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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

Fun and learning intersect during library Teen Tech Week

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Older children and teens got some hands on experience and showed their skills with technology during Teen Tech Week at the Gilford Public Library.

Pe-teens and teens took part in a series of activities at the library, including Technology Show and Tell and the Teen Virtual Reality Workshop.

Teen librarian Mark Thompson said Teen Tech Week is a yearly activity to show teens what kinds of technology programs are available at the library and the schools.

“Because teens tend to be pretty efficient with technology as it is, we want to encourage that to go further,” Thompson said.

Teens shared their favorite apps and gad-

gets during Teen Tech Show and Tell on Tuesday. Four students from the GHS Robotics Team talked to the group about building their robot for competition.

On Wednesday, young adults made their own cardboard virtual reality viewers they could use with their smartphones. The students worked with kits that created the cardboard viewers, similar to Google Cardboard.

“We wanted to highlight some of the simple and free virtual reality capabilities, something you can do with your smartphone, cardboard, and free apps,” Thompson said.

The kits are made to hold smartphones and be used as virtual viewers. Participants could use interactive fea-



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Bryson Blanchard and Damien Wing try out the virtual reality viewers they put together at the Gilford Public Library.

tures on the Cardboard app, such as a zombie hunter game, or watch videos in YouTube.

“You’re just looking down and you actually feel that you’re in the game,” said 11-year-old Tyler Davignon.

Caleb Clough, 11, said their bodies are the controllers.

“It’s so inexpensive so anyone can do it,” Clough said.

Both said they have worked with some-SEE **TECH WEEK** PAGE A12

\$10,000 donation to fire department going toward new boat

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The Gilford Fire Department is examining options to fundraise for a new fireboat, efforts that have gotten a boost thanks to a sizeable donation from Moultonborough by way of a grateful family.

Last year, the city of Portsmouth offered to donate its \$350,000 fireboat to Gilford, which received approval from both the Portsmouth city council and the Gilford board of selectmen. Before the donation was ever finalized, Portsmouth voted to rescind the offer and gave the boat to the town of New Castle.

Gilford Fire Chief Steve Carrier said since then the department has received inquiries if they had any account set up to accept dona-

tions for a new fireboat. He said the answer to that has been no until now.

“We realize that a boat that will meet all of our needs will probably be over \$300,000; and that would be difficult to fund after the purchase of a fire engine,” Carrier said.

He said they have discussed fundraising in the past and are now examining the best way to approach any possible fundraising. Carrier said any fundraising plans now are “very preliminary.”

Any efforts are already starting with \$10,000. Following a public hearing on Wednesday, the selectmen voted unanimously to accept a donation of \$10,000 from the Moultonborough Fireman’s SEE **BOAT** PAGE A12

Scholarships available for qualified ACE Academy applicants

Scott Davis, President of the non-profit group WinnAero, is pleased to announce that several individuals, companies and foundations have signed on to support students with partial scholarships to attend this summer’s ACE Academies.

WinnAero, the STEM-oriented educational organization using aviation and aerospace themes, is based at the Laconia Airport. The largest events within its annual programming are the one-week long day camps known as ACE Academies. Separate camps sessions are run for Elementary-aged students (half day camps) and Middle and High



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Cody Hodgins of Belmont, a summer 2016 ACE Academy scholarship recipient, is shown “flying” the Cessna Flight Simulator prior to his orientation flight last summer.

School students (both full day camps). Tuition to attend the half day camps is \$200 while

the full day camps are \$400 for the week.

“We hope to enroll 80 students in ACE this summer,” said Davis.

“These scholarship funds will help make that a reality,” he added.

ACE Academy Director of Educational programming, Dan Caron agrees.

“WinnAero has had increasing success every year in securing scholarship donors to help youth learn more about STEM topics through aviation,” he stated.

Scholarship dollars from organizations such as the General Harrison Thyng Chapter of the Air Force Association, the Diane K. Kline Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Tony SEE **ACE** PAGE A12



Watch for election results next week

REGION — Our press deadline for this week’s edition of the Gilford Steamer prevented us from being able to publish results from Tuesday’s town and school district elections. A full report on this year’s results will be featured in next week’s edition.



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Anthony Eldridge stands in one of the renditions of Audrey II he designed and will operate for the show. He holds a puppet of Audrey created by his cousin Alice Billin, which helped inspire the design.

Tech crews create monster plant, big sets for “Little Shop”

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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

The ‘Tiny House’ movement refers to the making of and living in ‘tiny’ homes. ‘Tiny,’ in that case, means 80-400 square feet. I’m all for living efficiently, but 80 square feet for an entire home seems a little tight. For reference, it’s two queen sized beds and a couple end tables... but that is all the space from wall to wall--so no walking. In reality you might fit a cot sized bed, a two burner stovetop, a sink, a couple drawers, a shelf, a chair, a slide out counter, and an airplane style bathroom with room left over to stretch out. Depending on what you are going for, you could even put the whole get-up on wheels or a trailer.

Despite the limitations, or perhaps because of them, tiny houses have grown to be more than a novelty. There are

television shows, books, and online guides devoted to helping adventurous builders make their custom tiny homes and to see the work of others. I see the appeal in the simplicity, efficiency, and mobility of a tiny house. You aren’t tempted to keep what you don’t need because you literally cannot fit it. On top of that, aesthetics seems to be a major component or the movement, making the tiny home look and feel like a house in most cases.

Once you have decided that yes, a tiny house is for me, the project is huge. Cramming the essentials of contemporary life into that space is doable, but it takes some planning. That’s why Isa Baur from Tiny House Northeast is coming to the Library on Tuesday, March 21 from 6:30-8 p.m. to give a presentation on Tiny

Houses.

As they explain, “The presentation focuses on the basics of planning for and owning a tiny house on wheels; both its challenges and advantages, offering insights unique from the currently popular tiny house themed TV shows. From approximately ‘how much’ to ‘where to live,’ it addresses options for their general design, and heat, hot water and electricity choices, among other components.”

The prospect of living in a tiny house throughout each of New England’s seasons is spectacular, so we will hear about some of that endeavor.

Isa Bauer is the Project Manager and lead designer from Tiny House Northeast. They do a mix of designing and building tiny houses in New England and New

York. Isa has an M.A. in Regional Economic and Social Development with a concentration in Sustainable Development. She has been a long time owner of a tiny house and is considered an authority. Whether or not I build and move into a tiny house, I’m excited to hear about the process and about people who do. This program is only possible because of the support of the Friends of the Gilford Public Library, who are putting it on. Thanks, Friends.

Classes & Special Events
March 16 to March 22

Thursday, March 16
Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.
Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Conversational

French, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Gothic Victorian Tales by Candlelight, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Rita Parisi of Waterfall productions will be here to share Gothic Victorian Tales by Candlelight, a collection of Weird Tales written by Sarah Orne Jewett, a native of Maine and one of New England’s most prolific female writers of the 19th Century. Tonight, you will meet a father and daughter, embroiled in a family curse, a stranger who comes to a small town to live in the local haunted house, and a very old woman with a mysterious past.

Friday, March 17
Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:45-11:15 a.m.
Knit Wits, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
Conversational German, 2:30–3:30 p.m.
St. Patrick’s Day Craft, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Plant a shamrock with Bethany! 0-5th, sign up required,

Monday, March 20
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.
Little Builder’s Club, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21
Toddler Storytime, 10:45 a.m.
Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Makerspace: Knitting, 3:15-4:30 p.m.
Learn to knit, and if you already know how then come knit with us! All materials provided. Three week program for eight to 11 year olds, sign up required.
Nighty Knitting, 6-8 p.m.
Tiny House Living Northeast, 6:30-8 p.m.
The presentation focuses on the basics of planning for and owning a tiny house on wheels; both its challenges and advantages, offering insights unique from the currently popular tiny house themed TV shows. From approximately "how much" to "where to live", it addresses options for their general design, and heat, hot water and electricity choices, among other components. Living in a tiny house year-round is a topic of rapidly developing debate. Learn why something so "cute" and compact could cause so much discussion!

Wednesday, March 22
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.
Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Let’s Play Teen Club, 3-4:30 p.m.
Let’s Play all kinds of games! Video games, party games, board games. Let’s talk about the games we love and the games we want to play as we play them. Let’s talk about making games and how we could totally design games better than the game development companies. Teens. Gaming.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 385 calls for service and made the following arrests from Feb. 27-March 12. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but

not formally charged, have been withheld.
David G. Ambrose, age 19, of Meredith was arrested on March 2 for Possession of Drugs in a Motor Vehicle and a separate charge of possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Talia A. Conway, age 30, of Gilford was arrested on March 5 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension and a Suspended Registration (Operating-Misdemeanor).
A 40-year-old male from Laconia was tak-

en into protective custody for inebriation resulting from drug use on March 6.
Nanci Stone, age 64, of Wolfeboro was arrested on March 12 on two counts of Driving While Intoxicated.

