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Joint training session helps local fire departments hone ice rescue skills

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TILTON — Members of the Tilton-Northfield and Franklin fire departments held a two-day training session on the pond at the New Hampshire Veterans' Home last week, honing their skills on cold water rescue procedures that they hope will not be needed, but prepare for every year incase such an emergency arises.

"At our department, we're generally called out for about one ice rescue a year so it's important to review all the procedures each winter," said TNFD Deputy Chief Tim Joubert.

Working with Franklin Fire Department, he added, is equally as important since the two departments frequently work together.

"We really rely on one another for significant

incidents so joint training sessions like this are vital. Now that our departments have the same four-shift schedules, you also get familiar with others on your schedule so whenever something big happens we're able to work well together," he added.

Cold water/ice rescues are definitely critical incidents, therefore firefighters, EMTs and paramedics from both departments practice those life saving techniques each winter.

Hypothermia can set in rapidly when the body temperature drops below 95 degrees, therefore emergency vehicles on both departments are equipped with at least two Mustang Survival suits that protect rescuers from hypothermia.

Once suited up however, there are many other



Tilton-Northfield and Franklin fire departments practiced ice rescue procedures in a joint training session on the pond behind the New Hampshire Veterans' Home last week.

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key factors involved in and quickly through the pulling someone safely ice.

"Remember that the people you are rescuing are not going to help you get them out of the water," Joubert cautioned.

Panic can quickly set in for someone submerged in the water on a cold winter day, so rescuers have to keep that in mind as they arrive on the scene. Victims need to be assured that they will be rescued and kept as calm as possible in the process.

Communication between the rescue crews is also important. Joubert said it can be tough to relay information when some firefighters are in the water and others are as much as 600-feet away with a rope line. He advised everyone to review what signals they will be using as they approach any scene, especially during a nighttime rescue when

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Intrepid paddlers tackle Winnepesaukee River despite cancellation of annual race

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NORTHFIELD —The tradition of kayaking the rapids of the Winnepesaukee River between Northfield and Franklin on Jan. 1 was cancelled for 2017 when ice clogged the take-out point at Franklin's Trestle View Park. Despite the unexpected cancellation, however, a few seasoned kayakers took to the roiling waters nonetheless.

Unaware that the Merrimack Paddlers were forced to cancel their annual white water event this year, Andrew Snead of Norfolk, Mass. was at the Cross Mill Road launch site in Northfield early that morning and took the annual plunge. He said his trip down the Winnepesaukee was enjoyable but cautioned that kayakers had to be "on top of their game" when they neared the end.

"When we (five other kayakers) got to the ice shelf at the take out area we just had to paddle as fast as we could to get up on top of it and onto the shore," he reported.

While it was "doable," he said he could understand why safety officials would not want the typical 30-40 kayakers who participate in the annual event to make the trip under such conditions.

Greg Wallace of Somerville, Mass. stopped by the launch site as Snead was packing up his gear and was dismayed to learn the event had been cancelled.

"I've been doing this for 10 years now, so it was disappointing to get here today and find that really no one was here," said Greg Wallace. "I hadn't heard it had been canceled and

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When First Day Franklin activities were cancelled on New Year's Day due to ice on the river at Trestle View Park, a few seasoned outdoor enthusiasts like Andrew Snead of Norfolk, Mass., still ventured out for a kayak run through the rapids from Northfield to Franklin.

WRMS gets into the Holiday Spirit

Students and staff join in multiple holiday activities designed to give back and raise spirits

BY ROB SEAWARD

Principal

Winnisquam Regional Middle School

TILTON — With the holidays just wrapping up, Winnisquam Regional Middle School students and staff are taking a few minutes to reflect on all the events and activities that occurred in December designed to raise spirits, build community, and give back to our amazing Winnisquam community.

On Dec. 15, music directors Jordan Richardson and Kirk Young brought together hundreds of students from the middle and high schools for the annual Holiday Concert. Students worked diligently in the months leading up to the event to learn the music and practice working together. Their efforts really paid off with a cafeteria full of guests enjoying several hours of music, food and fun.

On Dec. 23, a group of 30 students and staff traveled to the Veteran's Home in Tilton to sing carols, chat with veterans, and bring some holiday cheer to all of the amazing veterans and staff at the

home. The carolers, led by Jordan Richardson, the MS music teacher, traveled between wings doing a couple smaller performances and then wrapped up in the dining hall for a larger performance and time for veterans, students and staff to visit. The event even included a visit from Santa himself. Everyone expressed excitement over the event and organizers have decided to make this an annual event, maybe expanding to include HS students and community members.

On Dec. 21, eighth grade students and staff dressed up as elves to

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New officer joins the ranks of Tilton PD

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TILTON — On Jan. 5, Tilton's selectmen welcomed Officer Nedim Opijac to the Tilton Police Department at a swearing in ceremony that was also attended by Opijac's parents, brother and girlfriend. Nedim's brother Nenad had the honor of pinning the Tilton Police Department badge on him

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Get outdoors with Prescott Farm this winter!

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Snowshoe Strolls will take place on Saturdays in January and February from 10-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m. A winter adventure awaits! Whether you are an avid snowshoer or just beginning, join us for a refreshing walk and exploration of the winter landscape of Prescott Farm. Please wear boots and dress appropriately for the weather. Snowshoes will be available if you don't already have your own. All ages welcome. Cost is \$10/person (\$8/person Members of Prescott Farm)/person with pre-registration; \$12 at the door.

Moonlit Walks will be offered Fridays, Jan. 13 & Feb. 10 and Saturday, March 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. Our environmental educators will guide you on a moonlit walk and encourage you to use your senses to explore Prescott Farm in a different and special way. You will learn to identify several constellations in the night sky, discuss the habits of several nocturnal animals, and practice your own night vision abilities. Please wear boots and dress appropriately for the weather. Snowshoes will be available if you don't already have your own. All ages welcome. Cost is \$10/person (\$8/person Members of Prescott Farm)/person with pre-registration; \$12 at the door.

WildQuest Winter Camp will take place during February school vacation week (Feb. 27-March 3) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and is for children ages six to 12. It's a special time of year—chilly and spar-

kly white outside, and there are so many fun things to do! Winter camp is one of our favorite programs—it has a “personality” that is so different from Spring and Summer camps because we see Prescott Farm from such a different perspective! Depending on the weather, the week will be a mix of: Animal tracking and snowshoeing adventures, sledding, winter games such as “Weasels & Voles,” building “quinzhees” or igloos, a Winter Quest, exploring the frozen pond, winter-themed art & craft projects, maple sugaring, and stories around

the campfire. Extended care is available 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost is \$235/week or \$47/day (\$185/week or \$37/day Members of Prescott Farm). Prices do increase for registrations received after Feb. 21, please go to www.prescottfarm.org for more information.

“The Art of Seeing:” An Intro to Animal Tracking will take place Saturday, Jan. 14 from 2:30-4 p.m. Tracks always tell a fascinating story! Learn the basics of animal tracking on this fun and interactive walk and gain the skills to better determine what our animal neighbors are up to in

the winter. All ages welcome. Cost is \$10/person (\$8/person Members of Prescott Farm)/person with pre-registration; \$12 at the door.

“We enjoy connecting people with nature, getting them outside, active and having fun year round,” stated Kimberly Drouin, Director of Marketing at Prescott Farm. The Lakes Region is a beautiful place, especially during those winter months covered in snow!

Prescott Farm offers public programs designed to encourage environmental exploration for all ages; field trips; WildQuest Day

Camps (during school vacation weeks – February, April & June-August); a Naturalist in the Classroom program which fosters long-term partnerships with local elementary schools; and Fledglings, a nature-based preschool. The 160 acre historic family farm features woodland and field trails, historic barns, an old-fashioned maple sugaring operation during the month of March, heritage gardens, and a forested pond. Prescott Farm is open year round, seven days a week from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Hiking trails and our Natural Play-

scape are open to the public daily from dawn to dusk. Snowshoes are available to rent (onsite use only) for \$5/pair (Members of Prescott Farm get free snowshoe rentals).

Pre-registration is available for all Prescott Farm's winter programs online at www.prescottfarm.org! You can also call us at 366-5695 to save your spot. Space is limited and programs fill quickly. Walk-ins are welcome, but do note the cost is more the day of. We look forward to seeing you soon! Also, keep in touch with us online on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!

New beginnings at the Belmont Public Library

BELMONT — Belmont Public Library is receiving a \$7,000 award from the Land and Community Heritage Program in support of its efforts to preserve its historic red brick building. The building was donated to the town of Belmont in 1928 by Walter and George Duffy, and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1985. In its 79 years of service, the library has been a beloved landmark and community center. Eileen Gilbert, the library director, highlighted the strong attachment of town residents demonstrate to the building and the determination of library trustees and staff to provide the best possible service to the community.

“The study will help us determine the best and most cost effective ways to make the building more accessible to the public while preserving its historic character,” said Gilbert. The Belmont Public Library's project is one of thirty five awarded funding in LCHIP's fifteenth grant round supporting projects ranging from Northumberland in the North County

to Nashua in the south and from Portsmouth in the east to Claremont in the west. The three and a half million dollars awarded by LCHIP are being matched by nearly \$20 million in funds from other sources. The library is currently seeking support for the matching funds needed.

January is bringing two new opportunities to connect with friends old and new at the Belmont Library. On Saturday, January 14 at 10am, the library tabletop gaming group (Belmont's Guild of Gamers) will meet to try out “Here, Kitty, Kitty,” as you compete to collect neighborhood cats before your neighbors get them all. Recommend for ages 13 and up. On Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m., gather at the library for coffee and conversation. The librarian will be on hand with book and movie recommendations from the library's collection, but we will make time to just talk, too. Hot drinks and snacks provided.

We're extending an invitation to play with Snap Circuits. These kits, on loan from the State Library, contain all the parts to build

working models of a photo sensor, a flashing light, and an adjustable-volume siren. Middle Schoolers (and older) can drop in anytime the library is open from Jan. 17-21. A guided discovery session is available to those eight and up on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 4 p.m.

The book group meets to discuss “The Rosie Project” by Grame Simson on Friday, Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers. Rosie Jarman possesses all these qualities. Don easily disqualifies her as a candidate for The Wife Project (even if she is “quite intelligent for a barmaid”). But Don is intrigued by Rosie's own quest to identify

her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you. Copies available at the desk or download it through New Hampshire Downloadable books.

Looking to sharpen your craft skills? Expert or novice, all skill levels are welcome to experiment with various crafting and artistic interests on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. Supplies are provided. In January, we will be taking a deep dive into scrapbooking, its tools and techniques.

LEGO Build is a family drop in event on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 10 a.m.-noon. Come enjoy building with your friends. Also, join us Wednesdays for family story time at 10:30 a.m. Themes include winter weather, friendship, and superheroes.

The Belmont Library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 for holiday

observance.

Remember the pressed glass ornaments of a few years back which featured the Belmont Mill and the Belmont Bandstand? The Belmont Library building has joined the group! Commemorate the 1928 historic library building (on the National Register of Historic Places) with a lovely amber or blue glass ornament created by New Hampshire artist Chris Baker-Salmon. Proceeds benefit library programs.

Ready to go somewhere? The library offers discounted or free admission to the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center and the SEE Science Center.

