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GILFORD, N.H.

# Celebrate the holidays with local events

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Holiday events are on the calendar for the next few weeks, starting with Pub Mania and going into the Candlelight Stroll with a number of fun activities in between.

A full day in a barstool will make big money for the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction when Pub Mania returns for another year. The Pub Maniacs will gather at Patrick's Pub and Eatery Thursday morning with representatives from each team sitting at the bar for a straight 24 hours. The event will feature live music, food, and many different fun events like Barstool Yoga, trivia, raffles, and much more. Pub Mania will kick off at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, and wrap up at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 6. All proceeds raised will go to the Greater Lakes Re-



The Gilford Village Candlelight Stroll on Dec. 14 is one of many holiday events scheduled in Gilford over the next few weekends.

weekend with the annual Santaland. The GYC and the Parks and Recreation Department will team up for this big family event. Families can have fun with games, crafts, a cookie walk, bouncy slide, and much more. Kids can visit and have their photos taken with Santa Claus. Santaland will run Friday, Dec. 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Shop for handcrafted gifts and support the Gilford High School senior class at the annual Holiday Craft Fair at GHS and Gilford Middle School. Locations in both schools will be filled with vendors from across New England and school organizations will sell food in the fair food court. The fair is a major fundraiser for the GHS senior class helping to pay for their class trip and buying a yearbook for every senior.

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## Gunstock starts new ski season with a snowy bang

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Thanks to Mother Nature and a lot of effort, snow is on the mountain and trails are open at Gunstock for the new ski season.

Gunstock Mountain resort opened for the ski season Black Friday, allowing skiers and boarders of all ages to play in the snow. Gunstock Marketing and Sales Manager Mike Roth said Gunstock's opening weekend was wonderful and Friday through Monday went beyond all expectations.

"It's been a great start; it really has," Roth said. "You never know how Mother Nature's going to treat you at the beginning of the year."

So far, Mother Nature has been good to Gunstock. Widespread snowmaking started around Nov. 8. With a consistent period of cold weather, they put down a large amount of snow in a period of over 130 hours. Roth said their newer energy efficient snowmaking system has been making a no-

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gion Children's Auction. \$353,361. The Gilford Youth Center will become a holiday wonderland this

## GHS Holiday Craft Fair this Saturday

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Holiday shoppers will have a way to support local artisans and Gilford High School seniors at the annual Holiday Craft Fair this Saturday.

Vendor tables will be set up throughout Gilford Middle School and Gilford High School in both gyms, the hallways, and the GHS cafeteria with a student run food court in the GMS cafeteria. The craft fair is a major fundraiser for the GHS senior class and seniors will be doing various tasks during the fair and for set up and take-down.



Class of 2019 officers and now alumni Troy Gallagher, Matthew McDonough, Jennie Gannon, and Maggie McNeil at last year's Holiday Craft Fair. The Class of 2020 will take on the tradition of working the Holiday Fair this Saturday.

## Referees help rule Pub Mania—with passion and fun

LACONIA—Jennifer Bailey grew up in the Lakes Region and has a long memory of the good cheer that the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction brings to the holiday season. When her children were young several decades ago, the family donated toys. Jennifer also purchased holiday gifts while listening to the radio broadcasts.

Shawn Bailey came to the region as an adult and began to take part as an auction volunteer 14 years ago. He took bids on the phone banks, with his coworkers from Coldwell Banker, and also helped organize annual toy drives in the office.

"It was addictive to see the magic that goes on there, and how many people help," Shawn re-



Shawn and Jennifer Bailey

called. "I was impressed with the community and how generous people are."

Jennifer said she tends toward the shy side; getting involved with the Auction in person didn't feel like her thing. Until her longtime friends, Jennifer and Allan Beetle, co-owners of Patrick's Pub & Eatery, started dreaming up Pub Mania 11 years ago.

"Allan proposed the idea, and Shawn and I loved it so much, we said, 'We're in. Tell us what we can do,'" Jennifer Bailey said. "That first year, it was meet-

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The craft fair has been going on for more than 40 years. School nurse Meg Jenkins has served as an advisor for a number of years and will be joined this year by teacher Julie Stuart.

Jenkins said already the vendors space is completely full. This year will see crafters from across New Hampshire as well as Vermont, Massachusetts, and other places selling a wide variety of items such as soaps, photography, jewelry, glassware, honey, and much more.

The craft fair is a huge fundraiser for the senior class and will go toward the class trip and yearbooks for every senior. Each senior is required to work a shift whether setting up the day before, during the event, or taking things down.

"They really actually end up being enthusiastic and doing an awe-

some job," Jenkins said.

Students will work with the custodial staff to set up for the fair on Friday. Jenkins said the custodians will spread tarps on the floors and hook up electricity for the tables while the seniors will set up everything else.

During the fair, the senior class will also be selling coffee, doughnuts, and meatball sandwiches. There will also be a number of raffles with a number of the crafters donating works to raffle off. The crafters will have the chance to enter a raffle for a free space at next year's fair, a \$75 value.

The middle school cafeteria will be set up as a food court with several classes and organizations from GHS and GMS selling food as a fundraiser.

The fair had traditionally been a big draw with

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## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Blue Moon: A Jack Reacher Novel" by Lee Child
2. "Criss Cross" by James Patterson
3. "A Minute to Midnight" by David Baldacci
4. "The Rise of Magicks" by Nora Roberts
5. "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo Moyes
6. "The Confession Club" by Elizabeth Berg
7. "The Night Fire" by Michael Connelly
8. "Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Strout
9. "Twisted Twenty-Six" by Janet Evanovich
10. "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens

## Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

Gilford is wonderful. It's like being on vacation all the time being here. Even still, sometimes you need to just get out of the house and go somewhere else! Take a trip, a vacation, a holiday away from home. Skip the crowds when you

travel off-season, and combat seasonal affectiveness from the start.

You may have heard that the library now processes passport applications. Combine that with our evolving Travel section and our public use computers, and the Library is a one-stop shop for travel planning. Applying for a passport is not a trivial process, so head over to [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) to learn about what you need. Note that we don't take passport photos at the Library. Please bring one with you to your appointment.

Stop by the travel section to plan your next trip. We have new travel books to Portugal, Quebec, the rest of Canada, worldwide cruises, Milan, Costa Rica, the Camino de Santiago, US Nation-

al Parks, Las Vegas, Washington D.C., and so many more destinations. We have new travel memoirs, like 'The Sun is a Compass' by Caroline Van Hemert. Caroline and her husband ventured 4,000 miles across wilderness from the pacific rainforest to the Alaskan Arctic in order to 'experience' the natural world. It goes without saying that the experience was an incredible one, but Caroline did say it with passion and the insight of a scientist. Take a look at "Where to Go When" for shorter, but nonetheless memorable trip recommendations for each month of the year. The book is so pretty, it's worthwhile for armchair traveling alone.

All this talk of travel has got me longing for a hike. Be sure to wave at any librarians you spot on the trail!