Local cadets take first in state in CyberPatriot competition

LACONIA – A team of cadets from the Hawk Composite Squadron of the New Hampshire Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, recently achieved their best performance ever in the ninth season of CyberPatriot – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.

Established by the Air Force Association, the CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Education Program was created to excite, educate, and motivate students toward careers in cyber security and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation’s future. CyberPatriot’s core program – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – challenges teams of two to six students across the United States, Canada, and from DoDD schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. Top teams from the preliminary online rounds win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the live National Finals Competition, where students compete for national recognition and scholarships.

The CyberPatriot field is divided into three divisions – the Open Division for public, private, and home-school teams, the All Service Division for JROTC, Civil Air Pa-

trol, and Naval Sea Cadet Corps teams, and the Middle School Division. In all, 4,404 teams registered to compete in CyberPatriot IX, including eighteen teams from New Hampshire.

The Hawk Composite Squadron team, the HawkEyes, are led by cadet Captain Hunter Martin of Sandwich. The team includes cadet Technical Sergeants Benjamin Vachon and Zechariah Smith and Staff Sergeant Benjamin Hughes of Ashland, as well as Master Sergeant Daniel Ellis of Gilford. Coached by Captain John Martin, the cadets excelled in the early rounds of competition, earning the coveted Platinum tier berth, before moving on to the State

Round held in January. The cadets performed exceptionally well, demonstrating teamwork, critical thinking skills, and technical knowledge, factors key to a successful career in cybersecurity.

When the dust settled from an incredibly competitive Regional round, the HawkEyes finished their season ranked first in the state and 56th overall, placing in the top 3.5 percent of the 1,589 team All Service Division. Against their 528 fellow Civil Air Patrol teams from across the world, the HawkEyes placed 12th overall, within the top 2 percent of their category.

“Last year, we came in second in New Hampshire, so our goal this year was to

regain the top spot. The competition for CyberPatriot IX was the strongest I’ve seen in the four years we have competed. Yet the hard work of our cadets paid off, and they achieved the goal they had set for themselves. I’m incredibly proud of their diligence, their perseverance and their dedication, and I look forward to seeing them grow as they prepare for next year and CyberPatriot X. Our goal for next year is to make it to Nationals,” said Captain Martin.

Only 13 teams in the All Service division, two from each of the service categories and one wildcard, advance to the National round of competition which will be held in Baltimore, Md. this April.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. “Humans Bow Down” by James Patterson
2. “One-Pan Wonders”
3. “Small Great Things” by Jodi Picoult
4. “Portraits of Courage” by George W. Bush
5. “Breathe, Mama, Breathe” by Shonda Moralis
6. “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah
7. “All The Missing Girls” by Megan Miranda
8. “Heartbreak Hotel” by Jonathan Kellerman
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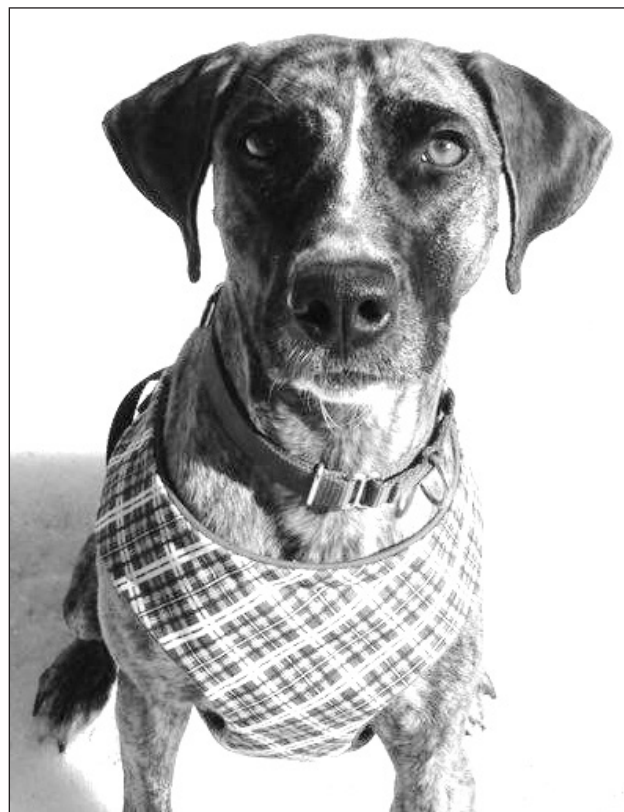


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Pet of the Week: Francine



FRANCINE has good reason to look a little worried, some might say pensive - she's been overlooked at New Hampshire Humane Society in favour of the fluffier, cuter, smaller, prettier dogs since January!

Life is indeed a bit of a beauty contest for shelter dogs and especially for those that have that ability to look piercingly into the souls of humans... Are WE good enough for her, is what we should be asking ourselves.

She travelled a long way in the hopes of finding her forever home, here in New Hampshire. Our winter weather doesn't seem to both her, dressed fetchingly in a nice warm coat she is

ready for walks and play in the snow. We've found her to be super smart and ready to learn. Francine has demonstrated a penchant for agility and learning while waiting for her second chance and a family to call her own.

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NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Time to ease off the moose hunt, and the creation of ever more pets



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

New Hampshire's moose population seems to be about half what it was in its heyday. There is no way to be sure about any wildlife population, of course, because wild animals don't exactly line up to go through turnstiles to be counted.

But the estimate back in the early 1990s was about 8,000. Today, it's about 4,000. Owners of tourist destinations--cabins and lodges and motels and inns--will tell you that guests driving north to see moose along the roads around Berlin, Errol or Pittsburg often go home disappointed.

At one time, more than 12,000 people were coughing up \$10 each to enter the moose permit lottery, in which more than 500 permits were chosen. This year, Fish and Game announced that it would issue only 51 permits for next year's hunt, the lowest since the season was first established in 1988,

Although I'd never argue that New Hampshire's moose population is endangered, hunters have long held that they would never be part of a



JOHN HARRIGAN

This dog (my dog, Millie, who was once thrown out of the State House), has a warm, safe home, and plenty to eat. Thousands of abandoned, neglected and mistreated pets have little or none of that.



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Guildhall's Roger Irwin took this fine head shot of a bull moose on a typical mist-shrouded North Country day.

hunt that would bring a wildlife population anywhere near such a condition. Hunters believe, and often state emphatically, that any decision should always be made

in the best interests of the resource, not hunting.

In the public's mind, I think, New Hampshire's moose hunt has become pathetic. It's time to pull

the plug.

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The Caledonian-Record is a feisty and well-edited daily newspaper out of St. Johnsbury, Vt. I say "feisty" because the Caledonian, along with the Keene Sentinel, the Union Leader and the Concord Monitor, can always be counted on to jump right in with court appeals or lawsuits whenever government bureaucrats try to suppress the people's news.

The Caledonian runs a very good pet care and animal rescue column, titled this past week "It's Hip to Snip." The month's topic was the drastic need to reduce new litters of cats and dogs, because there are already so many hapless and helpless pets tossed to the winds by their uncaring, unfeeling, and in

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FROM OUR READERS

The God who determines gender also urges compassion

To the Editor:

In response to the letter to the editor from Mr. Silber entitled "Gender at Birth..."

Mr. Silber asserts that "...a person's sex is assigned at conception by God."

As a trained medical scientist, I would inform Mr. Silber that gender at birth is obvious in the majority

of cases, but not in all.

As we unravel the mysteries of biology and medicine, we are well advised to show compassion for those who do not easily fit into little boxes. A loving God would have it no other way.

David B. Stowe, D.V.M.
Gilford

Thank you, Belknap County Delegation

To the Editor:

We wish to extend a sincere Thank You to the Belknap County Delegation members who "listened" to the public taxpayers of the county in passing, recently by a super majority vote, the 2017 Belknap County Budget. A budget process often is very challenging and a very important process of decision making where true leadership emerges. Our Representatives stood tall to this test. Their plan will not raise your county taxes for the second year in a row.

