

Gilford Steamer

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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

GHS fair draws crowds

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Gilford's Middle and High Schools hosted many different vendors, festivities, raffles, and more for the annual Holiday Craft Fair benefiting the GHS senior class.

The schools were packed with crafters, students, and shoppers on Saturday from morning to late afternoon. More than 130 crafters displayed their wares across the two schools. Student groups and local organizations also set up tables for raffles, information, and other fundraisers.

The fair is a major fundraiser for the GHS Class of 2018. Seniors are expected to work three hour shifts that day and each student who helps out will receive money towards their t-shirts, class trip, and yearbook.

Fair co-chair Meg Jenkins said there was a line at the door before the fair opened and traffic through the building



Seniors Kaitlynn Callahan, Olivia Trindade, and Taryn Breton help out at the Gilford Middle and High School Holiday Fair.

was steady until around 2 p.m.

"This is the most crowded I've seen in the eight years I've been

here," said fair co-chair Margie Cybart said.

Senior class treasurer Taryn Breton said the crafters seemed really

happy with the day.

Each senior worked a three-hour shift starting from setup on Friday night to teardown after the event was over.

"People pretty much do what they're asked of, some people go above and beyond," said Class President Olivia Trindade.

Breton said a lot of students were working more than three hours and were stopping by to help out.

One of the seniors helping out was Kaitlynn Callahan, who worked from 2:30-5:30 p.m. on Friday to help set up and came back at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

"I really like it," Callahan said. "I enjoy helping out my class."

Classes and student organizations from the middle and high schools

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Holiday fair draws more than 100 local artisans

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Crafters of all ages and mediums came together to sell their creations at Gilford Middle and High Schools during the schools' annual Holiday Craft Fair.

More than 130 crafters had set up for Saturday's fair across the two schools. The fair is highly popular and tables sold out within a short period. Proceeds from vendor fees will go to the GHS class of 2018.

Gilford-based photographer John Gill sold rows of prints from his photos with all proceeds benefiting the Gilford Rotary's Cheryl Lynn Walsh Scholarship Fund.

Gill has been doing photography for 25 years. He said he did a number of craft fairs, including the GHS fair for several years, but now focuses mostly on photographing for publication. This was his first time back to the GHS fair in around four years.

"It's nice to see a lot of people," Gill said.

The Cheryl Lynn Walsh Scholarship Fund was named in honor of a GHS student who died in a car accident in 1988. Rotary Club member Larry Routhier said they aim to have over \$100,000 in the fund so they can award \$3,000 to \$5,000 scholarships to GHS



Christian Workman with items made by him and his brother Colton Workman for The Workman Forge.

seniors.

Gill said he likes that the scholarship goes to a Gilford senior and that there is an interview process

Routhier said they greatly appreciated Gill's generosity.

"This will be a nice contribution," Routhier said.

Jill Mahan of Belmont makes designs from various animal tracks for her company Four Heart Tracks. Mahan said her boyfriend was a hunting enthusiast and she would join him outside and see all the different tracks left behind by animals.

Mahan works as a graphic designer, graduating from Lakes Res-

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Local man makes big donations for fire boat, K-9 program

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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A generous donation from a local man has put thousands of dollars toward a new fireboat and the police K9 program.

Last Wednesday, the board of selectmen unanimously approved accepting a \$10,000 donation from Jack Sousae toward the purchase of a new fire boat. The town also recognized Sousae for his contribution to the police K-9 program.

Last year, the town was offered a newer fire boat from the city of Portsmouth, though that offer was rescinded and the boat was given to New Castle. This prompted the fire department to look

into fundraising for a new boat.

The selectmen held a public hearing on Sousae's \$10,000 donation for the boat as required by law. According to a recording of the meeting there was no public comment and the donation was unanimously approved.

Sousae also donated a significant sum of money to the Police Relief Association towards the department's K-9 program.

K-9 officer Ike died after a sudden onset of cancer earlier this year. The department has been raising funds toward the program including a new dog, training, equipment, and other expenses.

According to the police department's Facebook page Board Chair Chan Eddy, Deputy Police Chief Kris Kelley, Fire Chief Steve Carrier, as well as members of both departments to deliver a proclamation from the town honoring Sousae for his donations.

Eddy said to the board that Sousae is a 30 year veteran of the US Navy with many stories of his experiences and a "delightful man." Eddy said Sousae wanted to donate as much of his money as he can, though he was going to use a good amount to buy a generator following the past major storm.

"He said he likes helping the town,"

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Santa Land brings family fun to GYC

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Cookies, dancing with popular characters, games, crafts, visits with Santa, and much more could all be found under one roof during Santa Land at the Gilford Youth Center.

On Friday night and Saturday morning, families could enjoy an array of fun, holiday themed activities throughout the GYC gym. Kids could ride around Frosty's Race Track, decorate cookies, get face painting, ride on inflatable slides, do crafts, dance with Olaf, and meet many more popular characters.



Families do some holiday themed crafts during Santa Land at the Gilford Youth Center.

Kids could also sign up for a turn to meet with Santa. The kids

could hear a holiday themed story and then meet with the man in

red. The event is a joint SEE SANTA LAND PAGE A10

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS
Library Correspondent

Picture this. It's Saturday evening on a brisk December day. When the library is normally closed, librarians welcome people into the warmth. There is gentle music being played live,

the hearth is burning, and the smell of fresh baked goods and snacks fill the space. The Trustees are there, and the Friends of the Library are bustling around inviting people, volunteering, and helping with the craft for all ages.

The Friends have sponsored and planned the whole thing with library staff, helping to make the Library a community space, even when the computers are off. Then Santa arrives, and the kids scream with glee as their parents grin, and the Friends give a new book to every child with a library card.

Yeah, so, that's actually going to happen on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 5-7 p.m. We're calling it the Holiday Open House. The Candlelight Stroll couldn't happen this year, so the Friends decided to offer another opportunity to enjoy the season as a community. All ages are welcome. For adults, there will be fabulous holiday music played by Contemporary

Pianist Deborah Wyndham, snacks, a craft, and, of course, plenty of conversation. Deborah's playing is wonderful to hear. It will make the evening relaxed and comfortable for us all.

Children can get excited for a craft, snacks, other children to play with, and Santa himself. The Friends have provided for a huge number of brand new children's books at different age/reading levels and they can't wait to give them out. They will give out one book per library card, so be sure to sign all of the kids up for a library card before the event.

The craft is an ornament or magnet made with scrabble letters to say whatever you want to express this season. It's a fun and festive project for adults and kids alike. I want to make one that says "#BookMark."

We expect this program to be a major one. This Open House is unique, and the library is being opened in the evening solely so people can gather and mingle. You won't want to miss it.

Classes & Special Events Dec. 7 to Dec. 13

Thursday, Dec. 7
Music and Movement,
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Crafty Kids Drop-In,
1-4 p.m.

Stop by the children's room to create something great! Ages K-4 with caregiver.

Homeschool Game Club, 1:15-2:30 p.m.

Teen Table Toppers, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Teens can play games at the library every Thursday after school!

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Meet the Artist: Photographer Stephen Pouliot, 4-6 p.m.

Local photographer Stephen T. Pouliot will be here to answer any questions about his photos on display and his work as a photographer. You can preview his work at stpphoto.com.

Holiday Greeting Card, 6-7 p.m.

Come make a beautiful holiday card with Kayleigh at the Gilford Public Library. Sign up to reserve your spot.

Friday, Dec. 8

Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

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

Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 11

Fiber Friends, 10

a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-3

p.m.

Lego Creator Club, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Preschool Gingerbread Houses, 10-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Build a gingerbread house of your own! Ages two to six with caregiver. Sign up required.

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

Jewelry Making: Bracelet, 5-6:30 p.m.

Wendy Oellers of Dreamscape Jewelry Design will be here to show you how make a beautiful beaded bracelet. Sign up at the library, cost is \$15.

Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m.

Gilford Clickers Photography Club, 6:30-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Trustee Meeting, 8:30-10 a.m.

Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

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

Elementary Gingerbread Houses, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Build a gingerbread house of your own! Ages K-4 with caregiver. Sign up required.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Rooster Bar" by John Grisham
2. "The People Vs. Alex Cross" by James Patterson
3. "Count to Ten" by James Patterson
4. "The Family Lawyer" by John Grisham
5. "The Midnight Line" by Lee Child
6. "End Game" by David Baldacci
7. "Two Kinds of Truth" by Michael Connelly
8. "Hardcore Twenty-Four" by Janet Evanovich
9. "Merry and Bright" by Debbie Macomber
10. "Origin" by Dan Brown

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GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 129 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 3. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals tak-

en into protective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld.

Donald O. McDermott, Jr., age 64, of Gilford was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Dec. 1,

and subsequently arrested in connection with two outstanding bench warrants.

Hagan K. Gorgas, age 28, current address unknown, was arrested on Dec. 3 in connection with a bench warrant.

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Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Senior Moment-um Programs

Senior Moment-um Holiday Luncheon on Monday, Dec. 11

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Dec. 11. We will be meeting in the Gilford Community Church at 11:45 a.m. for a Holiday Luncheon of ham with all the fixings! Lunch will be served promptly at noon. The fourth grade chorus from the Gilford Elementary School will also be joining us to perform holiday music. There is no charge for this program, but space is limited and participants must RSVP no later than Thursday, Dec. 7.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Rec Department at 527-4722.

