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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

# Proposed new triathlon going through review process

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The Timberman Triathlon has been cancelled, but a possible new triathlon will be going through the town's application process.

Ironman announced on its Web site that the Timberman 70.3 will be discontinued "due to potential local scheduling conflicts and increased concerns regarding operational execution." The 2017 Timberman was canceled and the website stated it would continue evaluating the possibility of operating the races in the future "depending on the support of the local community and key stakeholders."

With the discontinuation of the Ironman 70.3, plans are underway for a new triathlon in Gilford.

At the Dec. 7 selectmen's meeting, Town Administrator Scott Dunn told the board the town received a letter as part of an application process requesting to use the town beach for a water event on Aug 19 and 20. El-lacoya State Park will not be available that weekend and the organizers were looking to submit an application for using the town beach.

Jan Buitendag of Tritanium Sports is organizing the proposed new event. Buitendag was involved in the Timberman and Mooseman Triathlons. He and his company took over an aban-

doned triathlon at Wellington State Park in Bristol two years ago with the support of the town. For the past two years the Lakes Region Tri Festival has been a successful annual event.

He said the concept of local triathlons has faded from existence as major companies have taken them over.

"We would like to bring it back; local triathlons supported by the local people for all triathletes," Buitendag said.

Buitendag said he looked all over town for a possible starting, transition, and swimming area in Gilford, though several possible sites are not available or interested.

"The town beach is the only possible place to go," Buitendag said.

Dunn said the beach is typically staffed until around the third week of August. One issue raised was limited parking at the beach.

Buitendag said parking for the event would be done the same way as it was during the

Timberman with athletes and spectators parking at Gunstock and bussed over.

The selectmen agreed by consensus to allow Buitendag to submit a formal applica-

tion for the event and use of the town beach. The board will review SEE TRIATHLON PAGE A11



COURTESY

## Pride on the prowl

In the jungle, lions prowl in packs, stalking their prey. Here in the Lakes Region, members of the Laconia/Gilford Lions Club continue a Christmas tradition of gathering food in holiday baskets to donate to the needy in their communities. Pictured are club members and volunteers (left to right, Lois Smith, Nancy O'Connor, Bill Chandler, Matt Soza, Marylin Brown, Jamie Caldwell and Hali Dearborn) posing with the overflowing baskets which included canned and non-perishable items along with a ham and a chicken. As the Lions Club, the largest service organization in the world, continues its centennial celebration year, the Laconia/Gilford chapter invites new members to join (528-2663) and help contribute to such causes as supplying sight and hearing aid assistance, providing college scholarships, aiding food pantries, supporting family service groups, youth sports programs and more. These Lions aren't just lying around!

## Special guests in uniform serve at GES buffet

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Gilford Elementary School students enjoyed a holiday buffet served by people in uniform last week, getting the chance to meet some real life police officers, firefighters, and other special friends.

A number of police and fire personnel as well as staff from the school district served lunches to GES kids on Wednesday afternoon.



ERIN PLUMMER

Kids get in line for food served by police, fire, and school personnel during Gilford Elementary School's Holiday Buffet.

Every year, the students are treated to a holiday buffet during lunchtime served by members of the Gilford Police and Fire Departments as well as the SAU office and bus drivers. The kids get the chance to meet and speak to the special guests. Cruisers and a fire engine could also be found outside. After getting their food the kids could eat right in their classrooms.

GES Principal Danielle Bolduc said the children love the buffet and seeing the police, firefighters, and other SEE BUFFET PAGE A11

## Holidays make for early deadlines

MEREDITH — The offices of the Gilford Steamer, located at 5 Water St. in Meredith, will be closed Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of Christmas, and again on Monday, Jan. 2 in observance of New Year's Day.

In order to ensure that our Dec. 29 and Jan. 5 editions arrive in subscribers' mail boxes on schedule despite these holiday closures, the submission deadline for any press releases, letters to the editor, and obituaries intended for publication during the next two weeks have been moved up 48 hours from where they would ordinarily fall. Submissions for the Dec. 29 edition

should be turned in at our offices or e-mailed to steamer@salmonpress.news no later than 4 p.m. this afternoon (Thursday, Dec. 22). Any submissions for the Jan. 5 edition should be in our hands by 4 p.m. next Thursday, Dec. 29.

Please note that any submissions received after 4 p.m. tomorrow will be held for publication on Jan. 5, and any submissions received after 4 p.m. on the 29th will be held for publication on Jan. 12.

The staff of the Gilford Steamer thanks our readers for their cooperating with these changes in our usual schedule, and wishes one and all a safe and happy holiday season.

## Youngsters craft gifts in Santa's Workshop

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Santa's workshop could be found right in Gilford for a special program by the Gilford Youth Center and the Parks and Recreation Department.

For two Fridays children ages three through six could use their creativity and some supplies to make special gifts for loved ones during Santa's Workshop.

GYC director Scott Hodsdon said the GYC and Parks and Rec will team up do a variety of special programs throughout the year.

"We try to offer some SEE WORKSHOP PAGE A11



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Daya Sottak and Kate Kelly make some special holiday gifts with the help of Gilford Youth Center Director Scott Hodsdon and Parks and Recreation Program Assistants Sue King and Kristin Jarvi.



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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS  
Library Correspondent

Felix touched David's arm and the computer played a piano's C key. After a quick series of giggles, he high-fived Stella to hear a D. I took the control and tapped each of their hands to play "Mary had a Little Lamb" — at least as much of it as I could before they shook with laughter and asked to try it. Moments before, I had demonstrated with a few bananas, letting them touch each banana for a different key. These preschoolers and I were playing with the Makey Makey kits we borrowed from the State Library of New Hampshire after their regular story time with Abi. The kit is super simple; it has a control, a USB cable, and several alligator clip wires. With it, you can turn anything conductive enough into a computer input, just like a keyboard or mouse. With one hand holding the 'ground' wire connected to the controller and another hand touching the banana that's alligator wire clipped to the 'spacebar' input on the controller, you've made a circuit that electricity can pass through. If you have an app open where spacebar plays the C key, voila. Let go and the circuit is cut—the sound stops. There are lots of fun things to do when fruit and people can be buttons. I couldn't stop

laughing when the boy who was the spacebar moved away just when the teen controlling Mario needed him the most. Of course, the first thing the teens thought to do was to play games. It is difficult to play fast or complex games when your friends are the movement keys, but simple games like Mario are perfect. We did some experimentation: metal ruler conducts, wooden table does not. Joey's sweatshirt doesn't conduct, but his skin does. A gadget like this doesn't have to be complex or difficult to understand to be interesting and fun. We are fortunate to be able to borrow gadgets like these from the State Library of New Hampshire. In the past, we have borrowed robots, circuitry kits, programming kits, what I can only call super legos, and 3D pens. These things are all up side. Educational, wholesome, and often hilarious, teens and toddler alike enjoy seeing them in action, especially when they have control. With any luck the teens will invent mind-control devices in no time.