Thank you, Chairman Rep. Herb Vadney and Vice Chairman Ray Howard, for your strength, as well as, courage in leading the delegation to a successful and reasonable spending plan. Budget preparation involves many long volunteer hours for the delegation and each member should be acknowledged for his or her efforts in their contributions towards crafting the approved plan.

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Selectmen receive updates on building projects

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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A preliminary update on the Airport Plaza expansion and building projects at the Laconia Airport and Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion were some of the details the town planner shared with the selectmen during a depart-

ment update. On Wednesday, Town Planner John Ayer gave the board of selectmen an update on a number of different projects being overseen by the Planning Board and the Planning and Land Use Department. “Things are still going well; I would say at

a moderate development pace,” Ayer said. According to a recording of the meeting, Ayer reported to the selectmen that they have seen fewer new homes built over the previous year. The ones that have gone through the process are valued at \$2.5 million higher than last year.

There have been more permits issued for remodeling and repairs than for new construction with most projects centering on accessory structures and mobile homes. They recently issued two more commercial permits with a higher valuation of \$1.5 million

than last year. An application for a three-lot subdivision at the Gilford Airport Plaza is going through the process. Ayer said he is not sure if this is an expansion or building a new building. The site plan does show a proposed new entrance to the property and includes some new lighting. The asphalt will be re-graded and some of the drainage will be changed. Ayer said they do not yet have any information on a building expansion or construction of additional buildings. He said he has seen drafts for site plans that would add a few buildings. “I don’t know if that’s ultimately what they’re still hoping for or what,” Ayer said. “All I know is what they have before us.”

Selectman Gus Benavides asked why the signs have been down from the businesses in that plaza for so long and why they haven’t been put back up. Ayer said he has also wondered why that process isn’t

moving quicker. Board Chair Richard Grenier said he has a concern about light pollution, and wanted the plan to require downcast lighting. Other projects include the ongoing construction of a 12,000 square foot hangar at Laconia Airport as well as the expansion of Bank of New Hampshire’s corporate offices. A site plan was approved a few months ago for Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion’s construction of an EMS and police building as well as a permanent bathroom building. Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion will be coming before the Planning Board soon. There will also be a new 7,000 square foot medical office building by Franklin Savings Bank. A new winter storage facility is being built in Glendale, Gilford Well is expanding its building, and two office warehouses are being built in the Lakes Business Park.

GILFORD PARKS AND REC NEWS

BY HERB GREENE
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Senior Moment-um Programs
Senior Moment-um Brunch and Bingo – Monday, March 20
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, March 20. We will meet in Community Church’s Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. to enjoy a brunch of quiche

and fresh fruit salad. While enjoying brunch we will also participate in a fun game of BINGO, with prizes included. Coffee, tea and water will also be provided. The cost of brunch is \$2 per person. Participants are asked to RSVP by Thursday, March 16!
Senior Moment-um Dinner and Show Night – Wednesday, March 22
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Recreation in conjunction with the GHS Performing Arts, and the GHS Interact Club is sponsoring a Dinner and Show evening for participants of the Senior Moment-um Program. This activity is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22. Participants will meet in the Gilford High School Cafeteria at 5 p.m. to enjoy dinner. Following dinner we will head into the Audito-

rium to watch the High School’s performance of the dark comedy classic, “Little Shop of Horrors.” There is no fee for this program, but space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first come basis. Participants must RSVP by Friday, March 17. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

Lakes Region scholarship deadline approaching soon

REGION — Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, which has been serving the scholarship needs of students of the area for more than 60 years, announced that the deadline for scholarship applications for the 2017-2018 school year is April 1.

Anyone interested in a scholarship to pursue education beyond high school is advised that all paperwork must be filed by that date. Scholarships are available on line through their Web site: lrscholarship.org. These applications may be downloaded and printed out to fill in by hand or may be down-

loaded and filed on line. Assistant Director, Paulette Loughlin, urged anyone interested in this assistance to make sure to read over the instruction sheet that is also posted on the website, as there is additional paperwork which must accompany the scholarship applications. Most

scholarships are limited to students from the Gilford, Laconia, Belmont high schools and also residents of Gilford, Laconia, Belmont area, however, there are exceptions, which are also listed on the LRSF Web site. If anyone has a question, they may contact the office at 527-3533.

Gavin Killough named to Dean's List at Merrimack College

NORTH ANDOVER, Mass. — Gavin Killough of Laconia was named to the Merrimack College Dean's List for Fall 2016. Each semester, Merrimack College undergraduate students earn the right to be named to the Dean's List by earning a minimum 3.25 GPA based on a 4.0 GPA grading system. Merrimack College is an independent, private college with robust programs in business, education, engineering, health sciences and the liberal arts, whose

mission is to enlighten minds, engage hearts and empower lives. Founded in 1947 by the Order of St. Augustine in the Boston suburb of North Andover, its growing student body of 3,200 undergraduates and 575 graduate students come from 32 states and 31 countries to form an engaged community of thinkers and doers in an academic culture of care that emphasizes hands-on learning, global citizenship and a quest for enduring relevance in an ever-changing world.

'Celebrate Laconia' group to introduce initial plans today for city's 125th anniversary — and beyond

LACONIA — “Celebrate Laconia,” a group of local citizens, will announce initial plans March 16 to mark the 125th anniversary of Laconia in 2018 and discuss an ongoing mission to tout the city’s appeal. The news will come this evening at a general meeting, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., at Woodside at the Taylor Commu-

nity, 435 Union Ave. The public is invited to meet the group’s board, led by President Pamela Clark, and see the “Celebrate Laconia” logo and branding. “We’re excited about our goals for this more than year-long celebration of our community,” Clark said. “We’re eager to involve the community in planning this prolonged party for the

ages.” At the meeting, which was postponed from February because of snow, Clark will talk about ways residents can support the celebration honoring the industries, people, places and events that have made Laconia a special place. Clark also will discuss plans to kick off the celebration early with an event in August

marking this year’s Laconia Passenger Train Station’s 125th anniversary. The celebration will continue throughout 2018, the 125th anniversary of Laconia’s incorporation. If you’re interested in volunteering, please attend the meeting or contact Clark about membership opportunities at p2pclark@yahoo.com.

Lakes Region Tourism Association represents New Hampshire at eight travel shows

REGION — The Lakes Region Tourism Association continues to be an energetic force when it comes to promoting and establishing tourism in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Founded in 1936, the organization has a full schedule of marketing efforts that convey the beauty and hospitality of the region. In 2017 alone, the LRTA staff will represent their 400 members at the following Travel Shows and Expos: New York Times Travel Show, Great Vacations Travel Expo in Columbus, Ohio, Boston Globe Travel Show in Boston, AAA Travel Show in Massachusetts and in Long Island, N.Y., the Big

E in Massachusetts, the Philadelphia Travel and Adventure Show, and the Canadian Consumer Show in Montreal. The New York and Boston shows report between 20,000 and 30,000 attendees each year, so the region has the potential to reach more than 150,000 travel enthusiasts. Annual attendance at the Big E in Massachusetts was more than 1.4 million. The LRTA also produces and distributes some 700,000 publications locally, nationally and internationally. The organization provides a wealth of free travel tips and guides and features their 400 members on their extensive Web site, www.lakesre-

gion.org. All are invited to sign up for the LRTA “Ripples” e-newsletter that provides details on special events, dining, attractions and lodging throughout the region. Travelers will also find some travel itineraries on the website that are geared to specific interests such as Outdoor Adventures, Foodie Tours and Weekend Escapes that will make vacation planning a breeze. The affordable membership of \$299, makes national and global exposure possible for the many small tourism based businesses in the region. For more information on membership, visit www.lakesregion.org/info.

The Lakes Region Tourism Association is the official tourism board of the region, representing close to 100 communities, 273 lakes and ponds, and more than 400 businesses in central New Hampshire, including area attractions, restaurants, retail establishments and accommodations. For more information or visitors’ guides, visit LakesRegion.org, facebook.com/NHLakesRegion or follow on Twitter. For more information about New Hampshire, go to www.visitnh.gov. The LRTA office is located just off exit 20 on I-93, Route 3 in Tilton, and can be reached by calling (800) 60-LAKES.



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Patricia Mae Kimball, 73

LACONIA — Patricia Mae (Copp) Kimball 73, passed away with her loving family by her side Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Patricia was born Feb. 2, 1944 in Meredith, daughter to the late Harold and Rose (Spooner) Copp. She attended Laconia schools and graduated from Laconia High School. She then went onto Beauty school and graduated. While pursuing her passion for being a beautician, she also worked as the district manager for the Laconia State School for over 20-plus years. Upon her retirement, she became a caregiver and provided love and care to patients in group homes and as well in her home.