**Classes & Special Events**  
**Dec. 5-Dec. 12**  
**Thursday, Dec. 5**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Playgroup, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Homeschool Game Club, 12:15-2:15 p.m.  
Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 6**  
Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Crafty Preschool Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Knit Wits, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
Tai Chi-Chih, 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Hook Nook, 10-11 a.m.  
Volunteer Training, 10-11 a.m.  
Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Preschool Gingerbread Houses, 10:30-

11:30 a.m.

It's our favorite time of the year again to build gingerbread houses. \*Sign-up required (ages two to five)

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

It's our favorite time of the year again to build gingerbread houses. \*Sign-up required (K-4)

Clickers, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 11**  
Line Dancing, 9-10:30 a.m.

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

Lakes Region Fiber Artists and Crafters, 10 a.m.-noon

Teen Early Release: Gingerbread Houses, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Create a personalized gingerbread house!

Code Your Hero, 12:30-2 p.m.

In celebration of CS week we will code our own heroes using Google code. Bring a laptop or borrow one of our computers to learn in this standalone adventure! First through eighth grade.

ERA: Holiday Tie-Dye, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Let's get festive with making holiday tie-dye wear. (\*Sign-up required K-4)

**Thursday, Dec. 12**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Homeschool Game Club, 12:15-2:15 p.m.  
Brown Bag Book Discussion, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

This month's book is Spark Joy by Marie Kondo, described as "...and a vision of life, that truly sparks joy". Copies are available at the front desk, and the discussion will be led by Kayleigh Thomas.

Conversational French, 4-5 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion, 6-7 p.m.

See 'Brown Bag Book Discussion' above.

## GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Nov. 25 to Dec. 2.

Patricia A. Downer, age 55, of Wolfeboro was arrested on Nov. 30 for Theft by Unauthorized Taking in

an amount less than \$1,000.

Jason Thomas Gingras, age 20, and Chance M. Broderick, age 20, both of Hooksett, were arrested on Dec. 1 for Criminal Trespassing.

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# Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE  
Director  
Gilford Parks and Recreation

## Santa Land Program scheduled for Dec. 6 and 7!

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford Youth Center will be sponsoring the 11th Annual Santa Land Program on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Gilford Youth Center. This fun filled program offers area youth the opportunity to participate in some holiday themed games and activities leading up to opportunity for their parents to take their picture with Santa Claus.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation

Department at 527-4722.

## Senior Moment-um Breakfast and a Movie on Monday, Dec. 16

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Senior Moment-um program on Monday, Dec. 16. We will meet at the Community Church, Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. for breakfast and a movie! We will be watching the holiday comedy, “Four Christmases” starring Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn. The movie and coffee are free of charge. We will also have breakfast available for anyone interested at \$4 per person which includes quiche, home fries and

fruit. So please join us to watch this new comedy classic! Participants are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Dec. 12!

For more information or to RSVP please call the Parks and Recreation Office 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. 4, 2020 and will continue through Jan. 25, 2020

(in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather, it will be made up the week(s) following Jan. 25). 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 equip-

ment!

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

## Boston Celtics Bus Trip Scheduled for March 18, 2020

The Gilford and Belmont Parks and Recreation Departments are co-sponsoring a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the New York Knicks on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Cost of the trip is \$80 per person, and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford or Belmont and your ticket (section 311 of the balcony) to

the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from Gilford High School at 4:45 p.m., and the Tioga Pavilion in Belmont at 5 p.m. for the 7:30PM game. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web site at [www.gilfordrec.com](http://www.gilfordrec.com).

## Renew your holiday spirits with the Lakes Region Singers



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Have you been looking for a good way to get into the holiday spirit this season? The Lakes Region Singers could be your answer! This well-known community choral group will offer two performances of their annual Christmas Concert – one on Friday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m., and another on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m.

“We will perform new pieces as well as old favorites, for all ages, and we will again showcase many talented soloists and instrumentalists from around our region.”

Both concerts will take place at the First United Methodist Church, on Route 11-A in Gilford. A suggested donation of \$8 per person or \$15 per family will be taken at the door to help cover expenses. There will be free homemade refreshments available for the public at each intermission.

The Adult Chorus program offers sparkling new arrange-

ments of familiar favorites such as “Dashing Through the Snow”, “O Child Divine,” “Creation Will Be At Peace,” and “Joyful, All Ye Nations Rise.” There will also be challenging new presentations of “Midwinters Chill,” “Christmas Processional” and a medley of Irving Berlin Christmas songs that includes “Snow, Snow, Snow” and “White Christmas,” to name a few.

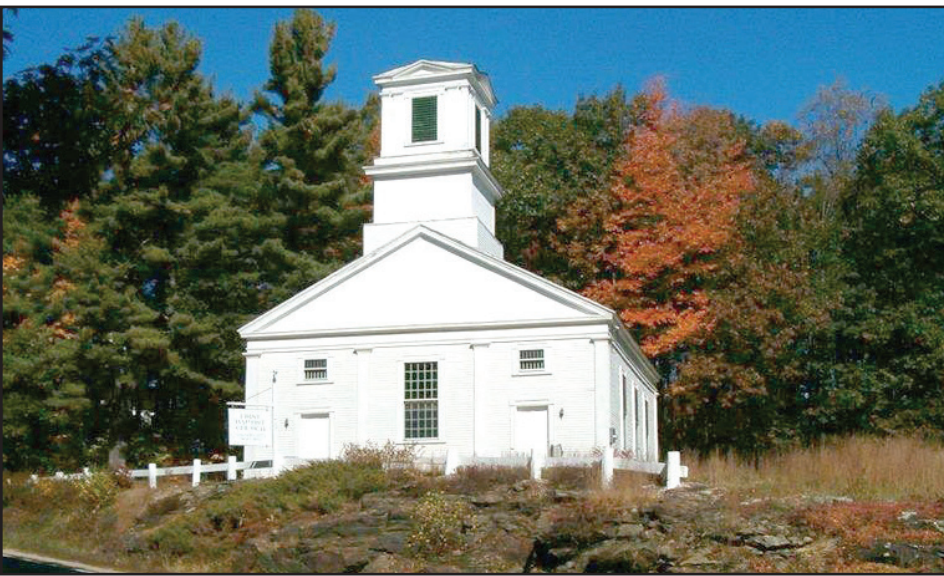
Several numbers will feature soloists on flute, percussion instruments and strings, as well as performances by the Adult Bell

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## Gilmanton’s First Baptist Church receives LCHIP grant

GILMANTON —Members and friends of the First Baptist Church in Lower Gilmanton are gratified to announce that the Church has received a grant from the Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) in the amount of \$80,000 to assist the preservation of this historic structure.

The First Baptist Church on Province Road, Route 107, in Lower Gilmanton was founded in 1773. The present building was constructed in 1842. Although the church has not had a full-time pastorate in many years, it is a landmark in the community. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1989, the church continues to serve the Lower Gilmanton Community



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The First Baptist Church, on Route 107 in Lower Gilmanton, has received a grant from LCHIP to preserve the historic landmark.

with monthly summer services, a Christmas celebration, and other special occasions.