The Belmont Public Library is open six days a week and any time at www.belmontpubliclibrary.org, serving the community with books, digital resources, and cultural programming. For more information, contact:

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HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tilton/Northfield Monday, Jan. 16
Library Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday Bookers, 5:30 p.m.
Meet at Green Ginger at 5:30 p.m. (time change this month) to discuss “All the Living” by C.E. Morgan.

Tuesday, Jan. 17
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Kids This-N-That, 3:30 p.m.
Magic the Gathering, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19
Studio Ghibli Film, 5 p.m.
My Neighbor Totoro...
Snack on popcorn while you watch

Friday, Jan. 20
Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21
Let's Go Lego

New Items
“The One Man” by Andrew Gross
“Honor Girl: a graphic memoir” by Maggie Thrash
“How to Set a Fire and why” by Jesse Ball
“A Brief History of Seven Killings: a novel” by Marlon James
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Red Oak Montessori students donate to Community Action Program

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FRANKLIN — For several years, the Red Oak Montessori School has conducted a special project with their pre-school students, known as Act of Kindness, where they are encouraged to give back to their community. Students of the school come from all around Central New Hampshire, and this year's kindness was a donation of items to the Belknap and Merrimack County Community Action Program.

"When we started talking about things that we are grateful for in November, the kids were surprised and saddened that there were kids in our community who didn't have blankets," said Heather Young, Director and Head Teacher at Red Oak Montessori. "The

(boys and girls) became quickly excited that they could collect money to buy these items for other children."

From Nov. 21 until Dec. 9, the young students of Red Oak Montessori collected nearly \$222 in coins, whether from donations or money earned by doing chores around their home. In addition to their contributions, The Country Braid House of Tilton and the Franklin Savings Bank Smile Squad donated \$125 to further their efforts.

On Dec. 19, the school then had a field trip to Walmart in Tilton where they were able to purchase \$500 worth of blankets and pajamas to fit everyone from newborns to adults.

Gail Lyman of B-MCAP and Sarah Stanley of FSB's Smile Squad visited the

school the following day. During their visit the boys and girls sang holiday songs for them then proudly presented their donations to Lyman and her organization.

"We had a fabulous day on our field trip and giving the donations to CAP. It continues to be a wonderful lesson in 'paying it forward' and taking care of all our people in the community," said Young.

Red Oak Montessori School is located at 241 Sanborn St. in Franklin and serves all surrounding communities with pre-school and child-care services for children between the ages of three- and six-years-old. For more information on their program, please visit them online at www.redoakmontessori.org or contact the school at 934-1002.



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Last month, the young boys and girls of Red Oak Montessori School helped make a difference for others through their annual Act of Kindness campaign, which helped them purchase blankets and warm pajamas for families affiliated with the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program.

Belmont man pays it forward, shares with troops

BELMONT — When First Lt. Mark Chapman receives care packages from home, he often shares them with his crew of twenty soldiers. It was known to the staff and attorneys at Wescott Law that Chapman's mother, Paralegal Sharon Chapman, frequently sends boxes of supplies to her son who is serving in the Army in Afghanistan. When they learned of the First Lieutenant's generosity they decided to chip in and, as a combined Veteran's Day and Christmas tribute, they collected and shipped four boxes of food and supplies for the troop known as the Brave Rifles.

Upon receipt of the first shipment, Chapman, a 2010 graduate of



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First Lt. Mark Chapman of Belmont, currently stationed in Afghanistan, pictured with soldiers from OB Fenty.

Belmont High School, sent a message via his mother, that read "Please tell your office that we got your packages; they were such a blessing." Weeks later, a holiday card was received at the Laconia office of Wescott Law with a handwritten note stating "the boxes you sent have done much to ease the pain of being separated from our

loved ones." It came as no surprise to read that the packages benefited several other units and squadrons that Chapman and his men chose to share with.

Wescott Law Managing Partner, Attorney Allison Ambrose states, "We are extremely grateful to Mark and the Brave Rifles for their service and were honored to help Sharon in her efforts. She is exceptionally generous toward others and supporting her in this effort is just one way to show our appreciation for her, for her son Mark and for the service of all of our dedicated troops."

Tilton's Logan Patten completes basic training

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — U.S. Air Force Airman Logan W. Patten recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness,

and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Patten is the son of Amanda and William Patten of Tilton.

He is a 2016 graduate of Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton.

Investigation of illegal building use leads to drug bust in Sanbornton

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SANBORNTON — As the result of a surveillance operation led by Sanbornton Police Lt. Kevin McIntosh, a major drug bust took place on Jan. 3 that included the arrest of 53-year-old Robert Dupont, a resident of 31 Bay Rd. in Sanbornton.

Police were first called to the address last week following a report that two females were allegedly sleeping in a commercial building at that address. When McIntosh arrived at the Bay Road address to investigate, he not only discovered an apartment located inside the commercial facility, but observed a plastic bag that contained a substance he believed to be methamphetamine, allowing with other packaging materials. With assistance from an additional Sanbornton officer,



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Robert Dupont of Bay Road in Sanbornton was arrested last week and charged with two felony drug charges, as well as resisting arrest.

as well as units from Belmont and the New Hampshire State Police DuPont was then taken into custody for felony charges of Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drug and Possession of Controlled Drug with Intent to Distribute along with a Class B Misdemeanor charge of Resisting Arrest.

"The Sanbornton Police Department also executed a search warrant of the facility and located

multiple firearms, drug paraphernalia, documentation of drug sales, and more packaging materials," said Chief Stephen Hankard. Assisting in the search was a K9 Unit from NHSP.

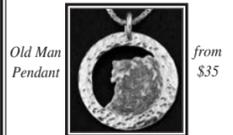
While DuPont has been leasing space in the Bay Road building, Sanbornton Fire Chief Paul Dexter determined he had set up an illegal apartment according to the New Hampshire Life Safety Code. The chief served both DuPont and the property owners with notification concerning the illegality of the apartment and said the owners have been fully cooperative with the police department's investigation.

Dupont was held on a \$5,000 cash only bail and was scheduled to appear at the Belknap County Superior Court on Jan. 4.

Further investigations into the case are still underway.

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EDITORIAL

Why does our freedom of choice stop at TV?

Tamworth resident Ann McGarity unexpectedly provided us with inspiration for our commentary this week with a letter to the editor she submitted to our sister publication, The Meredith News.

In her letter, Mrs. McGarity calls attention to a contractual dispute between Direct TV and the owners of WMUR that has deprived Direct TV subscribers throughout the area of access to Channel 9, New Hampshire's ABC affiliate and home to the state's most widely watched morning and nightly news broadcasts. She quite rightly points out that many viewers rely on News 9, particularly at this time of year, for important information such as weather conditions and school closings, and takes both parties to task for their apparent disregard toward the subscribers caught in the middle of their tug of war.

Mrs. McGarity's letter prompted us to give thought to the lack of power cable television subscribers so often have in situations such as this, and why it is that in a world where we seem to have an endless array of options for shopping, dining, and even vehicle repair, our freedom of choice is so severely curtailed when it comes to television.

From the Tanger Outlets in Tilton to the shops at Mill Falls to the Belknap Mall (limited though its current selection of stores may be), it seems that despite living at least a 30- or 40-minute drive from the nearest major city, residents of the Lakes Region have no shortage of options when in need of a little "retail therapy," as frequent shoppers have taken to calling it with tongue firmly in cheek. The same can be said for those in search of a night out at any of the region's seemingly countless restaurants. Whether you're nursing an appetite for Chinese, Mexican, Italian, or Thai cuisine, or are just in the mood for a good old fashioned burger, you're bound to find whatever you might have a craving for somewhere close to home.

The fact that there is so much variety available to us when we are in need of other goods and services begs the question, in our minds, why those who choose to call the Lakes Region home suddenly find themselves limited to one of just two options for cable television — Metrocast or satellite providers such as Direct TV. Not only does this monopolization lead to situations like the contractual dispute that McGarity and her fellow Direct TV subscribers are trapped in the middle of; it also takes away any incentive for companies like Metrocast to competitively price the packages they offer.

If a physician provides us with a diagnosis we do not agree with, we have the right to seek out a second opinion. If an auto body shop provides us with a quote for repairs that we believe to be overpriced, it is our right and our prerogative to shop around for a more agreeable estimate. Why, then, should we not be afforded that same flexibility when selecting a cable TV package? Instead, we are left entirely at the mercy of whatever cable provider our local select board or city council has been forced by circumstance to enter into an exclusive contract with — particularly those among us who rent, and are prohibited from mounting satellite dishes on the exterior of their domicile. Our only options are to agree to the rates and packages offered by our local provider, which often force the subscriber to pay for channels that they may have no interest in, or choose satellite, which may leave us at the mercy of contractual disputes, as it has Mrs. McGarity and her fellow subscribers.

How is it that Metrocast has come to be the only player in the game when it comes to providing cable television services to the Lakes Region? Why should our public officials be barred from inviting or encouraging competition? What is driving contractual disputes such as the current one between Direct TV and WMUR, and can steps be taken by either side to prevent them in the future, making satellite a more viable alternative to cable? We hope that the plight of Mrs. McGarity and her fellow Direct TV subscribers will help to generate some serious thought about these questions.



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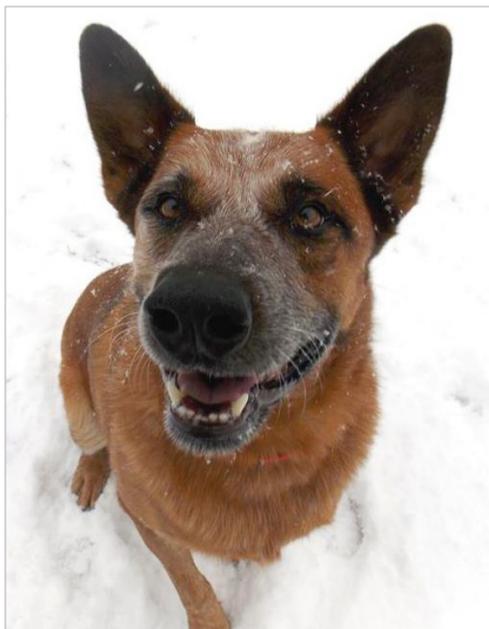
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PET OF THE WEEK

JAKE



2017 starts off smartly with our first dog of the New Year looking for his permanent forever home, the very handsome, ever so slightly cross-eyed, Australian Cattle dog, Jake.

On the one hand, he is active and a bit of a canine go-getter but on the other, loves to sit in your lap as if he were of much smaller stature and thoroughly enjoys being brushed and groomed. Perhaps that activity appeals to his vanity, knowing that a well-kept, gleaming visage will

undoubtedly help in his quest for a new home.

Originally hailing from the warmth of the gulf state of Mississippi, our Jake has adapted well to the northern climes of New Hampshire, and actually seems to enjoy the crisp outdoors here. So, a home with folks who enjoy a good hike in the woods, and one where he can really be part of the human pack is Jake's New Year's Wish.

Check www.nhhumane.org for more details.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The right-to-work push begins

To the Editor:

Already, Right-to-Work legislation for New Hampshire is in the news, this new political year. I'm with those who think of it as Right-to-Work-for-Less. A 2011 Economic Policy Institute study finds that workers in right-to-work states earn, on average, \$1,500 less per year in wages. Fewer workers in right-to-work states get pension plans from their employers.

