

## Reaching new heights



Lucas Robdau stands at the top of Mount Moosilauke.

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### WINNISQUAM JUNIOR TACKLES NEW HAMPSHIRE’S 4,000-FOOTERS

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

REGION — What did you accomplish during the pandemic?

Whatever it may be, it’s a safe bet that Lucas Robdau took it a step (or several thousand steps) further.

The 16-year-old Winnisquam junior decided in May, after a few months of remote learning amidst the lockdown, that he was going to try to hike all of New Hampshire’s 4,000-foot mountains.

And, less than six months later, he reached that goal, hitting all of the 4,000-foot peaks.

A soccer player at Winnisquam, Robdau saw his summer soccer season cancelled, so in addition to working, he was looking for something to do to stay active and break the doldrums of quarantine.

“It definitely felt good to say that I did that,” Robdau said. “It’s pretty cool.”

Hiking is nothing

new to the teenager, who grew up hiking with his father, and he started looking at the 4,000-footers as a possible option last year and the cancellation of seemingly everything in the spring and into the summer gave him the chance to tackle them.

So, he asked his father if they could go hike a 4,000-footer together in May and the duo set out to hike Mount Tecumseh

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## Tilton School celebrates \$180,000 grant award

TILTON — The Board of Directors of the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) has announced \$4.1 million in matching grants awarded to thirty-two projects across the state, including the Charles E. Tilton Mansion on the campus of Tilton School.

Tilton School, a co-educational independent school known for its Mastery Approach curriculum, received a \$180,000 grant award to support the restoration of the unique mansard roof of the mansion. This project will protect and preserve the historic character of the building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as having historic significance to New Hampshire.

“We’re excited by LCHIP’s investment in the Charles E. Tilton Mansion,” said David Thiel, Head of School. “We know how important the mansion is to the town and its history, and this grant will help Tilton School preserve the Mansion for the benefit of the entire community, both on campus and off.”

The mansion was built as the family residence of Charles Elliot Tilton, namesake of both the school and the town where it resides. A residence in the Tilton family until 1952, the building was purchased by Tilton School in 1962. It houses the school library and art center. The funds from the LCHIP grants will help the school conduct critical maintenance to the roof of this historic building. The Masiello Family Foundation has donated a matching amount in support of this project.

LCHIP funds will support projects in nine of the state’s ten counties. This grant round was highly competitive, with nearly \$8 million in funding requests compared to \$4.1 million available for grants. LCHIP Board of Directors Chair Amanda Merrill of Durham observed that “With the large number and high quality of applications that where submitted this year, the board had the satisfaction of awarding grants to a variety of wonderful projects-- and the regret of being unable to support many others. It is clear to me that the work of LCHIP is more important than ever.”

Grant recipients are required to raise a minimum of one dollar for each dollar provided by LCHIP. This year’s awards of \$4.1 million will be matched by nearly \$18 million that the project proponents will raise from other public and private sources, infusing a total of over \$22 million into the state’s economy in direct project activity.

About Tilton School

Tilton School is an independent, co-educational, boarding and day school in Tilton, New Hampshire., serving students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduates. Since its founding in 1845, Tilton has challenged students to embrace and navigate a world driven by diversity and change. Tilton School approaches teaching, learning, and living through a customized learning process called The Mastery Approach. For more information about Tilton visit [tiltonschool.org](http://tiltonschool.org).

About New Hampshire’s Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program is an independent state authority created by the legislature in 2000. LCHIP’s

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## Watershed based management plan underway for Lake Winnisquam

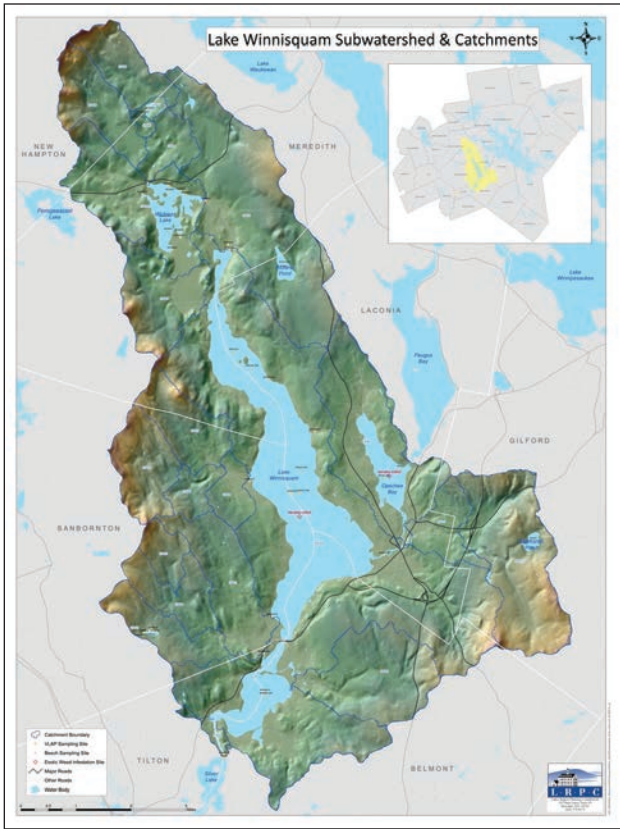
REGION — The Winnisquam Watershed Network (WWN) is excited to announce that preparation of a Watershed Based Management Plan for the Lake Winnisquam watershed is officially underway.

A consulting team comprised of FB Environmental of Dover NH and the Horsley Witten Group out of Sandwich MA has been engaged by the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Region 1 office to develop a Watershed Based Plan that meets watershed planning and implementation requirements for the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 Program.

The approximately \$80,000 project is being funded through EPA’s CWA Section 303(d) Program. The watershed management plan will identify and quantify sources of pollutants to Lake Winnisquam, determine the water quality goals and the pollutant reductions needed to meet those goals, and identify best management practices and protection strategies to be implemented in the watershed to achieve the pollutant reductions needed.

“The Winnisquam watershed is being impacted by increasing recreational activity and development pressure, while at the same time struggling with the effects of climate change and threats from invasive

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## Belmont High School holds National Honor Society induction



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The opening remarks of the ceremony were made by Matthew Finch, Principal of Belmont High School, who gave way to the evening’s guest speaker, Shannon

Aja. Aja, a 2015 graduate of Belmont High School and former President of the National Honor Society, urged the new inductees to recognize their potential and to embrace their capacity to positively impact their school, the local community, and the world as a whole.

Immediate household family members were also invited to celebrate these outstanding stu-

dents during the event, planned and conducted by NHS advisors Rachel McGarghan (a member of the BHS Math Department) and Tonya Angwin (of the high school’s Social Studies Department). This year’s inductees were Juniors Mitchell Berry, Kaitlyn Bryant, Oonagh Burwell, Jacob Dumais, Jada Edgren, Ella Irving, Anna LaDue, Isabella Lewis, Serenity

McKim, Brian Miles, and Christopher Pare; the Senior Class inductees were Kelley Allen, Deanna Bourque, Olivia Bowser, Micah Edgren, Chloe Jackson, Eamon Kelley, Stella LaVallee, Madison Lima, Isabella McDonald, Alyzabeth O’Connell, Molly Sottak, Nathan Sottak, Kara Stephens, and Kyle Whitcomb.



# Carol Bickford retires after 37 years Supporting Local Mutual Banks



Carol Bickford

MEREDITH — After 37 years, Carol Bickford, the Senior Vice President and Retail Lending Officer for Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSb), Merrimack County Savings Bank (the Merrimack) and Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) is retiring. Bickford currently stewards the mortgage and personal lending programs for all three banks. Her last working day is Dec. 18.

Bickford joined the MVSb lending team in 1983 and quickly moved

up through the ranks. She was promoted to Senior Vice President of Retail Lending at MVSb in 2009; and was promoted to include the Merrimack in 2014, and again to include Savings Bank of Walpole in 2019. She has been a valued member of the senior level staff for over fifteen years.

Bickford's success is attributed to her quick understanding and assessment of New Hampshire's unique home market. As a community banker, she has led her team to become experts in the region, helping them appreciate the challenges and rewards of building, buying and owning a home locally. The highly skilled mortgage specialists of MVSb, the Merrimack and SBW offer personal, tailored support that fit individual needs. They specialize in first-time home-buying, construc-

tion lending and second homes. They also manage many partnerships with an array of vendors and businesses involved in the home buying process.

