

# GPD talks about its work during community event

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Members of the community had the opportunity to learn more about the Gilford Police Department during the Gilford Police Department Appreciation, Awareness, and Participation Night.

On Thursday night, personnel with the Gilford Police Department talked about the work they do in front of live and virtual audiences. The presentation was also recorded by DP Productions and can be found on their website at <https://www.dppgnet-work.com/watch-dppg>

The event was put together by resident Tony Limanni, who also orchestrated an effort to distribute “Thank a Gilford Police Officer” lawn signs.

Limanni said he has extensive experience with police officers. His nephew is a state trooper on the Seacoast. He also helped design a testing system for police from around the state.

Additionally, he remembered being in a car accident on Route 11A, and how the Gilford Police helped him. There was also a time when he was driving home with his family from a church trip to Vermont and got caught in a heavy snowstorm on I-89. A state trooper ended up blocking his vehicle from a hazardous situation.

Limanni said he wanted this to educate people on what the police really do and not get caught up in the vitriol being targeted at officers now.

Limanni paid tribute to Larry Litchfield, the owner of Sawyer’s Dairy Bar who donated \$200 toward materials for the signs and contributed to the appreciation event. Litchfield passed away earlier this year.

“He really wanted to be here,” Limanni said. “He wanted to be a part of this and he contributed wonderfully to the program for tonight and for the signs and I’m just sorry he couldn’t be here. He helped make this possible and I really appreciate his enthusiasm.”

Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee and Deputy Chief Kris Kelley talked about the department’s mission statement and the facts behind their work.

Bean Burpee said the actual work of police officers is different from what people might see in movies or on TV. He said incidents that might be seen in some parts of the country don’t tend to happen in New Hampshire.

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## Lions holding the bag

The second Plastics Collection Drive held jointly by the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club and the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia on was a considerable success. Thirty-six bags totaling 360 pounds of plastic bags and wrap were collected. We want to thank everyone who donated and participated. Further events are being planned. Pictured from left: Bill Chandler, Carol Dow, Mike Soza, Lori Chandler, Inez Andrews and Don House.

# Engineer to take closer look at Tannery Hill bridge

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An engineer will soon examine the Tannery Hill bridge and determine the best options for repairs after a section of the abutment washed out.

The selectmen unanimously approved contracting with an engineering firm to examine the Tannery Hill Bridge and determine the best options to fix it.

Public Works Director Meghan Theriault reported during the Sept. 8 meeting that part of one side of the abutment washed out and exposed some of the metal fines inside. The bridge was closed off and the next goal was to use utilize the services of an engineer to determine the next steps.

During Wednesday’s meeting, Theriault told the selectmen out of the four engineers they contacted, two submitted quotes for services. She recommended the town contract with Stantec Consulting Services for \$40,670, assuming the

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# Town working on tax rate preparation

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The Finance Department is in the process of submitting paperwork to set the town’s 2021 tax rate among other regular tasks.

Finance Director Holly Burbank gave the selectmen an update on her department during Wednesday’s meeting.

The first property tax warrant went out this spring. The second sewer warrant went out as of that day and bills will probably be out by the end of October. Billing has also gone out for the Gunstock Acres Village Water District.

“Assessing is super busy right now as they wrap up their cyclical revaluation they’ve had,” Burbank said.

She said Marsha McGinley and Rebecca Wright from the Assessor’s office told her they have had double the

building permits to enter into the system.

“Home sales kind of just skyrocketed,” Burbank said. “They’re working on getting those entered to prepare for MS-1 and setting of the tax rate.”

Right now, one major project is getting the MS-1 form into the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) to begin the process of setting the tax rate. Burbank said all of the town’s paperwork has been submitted and they’re looking toward getting the MS-1 ready.

She said the office has also been working with Gunstock Acres to make sure their paperwork is getting done on time.

“They’ve been doing a great job answering questions DRA has for them,” Burbank said. “(We’ve) been following that closely so that

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# Volleyball Golden Eagles end Homecoming in style



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Kate Sullivan pushes the ball over the net in Homecoming action against Milford Saturday.



Riley McDonough picked up 35 assists in Saturday’s game against Milford.

## Defending champions knock off Milford

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
SPORTS EDITOR

GILFORD — After handily winning the first set against Milford during Saturday’s Homecoming matchup, the Gilford volleyball team dropped the second set to the Spartans, tying things up.

However, the defending champions didn’t let the visitors hang around much longer, giving the amped up crowd something to cheer about as they won the next two sets to claim the 3-1 win, capping off the Homecoming athletic events in style.

“The atmosphere is great, to have the support from the community is really great,” said Gilford coach Amy Tripp. “It’s fun to see people out and doing what we do.

“And the girls had a blast,” she added. “In the end, you want to have fun playing the sport you love.”

After Gilford won 25-15 in the first set, Milford came to take an early lead in the second set, going up 7-3 before Gilford rallied back and took the 8-7 lead. The teams went back and forth from there, tying at

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## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events  
Sept. 30 – Oct. 7

Thursday, Sept. 30  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Babies and Co. Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Living Well in the Community: Managing your Medications, 3-4:30 p.m.  
Gilford Public Li-

brary welcomes the Granite VNA for their three-week series: Living Well in the Community. This week, our Aging Well segment is Managing Your Medications - discover effective strategies to manage your medications, how to store them properly and how to properly dispose of them. This pro-

gram will be presented by Ann Marie Bisson, RPh.  
French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1  
Senior Sculpt, 9 a.m.  
Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Hand & Foot, 12:30 p.m.  
Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 4  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Tai Chi, 10-11 a.m.  
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.  
Hear-Me-Read, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Want to practice reading out loud? Come read to us and earn a prize!