I found this written by libertarian, J.D. Tuccille, that right-to-work legislation, passed in a state, amounts to a state "putting its thumb on the scale in

the never-ending game of playing labor and business off against one another." New Gov. Sununu may call out that "New Hampshire is open for business" in a different, unprecedented way, by reducing wages, but will that come to be? Not if our newly-seated legislature hears otherwise from constituents who say we want to remain among the states fairer to labor by not passing right-to-work laws.

Sincerely,
Lynn Rudmin Chong
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PERSPECTIVES ON LIVING

BY LARRY SCOTT

Cole Porter, the author of such great classics as, "I Get a Kick out of You," "Night and Day," and "Don't Fence Me In," was a genuine American success story. After publishing his first song at age 10, Cole Porter went on to write dozens of hits, popularized by such luminaries as Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra. Significantly, however, he also wrote "Anything Goes," a song that in a very real way reflected his personal philosophy of life.

In his book, "Is This The End?" Dr. David Jeremiah writes: "His fans did not realize that his love songs were written for his boyfriends, that his marriage was a sham, or that his earnings financed an endless series of "anything goes" parties. ... Porter enjoyed popular acclaim, deep pockets, and four beautiful homes, each well-staffed and kept in perpetual readiness for his visits. ... Porter lived as he sang — "anything goes." But after being injured in an equestrian accident, he never regained his health or happiness. He became

reclusive and spent his last years depressed, diseased, drinking, and drugging. ... 'He was very alone at the end,' said a friend. 'He really didn't have anything or anyone he was close to'" (pages 4, 5).

Cole Porter enjoyed everything life has to offer. Fame, wealth, unbridled freedom, and the respect of a grateful public, but in the end, he discovered that life without God is no cake walk. It often goes well for a time, and yes, there are many who live life to the fullest through to their dying days. Grant the point. But let's be clear: God has given us a host of directives, given to us not to limit our happiness but to enable us to make intelligent choices. God is no kill-joy. He knows, however, that, given unbridled freedom, we are prone to go to extremes, sometimes to our own destruction. The principles we find in Scripture are simply guides to keep our passions in check and our focus on what is right, true, and proper.

Our founding fathers, well steeped in the principles Christians hold

dear, wrote in the Declaration of Independence: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." Absolutely true ... and I suspicion God Himself would agree!

With that in view, however, note that the New Testament is careful to highlight this qualifier: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked: A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his

sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." You and I are, in a very real sense, the product of our opportunities, our choices, and, yes, the degree to which we take seriously the principles God has given us. He invites us to a life of intelligent cooperation, and what we decide changes everything.

I am hoping, for me and for you, that 2017 will be the finest year we have ever lived. You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarryscott@gmail.com.

Winnipesaukee Playhouse to host auditions for "Stuart Little"

MEREDITH — The Winnipesaukee Playhouse is holding auditions on Jan. 24 and 26 for kids ages eight to 12 who are interested in being cast in a play adaptation of "Stuart Little."

This is the endearing classic about a mouse named Stuart Little who is born into an ordinary New York family. The actors will play the many human and animal roles in a series of delightful scenes that make up the marvelous maneuverings of a mild-mannered mouse trying to survive in a "real people's world."

There are more than 30 roles including both

large and small parts, providing opportunities for students with a range of experience and ability. The production will be directed by Johanna Halperin. Those wishing to audition only need to attend one of the audition dates and appointments will be scheduled upon completing an audition registration which can be found online.

The production runs March 24 - 26. For more information, including a rehearsal schedule, audition packet, or to sign up for an audition slot, visit the Education menu at www.winnipesaukeeplayhouse.org.

Send your letters!

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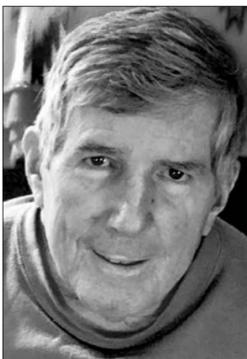
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North Country Notebook

A problem for some, a godsend to others: The white stuff that falls from the sky



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Unlike the oft-repeated factoid that people in the Far North have something like 54 different words for snow (they don't), the English that I hear spoken in northern New England has only one other word for it, "money." If we were truly into Las Vegas slang, I suppose we could add "white gold," although that seems an overly dramatic stretch.

Some more snow was falling as I was writing this, on the 5th, and in fact I'd had snow of one sort or another nearly every day since the morning before the Big One of Dec. 29. So I've received well over two feet in one week, much of which has blown off toward Maine, which is not all that far away for wind-driven snow.

Today on my regular Thursday 7:10 a.m. guest gig on WTPL, Concord (technically, Bow), host Peter St. James was bantering with co-host Jim Fronk, who admits to being a city slicker. Jim recalled driving through the above-the-notches territory one winter and seeing not much of anything except lots of trees and here and there a house or two, and wondered, more or less, "What do you do up there, anyway?"

This question always leaves me stumped for a few seconds, because



JOHN HARRIGAN

As more snow falls, there's enough three-foot wood left to get into (and maybe out of) Mud Season. The covered pile of smaller junk wood from road and fence maintenance has to be kept cleared off until it's gone.

there is so much to do—at least as much, if not more than, in suburbs and cities, although mercifully devoid of dollar-devouring frills like shopping malls—but I recovered and said "Push snow, throw three-foot pieces of firewood into a big outdoor furnace, and write (I write this column for a dozen or so papers and also write for InDepthNH.org, and occasionally for other publications).

And there are household chores and other duties of course, all of which keep me pretty busy and not all that anxious to go to town, and often I don't, sometimes for several days at a clip. But if I do go downtown or to surrounding towns, there is so much going

on that there's often not room on the calendar.

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It makes some people mad when I write the following (and irked readers sometimes reply), but I fail to understand why so many institutions, organizations and factions of government services, schools in particular, are so quick to hit the panic button whenever word of an impending fact of life in this part of the country (a winter storm) comes over the media. No sooner does this occur than the crawl-line on the bottom of the TV screen is filled with delays and outright cancellations.

A thought on all this occurred one morning last week when I had to drive home from a meet-

ing in Concord and the day's forecast called for rain, freezing rain, and then for some upcountry regions (that would be me, when I got there), snow.

I was thinking, as I watched the tube that morning, and then when the meeting was over began the drive home, straight through the weather: Have people totally forgotten those wonderful outfits known as state and town road crews?

They do an excellent job of getting ahead of such weather by laying down salt and sand, and getting after the aftermath by clearing roads big and small. Even had I not been driving a big four-wheel-drive truck with studded snow tires,

I'd have headed for home in good faith that the roads would be as clear and safe (if I drove sensibly) as possible.

I have nothing but good things to say for the crews who maintain, load, and drive these big rigs and are out there at all hours of the day and night, doing the work that so many of us take for granted. And they have to put up with a given percentage of irresponsible, inconsiderate, unappreciative and outright dangerous drivers to boot.

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People in more built-up areas who have to drive considerable distances to work or school each day, and hold the word "commute" high on their mental list of

daily challenges, see winter weather as a major problem, and I can't blame them. If I were in their situation, I would too.

But whenever I have the chance I note that for the bulk of the state's landmass—the rural, small-town, farm and forest community—snow can be the major driver of the winter economy.

Last winter, which was virtually snowless, was a disaster for snowmobiling and not so very great for ski areas. These industries create jobs and income for tens of thousands directly and indirectly, bringing a huge infusion of recreational money from heavily populated regions in the south to cash-strapped communities in the mountains and above the notches.

Snowmobile clubs, which depend on membership fees, donations, special events and license-generated state funds to maintain and groom New Hampshire's thousands of miles of snowmobile trails, were particularly hit last winter. Thus the headline in Colebrook's News and Sentinel, "New Loan Program to Assist Coös Snowmobile Clubs in Times of Need," was a welcome sight on January 4th's front page. The Coös Economic Development Association has established a low-interest loan program to help clubs cover unexpected budget shortages from maintenance required annually despite fickle weather.

At this stage, only halfway through, the state already has had more snow than during all of last winter.

For a growing segment of society to the south, the work week now consists of four ten-hour days, which means that people can get on the road right after work on Thursday. This has created what amounts to a winter's worth of unending three-day weekends. Don't believe it? Take a look at I-93 on a Thursday night.

This is a facet of the wintertime economy that hasn't been written about or discussed much in the state's media—the huge effect of the shorter work-week and so many three-day weekends—and points up the positive side of that white stuff falling from the sky.

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

Orson Welles shines on both sides of the camera in "The Stranger"

Legendary filmmaker's 1946 thriller is this weekend's After Dark feature on LRPA

LACONIA—Join Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (Jan. 13 & 14) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1946's suspenseful thriller "The Stranger," starring Orson Welles (who also directed), Loretta Young and Edward G. Robinson.

Wilson (Robinson), an investigator with the Allied War Crimes Commission, is looking for Franz Kindler (Welles), a notorious Nazi war criminal — the mastermind behind their death camps — who has made his way from Germany to a sleepy Connecticut town. There, he has carefully constructed a new identity. He is now living incognito as Charles Rankin, a college professor and antique clock enthusiast who will soon marry lovely Mary Rankin (Young), the daughter of a respected judge. His cover is intact until Wilson, tailing another escaped Nazi prisoner, begins to suspect that there may be more to Professor Rankin

than meets the eye.

Released in 1946, "The Stranger" holds the distinction of being the first American feature film to include documentary footage of Nazi concentration camps. "The Stranger" is by far the least well known, and perhaps most conventional, of Orson Welles' movies. In fact, he only took on the project to prove to studio executives that he could direct a film that came in on time, within budget and without any problems, unlike his earlier masterpieces "Citizen Kane" and "The Magnificent Ambersons." Welles readily accomplished that task, although the artistic and personal compromises he was forced to make on "The Stranger" resulted in it being his least favorite film.

Despite all of Welles' misgivings, "The Stranger" is a tense and suspenseful thriller with exceptional performances from its entire cast. Variety reviewed it as "... socko melodrama, spinning an in-

triguing web of thrills and chills." If you love American film noir, this is the one for you. So grab your popcorn and join LRPA after dark for this thriller from the past.

You can't find television like this it anywhere but LRPA TV, MetroCast Channel 25. Not a subscriber? Then log onto Live Stream through our Web site (www.lrpa.org) where you can catch all the fun.

About Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA)
Lakes Region Public

Access Television (LRPA) is a nonprofit, noncommercial public access TV station and community media center located on the Laconia High School campus in Laconia, NH. LRPA cablecasts locally on MetroCast channels 24 (education), 25 (information and entertainment) and 26 (government) to nearly 12,000 viewers in our member municipalities of Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith and Northwood, and around the world via Live Stream at www.lrpa.org. Programming is produced by and

for the people of the greater Lakes Region. LRPA's mission is to empower our community members to produce content that: fosters free speech and the open exchange of ideas, encourages artistic and creative expression, promotes a well-informed public through governmental transparency, and unites our communities through the power of media and technology.

LRPA's slogan: Community empowered by media. Visit us on the Web at www.lrpa.org.

