New Hampshire had a very serious effect on the species. (Pittsburg) Conservation Officer Fred Scott perhaps quite accurately describes the situation: 'They were not extirpated, though some were killed. They migrated.' Frank Huggins (veteran Pittsburg hunter and guide) echoes Scott's opinion: 'They were not killed off, or at least not completely. They went away."

That is a haunting echo of similar popular sentiment only a couple

of generations earlier, by people who simply could not fathom the disappearance of so many millions of buffalo. Surely there were hidden herds of thousands, somewhere over the next hill.

This book opened my young eyes to the rich history and legacy of New Hampshire's wildlife. In this way I learned about wolves, cougars, caribou and other creatures past and present, resulting in a lifelong curiosity about what this place was like in post-glacial times.

On trips to the Far North, I've seen the tracks (and worn the fur) of wolverines, and seen circled herds of muskox. In the past, perhaps as little as 10,000 years ago, northern New England probably had both.

During what is often referred to as the Big Cut in the 1880s, when loggers, logging camps and logging railroads pushed fast and far into the old-growth forests of northern New Hampshire and Maine, locals and visitors "sports" alike hunted woodland caribou. In fact, caribou were numerous enough in northern Maine that commercial hunters

shipped carcasses to urban markets.

It was the era of the demise of the passenger pigeon and the bison. In all three cases, people thought these species were too numerous ever to end.

In a short time, at around the turn of the century, the nation's first conservation efforts took hold, and quickly grew into the great movement that saved so much of the continent's wild land and wildlife. But for the woodland caribou, which once roamed in all of the states along the Canadian border, it came too late.

Today, only a small population of 50 or so hangs on in northeastern Washington and northern Idaho, eking out its existence mostly, a wildlife biologist recently noted, in British Columbia.

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

HUBBARD

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said Assumption College President Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D. "Assumption students are challenged to pursue excellence in all aspects of life, reflective of the words of Fr. Emmanuel d'Alzon, founder of the Augustinians of the Assumption, who described Christian education as striving to shape one's whole being. This significant academic achievement is indicative of individuals who will graduate from the College prepared to use their knowledge to make meaningful contributions to society."

The Assumption College curriculum enables students to gain a depth and breadth of knowledge that leads to professional success and personal fulfillment. Students whether studying on the Worcester, Massachusetts or Rome, Italy campus become engaged participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education and professional programs, exploring new ideas, making connections across disciplines, and pushing themselves to achieve more than they ever thought possible. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, and develop excellent communication and critical-analysis skills - quintessential skills of a liberal arts education - through classroom work, internships, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

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participants in Assumption's classic liberal arts education - exploring new ideas and making connections across disciplines. To prepare for the workforce, students learn cutting-edge theory and best practices, and development excellent communication and critical-analysis skills. Assumption graduates are also known for their thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information, please visit www.assumption.edu.

COLEMAN

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dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Chartered in 1791, the University of Vermont was the first in higher education to declare public support for freedom of religion and the first to admit women and African Americans to the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. Today, UVM offers more than 100 majors across the disciplines to 10,267 undergraduates

students; 50 master's degree and 22 doctoral programs to 1,462 graduate students; and an on-campus teaching hospital where students of all levels, including 461 medical students, gain hands-on training. A research university with a deep commitment to undergraduate education, UVM and its hometown, one of the nation's most vibrant small cities, offer endless ways for students to explore the world, challenge ideas, and dig in on the most pressing issues of our time.

ART

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is located in the Tanger Outlets (near the Customer Service office) and is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA), founded in 1940, is a non-

profit group providing education and support to local artists, both amateur and professional, in the Lakes Region. For more information LRAA and the gallery, see www.lraanh.org.

BLONDE

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Witham said "Legally Blonde" is a more modern musical with more modern scenery changes. As had been done in the high school production of "The Secret Garden," scene changes take place while the performers are still on stage and have to take place as seamlessly as possible.