To maintain this special landmark, members, friends and neighbors have undertaken a campaign to raise funds

for extensive structural repairs. The scope of work being considered is leaking roof, leaking bell tower, structural issues pertaining to the improper support of the bell tower, movement of the existing granite

foundation and deteriorated chimneys along

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The Opechee Garden Club  
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# OPINION

## MARK ON THE MARKETS *Unintended consequences*



**BY MARK PATTERSON**  
In 1934, the Roosevelt administration put forth the “New Deal” which included the entitlement we know as Social Security. Originally Social security was not accessible until the age of 65. Now SS can be started at the age of 62 or even younger if disabled. When we started SS, there were 42 people paying into the system for every one person taking from the system, making it very solvent.

A generation of people born in the 1920’s and ‘30’s, some who fought in World War II and were later referred to as the Henry Ford generation but named the greatest generation by Tom Brokaw. Those soldiers who returned from WWII created the “Baby boom” generation that is defined from 1946 through 1964. During that 18 year span, there were 78 million people born in this country. After this generation we have had Generation X and Gen Y blending in with the Millennials, all who have not had nearly as many children as that Baby Boomer generation.

The Baby Boomers are now retiring at the rate of 10,000 per day driving the ratio from 42 contributors to 1 recipient of SS entitlements and Medicare/Medicaid to only 3 contributors to 1 recipient. Within the next ten years the ratio will be 1 to 1.

Let’s estimate an individual’s annual SS and Medicare entitlements at age 66, which is full retirement age currently. Maybe 24,000 in SS and 15,000 in Medicare, not to mention any additional Veterans benefits. My high powered calculator tells me that in 10 years, every working person will

have to support roughly \$40,000 worth of entitlements annually that we Baby Boomers are collecting.

Our national debt is over \$22 trillion, and will accelerate exponentially in order to just service the existing debt. While our short-term interest rates have climbed, our longer-term rates have not accelerated nearly as much, leaving us with a flatter yield curve. Debt will likely be financed with longer-term bonds. This can only do so much

David Walker was comptroller of the US until 2008, has stated that we must double tax rates just to stay solvent. Cutting spending would obviously help, but Washington cannot seem to accomplish this. Just after WWII our highest tax rate was 94 percent, in the 1970’s we had a top tax rate of 70 percent. In 2012, our highest rate went from 35 to 39.5 percent. So, we are close to historic lows for our tax rates, yet we as individuals, still defer taxes until a later date. Tax diversification is extremely important and if you are not taking advantage of some methods for paying taxes now at these low rates for tax free money in the future, this will likely be regrettable soon. Most people that I speak with regarding future tax rates believe they will be in a lower tax bracket when they retire. Possibly, but future entitlement payments will have to come from somewhere. Note that I refer to your benefits as “entitlements”, only because the government autocrats have re-named your money so that they can be the redistributors of our own money which they have deemed the governments.

If your Advisor is not versed in tax free retirement plans or tax-free accumulation and distribution of assets, then find one that is, or call my office.

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## NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK *A weasel on snowshoes (really?), and trail signs are worth obeying*



**By JOHN HARRIGAN**  
COLUMNIST

If this snow continues to stick to the ground, it’ll be one of the earlier beginnings of seasonal snow on record. Getting a snowstorm or two toward the end of November is nothing unusual, but having it stick around for the duration (meaning over the holidays and beyond) is, indeed, unusual.

As this was written, satellite images showed snow blanketing the upper half of the state, roughly from mid-Winnepesaukee up. And there didn’t seem to be any snow-melting weather on the continental satellite images.

This makes winter’s long count—the number of days with snow on the ground—particularly hard on animals that hunt for small creatures like mice, moles, voles and chipmunks. Prey species can burrow under the snow and hide in areas where the snow is a foot deep or even deeper—and there are plenty of places to hide right now in higher and more northern parts of the state.

This makes hunting much harder for foxes, fishers, martens, coyotes, and bobcats, just to name a few predators that come to mind, and in doing so almost forgetting the mink and the weasel, which don’t deserve forgetting.

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Weasels and minks are two of the relatively few species that sometimes simply go wild during a killing, and regress into so-called killing sprees, far beyond their needs. Keepers of chicken coops are well aware of this situation. If I were building a chicken coop today, I would surround it with hardware cloth, a very flexible and easily cut fine-mesh material that is not really cloth, but wire.

What triggers a killing spree? Some studies indicate that for a weasel, movement triggers an irrepressible instinct to kill, and certainly a coop full of chickens flapping hysterically would qualify. Another theory is that in the case of larger prey too big to drag to a hiding place, weasels may plan to revisit the kill.

As a boy barely old enough to snowshoe, I had the unforgettable experience of three short-tail weasels following me along a stone wall, close by and parallel to my course. I watched them



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**A short-tail weasel, in its winter (ermine) coat, the analogy of which has spelled demise for many a weasel.**



COURTESY

**A long-tail weasel in its summer togs, a nice medium brown that can blend in with lots of the landscape.**

over my shoulder for a while, then stopped. To my amazement, the weasels made straight for me, and proceeded to boil around my feet and snowshoes, playfully writhing around like so many snakes. I was too stunned to react to this, but eventually said “Hey! What the!” and they tunneled away into and out of the snow, off to who knew where.

This is not an uncommon thing with weasels, which are uncommonly curious and bold. They are easily made friends with and even tamed to a degree. When I was living with the Shatneys at their fishing and hunting camps at Clarksville Pond, a weasel set up camp right in (or under) the main cabin. It would run along on the floor joists supporting the second floor, right above the main table, and take hand-proffered tidbits from amused guests.

There’s an old saying that’s actually true: “If you have a weasel, you don’t have mice.” Thus, many a weasel-turned-ermine has given many a hidebound camp-dweller a thrill.

Early snow that seems to mean business triggers what I call (to myself only, to avoid thrashings) the Seasonal Whine, as in “This damned snow. I already hate it,” or something similar containing the symbiotic terms, “Snow,” and “Hate.” Challenged with this, I try to get away with just giving them such a look.

It hardly ever works.

If caught in the above situation, do not, under any circumstances, say something like “Well, I just love snow, it’s like a big quilt pulled over the land...” or they will form a mob and get you.

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For some people, early snow, even major snow that might melt in a day or two, triggers another reaction—the urge to jump onto a snowmobile and hit the trails. Bare hayfields and pastures trigger the same urge with ATVers in the spring.

The problem is that the snowmobile trails aren’t ready. Many clubs (often at the behest of landowners) don’t open their trails until just before Christmas. And many clubs try to stick with the same date from year to year, so that people can count on it.

Riders and other trail-users, I think, sometimes take trail signs for granted. But think of the time involved in getting them out and up. And there are the not-so-minor details, like knowing the where and when of logging jobs.

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The past several years have been a learning curve for ATV clubs, as they worked with state Department of Transportation crews and state and local police to get major highway crossings

precisely where everyone wanted them, the major factor being safety. This has been going on all over the state, at least where ATV’ers are organized, which they’ve been doing, fast.