Tuesday, Oct. 5  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Bridge, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Storytime with Miss Maria, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Storytime fun with books, songs, and movement with Miss Maria.  
Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.  
Mystery Book Group, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of "The Long Goodbye" by Raymond Chandler, a quintessential urban private eye mystery. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Wednesday, Oct. 6  
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon  
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.  
Music Group/ Sing-Along, 2-3 p.m.  
Sing, sing a song, sing out loud, sing out strong! Do you sing in the shower? Maybe hum a tune while working around

your house? Sing along with the radio? Then we want you - to join Jane Ellis, here at the library for a weekly group sing a long. Have some fun while belting through some of your old favorites, and learn some new ones.

After School Teen Club: Cornhole, 2:30-4 p.m.

Science @ the Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Babies & Co. Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Homeschool Game Club, noon-2 p.m.  
Volunteer Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.  
Living Well Series: Fall Prevention, 3-4:30 p.m.

In the final week of our Living Well in the Community Series, our

Aging Well segment covers Fall Prevention. Falls can lead to injuries that can decrease your quality of life and your ability to remain in your home. Explore common factors that can lead to falls and simple steps you can take to minimize the risk

French, 4-5 p.m.

Parking Lot Puzzlers:

Trivia Night, 5:30-7 p.m.

Author Dan Koeppel Book Reading: Every Minute is a Day, 6 p.m.

Come listen to author Dan Koeppel read and discuss his new book, Every Minute is a Day: an urgent, on-the-scene account of chaos and compassion on the front lines of ground zero for COVID-19, from a senior doctor at New York City's busiest emergency room

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

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3. "The Jailhouse Lawyer" by James Patterson
4. "The Madness of Crowds" by Louise Penny
5. "The Noise" by James Patterson
6. "The Burning" by Jonathan Kellerman
7. "A Slow Fire Burning" by Paula Hawkins
8. "Foul Play" by Stuart Woods
9. "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave
10. "Forgotten in Death" by J.D. Robb
11. "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah
12. "Peril" by Bob Woodward

## Gilford bass fishing team competes in qualifying tournament

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

CENTER HARBOR — Bass fishing teams from around the state descended on Lake Winnepesaukee on Thursday, Sept. 23, for the annual state tournament qualifying round, which saw a total of more than 25 teams take to the waters to try and qualify for the state championship tournament.

In the end, a pair of local teams were able to land in the top 11, which allows them to move on to the championship round.

Each school was allowed to keep eight fish for weighing and 10 of the top 11 teams carried eight fish to the weigh station, with only Fall Mountain coming in with seven. The placement of each team was

based solely on the weight of their fish.

The Prospect Mountain Timber Wolves, who won the first NHIAA bass fishing tournament, finished in seventh place with a total of 16.38 pounds and a large fish of 2.97 pounds.

The Kingswood Knights finished with a weight of 15.46 pounds, which put them in ninth place overall. Their largest fish was 2.32 pounds.

The Moultonborough Panthers finished in 16th place overall with five fish for a total of 7.03 pounds and a large fish of 1.44 pounds and Gilford finished in 22nd place overall with three fish for a total of 4.3 pounds and a large fish of 1.92 pounds.

Sunapee came home as the winning team with a total of 22.15 pounds

and also had the largest fish of the day at 3.78 pounds. Keene, Mascoma, Monadnock, Souhegan, Bishop Guertin, Kearsarge, Fall Mountain and Hillsboro-Deering will be joining the Timber Wolves and Knights in the state tournament.

The state tournament will take place this weekend, Saturday, Oct. 2, at Lake Wentworth in Wolfeboro. Teams will take off from the Mast Landing both launch on Crescent Lake and weigh-in will take place on the Wentworth State Park Beach on Route 109.

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The Gilford team of Jacob Sanders, Derek Kelly, Ethan Rodrigue, Blake Zarta and coach Rainville pose for a picture after last week's qualifying tournament.

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# Gilford Community Church completes clean air project, continues with clean energy project

Gilford Community Church (GCC) recently installed UV light filters across its entire campus, including Gilford Youth Center, to complete a clean air project.

“The project reduces the spread of air borne diseases, while also making our church a state of the art interior space for gatherings,” said GCC member Warren Hutchins.

The project builds off a major renovation that took place at GCC ten years ago in which new HVAC equipment and electrical services were installed.

“It was during this time when we built the Gilford Youth Center,” said Hutchins, who noted the clean air project reflects GCC’s broader commit-

ment to the community.

“We have a responsibility to create a safe and clean environment for anyone who comes through our doors,” he added.

In addition to the installation of UV light filters, GCC has embarked on a clean energy project, which has entered Phase 2.

“We are installing solar panels to further reduce our carbon footprint,” explained Pastor Michael Graham, who credited Peter Stewart of Stewart Associates Architects as instrumental in the ongoing project.

“His expertise and familiarity with our campus -- he drew up the plans for our remodeled church -- really helped move this

project along,” he added.

Completed in April 2020, Phase 1 consisted in the replacement of all current lighting fixtures with LED lighting fixtures as well as more efficient lighting control systems on the church campus.

“Eversource also helped us conduct an electricity usage audit,” said Hutchins. “Eversource also provided financial support towards both the cost and the installation of the LED’s, which laid the groundwork for the solar panel installations, a project that should be complete by the end of September.”

Funding for both projects has been made possible through grant funding, individual donations and financed loans.



“It has taken the proverbial village to deliver these projects, so this is a community-wide effort that will pay dividends for decades to come,” added Graham.

“I believe both projects make a meaningful difference in our community and the world.”

Located in Gilford, NH, Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an in-

clusive, open community that accepts believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. To learn more about GCC, or support its clean air project, visit [gilfordcommunitychurch.org](http://gilfordcommunitychurch.org).

## First United Methodist Church to host take-out Harvest Supper



Jeff Keyser and Dick Walden prepare beans to be buried and cooked underground for 24 hours

## Gandini, Stow lead Gilford at Manchester Invitational

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**MANCHESTER** — The Gilford cross country team took part in the huge Manchester Invitational on Saturday at Derryfield Park.

In the small school varsity race, Patrick Gandini came home first overall with a time of 16:16.

