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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

GHS, GMS Holiday Craft Fair is this Saturday

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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An assortment of arts, crafts, and tasty treats can be found in the halls and rooms of Gilford Middle and High School on Saturday for the Holiday Craft Fair, all benefiting Gilford students.

From 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, around 130 different vendors will be selling their creations at more than 158 vendor spaces. Students in different grades and organizations will also be selling food and other items to raise money.

The whole event is a major benefit for the Class of 2017.

“This is a major fundraiser for the senior class; almost everyone in our grade participates,” said class president Johanna Morris.

This year, there will be more than 130 vendors selling a wide variety of high quality items from many different mediums. Vendors will



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Senior class officers Hannah Sullivan, Johanna Morris, Kassy Weston, and Joseph Bonnell get ready for the annual Gilford Middle and High School Holiday Craft Fair.

be coming from all over New Hampshire as well as Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Around 158 spaces are available, and many of

the 130 vendors are using multiple spaces.

Class co-advisor Meg Jenkins said 80 percent of all the crafters this year paid in advance

during the fair last year to come another year. There is a wait list of around 20 people to get a space. Vendors can also buy tickets for a raffle

offering a free space for next year.

This year the fair will use a local company, Taylor Rental, for the tables.

A food court will be in the middle school cafeteria with classes and different school organizations from grades 7-12 selling food.

The senior class will be selling meatballs subs, coffee, doughnuts, and will be raffling off gift certificates.

The French Club will be selling pork pies, which Jenkins said is a yearly staple. The Spanish Club will be selling salsa. The literary magazine will be selling chili and soup. Varsity Club will do hot dogs and drinks. National Honor SEE CRAFT FAIR PAGE A10

Gilford Rotary selling Christmas trees

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The annual Gilford Rotary Club Tree Sale will give people a chance to shop for their Christmas tree and benefit the community at the same time.

Starting on Dec. 2 and continuing through Dec. 11, members of the Gilford Rotary Club will be selling an array of Christmas trees and decorations at a special stand in Airport Plaza on Route 11.

Gilford Rotary president Russ Lunt said The Christmas Tree Sale is a longtime tradition for the Rotary spanning around 30 years.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Caitlin McCurdy holding a fresh balsam tree, she just unloaded. Caitlin is a new member of Gilford Rotary, a member of our board of directors and she is a new attorney at Lawson Persson & Chisholm, PC in Laconia.

The sale always starts the Friday after Thanksgiving week, and continues

to the next Friday.

The trees come from Hidden Meadows Tree

Farm in Bath, a family run farm,

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GYC becomes Santaland this weekend

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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The Gilford Youth Center will be turned into a holiday playground this weekend for the annual Santaland.

The Gilford Youth Center and the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will host the seventh annual Santaland this Friday and Saturday. Kids and their families can visit with Santa, do holiday crafts, meet some friendly characters, enjoy treats, and so much more.

Santaland will take

place on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-noon. The event coincides with the Gilford Community Church's holiday fair.

GYC director Scott Hodsdon said the event is a popular holiday tradition.

“This is just one of many programs the Gilford Youth center partners with Gilford Parks and Recreation,” Hodsdon said.

Santaland is free and Hodsdon said all ages are welcome to attend.

“It's strictly for the community,” Hodsdon said.

Hodsdon said the event is volunteer-driven. Volunteers with the Gilford Community Church, scouts, the Parks and Recreation Department, and many others will be helping out with the event. He said so many people will volunteer to make this event such a big success.

Families can take part in a wide array of fun activities.

Children can meet and have their pictures taken with Santa. Hodsdon said if parents don't have a camera available to take photos, the GYC has a camera and can give them the photos.

Olaf the snowman will be on hand for Olaf's Dance Party.

Kids will be able to race around Frosty's Race Track and ride down an inflatable slide.

There will also be arts and crafts, cookie decorating, and games. SEE SANTALAND PAGE A10

Belknap House preparing for January opening

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LACONIA — After months of work, planning, and bringing in talented people, Belknap House is scheduled to open in January, and is seeking more volunteers and funds.

Belknap House will be a temporary cold weather shelter for families who come from the 11 Belknap County communities.

The shelter on Court Street in Laconia is close to completion and has hired some new staff members. Karen Welford was hired to serve as the organization's executive director and Tammy Emery was hired as the Family Support Coordinator.

Belknap House will be opening in January of 2017, with an exact date to be determined.

The house was initially supposed to open in

December, though lead and asbestos abatement delayed the opening.

The purchase of the property was completed in April of this year, and renovations started after permits were received in June. Extensive work was conducted on the building by contractors as well as a number of volunteers.

All walls and door moldings had to be removed and the doorways were made ADA compliant. The whole building needed new wiring and plumbing as well as a new fire alarm and sprinkler system.

Lead paint was discovered, and the board made the decision to remove the paint entirely. They had fundraised all the money for this project by September and hired a contractor. The removal process took around three weeks.

In the process work-



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Staff and board members of Belknap House: Don House, board vice president and Director of Volunteers; Executive Director Karen Welford; Tammy Emery, Family Support Coordinator; board president Colleen Garrity; and board treasurer Alfred Columb.

ers discovered that vermiculite was used to insulate the windows. Don House, board vice president and Director of Volunteers, said vermiculite is a material listed by the government as commonly containing asbestos.

The vermiculite was

tested and determined to contain asbestos, which had to be removed. All of the lead and asbestos have been removed and the other projects are underway.

Board president Colleen Garrity said they have raised \$177,000 this

year alone for renovations.

Belknap House has had a strong showing of volunteer support and more volunteers are needed as it opens. The organization is seeking shelter volunteers, who SEE BELKNAP HOUSE PAGE A10

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

New Hampshire has history. Well, yeah, everywhere has history, but New Hampshire is [generally] proud of its history. In industry, citizenship, and quality of life New Hampshire has a lot going for it. Nowhere is perfect, I cringe at the working conditions of some of New Hampshire’s old mills, there are contemporary drug problems, and there is inequality to talk about, but all told New Hampshire is alright, right? Few people know that New Hampshire was once both a hotbed of abolitionist activity before the American Civil War and one of the sources of slave trade in New England. Michelle Arnocky Sherburne recently published “Slavery & the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire.” The work is well-researched and

readable. In it, she describes the complicated relationship New Hampshire residents had with slavery and abolitionist work. As Sherburne explains, Portsmouth was a hub for slave trade in New England. Even after the slave trade was ended, the small black community in Portsmouth was barely remembered. Many of the histories about New Hampshire trade and New Hampshire culture omitted or whitewashed New Hampshire’s involvement in early American slavery. Nevertheless several prominent abolitionists did come from New Hampshire to push for reform, and they are well remembered. William Lloyd Garrison, Nathaniel Peabody Rogers, and Stephen Symonds Foster were all New Hampshire residents and each contributed to the statewide anti-slavery

movement. The underground railroad was present in New Hampshire, with plenty of evidence of work and risk by supporters of escaped slaves. The realities of American slavery can be difficult to contend with. I naturally prefer to think of New Hampshire and New England as having always been against slavery as a paragon of civil liberty, but Sherburne tactfully explains that New Hampshire’s history is more nuanced than that. We are fortunate that Michelle Arnocky Sherburne will be visiting the library for a talk, discussion, and book signing on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The talk will focus on “Slavery & the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire,” which is available at the library for borrowing and in the New Hampshire Room. Before “Slavery & the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire,” Sherburne wrote “A Vermont Hill Town in the Civil War: Peacham’s Story,” “Abolition and the Underground Railroad in Vermont,” and “St. Albans Raid: Confederate Attack on Vermont.” The program is free and open to the public, so be sure not to miss this opportunity to learn about New

Hampshire history!

Classes & Special Events
Dec. 1 to Dec. 7
Thursday, Dec. 1
Music and Movement, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
Songs, instruments, movement, and fun for ages newborn to five with caregiver!
Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Conversational French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Foreign Movie Night, 7-9 p.m.
This month's foreign movie is from Japan.

Friday, Dec. 2
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Lapsit Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.
Songs, lap bounces, rhymes, and playtime for babies. Ages newborn to 18 months with caregiver.
Storytime, 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Songs, stories, rhymes, and a craft. For three to five year olds with caregiver. Sign up required.
Knit Wits, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Conversational German, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 5
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.
Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Evening Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Come to Fiber Friends for a chance to work on your fiber crafts! Rug hooking, latch hooking, quilting, needle felting, and any other fiber crafts are welcome to join in!
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Toddler Time, 10:30–11 a.m.
Stories, songs, rhymes, and imagination games. Ages 18 months – two years with caregiver
Storytime, 11:15 a.m.–11:45 p.m.
Stories, songs, and a craft for children ages three to five. Independent.
Slavery & the Underground Railroad in NH, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Author Michelle

Arnosky Sherburne will be here to share and discuss her book “Slavery and the Underground Railroad in New Hampshire.” Come learn about slavery, the Underground Railroad and the abolitionist movement in New Hampshire. There will be copies of the book available for purchase.
Wednesday, Dec. 7
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.
Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Santa’s Workshop, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Elementary aged students are invited to sign up for this year’s Santa’s Workshop during early release. Please contact the library for further details.
Makey-Makey Teen, 3-4 p.m.
We have the state Makey Makey kits – let’s experiment with inventing and engineering! Program everyday objects into interactive touchpads linked to online programs – a banana piano? Why not?!