"For almost four decades, Carol's leadership in our residential lending area has been a cornerstone to the success of our company, making thousands of dreams come true with home ownership in our state," said Rick Wyman, President of Meredith Village Savings Bank. "Her leadership and service has made us stronger and better through the years. Carol will be very missed, and we wish her the best in retirement."

"It has been an absolute honor to spend my banking career at such a remarkable organization," said Bickford. "Our three banks have each recorded a significant amount of success over the past 150 years. I am deeply fortunate to have worked with such incredible colleagues and have been blessed to connect with so many people over the years. Now I'm looking forward to many new experiences with family and friends and opportunities that will allow me to continue making a difference."

Carol Bickford is a member of the Mortgage Market Committee for American Bankers Association. She also previously served on the Mortgage Committee for New Hampshire Bankers, and was a Board Member of Lakes Region Community Developers (formerly Laconia Area Community Land Trust) as well as the Lakes Region United Way. She has also been involved with several past projects with the Town of Meredith, including an update of the town's Master Plan. Bickford attended New Hampshire College for business and is a graduate of the ABA Graduate School of Banking at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Unlike stock banks which focus on driving income to their stockholders, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Merrimack County Savings Bank and Savings Bank of Walpole are mutual savings banks that operate expressly for the benefit of their depositors, borrowers and surrounding communities. As a result, each bank has remained steadfast in fostering the economic health and well-being of their communities, prioritizing the values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship in all mat-

ters of business and service.

Founded in 1869, Meredith Village Savings Bank has been serving people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities of Seacoast, Central and Lakes Region of NH for over 150 years. To learn more, visit any of their local branch offices in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Plymouth, Portsmouth or Wolfeboro, call 800.922.6872 or visit mvsb.com.

sFounded in 1867, Merrimack County Savings Bank has been serving the people, businesses, non-profits and municipalities in central and southern New Hampshire for over 150 years. The Merrimack was voted "Best Bank" by the Capital Area's People's Preferences for the 10th consecutive year in 2020. To learn more, visit any of their local offices in Bow, Concord, Contoocook, Hooksett and Nashua, call 800.541.0006 or visit themerrimack.com.

Founded in 1875, Savings Bank of Walpole is headquartered in Walpole and serves the Connecticut River Valley and Monadnock Regions of New Hampshire and Vermont from offices in Walpole and Keene. With assets totaling \$460 million, the Bank offers a wide range of finan-

cial products, including services to individuals, businesses and organizations. For more information call 603.352.1822 or visit walpolebank.com.

New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp, a shared services organization, 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 the state. 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 community banking standards and values. MillRiver Wealth Management joined as a third affiliate in 2015, combining the financial advisory divisions of MVSb and the Merrimack. Savings Bank of Walpole joined NHMB in 2018. In 2020, MillRiver Wealth Management affiliated with the New Hampshire Trust Company and Savings Bank of Walpole Wealth Management to become NHTrust. NHMB combined assets total more than \$2.8 billion. For more information, visit nhmutual.com.



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## Belmont students join "It's for the Kids Community Challenge"

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BELMONT — Belmont High School students Chris Pare and Chloe Jackson are captains in the first student-led team in the "It's For the Kids Community Challenge." The challenge supports the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, which helps families in need during the holiday season.

"We're joining the Community Challenge because of the incredible impact it has on local families. As soon as we heard about the event, we were blown away by the intrinsic kindness and generosity of the fundraising event," Pare said.


To fundraise for the event, they are selling Christmas Surprise Boxes. The boxes are "filled to the brim with 12 action-packed holiday activities, that are sure to keep everyone in the family entertained." The activities are hand-picked, and the boxes custom-designed, to ensure that everyone's experience will be one of a kind.

Their team is also gladly accepting donations for those not interested in the boxes. To support their cause or to find out more, visit <https://www.givegab.com/teams/belmont-high-school>.

## TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 432 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Nov. 2-8.

Arrested during this time period were Bradley Tyrrell (in connection with a warrant), Sheldon Wallace (for Possession of Drugs), Timothy Gray (for Resisting Arrest and Domestic Violence-Criminal Threatening), Ann Moynahan (for Possession of Drugs), Zachary Jabour (for Driving After Suspension), and Paul Tasker (in connection with a warrant).



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# Prescott Farm hires Volunteer Coordinator/Development Assistant

LACONIA - Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center is pleased to welcome Maria Sorensen as Volunteer Coordinator and Development Assistant.

In her role, Sorensen will act as liaison between staff and volunteers to enhance and expand the current volunteer program. She will also assist with aspects of Prescott Farm's fundraising, such as grant writing, donor stewardship, and event planning.

Sorensen holds a B.S. in Animal Science from the University of Connecticut. She was community service chair for UConn's Dressage Team, where she gained experience in volunteer management.

"I know how important volunteers are to a community and how valuable it is to connect with others," Sorensen said. "I'm excited to get to know the community around Laconia and can't wait to expand the scope of the volunteer and fundraising programs here."

"Education is at the heart of everything we do at Prescott Farm," Executive Director Jude Hamel said. "With Maria's leadership, we will be able to provide more opportunities for Lakes Region residents and visitors to expand their knowledge and skills in a variety of area - with the added benefit of feeling great about giving back to our community!"

Maria comes to Prescott Farm through the Catholic Charities NH AmeriCorps VISTA program and will serve at Prescott Farm for 12 months. Community members interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities at Prescott Farm can reach Maria at [msorensen@prescottfarm.org](mailto:msorensen@prescottfarm.org).

**CCNH Mission**  
Grounded in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, Catholic Charities New Hampshire responds to those in need with programs that heal, comfort and empower.

**AmeriCorps VISTA**  
AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965 and incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been on the front lines in the fight against poverty in America for more than 40 years.

VISTA members commit to serve full-time for a year at a non-profit organization or local government agency, working to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, strengthen community groups, and much more. With passion, commitment, and hard work, you'll create or expand programs designed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

**Prescott Farm**  
Prescott Farm is a nonprofit 501c3 organization dedicated to providing year-round environmental education programs for all ages and a place in the Lakes Region community that encourages curiosity, discovery, fun and connection to the



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**Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center welcomes Kathryn Downey as the Volunteer Coordinator, Catholic Charities NH AmeriCorp**  
natural world. For more information about programming, events and volunteer opportunities at Prescott Farm, please visit [prescottfarm.org](http://prescottfarm.org).

# Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction announces last call for donated items

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction will hold its final pre-Auction item drive at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion on Friday, Nov. 27 and Saturday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion.

New, unused and unwrapped items are desperately needed to help the Children's Auction raise the same level of funding in 2020 as it has in recent years. COVID-19 has put an enormous damper on the organization's ability to gather items and on volunteers' individual fundraising efforts through events, primarily.

"While many items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community," said Jaime Sousa, GLRCA board chairperson. "Local businesses have stepped up to gather items and even allowed us to have item drives in their parking lots, but we are not done yet. We need more items to serve more people in 2021."

While all new items are welcome, traditionally gift cards, electronics, tools, toys, sporting goods and household items bring in the highest bids.

Completed donor forms must accompany each donation; forms are available at <https://bit.ly/32ahYHb> and will also be available at the pavilion.

Gift card donations can be dropped off at the pavilion; mailed to GLRCA, 383 South Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246; or ordered online and delivered to GLRCA.

Because of the threat of the pandemic, this year's auction will be held virtually from the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion. Auction leaders will not accept donations during the event to ensure there is time to properly sanitize and photograph every item in a manner in which volunteers can social distance.

For more information, contact Jennifer Kelley, Children's Auction Coordinator at [Jenn@ChildrensAuction.com](mailto:Jenn@ChildrensAuction.com).

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction  
The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including, It's for the Kids Community Challenge (formerly PubMania), into a major annual campaign. In the 39 years that the community has come together for the Auction, more than \$6 million has been raised for local charities, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit [ChildrensAuction.com](http://ChildrensAuction.com).

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## To infinity and beyond

On Nov. 15, the world watched as a Space X spacecraft blasted into space with four astronauts on board. As one news outlet put it, it was ‘eight minutes of terror’ as the fiery bullet took off. This title nailed it. As we watched the rocket take off, we were awestruck at how far mankind has come. The science and intelligence that is behind what was once unthinkable, is mind blowing.

Watching the takeoff on Sunday evening was just as exciting as it was nerve wracking. In 1986, while in school, we all watched as the Challenger met it’s fatal fate after just 73 seconds after taking off. In 2003, the Columbia shuttle broke apart while attempting to reenter the Earth’s atmosphere, killing all seven crew members.