Senior Moment-um Holiday Bingo – Dec. 18

The Gilford Parks and

Recreation is sponsoring a Senior Moment-um Program on Monday, Dec. 18. We will meet at the Gilford Community Church Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. for a morning of Holiday themed Bingo. We'll provide coffee and tea as well as a great mixture of prizes! Participants are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 14.

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

Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Program

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, and will continue through Jan. 27, 2018 (in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather, it will be made up the week(s) following Jan. 27). Lessons begin at 10 a.m. and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop!

Registration forms are available at the

Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop.

Cost: \$70 per person includes rental equipment!

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

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 524-2068.

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for Feb. 26, 2018

The Gilford and Belmont Parks and Recreation Departments are co-sponsoring a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018. Cost of the trip is \$120 for lower level Loge seats and \$70 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 #310 & #311 (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 informa-

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



COURTESY

On Sunday, Dec. 10, the First United Methodist Church of Gilford invites you to gain some Christmas spirit by coming to a wonderful event that will help you do just that. The church's worship service is at 10:30 a.m.; following at noon, the Live Nativity will begin.

Live Nativity returns to Methodist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 10, the First United Methodist Church of Gilford invites you to gain some Christmas spirit by coming to a wonderful event that will help you do just that.

The church's worship service is at 10:30 a.m.; following at noon, the Live Nativity will begin. Any children coming to church are welcomed to participate as a shepherd or an angel. There are no lines to learn. The

Christmas story will be told directly outside the front doors of the church, with the holy family, wise men, shepherds and angels, and a cast of animal characters. Sheep will visit from Ramblin' Vewe Farm and led by Shepherd, Jeff Keyser. Eeyore the donkey, owned by Jeff, Joyce and Cassidy Keyser, will make a return engagement; and Kathy Salanitro is planning to bring one of her oxen, dependent

on weather and ice. Following the Live Nativity will be a chance to meet the animals and then warm up with hot cider and cookies. Please join us on Dec. 10 at the First United Methodist Church, 18 Wesley Way (Off Route 11A near the 3/11 bypass).

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the birth of Christ, hearing the story of the Nativity and singing carols.

Selectmen announce hiring of new DPW Director

The Gilford Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the hiring of Jason Hayden Sr. as the Director of Public Works, effective Dec. 11.

Mr. Hayden has been employed by the City of Nashua Department of Public Works since 2007. He is currently the Nashua DPW Operations Manager and prior to that he was a Street Department Foreman. Before joining the Nashua DPW, he was self-employed as a private contractor and also owned a trucking company. He

grew up in Nashua and graduated from Nashua High School.

Mr. Hayden is a resident of Gilford with his wife and four children. Since moving to Gilford in 2011, he has volunteered as a youth lacrosse coach. He and his family also enjoy cruising the lake in their boat, traveling, hiking and attending sporting events.

The Selectmen were quite impressed with his credentials along with his management style, particularly regarding his ability to interact

with the staff at all levels and unionized labor.

Mr. Hayden's goals upon starting his duties are to become more familiar with the Gilford roads to ensure they are well-maintained on a year-round basis and to oversee all of the DPW projects currently in the works, including a new transfer station and two new sewer pumps stations. He is looking forward to getting to know the dedicated employees for the Town of Gilford and serving the citizens of his chosen home town.



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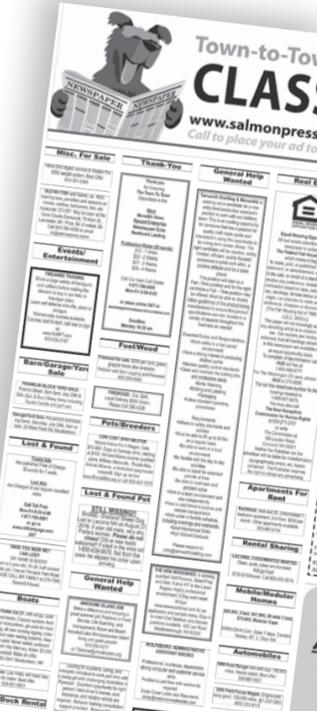
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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES ...

I truly don't know where to start in thanking everyone involved with the party held on September 28th for my "premature" 50th anniversary with the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and recognizing my "official" retirement as executive director in January 2018. First, I must tell you, yes, I was genuinely surprised. How could so many people be aware of the event and not let a word slip out? I have been accused of being gullible and too trusting, but am I also getting senile? Kinda scary!

Seriously, I have been so lucky throughout the years of working with such a supportive board of trustees and dedicated fellow workers. I am amazed at all the (sneaky!) planning and hard work performed by our current board members and staff, making this such a special celebration. I was especially pleased to see so many former board members and staff there. It was like being reunited with old friends. I am deeply grateful to all of them.

I won't list them all, in case I miss someone in my befuddled state of mind, but one essential person in particular was missing: Ken Blackey. Ken was responsible for my becoming involved with LRSF in 1968. Ken mentored and guided me throughout his more than 27 years of service to LRSF. He died this past March and his wife, Minnie, recently followed him to a well-deserved reward. At Ken's urging, to "Get involved. It really makes a difference", I accepted the volunteer positions of corresponding secretary and then executive director for over 30 years. Finally, thanks to a generous donation from a retired teacher, Mrs. Helen Hill, I moved up to a paid, part-time employee in 1999. Concurrently, board member, Robert DeCamp graciously offered us office space in his building. We have gratefully enjoyed the status of "freeloaders" at the DeCamp Center in Gilford since 1999.

In addition to the LRSF board and staff, my special thanks to Pat Kelly and Larry Frates for sharing their own unique talents to the festivities. I'm also grateful to the many generous vendors for their contributions of food and refreshments.

The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation has provided a vital service to this community since 1956. The most obvious is striving to fulfill our primary mission of making scholarship funds available to local students. Over the past 62 years, we have provided over \$5.9 million dollars in scholarship awards to close to 5,000 students. The success we have achieved is attributable to the generosity of the more than 545 donors over the years. For me, working with donors has been the most rewarding part of my job. From civic organizations, and high school graduates celebrating a benchmark anniversary or a group concerned with specific goal, to individuals wishing to establish a scholarship fund, all have touched my life in a special way. Sadly, so many times over the years, these individual or family donations have been to establish memorial funds. Family and friends dealing with heartbreaking losses, wishing to commemorate their loved ones and channeling their grief in a positive way by helping others. It has been a privilege working with them. I was honored to see so many of them at my party and have received many good wishes in the mail since then.

Needless to say, I was also delighted to see so many family members and long-time friends there, even traveling from "away".

I want to reassure everyone that the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation will be in capable hands with Paulette Loughlin as Executive Director. She began serving on our board in 2008 as a trustee, then vice president and president. We were very fortunate that Paulette accepted the role of assistant director in January of 2016, along with her husband, Steve. We are very pleased that Steve will continue to share his expertise in photography and publicity.

Since 2002 Barbara Cushing-Moore, our Administrative Assistant, has assumed the overwhelming responsibility as Technology Specialist. She has adeptly maintained our complete data base, which is vital for every aspect of the services we provide to donors and recipients. Barbara is also looking forward to retiring in the near future, but has offered to stay on and help train our more recent staff members. "Newbies" to LRSF are Karen Switzer, assistant director, and Suzanna Derynoski, corresponding secretary. Both Suzanna and Karen possess a great aptitude for technology, have well-developed customer service skills and are involved in the community. We are also grateful that April Morgan will continue "balancing the books" as Assistant Treasurer.

Although I am officially retiring and relinquishing my title as executive director in January, I am planning on still working as a volunteer, and as a donor representative for the scholarship fund that my husband, Don Lockwood, and I have established. I especially don't want to miss Donors Day when I'll have a chance to visit with many of our donors.

After, I got over my initial shock, September 28th was such a fun evening. It was like attending my own funeral with Don Rickles giving the eulogy, intermingled with warm words of praise from many others. With fondest regards and best wishes to all, I say "Thanks for the Memories".



Pet of the Week: Bronx



60lbs of glorious rippling muscles draped in an alluring tan and white coat describes Bronx the American Staffordshire Terrier, aged about two.

He was surrendered to New Hampshire Humane Society in August – his former owner could no longer care for him -life at the animal welfare agency was bumpy for him until he started to understand the rhythm of the shelter and got to know his staff and volunteer handlers.

He's a very strong boy but he loves to cuddle and snuggle. Bronx is learning what it means to be a dog that doesn't have to worry

about social settings and has developed quite the human fan club here.

We want to do right by him, place him in a home that can handle and encourage appropriate play, get him used to and monitor him when enjoying the great outdoors (there was an incident with a groundhog in his former life) take him for rides in the car and immerse him in your life as a committed dog owner.

Bronx is outgoing and a bit of a clown, a great companion in the waiting for an energetic owner – come and visit him or check www.nhhumane.org

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK

Love snow or loathe it, or regard it as a quilt



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

The land needs a rest, and a good rest needs a blanket. This is how I rationalize snow, a temporary state of water but water on the brain to many a friend and relation.