Gilford Public Library
Top Ten Requests

- 1. “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult
- 2. “The Whistler” by John Grisham
- 3. “Night School” by Lee Child
- 4. “Cross the Line” by James Patterson
- 5. “The Wrong Side of Goodbye” by Michael Connelly
- 6. “No Man’s Land” by David Baldacci
- 7. “Turbo Twenty Three” by Janet Evanovich
- 8. “Two by Two” by Nicholas Sparks
- 9. “This Was a Man” by Jeffrey Archer
- 10. “The Magnolia Story” by Chip Gaines

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 399 calls for service and made the following arrests from Nov. 15-28. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.
Dianne J. Caron, age 54, of Tilton was arrested on Nov. 16 for Driving While intoxicated.
Joseph Grasso, age 28, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 18 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny).
Nikolas Cody, age 18, of Center Barnstead was arrested on Nov. 18 for Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle.
Staci French, age 28, of Gilford was arrested on Nov. 21 for Driving While Intoxicated (Subsequent).
Starcia M. Kimani,

age 37, of Gilford was arrested on Nov. 23 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension and two counts of Default or Breach of Bail Conditions.
Justin D. Franquie, age 24, of Gilford was arrested on Nov. 24 for Operating Without a Valid License, Disobeying an Officer, and in connection with our outstanding warrants (three of them bench warrants).
Kaitlyn T. Welch, age 21, of Plymouth was arrested on Nov. 25 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant.
Rudolph Labranche, age 33, of Northfield was arrested on Nov. 25 for Criminal Mischief (Vandalism) and Simple Assault.
Tyler J. Chuilli, age 25, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 26 for Driving While Intoxicated.
Joshua Ellsworth,

age 28, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 26 for Driving While Intoxicated (Subsequent), Driving After Revocation or Suspension, and for having a Suspended Registration (an Operating misdemeanor).
Kyle S. Bigler, age 25, of Gilford was arrested on Nov. 26 for Criminal Mischief (Vandalism).
Chad Andrew Swartwood, age 24, of Oceanside, Calif. was arrested on Nov. 27 for Drving While Intoxicated and Negligent Driving/Misuse of Power. A 49-year-old passenger in Swartwood’s vehicle was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same traffic stop.
Jonathan E. Tefft, age 52, of Laconia was arrested on Nov. 28 for Driving Without Giving Proof and Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

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Maggy D's giving back to four-legged friends

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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LACONIA — Buying Christmas trees and wreaths at one area business will help out furry friends at the Humane Society. Maggy D's Garden Center on Court Street is giving 10 percent of all of its tree sales to the New Hampshire Humane Society.

Magdalena Gendron of Maggy D's said she adores animals and is extremely passionate about them.

"If I could do this for

them each and every day, I would do it in a heartbeat," Gendron said.

She said her dream would be to work with animals all the time, possibly when she retires.

"I will always try to find a way to do something to help in some fashion any which way we can," Gendron said.

She said it is heart-breaking to see all the animals who don't have a home and are abused.

"This year, we just

want to do a lot more," said co-owner David Gouette. "Our four-legged, furry friends don't have a voice."

Maggy D's is also a food and supply drop-off site for the Humane Society. They will also give out a paper with the various items that are commonly requested and needed by the Humane Society.

"This year, we wanted to go the extra mile," Gouette said.

Gouette encouraged people to come by and

drop off something in the drop box even if they don't buy a tree.

This is Maggy D's sixth year at its location on Court Street in Laconia, and their sixth season of selling trees.

During the warmer months, they will sell annuals, perennials, an assortment of flowers, and many other items. Gouette said they do not use pesticides on any of their plants.

Gouette said they will get a fresh batch of trees every week. In



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David Gouette of Maggy D's Garden Center with the store's drop box for items going to the New Hampshire Humane Society. This season, 10 percent of all tree sales at Maggy D's will be donated to the Humane Society.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE
Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Santa Land Program Scheduled for Dec. 2 and Dec. 3!

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford Youth Center will be sponsoring the Eighth Annual Santa Land Program on Friday, Dec. 2 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Gilford Youth Center. This fun filled program offers area youth the opportunity to participate in some holiday themed games

and activities leading up to opportunity for their parents to take their picture with Santa Claus.

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

Senior Moment-um Programs

Senior Moment-um Christmas Garlands Program on Monday, Dec. 5

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on

Monday, Dec. 5. We will be meeting in the Gilford Public Library, Downstairs Meeting Room at noon as we get into the Holiday spirit! We will be stringing popcorn and cranberry garlands for the Village Candlelight Stroll. Bring your bag lunch and beverage, and we will provide the supplies, music and the Holiday cheer! Please RSVP by Friday, Dec. 2.

Senior Moment-um Holiday Luncheon on Monday, Dec. 12

The Gilford Parks

and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Dec. 12. We will be meeting in the Gilford Community Church at noon for a Holiday Luncheon of ham with all the fixings! The fourth grade chorus from the Gilford Elementary School will also be joining us to perform holiday music. There is no charge for this program, but space is limited and participants must RSVP no later than Thursday, Dec. 8.

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

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 15

The Gilford and Belmont Parks and Recreation Departments SEE **PARKS & REC** PAGE A10



COURTESY

Family Web radio returns

Christmas music 24/7 is here again with a Lakes Region Internet radio broadcast. Rare recordings not heard on corporate radio include songs by Carol Burnett, The Three Stooges, Mae Questel, SpongeBob, Fred Flintstone, the cast of Bonanza, Mitch Miller, Alvin & The Chipmunks, The Wiggles, Sesame Street, as well as songs from The Hit Parade, Classic Country & Western, polkas, novelty favorites and more. Since June 2006, Joe Laurendeau of Gilmanton has been broadcasting "Family Entertainment Radio" 24/7 with his three children. It is at their former local disc jockey service Web site at www.superjukebox.net for music lovers or music not found on local radio stations and feature seasonal & holiday specials all year long and include St Patrick's Day, Spring & Summer, Mother's & Father's Day, Back 2 School", Halloween & Christmas music specials. "Family Entertainment Radio" plays a select variety of music that is not available anywhere on local or national radio broadcasts. In early January of 2016 their internet music server discontinued services without notice and "Family Entertainment Radio" was silent until a new music server was selected in June. The broadcast was began as a complement from WW-II Veterans at the Laconia VFW in late 1990's. Joe Laurendeau worked with local AM station WEZS 1350AM between 2001-04. "Most of the programming was recorded ten years ago and re-broadcast as an entertainment value as the children have moved into Middle and High School and it is my favorite family hobby to connect with other people from the community and from around the world so easily" commented the founder and producer of "Family Entertainment Radio" at www.superjukebox.net Joe Laurendeau.

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OPINION

Gilford's schools offer much to be thankful for

BY KIRK BEITLER

Superintendent of Schools

As we prepare to celebrate [the holidays] with friends and families, there is much to be thankful for in our schools that serve the communities of Gilford and Gilmanton. The first trimester of the 2016-17 school year is coming to a close. Our students and staff members have done some great things. Here are some highlights:

We started the school year celebrating the writing by a middle school student that was recognized by NH Motor Speedway.

Gilford High School inducted 34 eligible juniors and seniors into the

Gilford Chapter of the National Honor Society.

The Gilford High School Performing Arts Department had a very successful performance of The Secret Garden to very appreciative audiences.

The Gilford Middle School fifth grade took a trip to Manchester for education appreciation to watch a Manchester Monarchs game. Several Monarchs employees commented on how well behaved and appreciative the Gilford fifth grade students were.

Earlier this fall, the Gilford High School Girls Field Hockey team won the Division III State Championship in a double overtime win.

The Gilford Middle and High School have both started their math team competitions.

The Gilford Middle School has started participation in Lego League, and the Gilford High School Robotics team has started their work.

We have two staff members that have been accepted to attend the PwC-KWHS Seminar for High School Educators on Business and

Financial Responsibility at the Wharton School at the University of

Pennsylvania, all expenses paid.

Two of our teachers

have been asked by Special Olympics to attend the National Unified Conference in South Carolina. Special

Olympics will pay all of the expenses.

The Gilford Elementary School welcomed families and friends to lunch, serving over 600 lunches during Lunch with a Loved One.

The Gilford PTA organized a huge fundraiser for our district. All funds will be used to support teaching and learning in our three schools. The PTA has supported teaching and learning by purchasing a 3-D printer, playground balls, ukuleles and engaged our students in the Reflection Program connecting students to film production.

Gilford Education Endowment Foundation (GEEF) has supported teaching and learning in our schools with over \$7,600 in grants given to teachers for STEM related activities.

All of the Gilford teachers have participated in teaching and learning during Early Release and DEW time. We have been working on writing across the curriculum at each school, and have started to review curriculum.

The Gilford teachers have engaged in conversations with Gilmanton teachers to review curriculum and share instructional ideas.

We have teachers across all three schools that are trained by the National Writing Project and are working with our teachers to support writing across the curriculum.

We have over 50 teachers engaged in district wide (K-12)

committees; mentor, math, science, professional development, and literacy working together to improve teaching and learning in our schools.

We are truly blessed to be supported by the Gilford and Gilmanton communities. There is much to be thankful for as we reflect on the first trimester of the school year.

Pet of the Week: Buck

The Good Shepherd – Buck, has a well-trodden path to our shelter.

First let us acknowledge how incredibly handsome he is, and super smart; as all German Shepherd types invariably are.

Found on the streets of Laconia, arriving under police escort, Buck was never claimed – where are his humans? Undeterred, we moved forward, forging a new path to a new life, with a new family. We thought we had the perfect match for him, the adoption paperwork was processed ahead of time to make the transition from shelter to home smooth and

fast...sadly those humans never came for him.

We haven't told Buck – even though he was ready and had put his best paw forward in a bid for a permanent home.

So, those who love and connect with the Shepherd breed, who are energetic, can provide the mental stimulation they require, and will promise to love him always.. please visit this lovely boy. A family with teens, possibly another dog, and maybe cats too, Buck is wishing and wishing for the best Christmas gift of all – a family.