Mitchell Townsend was 44<sup>th</sup> overall in a time of 18:37 and Alden Townsend finished in 19:30 for 75<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Dane Dehart was the fourth scorer with a time of 22:24 for 165<sup>th</sup> place and Dylan Wright rounded out the scoring with a time of 24:55 for 185<sup>th</sup> place.

Joseph Schelb finished in 190<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 28:44.

In the JV B race, Brode Testa finished in 28:49 and Benjamin Smith finished in 29:11.

Catherine Stow led the Gilford girls with a 13<sup>th</sup> place finish overall in a time of 20:42.

Georgia Ekhardt finished in 83<sup>rd</sup> place overall in a time of 23:49 and Vanessa Genakos was 113<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 25:24.

Kaitlyn O'Brien finished in 28:18 for 155<sup>th</sup> place and Madeline Burlock rounded out the scoring with a time of 28:35 for 159<sup>th</sup> place.

Gilford is slated to run at Belmont on Friday, Oct. 1, and at Thetford, Vt. on Saturday, Oct. 2.

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The First United Methodist Church of Gilford will have their annual Harvest Supper this year on Oct. 16. It will be take out only. We are pleased to announce that the popular bean-

hole beans will be back! Pick up will be 5 to 6 p.m., and cost will be \$14 per dinner. The meal will consist of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bean-hole beans, roll, and home-made apple pie. We plan to serve 150-160 dinners, so get your reservation in early.

The meal will be provided in a safe, drive-up manner. Come to the church at 18 Wesley Way (Off Route 11-A, near the 3/11 bypass), Gilford. You will be directed to drive into a lane in the front parking lot where they will be met by our ‘ticket’ sellers to pay and receive a card stating the number of dinners you have purchased and this number will be placed

on the dashboard. You will then drive around to the back of the church where runners will note the number on your dashboard and place the correct number of dinners in the trunk, in the back seat or hand them in the window. Each complete dinner will be in a separate plastic bag.

Reservations can be made by calling

Joyce in the church office at 524-3289. She is available in the mornings from 8:30 a.m. – Noon. If you call at another time, please leave your name, the number of dinners you want, and a phone number. If there are more than 150 reservations, callers will be put on a list and called the 16th if a dinner becomes available.

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# Take a break from bad news

Oftentimes, ideas for Editorials arise when something close to us personally surfaces that hits home, or when we hear a significant amount of chatter about a specific topic. This week, the chatter has been about national news overload.

We love the news — after all, it’s what we do. Sharing information with our readers on the local level is both an honor and a necessity.

This week, however, we have heard many people say they just can’t listen to the national news anymore. They feel bombarded by a relentless parade of doom and gloom, from the continuing (and to us, frankly confounding) debates over mask mandates in schools to the minute-by-minute coverage of the tragic Gabby Petito case, oftentimes leaving them feeling depressed and overwhelmed. News junkies watch the news every morning and night, check their Twitter feeds, listen to talk radio on their commutes and are constantly in the know. It’s important and responsible to be aware of what’s happening around you, however finding a balance is key, even for those of us in the businesses.

It seems as though the national news cycle has been nothing but chaos. Bad news seems to ping our phones almost on the minute. This can be exhausting.

As a way to catch your breath, pick one day of the week as a ‘no news’ day, sort of like a news siesta. Get outside, unplug, read a book, listen to some vinyl or watch Cobra Kai (we do recommend for a splash of nostalgia). Attempt to shut off the little magic box we all stare at way too much on the daily. Could landlines actually still serve a purpose?

If you feel like you can’t make a difference, realize that you can. Do something every day to make the world a better place, even if that means your own little world. Such actions can often result in the domino effect.

Take some time to count the blessings in your life. Positivity still surrounds us in bulk if you look for it. Family, friends, dogs, crisp fall leaves, apple crisp, bacon, a friendly wave from a neighbor, morning coffee, a cold drink, a beautiful hike or walk, a good novel and a nice music blasting session are just a few things we can lean on to always lift us back up.

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## FROM OUR READERS

### Community support appreciated

To the Editor:

I want to publicly thank Craig and Maggie Roeder and the Winnepesaukee Bay Gulls staff for once again supporting our community. Every Wednesday at 6 p.m., and continuing through Oct. 27, they have been donating fresh bagels for the Community Challenge Tagg Team to sell at Patrick’s Pub in Gilmord. For only \$3, weekly shufflers have enjoyed a bag of three yummy bagels, with 100 percent donated to the GLR Children’s Auction.

And it can never be said enough... Allan and Jennifer Beetle, the owners, managers and rock star team at Patrick’s continue to open their business and hearts to our community. The generosity and kindness of the Patrick’s “family” cannot be overstated!

Judi Taggart  
Tagg Team Captain  
Gilmord

### Thank you for supporting St. Vincent de Paul Children’s Foundation

To the Editor:

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Children’s Foundation, I would like to thank everyone — local businesses, organizations, and individuals — who donated to this year’s 31st Project Pencil Program.

Your donations helped make this year’s program a great success! This year, we provided over 500 children in the Lakes Region with backpacks and back to school supplies. The support and generosity we received from businesses and individual donors was amazing.

A special “Thank you” goes out to Bert and Mary. These two wonderful volunteers have delivered backpacks and supplies for a number of years. This program wouldn’t have happened without them.

By combining our talents and working together during this pandemic, we can truly make a difference in the lives of the children in our community.

Sincerely,

Sue Page  
St. Vincent de Paul Children’s Foundation  
Laconia



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

### Sunday on the pond

A couple ducks take a few dips in Gunstock’s pond on a warm Sunday afternoon.

## North Country Notebook

### Using dogs to hunt bears: Who defines “fair chase?”



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

There’s a certain place on the road up the hill where the wild creatures like to cross. It’s a place where a bear came tumbling down on an otherwise humdrum day.

On a commute that is like “Lion Country Safari” to begin with, I’m extra watchful on a short stretch of road that goes by a field and through spruce and fir, and then is broken up by a big glacial esker, with a spring-fed pond to boot.

