

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016



Around 800 pumpkins made up the big pumpkin tower at the New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival.

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Sharon Cavanaugh, a volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region, paints the face of seven-year-old Keara Colson of Laconia with Keara's mom Meaghan Mulcahey watching.



Chelsey Parent, Goody Good Doughnuts' representative to Pumpkin Festival, helps out 4-year-old Sofia Banks and 6-year-old Alyx Dardinski during the doughnut eating game.

Pumpkin Fest draws thousands despite weather

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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LACONIA — More than 20,000 people and thousands of pumpkins gathered in downtown Laconia for the 26th annual New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival, the second in the Lakes Region.

Though the weather was cold and damp, crowds still came out to Pumpkin Fest for a day

Pumpkin Bowling could be found at Bank of New Hampshire.

Adults could go under the beer tents sponsored by Laconia Harley Davidson and listen to live bands. Vendors were located all over with food vendors in the parking lot in front of city hall and the Belknap Mill.

Families could go for a scary time at Mayhem at the Mill at the Belknap Mill.

This is the second year Pumpkin Fest has taken place in Laconia. Last year, the festival came to Laconia from its former location in Keene when safety concerns raised by a large-scale riot at Keene State College during the 2014 festival prompted Keene's city council to deny the Let it Shine organization the permits required to continue the ture altogether, leaving it to the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce to plan and organize the festival.

ERIN PLUMMER

"Despite the rain, we definitely still saw people come out and saw people having a great time," said Karmen Gifford, executive director of the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce.

Gifford said an esmated 20,000 people She said numbers were down from last year

with the rain having an impact. For those who did come, she said there were plenty of places for people to seek shelter from the rain, such as tents set up for the festival and in local businesses.

The festival had around 6,000 pumpkins. Almost 3,000 pumpkins came from local schools and there were a little less than 800 on the

said the wind and the rain blew candles out.

Gifford said there were a lot of people who went home from the festival, had carving parties at their homes and businesses, and brought in 20 to 30 extra pumpkins later in the day.

Gifford said the organizers and downtown businesses were pleased with the festival overall.

The festival brought out many local people of all ages. SEE **PUMPKINFEST** PAGE A13

of games, music, food, a parade, and many other events throughout the day.

The day kicked off with the Runaway Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk at Smith Track. The event featured a parade in the afternoon with participants from across the community. One section featured games and events for kids and kids could hear stories at the Laconia Public Library. Scenic Railroad brought people in and out of the Laconia Depot throughout the day.

festival were around pumpkins dis-6.000 played throughout downtown, especially on the big pumpkin tower. The pumpkins were contributed by people from across the region and the state.

UMC to serve as drop off location for disaster relief supplies

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In response to the recent flooding and after effects of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti and the Southeastern United States, the First United Methodist Church of Gilford, in conjunction with The United Methodist Commission on Relief (UMCOR), is serving as a drop off site for the collection of disaster relief supplies.

The Mission Committee of the Methodist Church will provide five-gallon cleaning buckets with lids and we ask that folks in the Lakes Region purchase one or more of the items listed below to fill these buckets:

• 5 scouring pads (no stainless steel, Brillo or SOS pads—nothing with soap in it)

• 7 sponges (no cellulose sponges due to mold issues)

The Winnipesaukee

The main stars of the

• 1 scrub brush—

• 18 reusable wipes

plastic or wooden han-

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able wipes, no terry

SEE UMC DROP OFF PAGE A13

event.

This year, Let it Shine stepped out of the piccame to the festival. main tower. The pumpkins were lit later in the evening, though Gifford

Halloween fun going on in Gilford this weekend

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Parties, costume contests, crafts, and plenty of candy among much more is in store for local families during many Halloween-themed events going on in Gilford this weekend.

Halloween is on Monday, Oct. 31 and a plethora of events have been scheduled for people of all ages.

Spooky fun can be found at the Gilford Public Library in the days leading up to Halloween. On Wednesday, Oct. 26 teens will make themselves up into the un-



Kids and staff at Gilford Elementary School will parade down Belknap Mountain Road again on Monday, Oct. 31.

New Bolduc Park bench honors family members

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Ken and Barbara Bolduc were two key contributors to the creation of Bolduc Park and now visitors can spend time on a bench dedicated in their names and to what made them happy.

On Wednesday afternoon, members of the Bolduc family and Bolduc Park volunteers dedicated a special stone bench to the couple. Ken Bolduc died five years ago and Barbara Bolduc SEE PARK BENCH PAGE A13



The bench dedicated to Ken and Barb Bolduc features a number of things they loved.

dead with Teen Zombie Makeup from 3-4 p.m.

The Gilford Public Library's Halloween Parade Party will take place on Friday, Oct. 28. Starting at 10:30 a.m. kids in costume will listen to a spooky story, then they will parade through the library. Afterward is a party with treats and games.

The Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual Halloween Happening at Gilford Middle School on Friday, Oct. 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gilford kids up to sixth grade are invited to come in their costumes for a night of fun. Games will take place in the GMS gym. Hallow-SEE HALLOWEEN PAGE A13



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Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

Mark: I don't get it. Nope, I just can't understand the appeal of horror. It's either not that scary, so it's ridiculous, or it is scary, in which case I chose to be uncomfortable, or its grotesque, and I'm disgusted. Am I right, Kayleigh?

Kayleigh: Okay, I feel like you are a Halloween Grinch, so let me explain. For me personally, I like to read and watch scarv things because it's like an adrenaline rush, I guess? It's like going through a haunted house. You can watch or read these horrifying things that happen to other people, and know that you are safe and secure on your couch under a blanket or in the movie theater, hiding behind a popcorn bag. I'm not actually in danger of being murdered by a crazy person with a chainsaw, and my house isn't actually haunted by a clown ghost.

to try it out in the spirit of the holiday—how would you recommend I ruin my sleep?

Kayleigh: Well, it's hard because everyone has something different that scares them. A solid starting point is always Stephen King, who writes a very good horror story. Try "The Shining" or "Salem's Lot," which both have very Halloween appropriate themes (ghosts/ vampires). Shirley Jackson is more classic. She wrote the fabulously creepy short story "The Lottery," which I will not spoil at all. She also wrote "The Haunting of Hill House," which was adapted into two movies, both of which the library has. A good horror story for younger readers is "Coraline" by Neil Gaiman, It's creepy and unsettling, but an amazing read. A slightly scary movie to watch for the Halloween season is definitely "Hocus Pocus." It's actually a little creepy Talk About Kevin" by

Mark: Say I wanted at parts, but mostly fun Lionel Shriver. and hilarious.

> Mark: What about for the connoisseur of horror? You know, the reader or viewer that has desensitized themselves sufficiently to endure the terror.

Kayleigh: Well, an absolutely grotesquely horrifying story is Guillermo del Toro's vampire-esque series that starts with "The Strain." It is very scary and quite gross. We also have the television adaptation of that series, and it is also quite horrifying, but good! Obviously, if vou haven't read Dracula by Bram Stoker, or Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, that should be your first stop. For an extremely unsettling movie, try "It Follows", a coming of age story wrapped up in a terrifying package. Another that I would recommend for those who are looking to be actively disturbed by human nature is "We Need to

Mark: We've been getting a lot of new and horrific materials, books and DVDs alike. Any new releases that fans should look out for?

Kayleigh: Well, again, it depends on what you want. If you are looking for grossout body horror, try the "American Horror Story" series on DVD. My favorite season was "Coven." If you are looking for a good new horror read, definitely try Joyce Carol Oates new collection of stories "The Doll-Master," or give the debut by Iain Reid, "I'm Thinking of Ending Things," a try.

Mark: I'm thinking of ending our horrific ramblings.

Classes & Special Events Oct. 27 to Nov. 2

Thursday, Oct. 27 Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

French, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Foreign Movie Night, 7-9 p.m.

This month's foreign movie is from India.

Friday, Oct. 28

Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Halloween Parade Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wear your costumes and join us for a spooktacular storytime, parade through the library, and a party!

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

Conversational German, 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 31

Mahjong, 12:30-3p.m.

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

Evening Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 Fiber Friends, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Come to Fiber Friends for a chance to work on your fiber

Conversational crafts! Rug hooking, latch hooking, quilting, needle felting, and any other fiber crafts are welcome to join in! Social Bridge, 10:30

a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Lapsit Storytime, 10:30–11 a.m.

Songs, lap bounces, finger plays, books, and playtime for children ages newborn to two and their caregivers.

Storytime, 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Stories, songs, and a craft for children ages three to five. Independent.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

Check Out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

GHS Secret Garden Preview, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The Gilford High School performers will visit the library to preview their upcoming musical, "The Secret Garden" for K-4th graders.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

- 1. "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult
- 2. "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead
- 3. "Killing the Rising Sun" by Bill O'Reilly
- 4. "Hillbilly Elegy" by J. D. Vance
- 5. "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
- 6. "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman
- 7. "Order to Kill" by Vince Flynn
- 8. "Missing" by James Patterson
- 9. "Twelve Days of Christmas" by Debbie Macomber
- 10. "Two by Two" by Nicholas Sparks



The Gilford Police Department responded to 216 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Oct. 18-24. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but

not formally charged, have been withheld.

Timothy J. Byron, age 28, of Canterbury was arrested on Oct. 19 for Obstructing Government Administration and in connection with four outstanding warrants.

Richard Brooks, age 24, of Laconia was arrested on Oct. 21 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs. Matthew W. Andrews, age 28, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 23 for a Domestic Violence Act.

Amie L. Beverley, age 36, of Gilford was arrested on Oct. 24 for a Suspended Registration (Operating-Misd.) and Driving After Revocation or Suspension.



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Thoughts from the Thrift Shop

News from the Gilmanton Community Church Thrift Shop and Food Pantry

is upon us and the Gilmanton Food Pantry & Thrift Shop is beginning preparations for our special programs.

Sign up for holiday food baskets as well as children's winter clothing and Adopt-A-Child Program has begun. If you live in Gilmanton or if you know of someone in Gilmanton who is struggling or in need, please encourage those persons to go to the Gilmanton Food Pantry and sign up to receive holiday food baskets, and/or clothing or toys for children. You may also call Bethany Lavin, Director at 267-1934. Please be sure to leave a call back number.

November Sale: During the month of November, men's clothing and accessories will be on sale at 50 percent off.

Collections of clothing: With the change of seasons and cold weather approaching,

The Holiday season we are now collecting new or gently used children's and young adults winter clothing including hats, mittens, scarves, coats, boots and snow pants.