Line of sight is everything here, which is a difficulty when faced with the likes of Route 145, the so-called “back way” between Colebrook and Pittsburg. Hint: Places to pass (legally) are scarcer than hens’ teeth.

This time of year represents a sea-change for ATV and snowmobile clubs, complicated by the fact that ATVs are not “automatically” allowed on some snowmobile trails, despite what so much of the downstate public thinks. This is because some landowners are fine with snowmobiles but want nothing to do with ATVs, due to land damage and irresponsible riding habits.

Suffice to say that the snowmobile clubs have to put up often completely new and updated signs, hundreds of them for highway crossings alone. But then there are signs at all trail junctions, and bridges, and let’s not forget trail hazards. (“Steep Downhill” is one you see from time to time, or maybe “Watch for Groomer,” and then there’s my very favorite, “Stay in Trail.”)

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ATVs, or all-terrain vehicles, get plenty of advertising in print media. SEE **NOTEBOOK** PAGE A9



# LRBRA helps Humane Society on dog kennel roof project

LACONIA — When two non-profit organizations work together, good things happen. Such was the case last month, when The Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association (LRBRA) and members from the New Hampshire Humane Society (NHHS) collaborated on a dog-kennel roofing project. It also helps when you have members that serve on both association boards!

The roofing project was a top priority for NHHS, as their dogs have to be in their outdoor kennels when their indoor kennels get cleaned each day. Having a roof over the kennels protect the dogs from snow, ice and rain in the winter, and will keep the hot summer sun off them as well.

Craig Butler, of Butler Home Inspections,

drew out the plan for the roofing. A materials list was created, and donations were quickly collected from members of LRBRA, Cicero Kass L'Dor V'Dor Charitable Foundation and Ponders Hollow Custom Wood Flooring. Many of the materials were donated, or greatly discounted. It took more than 160 hours for volunteers to build the new roof. There are two other sections of kennels that will get their roofs in the spring.

Special thanks go out to Wayne McBrian, NHHS board member, Jared Mansur, LRBRA member, Ben Wilson, LRBRA & NNHS board member, Greg Page, LRBRA board member, Greg Ricardi, a friend from West Boylston, MA, and Ray Boelig, President of LRBRA and NHHS board mem-



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## STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

### An anti-socialist manifesto

BY LARRY SCOTT

This is an Anti-Socialist Manifesto. I love America, and I regret that a group of men and women vying to become the next President of the United States, are promoting a socialist agenda I believe would devastate our American way of life. Promises are being made they cannot keep, and benefits are being offered we cannot afford. I have decided I must take a stand. America must not become a socialist state.

I have dismissed their rhetoric as without foundation, but the popular acceptance of their message has me alarmed. I can't believe they are being taken seriously, but they are!

I will grant that the promise of a free education, free health care, and a living wage for every American, sounds inviting. But if you will think the issue through, if you count the cost, you will see it is an offer we cannot accept. Let's take Sweden as an example. In Sweden, "benefits are awesome. Medical care is available to everyone in Sweden at nominal cost, unemployment insurance is 75 percent of

a worker's pay, and day care is available for all. All Swedes have five weeks of legally mandated vacation, up to 450 days of parental leave at 80 percent of a worker's salary, and 120 days of leave to care for a sick child. Education in Sweden is free through to the PhD level, and retirement benefits begin at age 65...It just sounds too good to be true. Upon closer inspection, however, a far different and ominous picture emerges. It is a picture of a country slowly strangling itself to death with government spending and social benefits. [...] The obvious consequence of this is that Sweden has the highest tax burden in the developed world. [...] Everything is expensive in Sweden because on top of all personal taxes there exists a 25 percent national sales tax on almost all goods and services" (John L. Bowman, Socialism in America, Ch. 3).

And so, America, take note: there is no free ride. "Tax the rich," we are told. "Let the other man pay." But it won't work.

Statistics, according to taxfoundation.org show that in 2014 the top 1 percent of wage-earners, 1.4

million people, paid 39.5 percent of all income taxes paid, at a rate of nearly 27 percent, for a total of \$542 billion. There is no way "the rich" can finance the trillions of dollars necessary to implement everything being promised. "The other guy" is not going to pay for this; you are.

Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, speaking on "Fox and Friends" April 15, warned that Bernie Sanders' proposed policies could cost \$20,000 per taxpayer if implemented as he has proposed.

In short, socialism is not the answer current aspirants to the White House would like you to believe. Our capitalist economy is not perfect, but it has made our nation the envy of the world. It is only in America that an individual can dream impossible dreams and find success – if they are willing to pay the price for its achievement.

I am concerned that pie-in-the-sky promises and irresponsible rhetoric is convincing some to "take a chance" on a new form of government. SEE STRATEGIES PAGE A10

ber. Lakes Region Builders is a non-profit professional trade association dedicated to providing quality housing opportunities through education, vision and advocacy for the betterment of our communities. As advocates for the building industry, they advance professionalism and promote community involvement.

The New Hampshire Humane Society is a non-profit, 501-C (3) organization that serves 17 communities in and around the Lakes Region, providing essential services to animals and pet owners alike. NHHS is dedicated to finding responsible and caring forever homes and providing shelter for over 1,100 lost, abandoned and unwanted animals each year, while also providing programs and services that promote responsible pet ownership and the human-animal bond. To learn more about NHHS, or make a contribution to support their efforts, visit nhhumane.org.

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William Watt III, 66

LACONIA —William “Hall” Watt III, 66, of Hyatt Lane died on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019 at Lakes Region General Hospital. Hall was born on Dec. 8, 1952 in Providence, R.I., the son of William H. Watt, Jr. and Rita (Bachand) Watt. Hall worked for his family business, Watt Trucking, which was started by



his grandfather in the 1920’s. Hall is survived his wife of 28 years, Nancy (Kendall) Watt; two sons, William H. Watt IV and his wife, Angie and Jeffrey Watt and his partner, Kate Gentes ; his step-daughter, Caddie Lewis Frazzetta and her husband, Joseph; his step-son, Joshua Lewis; grandchildren Jasmyn, Charlotte, William H. Watt V, Tristan, Finn, and Oliver; and his brother, Wayne Watt. Hall was predeceased by his parents. Services will be held at a later date. For those who wish, the family suggests memorial contributions in Hall’s name be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105. 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.wilkinsonbean.com](http://www.wilkinsonbean.com).