Classes & Special Events  
Dec. 22 to Dec. 28

Thursday, Dec. 22  
Storytime with Mrs. Claus, 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Mrs. Claus will be here for one of our fa-



Preschoolers had a blast with the Makey Makey kits staff at the Gilford Public Library recently borrowed from the State Library in Concord.

vorite annual events. She'll read a story from the North Pole, and then help us to make a special gift. Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Conversational

French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 23  
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Knit Wits, 1:30–2:30 p.m.  
Conversational Ger-

man, 2:30–3:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 24  
Closed for Christmas  
Monday, Dec. 26  
Closed for Christmas  
Tuesday, Dec. 27  
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. Vacation Movie: Secret Life of Pets, 2-4 p.m. For K-4th graders. Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 28  
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m. Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 495 calls for service and made the following arrests from Nov. 29-Dec. 15. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld. Stephen Cote, age 33, of Hill was arrested on Dec. 1 for Violation of a Protective Order; Penalty. Cote was subsequently charged with Resisting Arrest or Detention and Default or Breach of Bail Conditions as well. John E. Quinn, age 35, of Wakefield was arrested on Dec. 1 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant, and on two counts of Default or Breach of Bail Conditions. Lorene Ellis, age 45, of Gilford was arrested

on Dec. 2 for Simple Assault. Brian R. Baker, age 43, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 3 for Resisting Arrest or Detention. Richard Leon Fielders III, age 21, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 3 in for Criminal Trespassing, and in connection with an outstanding warrant. Stephanie Tardif, age 23, of Laconia was arrested on Dec. 3 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. Patrick Gilman, age 20, also of Laconia, was arrested during the same traffic stop for Carrying a Loaded Handgun Without a License. Charles Green, age 19, of Laconia was arrested on Dec. 3 for Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle, Driving While Intoxicated, Transportation of

Alcoholic Beverages By a Minor, Carrying or Selling Weapons (switchblades, etc.), and Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. David Godbout, age 49, identified as a transient, was arrested on Dec. 9 for Criminal Trespassing, and in connection with an outstanding bench warrant. Zoe Riel, age 18, of Gilmanton was arrested on Dec. 11 for Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages by the Driver of a Vehicle, Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. Skyla Mooney, age 19; Joshua Knight, age 20; and Megan Long, age 19, all of Laconia, were arrested during the same traffic stop for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

Jurell N. Guild, age 21, of Belmont was arrested on Dec. 11 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant. Matthew Boynton, age 21, of Laconia was arrested on Dec. 11 for Taking Without Owner Consent and three counts of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. Christopher J. Fountain, age 23, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 11 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs and a separate charge of Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle. Joseph Marquis, age 26, of Gilford was arrested on Dec. 13 for two counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking or Transfer (Larceny). Oliver Nicholas Blackstone, age 29, of Alton Bay was arrested on Dec. 15 for Loitering and Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Gilford Public Library  
Top Ten Requests

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



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## Pet of the Week: Pig Pen



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WE provide care and comfort to over 1000 animals each year, lately many because their owners have passed away or can no longer provide for their pets due to age and infirmity.

Pig Pen is the polar opposite of his Charlie Brown name, dapper, clean, neat as a pin, with a clear pristine will to find a new forev-

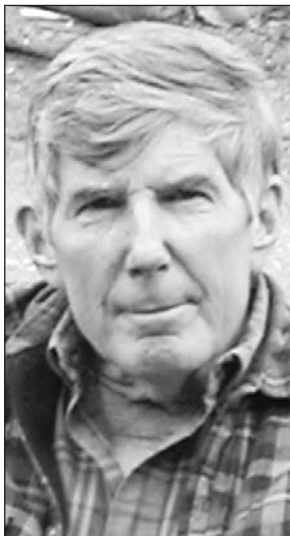
er home. His birthday is January 1st, shall Pig Pen not ring in the New Year still waiting in a kennel at the shelter for a new set of humans to fall in love with him.

Experienced dog owners in a cat free home is preferred, with adults who can 1st)give him a chance to thrive & 2nd)provide him a warm, safe environment to flourish and blossom into the devoted dog he was before and can be again.

Merry Christmas Pig Pen, you ARE a good dog!

## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

### *From the Jefferson Dump to the Solstice, and beyond*



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

As of today, the nearest day to the Winter Solstice as we can get, given the fooling around with the calendar that has taken place over the eons, we have stopped losing daylight and begun gaining it. This is a blithe thing to say when you're groping for your slippers in the shed.

It's worth noting, perhaps, in the Decline of Civilization as We Know It category, that most of today's calendars do not even note the Solstice. Or the Vernal. Or Equinox. There goes the stuff of picnics.

Today, as I wrote this about seven days before Christmas, a guy showed up to top off my propane tank, which fuels my gas kitchen range, the only way to cook in my book except wood.

"Hey, you look like a Sage," I said, and he



JOHN HARRIGAN

South Hill, built ca. 1850, decked out for this year and maybe good for another. Snowman by Wally, and grandson John Peter.

did look like a Sage, and in fact he was. I worked with Sages at Quimby Country and at Beecher Falls Factory in Vermont. It was good to see a Sage again. We had too a brief meeting there in the kitchen.

In a not so fortunate way, it reminded me of how I met Avery Bodwell at the Jefferson Dump, which we were all dutifully supposed to call "The Landfill." Now, it's "Transfer Station." This is what passes for progress.

On one of my first days as a new resident of Jefferson, a seven-year part of my life that I loved because so many people I had

not previously known were so great to me, I went to the dump and there was Avery, in his pants and some pretty serious dump boots, and before I even backed up there was this terrific explosion, "Bang!", a bottle or can or something exploding there in the fire pit, and Avery, who had his hoe right down in there, took a step back and never missing a beat cried "Shoot him again! The old Bastid's still standing!"

God, I loved him then from the start, and he even supported me when I stood up and said stupid things at town meeting.

Well, those are the kind of tales that bind. And they somehow lead me to this.

Thanks for being readers.

Thanks for writing. And Merry Christmas, and the best for 2017, and beyond.

*(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.)*

## FROM OUR READERS

### Join the mission of Neighbors In Need

To the Editor:

We're 30 years old this year! Neighbors in Need was started in 1986 by Bob DeCamp and a small group of individuals to support local agencies and churches who didn't have the funds to provide financial assistance to families and individuals in need. The founders persuaded local households and organizations to contribute to this fund. Over 240 heard the message and agreed to support our mission. Many still do.

Now in my 10th year with NIN, I am proud to be able to continue the founders message and mission. There's been a few changes in our focus. Yes, we still provide funds for basic necessities such rent, utilities, heat, and mortgages payments. But we now help folks with car repairs, dental work, medical equipment and even the purchase of automobiles.

And our modus of operation remains the same. Our efforts are still directed through other non-profits and religious communities that allow them to

interact with their local congregations and community. We supplement and complement the primary help agencies such local welfare and state assistance networks. We still pay no salaries or wages; 99 percent of the donations and other revenues are used for direct assistance. We are a 501c3 non-profit with an all-volunteer board of directors.

How about joining in our mission? If you would like to donate to Neighbors in Need or if you are a Lakes Region agency or church that would like to request funding for folks in need, please contact us 494-0482 or nanapop4@myfairpoint.net. If you've been a supporter in the past, many thanks! We sincerely hope that you will continue in that support. Blessings of this special season of the year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Bill Johnson  
President, Neighbors in Need  
Gilford

## Please help to give the Piper Mountain project a final push

To the Editor:

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT) and the Gilford Conservation Commission would like to extend a huge thank you to all who have donated to purchase and conserve Piper Mountain in Gilford that includes the summit and 273 acres.

Visitors from every New England state, New York, and as far away as Ohio and California, as well as many locals, have contributed, understanding the importance and value of this exceptional property. Unfortunately, we are still

approximately \$40,000 shy, and we are literally down to the wire and must raise that amount hopefully by the end of the year. Fortunately, the Lakes Region Conservation Trust was able to procure a challenge grant last week of \$20,000 from the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation. That means that the Foundation will match every dollar raised up to \$20,000! We are appealing to all hikers, nature lovers, Belknap residents and visitors to our beautiful Belknaps to please consider giving whatever you can. If you consider this to be a worthy cause, please donate now.

We are pleading for your help. Saving Piper would be the best Christmas gift for hundreds of people and a gift that would last forever. You may send a check for your tax deductible donation made out to the Town of Gilford Conservation Fund, 47 Cherry Valley Rd., Gilford, NH 03249 with a notation in the memo section of the check for Piper Mountain. You may also donate online to LRCT at [www.lrct.org](http://www.lrct.org), click on Donate Now. Under special purpose for your donation, and select Piper Mountain Project.