You'd think, the farther north you go, the more people would be accustomed to snow and accept it for what it is---one of five seasons, the fifth being Mud. But no, they seem to hate it all the more.

So much so that in late February or early March, when the rising sun begins melting a glaze on southwest-facing snow banks, a good many people---the elderly seemingly foremost among them---actually begin shoveling snow from lawns onto briefly warmed sidewalks. This is one of my enduring memories from childhood days, when Simone Bennett would attack snow with a vengeance otherwise reserved for the only thing she ever admitted hating, Commu-



JOHN HARRIGAN

One of Colebrook's old snow rollers harks back to the days before trucks were big and powerful enough to push snowplows, or before there were even trucks. Oldsters might add that it was before kids dared to whine, lest they get more chores.

nists.

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A few days ago, remembering days of youthful abandon when snow was just another medium for play, I asked someone a bit younger---a couple of decades or so---whether she had ever warmed up her fingers by thrusting her hands under her armpits. This was a decidedly personal question, but I expected to be forgiven because this person was a nurse trying to get an oxygen count from a thimble jammed onto one cold finger (mine) and then another, to no avail.

No, she answered, looking at me a bit strangely, perhaps as

surprised by my question as I was by her answer. Harking back as I did to morning-long outings in the snow to build forts and tunnels and, when conditions were right, to make snowballs, I could not imagine how she had missed out on the armpit business.

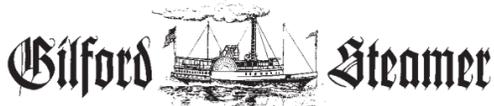
Hearing about this exchange, my neighbor, who was my transportation to the hospital and back that night, recalled helping with the milking on the family farm, and putting his frozen hands to warm up in the armpit-like space between a cow's udder and inner thigh. "I don't remember a cow ever complaining about it one bit," he said, both of us knowing from

bitter experience that there are many ways a cow can complain.

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On a Saturday morning, our mother would point to snow-pants and jackets and mittens and muddled piles of boots, and then to the door, and say, in the sweet mid-Fifties version, at least, "Get out." It was her time to do laundry and housecleaning, and our time to get out from underfoot and play in the snow.

For some reason we never thought of snow as a threatening medium, but instead as just something else to push around and play in. Warmer months were SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A11



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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

If my faith is bogus, then what?

BY LARRY SCOTT

Have you ever asked yourself, "What if?" Two words ... but the conflict they sometimes generate can be very disconcerting.

What if my faith is bogus? What if there is no God and therefore no objective moral standard by which I can guide my life? What if Jesus was a fraud, or at best, a distraught rabbi with a wild imagination?

What if the writers of our New Testament were sincere, but sincerely deluded?

Atheist philosopher Thomas Nagel had his own "what if" – what if there really is a God? "It isn't just that I don't believe in God

and, naturally, hope that I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! (from his book "The Last Word," quoted by Timothy Keller in Preaching, p. 82). Not me! I want there to be a God and I can't imagine what my life would be like if He were not the primary moving force in my life.

Now, please stay with me. Believe me, I am neither bragging nor complaining; I do want, however, to make a point.

Because of my faith, think of all that I have missed. I trust you don't know what I have missed, but if you do, I suspect you can verify that life without

God is no cake-walk. Current headlines will answer that one. Exploiting the freedom to live as we please without an objective moral standard, "doing what come naturally" as the saying goes, often demands an awful price. Eventually we must "pay the piper."

I must be honest and admit that if it were not for my relationship with God and my decision many years ago to live "by the Book" I would be in a heap of trouble. I need God! I need His forgiveness for a clear conscience; I need His strength to face the crises of life; I need His moral standard to keep me from doing something stupid and counter-productive; I need the assurance of an eternity in His presence after death to give me stability during tough times. Yes! I need God! My entire outlook on life, my planning and the goals for which I strive have all been impacted by my perspective on God.

So ... back to the question: what if my

faith is bogus? The Apostle Paul, who had to deal with that question for himself, put his conclusion this way: "If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead."

It is, in the final, analysis, the resurrection of Jesus Christ that gives me supreme confidence that I am on the right track. The resurrection, which He had predicted on several occasions, verified His message. When Jesus was being abandoned by so many who found the principles He taught to be too demanding, he asked his disciples, "You do not want to leave too, do you?" and Peter was quick to respond, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ changes everything ... and we will address that next week. You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarryscott@gmail.com.

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World's greatest barstool challenge begins Dec. 7 at Patrick's

GILFORD — This coming Dec. 7 and 8, Patrick's Pub & Eatery of Gilford will host their ninth Pub Mania event, a 24-hour barstool challenge, to raise money for the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. Team Captains and organizers have their eye on topping the record amount of \$276,267 raised last year. The Pub Mania event has now raised over \$1,313,000 in its first eight years.

One hundred percent of the funds pass directly to the Children's Auction for distribution to the community.

"We see the Children's Auction as one of the most impactful



Pub Mania Team Captains present check for \$276,267 to Children's Auction Chair Sandra Marshall (second from right), with Tony Felch of the Distribution Committee and this year's co-chair Jaimie Sousa. The Children's Auction begins Tuesday, Dec. 5 with Pub Mania, one of the key fundraisers for the auction, beginning Thursday, Dec. 7.

events and we want to continue to help it grow," says Patrick's co-owner Allan Beetle.

In addition to creating a happier holiday

for children and their families, proceeds from the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction are used for basic needs, including food,

clothing and shelter as well as for programs and organizations that work to improve the lives of children and mitigate the need for these basic services.

Each of the 31 teams that make up Pub Mania has one or more captains that build a team of 24 people, one for each hour of the event. Participants raise funds throughout the year and bring their donations to the event. Opening Ceremonies begin Thursday morning at 9am,

followed by contests, games, challenges and 12 hours of live music. Activities continue throughout the night until Closing Ceremonies wrap up the event at 9 a.m. Friday.

"The team captains are the backbone of this event," says Beetle. "They inspire others to participate in what we self-proclaim as the 'world's greatest barstool challenge' to help kids and families here in the greater Lakes Region of New

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Ninth Annual Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar set for this weekend

LACONIA — Wrap up your holiday shopping at the Ninth Annual Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit the historic mill building in its holiday glory at 25 Beacon Street East in downtown Laconia.

This popular event has attracted skillful crafters from around New Hampshire offering a shopping experience not to be missed.

Long-time volunteer and bazaar coordinator, Judi Taggart shared, "I've enjoyed participating in craft fairs with talented and creative crafters and selling my jewelry for over 30 years. The Bazaar is a wonderful mix of returning and new exhibitors from 15 New



Belknap Mill visitor Parker Desruisseaux shows off some of the incredible items available this weekend at the Ninth Annual Belknap Mill Holiday Bazaar, being held on the first and third floors of the historic Belknap Mill. Join us from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9!

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LRAA names September Artists of the Month

TILTON — The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) announces the artists selected for this month's popular Artists of the Month Program. As the Association draws from the entire Lakes Region, this program is aimed at promoting the Association and its members' work across the entire region. LRAA was founded in 1940 and is a non-profit group providing education and support to local artists, both amateur and professional, in the Lakes Region.

Each month, a jury of LRAA artists 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.



Selected as Lakes as Lakes Region Artists of the month for November are: Front l-r: Acacia Rogers, Phyllis Meinke and Shela Cunningham Back, left to right: Christine Keenan, Barbara McClintock, Elaine Morrison and Christa Faller.

The following Artists of the Month for November, will each have art work on display until Dec. 31 at these Lakes Region business locations: Christine Keenan at

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Spend a "Christmas Holiday" with LRPA this weekend

LACONIA — Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Dec. 8 & 9) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1944's noir-ish melodrama "Christmas Holiday," starring Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly.

Before shipping out overseas, Lt. Charles Mason discovers, via a telegram, that his fiancée has married another man. He decides to go and confront her in

person, but bad weather forces his plane to San Francisco to land in New Orleans. While in The Big Easy, Mason meets a man who takes him to a nightclub/brothel. Performing there is singer Jackie Lamont (Durbin). Mason offers to buy Jackie a drink, but instead she asks him to take her to midnight Mass, as it is Christmas Eve. Jackie becomes uncontrollably upset during Mass, after afterward tells Mason her story (through flashbacks).

Her real name is Abigail, and she's married to a man named Robert Manette (Kelly) who is serving a life sentence for murder. Robert came from a prominent New Orleans family where he lived with his domineering mother in the family estate. When he and Abigail met, they felt an instant connection. Robert warned Abigail that he was a gambler, but that he would give it up if she married him. They lived for

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The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region brings holiday cheer to Taylor Community's Woodside Building Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. with a musical program.

Taylor Community hosting Holiday Program with the New Horizons Band, Dec. 12

LACONIA — The New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region brings holiday cheer to Taylor Community's Woodside Building Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. with a musical program. This free event is open to the public.

The mission of the band, founded and conducted by Mary Divers, is to promote "music

for life" by creating band performance opportunities to mature adult musicians who seek to make beautiful music together for the enjoyment of members and audiences alike.

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Michele Andreski, 68

TILTON — Michele Andreski, 68, of West Main Street, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017 at Laconia Nursing & Rehabilitation Center surrounded by her loving family.