Over the years, I’ve seen everything here—bears, a bobcat, moose, too many deer to remember, partridges (grouse) too. And red tail hawks crossing at Warp Factor Five as they zoom through the woods, hunting at speeds beyond belief.

The tumbling bear is fixed in my mind because it was a special bear, as was the bear I saw feeding on the first green grass of spring in a field behind Kathy and Curtis Keazer’s house on Route 145 one spring.

Then there was the bear I encountered in the middle of Titus Hill Road during a seven-mile run on a rainy, windless day. Now, that was one for the books—a bear that was running up through the hardwoods off Titus Hill Road and hove up over the embankment just as I came along, knocking off 8.5-minute miles and zoned out, thinking.

And there we were, the bear immediately standing up and sway-

ing, trying to catch my scent, and me breathing hard, because I was running, not jogging, so I stood with arms around my chest, trying to contain my breathing and prolong the moment, a moment that probably went all of five seconds but seemed like one of those slow-motion clips, forever.

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The bear that I saw sitting down just over a kept-up fence along Rabbit Path Road in Landaff was a standout for me, because you don’t often see a bear sitting down. It was one of those corner of the eye things, and I was well beyond the bear when I slowed down, and then backed up to be sure what I’d seen.

It was a big boar of a bear, its coat rippling in black waves, as it sat there scooping up dirt with a front paw, at least what looked like dirt.

“Don’t shut the engine off,” Rudy always advised as part of his basic driver’s education, and so I never touched the switch, the sound remained part of the background noise the bear had already dismissed as a threat, and so it sat there so bear-like and focused on the business at hand, which was getting food. It was such big business, so bear-like for a bear.

But it begged the question, which was whether the ants were worth it—the energy expended versus the energy derived. Was a paw-full of dirt and ants worth the brain-cells and muscle-power to get it?

Sort of like the energy spent climbing onto a dumpster and tearing the lid apart, versus the small amount of food within. It’s a tradeoff a bear no doubt struggles to make, like the time and energy spent break-



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Sam Geesaman, the night bellman at the Omni Mount Washington Resort, went out onto the porch to get a sunrise photo in June of 2019 and encountered this bear already looking at it. (Courtesy Omni Mount Washington)

ing into a camp versus the possible food inside.

So there is how we wind up treating our top predator, willingly or not, in keeping with the mantra of a fed bear being a dead bear, no matter the circumstances, and so it most often goes. Pathetic, but true.

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The other day I had a chance to visit with an old friend who knows way more about bears than I ever will, a guy who’s cheerfully spent a lifetime at it, while my experience has largely been with bears hell-bent on quitting the scene.

Bears are very much in the news just now, with controversies rising anew in towns like Sandwich about using hounds to chase and tree bears, and what constitutes “fair chase,” and one of the hearts of the issue, landowners’ rights.

Sandwich is simply where two fundamental freedoms—no, three, maybe four or five—have come together to force the issue.

I asked my old friend about hounding, and landowner rights, and

what is fair chase, especially from a bear’s perspective. What’s it like for the bear, the anxiety and terror of it, the dogs and humans ever closer, the commotion and the fear?

Well, he said, to a bear it might be all in a day’s work, the main object at hand being the constant search for food anywhere the bear can find it, whether apples or standing corn or garbage on your Uncle Fudd’s deck.

“A bear is worrying and weighing odds all the time,” he said, whether it’s free-running dogs, or crossing roads, or encountering hikers or hunters deep in the woods. And as ever—more people acquire their little pieces of God’s Country and build their dream houses, humans steadily encroach on bear habitat—another source of conflict and fear.

He knows his bears, and I couldn’t fault his thinking.

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# “Carnival of Souls” kicks off LRPA’s Shocktoberfest

LACONIA— Do you like scary movies? If you do, then LRPA TV has got you covered! Celebrate the scariest month of year with our Fifth Annual Shocktoberfest, a month devoted to vintage horror films. This weekend (Oct. 1 & 2 at 10 p.m.), take a trip to Terror Town with 1962’s eerily atmospheric cult favorite “Carnival of Souls,” directed by Herk Harvey and starring Candace Hilligoss.

Mary Henry (Hilligoss) and two friends are out in a car, enjoying the day. At a stop light, some guys in another car challenge them to a street race, and they accept. As the girls’ car speeds across a bridge, the driver loses control and the car plunges into a river. A search party drags the river for the car, and just when things look dire, Mary emerges from the water, cold and dazed. She can’t seem to

remember any details about the wreck and has no real answers for the searchers. To move on with her life, Mary accepts a job in a different state as a church organist. On the drive to her new position, she passes a mysterious deserted carnival pavilion to which she finds herself inexplicably drawn. As she is looking at the pavilion, Mary is startled by an ominous man looming in her path, nearly causing her to drive off the road. She blames this vision on a lingering aftereffect of the accident, composes herself, and drives to her destination and takes a room at a boarding house, meets her new employer, and generally tries to get on with her life. However, she can’t stop seeing the apparition of the menacing man – nor can she get the vision of the abandoned carnival pavilion

out of her head. What do these frightening visions mean? Will she ever be able to move on with her life?

Although it was an initial failure at the box office, “Carnival of Souls,” made on a shoestring budget of less than \$20,000 and with a total crew of six(!), has since become a highly regarded and well-loved psychological horror cult classic. It is the only feature film ever produced by director Herk Harvey, but certainly not his only time behind the camera. During his successful, 30+-year career, he made more than 400 industrial, safety and educational films and documentaries for Centron Productions. Harvey used a three-week vacation to make “Carnival of Souls.” Upon the film’s re-release in 1989, critic Roger Ebert awarded the film three out of four stars and wrote that the

movie was “... an odd, obscure horror film that was made on a low budget in 1962 and still has an intriguing power. Unlike most of today’s horror movies, “Carnival of Souls” has few special effects. Instead, it depends on crisp black-and-white photography, atmosphere and surprisingly effective acting.” Lead actress Candace Hilligoss studied with famed teacher Lee Strasberg at the Actor’s Studio in New York City and brings remarkable depth to the character of Mary. This movie’s not to be missed! Grab your candy corn and join LRPA after dark for this fan favorite classic from the past.