Thank you very much and Happiest of Holidays to everyone!

Everett McLaughlin  
Chair  
Gilford Land Conservation Task Force

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# Children’s Auction doles out first batch of checks from this year's proceeds

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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LACONIA — People in need across the region are already receiving help thanks to the money raised by the Children’s Auction of the Greater Lakes Region.

Last Wednesday morning, board members handed out the first checks to representatives from a number of different organizations during a presentation at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Last week, the Children’s Auction raised a total of \$489,435 to be distributed to organizations across the region. All applications were divided into different categories, from the most immediate needs to long-term projects. Wednesday’s presentation gave checks for Process A recipients, those with the most immediate needs.

“Thank all of you for all of the work you do in this community,” said Children’s Auction Chair Sandy Mar-



ERIN PLUMMER

Representatives from the Children’s Auction of the Greater Lakes Region gather with members of several organizations that received checks for immediate needs.

## Gilford Parks and Recreation news

BY HERB GREENE  
Director  
Gilford Parks and Recreation

**Bolduc Park Cross Country ski program**

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at BolducPark 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 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!

\$40 per person if you have your own equipment!

If you have any ques-

tions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.

**Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 15, 2017**

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

and tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web site at [www.gilfordrec.com](http://www.gilfordrec.com).

**Senior Strides weekly walking program on Wednesday mornings**

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

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Marshall said looking at all of the information the organizations sent in, “the numbers are staggering.” Marshall said they cannot fix all of the issues, but are honored to be part of the solution.

The checks handed out on Wednesday totaled \$137,900.

Checks were presented to the Inter-Lakes Christmas Fund at Inter-Lakes High School, the Tilton-Northfield-San-

bornton Christmas Fund, Christmas Village, the Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region, Health First, Belknap House, the Laconia Police Relief Family Fund, Hands Across the Table, the Salvation Army of Laconia, the Gilford Police Relief Children’s Fund, Operation Warm, and the Got Lunch programs for Laconia, Ashland-Holderness, Campton-Thornton, Inter-Lakes, and Gilford.

“Thank you so much for all you do; it’s greatly appreciated,” Marshall said. “We’re glad to be a small part of it.”

Representatives from organizations said this money will help a lot of people.

Nancy Howe, president of the Inter-Lakes Christmas Fund, said this money will buy more warm clothing and toys for people in need in the Inter-Lakes School District.

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Joanne Elizabeth Gianni, 74

GILMANTON IRON WORKS — Joanne Elizabeth Gianni, 74, of Gilmanton Iron Works, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 in her home of cancer with her family at her side.

Formerly of Jamaica Plain, Mass., she was born on March 25, 1942, the daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth (Carr) Sinatra. Joanne graduated from Framingham State College, the same year her son graduated high school. She worked as a production planner for Analog Devices in Norwood, Mass., and also as a production plan supervisor for Apple Computer in Texas. She served as the Assistant Town Clerk and Tax Collector for the town of Gilmanton, and also served on the Board of Directors for the Gilmanton Year Round Library.

She is survived



by her husband of 55 years, Francis Gianni of Gilmanton I.W.; one daughter, Christine M. Hornbeek, and her husband Chip of Wolfboro; one son, Paul F. Gianni of Arlington, Texas; three brothers (Charles Sinatra and his wife Priscilla of Edgartown, Mass., Gerald Sinatra and his wife Nancy of Walpole, Mass. and William Sinatra and his wife Diane of Ayer, Mass.); and her brother-in-law, Joseph Gianni and his wife Nancy of Myrtle

Beach, S.C. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Daniel Sinatra.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, 2016 at St. Joseph Parish, 96 Main St., Belmont. Burial was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stand Up to Cancer at [www.standup2cancer.org](http://www.standup2cancer.org) or to Central NH VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246.

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



Santa had a busy night at the annual LRCs Family Fun Night, sponsored by the Family Resource Center on Dec. 12 in Laconia.

Community generosity and holiday spirit spreads cheer to LRCS families

LACONIA — Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS) relies on the support of donors, volunteers and community partners all year long. But something extra special happens this time of year when so many come together to give

children and families a wonderful holiday.

On Monday, Dec. 12, from 5-8 p.m., LRCS' Family Resource Center, located in downtown Laconia, became a regional outpost of Santa's North Pole, as volunteers and elves staged a Family Fun

Night for area families.

The event, which takes months to organize, gives children access to their own personal elf. Through a penny sale, craft table and wrapping stations, children purchase or make gifts and elves

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Aglow Prophetic Connection in February

The Gilford Aglow invites female prophetic artists to a Prophetic Connection event 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Weirs Fountain of Life Church. Artists, dancers, musicians, singers and writers are invited to perform, and/or display/sell their creations at the conference.


The Gilford Aglow Lighthouse is part of the international interdenominational Women Aglow that was founded in 1967, to encourage Christians toward a deeper spiritual walk. The organization is now known as Aglow International and the Lighthouse sponsors a monthly meeting for la-

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- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

Frosting optional

Cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in molasses, egg and water. In another bowl,

whisk together remaining ingredients minus frosting; gradually beat into creamed mixture. Divide dough in half. Shape each into a disk; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate until easy to handle, about 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350°. On a lightly floured surface, roll each portion of dough to 1/8-in. thickness. Cut with a floured 4-in. gingerbread man cookie cutter. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Bake until edges are firm, 8-10 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Frost as desired. Yield: about 2 dozen.

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# Christmas with Fur-Ever Friends a success

LACONIA — The New Hampshire Humane Society hosted its first Christmas tree decorating event on Saturday, Dec. 17. Despite snowy weather and some slick roads, Christmas with Fur-Ever Friends was a success!

## Traveling piano teacher accepting new students for Christmas

LACONIA — Veronica Say, B.A., is a traveling piano teacher who has returned to the Lakes Region and is accepting beginning



Veronica Say

to intermediate students, ages four and up. If the child shows eagerness to learn the keyboard or piano and has a good voice, these are signs of readiness. “Music for Little Mozarts” is designed for preschoolers, and the content can actually be a component in learning to read, while other Alfred curriculum trains older students in a thorough, classical manner.

Giving the gift of music for Christmas is a great idea. A study conducted by Northwestern at a Los Angeles community music school in a low income neighborhood showed the serious study of instruments (not just music appreciation) resulted in 93 percent of the music students attending college. This in an area where there

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At least a dozen children came to participate in holiday crafts, including wildlife friendly popcorn and cranberry strings and pinecones covered in peanut butter and bird seed for the outdoor tree, which was graciously donated by Miracle Farms in Moultonborough. Merry makers arrived at the shelter in time for a tree blessing and decorating and a cheerful bonfire, as well as to partake in food and drinks. Visitors were

also welcome to tour the shelter facility, and meet the many cats and dogs waiting for their forever homes this holiday season. Two cats were adopted during the event, and many dogs spent time with potential new families in our visiting rooms.

“The New Hampshire Humane Society is part of the Lakes Region community and we like to open our doors to welcome visitors, especially during this time of holiday cheer. This community gives us so much –

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## Holiday music with Peg and Cheryl at Taylor Dec. 22

LACONIA — Back by popular demand, Peg Chaffee and Cheryl Sager will present an entertaining holiday program Thursday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building. The event is free and open to the public.

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RJ Harding, President, stated “We are very proud to support the Colonial Theater and look forward to it reopening in the future!”

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# Hundreds of hand-knit mittens, scarves and hats donated to Meredith Village Savings Bank Mitten Drive by local knitting group

MEREDITH — A local craft group based out of the Wesley Woods Senior Living Community in Gilford has donated hundreds of hand-knit mittens, scarves and hats to the Laconia office of Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb) at 379 South Main St. The

group, who anticipates giving to the MVSb Mitten Tree Drive each year, begins knitting mittens, scarves and hats as early as January. The MVSb Mitten Tree Drive is a holiday tradition that started in 1979. “We’ve been meeting every Tuesday for

the past several years to knit as many cold weather items as we can for the Mitten Tree drive,” said Joan Edwards, one of ten Wesley Woods Craft Group members. “We knit all year long and donate to various groups like Altrusa, Humane Society and of course the bank!