Gilmanton Food Pantry & Thrift Shop is an outreach program of the Gilmanton Community Church. Visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/ GilmantonCommunitvChurch

The Gilmanton Food Pantry & Thrift Shop is now closed on Monday's. Wednesday and Saturday hours will remain the same.

Hours: Monday, closed, Wednesday, 3 -6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Telephone: 364-0114. Location: Route 140, Gilmanton Iron Works. Mailing Address: Post Office Box 16, Gilmanton, N.H. 03237.

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Pet of the Week: Hank

makes you smile when you hear it and say it out loud. A fun name that immediately imbues you with the sense of strength and wellbeing.

Our dog Hank, a sturdy terrier mix, he's just hoping masculine good looks will carry him forward into a new fur-ever home. Hank's incredibly outgoing and energetic, truly folks, in a balanced, active family, we can't imagine why you'd be anything less than thrilled to call this handsome boy part of your family. Hank is only 9 months old. A

It's a name that just family with children who are in the third grade or higher, will be delighted with this debonair dog. "He might chase cats for fun," says our doggie behaviorist, but he has the propensity to make many friends, both two and four legged alike. Come and see him at New Hampshire Humane Society.

Don't forget to support the Subaru Loves Pets charity campaign. Post an image on social media of your pet being adorable using #SNELovespets as the tag! It'll support New Hampshire Humane Society.



FROM OUR READERS

Lowe's deserves thanks for donating new deck at restroom/lifeguard building

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Town of Gilford and the Parks and Recreation Department, I'd like to thank Lowe's of Gilford for generously donating a new deck for our restroom/lifeguard building at the Gilford Town Beach. This was a project that needed to be addressed and their donation of not only the materials for the project, but labor provided by their staff volunteers was invaluable.

Over a three-week span from Sept. 29 through Oct. 17, a number of Lowe's employees spent parts of five different days performing demo on the old decking, making repairs, replacements and additions on the current joists and installing new composite decking. We'd like to recognize the following employees from Lowe's who gave their time and effort to help with this project; Kevin Wagner (Store Manager), Roberta Choquette, Moira Cuthbert, Michael Giovanitto, Jason Hale, Laurie Hutchinson, Bronwyn Jenna, Susan Laflamme, Angela Lianos, Tom Lustenberger, Don Mason, Dan Noyes, David Thorne and any others we may have missed.

Having received this donation when we did has saved the Town thousands of dollars that we would have needed to expend to complete this project in the near future.

The completed project looks great and it is my hope that the residents of Gilford are as appreciative of this gift as our department is. Thanks again! Sincerely,

> Herb Greene Director or Parks and Recreation Gilford

Andrew Hosmer: Looking out for NH families

To the Editor:

I'll be voting for Andrew Hosmer on Nov. 8, and here's why:

I've known Andrew for many years, I know his beautiful family, and I trust him to be the Senator our community needs. He's a small business owner, a father and a State Senator who's working for what our families, our economy, and our businesses need to help keep New Hampshire moving forward

first hand the devastation that heroin brings to our communities and he's fighting everyday to give our families the support we need.

Solving the heroin crisis is going to take more than a one-size-fits-all piece of legislation, that is why Andrew works with his fellow Senate members across party lines, not only on this issue but many issues that effect our community. With Andrew fighting for us in the Senate I can sleep easily knowing that he's there for us. I hope the residents of New Hampshire's 7th district will join me in voting for Andrew Hosmer on Nov. 8 — there's too much at stake to stay home. Respectfully,

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One issue that I've recently watched Andrew tackle head-on is the heroin epidemic that's been responsible for the loss of to many lives here in New Hampshire. Andrew has been on the forefront of opening new treatment facilities and working tirelessly www.navigatingrecovery.org. He's seen

Shelly Middleton Gilford

Gilford's Summer Farmer's Market thanks all who made it a success

To the Editor:

The Gilford Historical Society wants to thank all who made the summer Farmer's Market a success. First of all, all those who came to the market and bought items-produce, pastries, and crafts.

We want to thank those who volunteered at the hospitality table. Brenda Trudeau (and her husband Andy Trudeau who would come to set up the tent), Sue King, Terri Bobseine, Carmel Lancia (whose idea it was to have a farmer's market and who did the organizing) Karin Landry for putting the signs out before she would go to work, and Pete Allen and Patrick and Kyle Gandini who were a big help in taking down the tent and putting everything away. We want to thank Bill and Sally Bickford of Kitchen Craving's for donating the coffee every week.

Since the vendors' fees went into the fund to restore the Rowe House roof with new wood shakes, we wanted our customers to be able to see the interior of the house and were pleased that 118 people signed in and took the tour. We want to thank the thirteen volunteers who gave tours of the Rowe House. They are: Sue and Pete Allen, Sue Colburn, Beth Egan, Sue King, Kathy Lacroix, Steve Melbourne, Diane Mitton, Anne Montminy, Brenda O'Brian, Bill Reed, Jane Rollins, and

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Our fax number is 279 3331. E-mail us at steamer@salmonpress.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you! Rosemary Shannon.

We want to thank Dan-The Muzik Man- who was there almost every Saturday with his keyboard to serenade us with his music. Many people would buy a coffee and pastry and sit down, enjoy his music and visit.

We want to thank Rosemary Murphy who volunteered her time to paint children's faces (and arms and hands). Children went away with smiles on their faces.

We want to thank the Opechee Garden Club members who have been working diligently all season to maintain the gardens at the Rowe House. Many people have commented on how beautiful they were.

We want to thank our sponsors, Belknap Landscaping Company, Gilford True Value, Kitchen Cravings, MacDonald's Veterinary Services, and Patrick's Pub and Eatery. We also thank the Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation for its continuing support of Gilford's Thompson-Ames Historical Society.

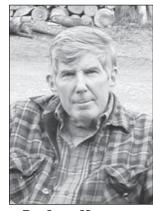
All the volunteers were willing to donate their time and energy to make the Gilford Famer's Market a success and we thank them all. We realize that the 1838 Rowe House is a gem in our town and we are willing to work on phase one of the restoration, replacing the wood shake roof before damage is done to the interior. The next phase will be the repointing of the chimneys and brick work.

We would like to remind everyone that the Fall/Winter Gilford Farmer's Market is now being held at the Gilford Youth Center Saturdays from 9 am. to 12 noon, with the proceeds to benefit the Gilford Youth Center. There are new vendors, along with those from the summer. If anyone is interested in being a vendor at the Fall/Winter Market, contact Scott Hodsdon at gccscott@metrocast.net.

> Kathy Lacroix Gilford Historical Society Gilford Farmer's Market

Opinion

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK In casual conservations, cougars, caribou and wolves



By JOHN HARRIGAN COLUMNIST

Cougars often come in conversations up with people I bump into, because somehow they've heard (print, radio, web site maybe?) that I'm interested. And most often, it's because they have a story to share. And often they've kept it to themselves, for fear of being ridiculed.

Much of the public has no clue that cougars (mountain lions, catamounts) were very much a part of the scene when the first Europeans stepped ashore, hence the tendency to ridicule. Then too, wildlife history is seldom taught in schools.

We are within roaming distance of known

populations cougar (witness the South Dakota cat that was killed in the road 35 miles north of New York City a few years ago). And many people believe that our own Eastern cougar was never eliminated, official Washington obituaries notwithstanding.



and forest are plugged into the public via organizations such as the Timberland Owners' Association and the Farm Bureau Federation, but too many are not. Sometimes, when I'm on a rant about the fact that I'd never even consider a logging job without the services of a professional forester, I get a sneer, or even worse, "How do I find a forester?"

In this age of social media, it's easy. (This gives me a chance to use "Google" as a verb, which always seems funny.) You can just Google "New Hampshire foresters," and up comes a list of five or six sources for con-



New Hampshire once had woodland caribou, which still exist in small areas of the Pacific Northwest and in large areas in British Columbia.

tact information on the state's abundant licensed foresters.

Or you can just call your local UNH Coöperative Extension office (again, easily found) or the Timberland Owners (224-9699) for all the help you'll need---free.

An actual forester's services are not, of course, free. But one of the paybacks for the landowner is the knowledge that every tree cut down will go for its highest and best

forester knows current market conditions, sets up best-price sorting in the yard (a roadside area where trees are dragged out), and often has added selling power by grouping several landowners' truckloads.

use. This is because the

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But what I like most is that the forester will sit down with the landowner, talk about needs and goals, and then walk the land with owner and logger.

In my first major logging jobs in 1992 and '93, my goals were (of course) financial return, but also aesthetics (keeping brush low, sparing certain areas from logging), wildlife enhancement (scattered one-acre clearcuts), better access to the woods, and (here's the clincher) being able to go right back 25



There was very little difference between this western cougar and New Hampshire's cougars, once very much part of the state's wildlife mix.

over again.

And here it is, 25 years later, and we're doing it all over again.

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A few days ago I was having lunch with a lovely lady from Easton who had a mountain lion story to share (and a good one, too), and I alluded to the fact that New Hampshire once had not only cougars and wolves, but also muskox and woodland caribou. For some people, mention of these last two comes as a surprise.

But both species were here along the face of the glacier as it advanced and then receded around 15,000 years ago, living on the low plant growth that tended to prevail.

And woodland car-

years later and do it all ibou existed right up past the turn of the last century, finally done in by the advance of railroads, poorly regulated hunting, and the push into the deep woods by logging roads and camps.

I have an old Fish and Game hunting season poster from 1900 or so, salvaged from the Lancaster dump. It lists, among protected species, at last but too late, woodland caribou.

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

FROM OUR READERS Shea-Porter understands the needs of veterans

To the Editor:

As a veteran, I was glad to see former Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter get endorsed again by the Veterans Military Famiand lies for Progress. They said, "Ms. Shea-Porter's strong commitment to the issues that are critical to veterans, those serving now, and their families is unsurpassed."

gressman Frank Guinta, make a promise and then abandon veterans when it's time to actually vote for them. On the House Budget Committee, Frank Guinta actually voted against an amendment that war veteran Congressman Seth Moulton proposed to increase VA funding!

Carol Shea-Porter

tive duty service members, veterans, and their families for their service. She has a solid gold record of accomplishment in Congress for all of us, and I am happy to see that record recognized and to see she has been endorsed by veterans.

Please join me in voting for Carol Shea-Porter for Congress in NH PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Did You Know That Mike Cryans Was Recently Selected as N.H. County Commissioner of the Year?