Michele was born Dec. 2, 1948 in Schenectady, N.Y., daughter to the late Mitchell and Betty (Pixley) Andreski. She was a psychotherapist for MSP-CC in Worcester, Mass. for many years before retiring. Following her retirement, she moved to Tilton, where she and her daughter, Danielle developed a holistic health center called Center Your Self.

Michele was also an active volunteer at the Tilton Food Pantry. She enjoyed her work at Center Your Self, spending time and going out with her many friends and family.

Michele is survived by her son, Jason Lumbruno of Sanbornton; her



daughter, Danielle Perrino and her husband Rick, also of Sanbornton; six grandchildren (Jemma, Quinn, Preston, Nolen, Milee and Dylan); a sister, Phyllis Andreski Pirro of East Hartford; her "Wasband" Peter Lumbruno of Manchester, Conn.; many nieces and nephews (Melissa & Rob Karr, Sam Carilli, Eric & Michelle Rataic; and her beloved dog, Poppy.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Robert "Bobby" Andres-

ki. There will be no calling hours.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 from 4-7 p.m. at the Black Swan Inn, 354 West Main St., Tilton, NH 03276.

Michele thought education was very important, and has generously donated her earthly remains to science.

For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Michele Andreski Scholarship Savings Fund and can be made at any TD Bank location.

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

Vivian Brassard, 94

LACONIA — Vivian Brassard, 94, formerly of 328 Union Ave., died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017, in the Congregate Living Center of the Taylor Community. She and her family also resided in the summers at their cottage on Gray Road in Sanbornton from 1960-1999.

She was born in Franklin on Sept. 27, 1923, the daughter of Leon and Beatrice (Rainville) Flanders. She was a graduate of Laconia High School and graduated with her R.N. from the Lakes Region School of Nursing in 1941, first in her class for Nursing Practice. She was there upon hired, at the age of 21, as the head nurse of the hospital. She left the practice of nursing to marry Dr. Roger Brassard in 1950, who she was married to until his death in 2003. Together they raised their three daughters.

Surviving family members include her daughters, Ann Salt-



marsh and her husband James Saltmarsh of Laconia, Dr. Deborah Brassard of Tunkhannock, Pa., and Mary Jane Farnlett, and her husband Dr. Edward "Ted" Farnlett of Laconia; her granddaughter, Ellen Castro of Laconia; and her two great grandchildren, Shia and Amar'e. Vivian is also survived by her sister, Joan Waite of Bedford, Mass. and her brother, Bradly Flanders of Laconia.

Vivian was a communicant of St. Joseph Church, a member of the Nurse's Alumni Association and involved for many year with plan-

ning the reunions of the graduating class of 1941. She was also a Ward Clerk at the Polls for many years.

There will be no calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at St. Andre Bessette - St. Joseph Church, 30 Church St., Laconia. Burial followed in the family plot at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Garfield Street, Laconia.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Elsie McCarthy Willey Nursing Scholarship, c/o the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 7312, Gilford, N.H. 03247-7312.

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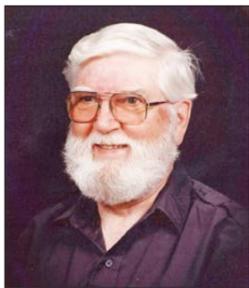
Raymond B. Goddard

PLYMOUTH — On Nov. 15, 2017, Raymond B. Goddard passed away after a brief illness.

Raymond was born and raised in Laconia. After graduating high school in Laconia, he joined the US Air Force as an Air Force Mechanic. During this time he met and married Edith Howe Goddard of Whitefield. After the Air Force, they settled in and began to raise their family in the Laconia area.

Raymond was active in the Order of Mason's and the Odd Fellows. He was a faithful member of the United Methodist Church. He was an active outdoorsman and gardener. He worked for the Laconia Needle Co. and then the Ashland Woolen Mill.

Raymond was predeceased by his parents, Raymond L. Goddard & Martha French Goddard; siblings Lionel "Ted" Goddard, Beverly



Goddard Fuller, Priscilla Goddard Austin, Patricia Goddard Laurent, Norman Goddard, Helen Goddard Bryant, Mary Goddard Rich, and Janette Goddard; and his first wife, Edith Howe Goddard.

Raymond is survived by his second wife, E. Marjorie Goddard of Plymouth; son Mark A. Goddard and his wife Wendy of Lancaster; son Gary S. Goddard of S. Portland, Maine; daughter Deborah Goddard Nielsen and her husband David of Gilman-ton; grandson Thomas B. Nielsen and his wife Krista of Alton; and great

grandchildren Jakob Nielsen of Lake Wales, Fla., Mekayla Collette, Merck Collette and Joe Mae Collette of Alton.

Calling hours were Nov. 27, 2017 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Wilkinson Beane Funeral Home in Laconia. The burial was a private event after the service at the Union Cemetery in Laconia.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ashland United Methodist Church, 12 Washington St., Ashland, NH 03217 or The Old Man of the Mt. Museum and Preservation Association, P.O. Box 106, Belmont, NH 03220.

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Donna Lee Marden, 70

GILFORD — Donna Lee Marden, 70, of 303 Old Lake Shore Road, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 at Belknap County Nursing Home in Laconia.

She was born on March 25, 1947 in Laconia, the daughter of the late Harold and Isabella (Allard) Reed. Donna worked from 1978 to 1990 as a home stitcher for Anna Lee Dolls. She also worked for Globe Manufacturing. She enjoyed baking, sewing, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her former husband and lifelong friend, James Marden, Sr. of Belmont; one son, James Marden, Jr. of Laconia; one daughter, Diane Marden of Bel-



mont; her five siblings (Brenda Legassie and her husband Richard of Belmont, Thomas Reed and his wife Rondi of Belmont, Mike Reed of Belmont, Marcia Harnish and her husband Stephen of Tulsa, Okla. and Debra Reed and her significant other Dan of Andover); two grandchildren, Raymond Brake, Jr. of Gilford and Christopher Brake of Belmont; one great grandchild, Joshua Raymond Post; and sev-

eral nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her infant daughter, Helen Marden, and two sisters, Linda Davis and Sheila Reed.

There will be no calling hours.

Services will be announced in the spring.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Belknap County Nursing Home - Activities Fund, 30 County Drive, Laconia, NH 03246 or to Central NH VNA & Hospice, 780 North Main St., Laconia, NH 03246.

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Dr. Robert E. Preston, 90

MEREDITH — Dr. Robert E. Preston, 90, formerly of 1480 Old North Main St., Laconia, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 at Goldenview Nursing Home in Meredith.

Robert Elwyn (known to family and friends as Bob) Preston was born in Cambridge, Mass. on March 17, 1927, the son of Rev. Richard and Marjorie Preston. He attended St. Paul's School in Concord. While there he was captain of the gymnastics team for two years. Upon graduation he attended Amherst College, majoring in music. During the summer terms he worked for the Appalachian Mountain club as a hut man, at Mt. Lafayette (his favorite) and Mt. Mad-

ison. He spent these few summers running up and down all the highest mountains in New Hampshire and enjoyed every minute of it.

Mr. Preston earned an MA and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, and soon found his love for teaching. While in graduate school he taught music history. He wrote his dissertation on Jean-Marie Leclair and later became a world authority on the composer. A-R Editions published Preston's complete edition of all 49 Leclairsonatas for violin and basso continuo. He also published articles in the journal *Recherches sur la musique française classique*. The highlight of his pub-



lishing career came when he was asked to contribute 30 articles to a Dictionnaire de la musique en France aux XVII et XVIII siècles.

After receiving his doctorate, Preston taught at the University of Oklahoma and Boston University before finding a home at Tulane University in 1964. His proudest teaching accomplishment was the setting

of three courses intended for the lay person with no previous knowledge of music: Bach and Beethoven, Handel, and Mozart, and Wagner and Stravinsky. He was twice recognized for Excellence in Teaching by Newcomb College.

In 1964, Mr. Preston bought a piece of property on Squam Lake. He built a home there and summered there till his retirement in 1979, at which time he lived there year-round. In 2004 met the love of his life Mary Joanne McEachern, together they purchased a lovely home in Laconia.

Mr. Preston was an accomplished pianist, a certified scuba diver, a mountain guide, a fisherman and an avid boater.

Mr. Preston was predeceased by his beloved wife, Mary Joanne McEachern. Their marriage, held at Church Island on Squam Lake, was an experience he regarded as the high point of his life. Bob and Joanne loved traveling the

world and sailing their boat on Squam Lake. When they were not

traveling or boating, they enjoyed concerts, SEE PRESTON PAGE A11

Charline Ann McLean, 65

BELMONT — Charline Ann McLean, 65, of 328 Union Rd., died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 16, 1952 in New Brunswick, Canada, the daughter of the late Leonard and Viola (Mcman) Gamblin. Charline worked as a secretary for Lakes Region Community College. Charline loved to canoe, camping and especially enjoyed good times with her family.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Robert McLean of Belmont; one son, Wayne McLean of Belmont; and two brothers, Sam Gamblin and his wife Monica of Gilmanton and Glen Gamblin and his wife Sheri of New Brunswick, Canada.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Richard Gamblin, and her sister,



Peggy Bunalske. There will be no calling hours.