The crew, made up of Victor Glover, Shannon Walker, Soichi Noguchi (of Japan) and Michael Hopkins, traveled the 27 hours it takes to get to the International Space Station. As we write this, the crew is safely in orbit.

The launch was delayed from Saturday to Sunday due to bad weather from Hurricane Eta. The trek is historical in that it’s the first fully operational mission for the private company, SpaceX, founded by Elon Musk. A test mission did take place this past spring with two test pilots, Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley who successfully traveled to the space station.

The crew will remain in space for six months, where they will administer several experiments. One experiment includes how microgravity affects human heart tissue. Microgravity is defined as the condition in which people or things appear to be weightless. An attempt to grow radishes will also take place, which could lead to longer space missions.

In 2011, NASA did away with the Space Shuttle program. Since then the United States has used Russian spacecrafts to bring astronauts to the International Space Station. SpaceX created and developed the Crew Dragon capsule.

In 1961, Russian Lt. Yuri Gagarin became the first person to orbit the Earth in Vostok 1. The flight lasted for 108 minutes, reaching an altitude of 202 miles. That same year, Alan Shepard became the first American to go to space. A year later in February, John Glenn became the first American to land on the moon. In 1969, Neil Armstrong was the first human to walk on the moon.

Some interesting facts about space are that it is completely silent. Because there is no atmosphere in space, sound has no way to travel. Astronauts use radios to communicate. In 1986, NASA discovered what could be fossils of microscopic living organisms on a rock brought back from Mars. Halley’s Comet won’t orbit by the Earth until 2061. A space suit from Nasa costs \$12,000,000. A research by Yale scientists suggests that there may be a planet made out of diamonds, that is twice the size of Earth and eight times greater. They say it’s 40 light years away; however, it can be seen by the naked eye in the constellation of Cancer. The footprints left on the moon will last for 100 million years. One day on Venus is longer than one year due to a slow axis rotation which takes 243 Earth days to complete it’s day. If two pieces of metal touch while in space, they will weld together. There is floating water in space. The moon was once a piece of the Earth. Scientists say that when Earth was young, it was struck by a giant object breaking a piece off that began to orbit the Earth due to gravity.

Sunday evening’s excitement was a much needed break from the national news cycle. Listening to the ground crew at NASA headquarters was like listening to something out of a movie. It was a refreshing reminder that there are bigger, more positive things taking place in our lifetimes and for that, we are thankful.

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### Artists of the Month

Because Covid-19 remains a threat, the Lakes Region Art Association Gallery requires customers visiting their Gallery, and LRAA artists members attending its monthly meetings there, to adhere to the strict guidelines for maintaining social distancing and to wear a mask. At its recent monthly meeting, members attending, selected six fellow artists as their “Artists of the Month” for excellence in creating original art and photography. Temporarily removing their masks for this group photo are the winners, seated (L-R): Barbara McClintock, Audrey Rougeot, Martha Aucion, Standing, (L-R) Ron Bowman, Duane Hammond, and Sherwood Frazier. Each artist will have their winning entries on public display in 5 different bank lobbies in the region, and one in the Laconia Public Library, from mid-November to mid-December. The Lakes Region Art Association, Tanger Outlet Mall, suite 132, is now conducting a special exhibit titled ‘Art for Giving,’ collecting Toys for Tots and raising funds for charitable giving this holiday season. It is open Thursday, thru Sunday, 10AM-6PM. LRAA is a non-profit 501c-3 organization.

## STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

BY LARRY SCOTT

From Max Lucado’s book, “In the Eye of the Storm,” comes this story:

“It happens every Friday evening, almost without fail, when the sun resembles a giant orange and is starting to dip into the blue ocean, Old Ed comes strolling along the beach to his favorite pier. Clutched in his bony hand is a bucket of shrimp.

Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. ... Before long, dozens of seagulls have enveloped him. Ed stands there tossing out shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, “Thank you. Thank you.” In a few short minutes, the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn’t leave. He stands

there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. ... On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane and climbed into a life raft. Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger. By the eighth day, their rations ran out. No food. No water. ... They needed a miracle.

Time dragged. ... Suddenly, Eddie felt something land on top of his cap. It was a seagull! Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab

it and wring its neck. He tore the feathers off, and he and his starving crew made a meal – a very slight meal for eight men – of it. They used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait ... and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first living seagull. And he never stopped saying, “Thank you.” That’s why almost every Friday night he would walk out to the end of that pier with a bucket full of shrimp and heart full of gratitude” (pp. 221, 225-226).

Eddie Rickenbacker’s thankfulness for a seagull that had to die

that he and his crew might live is a rather crude reminder of the One who died that, to paraphrase Jesus’ words, “We might have life and have it abundantly.” Far from following his precepts as a matter of obligation, we serve Him because we love Him, from a heart of deepest gratitude. The self-discipline required of our drives and ambitions is as nothing when compared to the peace of mind, the sense of purpose, and the promise of eternal life that is ours due to the death (and resurrection, I might add) of the One who loved us first. “Thank you, dear Lord. Thank you ... thank you ... thank you ... thank you!”

For more thoughts like these, follow me at [indefenseoftruth.net](http://indefenseoftruth.net).

## MARK ON THE MARKETS

### Market rotation



BY MARK PATTERSON

The hot stocks of yesterday does not mean they’re going to be the hot stocks of tomorrow, to my point many of the “stay-at-home” stocks like Zoom video, Spotify and Netflix have come off some recent very high prices. It does not mean that the stocks will return to their highs, however as companies announce success in the COVID-19 vaccine race, we see some softening in many of those sectors and strengthening in

some of the otherwise softer areas like travel and tourism. But then wait a minute, and you hear about potential new lockdowns going forward by many states and you will see a reversal back into “stay at home” stocks.

So, what is the average investor to do when the news changes the direction of sectors and asset classes? If you are invested in a passively managed portfolio such as mutual funds, then you just hope that the fund managers are not behind the curve on a lasting sector rotation. One issue with some of the large Capitalization growth style mutual funds is that they must gravitate towards the very liquid large companies’ stock, like Apple, Amazon, and Microsoft to name a few. If you look at your mutual fund’s current holdings, it is always interesting from my perspective to look at the top 10 holdings of these large capitaliza-

tion growth funds. Many looks like mirror images of each other and the S&P 500 index. My point is to bring awareness to mutual fund investors that the criteria of some of the companies held by these large funds cannot be met until it many times too late to get the vast majority of upside. Let us look at Tesla for example. Even last year there were many skeptics and short sellers around Tesla. I would guess that it did not fit the criteria for large-cap growth funds. Now that it is going to be added to the S&P 500 index you may start to see some of these funds take a position in Tesla. The price of Tesla stock has already gone up an extraordinary amount, and now will be added to all S&P 500 index funds. I do know of some much smaller exchange traded funds that were in on Tesla before the big run-up in price. Certainly, owning Tesla is not suitable for everyone in

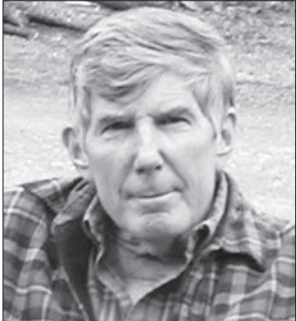
everyone’s portfolio because of the volatility and risk in the stock. But as a mutual fund investor, if you had wanted a small portion of Tesla, you would’ve had likely had to go outside of your fund family to own Tesla stock.

In the past, I have talked about “modern portfolio theory” which really means having multiple non-correlated asset classes throughout your investment portfolio. In my opinion it is exceedingly difficult to achieve this asset class diversification in a family of mutual funds. For example, the precious metals such as gold, silver and industrial metals like copper have done very well recently. This would be an uncorrelated asset class to growth stocks, bonds, or even crypto currency. Crypto currency or Bitcoin is another uncorrelated asset class that has done very well, and again, it

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## TV show inspires thoughts of the (not so) lowly beaver



By JOHN HARRIGAN  
COLUMNIST

*Editor's note: Mr. Harrigan was not able to submit a new North Country Notebook column in time to meet our press deadline for this week's edition. The following column was originally published in April of 2018.*

My siblings and I were fortunate to grow up within reconnoitering distance of a swamp. My mother, a non-helicopter Mom before her time, saw swamps as safer than streets and sidewalks. Hence her frequent suggestion, "Go play in the swamp."