I couldn't agree more. Carol Shea-Porter is the real deal. Too many politicians, including Con-

was a military spouse. She understands what it District 1 on Nov. 8. means to be in the military, and always thanks her husband and all ac-

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Help change the life of a child who needs your voice

To the Editor:

Can you change the world? Probably not. But you can change the lives of local kids caught in the crisis of their parents' inability to safely care for them. As a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer, you have the opportunity to be the voice of the kids in court when the problems of the family have grown so bad that DCYF and the court have stepped in.

The problems I refer to often stem from poverty, lack of education and job skills, poor self-worth and esteem, perhaps mental illness, and lack of positive parenting role models. The issues, in many cases, have led to misuse of drugs and alcohol further inhibiting the ability to parent a child or children in a safe and supportive home environment. And, as anyone who sees or reads the news is aware, this problem isn't small and it isn't going away.

The kids in these family situations did nothing to cause the problems their parents suffer and can do nothing to change the issues. But, you as a CASA vol-

unteer can. You get to for the kids. know the child or children and their unique circumstances and you make recommendations to the court regarding the children's best interest. You aren't alone in this endeavor. CASA provides extensive training prior to assigning a case and a supervisor is always available to answer questions, offer advice, attend court with you as a support, and generally be your "guardian angel" through the process, at least until you've spread your own wings.

I have been a CASA volunteer for the past five years, beginning three years prior to my retirement as a nurse. I became a nurse because I loved the ability to work one on one with people, to ease their fears and pain, to provide support, education and assistance. I became a CASA volunteer for many of the same reasons. I like the ability to interact directly with people, to assess the issues and problems and to develop and implement a plan, in conjunction with all those involved, with the goal of creating a safe future

I strongly urge you to consider becoming a CASA. Many kids in this community desperately need a CASA to support and represent them as they and their families go through very difficult times. CASA has a training schedule in Plymouth beginning in November. For more information or to apply to be a CASA volunteer advocate, visit www. casanh.org.

> Ruth O'Hara Laconia





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Obituaries

LACONIA — John L.

Drouin, 88, passed away

on Friday, Oct. 21, 2016

at Lakes Region General

26, 1928 in St. Philib-

ert, Canada, the son of

the late Emile and Rose

(Groleau) Drouin. He

was employed at Scott

& Williams in Laconia

for over 25 years and ten

years before retirement,

he worked for the Gilford

He is survived by his

wife, Claire (Labrecque)

Drouin of Laconia; his

children, Elaine Garret-

son and her husband Bill

of Thomaston, Conn.,

Barbara Ness and her

husband Peter of Bel-

mont, James Drouin

and his wife Cynthia of

Indianapolis, Ind., David

Drouin and his wife Dot-

tie of Moorestown, N.J.,

Carol Harrison of New

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Armand E. Benoit, 87

LACONIA — Armand "Benny" E. Benoit, 87, most recently of the Tilton Veterans Home, died Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 at Lakes Region General Hospital.

Benny was born Nov. 23, 1928, in Laconia, the son of the late William and Eva (Provencal) Benoit. Armand was a World War II Veteran, having served for the United States Coast Guard. He worked as a sheet metal worker for Scott and Williams in Laconia for many years.

Benny enjoyed hunting, fishing riding his motorcycle, and was a golf pro.

Armand is survived a granddaughter, by

Clifford Hanson, 79,

He was born on Nov.

of 26 East Marina Drive,

died Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016

18, 1936 in Malden, Mass., the son of the late Percy

G. G. and Gretta (Spong-

berg) Hanson. Clifford

has worked for 10 years

at Hewlett-Packard and

many happy years at

Drinkwater Trailer as a

mechanic. In the years

after, he moved to his

home in Gilford. Cliff

proceeded to work as a

First Student bus driver,

in his home.



Starr Lawton, of Belmont; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and a dear friend, Marie Claire Bolduc of Gilford.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his two sons, William "Billy" and Malcolm Benoit; a brother, Edward Benoit; two sisters, Irene Carrier and Arlene Campbell; and a half-sister, Pauline L. Morency.

There were no calling

hours or funeral.

Graveside services were held Monday, Oct. 24, 2016 at 11 a.m. in the family lot at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

For those who wish the family suggests memorial donations may be made to New Hampshire Veterans Home, c/o Resident Benefit Fund, 139 Winter St., Tilton, NH 03276.

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

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John L. Drouin, 88



barton, William Drouin and his wife Kathy of Laconia, Robin Tuch and her husband Steven of Rye, N.Y. and Scott Drouin and his wife Heidi of Lee, one brother, Rock Drouin, two sisters; Mimi Beaudoin and Jeanne Dionne-Lambert, eighteen grandchildren two great granddaughters and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brothers, Wilbrod, Henry, Claude and Benoit.

held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Fu-

Maurice Paul Perry, 79



Cooper; many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Robert Perry, and one grandchild, Jessie Tamas.

Calling hours were held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A private graveside service was held in the family plot at Union Cemetery in Laconia. In lieu of flowers,

memorial contribu-

Brother James W. Rathbun, 65

LACONIA — Brother James W. Rathbun, 65, of 103 Blueberry Lane, died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at Concord Hospital.

29, 1951 in Providence, R.I., the son of the late Charles and Ora (Denoncour) Rathbun. James was an ordained Brother to the Lord. Known as a kind and generous person, he would constantly help neighbors and friends in a number of ways, such as bringing them to appointments or helping neighbors get to the food pantry. James was an unsung hero to many family and friends. He is survived by his four sisters (Deborah

Calling hours will be

tions may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO BOX 572, Laconia, NH 03247. 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

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an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane. com.

which was a job he enjoyed immensely until he decided to spend his winters in Florida. While in Florida, he spent many years working for Disney Parks and lived in Frostproof, as a "Snowbird." Back in Gilford, he was very active in the Lake Shore Park. Cliff enjoyed cards, bowling, singing

in his church choir, and was an avid collector of scale model cars. But truly, his love of family and friends stretched beyond measure.

Cliff is survived by his two sons, Peter Han-



Clifford Hanson, 79

David Hanson and Justin Hanson; his one brother, Stanley Hanson, and his wife Aileen Hanson of Ossipee; and two sisters, May Lundberg of Tamworth and Jean Henderson of Hanover, Mass., and a handful of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Martha Hanson, and two siblings, his brother, Olaf Hanson, and his sister, Alice Hanson.

Calling hours were held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2238 Parade Rd., Laconia, using the main entrance.

Funeral Service was Monday, Oct. 24 at 11:30 a.m., also at the church.

Burial services will be private. Wilkinson-Beane-

Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more

LACONIA — Maurice Paul "Moe" Perry, 79, of 68 Baldwin Street, died Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1937 in Laconia, the son of the late Peter and Beatrice (Ouellette) Perry. Moe served in the US Army and, following his enlistment, worked as a ballroom dance instructor for Arthur Murray's Studio. Moe was a true handyman, always ready to help fix a neighbor's car or help with a project. He worked in construction, as a mechanic, and for a number of years as a laborer for Laconia Public Works. Moe was a man who took pride in a hard day's work. After working an eight hour day for the city, Moe would work as a handyman for up to ten clients. He enjoyed

He was born on Sept. of the Sacred Heart Order, dedicating his life husband Joseph of Cran-



Etchell and her husband Raymond of Belmont, Pamela Tavares and her

Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance. Funeral services will

be held at a later date in Rhode Island.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO BOX 572, Laconia, NH 03247. 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.

son and Edward Hanson, as well as Edward's wife, Megan Hanson, of Gilford; three grandchildren, Rachael McCarthy,



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fishing, working around his house and especially helping the elderly. Underneath that blue hat was a compassionate man who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Patricia (Granger) Perry of Laconia; two daughters, Tina Woodbury of Laconia and Betty Tamas and her husband Thomas of Pittsview, Ala.; two brothers, Norman Perry of WI and Roger Perry and his wife Sandy of Gilford; one sister, Rita Cullen, and her husband Ralph of Northfield; three grandchildren, John Woodbury of Laconia, Heather Smith of Alabama and Rebecca Cooper of Georgia; three great grandchildren, Kasy and Zoranna Smith and Katniss

ston, RI., Diana Woodruff of Belmont and Virginia Dechene and her husband Hank of Laconia); many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Charles W. Rathbun.

Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on

Michael T. Trask, 64



of Laconia. He was the second of four sons. Tom attended Gilford Elementary School and was a graduate of Laconia High School, Class of 1970. He worked a variety of jobs before enlisting in the US

Navy in 1975. He was honorably discharged in 1980, when he and his family returned to New Hampshire and he began a lengthy career at PSNH. He held several different positions with the company and was always well liked by his co-workers and colleagues.

Tom's career was cut short in 2009, when he suffered a massive stroke. He had survived two open heart surgeries prior to the stroke SEE TRASK PAGE A13



LACONIA — Mi chael T. "Tom" Trask, 64, of Laconia and Gilford, and Young's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada, died Friday, Oct. 21, 2016 at Concord Hospital.

Tom was born on May 1, 1952 in Laconia, the son of the late Allison "Al" Trask and Betty (Burbank) Trask



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Gilford Parks and Recreation news

BY HERB GREENE Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Annual "Halloween Happening" Party on Oct. 28

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring their annual "Halloween Happening" Party on Friday, Oct. 28 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Gilford Middle School Gym and Cafeteria. This party is open to all Gilford children up through the sixth rade. Activities will include; Give-Aways, The Monster Mash Raffle, Costume Contest, Halloween Games and of course the annual Halloween Jail and Pillow Fight Ring. Cupcake decorating and Halloween crafts

will again be available in Road to the Imagination Parks and Recreation the cafeteria (until 6:30 p.m.)!

As always, the Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to assist with the party. Help is needed with running games/activities during the party and clean-up following the party.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

*The Gilford Police Department has set Trick-or-Treating in Gilford for Monday, Oct. 31 from 5–8:30 p.m. During these hours, Belknap Mountain Road will be closed from Potter Hill Station Parking Lot at the GES.

Youth Basketball registration deadline is Nov. 9

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Program for Gilford children in grades 1-6. The early registration fee is available through Nov. 4, and the final registration deadline for all divisions is Wednesday, Nov. 9. Any registration submitted after Nov. 9 will be accepted on an availability basis only.