Town of Northfield Zoning Board of Adjustments Northfield Town Hall Monday, January 23, 2017 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. SJREJJ Family Trust – Joseph Griffiths:
Application for a variance from Article 7 Section 7.6 of the Northfield Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of a storage garage at 43 Granite Street (Tax Map U13 Lot 1-0) on 2.0 acres in the Single-Family Residential Zone (R-1).

II. Approval of Minutes – September 26, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE – PUBLIC HEARING TILTON ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT Tuesday- January 17, 2017 Tilton Town Hall 257 Main Street, Tilton, NH

AGENDA

6:00 PM Call to order.

ZBA Case 17-01 Variance Application
pursuant to Zoning Article VII to allow for three dwelling units within the existing building at 154 East Main Street in the Mixed Use District (U4/61)

Paul G. Courtemanche, 79

FRANKLIN — Paul G. Courtemanche, 79, a lifelong resident of Franklin, died at his home, with family at his side, Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016 following a lengthy period of failing health.

He was born in Franklin, Oct. 2, 1937, son of the late, John L. and Elizabeth M. (Berube) Courtemanche. Paul attended Franklin Schools, and later attended St. Joseph College in Quebec, Canada. He served for several years with the New Hampshire Army National Guard. In 1968, Paul began his career as a blaster with license # 51 in New Hampshire.

He was employed as a blaster for many years with the R. D. Edmunds Company in Franklin, a company friendship that lasted until his death. Paul was a lifelong member of the Franklin Lodge of Elks, BPOE, # 1280, having



been a member for over 55 years. Over the years, he enjoyed snowmobiling with family and friends. He always found time to spend chatting with family and friends, always sharing a new joke.

Paul was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Ruth May (Peters) Courtemanche.

He leaves two sons, David W. Courtemanche of Franklin and Kevin J. Courtemanche and longtime companion, Regina of Belmont; a daughter, Carol A. Courtemanche of Northfield; his brother, John L. Courtemanche of North Reading, Mass. and sister Jean Carignan of Tilton, and nieces and nephews.

Following the wishes of Paul, there are no calling hours.

A private graveside service will be held in the spring

at the family plot in Holy Cross Cemetery in Franklin.

A Celebration of Paul's life will be held at the Franklin Lodge of Elks on Jan. 14, 2017 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Assisting with arrangements is the William F. Smart Sr.

Memorial Home in Tilton.

Those wishing may make memorial contributions in Paul's

name to the Franklin VNA and Hospice at 75 Chestnut St., Franklin, NH 03235.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

NORTHFIELD — Ronald E. Godbout, 73, of Northfield, died of brain cancer on Dec. 11, 2016.

Ron was born in Augusta, Maine on March 3, 1943, the son of Clement and Germaine (Berube) Godbout. He was raised in Augusta, and graduated from Cony High School in 1960. Ron had resided in Northfield since 1987.

He served in the US Air Force for 25 years receiving many awards and commendations. He retired as Chief Master Sgt. in 1984.

Ron earned a Mas-

ters Degree in Education and worked as an Occupational Safety Engineer and retired from the NH Auto Dealers Assn.

He is survived by his family, which includes his wife of 52 years, Mary-Jean (Tarrant) Godbout of Northfield; two sons, James Godbout and his wife Jillian of Idaho, and Jon Godbout and his wife Lori of Londonderry; and four grandchildren, James Angus, Declan, Ethan, and Evelyn. He will be missed by his family and so many friends and extended family.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at Assumption Church, Chestnut Street, Tilton, on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017 at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen,

Donations in memory of Ron may be made to the National Autism Assn., One Park Ave., Suite 1,

Portsmouth, RI 02871.

Paquette-Neun Funeral Home in Northfield is assisting Ron's family. For an online guestbook, please visit www.neunfuneralhomes.com.

Edward F. Haines, Jr., 74

NORTHFIELD — Edward "Skip" F. Haines, Jr., 74, passed away on Dec. 28, 2016 at Golden View Health Care while surrounded by his family.

Edward was born on April 8, 1942, the son of Edward and Virginia (Brown) Haines, Sr. Ed went to school at Interlakes in Meredith, and after high school, he went to work at Danes, doing grounds keeping. After working at Danes, he continued working other various jobs, before retiring from New Hampshire Ball Bearing.

Ed loved hunting and fishing, especially in Pittsburg. He went for one last trip to Pitts-



burg on Nov. 19.

Ed is survived by his daughters, Deborah Fay and her equal half Roger Maheux, and Jennifer Haines and her dog "Queenie"; four grandchildren (Jenni-

fer Fay and Jessy Shepherd of Laconia, Christopher Page of Atlanta, Ga., and Cory Page of Virginia Beach, Va.).

Ed was predeceased by his artsy wife, Ruthie; his brother, Christopher Haines of Maine; and his parents.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ed's memory to Golden View Health Care, 19 Route 104, Meredith, NH 03253.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

The Mayhew Funeral Home 204 D.W. Highway, Meredith, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Shirley Kimball, 80

FRANKLIN — Shirley Kimball, 80, formerly of Meredith, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017 at Mountain Ridge Nursing home in Franklin.

Shirley was born on Jan. 5, 1936 in Laconia, the daughter of Harry and Agnes (Eryou) Horne.

Shirley grew up in Meredith, attending Meredith Schools. After graduating from school, she married Randolph, raising her seven children. Shirley was known as the neighborhood "mom," not only raising her own children, but nurturing other neighborhood children. While busy working as a neighborhood mom, she worked briefly at Amatex in Meredith.

Shirley is survived by her son, Wayne Kimball of Bristol; Charles "Rusty" Kimball and his wife Sheila of Louisville, Ky.; Pamela Wyatt and her husband Lawrence



of Concord; Sherry Reed and her husband William of Laconia; Brenda Marceau and her husband Mark of Meredith; her brothers, Kenneth Horne of Tennessee, Alvin Horne and his wife Ruby of Tennessee, and Albert and his wife Louise of Tilton; her eight grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Shirley was predeceased by husband, Randolph; her two sons, Gary and Jerry; her parents; and her brother, Herbie.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mayhew Funeral Home, 204 D.W.

Highway, Meredith, NH 03253. A Spring graveside service will be held in the Oakland Cemetery Meredith Center Road, Meredith, on Friday, May 26, 2017 at 10 a.m.

The Mayhew Funeral is assisting the family with arrangements. To view Shirley's Book of Memories, go to www.mayhewfuneralhomes.com.

TILTON — June R. Tilton, 91, a lifelong resident of Tilton, died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017 at the Franklin Regional Hospital.

One of ten children, June was born in Tilton, May 15, 1925, daughter of William and Olive (Twombly) Rollins. She attended local schools, and was a graduate of Tilton Northfield High School, class of 1933. June was a homemaker, and in later years provided support for family and friends who needed assistance. While her children were young, she was involved with

June R. Tilton, 91



Scouts and served as a Den Mother. She was a member of the New England Sled Dog Club, and with family members, was a sled dog enthusiast.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — James A. Yacopucci, 73, a resident of Rochester, N.Y., died unexpectedly at his home.

James was born in Franklin on May 4, 1943, son of the late Roger Yacopucci, Sr. and Kathryn (Murtaugh) Yacopucci. He was educated at St. Mary School, and later graduated from Franklin High School, class of 1961. Jim was actively involved with the



Drama Club and acted in many plays. He was the Editor of his yearbook, 1961. He continued his

education, graduating from Plymouth State College, AA degree.

Jim spent many years working in the Boston area, assisting managers in local pharmacies. He then started work with the Catholic Workers and performed duties serving the poor and homeless in various states. He spent many years in South Philadelphia, working with The Servants of the Poor, an organization that provided residence to the homeless. In that same area, he taught a third grade classroom in a Catholic school.

He returned to Franklin in 1992. He sought volunteer work, and was an active worker in the Grandparent program assisting school age and pre-school children. He enjoyed this work, and also liked working with the elderly at the Veterans Home in Tilton. Jim decided to continue his work with the homeless, and moved to Rochester, N.Y. to join the Catholic Workers at St. Joseph House of Hospitality located in the inner city. He resided there

for two years and then moved to his own apartment but continued his work at St. Joseph. Jim spent the majority of his life performing service work to help others. He was kind, a good man, spoke in a quiet voice, loved music, movies, possessed a good sense of humor. He made people smile.

Jim was predeceased by his sister, Jane Cameron, who died in 2013; his brother, Roger Yacopucci, Jr., who died in 2014. His family includes his sister, Judy Merrill of Auburn, Maine.

He loved his niece, and nephews. He loved visiting his numerous cousins.

A memorial service took place at St. Joseph, in Rochester, N.Y. on Dec. 27, 2016. A celebration of His Life will be held in May, 2017. Burial will be at the Franklin Cemetery.

Assisting the family with arrangements is the William F. Smart Sr. Memorial Home.

For more information, go to www.smartfuneralhome.com.

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Introducing the Winnepesaukee Beekeepers School!

TUFTONBORO — This January, the Winni Beekeepers Association will be of-

fering a 6-week long course for anyone interested in hobby or commercial production

of honey bees. The course will start Jan. 26 and run on Thursday evenings

from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. We are saving March 23 as a make-up snow date. We'll be covering all

topics from bee biology to pest and disease management within the hive, to pollinator habi-

tat enhancement. The course will be taught by local area beekeepers who are passionate about raising bees and spreading their knowledge. Great introductory or refresher class, everyone should expect to learn something new. Come and join us, and see if beekeeping is right for you!

Hosted by the Winnepesaukee Beekeepers Association & the Tuftonboro Library, 221 Middle Rd., Tuftonboro.

Required text: "Beekeeping for Dummies" (registration fee includes book, materials and one year membership to the WBA Club).

If you have any questions please contact Olivia Saunders at olivia.saunders@unh.edu, Betty Lou Canty at bettylou.canty@unh.edu or call the UNH Cooperative Extension office at 447-3834.

Preregistration is required before January 20, 2016. Cost: \$65 per person/\$75 for family of two. Please send a check for made payable to WBA with your name, complete mailing address, daytime telephone number and email to Betty Lou Canty, UNH CE, P.O. Box 1480, Conway, NH 03818. Space is limited to 30 people.

Musical entertainment by Horizon at Taylor Community Jan. 25

LACONIA — Horizon — the duo of John and Johanna Byerley — has been entertaining throughout New England since 1990. They'll bring their talents to Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

Horizon's musical performances offer a wide range of selections such as "Blue Skies," "Stormy Weather," "What a Wonderful World," "Twist and



COURTESY

Horizon — the duo of John and Johanna Byerley — has been entertaining throughout New England since 1990. They'll bring their talents to Taylor Community's Woodside Building, Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Shout" and "Unforgettable." With their lovely vocals and wonderful guitar work, John and

Johanna will have everyone smiling, singing and clapping along.

Taylor Community is a not-for-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community whose mission is to provide

the highest quality retirement living options to support the independence, health and dignity of community residents. For more information, visit www.taylorcommunity.org.

Interlakes Summer Theatre seeking participants for variety show

MEREDITH — The Interlakes Summer Theatre is seeking entertainers from the Lakes Region for a community event, the "First Annual Vintage Variety Extravaganza," on March 4 and 5.