Mark your calendars for Shocktoberfest’s delicious Halloween treats:

Oct. 1 & 2: “Carnival of Souls” (1962)

Oct. 8 & 9: “Indestructible Man” (1956)

Oct. 15 & 16: “Planet of the Vampires” (1965)

Oct. 22 & 23: “Shock” (1946)

Oct. 29 & 30: “Horror Express” (1972)

You can’t find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, Atlantic Broadband 25. Not a subscriber? Log onto [www.live.lrpa.org](http://www.live.lrpa.org) and catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA streams via the web at [live.lrpa.org](http://live.lrpa.org), and cablecasts locally on Atlantic Broadband Channel 24 (educational programming), Channel 25 (information and entertain-

ment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to nearly 11,000 viewers in our member communities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood. Programming is produced by and for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA’s mission is to empower our community members to produce content that fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas, encourages artistic and creative expression, promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

LRPA’s slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at [www.lrpa.org](http://www.lrpa.org).

# Powerhouse announces more auditions for “A Christmas Carol!”

LACONIA — Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is excited to announce additional auditions for December’s co-production of Joel Mercier’s “A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story.” Produced in conjunction with NCCA at Jean’s Playhouse, the 2021 production is hoped to be the beginning of an annual tradition of bringing the

beloved Dickens’ classic to the Lakes Region. Auditions will be held on the third floor of the Belknap Mill on Sunday, Oct. 3. Kids and teens ages 6 and up are asked to come at 2 p.m. Adults will sign up for slots beginning at 4 p.m. For those interested who cannot attend on the 3rd, video submissions will be accepted. There is a \$25 participation fee, but

nobody will be turned away from the cast if this presents a hardship. All information about the production and audition details can be found at <https://www.belknapmill.org/powerhouse-auditions>.

Directed by Mercier and featuring his original music and lyrics, the majority of the cast has been in place since last Spring, but there are sev-

eral additional roles to fill for adults, and room to cast 10-15 children and teens to play the Cratchit kids and ensemble. Adult roles available include Scrooge, the Ghost of Christmas Past, Bob Cratchit, Nephew Fred, Mr. Fezziwig, Topper & Mrs. Topper, as well as the third member of the “ghostly” dance trio.

Says Mercier, “This production is the true

definition of an ensemble cast. Everyone has a lot to do and everyone plays a specific character in the ensemble, while also doubling as traditional characters in the story, such as Fezziwig, the School Master, Mrs. Dilber, Old Joe, etc.”

Rehearsals will begin Oct. 24, and be Sunday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Belknap Mill. Vaccinations are required for all participants over 12, and masks may be worn at some or all rehearsals depending on

the levels of community transmission. Participants need to be prepared to be patient and flexible. Performance dates are scheduled for Dec. 17 - 19 at the beautiful Colonial Theatre. Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative’s 2021 season is generously sponsored by Spectacle Live. “A Christmas Carol” is sponsored by Lakes Region Fence, Melcher & Prescott Insurance and Misiasek Turpin PLLC Architecture and Planning.



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## Community “Duck”orating exhibit returns to Belknap Mill

The Belknap Mill’s Community “Duck”orating Exhibit returns this October! Decorated Ducks will be displayed at the Fifth Annual Riverside Duck Derby on Saturday, Oct. 16, along the Winnepesaukee River in Rotary Park. A wooden duck is just \$25, and all proceeds will benefit the Belknap Mill’s 2022 Community Programming. Ducks can be purchased online or at the front desk. Finished ducks should be returned to the Mill no later than Friday, Oct. 15. To register, visit [www.belknapmill.org](http://www.belknapmill.org).



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# 2021 Challenge inaugural event for Children's Auction a big success

GILFORD — The 42 Teams who make up the 2021 Challenge kicked off their very first Sweepstakes Social this past Friday to raise funds for the Children's Auction. Presented by Daniels Electric Corporation and held on board the M/S Mount Washington dockside at the Weirs, the event featured entertainment, dancing, delicious appetizers, and \$15,000 in cash prizes to 10 lucky winners.

More than \$20,000 was raised at the event, which passes thru to the 2021 Challenge Teams in support of their fundraising efforts thru the year. Teams will tally their funds and present to the Children's Auction on Dec. 9 at a Closing Ceremonies celebration. Last year, the Challenge Teams raised \$249,640 bringing the total of the 2020 Children's Auction to \$435,809 which was distributed to 63 organizations that

provide food, clothing and shelter; child and family resources; education, afterschool and recreation programs; and healthcare, substance abuse prevention and victim outreach.

In the spirit of Patrick's Pub Mania, which transformed into The Challenge in 2020, the Sweepstakes Social was about having fun while making a difference for children and families in need in the greater Lakes Region.

"People really enjoyed themselves. The cruise ship was the perfect venue, providing a spectacular setting, delicious food and beverage, along with some great entertainment," said Tom Milligan, President of Daniels Electric Corporation, who picked the 10 cash prize winners. "We are delighted to be associated with this event and proud to support the 2021 Challenge Teams on behalf of the

Children's Auction."

Each of the 300 tickets purchased selected one of the 2021 Challenge teams of their choice to receive a matching amount of money in the event their number was chosen. Grand Prize Winner Kate Flaherty of Gilford won \$5,000, and her team, Patrick's King's Corner, received a matching amount.

"I'm so happy to be a winner, and even happier that \$5,000 will go to bolster our team's fundraising efforts," said Flaherty.

Challenge teams have a fun and spirited competition for the three awards: Top Dollar Team, Outstanding Participation and the Feeding Families Award. 2020 team winners were presented with their awards prior to the grand prize drawing: Juggernaut Fitness - Feeding Families Award; Ladies of the Lake - Outstanding



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Grand Prize winner Kate Flaherty of Gilford, with event organizers Jennifer and Allan Beetle and Tom and Lauren Milligan of Daniels Electric Corporation.