A celebration of life will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Franklin VNA & Hospice, 75 Chestnut St., Franklin, NH 03235.

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.

Rita L. Therrien, 86

WELLS, Maine — Rita L. Therrien, 86, of Natanis Ridge Circle, and formerly of Lake Breeze Mobile Home Park, Gilford, died on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2017 at home with her loving family by her side.

Rita was born in Laconia on Nov. 5, 1931. She was the daughter of Omer and Blanche (Nadeau) Sevigny. She was a longtime resident of Laconia until 2014, she then went to live with her daughter and son-in-law in Wells, Maine.

Rita was a telephone operator for New England Telephone, and she later worked in the factory of Aavid Engineering. Rita loved baseball, especially cheering for the Boston Red Sox, playing cards and games and bingo. Spending time with her family was most important to Rita.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet M. Audet, and her husband, Robert, of Wells, Maine; two grandchildren, Michael R. Audet of New York, N.Y. and Katherine M. Audet, of Portland, Maine; two sisters, Claire (Sevigny) Stone of Princeton, Ind. and Annette Davis and her husband, Dan of Clearwater, Fla. and Nashua; and several nephews and nieces.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Norman R. Therrien, Sr. and her son, Norman R. Therrien, Jr.; brothers Hector "Pete" Sevigny, Rudy Sevigny and Normand Sevigny; sisters Jeannette (Sevigny) Joyal, Irene (Sevigny) Thibault and Gisele (Sevigny) Drouin.

A calling hour will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 from 10 – 11 a.m. at St. Andre Bessette Parish- Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia.

A Mass of Christian Burial will follow the calling hour at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 at St. Andre Bessette Parish- Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia.

Burial will be held in the spring at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Laconia.

For those who wish, the family suggests that memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Route 1 #1, Scarborough,



ough, Maine 04074.

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Pick a date. Early retirement means different things to different people. But it's important to pick an exact age, whether it is 60, 62, 64, or whatever, so you can build an appropriate retirement income strategy.

Think about your retirement lifestyle. You may know that you want to retire early – but have you thought about what you want to do with your newfound time? Will you simply stay close to home and pursue your hobbies? Do you dream of spending two months each winter on a tropical island? Or are you thinking of opening your own small business or doing some consulting? Different retirement lifestyles can have vastly different price tags. Once you've envisioned your future, you can develop a saving and investment plan to help you get there.

Boost contributions to your retirement plans. If you want to retire early, you may well need to accelerate your contributions to your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan. You may need to cut back in other areas of your life to maximize the amounts you put into your retirement plans, but this sacrifice may be worth it to you.

Invest for growth. Your investment strategy essentially should be based on three key factors: your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. When you change any one of these variables, it will affect the others. So, if you shorten your time horizon by retiring early, you may well need to reconsider your risk tolerance. Specifically, you may need to accept a somewhat higher level of investment risk so you can invest for greater growth potential.

Keep a lid on your debt load. It's easier said than done, but try to manage your debt load as tightly as possible. The lower your monthly debt payments, the more you can contribute to your retirement plans.

Life is unpredictable. Even if you take all the steps described above, you may still fall short of your goal of retiring early. While this may be somewhat disappointing, you might find that adding just a few more years of work can be beneficial to building resources for your chosen retirement lifestyle. For one thing, you can continue contributing to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan.

Plus, if you're still working, you may be able to afford delaying your Social Security payments until you're closer to your "normal" retirement age, which, as defined by the Social Security Administration, likely will be 66 or 67. The longer you put off taking these benefits, the bigger your monthly checks, although they will max out once you reach 70.

And even if you are not able to retire early, some of the moves you took to reach that goal – such as contributing as much as you could afford to your IRA and 401(k), controlling your debts, and so on – may pay off for you during your retirement – whenever it begins.

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Bike Exchange supplies more than 200 bicycles to those in need

LACONIA — The Laconia Area Bike Exchange recently closed for the year, reporting approximately 200 bikes had been provided to needy residents of the area during the 2017 season, bringing the lifetime total to more than 600 bikes since the organization was founded by John Rogers in 2014.

Open April to October, the organization is an all-volunteer affiliate of the Bike-Walk Alliance of New Hampshire. LABE is dedicated to providing inexpensive, alternative transportation in the form of refurbished bicycles to adults and children who would benefit from greater mobility as it relates to both professional and personal life. The main focus of the Exchange is adults who lack the resources to own a car, as well as those without a valid driver's license. Referrals often come from local human service organizations. Individuals may also approach the organization directly. Most bikes can be purchased for \$10.

"People have been so generous about donating bicycles, that we currently have an overabundance", states Rogers. "What we need now is more help fixing them up, running the organization, and getting the word out to the community so we can get them



Jim Holmes, Branch Director of the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region accepts donations of refurbished bikes from LABE Director, John Rogers during Central New Hampshire's Day of Caring.

to those who need them."

During the local Day of Caring in September, volunteers focused their efforts on the large supply of children's bikes, preparing them for donation to local youth. With their help, a total of twenty bikes were delivered to the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region and made available for children who attend that program. Another eight were given per parental request to children who attend Lakes Region Childcare in Laconia.

"John has since come by on occasion with additional bikes for our kids," reports Jim

Holmes, Branch Director of the Boys and Girls

Club of the Lakes Region. "When they see the

bikes, their eyes light up; they can't believe they

Genesis Behavioral Health to assume new name in new location

LACONIA — Genesis Behavioral Health announces today that, in conjunction with its January move into its new, state-of-the-art medical facility in downtown Laconia, it will resume use of its corporate name "Lakes Region Mental Health Center."

"It is clear that the intense stigma about mental health services

has decreased in recent years," says Maggie Pritchard, Executive Director. "The organization adopted the trade name 'Genesis Behavioral Health' as a way to address that stigma both among the people we serve and the community. But now, there is greater appreciation that mental health is a critical and intertwined part of overall health.

This name change reflects that changed community understanding."

"We provide mental health services for the one in five of us that will experience some sort of mental health disorder in our lifetimes," says Deborah Pendergast, Chair of the Board of Directors. "We decided that with this new building should come a new name – reflective of the high quality, comprehensive services we offer."

Genesis Behavioral Health was founded in 1966 as Lakes Region Mental Health Center and has been supporting healthy minds in the Lakes Region ever since. Last year, the organization served almost 4,000 patients: 2,342 adults, 391 elders, and 1,150 children.

Genesis Behavioral Health is transforming this property located at 40 Beacon St. East in downtown Laconia into a state-of-the-art medical facility for its patients and for the

community. Under construction now, the new health center will be open in January 2018 and the organization renamed "Lakes Region Mental Health Center."

For more information or to support Genesis Behavioral Health, please contact Ann E. Nichols, Director of Development and Public Relations, at 524-110, ext. 445 or anichols@gensisbh.org.

Genesis Behavioral Health is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. A private, non-profit corporation, Genesis serves nearly 4,000 children, families, adults and older adults each year. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 524-1100 or visit the website at www.gensisbh.org. Find Genesis Behavioral Health on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for updates and information.

To learn more about the program or make a monetary donation, visit the Web site at labe.bike.



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Mary Butler Chapter DAR names Good Citizens for 2017

REGION — Mary Butler Chapter DAR announces the selection of five area high school seniors as DAR Good Citizens. They are: Nicholas Randos, Belmont High School; Olivia Trindade, Gilford High School; Elijah Marietta, Inter-Lakes High School; Benjamin Beliveau, Laconia High School; and Socorra Summers, Winnisquam Regional High School.

The five seniors were selected by vote of the faculty and senior class of each school for their qualities of Service, Dependability, Leadership, and Patriotism. Each of the students is an excellent scholar and has a record of leadership in school clubs and athletics. The five winners have also contributed to their communities as volunteers on many occasions.

Members of the Mary Butler Chapter honored the five Good Citizens during their monthly meeting at the Gilford Community Church on Monday, Nov. 20. Good Citizen Chairman Judy Wilson, assisted by Chapter Regent Adele Bausor, presented the awards. Parents, family members, and friends attended.

Nicholas Randos, Belmont High School's DAR Good Citizen, is the son of Eleni Randos of Belmont. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and Student Athlete Leadership Team. He excelled in Cross Country, and indoor & outdoor Track, setting school records. He is Class Presi-



Pictured, left to right: Adele Bausor, Chapter Regent, Mary Butler DAR; Benjamin Beliveau, Laconia High School; Socorra Summers, Winnisquam Regional High School; Nicholas Randos, Belmont High School; Olivia Trindade, Gilford High School; Elijah Marietta, Inter-Lakes Regional High School; and Judy Wilson, DAR Good Citizen Chairman.

dent, a New Hampshire Scholar with STEM distinction, and has earned the status of valedictorian of his senior class. He was recognized for dedicated service as the BHS liaison to the Shaker Regional School District School Board, and attended St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program. In January 2017, he invented a mobile app in Mobile Apps Honors and taught Belmont Elementary students how to use it.

Olivia Trindade, a senior at Gilford High School, is the daughter of Karen and Neil Trindade of Gilmanton. Olivia, Class President, is Editor of Gilford's Literary Magazine, a member of the National Honor Society, band, Spanish Club, Student Athletic Leadership Team, and Interact Club. She plays basketball, soccer, and lacrosse, attended the Rotary Youth Leadership conference and the NHIAA Student Athletic Leadership Conference. She attended St. Paul's Advanced Studies Program in Law &

Govt. She has volunteered extensively at Gilmanton School and with Gilmanton's Youth Organization.