Call 524-3252 or check www.nhhumane.org



FROM OUR READERS

My proposals for the 2017 legislative session

To the Editor:

I wish to provide an initial report to the citizens of Gilford & Meredith (Belknap County House District 2), whom I represent in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Although I will not be formally sworn until Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day, I have endeavored to try to fulfill several of the issues on which I ran. Thus, I have submitted seven proposed bills to the Office of Legislative Services for the preparation of formal bills to be introduced in the 2017 Session beginning in January covering the following topics:

1- Repeal of the statute that allows persons attending college in New Hampshire to register and vote here, regardless of whether this is their permanent home.

2- Complete repeal of the tax on interest & dividends.

3- Revising the Business Enterprise Tax to eliminate any liability for the tax in any year in which the business organization does not have profits subject to the Business Profits Tax.

4- A comprehensive Right to Work law based on the model law promulgated by the National Right To Work Committee.

5- Repeal of the Minimum Wage Law.

6- Comprehensive election law changes, including a definition of domicile versus residence; establishing a minimum of 30 days' residency requirement; elimination of same day registration; requiring student ID cards from all state supported institutions to indicate clearly whether the student is a New Hampshire resident qualified for in-state tuition or not; and "closing" our primary elections so that only those persons registered in a particular party can vote in that party's primary.

7- A constitutional amendment returning meetings of the legislature to sessions every two years rather than each year as was in our original state constitution.

I understand that other legislators have already introduced similar legislation, and I have no idea how my proposals will ultimately fare, but at least I am trying.

Again, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns about our state and its laws My email is njs@silbersnh.com and my telephone number is 293-0565.

*Norman Silber
Gilford*

Push your town officials to air their meetings on LRPA

To the Editor:

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is the greater Lakes Region's nonprofit, noncommercial cable access television station. Our mission is to promote an informed, engaged and inspired community through citizen access to television and digital media. LRPA's primary funding comes not from taxes, but from fees provided by our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. We are grateful for their continued support.

For nearly two decades, LRPA has served as a valuable resource for the public to watch local, county and state government meetings, as well as meetings from area schools. Community access and accountability are fundamental principles of cable access television. New Hampshire's Right to Know Law, RSA Chapter 91-A, states: "Openness in the conduct of public business is essential in a democratic

society. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure both the greatest possible public access to the actions, discussion and records of all public bodies, and their accountability to the people." Airing governmental meetings on LRPA is an essential way for citizens of the Lakes Region to observe elected officials in action. If you want to see your local officials on LRPA, tell them so. Contact your town administrator, city councilor, selectmen and school boards and let them know that transparency in government is vital. Tell them that you want to reconnect with LRPA. Our slogan says it all: "Community empowered by media." Come join us.

Sincerely,

*Dale Channing Eddy
Chair
LRPA Board of Directors
Laconia*

Supporters of Lakes Region Uncorked deserve a thank you

To the Editor:

Here at Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS), we often write 'thank-you letters' to our many supporters and friends, especially this time of year, and we are definitely not complaining! This particular thanks goes out after a very successful Lakes Region Uncorked, our fourth annual, held on Nov. 3 at Church Landing. This signature event allows us to team up with many community partners to raise awareness and funding for the work that we do.

Once again, our corporate sponsors showed their generosity and commitment to Lakes Region Community Services. We could not accomplish what happens with Lakes Region Uncorked without them. On behalf of the Board of Direc-

tors and the entire team at LRCS, we would like to thank the event's title sponsor, the Joe and Pasena Maroun Family Foundation as well as all major sponsors of Lakes Region Uncorked 2016: CGI Business Solutions, Franklin Savings Bank, Melcher & Prescott, Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, Bank of New Hampshire, Prescription Center, Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare, Mainstay Technologies, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and Bank of NH Pavilion and The Common Man.

If you live in or visit the Lakes Region in November, you do not want to miss this annual wine tasting event that is about wine and considerably more! These sponsors show their appreciation for what bringing an annual evening of pairing, not just wine, fine spirits and foods, but also of business, community and nonprofit partners, does for the Lakes Region.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, guests and vendors. We hope to see you next year on Nov. 2!

*Rebecca L. Bryant
Interim Executive Director
Lakes Region Community Services*

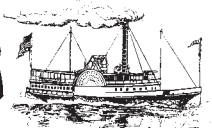
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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK



By **JOHN HARRIGAN**
COLUMNIST

One of the old saws about inventions goes that if you build a better mousetrap the world will beat a path to your door. Camps and camp culture are among my favorite topics, and so, by consequence, are mice and mousetraps. A while back, I briefly noted a diabolical new take on mousetraps involving a rotating cylin-

Building a better mousetrap, and a few familiar questions

der smeared with peanut butter. I saw a crude model of such a device this summer in a woodshed up at Camp Five on the Middle Branch of the Dead Diamond, but it was too dark a hovel for a picture. However, to the rescue came Josh Spaulding of Wolfeboro Falls, sports editor for the Salmon Press papers, who sent me photos of mousetraps set up by his mother's boyfriend, Mike Ross, at her house in Stark. A nice, inviting little ramp leads up to the lip of a bucket, within



The elements of this perfect mousetrap (for a camp, at least) are simple: A ramp, a bucket, and a revolving container smeared with peanut butter. Using antifreeze instead of water cuts back on the odor.

was a promotion for a product called Traction Magic. It is a reddish powder that comes in a fancy bucket complete with spreading scoop and a rubber glove. A promotional video features people slipping and falling down on icy steps and sidewalks, and cars getting stuck in ice-coated driveways. The idea is that you spread Traction Magic around like pixie dust, and your problems are solved. All during the slick video, I couldn't help thinking of plain old cat litter.

Carter Mountain Brass Band opens Christmas concert season in Gilford Sunday

GILFORD — Carter Mountain Brass Band presents The Best of Christmas Brass to

open the Christmas concert season this year. The concert is the culminating event of the

Christmas in the Village events in Gilford. The concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m.

at the First United Methodist Church of Gilford, off of Route 11A (Gilford SEE **CONCERT** PAGE A10

Pitman's kicks off fifth year of comedy with legend Lenny Clarke on Dec. 9

LACONIA – When it comes to New England comedy, they don't come any bigger, better, or more impressive than

Lenny Clarke. And Pitman's Freight Room in Laconia kicks off its fifth year of stand-up comedy by bringing in the leg-

endary stand-up star for a special performance Friday Dec. 9 at 8 pm. Tickets are \$30 and \$25 and Pitman's is a



Lenny Clarke bring your own food and drinks venue. Tickets are going fast for the Dec. 9 show star- SEE **CLARKE** PAGE A10

Highly acclaimed annual Christmas Fair and English Tea returns Saturday

GILMANTON — The Gilmanton Community Church on Route 107 & 140, Gilmanton, will be holding our Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec.

3. We will be open from 9:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. A wonderful time to enjoy the soft sound of Christmas music while shopping at our Fair tables

filled with Christmas & Attic Treasures, Crafts, Jewelry, and a large array of "Theme" Basket Raffles. We will also be SEE **FAIR** PAGE A11

FROM OUR READERS

Central NH VNA & Hospice was a blessing and a comfort to our mother

To the Editor:
Last December, my amazing mother, Gloria S. Bullock, died of metastatic breast cancer. She had been successfully living with cancer for over 25 years until the medication stopped working. She gladly accepted home Hospice care, and she, my dad, my husband and I became an army of four. The nurses assigned to my mother, both named Linda, were absolute angels to her and to us. Not only were we blessed to have mom at home in the beautiful bedroom she and Dad shared, but we had the support, help and kindness from our "Linda's." When it was too hard for Mom to get out of bed, we asked for a hospital bed, and it was there immediately. Anything we needed, we were given with speed and kindness. Hospice meant help and comfort both for Mom and for us as well. As we became caretakers, we had the support and help we needed, and arms around us when we felt we couldn't keep going. Hospice meant that my mom could be at home with family and friends. It meant that we as caretakers had

the help and support we needed when we needed it. Mom was treated like the queen she was and to her last breath she knew she was loved and cared for. We can't thank Hospice enough. It is clear that everyone at Hospice truly cares for the patient and the family; it is a blessing for everyone involved. One of Mom's final requests was for donations to be made to Hospice in lieu of flowers. I strongly suggest that anyone who wishes to donate to a great cause should consider making a donation to Hospice. This organization makes losing a loved one easier to bear

knowing that they are receiving such loving and kind care. At this time of year, the Hospice program will offer a very important Tree of Memories celebration on Saturday, Dec. 10. Besides raising funds, it is an opportunity to honor family, friends and Hospice members. Dad and I miss Mom

every day, but I am comforted in knowing that she received the best care possible. Hospice is a blessing and comfort both to the patient and family, and is the "soft place to fall" when we feel we can no longer stand on our own. Jane (Bullock) Fraser Exeter Ned Bullock Wolfeboro



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mouse-leaping distance of a plastic container strung on a thin rod and smeared with peanut butter. Mouse leaps, bottle spins, and plop, mouse falls into a couple of inches of water in the bucket (antifreeze is even better). All that's missing on the ramp are some shrubberies and an E-ZPass sign.

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Companies are always coming up with new ideas to solve old problems. A lot of my mail promotes inventions, some of which are a stretch bordering on reinventing the wheel. In this week's mail

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Euphoria is getting more than half a foot of snow two days before Thanksgiving and thinking it will give the region a jump on the snowmobiling season, to at least partly make up for last year's disastrous lack of snow. Reality is the fact that the ground was not yet frozen, and all that snow was destined to slip, slide and melt its way straight to Long Island Sound.

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Finally, in the Why Department: Why do so many kids SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A10


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Dennis Joseph Doten, 73

Dennis Joseph Doten, 73, born Feb. 10, 1943 to Carol E. (Thompson) Doten and Roy E. Doten in Minneapolis, Minn., died Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016 at the Laconia Center, Laconia, after a brief illness. He attended elementary school and junior high in Minneapolis, and went to Osseo High school, graduating in 1961. Dennis played football and track, and was captain of the wrestling team. He attended the University of Minnesota, majoring in general studies, and was a member of Theta Xi fraternity.