I only had to hear this suggestion once, and the further I explored the swamp the more of it I wanted. And it wasn't long before I came smack up against the works of the beaver.

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Beaver Brook, which begins in Stewartstown and Colebrook as springs and trickles amongst the ridges of South Hill, in those years pretty much ended in a huge alder swamp behind our house on Park Street, one of the main routes

into town. It was here, in the vestiges of an 1880s water-powered manufacturing complex, that I stumbled onto an amazing waterworks complex of the beaver's very own.

There were major dams and minor dams, wing dams and canals, and in the midst of it all, quite a far cry apart, two very big and very active beaver lodges.

Soon I was absorbing all that I could get to know about beavers, adding to in-the-field observations by looking stuff up. The beaver, resources said, is among Earth's oldest warm-blooded species. And the beaver has done more to reshape major landscapes and to create or alter habitat than any other creature on the planet, including man.

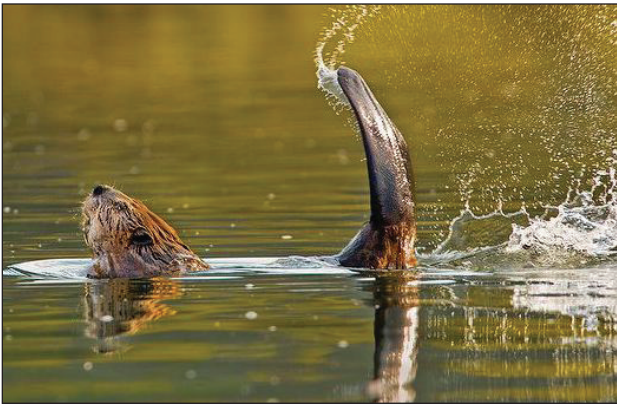
What dredged all this up was a Nature series special I bumped into on late-night TV on, of course, the beaver.

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The swamp inspired a big part of my early life. It was the source of my first public drawing, in Mrs., Drew's fourth grade class (I think).

It was a rendition of a red-winged blackbird perched on a cattail. I remember that I first sketched it out in black and white, because it was for a class in water-color painting. When I had the soft lines of pencil just where I wanted them, I painted in the colors.

I had chosen the red-winged blackbird because it was among the first birds of spring,



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**A beaver about to make a big splash. I've long thought that this startling tail-slap is an inherited trait to gain a second or two on the beaver's would-be predator (a bear, a coyote) rather than to warn the rest of the colony, as is so often told. (Courtesy NH Fish & Game, ardea.com)**

right along with the crows, which back then were migratory. The crows, hungry upon arriving back home, made a lot of noise, being a garrulous bunch by nature. When the crew at Pollard's slaughterhouse up on Cooper Hill threw out bones and offal, they became downright raucous.

It was the caws of crows that somehow became the signal for my brother Peter and I to throw our bedroom window open for the first breath of spring air. And right along behind the crows came the song of the male red-winged blackbird, announcing his territory and seeking someone to share it.

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Beavers young and old were building and digging and channeling and cruising all over the swamp, and eventually some of them became less wary as Pete and I built rafts and poled them all over the place. They became less prone to frantic tail-splashing

and swimming away, and sometimes just followed along, perhaps out of curiosity.

As I explored much farther to fish, most of ten alone, the beaver encounters became up close and personal. Once, as I roll-cast my baited hook up under alders arching over the deep channel, a submerged beaver swimming by became entangled in my line. Once we both relaxed things a little, he went on his way unhooked.

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I've often looked through old town histories, as Helenette Silver did in researching her classic History of New Hampshire Game and Furbearers, and the reader encounters some great stories about beavers and beaver dams.

These accounts often mention loggers in the 1800s finding beaver dams of twenty and even thirty feet in height, hard to imagine. Even harder to imagine is how these dams survived spring freshets. But of



**There's plenty going on in this 18th Century fantasized illustration of a beaver colony---beavers building a dam, another felling a tree, and others here and there if one looks, some actual beavers, some not. (Courtesy NH Fish & Game, shutterstock.com)**

course sooner or later a particularly hard winter and abrupt spring came along, and the oldest and weakest dams went out. What the loggers found were the survivors.

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During my years of statewide feature writing for the New Hampshire Sunday News, my search for the state's longest trap-line led me to Elias Hopps of Groveton, who had a seemingly never-ending trap-line up in the Phillips Brook country. We arranged to meet one day at four in the morning, and off we went, first by snowmobiles, then on snowshoes.

The day will always stand out for me in many ways, not the least because I got to help Elias pull two traps that had what the old-timers called "plenty big beaver" in them.

I will remember the day best for using our snowshoes to dig a big hole in the snow, where-in to kindle a fire for lunch. There we were, in the middle of this vast,

silent wild place, alone.

Well, not quite. With hardly a movement of an alder branch, out stepped game warden Arthur Muise. We had not had a clue that he was there.

"Hello, boys," said Arthur, digging for his pipe. "Hello, Arthur," said Elias, looking surprised. "Join us for lunch?"

He did, and there was none of what Elias later referred to as "that official talk stuff," just visiting as if encountering each other in that vastness was the most natural thing in the world.

I'll always savor that day, and that part of it in particular. As for Elias, he was happy to call it, as he happily did on the way home, a two-beaver day.

(This column is syndicated in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Address letters, with town and telephone numbers in case of questions, to [campguyhooligan@gmail.com](mailto:campguyhooligan@gmail.com) or to Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

## Comfort Keepers

### Dealing with a cancer diagnosis later in life

BY MARTHA SWATS

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Being diagnosed with cancer later in life can be scary and overwhelming. A cancer diagnosis can make a person feel like their world is out of control. People often say they feel helpless and powerless after they find out they have cancer.

However, many find that making a personalized plan for dealing with a cancer diagnosis can help older adults make treatment decisions and feel in control of their lives again. And, by taking intentional action, it is possible to continue to focus on

quality of life and joyful moments even in a difficult time.

Here are some strategies for coping with a cancer diagnosis:

Absorb the information – People need to give themselves as much time as they need to take in the news. Processing a diagnosis can be difficult, and the person should feel comfortable taking the time and space they need to come to terms with the next steps in their treatment plans.

Encourage education– As the saying goes, "Knowledge is power." Encourage them to learn as much as they can about their type of can-

cer and the treatment options available. Health care professionals are more than willing to provide resources to help someone understand their diagnosis.

Express feelings – It's normal to feel depressed, angry, sad or overwhelmed after being diagnosed with cancer. There are many opportunities to talk about their feelings, whether it's with someone in their life that they trust, a mental health professional or a local support group.

Maintain healthy habits – Continuing healthy habits is important following a cancer

diagnosis. Those with a cancer diagnosis should follow a doctor's advice regarding nutrition and exercise, and make an effort to take care of themselves mentally and physically.

Evaluate financial needs –Reviewing insurance and having a plan for how they will pay for their treatment will help relieve stress down the road.

Focus on other parts of life –Focusing on the things in life that can be controlled will help people remember that they have the power to decide how they live life.

Can Help

If you need help during your battle with cancer, Comfort Keepers provides services for clients with a range of needs and physical abilities. Whether it is a ride to the doctor or help around the house, our goal is to provide compassionate care that helps clients find the joy and happiness in each day.

To learn more about our in-home care services, contact your local Comfort Keepers location today.

About Comfort Keepers

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is not for everyone but if you wanted some exposure to some of these other non-correlated asset classes, you would have to seek them out outside of your traditional family of mutual funds.

The equity markets, bonds, metals, crypto currencies will always have sector rotations where that asset class can be in it out-of-favor at any one time. If you want to achieve real as-

set class diversification in your portfolio, I believe it is particularly important to work with an advisor who can access asset classes that may be beneficial to your portfolio. Customizing your portfolio for you, your needs, objectives, and risk tolerance is, in my opinion, Paramount!

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Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Financial Moves for the Recently Divorced

Divorce is common in our society, but that doesn't make it any easier to navigate. If you've recently finalized a divorce, you've likely been coping with uncertainty and tension, but you can still avoid turning an already difficult situation into one that's even more challenging. How? By making the right financial and investment moves, including the following:

- Establish your separate financial presence. Even when you were married, you and your spouse might have maintained some separate accounts. But if you only had joint accounts, now is the time to open your own checking, savings and credit accounts.
- Update your budget. It's likely your budget needs updating. Your household income may be lower or may need to be adjusted for alimony or child support (paid or received). Additionally, your living expenses may have shifted, either higher because you're no longer splitting expenses

such as housing or utilities, or possibly lower because you're no longer supporting your ex's spending habits. Understanding your new budget will help you feel better informed about your financials options and more in control of your new situation.