For more informaplease tion, contact

Got Lunch program hosting **Election Day food drive**

Gilford Got Lunch is sponsoring an Election Day Food Drive. Nov. 8 at the Gilford Youth Center, 19 Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford. The Food Drive will provide meals for children in the Gilford School District who benefit from the Gilford Got Lunch program. We ask that everyone bring

non-perishable items Lunch program proto the polls when you come to vote. Suggested items include: peanut butter, instant oatmeal packets, canned soups, canned pasta (ravioli/ mac-n-cheese), peanut butter cracker packages, granola bars, Ritz saltine crackers, or canned fruit.

Got The Gilford

vided meals for 53 children this past summer. During the school year, bags are packed weekly for children to provide meals for the weekend.

If you are interested in more information about the Gilford Got Lunch Program, visit our Web site at www. gilfordgotlunch.com.

Director, Herb Greene at 527-4722.

Senior Moment-um Halloween Bingo and Lunch – Oct. 31

The Gilford Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Senior Moment-um Program on Monday, Oct. 31. We will meet at the Gilford Community Church Fellowship Hall at noon for an afternoon of Halloween themed Bingo. Participants are welcome to bring a lunch and we'll provide coffee, tea, water and some fun prizes! Participants are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Oct. 27.

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

Gunstock Ski/ **Snowboard Program** registration deadline Nov. 14!

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a five-week learn to ski/ snowboard program to be held at Gunstock Ski Area for Gilford children in grades K-6. This program will be running from 4:30 - 8 p.m. every Tuesday from Jan. 3 - Jan. 31, 2017. There is also rental equipment available to those who need it. Registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 14. Any registrations submitted after this date are subject to a \$25 late fee!

For more information please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Herb Greene at 527-4722.

Senior Strides weekly walking program on Wednesday mornings

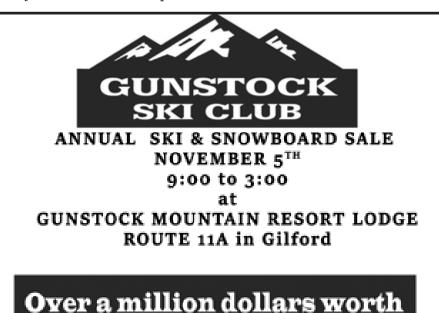
The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford Youth Center are co-sponsoring a weekly walking program for senior adults on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 a.m. at the Gilford Youth Center. Participants can track their progress or just walk for fun and socialize with friends. There will be plenty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

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

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 15, 2017

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

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



Local organizations, businesses take part in Pumpkin Fest

BY ERIN PLUMMER enlummer@salmonpress.com

LACONIA — In its

second year in Laconia, New Hampshire the Pumpkin Festival has become a big event for the Lakes Region community with many local businesses and organizations participating.

generations having fun. It's such a good event."

Lunt said he met people who came from as far away as Derry and Acton, Mass.

Lunt said they would love to do a similar event, especially something similar to RibFest the Gilford Rotary host- ed a lot more room and ed a few years ago. "It's nice to see local charities and businesses participating as well," Lunt said.

"I think this year is definitely more of a success," Parent said.

Last year the kids' games were all located on Canal Street, this year the kid's games were moved to the sidewalk by Beacon Street West. Parent said this provid-

Members of the Gilford Rotary helped out the festival by selling commemorative buttons at welcome stations at the festival. Gilford Rotary President Russ Lunt nuts of Laconia held a said they contacted Gifford, who is a member of the Lakes Region Rotary Club, if there was something the Gilford organization could do for Pumpkin Fest.

"This is just a fun, family event," Lunt said. "You can see multiple

Goody Good Doughcompetition for kids to eat a doughnut hanging off a string.

Goody Good representative for the Pumpkin Festival, said things for them did seem to be a bit busier this year than last vear.

brought more people.

Parent said she has never seen Laconia or any other town come together like they did for Pumpkinfest.

Volunteers with the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region had a facepainting booth. Chelsey Parent, the Members of the club contributed pumpkins and marched in the parade.

> "We enjoy just being involved in the community and having an SEE PUMPKIN FEST PAGE A14

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Photos are also welcome, but must be submitted in jpeg format. Please contact Executive Editor Brendan Berube at (603) 279-4516, ext. 111 with any questions regarding the submission process.

Local theatre group to present "The Laramie Project"

A true story about hate, murder and gay rights

GILFORD Laramie Project" is based on real life events that occurred in Laramie Wyoming in 1998. It is the story of openly gay university student Matthew Shepard's murder and the circumstances before and after the crime.

Conceived and written by members of another community theatre company (the Tectonic Theatre Company), the play and recent movie adaptation have become world famous. The Streetcar Company Community Theatre decided to tackle this ambitious project in an effort to generate dialogue around issues of diversity, equality and acceptance.

Directed by J. Alward, the piece features both new and returning performers in a series of vignettes and monologues taken from interviews of the citizens of Laramie, public and private documents and news footage. The dialogue reaches deep down into the hearts and minds of the actual people involved and offers a glimpse into how the town came to a point where two of its young people murder another, how they dealt with the attention this crime

— "The brought and how they are learning to cope and live with what Laramie has become in the eves of the world.

> The director wanted to stage the piece in such a way as to make a statement about inclusion across areas of our society. She worked closely with the staff and congregation of the First United Methodist Church in Gilford to be able to put the play on in their sanctuary.

"This congregation and pastor Tom Getchell-Lacey are wonderful and so welcoming of everyone. They are a church of open minds, open hearts and open doors. This play offers both Streetcar and the church an avenue to share their beliefs that all people have value and a right to live their life as they choose," Alward says.

The venue is essentially theatre in the round and does present some challenges in the staging. The cast has really stepped up to meet them and audiences will enjoy meeting the many characters played by the principal players including local favorites Lynn Dadian and David Bownes along with other actors both veterans and new





comers; Hillary Ayers, Carlos Cardona, Frank Stetson, Mark Lambert and Meredith Imbimbo. Kelli Powers offers the narration that ties the many stories together and Aaron Witham, Getchell-Lacey, Tom Emily Getchell-Lacey, Rachel McCarthy and Sandy McLaughlin portrav members of the Tectonic Theatre company with Ryan Witham, Riley Alward, Cody Hodgins and Deb Conners rounding out the feel. Streetcar will be offering a talk back with the director, cast and crew following the Friday night performance where the audience will be encouraged to share their thoughts, ask questions and continue the dialogue begun in the script itself. Tickets are available online at

streetcarcompany.com, at Greenlaws music in downtown Laconia or at the door. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 3-5 at the Methodist Church on Route 11A. Due to the subject matter and graphic nature of the storyline the play is not recommended for children under 12.

ensemble cast. This script is sure to make you laugh and cry and certainly will cause you to think. It may even change how you

LRPA celebrates Halloween with 1968's "Night of the Living Dead"

LACONIA—Throughout October, join Lakes Region Public Access Television each Friday and Saturday night at 10:30 p.m. for a scary good time! "LRPA After Dark" celebrates Halloween with four frightening films from Hollywood's past. This weekend (Oct. 28 & 29), we present 1968's horror masterpiece "Night of the Living Dead," directed by George A. Romero

The plot of "Night of the Living Dead" is very straightforward. Barbara (O'Dea) and her brother Johnny are visiting their father's grave and get attacked by a strange man. Johnny is badly hurt, but Barbara manages to get away and barricades herself in a nearby abandoned house. By this time, several other ominous, shuffling figures have joined the original attacker and are trying to break into the house. A man named Ben (Jones) fights off the hoard and joins Barbara inside. He explains what's happening – that radiation has caused the dead to rise from their graves and eat the living! Soon, Ben and Barbara discover that there are other people hiding in the house, including a teenaged couple and a family with a young daughter who has been attacked by one of the undead. What will happen to our survivors? Will they make it out alive? "Night of the Living

of all zombie movies, and is considered one of the most influential horror films ever made. It was shot in 30 days for less than \$115,000, and many of the cast also served as crew, makeup artists, production workers and even investors. It was a hit with film goers, although many critics at the time of its release really didn't know what to make of this low-budget movie that broke many taboos, and, in a truly revolutionary move for that era, featured a young, handsome and successful African American male as its lead. In 1999, "Night of the Living Dead" was inducted into the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress, and made the American Film Institute's list of the 100 most thrilling horror films of all time. It's as classic as it gets! So grab your candy corn and join LRPA after dark for this chilling, ghoulish freak show of a film that still has the power to make you squirm.

And mark your calendar for LRPA's Halloween movie marathon, starting at 5 p.m. on Oct. 31! We'll be airing creepy cartoons and freaky films, culminating with 1972's cult favorite, "Horror Express," starring the Christopher Lee, Peter Cushing and Telly Savalas! What's not to love?

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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. LRPA cablecasts locally on Metro-Cast Channel 24 (educational programming and public bulletin board), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to nearly 12,000 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

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• encourages artistic and creative expression,

promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and

• unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

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Culture

LRSO announces 2016-2017 season

MEREDITH — The Meredith-based Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra (LRSO) is proud to announce its upcoming 2016-2017 season. Celebrating our 41st year, the LRSO begins another fabulous concert season on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Due to auditorium seating renovations at Inter-Lakes High School (for which we are very excited!) this November concert will be held at Moultonborough Academy. We thank them for welcoming us to their facility.

The November concert features the winner of our 2016 Student Concerto Competition Nanako Shirai, an amazing violinist from Hanover High School. Nanako will be performing Mendelssohn's "Violin Concerto in E Minor." Also on the November program, the "Overture to Don Giovanni" by Mozart, and Beethoven's magnificent "Symphony No. 7."

We return to the newly-renovated Inter-Lakes Auditorium for our glorious holiday concerts on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. These



LRSO 2016-2017 Soloists (L to R): Nanako Shirai, Karen Jordan, Margaret Hopkins, Sally Wituszynski, Michael Gallagan.

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holiday concerts are perennial family favorites for young and old alike. This year we feature local soprano Karen Jordan performing a variety of holiday classics. Snuggle in to the delightfully comfortable new seats at Inter-Lakes and enjoy this holiday spectacular.

On March 18, 2017, we present an original composition by local composer and former New Hampshire resident Ken Piotrowski. LRSO will be performing Ken's "Anishinaabeg Rhapsody," conjuring images of rippling grasslands and crashing waterfalls of nature. Also on the program are "Nimrod from the Enigma Variations" by Elgar, "Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola" by Mozart, and the incomparable Symphony No. 9 "New World" by Dvorak.

April 9, 2017 is our family-friendly and activity-filled Family Concert. We will feature a local student performance, along with Benjamin Britten's famous "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra". This special family concert is free for students, and only \$5 for adults.