COURTESY Eric Petell, Assistant Vice President, Branch and Business Development Manager (left), Jennifer Reera, Branch Services Representative (second from left) and Kerry Herward, Teller (second from right) stand with members of the Wesley Woods Craft Group (left to right)- Joan Edwards, Rosemarie Grant, Pat Osgood, Ruthann Schuster and Marilyn Ayer.

## Let’s go skiing!

### A quick guide to New Hampshire’s Lakes Region ski destinations

REGION — Slowly but surely, all the winter fun in the Lakes Region is beginning. Ski resorts will be opening soon, snow will be falling and sleds are emerging from the backs of garages and attics. The sooner you reserve your winter escape to the Lakes Region, the better your chances of getting exactly the type of accommodations you want on the days you want them. Try one of these great Lakes Region ski resorts.

Gunstock Mountain Resort is located in Gilford and is a great resort for fun family vacations or a weekend getaway for two. At this resort, you can enjoy skiing, snowboarding, tubing, cross country skiing, and winter camping which has picturesque views of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Exciting news from the Ragged Mountain Resort in Danbury, they are expanding the lower snowmaking pond. This expansion will add 20 million gallons to the current four million gallon pond allowing Ragged Mountain to have more readily open terrain in the early season. Along with the expansion of the snowmaking pond, they have installed several new pipes, and much more. Ragged Mountain has 250 skiable acres on 57 trails for has skiing, snowboarding and tub-

ing for those non-skiers. Loon Mountain offers New Hampshire skiers and snowboarders 2,100 vertical feet with 47 trails, six tree skiing areas, six terrain parks, a super pipe and half pipe and much more. Ski & Snowboard School, Children’s Center, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, an indoor climbing wall, day and night tubing and a slope side spa and other accommodations are also offered at Loon Mountain, making it perfect for any size family or group.

Located in East Madison, King Pine is part of the Purity Spring Resort, on the pristine private Purity Lake. In 1938, King Pine installed a rope tow near Bald Ledge to interest people in the new sport of snow skiing! In 1962, the first trails were cut for the King Pine Ski Area which now welcomes over 60,000 skiers each season.

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sort for many reasons. This is the closest ski area to the backcountry ski mecca Tuckerman Ravine.

Dexter’s Inn is an affordable family-friendly country resort near Lake Sunapee and Mount Sunapee. Dexter’s Inn is a 20-acre estate with a full-service commercial cross country ski & snowshoe center operated by Norsk. Dexter’s Inn has many trails that are adjoining conservation land that can be used for walking, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Whether it is recreation or relax-

ation you seek, you’re sure to find something to satisfy you at Dexter’s Inn.

Attitash Mountain is located in Barlett in the Mount Washington Valley. This ski resort offers 68 trails and 11 lifts across two big, connected mountains that gives visitors a challenging terrain with modern, wide-open cruisers suited for all abilities. This mountain is welcoming to families of all ages, kids as young as three years old are accepted into the Attitash ski school and children as young as six months can participate

in the daycare program that features indoor and outdoor games and activities.

The Lakes Region of New Hampshire is well known for its ski trails, and skiers and snowboarders take over the region each weekend, from late fall all the way through spring, according to the Lakes Region Tourism Association. The sport is a great one to pick up at any age, and it is a fun activity for groups of adults or young families for years to come. Try one of these great Lakes Region ski resorts.

## Lakes Region Chamber announces opening of new Verizon Wireless Smart Store

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce announces Verizon Authorized Retailer-Wireless Zone now open at their new location at 1106 Union Ave. in Laconia.

The new location, across the street from Lakeside Famous Roast Beef/Pizza, is the Lakes Region’s only Verizon Wireless Smart Stores which showcases the devices and accessories that integrates a mobile lifestyle for the customer. This is a 360-degree process that starts with



COURTESY Mark Titlebue of Verizon Authorized Retailer-Wireless Zone, the Lakes Region’s only Verizon Wireless Smart Store celebrated opening at a new location with a Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at its new Location 1106 Union Ave. in Laconia.

the devices and accessories, and educates the customer about incorporating them into their daily lifestyle.

In honor of the new location and Mark Titlebue’s commitment to the Lakes Region community a donation of support was made to the Boys & Girls Club of the Lakes Region.

The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit, 501c-6 organization made up of members like Veri-

zon Authorized Retailer-Wireless Zone. The Chamber’s vision is to create and promote a more engaged community and thriving economy for the businesses in the Lakes Region. For more information about the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, on-line business directory or a list of community events, visit LakesRegionChamber.org, Facebook, Twitter, or call 524-5531.

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the application at an upcoming meeting. Selectman Gus Benavides said they were disappointed to hear about the discontinu-

ation of Timberman. Benavides said that as selectmen they have to ask for logistics details, though said they definitely want to encourage

more events like this “I definitely would be in favor of at least pursuing the possibility of having an event here,” Benavides said.

WORKSHOP

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new skills, new interests,” said Hodsdon. He said they try to use holiday and seasonal themes for their events. With the Christmas season in full force, the GYC and Parks and Rec have been offering holiday themed activities. In addition to Santa’s Workshop, Santaland took place the first weekend of December. The holiday session for Junior Chef ran for three weeks for students in grades one through four. Santa’s Workshop is an annual program where young children can do craft projects to make an assortment of gifts.

“We had a lot of resources left from Santaland; we try to utilize that as well,” Hodsdon said. Hodsdon said the kids really enjoy making these gifts. “It’s an exciting time of year for them,” Hodsdon said. He said this also teaches the importance of gift giving. “They’re proud of what they created.” Parks and Recreation program assistants Kristin Jarvi and Sue King along with Hodsdon helped the kids make their gifts. Projects included salt dough ornaments, an M&M cookie kit in a jar, and holiday

cards among other activities. Jarvi said she loved working with the kids on their gifts. “It’s always the best part of my week,” Jarvi said. King said the event is “organized, disorganized chaos” and a lot of fun. Jarvi said Parks and Rec and GYC make a good team. “We always enjoy working on projects together,” Jarvi said. Hodsdon said Santa’s Workshop leads into the other popular programs in the new year, including Junior Picasso and others.

AUCTION

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“Unbelievable how people have opened their hearts and their purses to help us,” Howe said. Howe said this has been one of their best years. They have been able to help more than 200 children and elderly people in the district. “This is the most fantastic gift you can ever have for Christmas,” said Thom Francoeur, president of Got Lunch Gilford. “It’s the

Christmas spirit and we get to pass it along.” Got Lunch Gilford serves lunches throughout the year to children from Gilford and Gilmanton. Francoeur said it will fill for group’s coffers and will be used to buy food for the students and other things that help with the effort. “Just a wonderful, wonderful feeling to have a great community like this,” Francoeur said.

The rest of the money raised during the auction will be distributed in the early part of the new year.

FRIENDS

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donated items, financial support, and volunteer hours – and we like to give back,” says Marylee Gorham, Executive Director of the Humane Society. “This event was a huge undertaking but came off seamlessly, even with a little winter storm in the mix, thanks in large part to our volunteers and fundraising committee. We couldn’t do it without them.” The New Hampshire Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to find responsible and caring forever homes; provide shelter for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals;

advocate and be the voice for the voiceless. The Society works hard to prevent cruelty to animals and offers education and outreach programs, pet therapy, and many community initiatives to help people and their pets. To view adoptable pets visit [www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org). The New Hampshire Humane Society also accepts monetary donations online at [www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org), or specific items, which can be found online at our “Wish List,” can also be dropped off during shelter hours or by special arrangement.