- Prioritize emergency savings. Divorce is expensive and may have depleted your savings. To get back on your feet, you may want to build an easily accessible source of funds for unexpected drops in income and/or spikes in expenses. If you're not retired, you may want to keep three to six months' worth of expenses in emergency savings, although even much smaller amounts can boost your feelings of financial security.
- Evaluate your retirement plan contributions. When you were married, you may have been counting on sharing resources and expenses with your spouse in retirement. But now, you may be solely responsible for your retirement, so if you can afford it, you may want to ramp up your retirement plan contributions. You may want to consult a financial professional about setting and achieving new goals.
- Think about Social Security. Your divorce could play a role in the benefits you can receive. Once you are eligible for benefits, if you were married at least 10 years and you haven't remarried, you might be able to receive up to 50% of your ex-spouse's benefits, offset by your own benefit. If your ex passes away and you haven't remarried (or you remarry only after age 60), you could receive 100% of their benefit in place of your own. This could be beneficial if your ex-spouse had a higher income or spent longer in the labor force. Since rules can be complicated, contact your local Social Security office to better understand your situation, and keep a record of your ex's Social Security number.
- Review your beneficiary designations and legal documents. You'll likely need to revise the beneficiary designations on your retirement accounts and life insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede the instructions in your will. And, speaking of your will, you'll likely need to revise it too, along with other legal documents, such as a living trust. Consult with your legal professional to make these revisions. It can feel like a long road to stability after a divorce – but by following the above suggestions, you may be able to make the trip a little less bumpy – and hopefully shorter – as well.

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# Colonial Theater’s ties to the invention of Christmas tree lights

BY KRISTIN O'BRIEN  
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LACONIA — Bonnette, Page & Stone Corp., a Construction Management firm based in Laconia, is part of the ongoing renovation of the historic Colonial Theater in downtown Laconia. One of the many things we enjoy about working on historical construction projects are the stories shared with us by those with past connections. Historic structures being given a second chance to be brought into the present can evoke numerous emotions, reactions and spark memories to be shared.

A Lakes Region native shared a memory with us he had of the Theater Manager who kept a

friendly but acute eye on everything taking place there. Recently we had the pleasure of learning of a fun story timely for the holiday season that involves that same Theater Manager. Did you know the Colonial Theater has a connection to the invention of the first string of electric Christmas Tree Lights? It's true! Stories credit the Colonial Theater's Executive Theater Manager, Ralph E. Morris, with the invention of wired miniature Christmas tree lights back in 1911. Mr. Morris was the Manager of the Colonial Theater from 1933 until 1965.

Prior to his employment with the Colonial Theater, Ralph Morris, a Massachusetts resident who relocated to Laconia, worked at the

New England Telephone & Telegraph Company. The telephone switchboards at that time used little flashlight sized bulbs to light up the boards and indicate which number was being called. Some stories say the invention was a result of Ralph's toddler son, Leavitt, nearly setting the family Christmas Tree and house on fire after knocking over a lit candle. This was far too common an accident back in those days. Mr. Morris was determined to create a safer way to illuminate the tree and parlor area of his home and other family homes without the use of candles. During the next year, he spent hours soldering the small light bulbs similar to what was used at the

telephone company, to strands of wire. He used pieces of colored crepe paper and formed covers to place over the light bulbs creating colored light. The next Christmas he surprised his family and friends with a beautiful gift of yellow, orange & green electric lights decorating the family tree and parlor.

For many years, it was believed by Morris, his friends and family he was the inventor of the first Christmas Tree Light. However, they were not aware the first Christmas Tree light was invented in the late 1800's by the Vice President of Thomas Edison's electric company, Edward Johnson. Johnson resided in one of the first neighborhoods in NY to be wired with

electricity. One evening while setting up the family Christmas tree he hand-wired 80 incandescent electric bulbs covered in red, white and blue paper on his tree, connected them to a power source and voila! The debut of the first electrically lit Christmas tree.

An estimated 150 million light sets are sold in America each year lighting approximately 80 million homes each holiday season (according to a Dec. 15, 2016 blog posted by HolidayLEDS). We have come along way since the days of hanging candles on a tree (thankfully) and are grateful for the out-of-the box thinking of Mr. Edward Johnson and Laconia's own, Ralph E. Morris.

From all of us at Bon-

nette, Page & Stone Corp. we wish you and yours a joyous holiday season and a happy & healthy New Year. We hope you enjoyed this story!

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To our best knowledge, the above is all factual. However, if there is anything incorrect that has been noted, we welcome you to contact us and let us know! Thank you to the variety of sources used to research this information including: Smithsonian Magazine, HolidayLEDS Blog, Warren Huse and The Laconia Historical and Museum Society.

## Dine on leftovers with the Duke on LRPA this weekend

LACONIA—Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Nov. 27 & 28) for our LRPA After Dark presentation of 1947's romantic western melodrama "Angel and the Badman," starring The Duke himself, John Wayne, as well as Gail Russell and Harry Carey.

"Angel and the Badman" tells the tale of Quirt Evans (Wayne), an infamous gunslinger who's been wounded and is on the run. He winds up at a farm run by a Quaker family, where he collapses from fatigue. Quirt is taken in and nursed by the family, particularly their lovely daughter Penelope (Russell). As Quirt regains his strength, he is slowly drawn to the family's peaceable ways, and he and Penelope begin to

fall in love. Men from Quirt's troubled past come seeking vengeance against him; will he choose violence, or will he find another way to confront them?

John Wayne was not only the star of "Angel and the Badman" -- he was also its producer. After having been a contract player at Republic Studios for eight years, he flexed his desire to have more artistic control over his films and roles, and "Angel and the Badman" was the result. Although not wildly popular with audiences of its day, it was a hit with the critics. Variety called it "...solid entertainment way above what might be expected from its western locale and characters, and loaded with sharp performances." The years have been kind to this

film, and many Wayne fans consider it to be one of his finest performances. Will you agree? Grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this wonderful romantic western.

And mark your calendars: we're only weeks away from the annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, presented by Hanaford Supermarkets, Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Friday, Dec. 11. This year we're broadcasting from the Bank of New Pavilion. Join LRPA for minute-by-minute coverage all week long, locally on Channel 25, on Atlantic Broadband Channel 12 and streamed in HD on the Laconia Daily Sun Web site ([laconiadailysun.com](http://laconiadailysun.com))! Or listen in with our fantastic radio partners 104.9 FM The Hawk and Lakes FM

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You can't find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, Atlantic Broadband Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then watch us online at [live.lrpa.org](http://live.lrpa.org) to catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)

Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, non-commercial public access TV station and community media center located on the

Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA cablecasts locally on Atlantic Broadband Channel 24 (educational programming and public bulletin board), Channel 25 (information and entertainment) and Channel 26 (government meetings) to more than 12,000 homes 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 communi-

ty members to produce content that fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas, encourages artistic and creative expression, promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

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

## Tanger Outlets partners with Delivering Good to support families in need

TILTON — Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc. (NYSE: SKT), a leader in the outlet industry, announced a new partnership with Delivering Good, a nonprofit organization that provides families in need with new, essential products, including clothing, shoes, and home goods.

To support those in need this holiday season, Tanger is inviting shoppers to join in the spirit of charitable giving. All Tanger centers in the U.S., including the Tanger Outlets in Tilton, will sell limited edition "Goodness Gives" beanies to benefit Delivering Good. For every hat sold, \$10 will be donated to the nonprofit organization. Additionally, Tanger will kick off its fundraising efforts by donating a minimum of 1,000 hats to the nonprofit's partners, including Homeless Families Foundation, Shelter of Flint, Durham Rescue Mission, For Good PGH, The Door.

"We provide poverty

and disaster relief by distributing donations of new merchandise to people in need, and 2020 has been a busy year," said Delivering Good President & CEO Lisa Gurwitch. "Our work is supported by companies like Tanger Outlets, foundations and the public, and our network of over 800 community partners gives us the reach to help people inside and outside the country. The money raised by the hat sales is desperately needed to help us process and ship the record number of product donations we've received. The need is great, and we're so thankful to Tanger Outlets for this opportunity."