We end the season on May 13, 2017 with "The Sounds of Sinatra!" Returning for a second appearance with the LRSO is sensational crooner Michael Gallagan with our tribute to Frank Sinatra. Those who attended our Holiday concerts in December 2015 recall Michael's incomparable showmanship and outstanding vocal facility. This will be a sold out concert. Please purchase your tickets early. Tickets are \$15 for

adults and \$8 for students college-age and under and are available online now at www.LRSO. org/tickets, or by mail using the order form on that web page. Save 20 percent with our adult discount season tickets, available now through the November concert. Tickets will be available in October at the following 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. Complete information is available at www.LRSO.org, and find us on Facebook at / LRSO1.

LRSO wishes to thank its sponsors for their generous support of our upcoming season: Bank of New Hampshire, E.M. Heath, Foley Oil & Propane, Fay's Boat Yard, Bellwether Credit Union, and Sharon Satnick.

As always we appreciate your patronage and look forward to seeing you this season.

About The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra

The Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra is a Meredith-based, non-profit orchestra that performs throughout the fall, winter, and spring months. Orchestra members range in age from teens through retired seniors, representing over 36 communities in the Lakes Region and beyond.

Lakes Region Art Association names Artists of the Month

The Lakes Region Art Association has announced the association's Artists of the Month for October. The Association draws from the entire Lakes Region, and this program is aimed at promoting the Association and its members' work across the entire region. Each month, a jury selects from submissions by member artists to be featured at various businesses in the Lakes Region. These original pieces can be oil or acrylic, watercolor, pastel, photo or collage. The following member artists will each have art work on display from now until Nov. 21 at these Lakes Region business locations: Christa Faller. Northway Bank, Tilton; Shela Cunningham, Franklin Savings Bank, Main Office, Franklin; Susan Goodnough, Imagine Gallery, Laconia; Gisela Langsten, Meredith Savings Bank, Meredith; Joanne Reynolds, Laconia Library and Phyllis Meinke, Bank of New Hampshire, Gilford. *"I FEEL LIKE* A FISH WITH NO WATER." -JACOB, AGE 5 w to prevent I-866-NO-ATTACKS EVEN ONE ATTACK IS ONE TOO MANY. nore information log onto Ad €EPA





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From left to right-Sitting in front: Joanne Reynolds and Susan Goodnough. Standing: Shela Cunningham, Christa Faller, Phyllis Meinke and Gisela Langsten.

These artists will also be showing their work at the following businesses next month (Nov. 22 – Dec. 19): Northway Bank, Meredith; Northway Bank, Meredith; Northway Bank, Meredith; Northway Bank, Meredith; Northway Bank, Callery Laconia; Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford; Northway Bank, Belknap Mall, Belmont; and VynnArt Gallery & Supplies, Meredith. The Lakes Region Art Association, founded in 1940, is a non-profit group providing education and support to local artists, both amateur and professional, in the Lakes Region. To see more works by Lakes Region artists, please visit The Lakes Region Art Association Art Gallery, located in the Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road, Suite

132 in Tilton. The Gallery represents over 27 artists and photographers from the Lakes Region. On display and for sale are original works in oils, watercolors, pastels, acrylics, photography and more. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 998-0029 or visit www.lakesregionartassociation.com.





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hearing aids—things you should know: Buying

It is often stressful to purchase new hearing aids. There is a wealth of information, sometimes conflicting and often confusing, found on the Internet. How hearing aids are purchased is evolving too. This article is intended to help you answer some important questions and to help you understand some important details. Your local

Audiologist is there to help ease the process and answer your questions.

1. No matter where, or whom, you buy hearing aids from, you are guaranteed the right to return them within 30 days, for any reason.

2. If you make your purchase in New Hampshire, you must receive a purchase contract which provides important information about your warranty for service (services which will not cost you money), your right to return or exchange the instruments, how much of your purchase price is to pay for the instruments themselves, any custom attachments and how much of your purchase price is to pay for the services you receive from the office.

a. If the purchase price is not separated out as described above, you must receive all your money back, except 5 percent of the total.

b. If the prices are separated out, a refund all of the instrument price should be returned to vou.

New Hampshire 3. instituted a mandate for health insurance cover-

MB Tractor & Equipment signs on as Presenting Sponsor of the Red Dress Gala: An Evening in Tuscany!

LACONIA – For the eighth year in a row, MB Tractor & Equipment has signed-on as the \$10,000 Presenting Sponsor of the LRGHealthcare Red Dress Gala!

Held each year during American Heart Month this signature event will take place on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 at Church Landing at Mill Falls at the Lake. Proceeds from the Red Dress Gala support cardiac services and technology at LRG-Healthcare.

This year's theme, An Evening in Tuscany will feature a very upscale Italian/Tuscan-inspired meal created by The Common Man culinary team, a silent auction, live auction courtesy of auctioneer Jesse Thompson, and dancing to the very talented Eric Grant Band.

The Red Dress Gala offers great sponsorship opportunities for every budget. With more than 300 guests your business will receive excellent exposure and marketing benefits. Advertise in the gala program booklet or donate to the live or silent auction. A limited number of high-level sponsorships are still available; call now if interested! MB Tractor joins Candy Bar Sponsor Cartier Group - HAZMAT Solutions; Champagne Toast Sponsor DiGiorgio Associates Inc./Monitor Builders Inc.; Cocktail Reception Sponsor MRS



Community business leaders come together to support and promote LRGHealthcare's Red Dress Gala, to be held on Friday, Feb. 10, 2017 at Church Landing in Meredith. Pictured from left to right: Gala Co-chair and Interior Designer at Decorative Interiors Stephanie Wentworth; Gala Co-chair and Bank of New Hampshire Commercial Banking Officer Katie Reid; and MB Tractor & Equipment representative Heidi Bourgeois.

> Eric Grant Band; JMG Marketing; Lakes Region Floral Studio; Stac

ey Brobst Photography; The Common Man; Jesse Thompson, and Tylergraphics, Inc. For more informa-

tion about the Red Dress Gala please contact the LRGHealthcare Office of Philanthropy: 527-7063 or philanthropy@lrgh.org.

LRGHealthcare is a not-for-profit healthcare charitable trust representing Lakes Region General Hospital, Franklin Regional Hospital, and affiliated medical providers. LRG-Healthcare's mission is to provide quality, compassionate care and to strengthen the well-being of our community.

age to help you purchase hearing aids. This mandate only applies to people who are employed in positions within NH and are receiving insurance, which their employer buys for them. If you have Medicare, you do not qualify for this mandate. If you work out of state, you do not qualify. If your company "self insures" their employees, you many not qualify. The mandate says you have \$1500, per ear, every five years, to buy hearing aids.

Many insurance 4. companies are now using a third party provider, such as Amplifon. They are doing this because it is administratively easier to make all payments to one business, instead of paying a variety of them. Thus, they feel they are saving money. For instance, if you have Cigna Insurance, it is likely that you will use this service. To use the service, you must contact Cigna and get them to connect you with Amplifon. Amplifon must then send a purchase order to an office they contract with. This limits your choice of where you can get service/ whom you work with. That office can then supply hearing aids to you, which are provided by

Amplifon. You will have limited services covered through the local office and purchase payments are made to Amplifon. This means that any refunds must be recovered from Amplifon, not your local office.

5. Insurance companies providing discounts or benefits toward the purchase of hearing aids will limit your choices of products and your choices of providers. They will apply your insurance deductible before you receive any benefit. Thus, you may end up paying more than you anticipate. Remember: Insurance companies make their income by collecting money, not paying it out. They may say things like, "you are 100 percent covered." That does not mean they will pay 100 percent of your bill!

6. Hearing aids may be purchased over the internet and sometimes the pricing may seem attractive. This was recommended recently by AARP. Do you know why? Because AARP is receiving a direct, financial benefit when you purchase from the site they recommend. There are important things to know before purchasing on line:

a. Products offered are SEE HEARING AID PAGE A14

Franckhauser announces intent to step down as CEO OF Central NH VNA & Hospice

LACONIA — Margaret Franckhauser, Chief Executive Officer of Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, has announced her intentions of stepping down in December of 2016 to become the Executive Director of the Next Fifty Initiative a Colorado- based grant making foundation dedi-



COURTESY PHOTO **Margaret Franckhauser** then quickly moved into

agency in service to the community. She skillfully managed a recent merger and has become a leading voice in New Hampshire's healthcare environment. She leaves behind a legacy of sound leadership and community commitment. We thank her for her many years of service and wish services." Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice has served Lakes communities Region since 1918 and provides Home Care (nursing and rehabilitation services in the home); Pediatric Care (direct health care, education and support services for children and families); and a comprehensive, team-based Hospice program. Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit, Medicare-certified provider of home care and hospice services, licensed by the State of New Hampshire. The agency is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees and supported by private and corporate donations.

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cated to seniors.

Franckhauser states, "Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is in a strong position both clinically and financially. The agency is forward thinking and responsive to the needs of the community. This is the right time to step aside to allow someone else to take the helm."

She adds, "I have been given the opportunity to lead a grant making organization in Colorado which will allow me to combine my passion for philanthropy with my deep interest in aging. It is an incredible opportunity to do work that has a lasting impact on seniors and their communities."

Franckhauser began working with Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice over 20 years ago when it was known as Community Health & Hospice. After serving as a Board Member, Margaret accepted the position of Associate Director,

the Executive Director position when her predecessor Alida Millham retired Margaret first came to New Hampshire's Lakes Region in 1985 and has worked as a Nurse Practitioner at Belknap Family Medicine, a Nurse Consultant for the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health, Program Chief for the Bureau of Disease Control, and as Director of Ambulatory Programs for LRGHealthcare. She has played a significant role in shaping New Hampshire's Healthcare system.

Franckhauser will continue to serve in the role of CEO until early December. The Board of Trustees is launching an executive search and has appointed Christine Long, COO, as the Interim CEO until a new executive is hired.

Board Chairman, Jared Price, commented "Margaret has done a wonderful job leading the

her well."

About Central New Hampshire VNA & **Hospice**

The Mission of Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is "Promoting dignity, independence, and well-being through the delivery of quality home health, hospice and community-based care

Chair yoga & Tai Chi King classes now offered at Wesley Woods

Starting Thursdays, at Wesley Woods, Rick will be adding Short Form Tai Chi Chi Kung to the chair yoga class.

Classes will be held in the Wesley Woods' Community Room from 2-3p.m.