Given the nature of the show Witham said they will have a big running crew to change around sets.

The biggest set pieces will be used within the first 10 minutes of the play. One of these is the two-story Delta Nu sorority house, where students stand on platforms to make it look like they are on the second floor and slide down fire poles. There is also a big set of winding stairs.

"It's a lot of movement on the stage with the actors and the techies at the same time," Witham said.

The set also consists of a number of box pieces, or small sets that show individual rooms. This includes the dress boutique, Elle Woods' dorm room (which is completely pink), and the hair salon. Witham said one parent who is a

parent who is a

hairdresser will be lending real salon equipment such as a salon chair, a hair dryer, and an assortment of shampoos.

Parents will also be offering pillows, comforters, posters, make-up, and other items for the dorm room.

Around 20 students are part of the tech crew, the majority of which are eighth graders. Some of the students have been doing tech for three or four years.

"It's great for Scott because they're all going to go to the high school next year and do tech with him," Witham said.

Witham said there will be plenty of ninth graders to help train the younger students.

He does have one seventh grader left in tech next year and he might open tech to the sixth graders to get more crew members.

"They've been doing great," Witham said. "We've been building some challenging things and this is one of the bigger sets we've ever made."

Eighth grader Thomas Deyarmond said his brother has also done tech.

"He told me that I

should do it and some of my friends told me I should do it," Deyarmond said.

He said his favorite part about doing tech is putting the sets and the platforms together.

Eighth grader Alaina Osburn has done tech for two shows.

"I like to do stuff like this and build and put things together," Osburn said.

Harrison Lafamme is also in eighth grade and has done tech for three years.

"I like building, it's pretty fun," Lafamme said.

Daniel Diethelm has been doing tech for the past four years. He said he enjoys seeing how the sets are built up and seeing them take their final form for the shows.

GHS sophomore Ashley Loureiro worked with the middle school students and said she is having fun working with them. She also did tech when she was in middle school too and is now helping out the younger students.

"You're here to do to pass your knowledge on to everyone else," Loureiro said.

MISSION

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Rise" arranged by Mary McDonald with Karen Jordan conducting the group. The finale was accompanied by various string and brass instrument players from the local area, and the FUMC Hallelujah Bell Choir. A free will offering was taken to benefit the Belk-

nap House, a soon to be open shelter in Laconia for homeless families.

First United Methodist Church of Gilford-Laconia, welcome one and all to attend our Church service on Sundays at 10:30 a.m., and to become involved in some of the many mission opportu-

HONOR ROLL

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ue to stay up to date with their professional development."

"Congratulations to all the teachers and administrators in this district who have worked so tirelessly to both expand access to AP and also to help students succeed on the AP Exams," said Trevor Packer, the College Board's head of AP and Instruction. "These teachers and administrators have proven themselves capable of doing the work of an introductory-level course in a particular subject at college."

Helping more students learn at a higher level and earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors.

In 2016, 82.2 percent of GHS students scored a 3 or better on their exam compared to 72.6 percent for the New Hampshire average, and 60.2 percent globally. A 3 or better means the student has proven himself/herself capable of doing the work of an introductory-level course in a particular subject at college.

In 2016, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admission process.

Inclusion on the Seventh Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three years of AP data, from 2014 to 2016, looking across 37 AP Exams, including world language and cul-

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KENDALL

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who received degrees in the Dec. 15 graduation ceremony at Littlejohn Coliseum.

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Unified Eagles snag OT win over Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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MEREDITH — It took overtime and many exciting end of game moments to decide a very entertaining unified basketball game between Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough and Gilford High School on Friday afternoon.

The host Lakers charged back in the fourth quarter, closing the period on an 8-0 run to force OT. But in the end, the visiting Golden Eagles scored the lone points of the three-minute extra session, with Jonah Nimirowski sinking what was ultimately the winning basket in a 29-25 victory at Inter-Lakes High School.