PIANO

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was normally a 50 percent dropout rate (as reported in Time Dec. 16, 2014). The results of the neurological research published September 2014 in the Journal of Neuroscience, “showed direct evidence that music training has a biological effect on children’s developing nervous systems.” Enjoying and making music is a pleasurable lifelong hobby and somewhat like a pet, it is good company. Other studies have shown it can help keep some

arthritis under control. Say has given lessons since 1995, started to compose sacred and praise music, played on several praise teams and for area nursing homes. A picture book to make learning theory more fun for young students is in the works. The first lesson is free, to ensure that the student and teacher are a match. Please call Say at 892-5175 or e-mail [pianolessonsilltravel@yahoo.com](mailto:pianolessonsilltravel@yahoo.com) for more information.

THEATER

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making a donation to this worthwhile project,” further stated Harding. In accepting the donation, Justin Slatery, Executive Director of the Belknap EDC, stated, “We are honored to receive a donation from Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion. They are a strong

community partner in the Lakes Region and we appreciate their support of the Colonial Theater project.” Any business or resident interested in learning more about the Colonial Theater capital campaign to contact us at 524-3057 or 609Main-Street.org.”

BUFFET

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ERIN PLUMMER

Police officers, firefighters, and SAU got to serve food to and chat with GES students.

helpers. She said this buffet is always a treat for them and they look forward to this every year, including meeting the guests and eating in their classrooms. “It’s so nice for them to see all the firefighters and police officers in their uniforms,” Bolduc said. The guests also loved seeing the kids as well. “I love watching the kids every year get big-

ger and bigger,” said Officer Denise Parker of the Gilford Police Department. “Just their smiles.” Lt. Jeff Madon of the Gilford Fire Department said this is a great tradition. Both of his daughters are in the elementary school. “It gives me a chance to see them during the day, which is special,” Madon said. Officer Jordan Smith of the Gilford Police Department served

at the buffet for the first time. He said he liked seeing the kids. “It’s refreshing; it’s nice to see their smiles and having a good time,” Smith said. The holiday buffet was one of the special events going on before Christmas vacation. The school’s holiday Sing Along will take place on Friday, where will sing carols joined by family members. Christmas break officially starts on Dec. 26.

LRCS

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help to wrap the gifts. The event was attended by 65 families (112 adults and 147 children), making it the largest Family Fun Night to date. “So much work and planning goes into Family Fun Night, but the results are worth it,” said Family Resource Center Director Erin Pettengill. “We are so grateful to the volunteers and businesses who help us make this happen. We could never do it without them and it means so much to the parents and children.” Children and their parents were also able to sing along with professional musician Don Bergeron and visit with Santa. All of this activity causes one to work up quite an appetite, so thanks to Fratello’s of Laconia, there was also time to sit and share dinner with other families. The community has also come out in full force to support the LRCS Giving Tree, which is providing presents to 110 children this year. AFL Noyes of Belmont and the Laconia Rotary Club were major supporters of the Giving Tree. Every child who received presents through the Giving Tree also got a brand new pair of pa-

jamas donated by Service Master Restore. Thanks also go out to SAU 30, the Division of Children Youth and Families, LRCS employees and many community members for supporting this program. LRCS is known as a family-centered agency dedicated to providing supports to individuals with developmental disabilities or acquired brain disorders, and their families. For hundreds of families living in the Lakes Region, the Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire, a program of LRCS, offers respect-

ful, non-judgmental education, early intervention, and support to assist families in their efforts to meet needs, make positive connections, and prepare children for success today and tomorrow because the Family Resource Center believes strong families lead to strong communities. LRCS has offices in Laconia and Plymouth which combine to serve families residing throughout Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. To learn more about the Lakes Region Community Services, contact Joanne Piper Lang at 524-8811.

MITTENS

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them. A complete list of offices and hours is also available at [mvsb.com](http://mvsb.com). “We’re grateful for this incredible donation of time and materials from the Wesley Woods Craft Group,” said Eric Petell, Assistant Vice President, Branch and Business Development Manager. “So much attention to detail and care was invested in each item being donated. It’s an honor to be on the receiving end of their hard work and gener-

osity.” MVSB expects to reach or exceed the results of the 2015 Mitten Tree Program, which contributed more than \$4,000 to local non-profit organizations. Thanks to the generous support of the community, 1,957 winter weather accessories, including hats, mittens and scarves, were collected bank-wide and distributed to local families in need. New handmade or store-bought mittens, hats, gloves and scarves can be dropped off at

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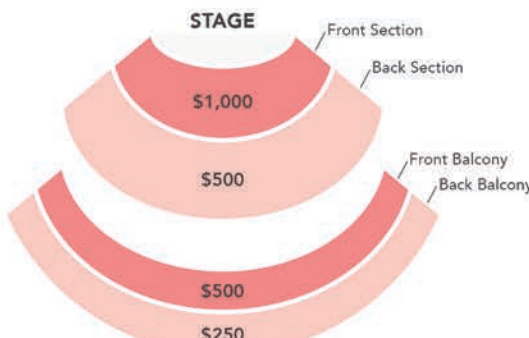
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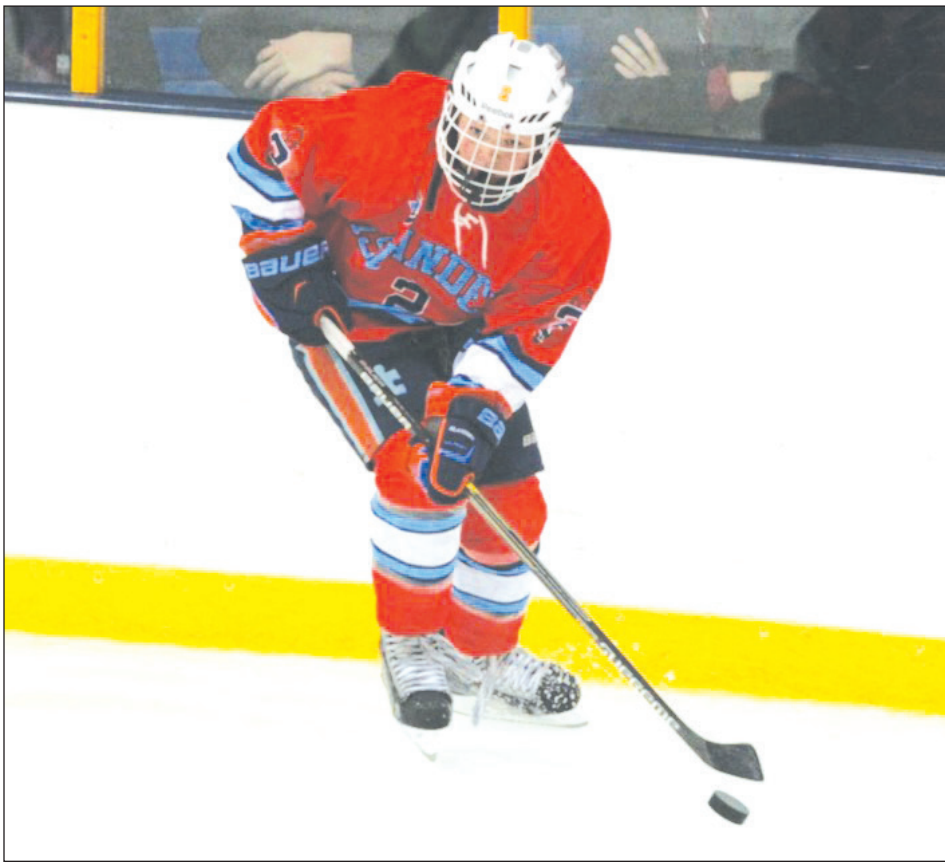
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COURTESY

Gilford's Ben Muthersbaugh and his Islanders Hockey Club (Mass.) team will play in the prestigious Peeewe Quebec International Tournament against top international competition in February.