We are specifically seeking "mature" adults to perform in the show. We are looking for talent of all types — singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, karaoke singers...etc., etc., etc. Performers can work solo or in groups. We encourage local folks to get their

acts together and represent your local company/business!

Your time commitment with us will be short and flexible, starting Feb. 25, with a big dress rehearsal on the evening of Friday, March 3. We will conduct interviews with interested performers on Feb. 4 and 5 to help you figure out where you fit in, and select material for the show. To schedule an interview, call Nancy Barry at 707-6035! Or email us at interlakestheatre@gmail.com.

Lakes Region Retired Educators meet Tuesday

MEREDITH — The Lakes Region Retired Educators' Association's Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Giuseppe's Restaurant at Mill Falls Marketplace on the corner of Routes #3 and #25 in Meredith.

We will gather at 11 a.m. for an informal social time to share books

read, hobbies, and/or types of volunteering. You may bring books to swap with others if you wish. Lunch will be a delicious buffet. The cost will be \$18, which includes tax and tip. Your Phone Captain will be contacting you soon, as reservations are due by Jan. 11. You may also

make a reservation by calling Jan Panagoulis at 536-3349.

Hope to see you there willing to share with books you have read, hobbies you enjoy, and trips you may have taken. It is a great time to have a "Show & Tell" with your Retired Educator Friends.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 196 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 26-Jan. 1. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but

not formally charged, have been withheld.

Arrested during this time period were Edward Delucca (for Simple Assault), Laurie Goodwin (for Willful Concealment), Christopher Amato (for Receiving Stolen Property), Krystal

Roberge (for Willful Concealment), Shawna Wade (for Willful Concealment), Anthony Smith (for Possession of Drugs), Heather Lowrey (in connection with an outstanding warrant), and Joseph Callahan (for Criminal Trespassing).

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department responded to 117 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of Dec. 30-Jan. 6. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged, have been withheld.

Patrick G. Stitt, age 42, of Belmont was arrested on Dec. 30 for Criminal Threatening (Intimidation, etc.), False Imprisonment, and two counts of Simple Assault.

John Anthony Saureherber, age 40, of Bel-

mont was arrested on Dec. 30 for Simple Assault.

Joseph Charles Callahan, age 34, of Belmont was arrested on Dec. 31 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

An adult male from Belmont and an adult female identified as a transient were taken into protective custody for intoxication during a domestic disturbance call on Dec. 31.

An adult male from Belmont was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Jan. 1.

James R. McNeil, age 35, of Franklin was arrested on Jan. 1 for Pos-

session of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Thomas Michael McNeil, age 29, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 3 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Michael L. Johnson, age 31, of Whitefield was arrested on Jan. 5 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Salvatore Vespa, age 41, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 5 in connection with an outstanding warrant.

Kenneth David Malone, age 61, of Belmont was arrested on Jan. 6 in connection with an outstanding bench warrant.

MEREDITH — The Interlakes Summer Theatre will be delivering Singing Valentines on Feb. 13 and 14. The professional singers represent previous summer companies and will be available to visit sweethearts,

friends and families at their place of business, residence or restaurants.

There are a limited number of slots available, so be sure to call soon at 707-6035. Singing Valentine with Candy \$45. and Singing

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Investment Tips for "Millennials"

If you are a "millennial" — a member of the age cohort born anywhere from the early 1980s to the late 1990s — then you're still in the early chapters of your career, so it may be a stretch for you to envision the end of it. But since you do have so many years until you retire, you've got the luxury of putting time on your side as you save and plan for retirement.

Here are some suggestions for making the best use of that time:

- Invest early — and often. Even if you are at the very beginning of your career, make investing a priority. At first, you might only be able to contribute a small amount each month, but something is far better than nothing — and after a year or so, you might be surprised at how much you've actually put away.
- Take advantage of your employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, contribute as much as you can afford. At the least, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered. Your contributions can lower your taxable income, and your earnings can grow on

a tax-deferred basis. Invest more as your earnings increase. As your career advances, and your earnings rise, you'll want to increase your contributions to your 401(k) or similar plan. And if you ever "max out" on your annual 401(k) contributions (the limits change over time), you can probably still contribute to another tax-advantaged retirement plan, such as a traditional or Roth IRA.

Thus far, we've only discussed, in general terms, how much and how often you should invest. But it's obviously just as important to think about the type of investments you own. And at this stage of your life, you need an investment mix that provides you with ample opportunities for growth. Historically, stocks and stock-based vehicles provide greater growth potential than other investments, such as government securities, corporate bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs). Of course, stocks will rise and fall in price, sometimes dramatically. But with decades ahead of you, you do have time to overcome short-term losses. And you

may be able to reduce the effects of market volatility by spreading your dollars among many different stock-based investments, along with a reasonable percentage of bonds and other, more conservative securities.

Here's something else to consider: Many millennials want more from their investments than just good performance — they also want their money to make a difference in the world. This interest in "impact" investing (also known as "socially responsible" investing) has led some of your peers to screen out companies or industries they believe have a negative impact on society in favor of other businesses that are viewed as contributing to a more sustainable world. If this viewpoint resonates with you, then you may want to explore these types of investment opportunities with a financial professional.

But most importantly, keep on investing throughout your life. As a millennial, you've got plenty of the one asset that can never be replaced: time. Use it wisely.

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Roche Realty Group, Inc. reports sales in excess of \$159 million for 2016

Highest sales volume in company's 25 year history

MEREDITH — Frank Roche, President of Roche Realty Group, Inc. with offices in Meredith & Laconia, has reported a record year in sales volume for the 12 months ending Dec. 31. The firm produced a sales volume of \$159,399,304, involving 582 transaction sides, resulting in an increase of 26 percent over 2015's sales.

"This figure represents the highest sales achievement in our company's 25 year history," Roche indicated. "We surpassed our 2004 sales volume of \$131 million, which was the strongest year in New Hampshire's history for real estate sales. I attribute this record setting year to our dedicated Real Estate Professionals and our hardworking Administrative & Marketing Staff. Their commitment to superior service day in and day out certainly made things happen. The company averaged \$3.07 million in sales volume per week during 2016. The

average selling price amounted to \$273,882."

He continued "We invested a significant amount to improve our worldwide internet exposure. We have continually upgraded our Web site, www.rocherealty.com, our Internet optimization and our marketing presence on approximately 80 national and international websites. In 2017, we will launch a new and improved state of the art Web site, which we have been working on for two years. Through our worldwide connections with luxuryrealestate.com, luxuryhomes.com and other portals, we have increased our market reach immensely. Rocherealty.com is one of the most visited websites in the Lakes Region."

Since 1997, when statewide statistics started, Roche Realty Group, Inc has sold over \$1.8 billion of New Hampshire properties, involving 6,799 transaction sides and has ranked in the top 10 real estate firms in

the entire State of New Hampshire out of 2,285 firms statewide reporting sales during this 20 year period.

The company produced a strong showing in 2016 in waterfront sales on many of the lakes throughout the Lakes Region; likewise, the semi-retirement and second home markets also produced strong results fueled by a growing economy and low interest rates. Communities such as South Down Shores, Long Bay, Lake Houses at Christmas Island, Misty Harbor, Nature's View, Samoset, Lakewood, Patrician Shores and the other water access communities showing excellent activity.

Roche, a 40 year veteran of Lakes Region Real Estate, commented "I'm proud the company has continued to maintain a group of very knowledgeable and experienced Realtors®. We were also fortunate to have several younger associates join our firm who have had an exceptional year. I'm particularly proud that our firm has grown consistently on its own, unaffiliated with any national franchises. We always want to stay a local, family owned, independent firm. Today, we are one of the largest, volume wise, in the entire state of New Hampshire."



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Pictured above is Roche Realty Group, Inc Laconia Office located at 1921 Parade Rd.

Steele Hill Resort pledges \$20,000 toward Colonial Theater project

LACONIA — Recently, Steele Hill Resorts in Sanbornton pledged \$20,000 toward the Colonial Theater project. Support from local businesses like the resort group, in combination with incentives available through the NH community development investment program, are paving the way towards a successful restoration of the Laconia landmark.

Steele Hill stated, "We are very proud to support the Colonial Theater and look forward to it reopening in the future!"

"Our executive team remembers the days when the Colonial was a centerpiece in town and we hope our donation will help reestablish the theater as a new local amenity for our guests and a welcome addition to the region's cultural arts offerings," further stated Steele Hill.

In accepting the do-



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Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC Executive Director, Doug Cutillo, Vice President at Steele Hill Resorts, Rob Robillard, Vice President of Operations at Steele Hill Resorts, and Justin Cutillo, Vice President at Steele Hill Resorts.

nation, Justin Slattery, Executive Director of the Belknap EDC, stated, "We are honored to receive a donation from Steele Hill Resorts. They are a strong community partner in the Lakes Region and we appreciate

their support of the Colonial Theater project."

Any business or resident interested in learning more about the Colonial Theater capital campaign to contact us at 524-3057 or 609Main-Street.org.

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tions, the video, internet and phone provider with offices in Belmont and Rochester and Springvale, Maine has introduced new, faster speeds for its residential High Speed Turbo and High Speed Ultra customers.

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WRSD dough raiser success

All five schools join in a friendly competition to raise money for our PTO's

BY ROB SEAWARD

Principal
Winnisquam Regional Middle School

On Dec. 14 and 15, the Winnisquam Regional School District joined forces with Unos, one of our local community partners, to raise some dough for use by the various district PTO's and the high school's State Scholars group.

According to assistant manager Steve MacDow, "This is not only the most successful Dough Raiser ever for this store, it is one of the most successful Dough Raisers company wide."

In just two days, supporters of our school

community purchased \$5,513.79 in food and drink, netting \$1,102.76 to be split evenly amongst the four school groups for use in promoting student activities.

As part of the event, representatives from four of the schools showed up on the 15th for a pizza eating competition. The six competitors were each provided one deep dish cheese pizza and had only three minutes to see how much they could devour. Eric Keck, principal of Southwick school, completed the majority of his pizza leaving only some crust. His performance far exceeding his



The final seconds of competition. Moving clockwise from left: Eric Keck (SS and the Winner), Ben Morse (WRMS and parent), Bob Mingolla (Union and parent), Mike Bryant (WRMS and AP), Bella (Mike's Daughter helping dad out), John Cormier (SCS and Parent), Steve Chella (SS and Teacher).

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Spaulding Youth Center starts new year with big changes

NORTHFIELD — Spaulding Youth Center is proud to announce changes to its Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, as well as the launch of their new Web site at spauldingyouthcenter.org.

A member of the Spaulding Youth Center Board of Trustees since 2013, Ronald L. Magoon has joined the Spaulding Youth Center Foundation Board of Directors, and was elected as Treasurer for both the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees. He also continues to serve on the Finance and Strategy & Innovation committees. Mr. Magoon is the President & COO at Franklin Savings Bank.

As the retiring Treasurer for the Foundation Board of Directors, Patrick Clark will continue to serve on the Spaulding Youth Center Board of Trustees. Retiring as the Board of Trustees Treasurer, Walter Strauch will continue serving on the Board of Trustees.

Another big change for the organization is the launch of a new Web site. The new Web site offers a fresh face for Spaulding Youth Center and showcases a majority of the key communication projects accomplished during the intensive review and redesign of the market brand which began in early 2015. Not only did the Web site require a technology upgrade, but the updated content and

organization offers a significant increase in usability for site visitors.