Trailing 25-17 in the fourth quarter, things looked bleak for I-L/MA. But the host Lakers, buoyed by a boisterous home crowd, got to work. Nick Saylor started the scoring with a jump shot, and hoops from Shawn Deflorio and another from Saylor pulled the hosts within 25-23. Tucker Moore wound up tying the game with just 45 seconds remaining, as he snagged an offensive rebound and put it back up to make it 25-25 and force OT.

In the extra session, neither team was successful from the field



Gilford's Dani Lou Cote pulls up for a jump shot in the visiting Eagles' 29-25 overtime win over Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough on Friday afternoon in Meredith.



Jonah Nimirowski of Gilford lines up a shot from just outside the paint in the opening quarter of play against Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough.

until Nimirowski hit a jumper with 2:01 remaining. Ethan Warren added an insurance hoop for Gilford, as the visitors earned the 29-25 win.

Gilford was lifted by the offensive prowess of Dani Lou Cote, who scored nine points including a three-pointer. Katie Hackley and Allyson Paige also came through with clutch play in the victory.

I-L/MA's Tristan Haddock scored four points in the loss, while Ellie Cristiano dropped six points. Mikayla Sorell, the team's outside specialist, sank a three-pointer in the fourth quarter, while Saylor added six points and Brandon Patten also notched two points.

Workman, Hancock capture individual wins at Bretton Woods

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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CARROLL — Mild temperatures were the name of the game last week, when the Gilford High School and Belmont High School alpine ski teams took their talents up north to

Bretton Woods Mountain Resort on Jan. 12.

The Gilford boys' team was the runner-up behind Belmont in both races, scoring 373 points in the GS and 367 in the slalom.

In the GS, Christian Workman took home an individual victory with a winning time of 1:07.73. Teammate Tyler Hanf was close behind in fourth place overall (1:10.77), followed by fellow scorers Matt McDonough (12th, 1:14.83) and Colton Workman (16th, 1:17.37).

Also finishing two runs for the Eagles

in the GS were Adam Donnelly (18th), Steven MacDonald (26th), Max Stephon (27th), Duncan Howland (37th) and Donovan Searle (38th).

In the slalom, Christian Workman was again Gilford's fastest skier with a fourth place performance in 1:01.42. Colton Workman joined him in the top 10, as he was seventh overall in 1:05.41.

McDonough also scored in 13th position (1:12.92), followed by Hanf (15th, 1:15.43) as the fourth and final scorer. Stephon (19th), MacDonald (22nd),

Howland (26th) and Searle (36th) rounded out the roster.

Jenny Hancock had a huge day for the Eagles, leading the girls' team to a team win in the GS (378 points) thanks to capturing the top spot in the event with a two-run time of 1:11.88. Bailey Hildreth came next in fourth place with a time of 1:14.80, while Hannah Lord made it three Eagles in the top 10 thanks to a seventh place finish (1:23.80). Rounding out the scorers for the victorious Eagles was Nicole Daigneault in 14th place (1:27.85).

In the slalom, Gilford was unable to record four scorers and settled for fifth place as a team. Hildreth was the runner-up in second place with a steady two-run total of 1:07.61, while Lord was right behind

in third (1:16.28) and Daigneault was 14th overall (1:28.75). Hancock looked like she would be able to give Gilford three high finishers after a 33.14 second opening run, but she took a DNF in the second run and was unable to figure into the scoring.

The Belmont boys' team swept the slalom and giant slalom races on the team side, using a deep and balanced scoring load to stand atop the field. In the GS, the Red Raiders dominated with 383 points, 10 points clear of runner-up Gilford. Sophomore Nolan Gagnon led the way with a runner-up finish, as his two-run combined time was 1:07.76. Gagnon was one of five Belmont skiers to earn top 10 showings,

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Five score in double figures as Eagles hold off Sanborn

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – On a few occasions this season, the Gilford High School boys' basketball team found itself struggling in the waning minutes of a close game. The Golden Eagles dropped a few tight tilts as a result. But thanks to a balanced scoring attack and suffocating fourth quarter defense, that wasn't the case on Jan. 10.