Dennis joined the Army Security Agency, stationed at Ft. Devens, Mass. and Saigon, Republic of Viet-Nam as a member of MACV, attaining the rank of Specialist E-5. After discharge he had a very successful career at the 3M Company, working in the Boston Branch of the Industrial Tape Division where he earned membership in the prestigious Masquers club for high sales volume. Dennis was twice national salesman of the year,



working in the Atlanta, Ga. and San Francisco and Seattle Branches. In 1979, he moved to New Hampshire, where he met the love of his life and married, Sally Harkins, the widow of John McGuinness, Jr. Dennis was employed by Sconix Broadcasting, owner of WLNH and other radio stations. He enjoyed a highly productive career as salesman, sales manager and general sales manager at stations in Laconia, Charleston, S.C. and Cape Cod, Mass. for over 20 years. Dennis was President and partner in Graphic Example Inc., the publisher of This Week Magazine, This Week Menu Guide, This Week Antique Guide and New Hamp-

shire Bride.

He was a proud charter member of the Exchange Club of the Lakes Region and a member of the Gilford Rotary being the centennial year president and a Paul Harris Fellow. Dennis was on the Gilford Municipal Budget committee for eight years and chairman for one. He served as a Gilford town selectman for six years, two years as chairman.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sally Doten of Gilford; his son, Daniel McGuinness, daughter-in-law Michelle, and grandchildren Devon and Colin of Columbia, Md.; his daughter, Paige McGuinness Sturgeon, son-in-law Edward and grandchildren Shaela and John of Moultonborough; and several cousins in Minnesota.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Andre Bessette Parish-Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia.

For those who wish memorial contributions may be made to the Central NH VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main Street, Laconia, NH, 03246 or the New Hampshire Veterans Home, 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH 03276.

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

Lester Pleeter, 92

Lester Pleeter, 92, of 65 Sprucewood Drive, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2016 at Goldenview Nursing Home in Meredith.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1924 in Utica, N.Y., the son of the late Charles and Julia (Langer) Pleeter. In 1950, he was married to Leonore Kahn.

Lester worked for several years as a self-employed heating and air conditioning technician in Schenectady, N.Y. He was an avid skier and water skier, dancer and sailor. Lester was known as a talented man and a jack of all trades.

He is survived by his wife, Leonore (Kahn) Pleeter of Gilford; two



sons, Daniel Pleeter of Gilmanton and Richard Pleeter of New Jersey; one sister, Estelle Pleeter of N.Y.; and three grandchildren; Marie, Nicholas and Megan.

There were no calling hours.

A private graveside

service was held on Monday, Nov. 21, 2016 at Union Cemetery in Laconia.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 or go to (www.michaeljfox.org).

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Students from Holy Trinity School decorate angels for the Annual LRGH Auxiliary Tree of Love to celebrate present and past loved ones. (From left to right) Christine Pingol, Cassie Clerly, Reagan O'Neill, Ella Dion, Jayda Glines.

LRGH Auxiliary kicks off the holiday season with the Tree of Love

LACONIA — Kicking off the holiday season, the Lakes Region General Hospital Auxiliary is excited to once again offer the Tree of Love. An annual symbol of community Christmas and holiday spirit, the tree is lovingly adorned with angels decorated by students from Holy Trinity School to honor and remember living and lost family and friends.

The hand-crafted angels remember loved ones, celebrate someone special and/or honor those who courageously serve our country. Angels are \$3 each, and may be purchased in the LRGH Auxiliary Gift Shop. In addition, please join the auxiliary for

the Annual Tree of Love Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. in the Atrium at Lakes Region General Hospital. The ceremony will include a reading of the names on the Tree of Love, and will be followed with some light refreshments and fellowship; all are welcome.

The LRGH Auxiliary Gift Shop is decked out for the holidays and has great gift ideas for everyone on your list. Choose from a wide assortment

of holiday items to decorate your home; fashionable jewelry and trendy sweaters, scarves, ponchos, leggings (fleece lined), as well as hats and gloves to keep you or someone special stylish and warm. The shop is located in the atrium at Lakes Region General Hospital, and is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Any questions, please call the LRGH Auxiliary Gift Shop at 524-3211, ext. 3172.

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French Club students create traditional meat pies for sale at GHS Christmas Craft Fair

Steeped in French-Canadian tradition, French Club students at Gilford High School have worked with a revered, passed-down recipe to create meat pies to sell at the annual Christmas Craft Fair. This is the 27th year that French students have participated in what is affectionately known as Porkfest.

The students gathered on Nov. 11 for this annual cooking extravaganza. There are four main “stations” for the event: the potato station, the onion station, the meat station, and the crust station. Students take on the various jobs, ultimately making close to one-hundred meat pies to sell at the Craft Fair. The French students take advance orders, selling frozen pies as well as warmed-up slices on the day of the actual Craft Fair. Profits from Porkfest go to various French Club activities.

Senior Kaylee Lemire said, “It’s a good com-



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munity (the French Club), and so spending the many hours together with all of that cooking makes it fun. We had about forty-five people here pitching in, and everybody pulled together to make the pies.”

Senior Justine Carter chimed in, saying “This is my fourth year—in

the potato room. But at least I wasn’t in the onion room. That one’s a little tough. We went through about a hundred pounds of potatoes, which is a lot of peeling. But it’s all for a good cause.”

French Club advisor Louise Jagusch has provided students with the

recipe, which she got from her grandmother. Gilford’s long standing tradition of making the pies has been a way to bridge French-Canadian culture—which is prominent in the Lakes Region and in the background of many of the students—to this up and coming generation. The students get a taste, both

literal and figurative, of a culture that they’re studying. This also provides a service to the community. Many patrons annually seek out the French Club so that they can order pork pies, keeping the tradition alive—typically, the pies are eaten after Midnight Mass.

So what do the pies

taste like, and what kinds of spices go into the pork pies? You can get a little insight—delicious insight-only by trying them out. The pies will be on sale at the GHS Craft Fair on Dec. 3. The French Club table can be found in the Middle School Cafeteria, but get there early—the pies sell out fast.

International Film Series continues with “A Mind of Her Own”

LACONIA — The Laconia Human Relations Committee, in cooperation with the Laconia Public Library will show the film, “A Mind of Her Own,” on Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:15 p.m. This is another in the International Film Series shown monthly from September through June at the Library.

Sophie is a young girl in England, determined to make something of herself. As a child, she became a star on the gymnastic school team. It meant a great deal to her because of the taunting she received in school because of her undiagnosed severe dyslexia. Then, because of injuries from her gymnastic work, she needed to find another way to excel. Through extremely hard work and the support of her friend, Becky, she suffered through high-school by insisting that she would learn. She never gave up, although her parents and teachers continually advised her to be more realistic about her goals.

In college, a sympathetic teacher recog-

nized her difficulties, giving her hope for actually making it through medical school. This became the most trying part of her life where her goal in medicine emerged in a different way from what she expected.

This 2015 film, “A Mind of Her Own,” is based on a true story of a young woman who eventually achieved worldwide recognition for her work; a hopeful and inspiring story for the holiday season.

Make sure that you check the International Film Shelf at the Laconia

Library for this and other films shown over the past several years. You can always order films from the International Film Series through your own library if you do not live in Laconia!

The Laconia Human Relations Committee is a committee of the mayor of Laconia dedicated to expanding our horizons for the appreciation of the diversity found among us and in the wider world. For more information, contact Len Campbell at lcampbell@nh-cc.org or Carol Pierce at newdynam@aol.com.

Pitman's hosts legendary rock/blues band the Jon Butcher Axis Dec. 3

LACONIA — Following a rousing original appearance at Pitman’s Freight Room in Laconia, rock and blues legend band, The Jon Butcher Axis will perform at the 94 New Salem St. venue Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For additional information call Pitman’s Freight Room at 527-

0043.

The Grammy-nominated Butcher has released 20 CD’s, and has provided music for a number of network and cable television shows including “Ugly Betty,” “My Name is Earl,” “Deadwood,” “Six Feet Under,” “Shameless,” and many more.

Butcher’s first appearance at Pitman’s was a solo show, but the

Dec. 3 event includes ‘the Axis’ which is comprised of Butcher, drummer John Muzzy and bassist Chris Martin.

“We are expecting a great turnout,” said Pitman’s owner and music-booker Dick Mitchell. “The last time Jon was here he put on a great show. Fans asked us to bring him back but we wanted to go one step further and bring the entire group.”

Right around the corner at Pitman’s is comedy legend Lenny Clarke who will be appearing Friday, Dec. 9 with a special show beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30.



COURTESY
Patrick’s “Take Me to Ireland” Sweepstakes winners gather after the Grand Prize Drawing Saturday at Patrick’s Pub & Eatery in Gilford. Left to Right: Thomas and Tricia Gilley (2015 Trip Winners), Jennifer Beetle, Ryan and Anne DeSantis (2017 Trip Grand Prize Winner), Allan Beetle, Jack and Kim Lynch (2016 Trip Winners).

Penny Pitou & Patrick’s give away third “Irish Spirit Tour” to Ireland

GILFORD — Penny Pitou Travel of Laconia and Patrick’s Pub & Eatery of Gilford are sending another lucky couple off to Ireland on their 2017 “Irish Spirit Tour”. The trip, which coincides with Ireland’s St. Patrick’s Festival, includes stops in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Galway with many breathtaking stops along the way. Winner Anne DeSantis, there with her son Ryan, was stunned when her name was called as the Grand Prize Winner.

“I thought I was going to need to catch her,” said Patrick’s co-owner Allan Beetle. “She was completely blown away!”