Patricia enjoyed the ocean, loved to read, the color purple, carnations, diamonds and Jewelry, she loved to shop with her daughter Lisa, knitting blankets, hats, sweaters, scarfs, & mittens, doing crafts, coloring, taking many road trips, spending as much time as she could with her family and making



many memories. She always wanted to help in any way she could! She always put others before herself she truly had a heart of gold. She was a true hero, a fighter, and a brave woman who fought a long tough battle and tried so hard to be strong and stay here on earth with us as long as she could, even when she was hurting so much she always had a beautiful smile. She will forever be in our hearts, and so very much missed. We're so very proud of her and love her so dearly.

Patricia is survived by her daughter, Lisa Leighton, and her husband, Chris of Gilmanton Iron Works; a son, Mark Miller, and his wife, Ainsley of Meredith; a daughter, Michelle Camera, and her husband, Peter

of Rhode Island; her grandchildren, Kyle, Joshua and Marissa of Gilmanton Iron Works, Candace and her fiancé, Matt Lanoue of Laconia, Brendon, Nikki, Holly, & Cameron of Meredith, Katelyn, Peter, Shawn, Abby, & Emily of Rhode Island; two brothers, Raymond Copp of Maine and Tommy Copp and his wife Arlene of Maine; a sister, Jane Reid, and her husband, Norman of Meredith; a dear friend, Earold Bennett of Maine; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her adoptive parents, William and Dorothy (Piper) Gard, and her sister, Lillian Bisson.

Patricia adored her friends old and new, that she has met at Genesis Healthcare. She was forever grateful for the staff at Genesis, who provided care, love and support.

To honor Patricia's wishes there will be a funeral service and burial in the spring.

For those who wish memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital At Dartmouth-Hitchcock, D-H/Geisel Office of Development One Medical Center Drive, HB 7070, Lebanon, NH 03756-0001 in memory of Patricia Kimball.

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 please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Kenneth E. Blackey, 86

LACONIA — Kenneth E. Blackey, 86, of the Taylor Home, went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 3, 2017.

Kenneth was born on Sept. 23, 1930 to the late Ervin and Helen (Johnson) Blackey. Kenneth worked for 30 years at Laconia Federal Savings and Loan, where he worked his way up from teller to bank president. Kenneth was an active member of his community and was involved with several organizations, including the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, Laconia Little League, United Way and Laconia Kiwanis. He was also a devout member of Mountain View Church of Sanbornton where he was the treasurer for 50 years and also served as a deacon for many of those years. Kenneth loved to sing, and was an active member of Pemigewasset Choral Society, other area choirs as well as his church choir. Kenneth also enjoyed being outside no matter the season. He enjoyed hunting and hiking in the fall, snowmobiling in the winter and camping by the ocean at Hermit Is-



land Campground. He also enjoyed kayaking, boating, golfing and riding his motorcycle in the summer. Kenneth was also an avid bowler and enjoyed aerobics; however, his greatest joy in life was spending time with his family.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 65 years, Minnie (Davis) Blackey; two sons, Donald Blackey and his wife Pamela of Webster and Wayne Blackey and his wife Kathryn of Sanbornton; a daughter, Ann York, and her husband Charles of Laconia; six grandchildren (Samantha Blackey, Charles York III and his wife, Michele, Heather York, Christopher Blackey and his wife Kathleen, Jillian Pierce and her husband Shawn, and Amy Blackey); and five great-grandchildren (Allison, Emma, Sarah,

Daniel and Priscilla). Calling hours were held on Friday, March 10, 2017 from 5-7 p.m. at Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Church, 322 Upper Bay Rd., Sanbornton.

Burial will take place in the spring in the family lot at the Woodman Cemetery in Sanborn-ton.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 7312, Gilford NH, 03247 or to the Mountain View Church, 322 Upper Bay Rd., Sanbornton, NH 03269.

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, please visit www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Margaret E. Lurvey, 66

BELMONT — Margaret E. Lurvey, 66, of 613 Province Rd., died Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in her home after a long illness.

She was born on Oct. 11, 1950 in Morrisville, N.J., the daughter of the late Eugene and Edna (DeSau) Little. Margaret worked at a number of businesses, such as Ver-nitron and Laconia Needle. Margaret worked in her family business as a secretary for Sonny & Son Tree Services for a



number of years. She enjoyed helping people and was known as a caring person. She loved motorcycle riding with her

husband and especially treasured her family.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Carl "Sonny" Lurvey, Jr. of Belmont; six stepsons (Leonard, Carl and Danny Lurvey, all of Belmont, Jerry Lurvey of Milton, Richard Lurvey of Gilford and Kurt Lurvey of Concord); two step-daughters, Anna-Marie Lurvey and Toni Lynn Lurvey, both of Laconia; 15 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents.

Calling hours were held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A funeral service was held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home.

Burial will be held in the spring in the family lot at Cold Spring Cemetery in East Rochester.

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.

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LRSO Concert March 18 features Mozart and Dvorak

MEREDITH — The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra (LRSO) invites you to our Welcome Spring! concert on Saturday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at newly-renovated theater at Inter-Lakes high school in Meredith. The program includes an eclectic mix of selections from the poetic to the magnificent. Selections include the thought-provoking tone poem Anishinaabeg Rhapsody by local composer Ken Piotrowski, the beau-

tiful and haunting “Nimrod” from Elgar’s Enigma Variations, the divine interplay between strings and orchestra in Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola, and the sumptuous, and perhaps Dvorak’s most famous work, “Symphony No. 9 (New World Symphony).” Many works – many backgrounds. The Anishinaabeg Rhapsody, a tone-poem unlike standard orchestral music, paints images and thoughts of the in-



Violinist Margaret Hopkins and Violist Sally Wituszynski perform Mozart Sinfonia Concertante with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra on March 18th at Inter-Lakes Auditorium in Meredith.

digenous tribes that inhabited the upper peninsula of Michigan. LRSO violinist Margaret Hopkins and violist Sally Wituszynski are featured on Sinfonia Concertante, Mozart’s last concerted work for strings, contains rich themes and passion perhaps atypical for its time in the late 1700’s. Nimrod, from the Enigma Variations, is the most well-loved of Elgar’s Variations, a deeply moving work written for his close friend August Jaeger. And finally Dvorak’s landmark Symphony No. 9 “From the New World” depicts the composer’s bold and inimitable impressions of America during his visit in 1892, building glorious themes inspired by simple folk songs.

self, featuring crooner Michael Gallagan. Full concert details are at www.LRSO.org. Tickets are only \$15 for adults and \$8 for children and students college-age and under. Tickets are available online at www.lrso.org/tickets, or from these ticket outlets: Innisfree Bookshop and the Mobil station across from the town docks in Meredith; Greenlaw’s Music in Laconia; and Bayswater Books in Center Harbor. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door starting one hour before each concert. We must emphasize – due to the variety of ticket outlets we maintain, including online, if one of the ticket sources is ‘sold out’ please check with other sources. If you typically purchase online and it says “sold out,” check back – we sometimes have the opportunity to move tickets between sources and repopulate online sales.

Brantley Gilbert returns to Bank of NH Pavilion July 14 with his “The Devil Don’t Sleep” Summer Tour

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mer Tour” as they stop in Gilford Friday, July 14. Tickets go on sale Friday, March 17 at 10 a.m., and range from \$39.75 to \$69.75. Get your tickets by calling the Box Office at 293-4700 or online at www.BankNHPavilion.com.

Returning to Gilford is one of country’s most prolific songwriters, and fresh off the release of his fourth studio album, “The Devil Don’t Sleep.” Gilbert started his career in Nashville as a songwriter, and turned heads in 2011 re-releasing “Halfway to SEE GILBERT PAGE A13

Violin and piano duo featured in next Taylor Community concert

LACONIA — The 2017 Taylor Concert Series continues with Pianist Paul Dykstra and Violinist Jesse MacDonald. Music will include the selections by Beethoven and Ernest Chausson. The event is Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m. in Taylor Community’s Woodside Building and is free and open to the public. Dykstra hails from Edmonton, Alberta where he studied at the University of Alberta under Helmut Brauss. He performed extensively in British Columbia and Alberta as a soloist and duo pianist, as a chamber music pianist and with orchestra. Since moving to the U.S. in 1999, he has continued to perform extensively as a soloist and duo pianist/chamber musician, in addition to teaching in his private studio in Portsmouth and at St. Paul’s School in Concord.