Elijah Marietta, of Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith, is the son of Elizabeth

and Chandler Marietta of Meredith. Involved in the Interact Club, National Honor Society, ILHS Theater, and Student Council, Elijah also participated in Cross Country, track, golf, and soccer. He earned the honor of ILHS Rotary International Interact Club Member of the Year. He was a New Hampshire Scholarship World Affairs Seminar Delegate. Elijah's future plans include returning to Zambia, where his dad is assisting in their hospitals. He feels drawn to a career where he can be creative and artistic.

Benjamin Beliveau, Laconia High School's DAR Good Citizen, is the son of Brett and Susanne Beliveau of Laonia. His extracurricular activities include the math team and Granite State

Challenge. A member of the National Honor Society, he is also Valedictorian of the senior class at LHS. He excelled in football and track, earning the Bucky Boyson sportsmanship award for football. Benjamin won the Rensselaer Medal, the Harvard book prize, and attended St. Paul's Advanced Summer Program. He plans to pursue education in environmental and civil engineering.

Winnisquam Regional High School's DAR Good Citizen, Socorra

Summer, is the daughter of Jason and Kelly Summers of Tilton. Named NH Humanities 2017 Student of the Year, and a Champions for Children honoree, Socorra is active in National Honor Society, Student Council, Interact Club, State Scholars, and Student Athletic Leadership Team. Socorra kept busy with Track & Field, Volleyball, and cross country. At the School Wide Science Fair she earned First Place. Working as a summer camp counselor with special needs

individuals inspired her future plans to pursue a BA degree in

Psychology and a Master's degree in ABA/BCBA Therapy.

The DAR Good Citizen competition is sponsored worldwide by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The national winner will be invited to attend DAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. to receive the national award of a \$3,000 scholarship to be sent to the school of the winner's choice.



New Horizons Band begins holiday concert series

The New Horizons Band, under the co-directionship of Mary Divers and Debbi Gibson, have begun their 10th annual traveling holiday concert series, offering a variety of seasonal selections at no charge to the public. Ranging from Christmas to Hanukah, the Grinch to the Nutcracker Ballet, from Bach to a trip on the Polar Express, and with a rousing caroling sing-along thrown in, the music has something for everyone. The concerts began with the Veterans' Home in Tilton and the Belknap County Nursing Home in Laconia, and will continue as follows: Dec. 9-Sugar Hill Retirement Community in Wolfeboro at 2 p.m., Dec. 12-Woodside at the Taylor Home Retirement Community in Laconia at 7 p.m., Dec. 16-Gilford Community Church at 2 p.m., for which voluntary donations will help the Laconia Community Wellness Center, and Jan. 5-a Friends and Family Social at St Charles Catholic Church in Meredith at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to enjoy a stress free hour of family fun with the band.

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CRAFT FAIR

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Crafters and shoppers in the Gilford High School gym during the annual Holiday Craft Fair.

sold food in the middle school cafeteria (the food court) and in the halls to raise money.

The seniors sold raffle baskets made in senior class advisories as well as a number of different items donated by crafters. Trindade said they made double their usual sales in two hours. Trindade said a lot of people would donate money without buying anything.

Members of the

Spanish Club raffled off gift baskets to raise money toward their trip to Costa Rica in February, a trip anyone in school is also welcome to go on. Spanish Club member Nicole Daigneault said funds raised will go to bus costs and spending money.

Members of the club went to different businesses and got items to put into the baskets, then assembled the dif-

ferent baskets. They also had some handmade shelves donated as well as a hotel stay.

She said there were people who would donate money without buying anything.

Daigneault is a senior and said she has been part of the fair every year.

"It's nice getting to see everyone in the community," Daigneault said.

DONATION

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Eddy said.

Selectman Gus Benavides also suggested

noting Sousae's donations in the town report.

"It can be recognized for years to come," Benavides said.

ARTISANS

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gion Community College in 1999 and also oldign a Bachelor of Arts from Plymouth State University. Using her skills she came up with an animal tracks design on Adobe Illustrator that she made into a Christmas wreath.

"It just kind of went from there," Mahan said.

Mahan has made a variety of other images all from the animal tracks in her illustration program, starting mainly with Christmas themes and doing others. All the images are made from versions of deer, moose,



ERIN PLUMMER

Photographer John Gill (right) with Larry Routhier from the Gilford Rotary (left) by Gill's table at the Holiday Craft Fair. Sales of Gill's photos benefitted the Rotary's Cheryl Lynn Walsh Memorial Scholarship.

SANTA LAND

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effort of the Parks and Recreation Department and the GYC.

"We've developed such a strong relationship over the years," said GYC director Scott Hodsdon.

Hodsdon said he loves working with Parks and recreation Director Herb Greene and Program Assistants Kristin Jarvi and Sue King. Hodsdon said that the GYC and Parks and Rec all share the same mission.

"I don't think we could do it by ourselves," Hodsdon said. "It's definitely a good relationship, we look forward to working with each other."

Hodsdon said they had "an overwhelming number of people" come to Friday night's Santa Land. Greene said they had a steady influx of people since the night started.

Hodsdon said when it first started they would mainly get people from Gilford, now they get visitors from across New England.

"It's a lot of work, but people really seem to enjoy it, which is great," Greene said.

Greene said the kids seem eager to meet Santa and enjoy the activities.

He said they had a large number of vol-



ERIN PLUMMER

Children decorate cookies at Santa Land with the help of student volunteers.

unteers helping out including students from Gilford Middle and High Schools as well as adults from the community.

"This is such a big event and there's so much to do here that every volunteer is needed," Hodsdon said.

GHS students Cameron Jarvi and Connor Guest dressed as elves and helped kids at the arts and crafts table.

"It's fun, you get to help out with kids," Guest said. "Get to dress up and give back to the community."

Jarvi said he liked helping out.

"It's good to help out the community, it's good to make children hap-

py," Jarvi said.

Guest attended Santa Land when he was a kid, saying it felt different to be on another end of the event.

"It's still feels good, I'm still happy to come back and help out," Guest said.

One of the most popular features or Santa Land is the Cookie Walk. For \$3, people could fill up a large bag with an assortment of cookies. Volunteer Kathy Dahll, who works at the Village Nursery, said all the cookies are donated by members of the community, including parishioners at the Gilford Community Church, people involved in Parks and

Rec, regular Santa Land attendees, and so many more. As Santa Land itself is free, the Cookie Walk generates a lot of money. Funds raised by the Cookie Walk go into operating expenses for Santa Land itself.

Dahll said she especially likes seeing kids she knew from working at the preschool who are now in high school.

GHS freshman Darren Brown attended Santa Land on Friday.

"This is a beautiful place, this is really the greatest thing I've ever seen in New Hampshire," Brown said.

He said he hopes Gilmanon will do an activity like this too.



ERIN PLUMMER

Jill Mahan with the graphic designs she makes from animal prints as part of Four Heart Tracks.

turkey, bear, and coyote tracks. Mahan said when people look closer at the images they recognize the tracks.

She has been doing the GHS fair for the past five years.

"I like that it's local; I like the other vendors that are around me," Mahan said. "It's generally a good crowd year after year."

GHS students Christian and Colton Workman set up their own craft table this year selling iron items they made in their forge, The Workman Forge.

Christian Workman, a senior at GHS, said they have been doing this for four years. It all started with annual Colonial trades project done by Gilford Elementary School fourth

graders when Colton did his project on blacksmithing.

"A couple years later, I look out in the yard and Colton was building a forge," Christian said.

They started blacksmithing as a hobby, using scrap metal to make items. Two years ago, they started selling their items online and then started selling in Canterbury and at the Belknap County 4-H Fair.

The GHS fair was their first ever craft fair. The brothers donated 10 percent of their proceeds to the senior class.

"It's really great here too; there's a lot of people," Christian Workman said.

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NOTEBOOK

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no different. While neighbors' kids had to stay inside, noses pressed to windows, we went out and played in the rain.

We had our own front and back yards, but that was a time when everyone's back yards were held in common, and in the winter we crawled and hopped around the neighborhood like snow fleas. At noon or so we'd troop in, divest ourselves of snow gear, refuel on soup and sandwiches, and go right back out until dark.

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At age 11 or so, I got my first pair of real skis, as opposed to the peg-tipped, leather-harnessed skis our parents grew up on. The nearest rope-tow was across the river in Canaan, Vermont, and the nearest honest to gosh real ski area was at Sunday River, just over the Maine state line.

Billy Haynes and I were desperate to learn the newest turning technique, the stem christie, but back then the conventional wisdom was that you had to have packed snow to do it.

Ray Hicks was a nearby farmer with a

heart of gold when it came to kids, and his broad, steep pasture was a half-mile slog from home. Yet there Bill and I headed, weekend after weekend, skis on shoulders, clomping along up Route 145 in the bear-trap ski boots of the day.