Participation; Belknap Landscape Corporation / Merry Misfits - Top Dollar Team. Mount Washington Cruises and Shaw's were

major sponsors of the event, along with Lakes Region HVAC, Gilford Home Center, Meredith Village Savings Bank, US Foods and Patrick's

Pub & Eatery. For more information, visit [www.childrensauction.com/challenge](http://www.childrensauction.com/challenge).

## Comfort Keepers

### Home care tips for improving memory for seniors

BY MARTHA SWATS  
Owner/Administrator  
Comfort Keepers

One in nine adults in the U.S. over the age of 45 reports memory issues.

For seniors with memory issues, receiving care while remaining in their home can further enhance their quality of life. This is true for those with minor memory problems that result from age or for those with Alzheimer's, dementia or other forms of memory loss. A familiar environment can reduce confusion and improve mental engagement, and being surrounded by beloved objects and memory cues can foster a sense of connection and peace.

For older adults, there are some conditions that progress over time and have a significant effect on memory. However, lifestyle changes may help control memory problems and help seniors continue to remain independent at home with a little extra help from family or a professional caregiver.

Mental exercise: Research has shown memorization helps keep the brain healthy. Learning how to play an instrument or fix a car, and even teaching others, strengthens the brain's circuits.

Take a class: Formal education works the brain through the learning process. For those

that want to keep their mind sharp, many colleges and universities offer courses at low cost or for free to seniors.

Socialize: Seniors who interact regularly with friends, family, and community are less likely to experience cognitive decline and can experience a better sense of overall wellbeing. Those who are unable to drive can enlist the help of family and friends to get to social engagements or seek the assistance of a caregiver.

Get up and move: Exercise is a great way to help keep the mind sharp. Seniors that are interested in increasing their physical activity should consult with a

physician before beginning an exercise program.

Eat well: Good nutrition benefits the mind and the body. Healthcare professionals can suggest dietary guidelines and/or supplements that can help with memory issues.

Believe in yourself: Scientists are not sure why self-efficacy seems to ward off mental decline, but it may have to do with a person's ability to manage stress.

Organize the home. Creating to-do lists, calendars, a dedicated spot for keys and items that are often lost, and ensuring that things are put back after use can help those with memory

issues feel comfortable and confident.

Get enough sleep. Lacking sleep can contribute to memory loss, so seniors should take steps to improve their sleep.

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# Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia presents Five O'Clock Shadow Oct. 23

LACONIA — We Care of Temple B'nai Israel presents a return engagement of Five O'Clock Shadow (focs.com) on Oct. 23 at the newly refurbished Colonial Theatre in Laconia. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for reserved seats are \$31 per person and \$16 for students with ID. For everyone's safety, reserved seating will be physically distanced, and masks are required at all times when in the theatre. More information about tickets and

safety precautions are at <http://www.tbinh.org>.

Five O'Clock Shadow is one of Boston's premiere vocal groups that began as a simple a cappella group and morphed into a vocal powerhouse when they learned how to mimic drum sounds and instruments such as trumpets, harmonicas, and guitars. With their rock-solid leads and harmonies, they create unique vocal textures that excite, entertain, and inspire audiences of all ages. Prior to per-

forming at The Colonial Theatre, FOCS will be teaching a master class at Plymouth State University for student a cappella groups, Vocal Order and Mixed Emotions who will lead off the show and begin a one-of-a-kind musical journey that is not to be missed.

This is a chance to enjoy a solid musical experience in a grand historical setting. The Colonial Theatre first opened in 1914 during the glory days of vaudeville. After 87 years of operation, the

theatre closed in August of 2002. The restoration of the Colonial began in March of 2016 and the grand opening took place on Aug. 27. The new Colonial Theatre was designed with the patrons in mind. The seats are comfortable with more than enough leg and elbow room to enjoy a two-hour performance. Literally, there isn't a bad seat in the house.

Net proceeds from the concert will benefit The Bridge House (tbhshelter.org) a nonprofit

agency providing information and referral services, emergency shelter, food, job training, transitional living support, and aftercare services for men, women, and families to help build the skills needed for healthy independence. Bridge House also offers specialized services for

veterans and financial assistance through "NH Funds 4 Our Vets." The Bridge House's goal is to end homelessness, one family at a time.

We Care and Bridge House thank our sponsors, Audi Nashua, Miracle Farms Landscaping, Bank of New Hampshire, and Hannaford.



# Golden Eagle girls cruise in Homecoming rematch

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor  
GILFORD — A week after they met at Belmont's Homecoming, the Gilford girls' soccer team welcomed the Raiders to town for their Homecoming on Saturday afternoon. It was the first game for the Golden Eagles since the previous Saturday. Gilford came out and

scored four goals in the first half and dominated play and possession throughout, going on to score twice in the second half and picking up the 6-0 win. Reece Sadler led the offense with two goals and an assist, while Vanessa Flanders had a goal and an assist, Geena Cookinham, Molly McLean and Millie Caldon each had a goal and

Anna Coapland added two assists. "At this point in the season, it is really hard to break the rhythm of a couple of days between games, so I wasn't sure how the girls would come out for the game today with only two games in 16 days," said coach Rob Meyers. "They came out flying and really moved the ball well and put Belmont back

on their heels from the start. "This was our best performance of the year from start to finish," the Golden Eagle mentor added. "Even in the second half when we made a lot of substitutions and moved players around quite a bit, the girls got their shape and put a lot of pressure on Belmont all over the field." Meyers noted that by

the end of the coming week, which included games against Mascoma, Hopkinton and St. Thomas, the team will have a good idea about what they need to do to compete in the tournament. Gilford will be at St.