The hats will be available for purchase in Shopper Services or on [www.tangeroutlets.com](http://www.tangeroutlets.com) for \$15.00 starting now while supplies last. For more information on Tanger's partnership with Delivering Good, please visit <https://www.tangeroutlet.com/delivering-good>.

totaling approximately 14.1 million square feet, leased to over 2,700 stores operated by more than 500 different brand name companies. The Company has more than 39 years of experience in the outlet industry and is a publicly traded REIT. For more information on Tanger Outlet Centers, call 1-800-4TANGER or visit the Company's Web site at [www.tangeroutlets.com](http://www.tangeroutlets.com).

About Delivering Good

Delivering Good supports people as they recover from the daily disaster of poverty, and we are here to help those impacted by COVID-19 nationwide. Over \$2 billion of donated products have been distributed through Delivering Good's network since 1985. We provide new clothing, shoes, home goods, children's goods, and vital necessities to low-income children, families, and individuals. In these difficult times, our work is more important than ever. Our network of more than 800 community partners distribute donations of new merchandise to people in need. More information about Delivering Good is found on social media -- @Delivering-Good on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram -- and online at [www.Delivering-Good.org](http://www.Delivering-Good.org).

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legislative mandate is to ensure the perpetual contribution of natural, cultural and historic resources to the economy, environment, and qual-

ty of life in New Hampshire. LCHIP does this by providing matching grants to New Hampshire communities and non-profits to conserve and preserve the state's most important natural,

cultural and historic resources. The program has provided 499 grants which have helped to conserve approximately 294,000 acres of land for food production, water quality, ecological val-

ues, timber management and recreation and supported 301 projects to rehabilitate 286 historic structures and sites. Grants have been awarded in all parts of the state and in 176 of New Hamp-

shire's 234 communities. Fifty million dollars of state money have led to a total project value of more than \$289 million. The money for LCHIP grants comes from fees on four documents re-

corded at the Registry of Deeds in every county of the state.

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species. If we want to maintain the high quality of our lakes, it is of vital importance that we as a watershed community recognize the potential impacts of those changes and have in place a long-term strate-

gy to address them." says Lisa Eggleston, WWN President. "This plan will provide a roadmap for the WWN, communities and stakeholders in the watershed to protect the high quality of Lake Winnisquam and the smaller lakes in our watershed, including

Opechee and Wicwas. It will also make future implementation projects eligible for federal Section 319 funding."

The Winnisquam watershed includes land within the communities of Meredith, Sanborn-ton, Belmont, Laconia,

Tilton, New Hampton and Gilford that drains to Lake Winnisquam downstream of the Lake-port dam.

The WWN will be working closely with the consultant team and local stakeholders throughout the planning

process and intends to keep the public engaged and informed. A public workshop will be held sometime in the next several months to discuss the development of the Winnisquam Watershed Based Plan and to solicit input from the public on their goals and interests.

To provide comments or sign up to receive further updates from the Winnisquam Watershed Network, please visit their Web site at [winnisquamwatershed.org](http://winnisquamwatershed.org).

ROBDAU

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in Waterville Valley. His father thought it would be a good place to start and while snow forced his father to turn around midway into the hike, the teenager pushed through and reached the summit.

"I just fell in love with being out there," he said. From there, he started putting in longer hikes, including his third and fourth peaks, which were Passaconaway and Whiteface. That involved a 10-mile day, which was a challenge out of the gate, but became easier as he moved along.

"I was tentative starting out, but as I did more and more, I got more and more into it," Robdau said. "I knew some of the trails and my dad taught me how to navigate, so I was pretty comfortable going out there alone."

Since he liked being out there all alone, he started getting up really early in the morning, driving to his mountain of choice and then starting out on the trail to catch sunrise at the peak. Usually, the only people he would see were on the way down.

The times he was hiking was also timed perfectly with when Appalachian Trail thru-hikers were on the trail, so he met a lot of them, including one woman he met who was an ultra runner and was going northbound, finishing the trail in 51 days. Because she was injured, she was walking but in her first few days, she was doing more than 65 miles in a day.

"That was the most impressive hiker I've met," Robdau said.

Robdau noted that his most memorable day was probably doing the Presidential Traverse, which he did in one day. He started at 5:30 a.m. after camping in Gorham the previous night and started at the Appalachian Trail head. He made it

up Mount Madison by 8 a.m. and continued on, hitting Mount Adams, Mount Jefferson, Mount Washington, Mount Monroe, Mount Eisenhower, Mount Pierce and Mount Jackson.

"It was a perfect day," Robdau said, noting the only thing he didn't like was the massive amount of people at the top of Mount Washington. Since everyone was looking for ways to beat quarantine, there were a lot of people driving to the summit. His mother actually hiked up to meet him and his father drove up, just in case he wasn't feeling ready to keep going.

"But, I felt good to go and kept on going," he said.

Another highlight was the final trip, which took him over the Zealand-Bonds traverse and was the only overnight trip.

Robdau started on Route 302 north of Crawford Notch and hiked up Zealand and across Mount Guyot before staying the night at a campsite just ahead of West Bond. He hiked up West Bond to watch the sunrise, then came back to the site and spent the night before hitting up Bond and Bondcliff the next day, coming out in Lincoln. He also encountered his first snow of the season on that hike, which ended on Oct. 4.

He prepared for the overnight hike by carrying more weight earlier in the summer to get used to a heavier load.

After all was said and done, Robdau looked back with fondness on what he accomplished but noted he wasn't done yet.

"There's a lot of times I'd be done the hike and have to drive back to go to work," he said. "But it was worth it, it paid off, it felt good.

"And I'm not done hiking," he added, noting that since he finished the 4,000-footers, he's



Lucas Robdau poses at the summit of Mount Washington during his Presidential Traverse this summer.

hiked Mount Cardigan at sunrise and also has done Baldface.

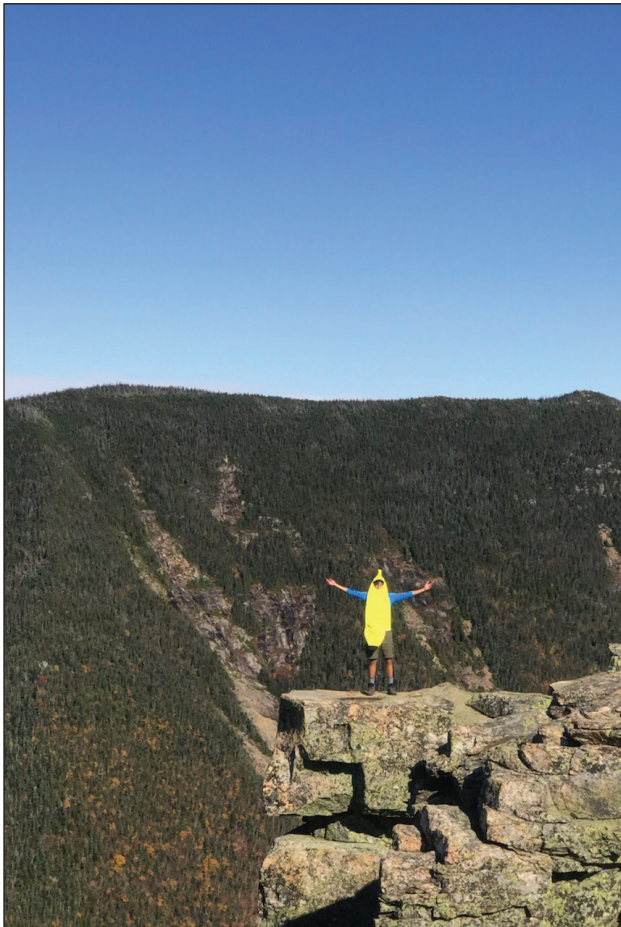
Robdau is also looking at doing some sections of the Appalachian Trail in the coming year: Over April break, he's hoping to do a section of the trail in the Smoky Mountains in North Carolina, a seven-day overnight. He's also planning on hiking the Long Trail, which runs the length of Vermont, next summer and after graduation, he's hoping to possibly tackle the Appalachian

Trail in its whole.

"I look at it as more than just checking peaks off a list," Robdau said, noting that his father gave him some solid advice. "It's not about what you see when you get there, it's about how you get there. It's the journey, not the destination."

Needless to say, it's a safe bet that Robdau's journey is going to have plenty of peaks.

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Lucas Robdau donned a banana suit as a fun way to finish out his final 4,000-footer, posing for a photo atop Bondcliff.