Jesse MacDonald a contra dance and swing band, based out of Bozeman, Mont. Active in the chamber music scene, he’s performed with several quartets in both New York and Boston. Taylor Community is a not-for-profit Continuing Care Re-

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Things to consider before choosing a summer camp

Though February does not often elicit images of youngsters building campfires or playing games in the pool, the month more synonymous with the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day is a great time for parents to start thinking about summer camps for their kids.

Summer camp is often something kids look forward to, and something they will fondly recall long after they reach adulthood. For many kids, summer camp provides a first taste of independence, as youngsters spend significant time away from home without their parents for the first time in their lives. But as great an experience as summer camp can be for youngsters, it can be just as difficult an experience if parents don't find the right fit for their children. That's why it behooves

parents to start thinking about summer camps for their kids in winter, before camps start filling out their rosters, which tends to happen in early spring. The following are a few things parents should take into consideration when seeking a summer camp for their kids.

Staff

The right summer camp staff can make all the difference. Many children are understandably shy when arriving at a summer camp, as their friends from back home might not be joining them. That can make kids hesitant to participate in activities or less enthusiastic about those activities. But a good staff will know how to make kids feel welcome, which should help them come out of their shells and make the most of their summer camp ex-



periences. The quality of staffs can vary significantly depending on the camp, so it's important that parents ask camp representatives about their staffs before making any commitments. Ask how long the staff has been together and the types of training new and even veteran staff members undergo before the start of camp season? Does the training include first aid and emergency medical training and certification?

It's also good to ask about the vetting process the camp employs before hiring new staff, including the extent of its background checks. Are criminal background checks conducted? How many references must potential staff

members supply to be considered for employment? A good camp will be forthcoming with answers to all of your questions, so eliminate those that appear hesitant to share information about their staffs.

A day in the life

When vetting camps for kids, parents should ask what a typical day is like once the season hits full swing. Many parents want their youngsters to have a well-rounded experience, while others might want their kids to attend a more specialized camp, whether it's a sports camp focusing on a particular sport or a music camp devoted to helping kids become better musicians. Regardless of the type of

camp parents are considering for their kids, they should ask about what daily life at the camp is like. Ask to see schedules and how strictly camps adhere to those schedules. When considering specialized camps, ask the staff representative if kids will have the chance to simply have a little fun and which types of recreational activities are planned to give kids a break from what are often rigorous schedules.

Camp goals

Another thing parents must consider before choosing a summer camp for their kids is the goals of each individual camp. A camp should be dedicated to ensuring kids have fun, even when kids are attend-

ing more specialized camps that tend to be more strict. In addition, parents should look for a camp that wants its attendees to foster relationships with their fellow campers. Camp can be lonely for some youngsters, especially those attending summer camp for the first time, but a summer camp that strives to promote friendship among its campers can reduce, if not eliminate, any feelings of homesickness.

Late winter is when parents should start looking at summer camps for their kids, and there are a host of factors moms and dads should take into consideration during the vetting process to ensure their youngsters have as much fun as possible.



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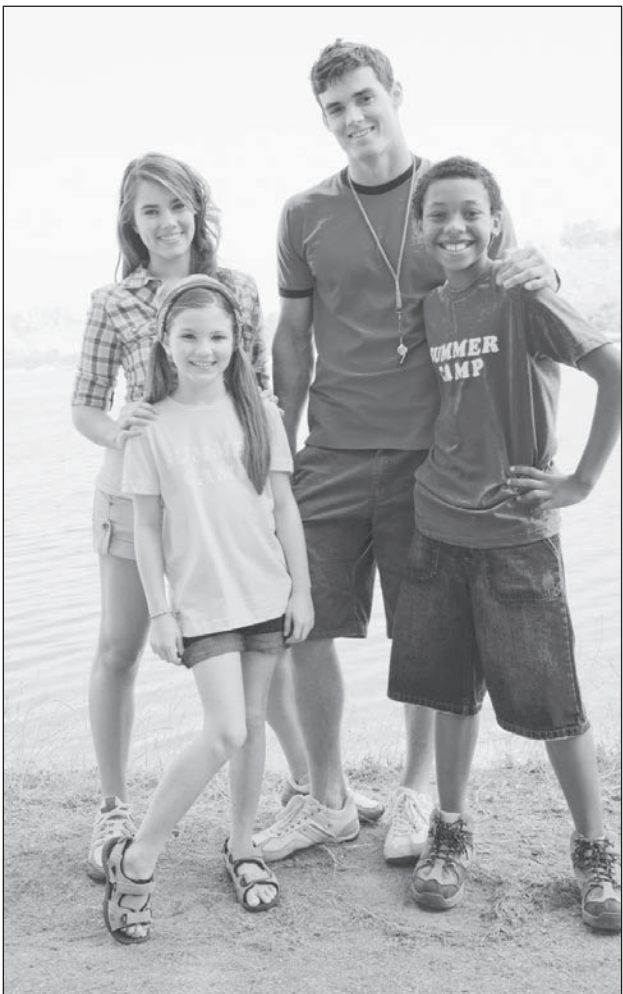
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Sugar Hill is a retirement community in Wolfeboro that sits on a hilltop surrounded by acres of woodlands offering lake and mountain views. Sugar Hill community offers spacious cottages and apartment homes that provide ample space for entertaining, without the stress of interior and exterior maintenance. For more information, visit <http://www.sugarhillrc.com/>.

Taylor Community is a retirement community that offers independent living, assisted living, nursing and memory care. With the main campus in Laconia and two satellite locations in Wolfeboro and Pembroke, you can enjoy the beauty of New Hampshire, at this carefree, secure retirement community. The staff will take care of the home maintenance including interior and exterior repairs, mowing your lawn and even shoveling your snow. Taylor Communities also offer free on and off campus transportation so you can get to all the places you enjoy going. Visit www.taylorcommunity.org for more information.

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NH-VT American Red Cross Everyday Hero awarded to Melissa Lee

LACONIA — Melissa Lee, Community Health Improvement Specialist with LRGHealthcare was awarded the NH-VT American Red Cross Everyday Hero Award on March 1. Nominated by Franklin Fire Chief, Kevin LaChapelle, Lee was recognized for her dedication and efforts to coordinate the annual Senior Safety Day program, a partnership between LRGHealthcare and several area fire departments. Lee has worked to expand participation across the LRGHealthcare service area and engage area residents in home fire safety education.

Senior Safety Day is



Melissa Lee of LRGHealthcare accepts the NH-VT American Red Cross Everyday Hero Award for the Senior Safety Day program.

an annual program that occurs in October where senior residents in participating communities can receive a free visit from their local fire department. Fire department personnel check the smoke alarms to

make sure they are working and also will provide a change of batteries free of charge. If a home is not properly equipped with working smoke detectors, they will also be installed free of charge.

This program could not take place without the financial support, coordination, education, and outreach in our communities. LRGHealthcare is proud to share Melissa's recognition with the communities we serve.

For more information about how you can enroll in our annual Senior Safety Day program, please call LRGHealthcare Education Services at 527-7120.

New Hampshire Dance Movement donates \$1800 to NH youth

MEREDITH — New Hampshire Dance Movement recently donated the proceeds of their Fifth Annual Dance to Make a Difference to The Faith Hope and Love Foundation to support New Hampshire's youth. Local dancers performed last fall to raise funds for The Faith, Hope and Love Foundation. The show was performed by dancers from all across

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Kelsey Piper and Suzanna Derynioski, Co-founders of New Hampshire Dance Movement present the donation to FHL President Lara Gruner.

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Time for Some Financial Spring Cleaning

Spring is in the air, even if it's not quite there on the calendar. This year, as you shake off the cobwebs from winter and start tidying up around your home and yard, why not also do some financial spring cleaning? Actually, you can apply several traditional spring cleaning techniques to your financial situation. Here are a few ideas:

- Look for damage. Damage to your home's siding, shingles and foundation can eventually degrade the structure of your home. Your investment portfolio is also a structure of a sort, and it, too, can be damaged. Specifically, you may have deliberately constructed your portfolio with an investment mix – stocks, fixed-income vehicles, cash instruments, etc. – that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. But over time, your portfolio can evolve in unexpected ways. For example, your stocks may have grown so much in value that they now take up a larger percentage of your holdings than you had intended, possibly subjecting you to a higher degree of risk. If this happens, you may need to rebalance your portfolio.