"We have celebrated many successes on campus over the past year," shares James Clements, CEO & President of Spaulding Youth Center. "Retaining our dedicated board members and preserving their organizational knowledge to continue building upon our legacy is a key success to kick off 2017. We are also extremely excited to share the launch of our new Web site, which is the culmination of a two-year process to refresh our brand and communications strategies. These efforts have enabled Spaulding Youth Center to distinguish ourselves within our industry and support our mission to provide a childhood and a future for each and every one of our students."

About Spaulding Youth Center

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges including Autism Spectrum Disorder. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Spaulding Youth Center Foundation is a tax-exempt 501 (c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit www.spauldingyouthcenter.org.

competitors' best efforts resulting in bragging rights for Southwick and a free dinner at Unos for up to eight of his family and friends.

Since September, Unos has really come on strong as a community

supporter of the district and WRMS. In addition to the dough Raiser event for the district, Unos donated pizza to WRMS open house dinner, is donating the pizza for the monthly home-room of the month pizza

party, and is donating two free pizzas to the MS employee of the month (each month this year).

In an e-mail response to the Unos store manager, Principal Seaward stated, "Just think, a few short months ago we

barely knew each other and now we have several great experiences to build upon. It is with community support like yours that we will build the kind of community we all want for our kids."

Keene State College announces the Fall 2016 Dean's List

KEENE — Keene State College announces that 1,400 students have been named to the fall 2016 dean's list, including

the students in your area, listed below.

Dallis Austin of Northfield, Hannah Chapin of Tilton, Trevor Chapin of

Tilton, Nicholas Clegg of Tilton, and Olivia Decormier of Tilton.

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Faith Trammell named to Dean's List at Bob Jones University

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Faith Trammell, a Sophomore Graphic Design major of Sanborn-ton, was among approximately 900 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2016 Dean's List.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

Located in Greenville, S.C., Bob Jones University is a biblically faithful, Christian liberal arts university focused on educating the whole person to reflect and serve Christ. BJU offers a unique blend of rigorous academic programs, discipleship, and character and leadership development. We are committed to the truth of Scripture

Halie Haskins of Northfield named to Lasell College Dean's List for Fall 2016

NEWTON, Mass. — Lasell College in Newton, Mass. recently named Halie Haskins of Northfield to the Lasell College Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester.

Haskins, whose major is Event Management, is a member of the class of 2019 and was among 722 students honored in the Fall 2016 semester.

To achieve the Dean's List, each student must be full-time carrying 12 or more graded credits for the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

An innovative educational institution for more than 160 years, Lasell is an independent coeducational college emphasizing the integration of professional and liberal arts programs leading to bachelor's and master's degrees. The campus is situated on a 53-acre campus eight miles from downtown Boston.

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Pitman's welcomes the Bruce Marshall Group

LACONIA — Pitman's Freight Room at 94 New Salem St. in Laconia is pleased to announce the following events for this weekend:

Friday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m., \$20: The Bruce Marshall Group

The Bruce Marshall Group treats their fans to a soaring ride as they rip through a catalog of original material that truly sets this band apart. They love to mix it up, whether it's pulling off exciting jams that build with dynamics and layering, or playing the concise arrangements of their songs with discipline and taste. The sound defies categorization, slipping seamlessly around touches of Blues, R&B, Rock and Southern Boogie. The interplay between Bruce and



BRUCE MARSHALL

longtime guitarist Dave Cournoyer is the heart and soul of their performances. The songs are mostly upbeat, but even those dealing with love lost and missed opportunities, carry an underlying sense of hope and optimism. The band features original music by Bruce plus a high energy mix of Allman Brothers Southern Rock, Blues, Soul and Funk. Bruce

is a member of The Toy Caldwell Band (Marshall Tucker) and has performed with Dire Straits, BB King, James Montgomery, Kate Taylor, Susan Tedeschi and more.

Bruce Marshall, Lead Vocals, Electric & Acoustic Guitars; Dave Cournoyer, Guitarist/Vocalist; Pete Premo, Drums, and Steve Roberge, Tenor Sax

For reservations, call 527-0043, and we are a BYO Venue.

Saturday, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., \$20: Comedy featuring Dave Andrews and Abhishek Shah

Funny musician Dave Andrews draws on an interesting background to showcase his ample talents.

A classically trained vocalist with jazz guitar

chops and a love of the blues harmonica, his act is his own blend of humor, music and nostalgia. With his signature hat and guitar, comedian Dave Andrews hits the stage running with an arsenal of impressions and one-liners delivered with impeccable timing and ease. Audiences are constantly buckled over! He is also a repeat performer for Carnival Cruise Lines

and Caesar's Pocono Resorts. Andrews has entertained at well over 100 college campuses, and been the opening act for rock 'n rollers like Huey Lewis and the News, Aaron Neville, Gladys Knight, and KC and the Sunshine Band. With his signature hat and guitar, comedian Dave Andrews hits the stage running!

Joining Andrews is funnyman Abhishek

Shah, who performs stand-up comedy and storytelling all over Massachusetts. Originally from Mumbai, India, he has won several local stand-up competitions, as well as a Massmouth emerging talent in storytelling award. By day, he works as a biomedical engineer — though making people laugh, he claims, is his true passion. Audiences are constantly buckled over!

Comedy night at Pitman's offers fun alternative to football

LACONIA— If crowding around a television to watch a football game is not your idea of a thoroughly enjoyable evening, you won't be alone Saturday (Jan. 14) at 8 p.m. when the monthly comedy nights at Pitman's Freight Room returns with "The Dave Andrews Experience" starring Dave Andrews along with Abhishek Shah and Greg Boggis. Tickets are \$20, and Pitman's is a bring your own food and drinks venue.

The last time Andrews was at Pitman's, which was nearly two years ago, he received a standing ovation, with the promise, to those he spoke with as they left the room, that he would return. That return is scheduled for Saturday night.

Andrews is a New England favorite who has performed across the country and on cruise ships and according to at least one member of the comedy community Andrews created a unique memory of one past performance.

"We've seen many standing ovations and crowds don't want the shows to end," said Michael Smith of Laugh Riot Productions which schedules and promotes the comedy nights at Pitman's as well as comedy shows and fundraisers throughout New England. "But one particular night, about five years ago, the crowd wouldn't let



DAVE ANDREWS

him leave. We have been booking shows for 15 years, and Andrews is the only comedian I have seen called back to the stage by a crowd that wouldn't let him to leave and he did a fifteen minute encore. You think you've seen everything, but that was the first time I had seen something like that for a comedian at a regional event."

People who love both comedy and the Patriots will have to make a choice, but an initial response from Pitman's comedy fans has given indication there should be plenty of laughter from people who are choosing comedy not football.

"As soon as the NFL schedule was released Sunday (Jan. 1) night, management at Pitman's wanted to send a notice to those on our email list making sure people know the Patriots would be playing at the same time as the show," said Smith. "We didn't want people making plans and then finding themselves in a conflict. We received a lot of responses saying either they weren't football fans or they weren't Patriots fans and that they would be at the show. So

we think we will probably have a good house."

Brendan Florio, a Pitman's comedy fan is also a football fan...But not necessarily a Patriots fan.

"We are Giants fans," said Florio, whose team was playing Wild Card Weekend and if the Giants won they would be playing the Packers Sunday (Jan. 15) at 4:40 p.m. "We bleed Giants' blue... so 'Go Giants'... We will be there for the show."

Elizabeth Sweeney also indicated she plans to be at comedy night, saying, "As much as we all love football, there is no better evening than one filled with laughter. It is a healthier alternative. Definitely plan on attending with several other people."

Pitman's owner Dick Mitchell, is confident that as the room enters its fifth year of comedy, Pitman's has built a solid fan base.

"We think we will be all right," said Mitchell in his easy going manner. "People know they are going to see a great show. I don't know that we will sell out, but I have to believe there are enough comedy fans in the area to make it a fun night..."

Franklin Footlight Theatre to benefit the historic Franklin Opera House

FRANKLIN — Are you ready for some drop dead fun? Come join us for an evening at Dex's place Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

When the lights go out on Disco Fever, it's lights out for Dexter Doyle. A gun shot shatters the fun, the dance floor clears, and there's poor Dex, not dead on his feet but dead on the floor. The assorted and sordid characters that hang out at the bar, all claim innocence. So, who's spoiling the fun in this Chicago bar — the greedy bartender, a mysterious barfly,

or is it really you who's been doing the hustle? Your assignment tonight is to figure out whodunit!! There will be plenty of surprises and perhaps a few good clues. So sit back and see if you can help us discover the real killer!

Table seating on the main party floor is limited and includes appetizers, desserts and drinks provided courtesy of Ralph and Jo's Café and Tilt'n Bakery. Table seating: \$20 adults - \$18 seniors/students. Reserve a full table by

phone and save \$20! 934-1901

There is plenty of additional seating in the balcony: all seats \$12 — food and beverages for sale. Show tickets are available on line at <http://www.franklinoperahouse.org>.

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Left: Volunteer Coordinator Darcy Peary & Sandy Marshall, Director of Volunteer Services congratulate Nancy Paterno (middle) on receiving the President's Call to Service Award. Right: Sandy Marshall, Director of Volunteer Services and Darcy Peary, Volunteer Coordinator congratulates Richard 'Scrooge' Guerin on receiving the President's Call to Service Award at the annual LRGHealthcare Volunteer Recognition Brunch.

A delightful time at LRGH Volunteer Recognition Brunch

GILFORD — On Dec. 14, the volunteers of LRGHealthcare gathered at Pheasant Ridge Country Club for their annual Volunteer Recognition Brunch.

This is the best time of year to recognize all the efforts of the 170 volunteers, who provided 21,000 hours of service. In recognition of these outstanding achievements, LRGHealthcare is proud to recognize eligible volunteers with the

President's Volunteer Service Award program. This is a prestigious national honor offered in recognition of volunteer commitment. LRGHealthcare is extremely proud to join the President of the United States in recognizing the volunteers who consistently take the time to make a difference in the lives of others.

The President's Call to Service Award is issued by the President's

Council on Service and Civic Participation to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers make to our nation.

To be eligible to receive the President's Call to Service Award, individuals must have completed 4,000 or more volunteer service hours over the course of their lifetime. In was with great honor that we presented the President's Volunteer Service Award to Richard

'Scrooge' Guerin and Nancy Paterno.

A wonderful brunch was provided by Contigiani's Catering, thank you to Jim and all the staff at Contigiani's. And in the spirit of the holidays entertainment was provided by the Rockin Daddios – a big thank you for a wonderful performance.

We'd like to thank everyone that works to make this a successful event for the volunteers.

Thank you to all the volunteers at LRGHealthcare that make a difference every day!

Better Choices, Better Health: Tools for Living Well

TILTON — Would you like to increase your energy and better manage your health? If you or someone you live with has an ongoing health concern such as chronic pain, diabetes, or arthritis, and would like to learn how to better manage this health concern so that you can do the things you want to do, you can benefit from "Living Well."