The trip, coordinated by Penny Pitou Travel, includes airfare, ground transportation, first-class lodg-

ing, meals and much more. The trip sold out shortly after announcement this past summer.

“We’re excited to be able to take many of our customers on what will surely be an unforgettable adventure in Ireland” said Beetle. “We’re looking forward to doing some first-hand research on the pubs, the food and the lore of Ireland and bringing back some new ideas for our restaurant. It’s particularly special to be traveling in Ireland during the St. Patrick’s Festival.”

Penny Pitou and Patrick’s are planning to team up once again to offer another trip to Ireland in the spring of 2018. Tickets will go on sale this coming summer. Visit www.PennyPitouTravel.com or www.PatricksPub.com for more information.



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Penny Pitou and Milo Pike Foundation donates \$25,000 to Colonial Theater Project

LACONIA — Penny Pitou, a Lakes Region native and community leader, on behalf of her family foundation presented a check for \$25,000 toward the Colonial Theater capital campaign, which has a goal of raising \$2 million before end of the year.

Pitou stated, “We are proud to donate to the Colonial Theater project and look forward to its reconstruction. It is a very exciting project which will benefit our community for generations to come.”

“Since the start of the capital campaign, we have received an outpouring of support from businesses and residents in the Lakes Region,” said Justin Slattery, Executive Director of the Belknap EDC. “We are



Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC Executive Director, Randy Eifert, Belknap EDC Chairperson, Penny Pitou, President of Penny Pitou Travel, and Mayor Ed Engler.

making good progress and ask that any business or resident interested in learning more about the Colonial Theater capital campaign to contact us at 524-3057 or 609Main-Street.org.”

Belknap EDC was founded in 1992 with the mission of promoting economic vitality in Belknap County and the Greater Lakes Region. One of ten non-profit regional

development corporations in New Hampshire, Belknap EDC aims to attract and retain young talent, support creative entrepreneurs, enhance workforce development programs and be a pro-active catalyst, partner, and investor in property development that enhances economic opportunity in Belknap County. For more information, visit belknapedc.org.



JoJo Morris and Connor Leggett of the GHS Interact Club organize food for distribution to the Gilford Got Lunch! Program and the Gilmanton Food Pantry. Gilford High School students in grades nine through 12 donated 1,448 food items. The items will be used to make food baskets for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Bringing fashion fun to the region

Fashion Expo to support charitable formal wear program

LACONIA — The BipBoppity Boutique is a non-profit, community service organization that provides free formal wear to women ages 12 and up, via the “Pay-It-Forward” program. The boutique is hosting a fashion expo to help raise funds and awareness of this pro-

gram. On Dec. 11, BipBoppity Boutique will host the first ever, BipBoppity Fashion Expo at Laconia High School. The expo will open at noon, with the fashion show starting at 2 p.m. The cost is only \$5 per person, and includes a free raffle ticket!

The expo will include a number of vendors like LuLaRoe, Avon, Younique, and more. There will also be a table raffle on a number of products from our vendors, as well as gift cards to local establishments. Use your free raffle ticket for a chance to win your favorite item. Additional tickets are available for purchase to increase your odds. While browsing the expo, enjoy some refreshments and live music from local artists.

The fashion show will consist of community members modeling some of the amazing dresses available at the boutique. The main focus will be formal dresses, but the show will also highlight a number of semi-formal, bridesmaid, and even wedding dresses!

BipBoppity Boutique’s Pay-It-Forward program simply asks

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Lakes Region Art Association names Artists of the Month for December

REGION — The Lakes Region Art Association has announced the association's Artists of the Month for December. The Association draws from the entire Lakes Region, and this program is aimed at promoting the Association and its members' work across the entire region.

Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra awards scholarships

MOULTONBOROUGH — On Nov. 5 at Moultonborough Academy, Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra concert-goers witnessed an astounding performance by Nanako Shirai, the first-place winner of the 2016 LRSO young musicians concerto competition.

Nanako, a senior at Hanover High School, treated the audience to a virtuosic performance of Felix Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto in E minor."

Nanako, along with second-place winner Sally Ma, Piano (Exeter), and third-place winner Danilo Thurbur, Violin (Exeter), were awarded scholarships for their outstanding musicianship in this year's LRSO competition. The annual competition is open to students in eighth to 11th grades with auditions held in the spring, culminating with the first-place winner's performance at our November concert each year. Students interested in future competitions can find information at LRSO.org/concerto.

The competition is made possible in part by the generous support from the Bank of New Hampshire. We thank Dona Murray, vice president and investment officer with the Bank for taking part in the concert festivities on Nov. 5.

The Nov. 5 concert merely marked the beginning of the LRSO season. Next up - we invite you to join us

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To begin with, you'll want to make sure you are giving to a reputable charity. That means you'll need to ask some questions. How does a group measure its effectiveness? Is it devoting as much of its contributions as possible to the actual work of the organization, or is it spending too much money on administrative costs? Generally, a worthwhile charity should spend at least 75% of its income on programs. You may be able to find this type of information on a charitable group's annual report and its website. You can also go to the website of one of the agencies that evaluates charitable groups. On these sites, you can get a lot of information dealing with a charity's effectiveness, income, spending and other topics.

After you've identified a charity, or charities, you can decide how much you want to give and how you want to give it. If the charity has 501(c)(3) status (named after the section of the Internal Revenue Code that governs such groups), your gift can offer you a tax deduction. So, for example, if you are in the 25% tax bracket, and you give \$1,000 to a qualified charity, you can subtract the \$1,000 from your adjusted gross income, which will result in tax savings of \$250. Upon making your gift, make sure you get a receipt that lists the name of the organization and the date and amount of your contribution. (Your maximum deduction will be limited to a percentage of your adjusted gross income.)

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In any case, whether you give cash or appreciated assets, you'll need to make your gift by Dec. 31 if you're going to deduct it on your 2016 taxes. So be as generous as you can afford, think about the effect of your gift on your own financial situation – and be prepared to act soon.

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SANTALAND

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Kids can dance with Olaf during the annual Santaland at the Gilford Youth center this weekend.

Only a few of the activities require payment. For a few dollars people can do the Cookie Walk, filling a bag with as many cookies

as they can. People can also buy tickets for a toy raffle. Friday night, there will be pizza and other refreshments.

Hodsdon said they aim not to have long lines. He said there will be plenty of activities for kids to do for a few hours.

PARKS & REC

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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 registra-

tion 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.

Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Program

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 and will continue through Jan. 28, 2017 (in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather, it will

be made up the week(s) following Jan. 28). Lessons begin at 10:00 a.m. and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop!

Registration forms are available at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop.

Cost: \$70 per person includes rental equipment!

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If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.

NOTEBOOK

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(and even adults) walk with their backs to traffic, instead of facing it? Isn't this taught by parents any more, or at least at school?

Why do people leave all-night lights on all night, as opposed to having motion detectors or even (now here's a novel thought) on-off switches?

Why do so many people fail to have smoke alarms, when the lessons are so painfully, constantly obvious?

Why do drivers tailgate? Can they possibly think they could ever

stop in time? Why do dump trucks display those totally illogical signs warning "Construction Vehicle--Do Not Follow" even far from job sites?

Why do ads for four-wheel-drive vehicles show them going ridiculously fast in deep snow? And what about snowmobiles flying over snowbanks, and ATVs roaring through mud?

And finally, and incongruously, why do people think white birches are rare, let alone protected? (I'm

not kidding about this--over the years, at least two visitors have given me serious grief for having a few in with the firewood.)

(This column runs in weekly newspapers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire from Concord to Lower Quebec and parts of western Maine and northeastern Vermont. Letters must include the writer's telephone numbers and town. Write to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

CRAFT FAIR

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Society will be selling their "Death By Chocolate," a chocolate cake with chocolate putting with chocolate toffee candy pieces and whipped topping.

The Field Hockey team's table will benefit a banquet celebrating their championship win. The Robotics team will sell ornaments in the shape of little robots made from soda cans.

Money raised from vendors fees and the senior class' food sales go to senior class activities including the senior trip, yearbook, t-shirts, and many other things.

Morris said this sale raises a lot of money.

"It makes it easier for more people to do on

the class trip," Sullivan said. "The more money we raise this weekend, the more people might be able to go on our class trip because they can afford it."

Participation is highly encouraged to expect-ed for each member of the senior class. Each class member will sign up for a three-hour shift.

Co-advisor Margie Cybart said the students will start working around 11 a.m. on Friday to get everything set up. Sullivan said the students will be at the school around 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning to get ready.

Jenkins said they expect that the whole building will be back to its

previous state by 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"What takes 12 hours to set up takes two hours to breakdown," Jenkins said.

The class officers said they are looking forward to doing this. Class treasurer Hannah Sullivan said it will be a lot of hard work, but Morris said they are prepared for it.

"I think it will be nice to see everyone," said class treasurer Kassy Weston.

Jenkins said they got a lot of help from many local businesses. Many businesses also gave time on their electric signs to advertise the fair.

BELKNAP HOUSE

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will be staffed on shifts called "hosts" and will be scheduled on five different hosts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They will fill in during the hours not covered by staff members.

Many other kinds of volunteers are sought after as well.

"There's many opportunities to be able to volunteer," Emery said.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to visit Belknap House's Facebook page and click on the "Sign Up" button, which will give more information.

Belknap House will have its first ever volunteer orientation on Thurs, Dec. 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the VFW post on Court Street in Laconia. Prospective volunteers are invited to drop by then.

The Second Annual Belknap House Appeal Fundraiser will start later this year. Garrity said they are looking for peo-

ple to make monthly donations, from \$5 and \$10 a month to more.

Belknap House will put an appeal on its Web site, www.belknaphouse.org. Click the Donate button to donate.

From October through mid May Belknap House will be open to families that have been referred by any of the welfare offices in the 11 municipalities in Belknap County.