- Get rid of "clutter." As you look around your home, do you see three mops or four nonfunctional televisions or a stack of magazines from the 1990s? If these items no longer have value, you could get rid of them and clear up some living space. As an investor, you also might have "clutter" – in the form of investments that no longer meet your needs. If you sold these investments, you could use the proceeds to fill gaps in your portfolio.
- Consolidate. Do you keep your lawnmower in a shed, a rake in your garage, and your gardening tools in the basement? When working on your outdoor tasks, you might find it more efficient to have all these items in one location. You could also have your investments scattered about – an IRA here, a new 401(k) there, and an older 401(k) someplace else. But if you consolidated all your investments in one place, you might cut down on paperwork and fees, and you wouldn't risk losing track of an asset (which actually happens more than you might think). Even more importantly, when you have all your investments with one provider, you'll be better

positioned to follow a single, centralized investment strategy.

- Prepare for a rainy day. As part of your outdoor spring cleaning, you may want to look at your gutters and downspouts to make sure they are clear and in good repair, so that they can move rainwater away from your home. Your financial goals need protection, too, so you'll want to ensure you have adequate life and disability insurance.
- Seal leaks. In your home inspection this spring, you may want to investigate doors and windows for leaks and drafts. Your investment portfolio might have some "leaks" also. Are investment-related taxes siphoning off more of your earnings than you realize? A financial professional can offer you recommendations for appropriate tax-advantaged investments.

This spring, when you're cleaning your physical surroundings, take some time to also tidy up your financial environment. You may be pleased with the results.



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Belknap EDC hosts annual meeting March 16

LACONIA — The Belknap Economic Development Council will host its annual meeting on Thursday, March 16 at Lakes Region Community College in

Laconia. Registration and cocktail reception begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by the business meeting portion of the evening promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by gold sponsor, Meredith Village Savings Bank; silver sponsor, The Laconia Daily Sun and Bronze sponsors: Bank of New Hampshire, Franklin Savings Bank and LRGHealthcare. More than a 100 Lakes Region business and civic leaders will be in attendance. Special guest speaker, Taylor Caswell, Executive Director of the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA), will discuss the strategic goals of the CDFA and economic development strategies at the regional and state level in New Hampshire. The Belknap EDC Board of Directors will be presenting three awards which represent the Council's goals and strategic plan, in-

cluding the Norman Marsh Leadership Award, the Corporate Soul Award and the Community Impact Award. The awards recognize outstanding leadership on economic development issues and community involvement.

For more information on Belknap EDC and its strategic plan and goals, go to belknapedc.org. Belknap EDC is a non-profit regional development corporation. Belknap EDC provides technical assistance and alternative financing to local businesses and works to address the region's long-term economic development challenges by attracting young talent, supporting creative entrepreneurs, and enhancing workforce development programs in the region. Visit www.BelknapEDC.org for more information.

Lakes Region Chamber announces Metrocast Business Services presenting sponsor of May 23 Healthcare Expo

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce Metrocast Business Services will be the presenting sponsor on May 23 for a Healthcare Career Expo in support of the Chamber's workforce development initiatives.

The Healthcare Career Expo will take place May 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Woodside Building, Taylor Community in Laconia. The event is being organized in collaboration with the 200x2020 school-to-work

partners including the Lakes Region Chamber, Belknap EDC and the school to work coordinators throughout the Lakes Region.

"Jobs in the healthcare industry are expected to rise 28 percent by 2020," stated Karmen Gifford, Lakes Region Chamber President. "This event is an opportunity to highlight the many healthcare organizations and career opportunities here in our community. Health Science is just one of the many educational pro-

grams offered at the Huot Technical Center which feeds into the Health Science programs of study at Lakes Region Community College. With so many current healthcare jobs available now and projected in the future, this event was designed to spotlight our local healthcare service businesses to students K-Post Grad and to the public."

If you are a healthcare service organization and would like to participate, please call the Lakes Region Cham-

ber at 524-5531 or reserve your table on-line at LakesRegionChamber.org. Space is limited. If you are a teacher or work in education and would like more information on attending, please call the Chamber Office. We may be able to assist you regarding bus transportation.

The Lakes Region Chamber represents more than 475 businesses in 22 area communities throughout the Lakes Region and continues to drive economic growth through collaboration with other organizations with its vision to promote and build a stronger community. To visit the Chamber's on-line business directory and community events calendar, go to LakesRegionChamber.org. For more information about Chamber membership and opportunities, contact Joanne Haight, Membership Manager at jhaight@LakesRegionChamber.org or call the Chamber office at 524-5531.

Bank of New Hampshire hosts free shredding days

REGION — Bank of New Hampshire is hosting free paper shredding days on Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. – noon at their Dover and Manchester offices, on Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. – noon at their Plymouth Tenney Mountain Highway office and their Gilford Operations Center, and on April 29 from 9 a.m. – noon at their Concord Heights and Littleton offices. This is an opportunity for all residents to destroy old documents and confidential files safely. Bank of New Hampshire and AARP have partnered together to generate more awareness about safely and securely disposing of documents. AARP will be on site each day and available to discuss the best practices for protecting your identity.

"We are happy to offer this event for responsible paper disposal which will help reduce the risk of identity theft," said Vickie Routhier, EVP – Chief Retail Banking & Marketing Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. "Bank of New Hampshire continues to be proactive in finding ways to protect consumers from fraud. We encourage residents to do their part by making use of this event for

secure disposal." All papers will be shredded on location in

the mobile truck. Documents should be free of SEE SHREDDING PAGE A13

Bank of New Hampshire awarded Best "Local Bank for Small Business" for fifth consecutive year

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire has been selected as a winner in New Hampshire Business Review's 2017 BOB Awards, which honor the Best of Business in New Hampshire in over 90 categories. Bank of New Hampshire was honored in the state-

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TECH WEEK

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Tyler Davignon and Caleb Clough assemble their virtual reality viewers.

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and the Granite State Airport Managers’ Association are some of the groups who have funded scholarships for tuition or equipment for ACE.

LITTLE SHOP

and showed their skills with technology during Teen Tech Week at the Gilford Public Library.

Pe-teens and teens took part in a series of activities at the library, including Technology Show and Tell and the Teen Virtual Reality Workshop.

Teen librarian Mark Thompson said Teen Tech Week is a yearly activity to show teens what kinds of technology programs are available at the library and the schools.

“Because teens tend to be pretty efficient with technology as it is, we want to encourage that to go further,” Thompson said.



ERIN PLUMMER

Lou Lacroix and Jacob Deyarmond work on the set of Gilford High School’s coming production of “Little Shop of Horrors.”

Teens shared their favorite apps and gadgets during Teen Tech Show and Tell on Tuesday. Four students from the GHS Robot-

BOAT

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Fund, which will be put toward a new fireboat.

According to a recording of the meeting, Carrier said Gilford crews helped the Moultonborough Fire Department with a fire last summer on Moultonborough’s Long Island. The family who owned the property donated a sum of money to the Moultonborough Fireman’s Fund to show their thanks with the stipulation the money be used to improve fire-fighting abilities.

The Moultonborough

Fire Department gave Gilford’s department \$10,000 from that donation for their work on that call

“We thought it was a perfect way to kick off a fundraising drive for a new fireboat,” Carrier said during the public hearing.

The Gilford selectmen unanimously approved the donation and the board will communicate its thanks to Moultonborough.

Shortly after Portsmouth’s decision last year, board of selectmen

chair Richard Grenier visited the New Castle board of selectmen to ask if the town intended to keep the boat.

On Wednesday town administrator Scott Dunn reported he and Grenier spoke with the New Castle board of selectmen last Monday. Dunn said they did not receive any indication that New Castle wanted to part with that boat.

“For the record I would say I was taken off at the knees,” Grenier said. “We are not getting that boat.”

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Caron added.

Any student or parent interested in learning more about the scholarship assistance available to attend a 2017 ACE Academy or

to learn more about the schedule and activities, is urged to visit the Web site at www.winnaero.org or to contact Dan Caron at dwcaron@hotmail.com.

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al reality capabilities, something you can do with your smartphone, cardboard, and free apps,” Thompson said.

The kits are made to hold smartphones and be used as virtual viewers. Participants could use interactive features on the Cardboard app, such as a zombie hunter game, or watch videos in YouTube.

“You’re just looking down and you actually feel that you’re in the game,” said 11-year-old Tyler Davignon.

Caleb Clough, 11, said their bodies are the controllers.

“It’s so inexpensive so anyone can do it,” Clough said.