Tai Chi Chi Kung is a practice of learning a 14 movement form, as well as learning to use the energy in each posture. The principles are

-Concentrating the mind

-Relaxing into the movements

-Keeping the body rooted to the ground

-Keeping the body structure aligned to build strong bones and tendons and avoid ease joint stress.

-Allowing the energy to circulate through and cleanse all the body energy systems.

First class is free, punch passes are available \$40 for five classes or \$70 for 10 classes.

For more details or to sign up, please contact Stace at 528-2555 or sdhendricks@wesleywoodsnh.org.

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Lakes Region Tourism Association celebrates 80 year milestone

Area businesses invited to attend

TILTON — The Lakes Region Tourism Association will hold their Annual Meeting on Nov. 1 at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant in Meredith.

for the LRTA, as they mark their 80th year promoting the Lakes Region area businesses. As part of the celebration,

have been family owned and operated for more than 50 years will be honored. The non-profit association was estab-

Debbie Irwin promoted to Assistant Vice President, Marketing Programs Officer for New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp

MEREDITH — Debbie Irwin has been promoted to Assistant Vice Marketing President, Programs Officer for New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB), overseeing events, community outreach and support, scholarship programs, advertising and business banking campaigns for Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) and Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack). Irwin also leads the advertising and marketing efforts for Mill-River Wealth Management.

"Debbie is invaluable to the entire organization and has been an outstanding member of the marketing department," said Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, Senior Vice President and Marketing Officer for New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp. "Her dedication and passion are both very apparent. Debbie's considerable background in marketing and hospitality offer a unique perspective that adds tremendous value to the customer experience. It's exciting to be



COURTESY PHOTO **Debbie Irwin**

able to promote Debbie and it's an honor to work alongside her."

Irwin began as the Marketing Programs Manager at Meredith Village Savings Bank in 2011. She has had previous experience in marketing and management in the service, hospitality and recreation industries. In 2015, she became responsible for overseeing marketing programs for all of New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp.

Irwin serves as Board Secretary for the Lakes Region Tourism Association and is a dedicated volunteer for numerous non-profit organizations. She was also a former board member and marketing committee member of the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Saint Anslem College. is an alumna of Leadership Lakes Region and is a member of the New England Financial Marketing Association.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, a mutual holding company, was formed in 2013 when two New Hampshire-based community banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank, formally affiliated - the first relationship of its kind in New Hampshire. This strategic partnership has positioned the Banks to leverage each other's strengths as they work together to advance a shared vision of maintaining and enhancing their community banking standards and values. MillRiver Wealth Management joined as a third subsidiary of NHMB in 2015, combining the financial advisory divisions of MVSB and The Merrimack. NHMB combined assets total nearly \$1.6 billion.

This is a special year 15 area businesses that lished in 1936 by visionaries who saw the potential in promoting and establishing tourism as the Lakes Region's "industry."

> The annual event will be held from 3-8 p.m., and will begin with the President's Welcome and Reports followed by the Executive Director's Marketing and Advertising overview. This overview will demonstrate how the Lakes Region Tourism Association promotes the region in state, out of state, and internationally, increasing the number of visitors to the region to create a positive economic impact on businesses. Following the Executive Director's overview will be the announcement of two Scholarships and the Annual Tourism Award.

The LRTA awards the Mildred A. Beach Hospitality Scholarship and the Mel Borrin Scholarship each year. The Mildred A. Beach Hospitality Scholarship is awarded to a student attending a college, university or technical college in the Lakes Region and is pursuing a degree in tourism, hospitality and/or culinary arts. The Mel Borrin Scholarship is awarded to a student that has shown enthusiasm and entrepreneurial skills and is self-motivated to succeed. The Annual Tourism Award was established to be given to an individual or business that has made a difference during the past year to bring visitors into the Lakes Region and Central New Hampshire.

Those would like to attend are asked to reserve a spot by calling 826-8008, as space is limited.

The 2016Annual Meeting Sponsors

are: New Hampshire Employers Insurance Company, The Lawson Group, Waste Management, Annalee, Catamount Color, Bank of New Hampshire, Irving, CTM Media Group, and LTD Company. Businesses that are interested in joining the Lakes Region Tourism Association are invited to attend by calling 286-8008 by Oct. 26.

The Lakes Region Tourism Association represents 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 membership information visit LakesRegion. org. The LRTA office is located at 61 Laconia Rd., Tilton, and can be reached by calling 286-8008.

Laconia Pet Center Round Up for Charity benefits NH Humane Society

LACONIA — The New Hampshire Humane Society is pleased to announce that community partners, Laconia Pet Center, locally owned and operated pet center, continues their support of the animal welfare agency with the Round Up For Charity program.

During the months of August and September, all guests were asked at check out if



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Stay Away from Frightful Investment Moves

Halloween is almost here. When you're passing out candy, you'll see many "scary" costumes that will probably just make you smile. But in real life, you can easily find some things that truly are frightening - such as bad investment moves.

Here are a few that you'll want to avoid:

•Chasing after "hot" stocks - Many so-called "experts" not to mention your friends, neighbors, relatives and coworkers - are more than willing to provide you with "tips" on "hot" stocks. But by the time you hear about these stocks, they may already be cooling off - and, in any case, they may not have been appropriate for your needs in the first place.

•Investing too aggressively or too conservatively - If you constantly worry about the value of your investment portfolio, and you lose sleep whenever the market drops sharply, you might be taking on too much risk for your own comfort - so you may need to invest somewhat less aggressively. Conversely, if you invest primarily in conservative, low-yielding investments because you think they will help you avoid losses, you might not achieve the

long-term growth potential sharply, but just a few weeks you need to help you reach your important financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. When you invest, try to balance your need for have shown resilience. So growth with your personal tolerance for risk.

•Failing to diversify – If you only own one type of financial asset, and a market downturn hits that asset class strongly, your portfolio will likely take a big hit. You can greatly reduce the effects of market volatility - and give yourself more chances for success by spreading your money among a range of investments. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't always guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

•Paying too much attention to today's news - Unfortunately, many of the news items of today – or of any day – are more negative than positive. But as an investor, you don't want to be forced into a "skyis-falling" mentality, because such a mind-set could lead you to make rash, unwise decisions, such as selling quality investments too soon or staying out of the market altogether. Generally, no single event has truly long-term consequences for investors. Consider the recent "Brexit" vote - in the immediate aftermath, the markets fell Advisor.

later, they hit all-time highs. That won't happen with every newsworthy occurrence, but historically, the markets stay invested and follow a smart, long-term investment strategy that's suitable for your situation - and look beyond today's headlines.

•Ignoring opportunities – Are you taking full advantage of all the investment opportunities available to you? For example, are you contributing as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employersponsored retirement plan? If not, you are underutilizing one of the best retirement savings vehicles around. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. You won't always have the chance to participate in this type of tax-advantaged retirement plan – so make the most of it while it's available.

Halloween usually ends with few tricks and many treats. Steering clear of the scary investment moves described above can help you make steady progress toward your financial objectives.

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they wished to roundtheir purchase up amount - the difference would be gifted to the Meredith Center Road animal shelter. The results, more than \$600, were recently presented to the featured organization by business owner, and program creator, Bethany Stockman.

"We are pet lovers and big fans of the work of the New Hampshire Humane Society," said Bethany



that community partners, Laconia Pet Center, locally owned and operated pet center, continues their support of the animal welfare agency with the Round Up For Charity program.

we're also adopters my Golden Retriever came from this fine animal welfare agency two years ago, and team members at Laconia Pet Center have adopted many wonderful kitties."

Marylee Gorham, New Hampshire Humane Society Executive Director, said

"not only do we strong- it was an honor to be ly support the shelter, the recipient organization, commenting "There are so many worthy charities, we are humbled they picked us, but of course, it really is a perfect match given the family owned business ethic fits very well with our message of adoption."

> Gorham further noted "Every dollar of support counts and has immediate impact for the 1,200-plus animals we have cared for so far this year."

> To learn more about the "Round Up For Charity" Program and Laconia Pet Center, check out www.laconiapetcenter.com or visit the retail store located on Union Avenue, Laconia.

> The New Hampshire Humane Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to find responsible and caring forever homes; provide shelter for the lost, abandoned and unwanted animals; advocate and be the voice for the voiceless. The Society works hard to prevent cruelty to animals and offers education and outreach programs, pet therapy, and many community initiatives to help people and their pets. To view adoptable pets, visit www.nhhumane. org.

PUMPKINFEST

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ERIN PLUMMER

The New Hampshire Humane Society brought two and four-legged marchers for the Pumpkin Festival parade.

Alyx Dardinski, six, of Laconia, took part in the competition to eat a doughnut off string. Her mom Lauren Lefebvre said they came to the Pumpkin Festival last year and went to the one in Keene a few years ago. She said this one is especially good because they live right down the street.

"I like that everybody really tries hard to make this great," Lefebvre said

"I like that there's doughnuts here," Alyx said.

Meaghan Mulcahey of Laconia came to the festival with her kids. She said the whole family loved it the festival and the big highlight was the kids' section



Pumpkins carved by members of the community lined the streets of downtown Laconia during the New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival.

"It seems to have gotten better this year," Mulcahey said, saying the face painting was especially a hit with the kids.

The festival is definitely on for next year. Gifford said there has been discussion of hav-

ing it be a two-day event. Gifford said this would give them the chance to have an extra day to get more pumpkins or bring more people in case one day had bad weather.

An announcement of next year's festival date is expected soon.

HALLOWEEN

een crafts will go on in the cafeteria from 5:30-6:30 p.m. There will also be a costume contest as well as putting someone in "Halloween Jail" for a good cause. Children have a chance to win door prizes in the Monster Mash Raffle.

On Halloween costumed ghouls will parade through the village during the annual Gil-

and staff members in their best costumes will parade from the school down Belknap Mountain Road up to the Gilford Village Store and back to the school. Gilford's trick-or-

ford Elementary School

Halloween Parade. At

9 a.m. on Oct. 31 kids

treating is scheduled for Halloween night from 5-8:30 p.m. Belknap Mountain Road will be closed off during these hours so kids can trickor-treat in the village. The road will be closed from Potter Hill Road to the parking lot of the Imagination Station at Gilford Elementary School. Members of the public are urged to park at the schools by traveling up Alvah Wilson Road.

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• 1 insect repellant spray, 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cap/cover. • 1 air freshener 8-9 oz. aerosol or pump must have protective cap/cover.