Join in the Lakes Region Children’s Auction

BELMONT — It’s almost here! Join us for the 37th Annual Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction, presented by CruCon Cruise Outlet, Tuesday, Dec. 3- Saturday, Dec. 7 live at the Belknap Mall in Belmont. The Auction runs from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. & 6-9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and wraps up on Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., culminating with the appearance of representatives from every Pub Mania team and the announcement of this year’s Auction total. Experience the Auction in person! There’s plenty of parking and lots of great seating. Bring friends and family and be part of the magic and excitement! Many ways to join the fun Can’t make it in person? There are so many ways to enjoy the Children’s Auction. Atlantic Broadbandviewers can watch us on Channel 12, and LRPA viewers can tune into Channel 25 (or on LRPA’s

internet simulcast at [live.lrpa.org](http://live.lrpa.org)). Prefer to stream? We’ve got you covered! This year the Auction will stream in high definition on the Laconia Daily Sun website ([laconiadailysun.com](http://laconiadailysun.com)). Fan of Facebook? Then go to [Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction](https://Facebook.com/ChildrensAuction) or [Facebook.com/LRPATV](https://Facebook.com/LRPATV) to watch on your smart phone, computer or mobile device. You’re a radio star? Then listen all day and night on 104.9 FM The Hawk and 101.5 FM WEEI SportsRadio.

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About the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction is an annual event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including Pub Mania, into a major annual campaign. In the 37 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 non-profits it supports and how you can help, visit [ChildrensAuction.com](https://ChildrensAuction.com).

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# SKYT Seussifies “A Christmas Carol”

LACONIA — Streetcar Kids & Youth Theatre is wrapping up their final week of rehearsals for “A Seussified Christmas Carol.” The show is told in rhyming couplets in a style very reminiscent of Dr. Seuss.

Over the past two months, David Nelson, a Guru of Character Development, has been helping the cast bring the leading characters to life.

“It’s one thing to show them what to do, but it’s great to see how they use that information and make these characters their own,” said Nelson.

The kids have been looking at examples of how people walk, talk and present themselves from other shows, movies and books. Some influences for this production include: The Grinch, Elle Woods, a Hipster and a 80’s Big Hairband Rockstar.

Luc Martin from Gilmanton has been working on being mean and grumpy as The Scrooge.

“I’ve gotten to know my character and I’ve become more animated”, says Luc. Playing the role



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Streetcar Kids & Youth Theatre is wrapping up their final week of rehearsals for “A Seussified Christmas Carol.”

of The Ghost of Christmas Present is Athena Booth, a 6th grader from Gilmanton. She has been working on creating a sassy and bubbly personality for her character. Athena said, “By not being nervous, my character has developed more. I’ve found my voice and even learned how to Bend & Snap (a signature move by Elle Woods).”

Kayla Kender, a homeschooled Junior, is tackling the role of The Ghost of Christmas Past. She says that working with Nelson, “has been very fun and insightful

learning how to act like my character.”

Hailing from Belmont playing Jake Marley is Junior, Kelsey Trudeau. “David really helped me get out of my comfort zone and bring out a personality I’ve never used before.”

When asked why families should come see this show, the kids all agreed that the show is hilarious, funny, will make you laugh and is entertaining. She added, “It shows off the talents that the youth in our community have.”

So, bring your son,

daughter or perhaps your brother this cast will make you laugh like no other.

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“A Seussified Christmas Carol” will be performed at the Laconia High School Auditorium, Dec. 6 & 7 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10 and are available at the door, Greenlaw’s or online via The Streetcar Company’s Web site: [www.streetcar-company.com](http://www.streetcar-company.com).

## NH GOP Executive Director to speak to Belknap County Republicans

LACONIA — The next meeting of the Belknap County Republican Committee (BCRC) is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Laconia VFW Post 1670, 143 Court St., Laconia.

The guest speaker will be Elliot Gault, Executive Director of the NH GOP. With the year 2019 coming to a close, Mr.

Gault will review the NH GOP’s accomplishments for the past year, and will present the plans for the NH GOP for next year, including a candidate recruitment update regarding state and county positions.

Following the meeting, the Committee will have a “Christmas Dessert” celebration to

thank members for all their hard work.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents.

At this time of year, when some local residents have difficulty making ends meet, the Committee strongly encourages its members to continue to bring non-perishable food items for donation to local food pantries.

For more information about the Committee, please check the Committee’s Web site at [www.BelknapCountyGOP.org](http://www.BelknapCountyGOP.org) or send an email to [alan.glassman@gmail.com](mailto:alan.glassman@gmail.com).

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

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gested payment of \$5 kids can get one eight-foot table and chair set that can be decorated. The Kids Market will run from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. For more information and to register, visit [www.gilfordyouthcenter.com/kids-market.html](http://www.gilfordyouthcenter.com/kids-market.html).

Take a holiday stroll down through the village during the annual Gilford Village Candlelight

Stroll on Saturday, Dec. 14. Belknap Mountain Road will be closed from 5-7 p.m. for the event and luminaries will line both sides of the street. A horse drawn carriage will take people for rides through the village. There will be live music, caroling, cookies and other treats, and many more activities at different locations along the walk.

CRAFT FAIR

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a line forming right before the fair opens. Jenkins said already the custodial staff are setting up big wooden signs. They have been widely advertising the fair. She said

Mix 94.1 FM general sales manager Jeff Levitan has been a big supporter of the fair and has offered them a great price on radio ads.

Jenkins said the teach-

ers, staff, and administrators have also been really supportive. The teachers have been flexible for the setup on Friday allowing seniors to get the work done and coaches have reschedule practices.

"It's very much a collaborative effort," Jenkins said. "We as the organizers very much appreciate all the movement that everybody else does for us."

The fair will run start at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. sharp.

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dia and on TV. Many of the ads--to the consternation of local clubs and trail patrols--show ATV riders soaring over sand dunes (think "your local gravel pit"), and roaring through wetlands, which inevitably get referred to as "swamps." Hardly does anyone ever see ATVing's quieter, gentler side.

But I see them, retired couples going by, racks packed front and back, a sure sign that they're here on vacation and contributing to the economy.

But hold that judgment: It might just be, a veteran Conservation Officer once reminded me, that the ATVer is indeed from away, and is in fact staying for a weekend or a week, at his place or a rented one, and is simply leaving his gear and duffle back at camp.

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One problem with all forms of motorized recreation, but particularly ATVs, is that no dealer likes telling a customer about to sign on the dotted line that he might have problems finding places to ride. And a litany of arrests and court cases has shown us that the customer otherwise

might not have a clue about privately owned land or landowners' rights.

Landowners often view snowmobiles and ATVs in totally different light. For one thing, the ATV season is twice as long as the snowmobiling season. Second, snowmobile clubs have spent decades forging good relationships with landowners and ironing out problems, while many ATV clubs have barely begun. Third comes that inherent factor about ATVs: They are just plain more intrusive and harder on the land.

And ATVs simply sound a lot louder, perhaps because there's no snow to muffle the noise. And it doesn't help that so many ATV riders can't help gunning their idling engines.

Finally, if the small percentage of scofflaws and yahoos causing most of the problems for ATVers and snowmobilers alike could just obey the signs, and show some basic manners on the trail, the lion's share of problems would disappear.

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ing and talking--throwing ideas around. They did the majority of it. We just kept saying, 'What can we do? What can we do?'