Belknap House has the capacity for six families, or 19 individuals at any one time.

Garrity said each family will come into Belknap House with a three week plan to set goals. At the end of three weeks, their goals will be examined and it will be determined if they need to stay longer to work on any more goals.

Emery and Welford will work directly with each of the municipal welfare offices. After each family leaves Belk-

nap House they will be referred back to their home community for any further assistance.

Emery said she anticipates they will be working with many school district offices as well. She said there is a strong link between having a stable situation and academic achievement.

"At Belknap House, we're going to be able to provide that stability," Emery said.

Emery will continue to keep in contact with and work with the families who came to Belknap House.

Garrity said Belknap House could have an estimated operating budget of \$110,000 to \$120,000.

From around Memorial Day to early October, the shelter will be closed and will be used as a hostel to gain revenue. Garrity said this could generate around \$40,000, or close to a third of its operating costs.

CONCERT

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Avenue).

Many old favorites will be on the program, including two versions of Sleigh Ride

(did you know there was more than one?) . The concert will emphasize the versatility of brass instruments in

various small ensemble combinations as well as selections by the entire group under the direction of Mike Mikuski. Enhancing the music will be narration and visual slides coordinated to the music.

Dessert will be served

immediately following the program courtesy of the Wesley Arts Committee of the church. Donations of \$8 will be accepted at the door. Start out your Christmas holidays in the right spirit with this first concert of the Christmas season.

CLARKE

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ring Clarke who sells out rooms across New England and is a favorite among comedy fans with a devoted following which continues to grow.

"I'm looking forward to working at Pitman's," said the legendary Clarke, regarding his first appearance at the Laconia venue. "I've heard great things from other comedians who have worked the room who said the crowd and the atmosphere make it a great place to perform.

"Now I can't disappoint them or they won't bring me back," added Clarke, who is known

for his good natured sarcasm directed at both himself and the world in general.

Clarke is scheduled to return to Pitman's in July in the hopes of performing for summer residents and vacationers in the lakes region.

Pitman's owner Dick Mitchell, said tickets and reservations have been going fast since the announcement of the Clarke show.

"First off, I can't think of a better way to start our fifth year of comedy," said Mitchell. "Lenny is one of the best and the fact that the

phone has been ringing and people have been buying tickets in advance more so than any other show, is evidence of Lenny's popularity."

"It also shows how we have grown over the past four years and into our fifth year," added Mitchell regarding comedy. "We started with a show that had 86 people in attendance and from there were have steadily grown to where we regularly have 170 to 200 in the room for comedy. We plan on bringing Lenny back in July and more comedian with name recognition as we have with our musical acts."

The comedy show Saturday, Jan. 14 is The Dave Andrews Experience, starring Andrews who received a standing ovation the last time he appeared at Pitman's. Tickets for that show are \$20.

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Front row: Rob Emory, VynArt Supplies and Gallery, Meredith; Marie Kelly, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Meredith; Joanne Reynolds, Northway Bank, Laconia; Elaine Morrison, Northway Bank, Tilton; Marlene Witham, Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, Laconia; Back row: Richard Mundy, Northway Bank, Meredith; B.J.Eckardt, Laconia Library, Laconia; Wendy Wilson, Northway Bank, Belknap Mall; Rhetta Colon, Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford; Rob Caron, Bank of New Hampshire, Gilford; Not in picture, Judy Palfrey, Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin main office.

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SCHOLARSHIP

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Bank of New Hampshire Vice President Dona Murray, LRSO president Chris Mega, and LRSO conductor Ben Greene present scholarship to violinist Nanako Shirai, winner of the LRSO’s 2016 young musicians concerto competition. shop and the Mobil Station at the Town Docks; Laconia – Greenlaw’s Music; Center Harbor – Bayswater Books. Our holiday concerts are graciously sponsored by Fay’s Boat Yard and Bellwether Credit Union. More information is available at www.LRSO.org.

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FASHION

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women who are getting a dress to “pay it forward” in any meaningful way they choose. The goal of the program is to empower women by inspiring the joy of giving, and to build confidence by providing free formal wear that shows off each woman’s natural beauty.

BipBoppity Boutique’s goal is to hold this event each year, as the main funding for the program. “We hope to select a different theme and timing for the event each year to keep it interesting,” explains Phil Ainsworth, Kimberly’s husband. “We talked about having a spring themed show, a candy themed show, even a Halloween themed show,” continued Phil.

This year’s theme is the magic of winter. You can help support this noble cause by attending the expo or making a monetary donation on BipBoppity’s GoFundMe page. All donations are graciously accepted and

appreciated. Founder Kimberly Ainsworth started the boutique because, as she says, “No girl should be denied attending her special event, due to financial limitations.” As a teen, Kimberly was unable to attend her special night due to the cost. In 2014, when her daughter was facing a similar hurdle, she heard about the Cinderella Project out of Allenstown. The Cinderella Project offered Kimberly’s daughter a free dress for her prom. 2014 was to be the last year for the Cinderella Project. After seeing her daughters face light up, Kimberly knew she had to carry on that kind of hope and inspiration to girls throughout New Hampshire. Partnering with the Laconia Community Center, in 2015 Kimberly was given a generous space on the second floor, and the BipBoppity Boutique was born. In March 2016, the boutique helped its first girl feel like a princess.

This girl was so happy and proud of her new free dress, that Kimberly knew she had started something wonderful. After hearing about the program, Jane Hamor, previously from “A Formal Affair” out of Rochester, donated a number of dresses to the boutique. By the end of May 2016, BipBoppity Boutique had received over 3000 dresses in total, approximately 85 percent of which were donated by Hamor. BipBoppity Boutique relies on community support to be successful. So far, the boutique has grown exponentially since its inception, due to the overwhelming support by the community and local businesses. BipBoppity Boutique has currently helped more than 100 girls and women obtain free dresses, has inspired a pay-it-forward attitude in many more, and has been praised for its dedication to empower young women to feel confident and beautiful.

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TREES

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“We’ve been buying our trees from them right from the start,” Lunt said. “They’re just really good trees.”

They will sell trees that range from ones for tabletops to 14 feet high, the majority of their trees are six to nine feet. Lunt said anyone wanting a large tree should get there as soon as they can.

“We always try to have a good supply of large trees,” Lunt said. “There always seems to be a big demand for that.”

Lunt said last year they didn’t get many of the larger trees, though this year they made sure to get more.

Lunt said they generally sell around 600 trees,



COURTESY PHOTOS

Unloading trees with the hockey team.

and they generally sell all of them.

Any leftovers will be given Gilford Elementary School where they will be placed with families in need.

He said all of the trees are premium firs and balsams that are sturdy and can hold heavy ornaments. Most of the trees are Fraser firs that he said hold needles longer.

The sale will also have decorated and undecorated wreaths in many different sizes.

The Rotary will also deliver trees to people for no extra charge.

Free corn chowder, hot dogs and hot cocoa will be served when they are available and there will also be a few raffles.

All proceeds go to charities supported by the Rotary; most of them are local with a few international.

“It’s always one of our favorite events of the year,” Lunt said. “It sort of brings Christmas spirit for us. A lot of our members put in a lot of time during this event.”

Every year the Rotary will send a mailing to all those who bought trees the year before.

The sale lasts for 10 straight days. On weekdays the sale starts at 9 a.m. and can go until around 7 or 8 p.m. On the weekends the sale starts at noon and goes until around 8 p.m., an hour earlier on Sundays.

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JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford senior Logan Essaff closed his outstanding career with a First Team All-State selection this fall.



JEFF LAJOIE

Junior defender Tyler Hanf was again honored for his fine work, as the Gilford standout took home First Team All-State honors.

Essaff, Hanf earn First Team All-State honors

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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REGION – Another soccer season is in the books for the local high school sides, and once again, the Lakes Region schools made their mark in the NHIAA boys' tournaments.

Belmont High School reached the Final Four for the first time since 2012, ultimately falling to Stevens in the semifinals. There were other fine runs, with the Inter-Lakes boys' team knocking off a high-seeded Bishop Brady squad. Moultonborough Academy's boys' team nearly pulled

a road upset against Woodsville in the quarterfinals, while the Gilford-Belmont boys' quarterfinal lived up to the hype with a high-intensity 1-0 win for the visiting Red Raiders.

The results of an impressive season on the pitch for Lakes Region schools can be found in the All-State teams, which were released by the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association (NHSCA) last week.

The Division III boys' All-State teams were littered with local players. The Gilford defense posted eight shutouts en route to a 14-3-1 re-



JEFF LAJOIE

Branden Lemay of Gilford was a Second Team All-State selection for the high-powered Eagles.

cord this fall, allowing 10 goals in 18 games thanks to a standout back line. Two of those players took home First

Team All-State honors for their efforts, with senior Logan Essaff and junior Tyler Hanf being recognized for their out-

standing play. Essaff, a converted goalkeeper who shined the past two years as a central defender, was an anchor for the Golden Eagles, while Hanf showcased his full arrange of talents on the outside as a dangerous two-way player.

Rival Belmont also put two players on the All-State First Team, as the senior-laden Red Raiders were loaded with players capable of finding their way

on the list. Midfielder Doug Price was the team's stalwart right in the middle of the action, and he closed out a dynamite career by helping Belmont to a Final Four berth. Fellow senior Logan Wilder was also a First Team selection after a fine offensive season that saw the forward score 15 goals and add 22 assists. That included the biggest tally of the season, a game-winning free kick in a 1-0 win over Gilford to each the semifinal berth.

The All-State Second Team also had a Belmont-Gilford local flare. Belmont senior goalkeeper Jonny Leclair earned his way onto the team thanks to an impressive total of eight shutouts this fall that closed out a stellar four-year starting career between the pipes. Teammate and classmate Corey Derosier also earned Second Team honors, as the midfielder/defender was as versatile and valuable as anyone to the Belmont lineup over the course of his soccer career.