Items may be dropped off at the church - 18 Weslev Way (off Route 11A near the 3/11 bypass), Gilford, on Monday -Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon, on Tuesday from 5:30-9 p.m., or Sundays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The deadline for collection of the disaster relief supplies is Nov. 13 by 1 p.m. Once the cleaning supplies are collected, the cleaning buckets will be filled and then brought or shipped to a larger receiving site maintained by UM-

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COR. From there the buckets will either be delivered to people in need at present or stored for use in future disasters. UMCOR is a trusted and leading presence in disaster relief in the US and throughout the world. It has several receiving warehouses in this country and around the world stocked with contributed supplies ready for immediate response to disasters. We appreciate your efforts in teaming with First United Methodist Church of Gilford-Laconia and UMCOR to assist people in need throughout the world. If you have any questions or need to arrange a different drop off time, please call 524-3289.

PARK BENCH

passed away last year.

Ken Bolduc was the oldest of 14 siblings, eight boys and six girls. His brother Bob Bolduc is the founder of Bolduc Park and Ken and his wife Barb made huge contributions to the park, including tools and other efforts.

"This was an honor because of everything Ken and Barbara did for the Bolduc family and Bolduc Park," Bob



in facing the water where fish are swimming.

Bob and Marilyn Bolduc were at the dedication as well as family members Norman and Anita McKeown and Armand and Arlene Hamel, who came up from Merrimack, Mass. Volunteer Allen Hopkins was also present.

Gaida Lubis was one of Ken and Barb's neighbors and made a big contribution to the bench. Lubis was unable to be present at the dedication.

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Bolduc said.

Ken Bolduc was a World War II veteran. He served in the South Pacific during the war and helped build the Alaskan Highway.

Bob Bolduc said Barb Bolduc's father Lyman Goss was "one of the best golfers Laconia Country at Club" from the 1930's to the 1950's.

The bench featured

TRASK

and another heart surgery four months after the stroke. He was currently undergoing

treatment for cancer. Besides his family, Tom's greatest love was Nova Scotia. His father was born in Little River, Nova Scotia, and Tom and his family first visited there with his parents in 1982. It was love at first sight. His happiest days were spent there, and buying a home there was his dream come true. He hoped to live there after retirement.

In addition to his mother, Betty Trask, of Laconia, Tom is survived by his wife of 38 years, Dorothy "Dottie" (Dutton) Trask of Laconia and Gilford; his two daughters, Crystal Mull and her husband, Mike, of Laconia, and Tiffany Robinson and her husband, Ryan, of Laconia; his son, Michael "Mike" Trask, and his longtime girlfriend, Lindsey Peter-

FRIN PLUMMER

Armand and Arlene Hamel. Norman and Anita McKeown. Bolduc Park volunteer Allen Hopkins, Marilyn Bolduc, and Bolduc Park founder Bob Bolduc honor Ken and Barbara Bolduc by dedicating a new bench at Bolduc Park.

many images of the things Ken and Barb loved. To represent their love of golf, the legs of the bench are golf balls and the top of the bench also has a

dog and a fish on top. "They loved dogs," Bolduc Bob said. "They were great fishermen and great hunters."

The bench was put

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son, both of Barnstead; nine grandchildren: Allison. Keith. and Evan Locklear, and Ethan Mull as well as Matthew, Annalise, Lorelei, Rosemary, and Felicity Robinson, all of Laconia; three brothers: Frank Trask and his wife, Dawn, of Strafford, Rory Trask and his wife, Linda, of Belmont, and Chip Trask of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Calling hours will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 at the home of Ryan and Tiffany Robinson, 150 Pleasant St., Laconia.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016 at the Harvest Bible Church, 1803 NH Route 140, Gilmanton Iron Works.

A private burial will be held in the family plot at Union Cemetery, Academy Street. Laconia.

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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PUMPKIN FEST

opportunity for the community to come out and have a good time," said Jim Holmes, branch director for the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region.

Holmes said the kids had been carving pumpkins for a week, sending in 56 pumpkins.

"They were so thrilled to have their pumpkins

involved and to walk in the parade," Holmes said.

Volunteer Barbara Leone, who has served as a director for the club for a long time, said Sanel Auto Parts also offered their parking lot for the club to park cars. They filled two parking lots and earned the club \$200. Leone said this was

her first year at the festival.

"I am in absolute awe and I have goosebumps," Leone said. "People have been so nice."

Numerous vendors could be found around the festival selling food and souvenirs. Gilford Country Store was one of those vendors, selling Pumpkin Festival t-shirts as well as a wide assortment of gift items for the second year. Co-owner Taylor Tognacci said they brought a sample of what they have at the store.

"It's fun because we're in the next town over," Tognacci said. "It's good to be part of the community."

Tom Vankuilenburg

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Seniors honored as Eagles post 13-3 regular season

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – Despite graduating the core of its team and finding itself without the services of its libero all season due to injury, the Gilford High School volleyball dynasty train kept right on rolling this season. The Golden Eagles finished the regular season with a 13-3 record, good enough for the No. 2 seed in the NHIAA Division II tournament, which begins this week.

The season came to a close with a disappointing loss on Senior Night at home against St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday night, as Gilford led 2-0 and looked to close out a sweep before the visiting Saints came roaring back to capture the final three sets and earn a 15-25, 12-25, 25-17, 25-20, 15-10 win.

Still, the final regular season home match featured a festive atmosphere, with seniors being honored and presented gifts prior to the match from the team's underclassmen. The Class of 2017 consists of Stevie Orton, Michaela Ralls, Cynthia Gagnon, Sydney Holland and Maddi Currier.

Gagnon was on fire in the first two sets against St. Thomas, as she totaled four aces, two kills and two blocks in the opening frame before dropping in five kills and three blocks in game two. Currier also played well with four kills in game two, but St. Thomas came back thanks in large part to some Gilford struggles at the service line.



The Gilford volleyball seniors (kneeling, left to right), Stevie Orton, Michaela Ralls, Cynthia Gagnon, Sydney Holland and Maddi Currier) are flanked by their parents during Senior Night against St. Thomas Aquinas on Friday night.

10 kills, while Currier
also added 10 kills and
21 digs. Maggie McNeil
(eight kills, 14 digs),
Karly Sanborn (four
kills) and Naomi Els
dridge (26 assists) were
other key contributors.

Gilford took care of business in its 3-0 sweep of Kennett earlier in the week, dismantling the winless side by a 25-10, 25-5, 25-7 score for win number 13.

Sophomore setter Karly Sanborn totaled 11 assists and eight aces, as she was a perfect 21-for-21 from the service line. Freshman Naomi Eldridge added seven assists, while Maggie McNeil led the offense with five kills to go along with two aces. Gagnon and BY JEFF LAJOIE Currier combined for jlajoie@salmonpress.com eight kills, while Lexi Boisvert tossed in three kills for Gilford.



Gilford sophomore Nicole Berube sends the ball past a Hopkinton defender in the first half of the second-seeded Eagles 4-1 victory in the NHIAA Division III quarterfinal on Saturday.



Freshman Laurel Gingrich tries to stop a Hopkinton player from advancing the ball in the host Eagles' 4-1 victory on Saturday.

Salanitro's hat trick sends Eagles back to Final Four

Gagnon registered seven blocks to go with

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GILFORD – For the fourth year in a row, the G Gilford High School field on

hockey team played its way to Exeter.

The second-seeded Golden Eagles cashed in on nearly every prime

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scoring opportunity, staking themselves to an early lead and dominating visiting seventh-seeded Hopkinton, 4-1, in an NHIAA Division III quarterfinal on Saturday.

The victory sent the Eagles to their fourth consecutive NHIAA D-III Final Four, scheduled to be played after deadline on Oct. 26 at 5 p.m. against third-seeded Newfound at Bill Ball Stadium in Exeter. A win would catapult Gilford to its second straight state championship game appearance on Sunday at Bedford High School (noon).

"A lot of people this year said, 'Oh, they don't get this far with so many new people," said Gilford head coach Dave Rogacki. "I think the (first round) bye did help us. With a young team, we were able to get healthy and worked on a lot of things to prepare us for this game."

Sophomore forward Brianna Salanitro scored three goals in the win, while Kellie Ryan – the team's leading scorer – also tallied late in the second half.

"(Salanitro) understands how to score now and she's figured out her role on the team," Rogacki said.

The Eagles scored just 7:32 into the first half, as Salanitro notched her first of the game when she tipped in a shot from Ryan on a quick restart for a 1-0 lead.

The advantage grew to 2-0 midway through the half, when she Salanitro got her second of the game, this one with a feed from Nicole Berube. The two quick strikes, coupled with the team's suffocating defense powered by Kaitlyn VanBennekum, Hannah Sullivan and Randi Byars, had the Eagles in a dominating position.

"We talk a lot about getting our goals early because we have such a good defense," admitted Rogacki. "We hadn't played in a week so we had to withstand the first few minutes, but we were able to score some goals early and that settled everyone down."

Salanitro finished off her hat trick with 7:29 left in the first half, sweeping in a shot from Ryan after she beat two defenders with some impressive stick work to put Gilford on top, 3-0.

"(Salanitro) scored three but we don't just have one scorer this year," Rogacki said. "That makes us dangerous. Other than Kellie, we've had other kids stepping up all year."

With Gilford staked to a 3-0 halftime lead, the Eagles had a nice cushion in the second half to withstand a furious Hopkinton charge. The SEE **EAGLES** PAGE B3

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Dean tallies as Eagles edged in season finale

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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GILFORD – It wasn't exactly the season the Gilford High School girls' soccer team had hoped for. But there were improvements, and there was certainly no decline in attitude. The Golden Eagles played one of their best games of the season in the finale on Oct. 20, giving highly-ranked Raymond High School everything it could handle before falling, 2-1, in NHIAA Division III play on senior day.

The loss dropped Gilford to a final record of 3-11-2, short of a playoff berth. Raymond improved to 11-5 overall and earned the fifth seed in the D-III tournament.

"We knew going in (against Raymond) that unfortunately we weren't going to be in the playoffs," admitted second-year head coach Tom Raymond. "So I told the girls to think of this as their playoff game... everyone stepped up."

Raymond jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the 25th minute of play, tallying thanks to a deflection off a Gilford defender for an own goal.

That lead grew to 2-0 with just 6:36 left in the first half when a Raymond player broke free and got behind the defense for a breakaway that was slotted past Gilford keeper Hannah Perkins.

Staring the 2-0 hole in the face with halftime looming, the Eagles broke through for a huge tally with 4:19 to play.



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Gilford junior Taryn Breton battles with a Raymond player for possession of the ball in the host Eagles' 2-1 loss during the regular season finale on Oct. 20.