Since that first year, Pub Mania has grown tremendously, becoming an event that provides the lion's share of the funds raised during each year's Auction week. The event is a 24-hour barstool challenge involving 31 teams of 24 people each. For each of the 24 hours, teams participate in fun games and activities; fundraising also happens year-round, as do various events that range from yard sales and dinner gatherings to the Pub Mania Shuffle, a two-mile walk held on Wednesday nights in the spring and fall.

"I was thrilled when Allan came up with the idea for Pub Mania," Jennifer Bailey said. "It's made it easy for me to get involved."

Jennifer Bailey has

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ticeable difference.

Roth said going into the opening weekend there was some uncertainty with some rainy weather, though they ended up getting a stretch of cold weather.

The mountain got four inches of snow on Sunday night, which Roth said is always great for them.

"We appreciate that and we're going to get another cold stretch here," Roth said. "We're going to get back into it in the next day or so."

Gunstock typically starts its ski season by opening the lower trails first and working their way to opening the upper trails soon after the season starts. Roth said they aim to get the higher trails opened and the Panorama lift running early the week of Dec. 9.

Friday was also the last opening day for longtime general manager Greg Goddard, who announced this summer he was retiring in

the summer of 2020. To mark his last opening day Gunstock held the Last First Chair raffle giving someone the opportunity to take a ski lift ride with Goddard. All proceeds will benefit the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction through Gunstock's Pub Mania team "Snowball's Chance In..."

Leading up to the opening Gunstock took care of some small details around the trails. Roth said they did a lot of train maintenance and brushing alongside the trails. The trails have some new signs as well, replacing older signs.

The mountain is also doing more to appeal to younger skiers and boarders, especially with its freestyle terrain. Gunstock has been utilizing the services of Effective Edge a youth marketing company, to further reach out to younger people.

They also extended

the age range for the youth passes to 22. In previous years they had prices for ages six to 12 then 13-17. Last year they changed youth passes to 6-17, now those prices are for ages 6-22 with adult prices starting at age 23.

"People especially in that older youth age group are seeing it a really positive thing in terms of affordability," Roth said.

Combined with the Flex Pass tickets at half price at any time, he added, "it really helps us in terms of making the mountain accessible to people from a financial perspective."

Gunstock's Night Sessions will start on Dec. 13, offering all inclusive rates for lift ticket, rental, lessons, two runs on the tubing hill, and the Mountain Coaster.

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proud," said Shawn. "The amount of money--it's needed in this community. To be able to be a part of raising so much money is very rewarding." He added that there is pressure to keep pace! "We just have to keep doing it somehow."

Jennifer Bailey said, "I love the emotional part of it. Closing ceremonies gives me such a good feeling. I cannot believe the amount of money raised. We live in a beautiful area, but we have a lot of need. It's amazing how much the Children's Auction does and how the community comes together."

In 10 years, Pub Mania has raised nearly \$2 million for the Children's Auction. The 2019 edition of the world's greatest barstool challenge is just around the corner, kicking off on Dec. 5 for 24 hours.

Look for the Beetles and Baileys there. Shawn and Allan are sure to perform "Pub

Maniacs Answer the Call," a traditional song the Beatles wrote to tell the event's backstory.

Said Jennifer Bailey, "I can't imagine the holiday season without Pub Mania and the Auction."

"When we get to opening ceremonies, there's always this feeling of, 'Oh my gosh, I can't believe we're here again,'" she added. "You get to see familiar faces from years past. And when closing ceremonies come, a recipient speaks about what the money has meant to them. It puts all our efforts into perspective."

The Children's Auction runs from Dec. 3-7 at the Belknap Mall. Bring an item to donate, or come watch the fun and bid!

Visit [www.ChildrensAuction.com](http://www.ChildrensAuction.com) to learn more.

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SINGERS

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Choir. Phil Breton on piano will continue to accompany the Adult Chorus, while Kelly Cleveland will assist on organ.

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CHURCH

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with inappropriate flashing.

Over the years, volunteers have worked to preserve the building, including interior renovations, window replacement, painting and landscaping. Most recently the horse sheds, rare in New Hampshire and the only ones in Gilmanton, have been repaired. But to preserve the building, more extensive work is required.

To match the LCHIP grant, the members and friends of the Church have reached out to community families and businesses. Donations may be made to the Gilmanton Historical Society, PO Box 236, Gilmanton, 03237, specifying the First Baptist Church project. Already generous donations have been received, but more is needed to match the LCHIP grant and complete the work.



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Newly handmade or store-bought mittens, hats, gloves and scarves can be dropped off at MVSB branch locations. Non-profits in need of mittens, hats, gloves and scarves should contact the Bank office closest to them. A complete list of offices and hours are available at mvsb.com.

“The Mitten Tree is an annual holiday tradition we’ve proudly hosted since 1979,” said Rick Wyman, President of MVSB. “We’re excited to contribute to Boulder Point, a permanent housing facility, for vulnerable, low-income, disabled and homeless veterans.”

Boulder Point, a Harbor Homes veterans housing facility located in Plymouth, offers 25 one-bedroom apartments to veterans experiencing homelessness, as well as five affordable (unsubsidized) two-bedroom apartments. It offers permanent housing to the



2018’s mitten tree in Moultonborough. Stacy Trites (far left), Moultonborough Branch and Business Development Manager with members of the Moultonborough Women’s Club (left to right): Julie Osgood, Janet Moe, Susan Doherty-Funke, Committee Chair Janet Schurko, and Mary Lou Charron.

area’s most vulnerable, low-income, disabled and homeless veterans. Harbor Homes is based in Nashua, and serves low-income individuals and families who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or living with mental illness and other disabilities. For more information, visit harborhomes.org/boulder-point/.

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STRATEGIES

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Shelby Cole was an All-State honorable mention this season.



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Maddi Rector was an All-State honorable mention in her senior year.

## Three Golden Eagle girls earn All-State nods

BY BOB MARTIN

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GILFORD – The Gilford girls' soccer team was well represented for All-State with one making second team and three others as honorable mentions.

Reece Sadler was named second team All-State after a great sophomore season playing midfield for the Golden Eagles. She started all 17 games and tallied seven goals and five assists. Coach Rob Meyers said while she had a number of standout games, one that sticks out to him is a game against Derryfield. The team was 8-5 and needed the win going into the playoff run.

"Reece dominated on defense for most of the first half," said Meyers. "Derryfield seemed to get a little tired toward the end of the half. Reece moved up to midfield and totally changed the flow of the game. We scored two quick goals and controlled much of the game from that point on."

Sadler looked back on



BOB MARTIN

Reece Sadler was second team All-State this season.

the season and felt her most memorable game was against Hopkinton, as the Golden Eagles had fallen to them twice the previous season and it was a chance at redemption.

Looking back on the season Sadler said it was a challenge at

times, as there were injuries throughout fall which required everyone to step up to fill gaps where needed. This season Sadler played sweeper most of the time, which put her out of position. However, she said she was ready to play wherever he



BOB MARTIN

Jaiden McKenna was an All-State honorable mention for the Golden Eagles.

team needed her.