It took six ski-lengths to pack a trail wide enough for the turns of the day. This meant that Bill and I spent the entire morning side-stepping up and down Ray's pasture to create a suitable ski area. Back down home for lunch we went, while the packed snow set up just so, and back up we went to spend the rest of daylight happily climbing up, and skiing down.

In the warming hut of Colebrook's own rope tow a decade or so later, on that very same hill, I told this story to the newest generation of skiers, and even then they couldn't believe it.

(This column is syndicated in papers covering two-thirds of New Hampshire and parts of Maine and Vermont. Letters, including town and telephone numbers in case of questions, should be addressed to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or Box 39, Colebrook, NH 03576.)

BARSTOOL

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Hampshire.

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level of enthusiasm and excitement that everyone brings on behalf of this community is truly inspiring."

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ARTISTS

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Northway Bank, Tilton; Barbara McClintock at the Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford; Shela Cunningham at the Northway Bank, Belknap Mall; Christa Faller at the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, Laconia; Elaine Morrison at the Northway Bank, Laconia; Phyllis Meinke at the Northway Bank, Meredith; and Acacia Rogers at the Laconia Library.

For those interested

in viewing additional artwork by Lakes Region artists, LRAA has Art Gallery, located in the Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd., Suite 132 in Tilton. The Gallery represents more than 25 artists and photographers from the Lakes Region, and is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 998-0029 or visit www.lakesregionartassociation.com.

PRESTON

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gardening and spending time with their family and their two Cairn terriers "Collin" and "Dee-Dee."

Mr. Preston is survived by his sister, Nancy Preston King; Joanne's daughters and their spouses; many nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Calling hours were held from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. on

Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 93 NH-25, Meredith. Burial followed in the family plot at Oakland Cemetery in Meredith.

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LRPA

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several months in wedded bliss, but then Robert began staying out all night. One evening, Robert murders his bookie, and his mother covers up the crime, expecting Abigail to assist in this deception. The police catch Robert; he is convicted and sent to prison. Robert's mother blames Abigail for not being supportive. Abigail changes her name to avoid being recognized, but stays in New Orleans to be near Robert, as, despite everything, she still loves him. Soon after telling Mason her story, Robert breaks out of jail and heads straight to find Abigail. Can a Christmas miracle save the day?

Despite the fact that its two leads, Deanna Durbin and Gene Kelly, were both big Hollywood musical stars in their day, "Christmas Holiday" is a rare-

ly seen film. It also casts both the actors completely against type: Durbin, usually the good girl, playing a "hostess" in a questionable "nightclub," and Kelly, always the charming, affable hero, here playing anything but. Christmas is really only the background to this story, which is dark and complicated. If you've never seen Gene Kelly play a "bad guy," this is the film for you. So grab your popcorn and join us after dark for this rare screen gem from the past.

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BAZAAR

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items for the holidays and beyond. I plan to do lots of my holiday shopping at the Mill."

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country holiday crafts, hand painted wood ornaments, wooden animal puzzles, clocks and cutting boards, oil cloth totes and backpacks, jewelry, specialty gift baskets, fleece blankets, floral arrangements, Native American crafts, art supplies and photography. Specialty food items include fudge, peanut brittle, honey and beeswax products, gifts-in-a-jar, and zucchini salsa. Vendors include B Tree Crafts, No Weare Else, Jodi's Build a Hat, DeNutte's Delights, Blasdel Studios, Thistle's All Natural, BB Lynne Photography, NH Wood

Creations, Heavenly Fudge, Sew There! Oil Cloth Designs, Sweet Bee Farm, and Jim's Woodturning to name a few. Items from participating craftspeople have been donated to the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction in carrying with giving back this holiday season.

There will be fresh-baked goods and lunch options available for sale from the LHS Interact Club. Visitors to the bazaar are invited to take a chance at the vendor raffle; all items are donated by participating vendors, with proceeds supporting the Belknap Mill.

The Mill's knitting room and powerhouse museums will be open making for a family friendly event.

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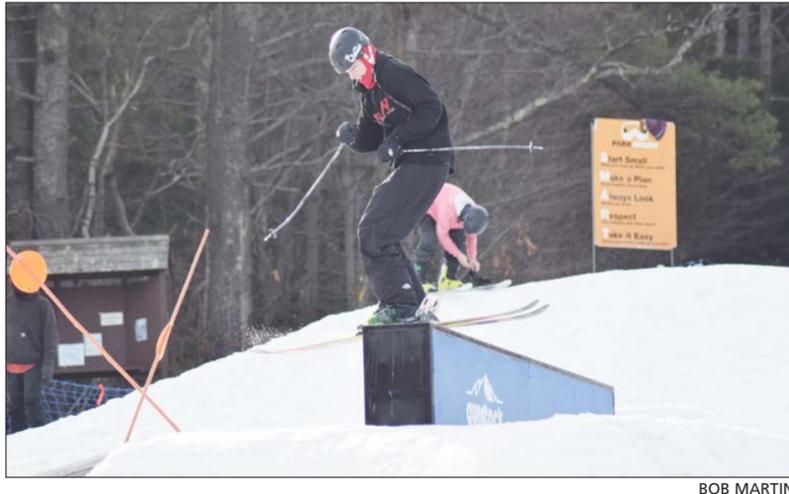
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Teddy Broska was enjoying a Saturday of snowboarding at Gunstock with his friends.



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Kaleb Bartlett tested out some tricks in the early stages of the terrain park at Gunstock.



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Adam Sojka skis with friends from all around New England at Gunstock and is looking forward to a great season on the mountain.

Winter lovers flock to Gunstock's opening weekend

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — There may be a lot of green grass in the lawns

around the Lakes Region, but at Gunstock there is plenty of snow. On Dec. 1, the ski resort opened for the winter

season, and throughout the weekend skiers and riders from all over took advantage of early winter fun.

"Things are going awesome," said General Manager Greg Goddard. "We have day one of our RFID gates and

things seem to be going along well with those. I was out for about three hours this morning chatting with guests

and everyone seems to really love it. They are working great."

Goddard admitted SEE GUNSTOCK PAGE B3

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Gilford girls shut down by Spartans in opener

BY BOB MARTIN

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WHITEFIELD — The Gilford High School girls' basketball team kicked off its season against White Mountains on Dec. 1, and while it was a close defensive battle throughout the game, poor shooting by the Golden Eagles resulted in a 36-29 loss.

The Golden Eagles suffered from 11 of 63 shooting, or 17.4 percent, from the field. White Mountains did a good job containing the top players on the Gilford squad, including senior captain Brooke Beaudet, who had only three points, which came in the fourth quarter.

White Mountains had an 8-5 lead after the first quarter, which shows that both teams had shooting woes to begin the game. Gilford stayed in the game, and at the half it was 18-16. After the third quarter, it was 26-19 and Gilford was ultimately knocked off 36-29. Gilford never had a lead in the game.

Coach Rick Forge said the team never got out on transition, but he also commended White Mountains for

playing well.

"They did a good job at shutting us down," said Forge. "They shut our big scorers down. Brooke had three points and didn't score till late in the fourth quarter. She had foul trouble early and ended up sitting out quite a bit in the first half."

Forge said the team is trying to find the right pieces of the puzzle, and he said there were some bright spots in the game. Abby O'Connor had a solid game with eight points and six rebounds off the bench. Shelby Cole led the team in scoring with 12 points.

Other leaders on the team included Hannah Perkins with seven rebounds and Olivia Harris with four assists. Forge said the assists for Harris were impressive since there were only 11 baskets made all night. He also commended Lauren Dean for her defensive play throughout the game.

"The key was that we missed an awful lot of opportunities and couldn't establish any tempo or flow to the game," said Forge.

Gilford is coming off a 12-8 campaign where



BOB MARTIN

Brooke Beaudet was shut down by White Mountains in the opening game, but she is expected to be the offensive leader for the Golden Eagles this year. Photo is from a recent scrimmage against Moultonborough Academy.

they finished as the ninth seed and made it to the second round of the tournament before losing to top seeded Newfound. Newfound was next on the schedule for Gilford, and the game was played after deadline.

The team has its work cut out for them, as there are plenty of new faces on the Golden Eagle squad. Gone

from last year's team is First Team All-State selection Stevie Orton as well as Kaitlyn VanBennekum. These are tough to replace, as the

two were solid starters and offensive forces.

This season the Eagles will also have to deal with the loss of several key players

due to injury. Point guard Taryn Breton is out for the season with an ACL injury, while Lexi Boisvert and Abby Warren are both sidelined with injuries.

Beaudet returns after sitting out all of last season with a knee injury. Forge said she will be counted on to lead on the offensive end. She will be joined by seniors Harris, Dean, Olivia Trindade and Emily Smith, who all will all see action in the backcourt.

Juniors Karly Sanborn and Perkins will be joined by sophomores O'Connor and Cole. Cole came on strong at the end of last season and should provide a boost for the eagles, Forge said.

"We'll lean heavily on the senior leadership this year to be successful. It will be a challenge and the kids are excited about competing."

Good numbers for Gilford swim team

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD — The Gilford High School swim team enters this season with a huge roster full of plenty of new faces, and coach Lynn Morea said she couldn't be happier to see this much demand.

"We let everyone who wants to swim, swim," said Morea. "And they are all varsity swimmers."