Gilford had five players score in double figures, and visiting Sanborn was held to just nine points in the fourth quarter en route to a 75-64 Eagle victory in NHIAA Division III play.

The Eagles led just 64-63 with 2:44 remaining before closing the game on an 11-1 run, mostly from the free throw line.

"(Sanborn) required



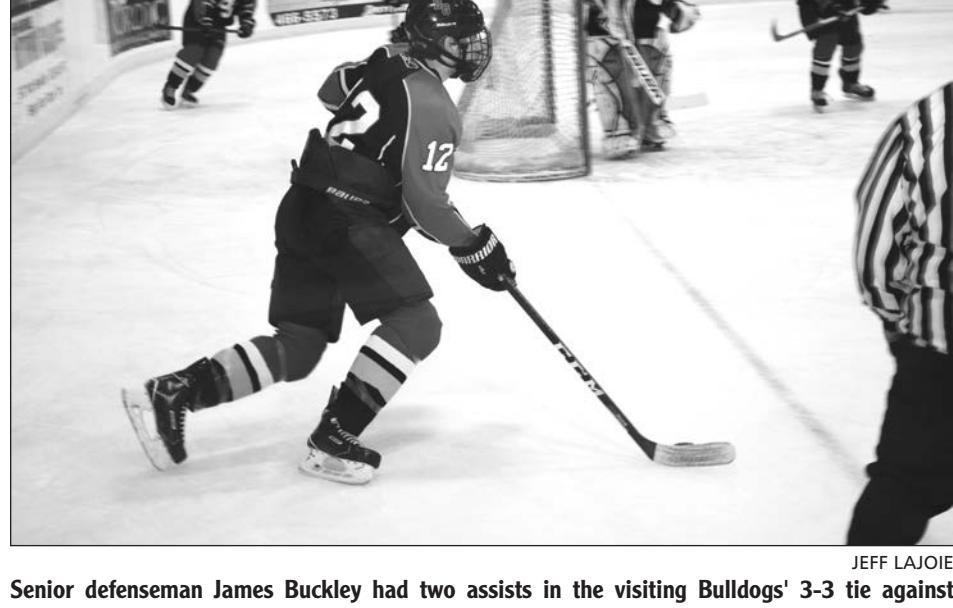
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Gilford's Branden Lemay pulls up in the lane for a basket in the third quarter of the host Eagles' 75-64 victory over Sanborn in NHIAA Division III play on Jan. 10.



JEFF LAJOIE

Greg Madore of Gilford dribbles the ball away from his Sanborn defender in the Eagles' 75-64 win.



JEFF LAJOIE

Senior defenseman James Buckley had two assists in the visiting Bulldogs' 3-3 tie against Somersworth/Coe-Brown on Jan. 11 at Rochester Ice Arena.

Muthersbaugh scores twice as B-G settles for 3-3 tie

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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ROCHESTER – On the road against a top-tier opponent, the deck was stacked against the Belmont-Gilford hockey team on Jan. 11. But the late night trip to Rochester Ice Arena yielded some form of positive result, as the Bulldogs managed to grab a 3-3 tie against host Somersworth/Coe-Brown in a key NHIAA Division III contest.

The tie stopped a four-game winning streak for the Bulldogs, which saw its record stand at 4-1-1 with a full week

off between this week's matchup against top-ranked Kennett (Jan. 18).

Sophomore Alex Muthersbaugh scored a first period goal that tied the game 1-1, and Muthersbaugh notched his second of the night in the second period that put the Bulldogs up 2-1.

That lead carried into the third period, when Somersworth/Coe-Brown (4-1-1) tied the game during a four-on-four situation. But B-G again had an answer, as this time Miles Defosse regained the lead for his team on a goal with as-

sists from Ethan Becker and James Buckley to make it 3-2.