"I was happy to help the team where they needed me, but look forward to moving back to the offensive end," Sadler said. "As a team, I think it's important that we have stronger chemistry next year and work more as a unit on the field."

For next year she said her goal is to work their way deep into the

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# Solid season in the books for Gilford soccer girls

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GILFORD – The Gilford High School girls' soccer team went into this season with some question marks but the team rallied together to put together a strong season and hopes to build off it for success in years to come.

The Golden Eagles went 10-6 and made the playoffs as an eight seed. Gilford faced ninth-seeded Inter-Lakes and despite a hard fought battle, fell 1-0 to end what was a solid season. Gilford scored a total of 43 goals, averaging 2.68 goals per game. This was compared to 34 goals against, or 2.1 goals against per game.

Leading the offensive charge was senior Shelby Cole, who had 17 goals and 10 assists. Maddi Rector had a good senior year at forward with eight goals and four assists.

Fellow senior Jaylin Tully had 92 saves and a 2.62 goal against average, and many of those saves came leaping and diving for balls.

Sophomore Reece Sadler played well at midfield with seven goals and five assists. Junior Callie Carpenter played midfield and had six goals and four assists. Freshman Hannah Gannon got some time in goal and made waves quickly with 14 saves and a 0.33 goal against average. This bodes well for next season, as Tully is graduating this spring.

Coach Rob Meyers also knows that losing his two biggest offensive players will be difficult, but he likes what is in store for next year's team.

“Seniors Shelby Cole and Maddi Rector really put in great effort every game this year as their offensive output showed,” said Meyers. “Jaiden McKenna did a great job for us at a number of positions. Her tireless running and pressure on the ball were key in a number of games. Returning players that should have an impact next year include juniors Callie Carpenter and Emma Ramsey; sophomores Reece Sadler and Molly McLean and fresh-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Shelby Cole led the offense with 17 goals and 10 assists this fall.



BOB MARTIN

Jaylin Tully had 92 saves in her senior season playing goalkeeper.

## Success story nothing new for Gilford volleyball

BY BOB MARTIN  
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GILFORD – Volleyball in Gilford has been synonymous with success for many years, and lately that has taken on a whole new meaning with back-to-back undefeated seasons.

“Our team's record this season is 19-0, however all but four players have a 38-0 record and two championships,” said coach Amy Tripp. “The Gilford volleyball culture is positive and strong and our traditions are a big part of



BOB MARTIN  
(Left) The Gilford volleyball team finished 19-0 for the second straight season.

166 digs.

Tripp is excited for the future of the Gilford volleyball program, as she sees plenty of talent coming up with girls who love the sport of volleyball. She said it all starts with McDonough, who showed in her sophomore year she is one of the best in Division 2 as she was voted first team All-State.

“This is a true testament to her desire and dedication,” said Tripp. “We have Lindsey Sanderson for one more year. She was most improved this year and I have no doubt she will come back stronger after club volleyball in the off season. Serena Pugh and Callista Shepard, both juniors, have improved greatly this season and promise to be impact players.

Kate Sullivan, sophomore middle blocker, was 'lights out' in the final and has the ability to play front and back row next season. Ashley Sanderson, a freshman swing player, will certainly play varsity next year and add strong setting and defense.”

Tripp was also very happy with the team's senior leadership from the captains.

“The three captains Abby Warren, Naomi Eldridge and Samantha Holland really stood out this year for their leadership, poise under pressure and team spirit,” SEE VOLLEYBALL PAGE B6

our success. Staying in the moment is a good life motto to live by.”

This season was full of accolades for the state champion Golden Eagles. Senior All-Stater Sam Holland finished out her career with 539 digs and became only the eighth player in school history to reach the 500-dig milestone.

Senior All-Stater Abby Warren wrapped up her career with Gilford missing only seven serves, giving her an incredible 97.9 career serving percentage. Her hitting percentage is over .500, meaning more than half of her spikes were kills. Tripp noted that anything more than 30 percent is impressive.

Riley McDonough, a sophomore All-Stater, had a hitting percentage of .446 and she had 221 assists in her first season as a starting setter. Lindsey Sanderson, an All-State honorable mention, had a hitting percentage of .384 with

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Hayden Parent is closing in on 100 points over four years with the Bulldogs.

(LEFT) The Belmont/Gilford hockey team is getting ready for the 2019-2020 season.

# Bulldogs hope to battle for state title

**BY BOB MARTIN**  
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BELMONT/GILFORD – The Belmont/Gilford hockey team is gearing up for the winter season and coach Jason Parent is hoping the Bulldogs can battle for a state title after losing in the semifinals three years in a row.

Last season the Bulldogs went 14-6 and lost in the semifinals to the Monadnock/Fall Mountain Huskies by a score of 3-2. It was a great year for goalie Colin McGreevy, who had a pair of shutouts, a .900 save percentage, 2.34 goals against average and 369 total saves. He returns for his junior

season and should be a difference maker in net. Senior forward Hayden Parent is coming off an All-State season where he had nine goals and 28 assists. His 37 points were fourth in Division 3. Parent is on the brink of being only the fifth player in team history to reach 100

points in his career. Griffin Tondreau returns for his sophomore season after an impressive freshman campaign where he tallied 15 goals and five assists. The Bulldogs lost All-State senior defenseman Troy Gallagher to graduation, but coach Parent was happy to report the

return of Nate Shirley to the defensive unit. “The return of Nate Shirley will be a big boost to the defense this winter,” said coach Parent. “Nate will also help in putting the puck in the net and setting up the power play.” The Bulldogs will also benefit from the expe-

rience of seniors Joey Blake, Will Robarge and Cam Jarvi who were all big parts of last year’s squad. The Bulldogs start preseason play at the Merrill Fay Arena with a scrimmage against Somersworth on Dec. 11, and then play Spaulding in Rochester for another scrimmage on Dec. 13. On Dec. 14 Belmont/Gilford plays in the Kennett Jamboree.

The regular season kicks off on Dec. 18 against the always tough Berlin squad at Merrill Fay Arena, and coach Parent is looking forward to the matchup. He is also looking forward to games against John Stark and the regular season meetings with Kennett.

“Year in and year out these teams have been our biggest competition and we have had many quality games with them,” said Parent.

Parent said this year’s Bulldog squad has a great blend of older and younger players, which he feels will lead to “a very sound and disciplined hockey team.”

“Hard work and team bonding will lead to great things for this team in the 2019-2020 season,” said Parent.

The first game of the season against Berlin is at 5 p.m. on Dec. 18 at the Merrill Fay Arena in Laconia.



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## Celebrating

On Saturday, Nov. 23, Brand Ambassador Larry Johnston and Laconia McDonald’s General Manager Mykle Lepene hosted the Gifford High School volleyball team. Coach Amy Tripp and the 2019 team were there to celebrate completing the season as an undefeated state champions. In addition to the team picture, the photos also include Johnston with team captains Naomi Eldridge, Abby Warren and Sam Holland and six of the team’s seniors, Naomi Eldridge, Abby Warren, Sam Holland, Elena Uicker, Abby O’Connor and Reagan McIntire (not present were Michelle Gallant and manager Karin Desrosiers).