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Belmont/Gilford forward Alex Muthersbaugh brings the puck up the ice against Berlin/Gorham in the Division III semifinal game. The Bulldogs lost by a score of 4-2.



BOB MARTIN

Goaltender Bailey Defosie makes a save in the first period against Berlin/Gorham. Defosie finished with 19 saves in the 4-2 loss.

One game short

Bulldogs fall to Berlin/Gorham in semifinals

BY BOB MARTIN

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PLYMOUTH — When it comes to the matchup of Belmont/Gilford and Berlin/Gorham, there really isn't much better. Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, Berlin/Gorham came away with a 4-2 win to head to the state championship at Southern New Hampshire University Arena

where they faced Kennett in an effort to repeat as state champions.

It was a tough loss for Belmont/Gilford, as the Bulldogs managed to inch their way back into the game through taking advantage of a couple of power plays. After being locked in a 2-2 tie deep into the third period, the nail in the coffin came when Mountain-

eer defenseman Noah Schoenbeck put a shot in the net on a rebound of a valiant effort by goalie Bailey Defosie. Defosie finished with 19 saves on the night.

The first period saw both Belmont/Gilford and Berlin/Gorham putting seven shots on net and scoring a goal apiece. In what was a physical game from the

beginning, the first goal didn't come until about three minutes left in the period. Berlin/Gorham forward Owen Dorval got a shot on goal, which was saved by Defosie. Forward Hunter Fautoux knocked in the rebound goal and Dorval was credited with an assist making the score 1-0 for Berlin/Gorham.

The fans on both sides

of the arena were going nuts, with the glass boards in front of the stands looking like they might break off from the amount of slamming and cheering. Players on the Belmont/Gilford bench were yelling for their team to "wake up."

Berlin/Gorham, to this point, had been keeping the puck in the Bulldog zone for extended

periods of time. However with about two minutes left in the period, Belmont/Gilford kicked it into high gear with a few scoring opportunities. A few close opportunities with the puck bouncing around the net didn't lead to a score, but with only 27 second left to go in the period, forward John Arguin was sent to

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Gilford unified team wins playoff opener

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — The Golden Eagles unified basketball team advanced to the second round of the playoffs after beating Prospect Mountain High School 28-24 thanks to a huge 16-point run for more than a quarter on March 7.

Gilford High School caught themselves behind to start the game, as Prospect Mountain played some great defense and had significant scoring production by George Hodgman. Hodgman scored four of Prospect Mountain's six points in the first quarter, with Gerry Robson also scoring a basket. Gilford's lone basket came from James Teunessen.

However, the Golden Eagles came out red hot in the second quarter, led by the strong shooting of Teunessen who scored six of his 10 points in the quarter. Also contributing with baskets were Jacob Colby, Dani Lou Cote, Sam Sawyer and Andrew Nelson. Nelson was also a force on the boards throughout the quarter.

The strong play on both sides of the court by Gilford led the team to finish out the half on a 14-point run and a score of 16-6. Gilford's strong defense held Prospect Mountain scoreless during the quarter.

The second half started where things left off, with Gilford scoring. Less than a minute into the quarter, Jonah Nimirowski hit a nice jump shot off a pass by Katie Hamel.

However, over the next four minutes of play the balance would shift once again. Pros-

pect Mountain went on an 8-0 run, including two baskets by Hodgman and a bucket each by Robson and Hunter Lewis. The quarter would end with Gilford leading 20-14, but Prospect Mountain appeared to have momentum.

Hodgman went off in the closing quarter, scoring all 10 of the team's points on two three pointers and a couple other long range jump shots. However, Gilford was able to spread out the scoring and fend off the Timberwolves with a final score of 28-24.

Coach Laurie Belanger said the great thing about unified basketball is that it is always fun, always competitive and full of great sportsmanship.

"It's always a win-win either way, but we are so excited," said Belanger. "We've never gone this far in the season, so we are really excited."

Belanger explained that unified sports has done an incredible amount to change the culture of the school. She said it has benefited students with disabilities, as well as those who do not. The program is in its fifth year in Gilford, but has been in existence since 1988 when it was adopted by the Special Olympics. It partners students with disabilities with those who do not, and is focused on breaking down stereotypes of those with intellectual disabilities.

"This has made it more everybody's school," said Belanger. "We have unified club now, too, so it is bringing a lot more recreational aspects to the kids."

Gilford is the 14th



BOB MARTIN
Dave Pinkham, a coach for the Gilford unified basketball team, gives a halftime pep talk to his players during a win against Prospect Mountain High School.



BOB MARTIN
Danny Getchell-Lacey, 24, passes around a host of Prospect Mountain defenders during Gilford's win in a unified basketball playoff matchup.



BOB MARTIN
James Teunessen of Gilford goes up for a shot in the win against Prospect Mountain High School.

ranked team in the playoffs and headed to third ranked Berlin on Thursday for the second round of the playoff tournament. Berlin picked up the win to knock Gilford out of the playoffs.

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the penalty box for two minutes for tripping.

The Bulldogs rose to the occasion with forward Alex Muthersbaugh scoring a power play goal, assisted by forward Chaz Hacking. The wrist shot from Muthersbaugh gave Belmont/Gilford a spark of life heading into the second period, tying the game 1-1.

The second period saw only three shots from Belmont/Gilford compared to 10 shots by Berlin/Gorham. This was a clear sign of how things were going for the Bulldogs. While Defosie had a few nice glove saves and knocked the puck away on numerous occasions, Berlin/Gorham forward Cameron Cochran scored a breakaway goal with 9:44 remaining to break the tie making it a 2-1 game in favor of Berlin/Gorham.

In the minutes follow-

ing, Belmont/Gilford made some nice rushes to the net with close scoring opportunities by defenseman Ethan Becker, forward Hunter Dupuis and forward Harrison Parent. Muthersbaugh and Hacking had shots that went wide of the net, but ultimately the momentum shifted back to the Mountaineers.

With about four minutes remaining, Defosie and the Belmont/Gilford defense had their hands full with several shots on goal against them. However, with about 1:30 left in the period Belmont/Gilford moved the puck back into Mountaineer zone and had a shot on goal, as well as a thwarted breakaway opportunity.

For the second time in as many quarters, Berlin/Gorham shot themselves in the foot with a penalty as time was winding down. With 17

seconds left Arguin was charged with interference and was sent to the penalty box. The period ended at 2-1, but that didn't last long as it only took 51 seconds for the Bulldogs to capitalize on the penalty with a great goal by defenseman James Buckley. The goal was assisted by Parent and Ethan Becker.

The Bulldogs and the Mountaineers looked evenly matched at this point in the game. Then with about five minutes remaining in the third quarter the Mountaineers put a couple shots on goal and had the puck bouncing near the net on several occasions.

Defosie did his best to make some incredible saves around several Berlin/Gorham attackers, including one save that sent the puck flying up in the air above his head. Amid the frenzy, Schoenbeck put the puck



BOB MARTIN
Bulldog forward Chaz Hacking battles against the boards for the puck during the Division III semifinal matchup against the Berlin/Gorham Mountaineers. Belmont/Gilford lost 4-2.

in the low left corner of the net giving Berlin-Gorham the 3-2 lead. According to Bulldogs coach Dave Saball, Defosie separated his shoulder on the play and needed to leave the game.

"He got out and I thought there was a lot of black around him," Saball said referring to the Berlin/Gorham black jerseys. "But, it is what it is. I mean, they were all over him. Did they make contact?"

Saball shrugged and continued, "He did everything he could to try to get it."

With a minute remaining, Belmont/Gilford pulled the goalie and Berlin/Gorham's Cochran scored an open net goal that was assisted by Dorval and Schoen-

beck to make it a 4-2 final score.

Saball said after the game that he had no doubt in his mind that it would be a close, heated matchup against Berlin-Gorham, as it has often been between the two squads. The teams split the season series 1-1 and Saball said he and his team have a large amount of respect for the Mountaineers.

"They battle," said Saball. "They play real scrappy and they just don't give you anything. They outworked us a little bit. They worked a little harder than we did. They are a good, well coached team and they outworked us."

The loss blocks an attempt by Belmont/Gilford to make the state

finals for three years running. The Bulldogs were state champions in 2015. Berlin/Gorham, which is defending its 2016 title, is making its third consecutive appearance.

"It would have been nice to make the finals three years in a row," said Saball. "We knew one of the two of us were not going to get the third one. Unfortunately it was us."

Saball said that while they won't be heading to the state championship, he is proud of his players and has high hopes for next year.