Thomas on Friday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Inter-Lakes on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. *Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.*

# Eagle stick girls bounce back with Homecoming win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor  
GILFORD — The Gilford field hockey team bounced back from a tough loss to get a win on Homecoming Saturday. Gilford opened the week with a home game against Hopkinton and found themselves down 1-0 at the halftime break and the Hawks added two more goal in the second half for the 3-0 win. "Both teams had scoring opportunities and the Hawks took advantage of theirs," said coach Dave Rogacki, noting that Lexi Shute and Jordyn Byars had good passing games for the Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagles bounced back and got a 6-1 win over Newport on Saturday. Freshman Olivia Keenan scored twice and added

an assist to lead the way for the offense. Lexi Shute also had two goals and an assist and Aly Pichette scored in the first half. Alexandra Fay netted the other goal for the Gilford girls, while Byars had solid assists, contributing to the passing and defensive game. Addison Normandin and Taryn Wernig were solid at halfback for the Golden Eagles. Gilford will be in action on Friday, Oct. 1, at Littleton at 4 p.m., will be hosting Laconia on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. and will be at White Mountains on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m. *Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.*

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### Thursday, Sept. 30

BELMONT  
Golf at Plymouth; 4  
GILFORD  
Golf at Bow; 4

### Friday, Oct. 1

BELMONT  
Cross Country Home Meet; 4  
GILFORD  
Boys' Soccer at St. Thomas; 4  
Cross Country at Belmont; 4  
Field Hockey at Littleton; 4  
Girls' Soccer at St. Thomas; 4  
Unified Soccer at Newfound; 3:30  
Volleyball at St. Thomas; 5:45  
GILFORD-BELMONT  
Football at Timberlane; 6:30  
WINNISQUAM  
Field Hockey vs. White Mountains; 6  
Volleyball vs. Franklin; 6:15

### Saturday, Oct. 2

BELMONT  
Volleyball at Newfound; 10  
GILFORD  
Cross Country at Thetford, Vt.; TBD  
WINNISQUAM  
Boys' Soccer vs. Berlin; 2  
Football vs. Campbell; 7

### Monday, Oct. 4

BELMONT  
Volleyball vs. Trinity; 6:15  
GILFORD  
Unified Soccer vs. Oyster River; 4  
Volleyball at Somersworth; 5:45  
WINNISQUAM  
Unified Soccer at Newfound; 4  
Volleyball vs. Coe-Brown; 6:15

### Tuesday, Oct. 5

BELMONT  
Boys' Soccer vs. Derryfield; 4  
Girls' Soccer at St. Thomas; 4  
GILFORD  
Field Hockey vs. Laconia; 4  
Girls' Soccer vs. Inter-Lakes; 4  
WINNISQUAM  
Boys' Soccer at Trinity; 4  
Field Hockey vs. St. Thomas; 4

### Wednesday, Oct. 6

BELMONT  
Volleyball at Inter-Lakes; 5:15  
GILFORD  
Boys' Soccer vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4  
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TAX RATE (Continued from Page A1)

gets done so our tax rate doesn't get pushed out as far as it was last year. That was kind of tough." Burbank said they hope to have the MS-1 submitted by the middle of October. This will start the DRA's review process, which will lead to the town's tax rate being set. How soon they get the tax rate will depend on how long it takes for the state to review the information and ask questions. Additionally, she said Wright has been working on a big project to update and standardize information in the assessing system. Before the addresses in the sys-

tem were written different ways, for example "road" would be entered as "Rd" or "Rd." Sometimes condos would be listed by name or association and not by street address, Burbank said this was causing problems, for example a property owner would call and ask what they owed for taxes only to be told they didn't owe anything because their address couldn't be found in the system. "That's looking great, that was a huge project and she did a great job," Burbank said. "I just wanted to point that out that she did that."

VOLLEYBALL

eight, nine and 11, with nice plays from Kate Sullivan and Abby Seal coming up with hits. Sullivan had a trio of big hits to propel the Golden Eagles into the lead at 15-14, but Milford bounced back and took the 21-15 lead. Riley McDonough had a nice hit for the hosts to stop the Milford run, but Milford went out and stretched the lead to 23-18. The Golden Eagles made a huge get on the back row to cut the lead to 22-23, but the visitors got the final two points for the 25-22 win, tying things up at one. Milford scored the first point of the third set, but Gilford got the next three, with Seal and Sophia Lehr getting hits

and Sullivan adding an ace. Lehr had a couple more hits to help Gilford stretch the lead to 8-2 before Milford battled back to cut the lead to 8-7. McDonough and Lehr had good plays at the net and Sullivan had a nice tip as the Golden Eagles continued to push the lead, with Maggie Shute adding a hit for the 16-8 lead. Shute added another hit and Sullivan found a nice spot while Ashley Sanderson came through with a service ace as the Golden Eagles went up 21-9. Milford tried to battle back, but Sullivan and Seal didn't let them get close, finishing with the 25-14 win and the 2-1 lead. The fourth set saw the Spartans get out to a 3-0 lead, but it didn't last long, as McDonough had

a nice tip and added a service ace to turn the 3-0 deficit into a 7-3 lead for the Golden Eagles. Lehr added a couple of hits and Sullivan added two service aces as Gilford opened up the 16-6 lead. Abby Kenyon added a hit and the Golden Eagles continued to pile up the points. Shute added a late hit and the hosts had the 25-10 win and the 3-1 overall victory. "The other team got the momentum into the third game, but we flipped the switch and stopped that momentum," Tripp said. "Their composure and control, they were definitely able to use that mental toughness going into that third game and fourth game. Tripp noted that McDonough is really doing

a good job of finding the hitters (she had 35 assists), while Sanderson at libero and Sullivan up front also had strong games. "I'm very proud of my team," Tripp continued. "And as a coach, it's always nice to be able to get most of your bench in the game." Gilford is slated to be at St. Thomas on Friday, Oct. 1, at 5:45 p.m. and will be at Somersworth on Monday, Oct. 4, at 5:45 p.m. before returning home to host Kingswood on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 5:45 p.m. *Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.*



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GPD

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Gilford Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee and Deputy Chief Kris Kelley make a presentation during the Gilford Police Department Appreciation, Awareness, and Participation Night.

Bean Burpee said there are around 7,000 different law enforcement agencies across the country with over 774,000 officers. On average, there are 12.5 million arrests in the US every year, though he said statistics show that .005 of those arrests result in a fatal encounter.