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Ben Muthersbaugh, a seventh-grader at Gilford Middle School, will take part in the tournament along with his Islanders Hockey Club team, ranked 10th in the United States in their age bracket.

# Muthersbaugh set to play in prestigious Quebec tournament

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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QUEBEC – Ben Muthersbaugh has established himself as one of the top Pee-Wee hockey players in New England. Now, the Gilford resident will show his stuff against

the best the world has to offer.

The 12-year old Gilford Middle School seventh-grader and his Islanders Hockey Club Elite Pee-Wee hockey team will take part in the prestigious Peeewe

Quebec International Tournament in February. The North Andover, Mass.-based team, which plays out of Merrimack College, was one of three teams to qualify out of the Eastern Hockey Federation (EHF). The

event, often referred to as 'The Q,' features teams from all over the United States, as well as Canada and Europe. It's scheduled to be played in Quebec City, Canada from Feb. 8-19.

"I'm excited," said Muthersbaugh, a left-winger with the Islanders. "The actual games are going to be fun."

The team is guaranteed a game in the Centre Videotron, the nearly 19,000-seat arena that serves as Quebec City's primary venue for indoor events. The high-

ly-competitive event is attended annually by more than 2,250 competitors from 16 different countries. It's the oldest and most prestigious youth hockey tournament in the world and alumni for the event include former NHL greats Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity as this is the only year this team will have the chance to make it," said Islanders Director of Hockey Operations Tim Kyrkostas. "They'll get to play in front of thousands of

people and against teams from all over the world."

The event is strictly for 12-year olds, meaning Muthersbaugh's team of birth year 2004 players had one chance and one chance only to qualify. The Islanders went 7-2 during qualification against EHF foes, joining fellow league members South Shore Kings and New England Junior Falcons as participating squads.

"This group of peewees became the first Islanders Hockey Club team to earn their spot in the tournament by ranking as one of the top teams in the EHF, one of the most competitive hockey leagues in the United States," Krykostas said.

Muthersbaugh, who will turn 13 years old during the event on Feb. 15, and his Islanders team are currently ranked No. 10 in the country in the PeeWee 2004 Tier 1 rankings according to myhockeyrankings.com. The squad finished last season ranked seventh in the country.

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# Bulldogs downed by defending champion Berlin in opener

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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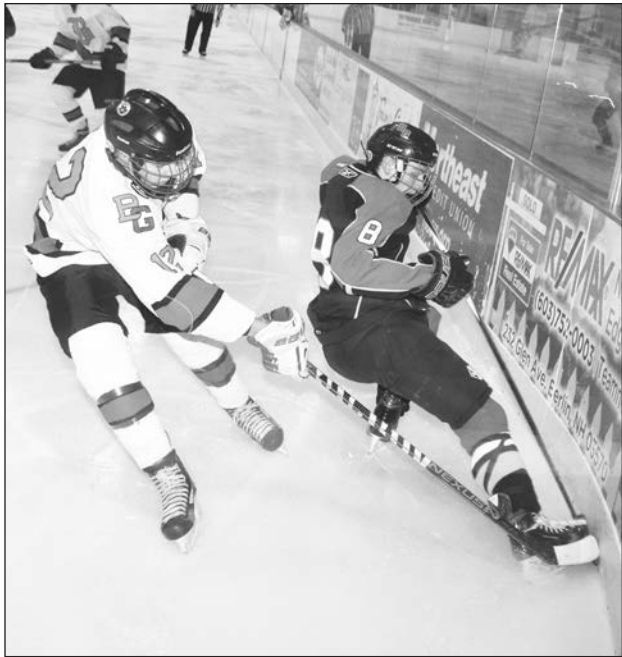
BERLIN – In a rematch of last year's controversial state title game, defending state champion Berlin-Gorham cemented itself as a force to be reckoned with in the season opener on Dec. 14.

Despite losing double digit seniors to graduation from last year's squad, the host Mountaineers had plenty in the tank, scoring two goals in each period en route to a convincing 6-2 victory over Belmont-Gilford in the NHIAA Division III opener at Notre Dame Ice Arena.

Visiting B-G struggled with special teams all night. The Bulldogs struggled to stay out of the penalty box, and Berlin took advantage. The Mountaineers got on the board first, scoring with 3:56 left in the opening period when Cameron Cochran blasted a slap shot off a face off win for a power play goal that put the hosts up 1-0.

B-G answered quickly however, notching the tying tally some 28 seconds later. Harrison Parent pounced on a blocked shot and skated up the ice, laying the puck off to a charging Ethan Becker. The senior forward finished from there, sliding a shot past Berlin goalkeeper Trent Labrecque to tie things 1-1.

With the Bulldogs seemingly righting the ship and settling in, Berlin regained its advantage against the run of play with 2:48 to play. The third goal of the game in just a 1:08 span, Berlin's Hunter Fauteux poked a loose puck through the grasp of B-G goalie Bailey Defosie for a 2-1 lead



JEFF LAJOIE

Belmont-Gilford's Hunter Dupuis (8) tries to protect the puck in the corner with Berlin-Gorham's Owen Dorval defending in the second period of the visiting Bulldogs' 6-2 loss at Notre Dame Ice Arena in Berlin on Dec. 14.

that would hold into the dressing room. The Mountaineers held a decisive 15-4 edge in shots during the opening period, keeping Defosie plenty busy for the first 15 minutes.

Penalties overtook the second period, as the teams traded several man advantage situations but neither team was able to take advantage until very late. It appeared as though the squads would carry the 2-1 score into the third, but a late B-G penalty put the visitors in trouble. Berlin took advantage, with Damon Ruel scoring on the power play with just 1:33 left to make it a 3-1 game.

The Mountaineers would add a back-breaking tally with just 15 seconds to play in the stanza however. This time it came on a short-handed opportunity, as B-G drew a Berlin penalty with 45 seconds left. But the speedy Cochran pounced on a blocked puck in his own zone and skated in free on Defosie, backhanding a

goal to put Berlin up 4-1 just before the second period intermission.

The high-flying Mountaineers tacked on two more goals in the third period, with Cochran capping off his hat trick and adding another to make it 6-1. B-G salvaged a goal in the waning seconds of the game, when Hunter Dupuis pounced on a loose puck with Labrecque on his back. The junior's tally was assisted by Parent, his second helper of the night, and accounted for the 6-2 final.

B-G got a boost from several underclassmen who played well on the night. Sophomore Liam Lacy provided a spark for the Bulldogs, as did freshman Nate Shirley who drew the start on



JEFF LAJOIE

Senior Ethan Becker scored a goal in the first period of Belmont-Gilford's 6-2 loss to defending state champion Berlin-Gorham on Dec. 14.



JEFF LAJOIE

Belmont-Gilford senior goalkeeper Bailey Defosie covers up a puck in the opening period of the Bulldogs' 6-2 loss on Dec. 14.

the blue line in his first career game alongside senior James Buckley as the top defensive pairing.

The meeting was the first of two regular season contests between the two sides, which have met in the past

two D-III state championship games. The squads will tangle in the rematch on Jan. 25 at Laconia Ice Arena (4 p.m.).

## Early deadlines for next two weeks

REGION — Due to the holidays, the deadlines for the newspapers in the coming week have changed.

Our offices will be closing at noon on Friday, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 29, and will be closed all day on Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2.

Because of this, all deadlines have been moved up 48 business hours.

Therefore the deadline for submissions for the Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Bay-

sider, Newfound Land-ing and Plymouth Record-Enterprise is 8 a.m. today, Dec. 22. The deadline for submissions for the Granite State News is today, Dec. 22, at noon. The deadline for submissions for the Carroll County Independent and Meredith News is today, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.