But the Bearcats would force overtime thanks to an equalizer with 4:36 remaining in regulation, as Joel Boulanger scored his second of the night to make it 3-3.

The teams traded chances on the extra session, with B-G goalkeeper Bailey Defosse making some big saves to preserve the point for the visitors. The senior keeper finished with 28 saves in the outing, with B-G holding a 35-31 edge in shots on the night.

us to respond in this game and we did," lauded GHS coach Chip Veazey of his team.

"We've let a few games slip away from us this season and we didn't tonight. We earned it. It was really nice to win a competitive game."

Sanborn (2-4 overall) brought an up and down style of offense to GHS, jumping into its offensive set immediately and looking to hoist a shot within the first 10 seconds of possession.

The Indians took a plethora of three-point attempts, connecting on 11 of them in the game and forcing the tempo to generate a high-scoring game.

Gilford (4-2) led just 35-32 at halftime, using a late flurry from

Greg Madore and Korey Weston to close the frame on a 5-0 run.

The third quarter saw the Eagles open on fire, storming to a 10-2 run out of the gates with baskets from Madore, Ethan Carrier and Branden Lemay.

The advantage was double figures (45-34), but as was the theme on the night, Sanborn had an answer to stay within striking distance. The Indians got back-to-back three-pointers from Austin Kalinowski as part of an 8-0 run, and the squad would eventually pull even at 49-49 with 2:02 left in the third.

"The third quarter, we had a big lead and give it right back with turnovers," Veazey

McGonagle led all scorers with 19 points, as he was one of five Eagles to score in double figures in a balanced attack. Carrier added 18 points in the win, while Lemay (12 points), Weston (12) and Madore (10) all had big outings for Gilford.

"Mason made a few tough shots late and he picked up his defensive intensity," Veazey lauded. "And players like Korey and Branden played very good defense."

Sanborn managed just three field goals in the fourth quarter en route to the nine points, with McGonagle blocking a key three-point attempt with the Eagles holding a 67-63 lead with 1:38 to play. The Indians scored just one point in the final 2:43.

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REGION – The Lakes Region Flag Football League is seeking interested 5-7 year olds for its winter league. Games will be every Saturday at the Tilton Sports Center beginning Jan. 21 and running until April 1. Games will be played at either noon or 1 p.m.

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John Stow takes over as Lakes Region United President

REGION — The inauguration in Washington D.C. isn't the only presidential transition taking place this year. After several years as president of the non-profit Lakes Region United Soccer Club (LRU), Christian Zimmermann is stepping down. His two children, Zane and Zoe, have moved on from LRU, and as Zimmer-

mann puts it, "It's now time to pass the club on to the next generation of parents."

One of the leaders of that next generation is Gilford resident John Stow, who took over as president of LRU in December. Having lived the first 13 years of his life in Essex, England, Stow certainly knows his way around the soccer pitch. He grew up

an ardent supporter of Arsenal, while his older brother pulled for rival Liverpool (both are top clubs in the English Premier League). Stow attended high school in Londonderry, where he excelled in track and cross country. He eventually settled in Gilford with his wife Michelle, who teaches kindergarten at Gilford Elementary



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New LRU president John Stow (standing, center) at Tilton Sports Center with coaches Kory Keenan and John Kulcsar, uniform manager Jenny Burnham, and a variety of LRU players.

School.

Stow's children, Henry (10) and Catherine (13), have played soccer with LRU for the past six years and Stow has helped coach their teams. He joined LRU's board of directors in early 2016. Last spring, club treasurer Chris McDonough persuaded Stow to apply his skills as a software engineer to help the club, and Stow developed a web-based, automated registration system for LRU players.

club management. As Stow puts it, "Our biggest asset is our coaches, they donate enormous amounts of time to LRU. We want them to focus on what they're good at – developing skills and inspiring young players."