The team has five swimmers on the boys' team and 16 swimmers on the girls' team, for a grand total of 21 swimmers. She said her last couple years there have been about 15 swimmers. She said some are people

who never swam competitively before, but others have been club swimmers.

Morea said last year there were five swimmers who qualified for the state championship with two who made the top 10. There are a couple top swimmers coming back, and Morea said the ones to watch are Olivia Morea, Laurel Gingrich and Beck McLean. Morea specializes in butterfly and breast stroke, while Gingrich and McLean are freestyle swimmers.

In the pre-season the team has been swimming twice a week, and also doing yoga to keep their mind and body in

shape.

Morea said Gilford has a higher demand that many other Lakes Region schools. This is the 13th season for swimming at Gilford High School and Morea believes this has helped bring the numbers up.

"I think word of mouth gets out in the Gilford area," Morea. "We have the Lakes Region Wavemakers and the Gunstock Sting Rays to pull from. Those kids are all spread out too, but I think that is why the demand is high here."

The first home meet takes place on Dec. 10 at the Gunstock Inn.

Laconia Lacrosse Club hosting free clinics

LACONIA — In preparation for the spring lacrosse season, girls and boys in grades one through eight from Meredith, Center Harbor, Franklin, Tilton, Sanbornton, Belmont and Laconia are all invited to try lacrosse at the Laconia Lacrosse

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Clinics will be held in the Laconia High School gym. All girls and boys in grades one through four will take the floor from 6 to 7 p.m. Boys in grades five through eight will

be from 7 to 8 p.m. Some equipment will be available to borrow, but all players need mouth guards to participate.

Contact laconialacrosseclub@gmail.com for questions or equipment needs.

Register for indoor flag football now

TILTON — Registration is now open for Lakes Region Flag Football League's fourth season of winter indoor flag football at the Tilton Sports Center beginning in January.

There are co-ed age divisions for ages 8-10 and 11-14, player's age as of Jan. 1, 2018.

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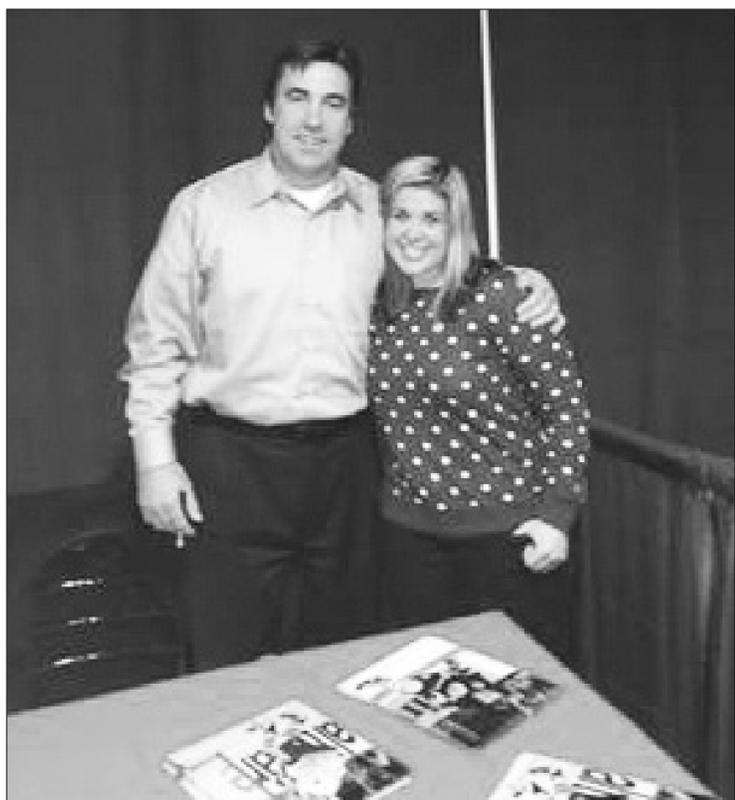
beginning Jan. 13 and running until Saturday, March 31. Season schedule is posted at lrffl.com.

Games for the 8-10 division will be played at either 11 a.m., 12 p.m. or 1 p.m.; the 11-14 division will play at either 2, 3 or 4 p.m.

Season will start with a combine, one week of practice, six weeks of regular season games (with a

break for February vacation) and ending with playoff and Super Bowl games.

This will be an official NFL Flag season; registration fee is \$125 for a 12-week season. Fee will include an NFL Flag jersey, NFL Flag flag belt and field rental fees. Money is not due until after Jan. 1. Register online today at lrffl.com.



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Children's auction

Former Boston Bruins player Steve Leach will be available to meet fans Friday, Dec. 8, 6-8 p.m. at the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction being held at the Belknap Mall in the old Blockbuster location. He will be on site to meet fans and sign autographs by donation to the Children's Auction. Leach played hockey as an undergraduate for University of New Hampshire and played for the Boston Bruins from 1991 through 1996. Throughout his career, he played for various teams in both the NHL and AHL before retiring in 2000. Pictured is Leach posing with fan Laura Brusseau at a previous year's Children's Auction.

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Track Eagles ready for the new season

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — The Gilford High School indoor track team is coming off a season where there were no qualifiers for the Division 2 state meet, and coach Joe Wernig hopes that will change this year with a roster with several promising competitors.

Wernig is coaching the team for the sixth year and this year he will be assisted by Jantine Powis. Wernig's son Michael Wernig will be the player to watch this year for the boys, as he has been on the team for four years. Wernig is a middle distance runner and throws the shot



Michael Wernig is expected to be one of the top runners for the Gilford boys' indoor track team this season.

put. Another four-year veteran is Josh LaFrance, who is a sprinter and long jumper. Sophomore Ed Demers and junior Matthew Mc-

Donough are on the indoor track team for the first team. McDonough will be distance running and Demers will be a middle distance runner and long jumper.

"We had no boys qualify for the Division 2 state meet last year but I am hoping to get a few qualified this year," said Wernig. "Since there are only two divisions,

competition is tough and qualifying standards are high. Indoor is a good opportunity to try some different events and to get ready for outdoor track."

The girls will be led by twin sisters Madison and Elizabeth Relf, who in their senior season will be focused on distance running. The Relfs are coming off a solid cross country season, and Wernig expects them to be competitive in their races this winter.

Natalie and Brianna Fraser are also twins who are expected to thrive in their sophomore seasons as sprinters and long jumpers. The Frasers were a cou-

ple of the top sprinters last spring in their freshman year and Wernig expects them to shine again.

Katiana Gamache is a sophomore throwing the shot put and Reese Clark will be sprinting and doing the hurdles in her sophomore year. New to indoor track is Julie Auld, a sophomore sprinter, and Emma Ramsey, a freshman who will be sprinting and doing the long jump.

"With the addition of the newcomers, we could have a few decent relays," said Wernig. "Last year we had no qualifiers but are planning on having a few this year."

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that there were spring-like conditions to open the season, but thanks to top notch snow making and cold weather at night, the mountain is adding trails and terrain by the day. As of Monday morning, Gunstock had 13 trails and three lifts open.

"There were a ton of people who got her first thing in the morning for first tracks, and the conditions were good for them," said Goddard. "It got a little skied off in the afternoon because there is less variety, but the skiers have seemed happy."

Jeremy Allen came all the way from Sebago, Maine with members of group called Dig My Quiver. This group that Allen describes as a "nice community of positive minded snowboarders." The smile on Allen's face said it all, as he was enjoying the sunny weather and the ability to ski in the first weekend of December.

"Conditions aren't bad for early season



A group of skiers are loaded onto the Ram Rod Quad on Saturday morning of opening weekend at Gunstock.

here at Gunstock," said Allen. "It's been a great day."

Kaleb Bartlett is a skier from Laconia High School who went to the mountain to hit the rails and practice his freestyle skiing. He not only skis at Gunstock regularly, but this is the third year he has worked at the mountain, and the first year he has worked in the terrain park.

"It is cool to see everyone come down and work on their tricks from last year," Bart-

lett. "We are shaking off some rust."

He was skiing with Adam Sojka, a 17-year-old Canterbury resident who is a senior at Belmont High School. Sojka said he skis at Gunstock every day and competes in freestyle competitions. He loves Gunstock because it is a good spot for him to ski with friends from all around New England and learn new tricks.

"It's a nice mountain to train on," Sojka said. "I love the begin-

ning of the season with everyone getting back together."

Teddy Broska and Matt Lord are ninth-grade students at Prospect Mountain who were enjoying their Saturday on the mountain during opening weekend. They both agreed that they have been itching for winter to come and were happy to be at Gunstock snowboarding together.

"It's nice to do something else after doing the same thing all summer," Broska said.

For more information and trail conditions log onto Gunstock.com.

Registrations accepted for Amy Annis Volleyball Tournament

GILFORD — The annual Amy Annis Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 7, starting at 11 a.m. and will take place in both the Gilford Middle School and High School gymnasiums.

This fundraising event is a fun recreational co-ed volleyball tournament for high school age students through adults. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society for breast cancer research as well as the Amy Annis Scholarship

Fund. This scholarship is given annually to a graduating senior. The entry fee is \$100. There is a 16-team limit and will be on a first registered basis. Sixteen teams will be playing on four courts and each team will be guaranteed three matches in pool play and one match in the tournament round.

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