Lucas Robdau stands atop West Bond during his final days of finishing the New Hampshire 4,000-footers

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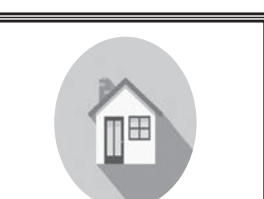
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- 1. Minutes November 2, 2020
- 2. **Dan White** – Informal Discussion for multi-family units to be located on Tilton Rd, Rt. 140 (Map R14 Lots 5-2, 5-3, 5-1) for a total of 20.635 acres in the Commercial Industrial Zone.
- 3. **Jacques Belanger** – Informal Discussion for a proposed subdivision located on Bean Hill Rd (Map R11 Lot 9) in the R1 Zone.
- 4. **Robert F. Kidder 99 Revocable Trust** - Minor Subdivision Application for a lot line adjustment located on Park St (Map U08 Lot 143 and Map U09 Lot 38) in the R2 Zone.
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# Volleyball All-State selections announced

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

REGION — Volleyball coaches from around the state gave their votes to help select this year's All-State honorees. This year there were no First Team, Second Team or Third Team distinctions, rather all those chosen by coaches are honored with All-State selection.

Local honorees in Division II include Kingwood's Gillian Siegars, Prospect Mountain's Julia Leavitt and Allie Stockman, Plymouth's Abby Bassingthwaite, Erin Tole and Makayla Marucci and Lindsey Sanderson, Riley McDonough and Kate Sullivan of Division II champion Gilford.

Locals honored for Division III included Devyn

Vaal, Molly Moynihan and Emma Richardson of Inter-Lakes, Jozelyn Henry of Kennett, Bailey Fairbank, Malina Bohlmann and Paulina Huckins of Division III champion Newfound, Jess Sullivan of Moultonborough and Alyzabeth O'Connell of Belmont.

Also earning All-State honors in Division II were Madi Smith of Somersworth, Kim Gowell, Emma Hampton and Maggie Sylvester of Oyster River, Sierra Halligan and Norah Dunleavy of Laconia, Izzy Unsworth, Sophie Palmer and Emma Tronkowski of Milford, Katerina Stuopis and Allison McCall of Souhegan, Anneliese Wade, Jesse Davis and Kaitlyn Miller of Coe-Brown, Lillian Stogner, Brooke Patnode and Izabella Nelson of John Stark, Chloe Steiniger and Tori Allen of Campbell, Rachel Wat-

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The Town is actively seeking candidates to fill a full-time position for the retiring Administrative Assistant to the Administration office, to support the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Finance Director.

Responsibilities include a wide range of clerical functions with proficiency in Word, Excel, and other software applications as needed. Attends Selectmen's weekly evening meetings, takes minutes, posts to the Town's website, and coordinates advertising. Ability to work in a fast paced environment, interacting with the public while representing the Selectmen and Town Administrator is a must. Municipal experience preferred. For more information and to view the job description, please visit the Town's website at [www.moultonboroughnh.gov](http://www.moultonboroughnh.gov), Employment Opportunities. Submit letter of interest, résumé and Town application to Kevin Quinlan, Chair, Board of Selectmen, PO Box 139, Moultonborough, NH 03254, [kquinlan@moultonboroughnh.gov](mailto:kquinlan@moultonboroughnh.gov). Position open until filled.

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### Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office Town of Campton, NH

The Town of Campton seeks a qualified applicant for the position of Part Time Assistant to the Town Clerk & Tax Collector. Candidate must be highly organized, flexible, reliable, and detail oriented. Ability to process transactions efficiently and accurately and preform a wide range of customer service, research, clerical, and administrative support services to the fast-paced Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Offsite training and travel are required. This position receives direct supervision from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Prior municipal/business background and computer skills are desired. Please submit a cover letter and resume no later than

December 11, 2020 at 3 pm to:

**Hannah B. Joyce  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
Town of Campton  
10 Gearty Way  
Campton, NH 03223**

### TOWN OF RUMNEY Police Officer Positions

The Rumney Police Department has openings for a full-time and part-time Police Officer.

• Successful candidates may be required to complete a fitness test, oral interview, psychological exam, medical exam and a thorough background investigation.

• Preference will be given to NH Certified Officers.

• If not certified, applicant must be able to complete the NH Police Academy.

Please submit a resume and cover letter by  
December 15, 2020 to:

Rumney Police Department  
PO Box 175  
Rumney, NH 03266



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### Individual Seeking Personal Care Attendant Lincoln Area

Individual in the Lincoln area seeking a personal care attendant to help them in their home and community. Duties include facilitating community and recreational activities, social activities, and providing support with hobbies, light housekeeping, assistance with service dog, feeding and administering medication. This is a 26 hour per week position. Training will be provided. Starting pay for this direct support position is \$11.50 per hour.

If you are interested in this position or would like to learn more about it, please send a resume and a letter of interest to:

Northern Human Services  
PO Box 299  
Whitefield, NH 03598

For more information or to email your resume, please send to [achoiniere@northernhs.org](mailto:achoiniere@northernhs.org)

This position requires a valid driver's license, proof of adequate auto insurance, and completion of driver's and criminal background checks. Northern Human Services is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.



# Hall Memorial Library Highlights Tilton/Northfield

**November Update**  
Hall Memorial Library is continuing to offer expanded curbside pickup hours from Monday through Friday, 12:00 to 6:00. Reserve items by logging into your account, using our Curbside form on our website ([www.hallmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.hallmemoriallibrary.org)), or by calling us at 286-971. See our website or call for appointment availability.

**Thanksgiving Observance**  
We will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday, November 26-27, 2020. We reopen at noon on Monday, November 30.

**Check Out Periods and Returns**  
Items are loaned for two weeks. All returned items need to be put into the book drop, located in front of the library. All returned library materials are quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours and then checked in; don't worry if they appear in your online account for several days- no fines will be charged.

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"Troubles in Paradise: A Novel" by Elin Hilderbrand	
"Invisible Girl: A Novel" by Lisa Jewell	
"If It Bleeds: New Fiction" by Stephen King	
"The Burning God" by R.F. Kuang	
"Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics" by Dolly Parton and Robert K. Oermann	
"The Cold Millions: A Novel" by Jess Walter	
"White Ivy" by Susie Yang	

# "Grief in the Winter & Holidays" support groups online

LACONIA — We are entering a time of year when we may feel the absence of a loved one more acutely. And in this challenging year, we may face layers of additional loss or wonder whether or how to gather safely with those we love.

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice invites you to join us for a special online session to explore ways to share and honor our grief and how to take care of ourselves and each other this season.

"This season is always hard for those who have suffered a death. And this year, the questions, emotions, and heartache of this time may be even more intense," notes Dan Kusch, Bereavement Care Coordinator. "There is no right way to grieve and no right way to move through this season. But together with others we can acknowledge our heartbreak, anticipate what we may need, and find courage with others as we make our way without a map."

Whether you have already observed the Jewish High Holy Days or are looking ahead to Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Kwanza, Bodhi Day or other cherished cultural or religious days, or simply readying for the onset of winter; you are welcome. We all turn together into this darker, colder time of year and can join each other to give and receive light and warmth.

The groups will gather via Zoom video meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 6 – 7:15 p.m. The groups are open to adults, non-religious, no-cost and facilitated by trained staff and volunteers. Pre-registration is required. Gentle technical support is available if you are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with Zoom. You can access the sessions via phone, tablet or iPad, laptop or desktop computer.

For more information and to register, please contact Dan Kusch, Bereavement & Spiritual Care Coordinator: 524-8444, ext. 2390 or [dkusch@centralvna.org](mailto:dkusch@centralvna.org).

# LRPC TAC Committee meets virtually Dec. 2

REGION — The Lakes Region Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet Wednesday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The TAC will discuss public transit issues in the Lakes Region with guests Cindy Yanski, Mobility Manager at Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program, and George Cleveland, Executive Director of the Gibson Senior Center in Conway.

Other transportation topics will include an update on potential bicycle and pedestrian improvements in the Lakes Region submitted for consideration in the next Statewide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

As a result of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 public health crisis and pursuant to Emergency Order #12 issued by Gov. Sununu on March 23 regarding the state of emergency currently in effect through Nov. 19, as extended by the Governor's Executive Order 2020-21, the Lakes Region Planning Commission has determined that this meeting of its Transportation Advisory Committee will not be held at a physical location, but will be conducted via Zoom.

There are two ways for the public to access the meeting: Online at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84908642829> or by telephone at 1-929-205-6099 and enter Zoom Meeting ID 849 0864 2829. These instructions are also provided on the LRPC website at [www.lakesrpc.org](http://www.lakesrpc.org).