Zimmerman was enthusiastic about the transition, saying, "John is an excellent fit for this position, and I'm excited to see where he'll take the club in the future."

LRU is in its ninth season with more than 120 players from a variety of local towns, including Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanston, Meredith, Alton, Moultonborough, Sanbornton, Canterbury, and New Hampton. Parents and athletes can learn more about LRU at lrusoccer.com.



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Eagles shake off OT loss, beat Berlin

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD — It was a split week for the Gilford High School girls' basketball team, which closed things out with a home win against Berlin on Friday night after dropped a tough overtime thriller on the road at Sanborn two nights earlier.

It was a huge momentum-building win over the Mountaineers, which entered the night sporting a sterling 7-2 record. Gilford's defense completely flustered Berlin, and the Eagles turned a five-point advantage entering the fourth quarter into a double digit win, outscoring the Moun-

taineers by a 15-7 margin in the final stanza en route to the 42-29 victory.

The defending state champs were led by senior Stevie Orton's 16 points and seven rebounds, while junior Olivia Harris tossed in six steals to lead a defensive unit that held Berlin to its second-lowest offensive output of the season.

The victory propelled Gilford to 3-5 on the year, and it was the squad's first regular season win since beating Laconia back on Dec. 13 – one full month. The Eagles will look to continue the momentum with games this week against Franklin (3-7) and Somersworth

(3-5).

Gilford opened its week with a heartbreaking loss on the road at Sanborn, another top-tier team that sports a 7-1 overall record in Division III.

The Eagles led late in the fourth quarter, but missed free throws in the waning moments left the door open. Sanborn took advantage, hitting a buzzer beater to send the game into overtime with the score 46-46.

The Indians scored the only points in OT, as neither team had much success offensively in the extra frame. The game-winner came on a putback, and despite a few chances to tie it, Gil-

ford turned the ball over in key spots en route to the 48-46 loss.

Gilford, which led 29-26 at halftime, was led by Orton's 17 points and 15 rebounds. Lauren Dean (eight points), Harris (seven points, three steals), Shelby Cole (five points), Taryn Bretton (four points, three steals) and Kaitlyn Van Bennekom (three points, seven rebounds) all contributed in the tough defeat.

Gilford shot just 28 percent from the field and only eight of 22 from the free throw line. The Eagles missed all seven of their charity stripe attempts in the fourth quarter.

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TARA GILES/COOS COUNTY DEMOCRAT
Gilford's Jenny Hancock moves around a gate during the slalom at last week's meet held at Bretton Woods. Hancock won the giant slalom for the Eagles, leading the team to a top spot in the standings.

Rebecca Camire (sixth, 1:18.89) and Keagan Berry (seventh, 1:21.68) made it all four Belmont scorers in the top 10. Julie Valengavich rounded out the competitors for the Raiders with a 17th place performance (1:32.22).

Gagnon's time of 1:04.91 led the way as the top finisher, while teammates Abby Camire (fourth, 1:17.27),

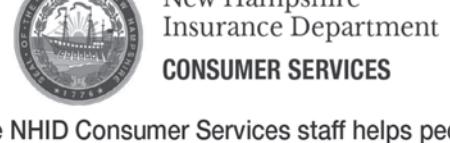
In the GS, Gagnon was just off the pace set by Gilford's Jenny Hancock in settling for a runner-up finish with a two-run total of 1:12.62.

Gagnon's mark helped Belmont to a second place finish as a team with 375 points.

Rebecca Camire (sixth, 1:22.58) and Abby Camire (10th, 1:25.44) were also in the top 10, with Berry rounding out the scorers in 11th position (1:25.53). Valengavich nabbed 21st place in the GS, crossing in 1:34.73.