Bean Burpee and Kelley said when more negative incidents about police are more frequently featured on the news, that is the predominant message that gets out while positive stories usually get lost in the news cycle.

“I’m not suggesting that there isn’t room to improve in law enforcement as there is in any profession, but sometimes that message gets a little skewed sometimes when it’s out there,” Kelley said.

The Gilford Police try to engage with the public with numerous community policing opportunities.

“No single factor has been more crucial to reducing crime levels than the partnership between law enforcement and the communities that they serve, so community po-

licing has been around a long time,” Bean Burpee said.

Police will engage in “walk and talks” where they will walk around the community, come into businesses, and introduce themselves to people. These engagements could result in people feeling more comfortable about talking with the police about a crime or giving information.

The department holds a number of community events throughout the year including National Night Out, a meeting at McDonald’s along with the Laconia Police Department, and others. That appreciation event was one of them.

“When we hold these events around town it is an opportunity for people to show up and, as we always say, behind these uniforms and these guns and badge and everything else we’re human, we’re just like everybody else,” Bean Burpee said.

Bean Burpee said in the seven years he’s been in Gilford the community has shown great support of its police department.



Alyssa Raxter talks about the School Resource Officer position.

Bean Burpee and Kelley talked about the department’s mission statement and how they rigorously review officer candidates, engage with the public, work with new technology, and other principles. They will also aim to provide healthy outlets for officers to deal with stress and talk about what’s go-

ing on with them.

Several members of the department spoke about their divisions and what they do, including department prosecutor Sgt. Eric Bredbury, Det. Sgt. Chris Jacques from the Investigative Services Bureau, Patrol Sgt. Adam VanSteensburg, School Resources Officer Alyssa Raxter,



Det. Sgt. Chris Jacques talks about the Investigative Services division.

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teer Charlotte Landow from the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program.

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BRIDGE

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project would require a full standard permit from the Department of Environmental Services.

Theriault said an engineer would determine if any further stabilization is needed and what would need to be done to repair the abutment.

She said she would update the board with any new information on the scope of work needed and project cost.

Selectman Kevin Hayes asked if the sewer line running under the bridge is in good shape. Theriault said it’s looking good so far, but the engineer would take a closer look.

One question is if they should move the bridge off that line during the winter and the town has met with a company who does such a service. If they go that direction, Theriault said she will be back to the board with a proposed price.

Another option discussed is stretching an I-beam across and strapping it to the sewer main.

“It looks okay but if the abutment fails more and a large chunk falls, that’s where you don’t know how much material you will lose because we just don’t know how many voids are underneath there,” Theriault said.

The sewer main rests in a cradle in the bridge’s concrete pad and Theriault said if there is any further shifting that could be a problem.

“It’s most certainly a risky situation and do we want to take this risk and hope everything’ll be okay?” Theriault said. “I personally don’t, but we’ll bring an engineer on to get a professional opinion on this and that’s why I’ve been doing a little research on some more things we can do.”

Theriault said the town has made it clear this is an urgent situation and anyone who works on this could be on board quickly.

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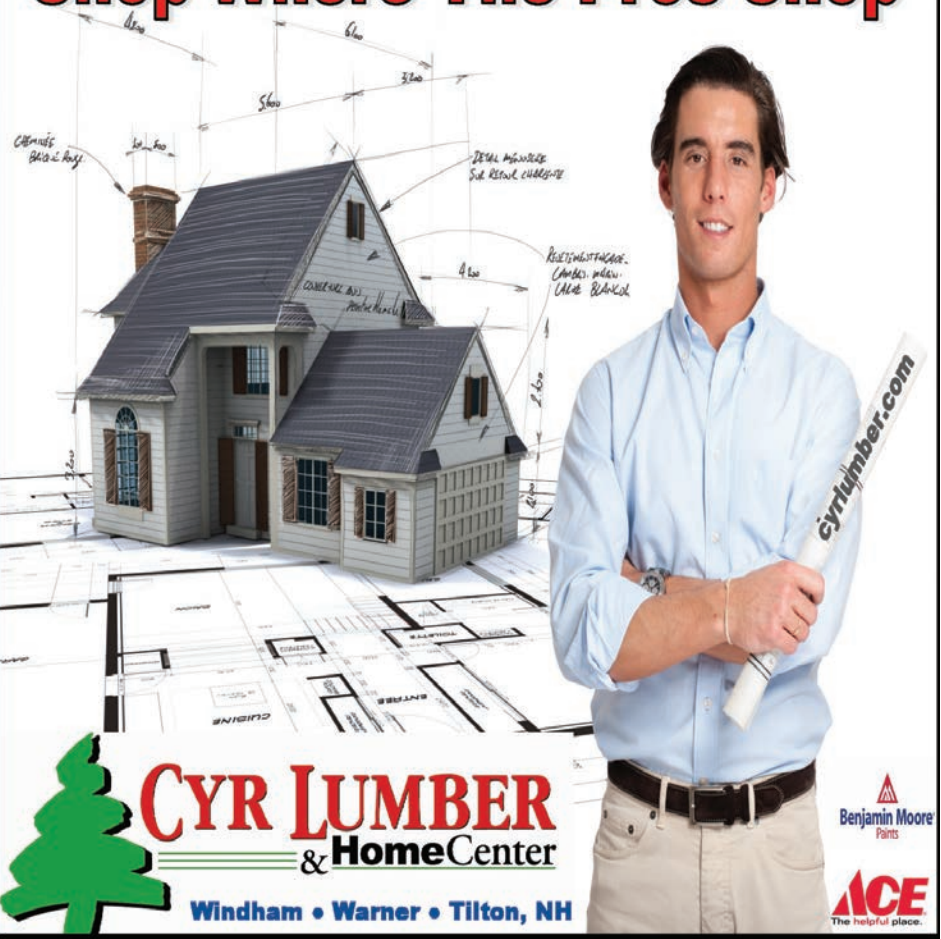
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