Gilford senior midfielder Branden Lemay wrapped his career on the pitch with a Second Team All-State accolade. The crafty Lemay did a little bit of everything for the Eagles, scoring some timely goals while also distributing and assisting in the defensive effort as a hard-working midfielder.

A pair of Inter-Lakes High School players earned Honorable Mention All-State honors to lead a pack of locals on that list. Senior Logan Taylor, the team's leading scorer during his tenure in Meredith, was honored for his strong season up top, while junior midfielder Alex Losada was a workhorse of a midfielder who rarely if ever came off the field for head coach

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Volleyball pipeline strong from Gilford to Bridgewater

BY JEFF LAJOIE
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BRIDGEWATER, Mass. – The Gilford connection runs deep for the Bridgewater State volleyball program.

Senior setter Charleyne Panner set the program record with 3,350 career assists, closing out her outstanding career in impressive fashion this fall. The former Gilford High School standout, who was the Division II Player of the Year during her tenure, recorded her 3,000th career assist earlier this season against Salve Regina.

Panner, a team captain this season, racked up 931 assists for Bridgewater this season. The Bears finished 11-20 overall in her final volleyball campaign, including a 3-3 mark in conference matches. Panner added 94 kills, 24 service aces, and 263 digs on the year. Her 3,350 career assists topped the previous all-time record set by Shawna O'Neill (2,977) in 2001.

While Panner's tenure at Bridgewater was a massive success,



Gilford's Charleyne Panner (center, holding ball) is surrounded by teammates after breaking the Bridgewater State University all-time assist record in a match earlier this season.



The Gilford tandem of Charleyne Panner (right) and Ally Quinn (Murphy), seen here when Panner broke the 1,000 career assist mark in 2012, teamed up again for the Bridgewater State University volleyball program this fall.

the Gilford connection ran even deeper this fall. Former GHS standout and fellow D-II Player of the Year Ally Quinn (Murphy) was named head coach for BSU this summer, and she guided the Bears this fall in her first year with the program. With the two setters, both 1,000 career assist members in high school, leading the way, GHS head coach Joan Forge kept

close watch of the program this fall.

Quinn played collegiately at Endicott College, graduating in 2011 with a degree in physical education with a teacher licensure. She received her Masters of Nutrition Education from Framingham State University in 2015.

She captained the Endicott team during her junior and senior seasons, graduating and eventually serving as varsity volleyball coach and JV softball coach at Norfolk County Agricultural High School from 2011 to 2016. She is a physical education teacher and wellness instructor at Norfolk Aggie, residing in Norfolk, Mass.

Bridgewater was also the former landing spot of GHS alum Danielle Dean, and with Quinn now in charge of the program, the pipeline from Gilford to the Bears program remains strong and flowing.

Van Bennekum guides SUNY-ESF to conference title

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. – It was a dynamic sophomore season for Gilford native Nick Van Bennekum. The former GHS soccer standout had a big year with the State University of New York-College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) men's soccer team, helping guide the Mighty Oaks to the Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (HVIAC) championship and a spot in the USCAA national championship tournament last month.

Van Bennekum, who graduated from GHS in 2015, was the starting center back for the Mighty Oaks. His team captured the HVIAC conference title for the first time in program history, defeating top-seeded New Rochelle to grab the title. The victory earned SUNY-ESF an automatic bid into the USCAA national championship tournament, and the Oaks earned the No. 8 seed in the field.

The event was held in Virginia Beach, Va. in November, and the squad drew top-seeded Maine-Fort Kent in the opening pool play contest. A 7-1 loss eliminated them from advancing, but the Oaks regrouped to earn a big overtime win against St. Joseph's of Vermont, 2-1, to close out the 2016 campaign.

"This team played with incredible heart and passion all this season," said head coach



Gilford's Nick Van Bennekum (left) goes up for a head ball during action this season for the SUNY-ESF men's soccer team. The Mighty Oaks captured the HVIAC championship, advancing to the USCAA National Championship tournament in the process. Van Bennekum, a sophomore, started 16 games for SUNY-ESF, which finished 11-5-1 overall.

Dan Ramin. "With the odds against them on many occasions, this team never gave up and always fought until the very end."

Van Bennekum, who wore No. 17 for SUNY-ESF, started 16 games for the Mighty Oaks, which finished 11-5-1 overall. He notched an assist in a 6-2 win over Vaughn College on Oct. 1, posting seven shots on the season including a pair in the season finale against St. Joseph's.

SUNY-ESF outscored opponents by an average of 3.81 goals to 1.82 goal

this season. They went 5-3 in conference games, peaking in the postseason with a semifinal win over Albany College of Pharmacy (5-3) and New Rochelle in the finals (3-1).

In addition, Van Bennekum, who is studying construction management, prepared for the season by training with Tony Mure, a personal trainer at The Holderness School. He saw his playing time increase significantly from his freshman season, moving from eight starts to 16.



A NEW SEASON of curling will begin on Jan. 15 at the Pop Whalen Arena.

Curling league registration due by Dec. 12

WOLFEBORO — The Lakes Region Curling Association has opened registration for an eight-week curling league that will run from Jan. 15 to March 12 (no matches on Feb. 5, Super Bowl Sunday).

LRCA members will provide will provide a learn-to-curl session for new curlers in early January.

All curling matches are held on Sunday evenings from 5:20 to 7:20 p.m. at Pop Whalen Ice Arena in Wolfeboro. The league is open to the public, and participants can

join either as part of an established team, with four to six members, or as individuals and couples who are looking to join other players in a new team. LRCA organizers will help with the creation of new teams.

Curlers joining the LRCA for the first time pay a \$100 membership fee in addition to the \$120 registration fee for the winter league. Current LRCA members need pay only the winter league registration fee.

All registrations are due by Monday, Dec. 12.

Information about

curling and the Lakes Region Curling Association, as well as access to membership and registration forms, is available on the LRCA web site at www.lakescurlingnh.org. Visitors to the site can view informative videos, access information about curling rules and game play, and find the latest information about LRCA events and activities.

The only equipment needed to participate in curling is a pair of clean-soled sneakers. All other equipment is provided.

Dean nabs lone All-State selection for Eagles

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REGION – There were story lines all over the place in the girls' soccer world this fall. Chief among them was the ride experienced by Belmont High School. The Red Raiders broke through to reach an elusive Final Four, knocking off heavyweights Hopkinton and Campbell along the way to reach the state championship game in Division III. A 1-0 loss to top-seeded and undefeated Fall Mountain did little to deter an outstanding season, as Belmont thrived late in the season under new head coach Cevat Vural's system with a dynamic group of seniors setting the tone on and off the field.

There were other big stories throughout the Lakes Region however. Inter-Lakes qualified for the post-season thanks to huge contributions from a talented and deep freshman class, while Gilford's junior class showed signs that they may be able to do the same next season. Moultonborough Academy showed its ability to play with just about anyone in Division IV, but key injuries down the stretch thwarted the Panthers in their pursuit of a deep post-season run.

The New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association (NHSCA) rewarded a solid contingent of Lakes Region players with All-State selections when it released its awards last week.

The Division III list was headlined by a pair of Belmont seniors who had huge hands in guiding the Raiders to



JEFF LAJOIE

Gilford junior midfielder Lauren Dean was the lone Golden Eagle representative on the NHSCA All-State squads. Dean earned an Honorable Mention accolade for her work this season.

the state championship game. Midfielder Kelsey Scott was the team's security blanket throughout her career, and she showcased a flare for the dramatic in the state semifinals with a pair of goals in leading Belmont to a 2-0 win over Campbell. Scott earned a First Team All-State selection for her play, and her departure to graduation leaves a huge void in the midfield.

Fellow senior Jasmine Syed stepped into a vital role in the center of the Belmont defense this fall, and she, too, was named to the All-State First Team. The relentless defender took her role and ran with it this season. While the Raider defense was very young, comprised of two sophomores and a freshman, Syed provided the veteran experience and presence that tied it all together.

While Inter-Lakes did have a highly-valuable freshman class injected life into the lineup this fall, it was a senior defender that made it all work. Sweeper Kailee Bennett was the lynchpin of the I-L defense, and the four-year starter and captain capped her proud career with a Second Team All-State selection in Division III. Bennett was the vocal and physical leader for the Lakers, keeping the squad on the straight and narrow despite some inexperience at the varsity level. As a result, I-L earned a postseason berth and gave Raymond everything it could handle under the lights on the road in the opening round of the postseason.

While Gilford High School experienced some growing pains with a largely inexperienced roster that

suffered key injuries at important times, the Golden Eagles relied on its deep junior class to right the ship. Right in the middle of that barge was junior midfielder Lauren Dean, who was the lone Gilford representative on the All-State teams with an Honorable Mention selection. No matter what happened to the Eagles this fall, Dean was always there as a reliable option in the middle of the field. She proved dangerous going forward as an attacker while also adept at winning 50-50 balls in the midfield and handling her defensive responsibilities coming back on the other end. Dean is a key reason why the Eagles have faith they'll be able to enter the play-off fray next season.

While Scott and Syed led the way for Belmont in the All-State rankings, the Raiders had

two more players earn accolades. Senior goalkeeper Mariah Watson registered an impressive 11 shutouts this season in the Belmont net, and she took home an Honorable Mention selection for her good work. Sophomore forward Julianna Estrem-era pushed through some injury issues to make solid contributions this season, and she was rewarded with an Honorable Mention pick.

Belmont's Mark Dawalga was also honored by the NHSCA this fall. Dawalga took home JV Coach of the Year honors in Division III after balancing

the duties with that side along with assistant coach of the varsity club. Hopkinton's Lauri Izzi was the D-III Coach of the Year.