"There's no reason to hang their heads low," Saball said. "Losing's not fun, but they had a great year. They had a good run. We came up a little bit short tonight."

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Abbie Fillion finished in 10th place in the Division 3 state championship meet at Great Glen Trails.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Mark Young had the top times in both the classic and freestyle races at the Division 3 state championship.

Young shines in Division 3 Nordic championship

BY BOB MARTIN
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PINKHAM NOTCH Mark Young of Gilford posted the top times in both the classic and freestyle races at the Division 3 Nordic Championship at Great Glen Trails on March 7 with times of 10:32.9 and 9:38.1 respectively.

In a rare occurrence, Young shared the title for the freestyle race with Zachary Ennis of Belmont, who posted the exact time of 9:38.1. Ennis placed second in the classic race with a time of 11:05.5.

“This doesn’t really happen often,” said coach Nina Gavrylyuk. “They didn’t even have two medals to give them.

While the Gilford and Belmont boys’ skiers placed at the top of the standings, they did not have enough skiers to qualify for the overall team win. Kearsarge came away with the win with 721 points, followed by White Mountains with 717.5 points, Bow with 709 points, Fall Mountain with 690 points, Gilford with 584 points and Belmont with 198.5 points.

Gavrylyuk coaches both the Gilford and Belmont Nordic ski teams and said she was confident that if Gilford had another racer they would have won the championship. In the classic race, Gilford’s Sander Valpey’s



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sander Valpey of Gilford finished third in classic and fifth in the freestyle race at the Division 3 state championship at Great Glen Trails.

time of 11:14.2 was good for third place and Seth Valpey placed fifth with a time of 11:33.0. In the freestyle race

was Belmont’s lone skier in the championship. Gavrylyuk was also happy with the performance of Abigael Fillion, who was the only female skier representing Gilford. She finished in 10th place with a time of 15:07.4 in the classic race. Fillion was 23rd in the freestyle race with a time of 13:52.4.

ty well,” said Gavrylyuk. “Unfortunately three people is not enough to win.”

Ennis, a sophomore at Belmont High School, said it was the first time he had ever won a state meet, which was exciting for him. He said the course was in great shape and he had a lot of fun skiing with his friends. He explained that he put a lot of time and training in while working with the Gunstock Nordic Association, which is also coached by Gavrylyuk. He plans to continue training throughout the summer by things like roller skiing, strength training and running.

Ennis has only skied for about a year, but he said he loves the sport. He was happy with his season and the tie for first in the freestyle race.

Young was also proud of his performance at the state meet, saying it was “pretty cool” to tie with Ennis. He said while Gilford and Belmont are technically two different teams, the skiers train together as they have the same coach. This made the tie with Ennis special to Young.

“I was really happy to have the top times of the day,” said Young. “I have never won one of these state meet races before. I think I had a couple of good races.”

Muskrats seeking host families for summer season

LACONIA — The Winnepesaukee Muskrats baseball club is looking for local families from Laconia and surrounding towns to host players for the 2017 summer baseball season. Muskrats players arrive the first week of June and play for approximately two months during the summer.

Each year the Muskrats rely on local families to come forward and provide accommodations for their 30-player roster. While many former host families are committed to housing players again this year, there are still more families needed.



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The Winnepesaukee Muskrats are looking for host families for their baseball players this summer.

“Without community support on many levels - fans, corporate sponsors and vendor partnerships – our organization would cease to exist,” stated Muskrats General Manager Kristian Svindland. “However, it is the commitment of host families that is vital to our ongoing success. We are a non-profit organization bringing a family-friendly, affordable entertainment option to the area, therefore renting apartments is not fiscally responsible.”

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the season.

“It’s an incredibly fun and rewarding experience. At this point we are in need of several beds,” said Svindland. “I understand people’s apprehension about taking in a player. In fact, our family was on the fence for a few years before agreeing to host, but it has been one of the most rewarding experiences in our lives. These young men are hard-working, motivated individuals and great role models for our son and the community. Now our eight-year-old gets a new big brother – or brothers – each year. We have kept in touch with our past Muskrats and track their careers through college and the pros, in some instances.”

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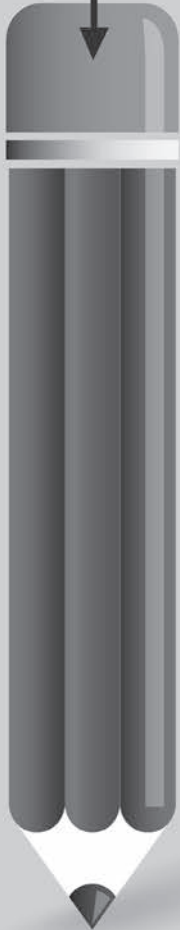
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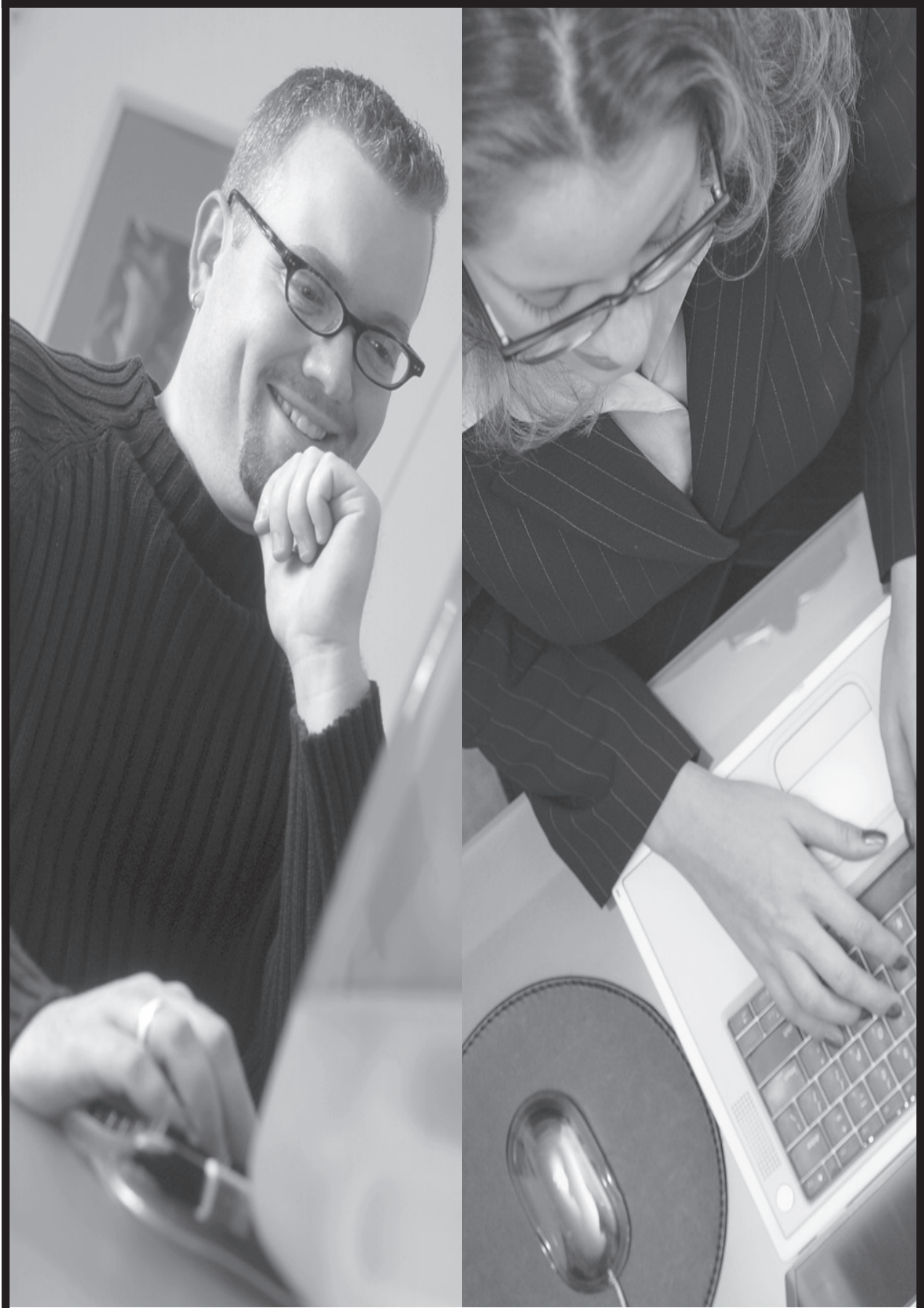
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