Learn how to manage your symptoms with the "Living Well- Better Choices, Better Health" workshop presented by LRGHealthcare. A free six-week workshop will be offered on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon, beginning Jan. 18 at the Franklin Savings Bank Community Learning Center in Tilton. Those attending the workshops will apply skills for living a full, healthy life with a chronic condition, learn to set weekly goals and develop a practical step-by-step plan for improving health and qual-

ity of life. Weekly topics include healthy eating, physical activity, relieving stress, pain and fatigue management, and more!

Workshop leaders will guide participants through this proven program developed by the Stanford University School of Medicine. These sessions are ideal for anyone living with a chronic health condition or a caregiver of someone with a chronic health condition.

For more info. or to register for this upcoming workshops, call LRGHealthcare Education Services at 527-7120.

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

Rebecca Bryant named new President and CEO of LRCS

LACONIA — Rebecca (Becky) Bryant has been appointed the new President and CEO of Lakes Region Community Services by the LRCS Board of Directors, effective Jan. 1.

"We are all delighted that Becky has accepted this position. LRCS is currently in a strong financial position, largely due to Becky's efforts as our Director of Finance," said LRCS Board President R. Stuart Wallace, who led the selection committee. "We are confident that she is the right leader to guide LRCS through the challenges facing agencies in the human services field today, and she will do so to the benefit of the individuals and families we serve, and communities throughout the Lakes Region," commented



REBECCA BRYANT

Wallace." After a successful career in the business sector, Bryant served as the LRCS Director of Finance for almost 10 years. She was appointed interim CEO in October, following the departure of Christine Santaniello, who is now serving as Director of the New Hampshire Bureau of Developmental Services. A long-time resident of the Lakes Region, Becky and her family reside in Moultonborough.

"I look forward to continuing to serve Lakes Region Community Services and all of our stakeholders, especially the individuals and families we support who are at the core of our mission. When I joined LRCS ten years ago, it was a conscious decision on my part to find a mission driven career and way of life. This agency and community is in fact a way of life for me," said Bryant.

"We have many challenges and exciting opportunities ahead. As a leader of this organization, I feel fortunate to be surrounded by dedicated families, employees and board members who provide a wealth of crucial historical knowledge forming a roadmap for our journey forward. The LRCS tag line is 'Engage. Empower. Inspire.' My goal is ensure these powerful words guide my leadership style and are woven into our actions every

day," added Bryant.

Lakes Region Community Services is a non-profit, comprehensive family support agency with a primary focus of providing supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and/or acquired brain disorders and their families. A dynamic human services organization, LRCS offers other essential and critical services to individuals in the greater Lakes Region from birth throughout their lifespan. At the core of LRCS' work are inclusion, acceptance, and building strengths and partnerships – whether at the individual, family or community level.

LRCS has offices in Laconia and Plymouth which combine to serve families residing throughout Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. For more information, contact Joanne Piper Lang at 524-8811 or visit www.lrcs.org.

Genesis Behavioral Health signs agreement to purchase HealthLink building

LACONIA — Genesis Behavioral Health recently signed a purchase and sales agreement with LRGHealthcare to purchase the HealthLink building located at 577 Main St. in Laconia. With the purchase of the property, Genesis Behavioral Health

plans to combine the two campuses located at 111 Church St. and 771 North Main St., and two leased administrative office suites on Water and Beacon Street into a singular location in downtown Laconia.

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ing a facility that best meets the needs of our patients, staff and our community for many years," said Maggie Pritchard, Executive Director of Genesis Behavioral Health. "The prospective purchase of this property is an opportunity for Genesis to become more efficient, expand services in Belknap County and contribute to the economic

growth and vitality of downtown Laconia."

"The agency's ability to successfully provide diverse services that benefit the region is indicative of its strong community partnerships and illustrates the many ways in which the public benefits from access to mental health treatment. We look forward to having a facility in which patient care

and access to care will be enhanced and partnerships between community members, area business, foundations and other stakeholders will allow the organization to more effectively contribute to the health and well-being of our citizens."

Genesis Behavioral Health is working with Samyn-D'Elia Architects, P.A. of Ashland,

REI Service Corporation of Manchester and Conneiston Construction, Inc. of Laconia. The renovation of the facility will provide for a much more energy-efficient operation and create employment opportunities as our project management team is committed to using local vendors to assist the region in its economic development. It is anticipated that

Genesis will assume occupancy of the building a year from now, or sooner, if the project is completed ahead of schedule. In order to fund this multi-million dollar building renovation project, Genesis has planned for a strategic combination of financing to include: bond financing from the NHHEFA, CDFA tax credits, proceeds from

the sale or repurposing of the two existing facilities, related energy program financing, grants and a capital campaign.

Edward Engler, Mayor of the City of Laconia states, "We are so excited to bring additional employees and new customers to the downtown area and that a significant structure located in the heart of downtown Laconia will receive a major facelift. The city is committed to making our Main Street a vibrant center for commerce and this initiative will contribute significantly to that objective."

"LRGHealthcare has a strong history of partnership with Genesis Behavioral Health and we understand the need for community-based healthcare for those with mental illness. The sale of the HealthLink building to Genesis further solidifies our desire to find solutions that meet the growing demands for mental health services in our region," said Kevin Donovan, CEO, LRGHealthcare.

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.genesisbh.org. Find Genesis Behavioral Health on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for updates and information.

Nicole Derosia named to Elmira College Dean's List for Fall 2016 Term

ELMIRA, N.Y. — Nicole Derosia of Belmont has been named to the Elmira College Dean's List for the Fall 2016 Term. Full-time students who achieve a grade point average of 3.600 or higher at the end of any Term I or Term II are placed on the Dean's List at the college.

Elmira College is a private, coeducational, Phi Beta Kappa college founded in 1855, located in Elmira, N.Y. The College has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 1,200 full-time mostly-residential students, and is the guardian of Quarry Farms where Mark Twain summered for decades and where he wrote many of his most iconic novels and is today a research center for visiting Twain scholars. The College has been ranked as a Best College in the Northeast by the Princeton Review and a Top Tier national liberal arts college by U.S. News & World Report, which also ranked Elmira College as a leading college, nationally, for student internships. The Philadelphia Inquirer cited the Elmira College campus as 'picture postcard perfect.'

Laconia Adult Education Winter 2017 Enrichment Catalog

Course Title	Day(s)	Start date	Times	# weeks	Cost	Location	Instructor Name
Arts & Crafts							
{ Adult Coloring with Eye Shadow	Thurs	1/26/2017	6:00-8:00	4 weeks	\$45.00	LHS-514	Ellen Olson
Cake Decorating Basics & Beyond	Tues	3/7/2017	6:00-8:00	6 weeks	\$55.00	LHS-605	Jean Cadrette
Ink Tiles	Thurs	1/26/2017	6:00-8:00	1 week	\$25.00	LHS-509	Elizabeth Keefe
Knitting for Beginners (No online registration)	Tues	1/24/2017	6:00-8:00	5 weeks	*\$60.00*	Lamb's Ear Yarns	Susan Greene
Mosaics: A New Modern Technique	Thurs	2/2/2017	6:00-8:00	4 weeks	\$65.00	LHS-509	Elizabeth Keefe
{ Beginner Quilting	Tues	1/24/2017	6:30-8:30	3 weeks	*\$35.00*	LHS-901	Ardy Eaton
Water Color Painting Workshop	Mon	3/20/2017	6:00-8:30	6 weeks	*\$70.00*	LHS-514	Mary Lou John
Cooking							
{ Buttercream 101	Tues	3/21/2017	6:00-7:30	1 week	\$25.00	ctc-H220	Gretchen Preston
Chinese Cooking	Thurs	3/9/2017	6:00-8:30	5 weeks	*\$55.00*	ctc-H220	Yan Li
{ Just Desserts!	Tues	1/24/2017	6:00-8:00	6 weeks	*\$60.00*	ctc-H220	Gretchen Preston
Easy Cooking: Quick, Healthy & Delicious	Wed	1/25/2017	5:30-7:30	3 weeks	*Free*	ctc-H220	Elizabeth White RD,LD
Health & Wellness							
Abundance and the Law of Attraction!	Tues	1/24/2017	6:30-8:00	1 week	Free	LHS-203	Celeste Lovett
Acupuncture, Herbs, & Holistic Medicine	Tues	1/24/2017	7:00-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS-608	Brian Paterson, ND
Belly Dancing Fun & Exercise for Beginners	Mon	2/6/2017	6:15-7:30	10 weeks	\$65.00	LHS-Café	Andrea Aldrovandi
Holistic Roots to Healthy Living & Life Style Choices	Tues	1/31/2017	7:00-8:30	6 week	Free	LHS-608	Brian Paterson, ND
Life Coach- How to be the Best You in 2017	Wed	1/4/2017	6:00-7:30	5 weeks	\$99.00	LHS-615	Emily Clement
{ Life Empowerment 101	Wed	4/5/2017	6:00-8:00	3 weeks	Free	LHS-828	Phill Reed
Mah Jongg Made Easy and Fun	Wed	1/25/2017	7:00-9:00	5 weeks	\$50.00	LHS-514	Sharon Fleishman
Reiki Level I Certification	Mon/Wed	3/13,3/15/17	6:00-8:30	1 week	\$125.00	LHS-Library	Carol Wallace
Reiki Level II Certification	Mon/Wed	3/20,3/22/17	6:00-8:30	1 week	\$150.00	LHS-Library	Carol Wallace
T'ai Chi Chih for Beginners	Thurs	1/26/2017	5:15-6:30	8 weeks	\$65.00	ctc-H235	Nancy Frost
Tone and Strengthen Your Body : Do It Now	Mon	1/23/2017	6:00-7:00	4 weeks	\$40.00	LHS-916	Janine Page
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning	Tues	1/24/2017	5:00-6:15	8 weeks	*\$55.00*	ctc-H225	Bonnie Morin
Zumba	Tues	1/24/2017	6:15-7:15	8 weeks	\$55.00	LHS-Café	Alison Witham
Informational Classes/Seminars							
Affordable Healthcare: Understanding How it Works	Mon	1/9/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS-614	Donna Toomey
{ Business Strategy for the Mid-Size Corporation	Thurs	2/9/2017	6:00-7:30	7 weeks	\$220.00	LHS-615	Mel Ingalls
Estate, Wills, Trusts & Guardianship Planning	Tues	1/24/2017	7:00-9:00	1 week	Free	LHS-613	Catelyn McCurdy
{ Intro to Business Strategy	Mon	1/23/2017	6:00-7:30	1 week	Free	LHS-615	Mel Ingalls
Savvy Social Security & Medicare Planning	Wed	1/25/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS-613	Greg Cauffied
Smart Retirement Strategies	Wed	2/1/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS-613	Greg Cauffied
{ Strategy for Small Business	Mon	2/6/2017	6:00-7:30	6 weeks	\$55.00	LHS-615	Mel Ingalls
Wealth Planning 101	Wed	2/8/2017	6:30-8:30	1 week	Free	LHS-613	Greg Cauffied
Language							
French for Beginners (Conversation)	Mon	1/23/2017	7:00-8:15	10 weeks	*\$50.00*	LHS-202	Marta Burke
Portuguese for Beginners	Wed	2/1/2017	6:00-8:00	10 weeks	\$55.00	LHS-612	Alice Gomes
Spanish for Beginners	Mon	1/23/2017	6:00-7:00	10 weeks	*\$45.00*	LHS-203	Mark Frattarola
Spanish Intermediate Level I	Mon	1/23/2017	7:00-8:00	10 weeks	*\$45.00*	LHS-203	Mark Frattarola
Spanish Intermediate Level II	Mon	1/23/2017	8:00-9:00	10 weeks	*\$45.00*	LHS-203	Mark Frattarola
Learning a skill							
Dog Obedience: Beginning	Wed	3/22/2017	6:00-7:00	8 weeks	*\$55.00*	WHS	Carolyn Bancroft
Dog Obedience: Advanced	Wed	3/22/2017	7:00-8:00	8 weeks	*\$55.00*	WHS	Carolyn Bancroft
{ Fine Furniture Making, Level 1	Thurs	1/26/2017	6:00-9:00	8 weeks	*\$310.00*	LHS-517	Tom McLaughlin
Fly Tying	Mon	1/23/2017	6:30-8:30	9 weeks	*\$50.00*	LHS-509	Mike Cox
Genealogy: Problems Finding your Family Roots?	Wed	1/25/2017	6:30-8:30	4 weeks	\$30.00	LHS-203	Chuck North
Golf for Beginners: Learn How to Play	Tues	5/2/2017	5:30-6:30	5 weeks	\$99.00	Laconia Country Club	Ben Stone
Golf: Intermediate-Sharpen your game	Thurs	5/4/2017	5:30-6:30	5 weeks	\$99.00	Laconia Country Club	Ben Stone
Guitar for Beginners (Level 1)	Thurs	1/26/2017	8:00-9:00	6 weeks	\$50.00	LHS-607	Carlton Page
Guitar for Beginners (Level 2)	Wed	1/25/2017	8:00-9:00	8 weeks	\$60.00	LHS-607	Carlton Page
Welding Basics: ARC, GAS, MIG & TIG	Tues	1/31/2017	5:30-8:30	10 weeks	*\$225.00*	LHS- Welding Lab	Rick Hewitt
Welding Basics: ARC, GAS, MIG & TIG	Wed	2/1/2017	5:30-8:30	10 weeks	*\$225.00*	LHS- Welding Lab	Rick Hewitt
Welding: Advanced MIG, TIG, Stick, Fabrication	Thurs	2/2/2017	5:30-8:30	10 weeks	*\$225.00*	LHS- Welding Lab	Rick Hewitt
Woodworking	Tues	1/24/2017	6:00-8:30	10 weeks	*\$110.00*	LHS-517	Ed Fellona