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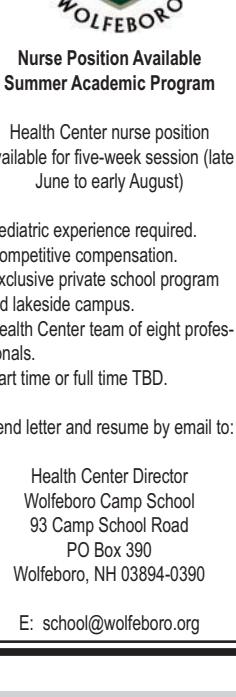
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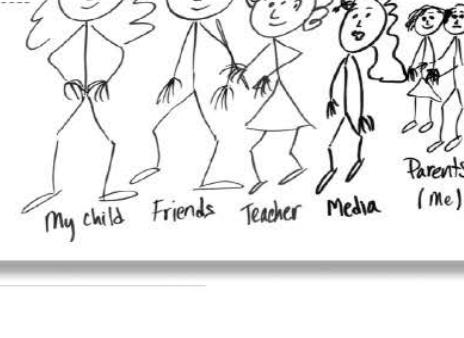
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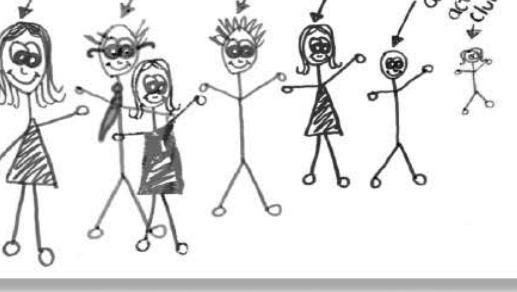
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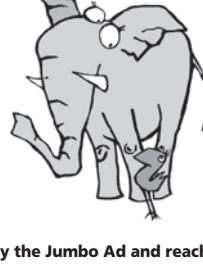
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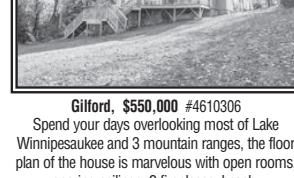
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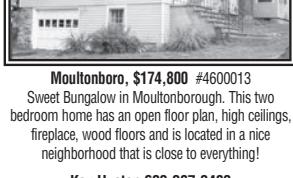
Brenda Rowan 581-2836



Laconia, \$210,000 #4611745

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Bob Williams 603-455-0275/Danielle McIntosh 603-5938



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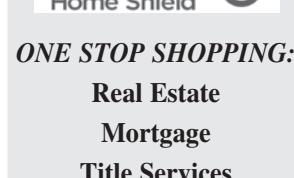
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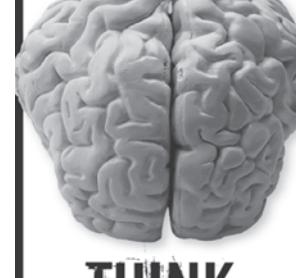
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The successful candidate must have the necessary education and experience to work with the staff and Board of Trustees to enhance Tin Mountain's success with donor foundations. The writing of grants, written and oral communications and the ability to manage the annual budget are critical requirements.

Professional qualifications:

- College degrees in an applicable science; Ph.D. preferable.
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- Proven success in nonprofit fund raising and donor relations.
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The position is available in early 2017; additional job details available on request. Salary and benefits competitive and scaled to experience and proven success.

Please send a cover letter detailing qualifications and skills, your resume and a list of at least three references to:

Peter Klose, Chair-Search Committee,
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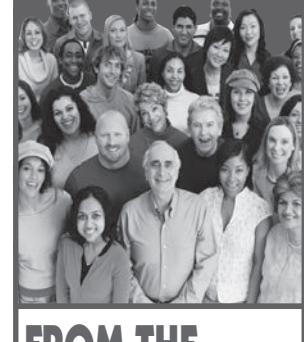
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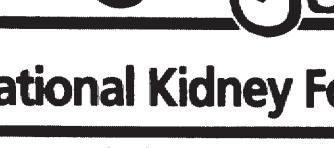


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