This will repeat for the following week, with all deadlines on Dec. 22 becoming the same on Dec. 29 for the issues of Jan. 5.

Thanks for your understanding.

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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LACONIA – In a rematch of last year's NHIAA Division III state championship, defending state champion Gilford High School continued its winning ways against Laconia High School last week.

The Golden Eagles went on the road and beat the host Sachems, 46-40, in their lone game of the week to put them 2-1 overall entering this week's slate of games.

Senior Stevie Orton continued her monster start to the season, as she scored 20 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to lead the way for Gilford. Classmate Kaitlyn Van Bennekum followed with seven points and seven boards, as the Eagles shook off a loss to Belmont the previous game to get back above

the .500 mark.

Laconia senior Helen Tautkus, one of the few remaining members from last year's Sachems team, led her squad with 13 points. But Laconia shot just 7-for-28 from the free

throw line, enabling Gilford the ability to hold on for the win.

The GHS boys' team got its first win of the season at home against Laconia on Dec. 13. After dropping their opener to Belmont, the Ea-

gles bounced back with a 54-51 victory against the Sachems. The squad closed out the week on the road at Stevens on Friday night, where they dropped a 58-50 decision to the Cardinals in Claremont.

### HOCKEY

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He began his hockey career when he was just three years old, playing for the Lakes Region Lakers out of Laconia Ice Arena. After four years with the Lakers, Muthersbaugh made the jump to play for the New Hampshire Avalanche out of Hooksett for three more years. During that time, he played as an alternate for both the Top Guns and Islanders, getting his first taste of life in the prestigious EHF. He came aboard full time in 2014 and is involved in his third season with the Islanders.

"It was a big step," said Muthersbaugh, who also plays soccer and baseball, of the jump up in competition.

In addition to the competition level, the shift to playing for the Islanders adds a level of travel that truly takes commitment. Muthersbaugh and his father Rick travel from their home in Gilford to North Andover, Mass. two to three times a week for practices, with tourna-

ments and games every weekend. That's about an hour and a half each way.

"Sometimes I'm doing homework in the car, but we talk a lot about hockey," said Ben of the long rides.

The team plays roughly 60-65 games per season, with tournaments being held in places like Montreal, Detroit and Toronto. But 'The Q' is the crown jewel, the biggest event Muthersbaugh has ever been a part of. It's his last year in the PeeWee level before making the jump up to Bantams, and the seventh-grader will certainly have some options and choices to make when his high school days approach in the not so distant future.

"I want to play as long as I can," Muthersbaugh said with a smile.

The tournament in Quebec will take place during the city's annual Carnaval de Quebec, which dates back to 1894. Up to a million people attend the festival

yearly, and the hockey tournament serves as one of many events that tourists and locals alike flock to see.

Muthersbaugh and his Islanders teammates are raising money for the trip. They are raffling off a prize of \$1,000 at \$20 per ticket. The drawing will be Jan. 22 at the Islanders versus Minuteman Flames EHF game held at Merrimack College. Rick Muthersbaugh has raffle tickets in Gilford and can meet to get them to anyone who is interested in helping support Ben and his team in their once in a lifetime opportunity. Contact Rick Muthersbaugh at bsfever@msn.com or 387-9359 for more information.

The squad is also accepting donations from businesses who would like to be represented in the program for the game. There's also a GoFundMe page set up for the team. Search 'Islanders Hockey Club 04' at www.gofundme.com to donate.

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# Small changes as Holiday hoop preps for 43rd tournament

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GILFORD – It's a new year with a bit of a different look for the Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament. The event will tip off for the 43rd time next week, as the gem of the local sports calendar over holiday break will take place Dec. 27-29.

First-year Gilford High School athletic director Rick Acquilano, who is well-versed in the event after years at Belmont High School, takes over as tournament director following the retirement of Dave Pinkham. The event will have a bit of a different look this winter, with the games being spread between two courts at Gilford High School and Gilford Middle School. While the buildings are joined together, the two floors will serve to shorten the historically long days with eight schools and 16 teams in total in attendance.

“I think any time that you take charge of something, you certainly take ownership of it and it becomes personal,” explained Acquilano. “I understand there's a rich history here, more than 40 years of running the same tournament. I've experienced it as a coach who took a team over here, it's classy and done right. I want to make sure I uphold the same high standards and continue to make it a great event.”

The past tournaments featured 12-plus hour days, beginning with action at 9 a.m. and running all day until final games tipped off between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Moving to two gymnasiums has the opening games taking place at 11:30 a.m., and last contests set to tip off at 4 p.m. on the first two days of play.

“In putting fresh eyes on it, there's both a respect for the history here but also trying to look at it and see if there's a way to improve things. That's part of who I am as a person,” Acquilano offered. “I really wanted to look at the length of the day. I probably consulted with more than 10 people – our coaches, opponents, other ADs, the booster club – to try and get a feel for it. In the end, I think it's going to condense the days and serve teams well. It'll probably be a little hectic and something to adjust to on a facility management standpoint, but people have been really open to it.

“I made sure to collaborate,” he continued. “I didn't walk up and say, 'I'm going to make this change.' For some people who have been a part of this for a long time, it probably took them a few days to wrap their heads around it. I just cautiously walked through that decision over several weeks.”

While the two sites will require a bit more manpower in booking two people to run clocks, scorebooks, concessions, etc., Acquilano said he hopes it'll alleviate some of the stress that marathon days and nights spread over the course of three days presented for volunteers and fans alike.

“Shortening the day is probably good for a lot of folks,” he said. “I hope it'll be good and I hope people see it as a positive change and certainly not trying to reinvent the wheel. What I anticipate is we will do this and then learn from it, make adjustments from it going forward. I know we've been thoughtful in our approach.”

The event's t-shirt, which has long featured the same design with just an updated year on it, will also get a bit of a makeover.

“I approached the people from McDonald's who sponsor our event and asked if we could make some small changes to the shirt,” Acquilano said. “Does it look hugely different? No. But I think a small tweak there is something people will appreciate as well.”

Let's take a closer look at this annual event that has become a part of Lakes Region holiday tradition.

**This year's bracket**

Some big rivalries highlight the opening day of play on Dec. 27, with rematches of last year's opening round tilts.

The entire event kicks off between foes Belmont and Winnisquam in girls' play (11:30 a.m., high school), and games go right on through until the night cap between the Gilford and Moultonborough Academy boys' teams (4 p.m., high school).

“I think we'll probably have a lot of competitive, evenly-matched teams and games this year,” said Acquilano.

Many teams in the field suffered big losses to graduation, includ-



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
The Gilford girls' team used last year's Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament as a springboard towards an undefeated season and NHIAA Division III state championship.

ing both Gilford teams, the Laconia girls and Winnisquam boys.

**Looking back at 2015**

Gilford won the girls' tournament, beating Laconia in the finals on its way to an undefeated season and NHIAA Division III state championship. It would wind up being a prelude to the state title game between the two powerhouses, and it was one of four meetings on the year between the squads – all won by Gilford.

The boys' tournament was won by Winnisquam, which blasted Division II Kingswood in the finals, 65-36.

“I know teams that have had success here, they've had a lot of fun and got a lot out of that,” said Acquilano. “If you win, it definitely helps your team's confidence. I don't think winning this tournament will ever be taken lightly.”

**Players to watch**

Last year saw the graduation of some talented, veteran seniors, but you'll still have no shortage of people to keep an eye on throughout the three days of play.

The Belmont girls' team has plenty of options, with seniors like Nicole Antonucci and Sarah Chase leading the way. Winnisquam's Laura Harmon is a top returning player, while Laconia's Helen Tautkus headlines a Sachems team that was hit hard by graduation.

Prospect Mountain's Brianna Burley, Newfound's Savanna Bony, Moultonborough's

Megan Duddy and Gilford's Stevie Orton are top players for their respective teams. Last year's Tournament MVP, Cassidy Bartlett, graduated from the Gilford squad.