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the second half. With the

rains coming down and

field conditions deteri-

orating, the Eagles pep-

pered the Raymond goal.

Gwen Knipping had a

shot turned away with

5:41 left, while Dean's

blast was also knocked

down with 2:15 to play.

The clock ran out on

the comeback attempt

Sarah Currier fed junior Lauren Dean, who pelted a low shot across the box and into the back of the net to make it a 2-1 game going into intermission.

"We made a lot of improvements over the course of the season and the girls were really doing the things I wanted them to do by the end of it," said Raymond.

Gilford had several however, and Raymond

survived with the 2-1 victory.

"It was a gritty, tough effort from the girls and I'm very proud of the way they battled until the end," Raymond offered. "And this game, it was night and day from the first game (against Raymond, a 5-2 loss)."

The loss came two days after the Eagles picked up their third



Sophie Leggett of Gilford tries to clear the ball from danger in the first half of the Eagles' 2-1 loss to Raymond last week. Leggett scored the game-winner in double overtime two days earlier to beat Inter-Lakes, 1-0.



Gilford's Julianna Coulstring runs onto a loose ball in the first half of play against Raymond on Oct. 20.

win of the season on the road in Meredith. Sophie Leggett took a feed from Sarah Fillion and blasted it into the back of the Inter-Lakes net with just 10 seconds remaining in double overtime for a 1-0 victory. Perkins picked up 15 saves to snag the team's first shutout of 2016.

The future does look bright for the Eagles, who will return a horde of 11 juniors, as well as a sophomore goalkeeper in Perkins and two starting freshmen in the lineup.

"There's a lot of younger components to

our roster who have developed nicely this year and I think that bodes well for the future," Raymond said. "We need to keep improving upon what we were able to do late in the season."

The Eagles finished 2-2-1 in its final five games of the season, and they did play solid defense throughout the year in allowing 39 goals in 16 games (2.44 goals against average). The offensive effort will need to improve however, as the club managed just 13 goals on the season, merely a 0.81 goal per game average.



capture tournament title

GILFORD – Gilford High School hosted the Division II JV volleyball tournament on Saturday, as 12 schools participated in the event held at GHS and Gilford Middle School. Coe-Brown. ConVal, Gilford, John Stark, Kingswood, Laconia, Manchester West, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Thomas, Somer-St. sworth, and Windham competed throughout the day.

Gilford was undefeated in pool play after beating St.Thomas, John Stark and Manchester West, which gave it the first seed

going into the bracket tournament. The Eagles received a bye in the quarterfinals and went on to beat Coe-Brown in the semifinals. Coe-Brown won the first game 25-21, but Gilford stormed back and won the next two games 25-9 and 15-9 to reach the championship match.

Windham beat Kingwood in the other semifinal matchup so the championship match was set for Gilford vs. Windham. Gilford and Windham played a very competitive match with Gilford prevailing. Gilford won in two games,



COURTESY

The Gilford JV volleyball team captured the Division II tournament title on Saturday at GHS. Front row: Emily Bell, Isabella Moceri, Sydney Milligan, Gabby Podmore, Erin Gately. Back row: Naomi Eldridge, Samantha Holland, Raegan McIntire, Jennie Gannon, Alysha Burton, Abby O'Connor, Abby Warren, coach Amy Tripp.

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XC Eagles solid in final state meet tune-up

BY JEFF LAJOIE

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CONCORD The _ biggest race on the cross country calendar is slated for Saturday, when the local teams embark on Derryfield Park in Manchester for the NHIAA Division III state championship. The squads competed in a big tune-up last week, competing against schools from all three divisions in a meet hosted by Merrimack Valley on Oct. 20.

The boys' race was won by Division I Concord High School, as the Tide cruised to first overall with 16 points on the strength of the top four individual finishers. Concord's James Wilkes was the individual victor, crossing in 16 minutes, 34 seconds.

Belmont High School took the top local team position in fifth place (189 points), followed by Inter-Lakes (seventh, 197 points), Gilford (12th, 250) and Winnisquam (13th, 325).

Gilford senior Mark Young topped his team's roster of runners, crossing in 28th place overall with a time of 18:25. Next came teammate Josh Valentine in 32nd position (18:45), while Michael Wernig (48th, 19:16), Matthew Mc-Donough (60th, 19:39) and Ben Altmire (82nd, 20:41) were the other Golden Eagle scorers.

Belmont put two runners in the top 20, led by

Nick Randos' 15th place performance (17:36). Ian Remenar joined him in the top 20, placing 19th overall in 17:49.

Isaiah Knowlton (40th, 19:01), Aidan Rupp (53rd, 19:20), and Connor Jackson (62nd, 19:41) were the other Red Raiders to figure into the scoring, while Adam Sojka also competed by finishing 86th overall (21:42).

Winnisquam's Kyle Mann also finished in the top 20, as he was 20th overall to pace the Bears on the day in 17:52. Tyler Mann was 65th for Winnisquam (19:48), followed by Nathan Houghton (67th, 19:52), Jack Richard (85th, 21:23), John Swain (93rd, 23:34) and Brennan Dunn (95th, 23:51).

Ian Daly of Inter-Lakes was the first finisher for his team, as the junior ran to an impressive ninth place overall with a time of 17:10. Teammates Alex Losada (33rd, 18:45) and Sam Seeley (38th, 18:59) both finished in the top 40, while Davis Jollimore (47th, 19:14) was a top 50 scorer. Steven Bean (70th, 19:59) and Parker Caswell (71st, 20:00) rounded out the Lakers in action.

The girls' race was also won by Concord's 36 points, with Merrimack Valley's Kristie Schoffield nabbing the individual title in 19:24.

Belmont was the top

with a sixth place finish (184 points), followed by Inter-Lakes (seventh, 204), Gilford (ninth, 208) and Tilton School (11th, 236).

Madison Relf powered the Eagles in 27th place overall (22:38), while twin sister Elizabeth Relf wasn't far behind in 34th place (23:02). Also scoring for Gilford in the outing were Kaitlyn Callahan (53rd, 24:50), Natalie Fraser (54th, 24:50) and Chloe Schwartz (65th, 25:40).

One of the favorites to capture the D-III title this Saturday, Belmont sophomore Alice Riley took fourth overall at Merrimack Valley with a time of 20:04. Teammate Alexus Day was next in 22nd place (22:23), with Makayla Palmer just four spots back in 26th position (22:34). Betsey Lowe (72nd, 26:52), Abby Camire (79th, 28:49) and Taylor Yelle (82nd, 33:14) also competed for the Raiders.

Winnisquam had just a trio of runners in the girls' race, led by Jasmine Piper's 44th place finish in 23:50. Hannah Swain (59th, 25:10) and Cassie Caron (78th, 28:41) were the other Bears to run on the day.

Tilton School's Maddie Clark ran to an impressive third place finish in 20:04, while Amanda Crowley was also a top 40 finisher in 39th place (23:17).

Inter-Lakes fresh-Lakes Region school man Maya Weil-Cooley



JEFF LAJOIE Gilford's Madison Relf led the Eagles with a 27th place finish last week in a meet hosted by Merrimack Valley.

cracked the top 10 to lead her Lakers, taking 10th overall with a time of 21:17. Willow Strother was I-L's number two scorer in 43rd place (23:50), while Kaitlin Gable (51st, 24:43), Emma O'Hearn (58th, 25:05) and Juliette Bean (66th, 25:45) also scored points towards the team total.

The D-III state meet will be run at 1 p.m. with the girls' race, followed at 1:40 p.m. with the boys' race at Derryfield Park.



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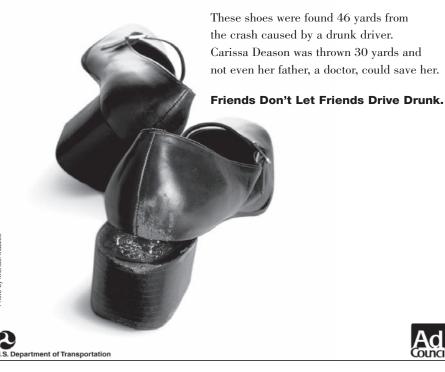
Gilford's Laurel Normandin makes a play on the ball in the second half of the Eagles' 4-1 win on Saturday.

visiting Hawks didn't go away quietly, forcing Gilford freshman goalkeeper Jenna Delucca to make some big saves. Hopkinton scored its lone tally of the afternoon with just 1:47 to play, but by then the outcome had long been decided.

"When we move the

ball side to side and have our transition game going, we are a very good team," Rogacki lauded. "And like I said, defensively we've only allowed four goals all season coming into the game. For (Delucca) as a freshman to be doing what she's doing, that's impressive."

Gilford's offense was aided by the work of Nicole Berube, who created several scoring opportunities with some nice rushes on the outside. Ryan was her usual menace in the middle of the field, creating transition attacks throughout the rain-soaked affair.





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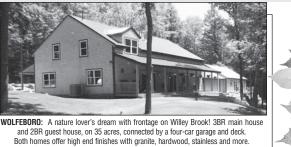
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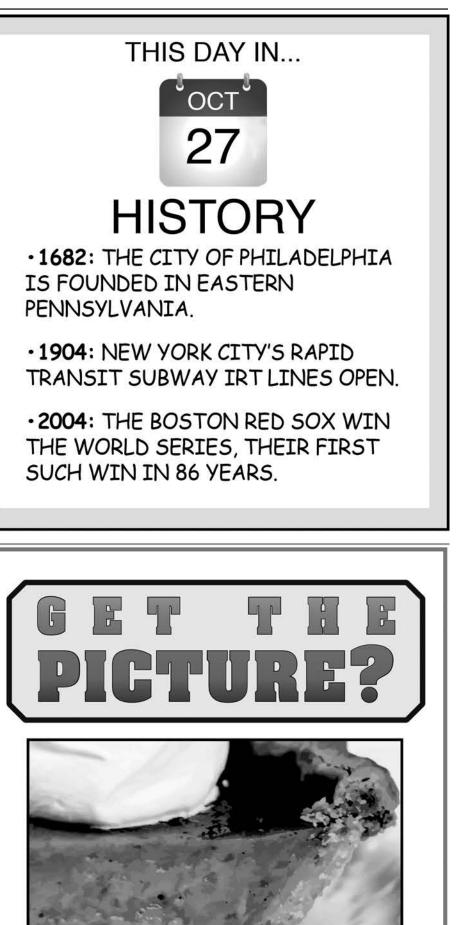
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