Moultonborough was represented on the All-State lists by a pair of juniors this fall, showing the future remains bright for a Panthers club that has been a mainstay in the D-IV discussion the past few seasons. Midfielder Becky Velie was the top honoree for head coach Jeff Husmann's club, as the speedster was a First Team All-State pick in D-IV. Velie almost never came off the field for the Panthers, a feat all the more impressive considering her ability to patrol and dominate play in just about every portion of the pitch.

Teammate Taylor Colby, also a junior, provided a talented partner in crime for Velie. Perhaps the most dangerous scorer and playmaker for MA, Colby was on her way to a big season down the stretch before suffering an injury that limited her to just a few minutes of action in the postseason loss to Woodsville. Expect big things for the pair next season however, with senior leadership setting the tone for MA.

Newmarket's Andrew Dawson was tabbed as the D-IV Coach of the Year this season.

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If you or someone you know has fallen victim to a scam web site, contact the office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Bureau at (888) 468-4454, or visit their web site at doj.nh.gov/consumer to report the incident.

GILFORD – The Gilford High School athletic department announced its list of Golden Eagles Award winners for the fall 2016 season. The awards are given to varsity players who overachieve, lead, hustle, do the little things, and are great teammates. The one player who best represents what the

program is about. The awards were given to Connor Leggett (boys' soccer), Lauren Dean (girls' soccer), Nicholas Bugnacki (unified soccer), Joe Bonnell (football), Kaitlyn Van Bennekum (field hockey), Stevie Orton (volleyball), Matthew McDonough (cross country) and Grant Workman (golf).

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Dan Curnyn's club.

Gilford juniors Ethan Warren (GK) and Connor Leggett (M) were also Honorable Mention picks, while Winnisquam Regional High School senior defender Scott Hinds was his program's lone representative on the All-State lists after a consistent season guiding the back line in Tilton.

Stevens High School's Jason Stone was the D-III Coach of the Year after leading the upstart Cardinals to a state runner-up finish in a championship game loss to Hopkinton.

It was a monster offensive season for Moultonborough Academy senior Connor Porusta, and he was rewarded for that work with a Division IV All-State First Team selection. Porusta stepped into the spotlight up top for the Pan-

thers and delivered this fall. Despite some key losses to graduation, MA came within a few minutes of returning to the Final Four before falling in the rain to Woodsville in the D-IV quarterfinals.

MA junior midfielder Ryan Kresco set the table for the Panthers this fall, carrying much of the possession for the team and sending passes through to Porusta. The highly-skilled Kresco took home Second Team All-State honors

for his efforts.

Fellow junior Brendyn Marsh paced the MA defensive unit, and the hulking center back became the third Panther on the All-State list with an Honorable Mention selection.

Littleton High School's Jo Gardner was the D-IV Coach of the Year after leading the Crusaders to an undefeated regular season and No. 1 seed in the postseason before falling to Epping in the title game.

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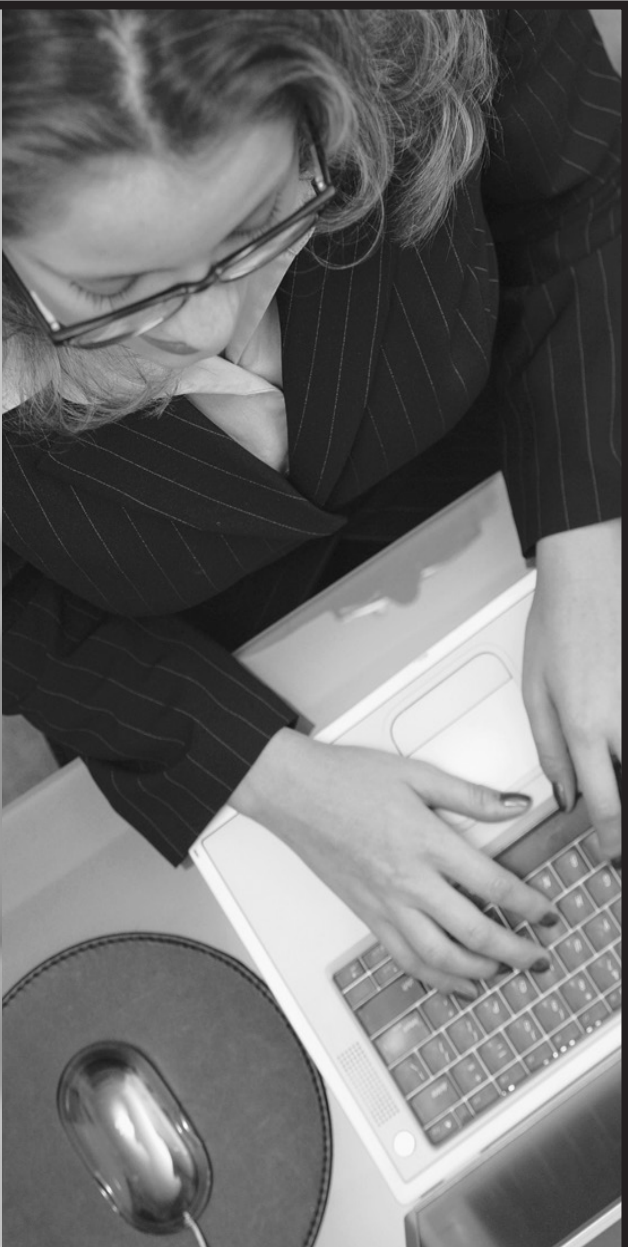

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Featured PROPERTIES

SPECTACULAR Wolfeboro location - beautiful sandy beach and dock on Lake Winnepesaukee w/210' of level frontage & outstanding sunset views. Open concept living in this contemporary colonial with state of the art kitchen.
\$1,795,000 (4317015) Call 569-3128

INCREDIBLE waterfront property in Tuftonboro with a 6 acre compound, 335' of sandy shoreline, expansive back lawn, main 4BR home plus 4 separate cottages, grandfathered boathouse structure at water's edge.
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GORGEOUS 122' waterfront and 1.48 acres on Lake Winnepesaukee. This 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2415 sq ft contemporary is on one of the lake's prettiest points of land in Moultonborough. Private dock.
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AMAZING OFFERING! Almost 5 Acres. Very Private. 407' of frontage on Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonborough. Quality built 3BR with "Guest House" plus ready to go spot for main house & 6 boat dock!
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ALTON // CUSTOM POST & BEAM WATERFRONT w/ stone fireplace, gourmet kitchen, wet bar, fully finished walk out basement, fabulous master suite, 2 large decks & awesome 4 season porch.
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PLYMOUTH // Developers take note! Large land parcel of 55.3 acres with approx. 2,000 ft of road frontage, including great visibility on Tenney Mountain Rotary with high traffic count.
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NEW DURHAM // Lovely antique home with 4+BRs. Beautiful perennial gardens. Large vegetable garden, magnificent 2 floor barn, guest house. Beautiful fish pond, walking trails on this 42 acre parcel.
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HOLDERNESSE // This 3 bedroom meticulously maintained Ranch would make a perfect retirement or starter home close to town beach and boat launch on Squam Lake.
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NEW DURHAM // Nice two bedroom ranch sits up on the hill overlooking Merrymeeting Lake. Beach rights just down the road. Great year round home or summer getaway.
\$167,500 (4601040) Call 875-3128

MOULTONBOROUGH // Spectacular 2.33 acre lot with 621 ft of waterfront and dock permit on Lake Winnepesaukee located in the low tax town of Moultonborough.
\$899,900 (4492077) Call 253-9360

MOULTONBOROUGH // Owner says SELL!! This property has wonderful views in all directions & can be subdivided with possible access to two roads. Mountain streams & stone walls. Land is in current use. Broker has interest in property.
\$114,900 (4433900) Call 253-9360

NEW DURHAM // Two lots of record, 16.55 Acres with 2 Drive-way cuts approved along 1299 Feet frontage on major highway. Great potential - Bring your ideas! Bring your offer - great investment!
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GILFORD // Gunstock Acres lot w/southerly & western views of mountains. Sloping lot has expired septic design and a perc test. Enjoy swimming at Gilford Town Beach. Easy access from Rt. 11-A.
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BARNSTEAD // Year round Ranch w/ a 400 SF Family room in the walk-out basement. 100' on Half Moon Lake w/ a lift up dock & sunsets. Natural shoreline has a western exp, tall Pine trees, screened porch.
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Moultonboro \$595,000 #4441808
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BUSINESS FORMAL SUIT

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R B V M N I E A G S K D
R E U O N R E C M C Z B
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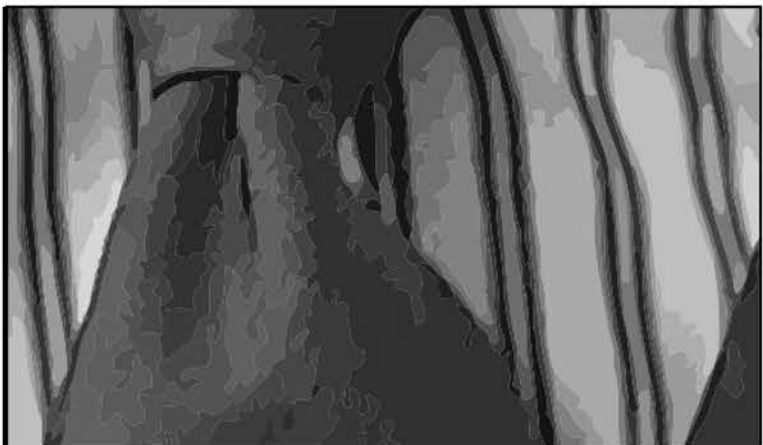
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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase

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Answer: On the job

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- ITALIAN: Inverno
- FRENCH: Hiver
- GERMAN: Winter

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