Anyone who has trouble accessing the meeting can call 279-5334 or e-mail [admin@lakesrpc.org](mailto:admin@lakesrpc.org) for assistance.

The LRPC TAC encourages all members of the public who are interested in any aspect of transportation to provide input during the meeting. For additional information about this meeting, please contact the LRPC at 279-5334.

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Candidates must be enthusiastic, strong team player and work collaboratively with school staff in assisting with one call management, substitutes, staff meetings, fundraisers, graduation planning and school board preparations. Excellent communication and strong organizational skills necessary.

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Qualified applicants should forward a letter of interest, resume, and three letters of reference to :

**Lisa Lavoie, Principal/Superintendent**  
North Country Charter Academy  
260 Cottage Street, Suite A  
Littleton, NH 03561  
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## Town of Belmont

### SEWER/WATER DEPARTMENT LABORER

### JOB POSTING

The Town of Belmont is seeking a qualified individual for the position of Sewer and Water Department Laborer reporting to the Public Works Director. The successful candidate will perform a variety of routine skilled and unskilled manual laboring duties relating to wastewater pumping stations and wastewater collection systems and will cross train for coverage in the Water Department. The individual chosen for this position must possess a willingness to work with others including the general public. The position shares on-call schedule with the Water Department. Individual will also assist in winter snow removal operations in conjunction with the Highway Department. High School Diploma or equivalent is required; experience with wastewater operations and possession of a Grade 1 Water Distribution license is preferable but not required, must possess a valid NH License and pass a "CDL" physical, drug and alcohol screening and criminal background check as required by the Town.

Please submit letter of interest and application to the Public Works Director, 143 Main Street, PO Box 310, Belmont, NH 03220, position will remain open until filled. Town of Belmont is an EOE.



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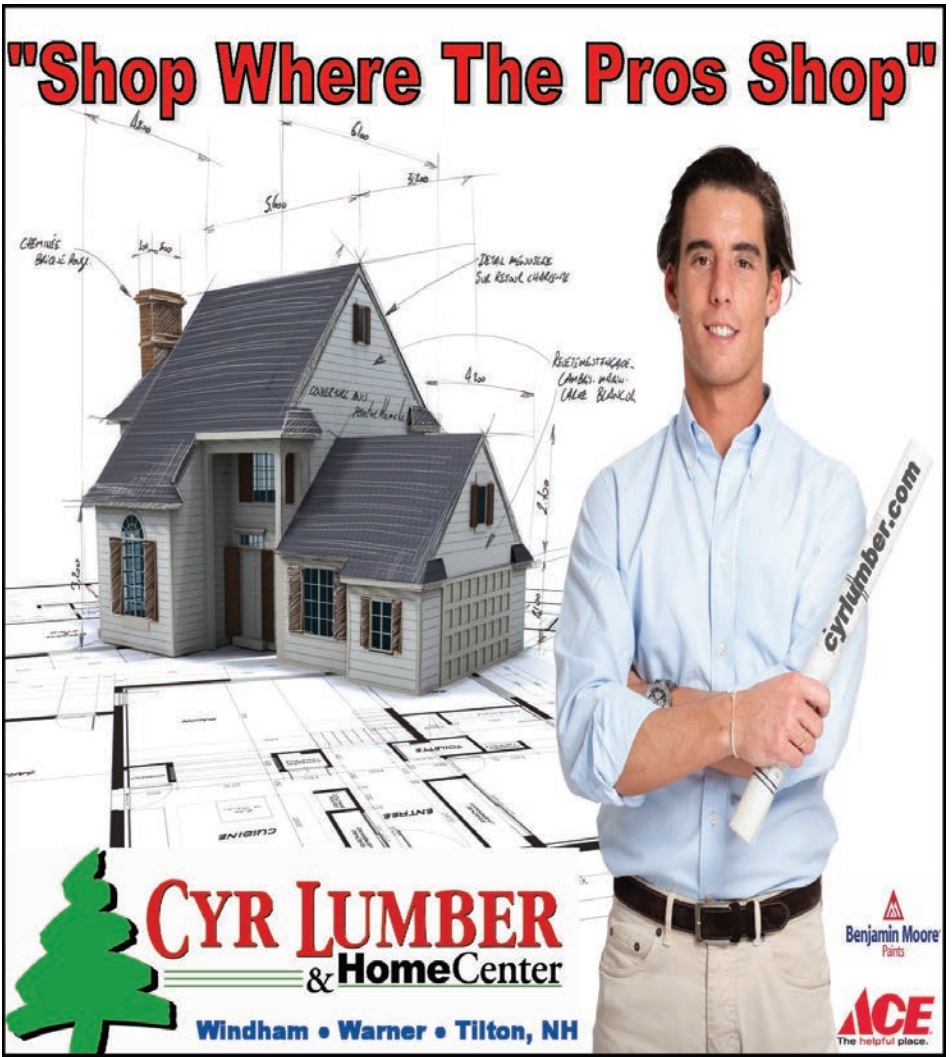
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# Curtain to open on historic collaboration

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill and the Colonial Theatre are both unique, historic gathering places located in downtown Laconia which have provided the foundation for Laconia's artistic, cultural, industrial, and educational life. Both buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places; a tremendous commitment has been made to preserve their historical and cultural significance.

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restored and renovated Mill and the Colonial Theatre to deliver high quality theatrical arts programming.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is named in honor of the Belknap Mill's original, preserved Powerhouse which now serves as a museum. When the Mill was built in 1823, the Winnepesaukee River was diverted under the building into sluiceways and was the source for powering the Mill's manufacturing operation via a water wheel. Later, the system was converted to hydroelectric power. Excess power created by the Mill's Powerhouse provided electricity to downtown Laconia. Therefore, as the Mill's Powerhouse once turned on the lights for Laconia, the Mill's new Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative will bring the lights up on performing arts in the Lakes Region!

Managed by Bryan and Johanna Halperin, Powerhouse will provide high-quality artistic and educational experiences for local community participants. The Halperins will be building on the programming they began at the Mill in 2019 and plan to provide an annual 'Colonial Series' and 'Mill Series.' The Colonial Series will focus on large scale community theatre plays and musicals with casts of 20 or more. The Mill Series will continue with a series of workshops, play readings, smaller productions and playwriting festivals. Powerhouse will also seek opportunities to collaborate with other theatre organizations and already

ready have plans in place to work with NCCA at Jean's Playhouse on a musical in December 2021 and a spring 2021 playwriting festival with the Community Players of Concord. Powerhouse will also be collaborating with TS Event Productions of Nashua to provide professional quality lighting, sets and sound for its Colonial Series.

Programming will begin this spring online and outdoors.

"While we are as anxious as anyone to get going on both our Colonial and Mill Series events, we realize the uncertainty of the pandemic and understand we are building a performing arts program for the long haul. We will enthusiastically begin in 2021 focusing on building relationships with Spectacle Management and other community partners, creating small scale theatrical opportunities around the Mill, and planning for the day it will be safe to do our first big Colonial production," say the Halperins.

The Halperins are no strangers to the Lakes Region theatre scene. After moving to the Lakes Region and co-founding The Winnepesaukee Playhouse in 2004, the Halperins moved on after 2014 and have since been working to build the theatre program of the Inter-Lakes School District. They've also produced, performed and directed shows at various other NH theatres including The Hatbox, The Little Church Theatre of Holderness, Community Players of Concord, NH and NCCA at Jean's Playhouse.

Bryan was also the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Theatre Awards for three years and has directed its annual Awards show at the Capitol Center for the Arts for the past five years.

"Being nomadic theatre producers for the past six years has been a great way to expand our horizons, meet new people, and learn to adapt our work to different venues. But there is no substitute for having our own theatre home. We hope the relationships we've created with other theatre companies and practitioners from all over the state will join with our existing ties to the Lakes Region theatre community to help us create a "Powerhouse" theatrical organization," says Bryan.

Belknap Mill Executive Director Karen Prior stated that "Bryan and Johanna joined the Belknap Mill over a year ago as our Theatrical Artists-in-Residents and delivered programming that included several well received play readings and a play writing workshop. The addition of Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is a natural evolution of the Mill's commitment to its mission of celebrating the Lakes Region's cultural heritage through the arts, education and civic engagement. The Board and staff of the Belknap Mill look forward to playing a significant role in Laconia's future as a destination for the arts and culture."



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