On the boys' side, Belmont seniors Trevor Hunt and Doug Price are quite a tandem, while Winnisquam's Thomas Marchese has the Bears off and running as the new point guard replacing last year's tournament MVP Christian Serrano.

PM's Hudson Ingoldsby, Newfound's Jarrod Fairbank and Kingswood's Pat Meyers help set the pace for their respective teams, while MA's Joey McClay has been off to a hot start and Gilford's Ethan Carrier is a top returning player from last year's team.

**Schedule of games**

**Day 1**  
**Tuesday, Dec. 27**  
**GIRLS**  
Belmont vs. Winnis-

quam, 11:30 a.m. (GHS)  
Laconia vs. Prospect Mountain, 11:30 a.m. (GMS)  
Newfound vs. Kingswood, 2:30 p.m. (GMS)  
Moultonborough vs. Gilford, 2:30 p.m. (GHS)

**BOYS**

Belmont vs. Winnisquam, 1 p.m. (GHS)  
Laconia vs. Prospect Mountain, 1 p.m. (GMS)  
Newfound vs. Kingswood, 4 p.m. (GMS)  
Moultonborough vs. Gilford, 4 p.m. (GHS)

**Day 2**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 28**

**GIRLS**

Belmont/Winnisquam loser vs. Laconia/Prospect loser, 11:30 a.m. (GMS)  
Newfound/Kingswood loser vs. Moultonborough/Gilford loser, 2:30 p.m. (GMS)  
Belmont/Winnisquam winner vs. Laconia/Prospect winner,

11:30 a.m. (GHS)  
Newfound/Kingswood winner vs. Moultonborough/Gilford winner, 2:30 p.m. (GHS)

**BOYS**

Belmont/Winnisquam loser vs. Laconia/Prospect loser, 1 p.m. (GMS)  
Newfound/Kingswood loser vs. Moultonborough/Gilford loser, 4 p.m. (GMS)  
Belmont/Winnisquam winner vs. Laconia/Prospect winner, 1 p.m. (GHS)

Newfound/Kingswood winner vs. Moultonborough/Gilford winner, 4 p.m. (GHS)

**Day 3**

**Thursday, Dec. 29**

**GIRLS**

Championship game, 4:30 p.m.

**BOYS**

Championship game, 6 p.m.

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Estate planning can be complex, so you will need help from a qualified legal professional. But here are a few general suggestions that can be suitable for blended families:

- Update beneficiary designations – and think about multiple beneficiaries. Update the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and insurance policies to reflect the reality of your blended family. These designations can supersede the instructions you provided in your will. So if your will states that your current spouse should inherit your assets, but you had named your former spouse, or a child, as the primary beneficiary of an IRA, then your former spouse or your child – not your present-day spouse – will indeed receive the IRA.
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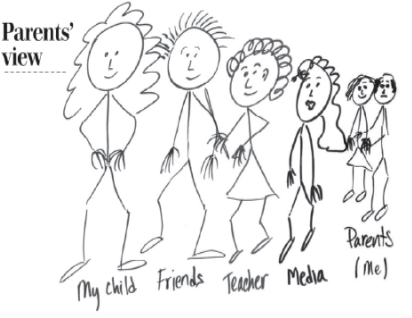
**Research shows teens who regularly eat as a family (5-7 times per week) are 33 percent less likely to use alcohol.**



**Most parents don't realize they are the No. 1 influence in their children's lives.**

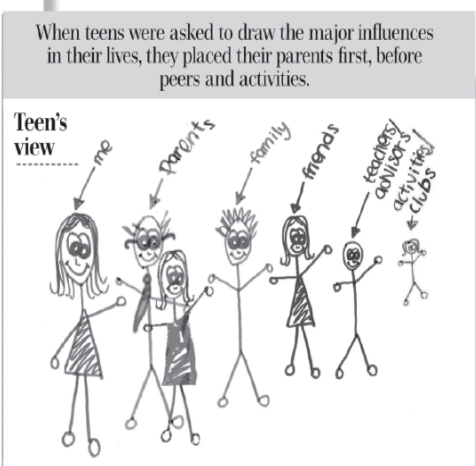
When parents were asked to draw the greatest influences on their teens, they placed themselves last.

**Parents' view**



When teens were asked to draw the major influences in their lives, they placed their parents first, before peers and activities.

**Teen's view**



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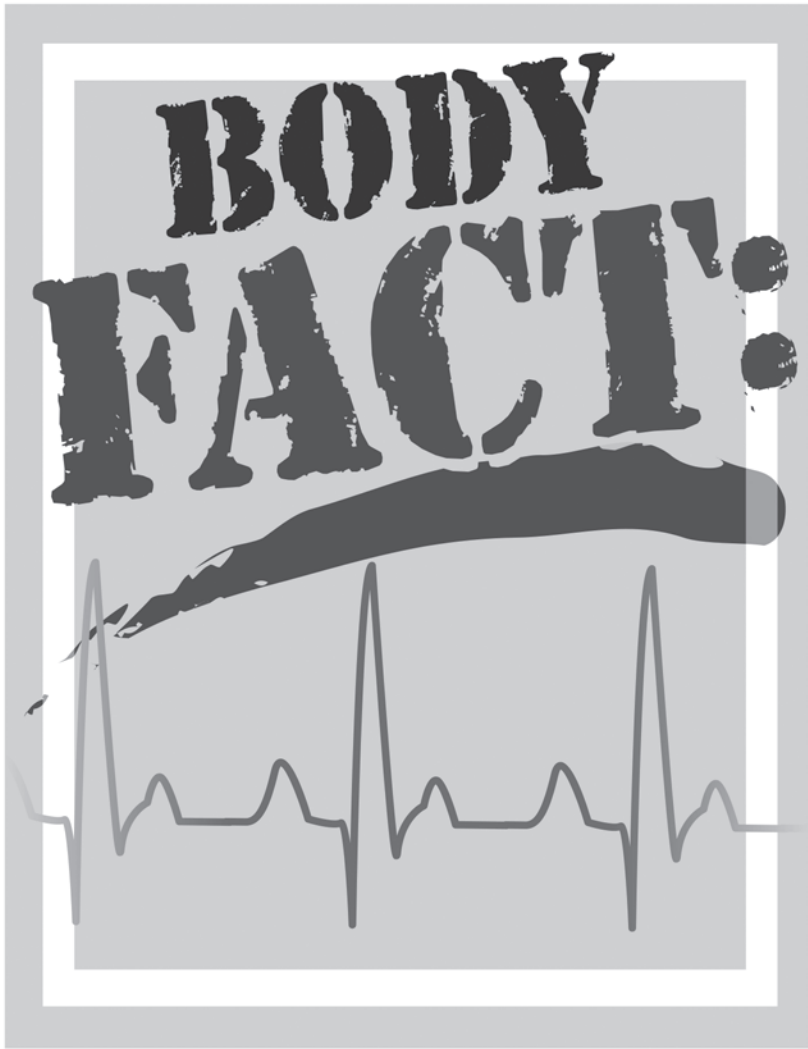
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HISTORY

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- **1823:** THE POEM "A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS IS PUBLISHED IN THE TROY SENTINEL OF NY
- **1986:** JEANA YEAGER AND DICK RUTAN COMPLETE THE FIRST NONSTOP AROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT WITHOUT REFUELING THE PLANE

*New*  
word

WINDCHILL

temperature factored  
by blowing wind

GET THE  
PICTURE?



CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THE  
BIGGER PICTURE IS?

ANSWER: COMPUTER KEYBOARD

*How they  
SAY that in...*

- ENGLISH:** Business
- SPANISH:** Negocio
- ITALIAN:** Commercio
- FRENCH:** Commerce
- GERMAN:** Geschäft



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