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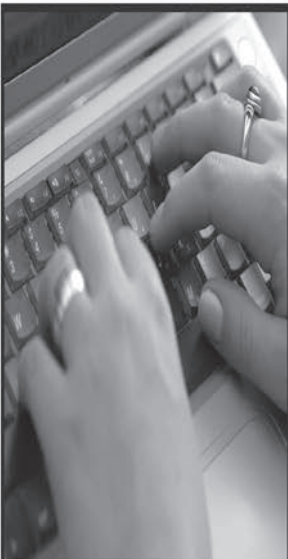
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playoffs with hopes of winning a state title. She also hopes she can improve individually along the way, and be named first team All-State in the coming years.

Shelby Cole was an honorable mention, and the senior forward led the team with 17 goals and 10 assists in 17 games that she started.

"Personally, going from sweeper last year to striker this year was a pretty big switch, but I think I did a lot better at striker," Cole said. "Compared to last year, our team worked a lot better in this past season. Everybody had a role, and we worked together in the majority of the games to win over some pretty hard teams."

She said beating Raymond, Belmont and Hopkinton was a good way to end her career at Gilford, as those teams were always a struggle to beat. Cole, a senior, said she will miss playing sports at Gilford High School, saying it has given her close friends and gotten her more involved while teaching her about leadership for the future.

Fellow senior forward Maddi Rector was also an honorable mention. She started all 17 games and had eight goals and four assists in what was a strong season.

"Both had a great year," said Meyers. "This was Shelby's first year up front. Maddi played up front all last year. Shelby had a number of good games, registering three hat tricks. Maddi did a great job throughout the year. But the game that really stands out is White Mountains. We went down 0-1 and were having trouble getting the ball through the midfield. Shelby and Maddi never stopped working and each scored a goal and got an assist to win the game in overtime."

Jaiden McKenna was named honorable mention in her sophomore season. She started all 17 games at midfield and defense, and while she didn't provide scoring or assists, he contributions were extremely valuable.

"Jaiden's contribution to the team was her work ethic," said Meyers. "She ran from the first to last whistle. She played defense and midfield for us and when needed covered the oppositions best player. She really dug deep and helped us all over the field."

McKenna said she was excited and honored to be named All-State, saying she was happy to be recognized by other coaches in Division 3. She also recalled Hopkinton as being a top game, due to the team's overall effort from start to finish.

McKenna thanked Meyers for making her a better player, saying she got more aggressive and the team became closer and stronger all season.

"In order for our team to go deeper into the playoffs we should work hard and concentrate on skills and endurance in the off-season," said McKenna. "A goal for our team next year is to be even better than this season and go even deeper into the playoffs with a possible championship for Gilford."


VOLLEYBALL

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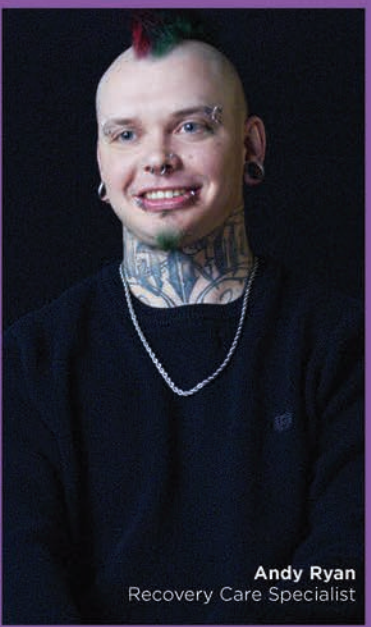
said Tripp. "Abby Warren played all season on a torn meniscus and still was strong and steady. She had an athlete's mindset, made sure to ice after every game and warm up fully before games."

Tripp said the "senior laden team was strong and steady" as they led by example on and off the court. She added that this team stood out like no other she has ever coached because there was simply no senior privilege.

"Each player valued their teammates as equal," said Tripp. "The senior captains listed above, Abby O'Connor, Reagan McIntire, Michelle Gallant, manager Karin Desrosiers and newcomer Elena Uicker were all integral to this team's success."



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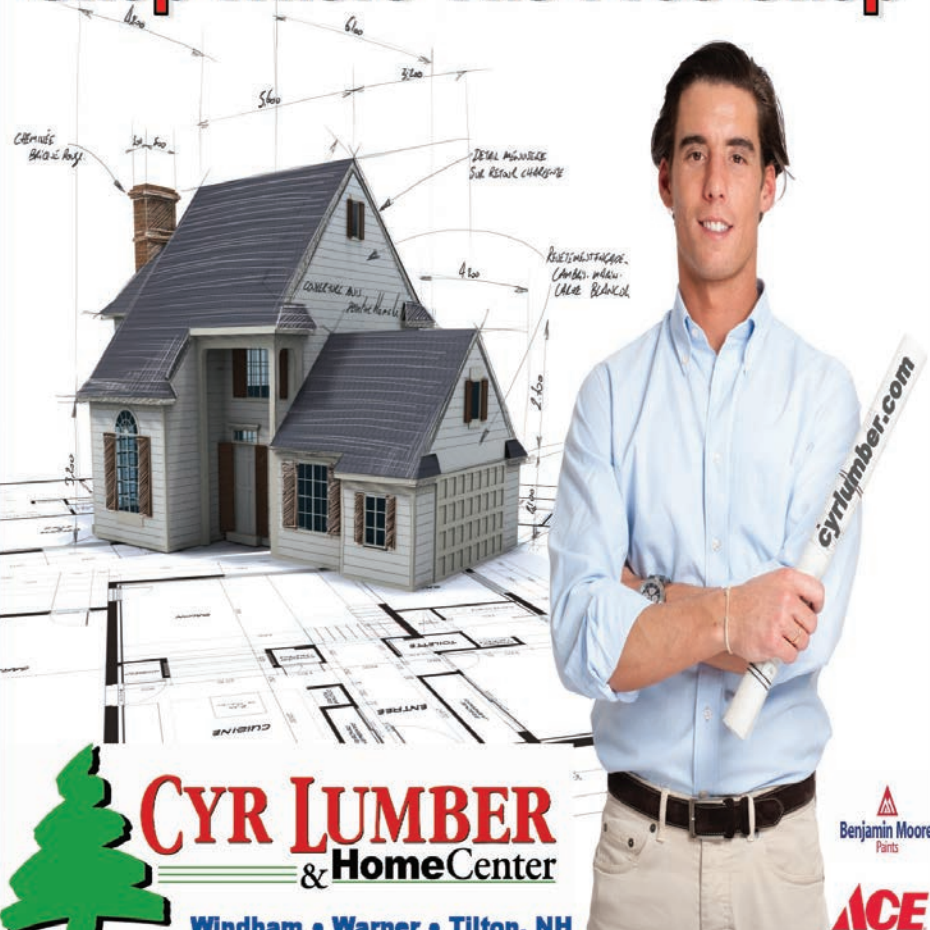
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