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MetroCast has increased its top Internet speed in each of the last

five years, and has tripled it in the last three years. The 150 Mbps High Speed Ultra offering is almost 10x faster than the national average for downstream speeds.*

MetroCast also has been named one of the top U.S. internet service providers for Gaming according to a new PC Magazine report: MetroCast ranked as the #1 cable internet provider in the U.S. for gaming (#4 among all ISPs for gaming, and #3 in the Northeast), according to the report.

The ranking takes into account the quality of each ISP's signal, including low incidence of lag or delay, and consistency of connection, key requirements for a superior gaming experience. The results are based on data collected among PC Magazine users over an 11-month period, from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 2016.

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OFFICER

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during the swearing in ceremony.

Born in Bosnia, Opijac came to the United States at the age of 10, graduated from high school in Manchester and then went on to pursue a career in law enforcement in the southwest. His experience includes time working with a sheriff's department in Arizona. Tilton Police Chief Rob-

ert Cormier said Opijac has "patiently awaited" an opening with his department since last year when he decided he wanted to move back east to be near his family once again.

"He had glowing recommendations and brings a lot of unique experiences to our department. We're really excited to have him on board," said Cormier.

Pat Consentino, chair for Tilton's Board of Selectman, said Opijac had many favorable recommendations, did very well throughout the interview process and had top scores on his tests for the department's opening.

"He's going to be a huge asset for us and we're happy to have him as part of our community now," she said.

WRMS

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bring cheer and fun to our elementary schools in our annual MS Elf Trip. Eighth graders have to sign up and be selected to participate in this annual event as they become ambassadors of holiday cheer to the elementary schools in town. Both MS and elementary students look forward to this long standing event and is something that sticks with them through the years due to the positive and happy nature of the visit.

Eighth grade elves Faith Gosselin, Mack-

enzie Foster, Karissa Haskins and Nicole Reusch shared that, "Our favorite part of the trip was making the kids smile and seeing them so happy."

On Dec. 21, WRMS sixth grade students were treated to a performance of "A Christmas Carol" by two actors from the Hampstead Stage Company. The students had read a version of the story in their ELA classes and the play provided them with an opportunity to see the words brought to life by a couple very talented actors. The two actors performed most of the roles in the play but did

ask for audience participation and invited three students up onto the stage to take part.

Audience member, Mr. Andrew Perkins commented, "The kids really enjoyed the play. It's not often that you see students standing up to try to see what is happening during a performance, but they were so engaged and excited that they didn't want to miss anything."

Sixth grader, Gavin Farnsworth said, "It was really, really fun to be up on stage and it was cool to see how good the actual play was after reading the story in class."

On Dec. 23, we an-

nounced the results of our 2016 annual holiday can drive. Throughout November and early December, WRMS students gathered over 1200 canned and boxed items to contribute to the annual MIX 94.1 community drive led by Fred Caruso. MS students and staff were very excited to participate and this year had an added incentive as the winning homeroom would receive a pizza party from Fred and 94.1 and all participating homerooms would earn points towards a monthly/annual homeroom competition we are doing as a school. The winning

homeroom was Ms. Pat Blevens' with her 8th grade students bringing in around 300 items and Ms. Blevens matching them to bring their total to 600 items. As a school, we were excited to be able to give so much back to our local community and look forward to beating this number next year.

On Dec. 23, MS students celebrated the holiday with our annual Yankee Swap. The event occurs on the last day before break and is sponsored by our student council. Through various fundraisers, student council purchased 18 class sets of items and

then boxes them up. By homeroom, groups are pulled randomly from a hat, select a gift from the pile, decide if they want it or wish to swap it and... let the fun begin. The whole thing is set to upbeat holiday music, laughter, and fun, and everyone walks away with a little something to help jumpstart the holiday season. Of course, the event would not be complete without the annual pieing where "can drive" individual winners are provided the opportunity to select a staff member to pie. Very messy, but oh so much fun.

PADDLERS

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just showed up like I always do. It's too bad because this is such a great day for being out on the river."

Indeed, the day was spectacular for a winter sports enthusiast such as Wallace. Temperatures, he noted, were near 40 degrees, the river was flowing well and the sun was shining brightly, but despite his enthusiasm, downriver conditions were not so

favorable, he learned.

Wallace hoped to find someone willing to take a run with him to Franklin, but with no one else equipped for the venture, he opted to run the upper end of the river, foregoing the thrill of the rapids.

"I wouldn't do the rapids alone, but at least I know what to expect up there on the upper end this time of year," Wallace said.

Besides Wallace a few others did paddle the quieter waters leading to the dam in Tilton, but participants on that end of the river were even minimal this year.

First Day Franklin normally hosts a warm-

ing tent at Trestle Park, filled with warm food, hot beverages and information tables from local outdoor community organizations. This year however people were directed to take part in a variety of activities held

at not only the grand opening of the new Outdoor New England store at 367 Central St., but other established businesses in the city. There were also entertaining outdoor activities for at children held at

Marceau Park.

As for the kayaking, Snead and others were not totally dismayed that Mother Nature put a crimp in their day.

"That's okay. I'll be back again next year," he said.

TRAINING

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visibility is hindered. Whether it is signals relayed by tugs on the rope or certain calls shouted out, he reminded everyone to share what types of communication will be used in each specific incident.

With that in mind, the teams headed out onto the pond where they had cut a large hole in the ice. Those who jumped into the water then practiced methods for getting safely back onto the ice, using a kick and roll procedure. By propelling themselves up on to the edge of the ice and rolling to safety, they helped prevent the ice from breaking open even more.

Role-play then was used, where some firefighters played the victim and others practiced using their equipment to rescue them.

"I need you to try and stay nice and calm. We're going to get you out," one shouted as he and his partners used ropes and a rescue stick to pull the victims to safety.

Another device used is a rescue sling, which is placed over a person's head and one shoulder to

pull them to safety.

Joubert said his department gets many calls from people who want to know the conditions of the ice on local bodies of water but, since it varies not only day to day but from one location to another, that is not information they have available. Water depth, rocks formations, the influx of streams and many other factors come into play as far as ice formation. Frequent thaws and freezes will also produce layering of the ice, which can cause unsafe conditions.

One Franklin firefighter noted that a few winters ago Webster Lake froze over safely everywhere but in the middle, something even the longest residents could not recall seeing in the past.

"The bottom line is, you never know how the water will freeze," said TNFD Firefighter/EMT Zack Mellett. "The rule is, if you don't know, don't go."

For more on ice safety, please visit New Hampshire Fish and Game's Web site at www.wildlife.state.nh.us/outdoor-recreation/ice-safety.

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SPORTS



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Belmont's Nick Galambos scored points for the Raiders in the team's meet on Friday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Freshman Katie Gagnon moves around a gate during Belmont's alpine meet at Gunstock on Friday.

Gagnon siblings power Raiders at Gunstock

By JEFF LAJOIE
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GILFORD – For the first time this season, the local alpine ski teams took to the slopes of Gunstock Mountain on Friday to compete in a race that included some heavyweights from Division II and III.

The boys' race saw perennial power Kennett snag the top spot with 760 total points between the slalom and giant slalom races. Gilford

High School was next in second place with 712 points, while Belmont High School nabbed fourth place with 702 points.

In the girls' race, Kennett also captured the victory with a convincing total of 773 points. The Golden Eagles were fourth in that race with 680 points, while the Red Raiders were sixth on the strength of 588 points.

Sophomore Nolan Gagnon was Belmont's top finisher in both the



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Keagan Berry of Belmont races down the hill at Gunstock on Friday.

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GS and slalom, with his best showing coming in the slalom with a fifth place performance. Gagnon traversed the slalom with a two-run total of 1:11.51.

Nick Galambos was next in the event, crossing the line in 11th position overall with a time of 1:15.47. Jake Deware also scored in 15th place (1:18.34), with Kaleb Brown (20th, 1:22.77) and Adam Sojka (21st, 1:23.31) rounding out the roster.

In the GS, Gagnon raced to a 12th place finish (54.62), with Galam-

bos (14th) and Deware (17th) earning top 20 finishes. Sojka was 25th for Belmont, with Brown taking 28th overall.

The girls' race saw Belmont freshman Katie Gagnon showcase her talents with a pair of top six finishes. In the slalom, Gagnon was third overall with a time of 1:17.51, and she added a sixth place performance in the GS (55.73).

Abby Camire was Belmont's No. 2 scorer in the slalom (22th, 1:34.85), followed by Julie Valengavich in 42nd place (2:15.16).

While Gagnon led the way in the GS, Camire was again the No. 2 finisher for the Raiders in 29th position (1:06.27). Keagan Berry was 30th overall for Belmont (1:06.71), with Valengavich 46th overall in 1:19.29.

Gilford was second as a boys' team in the slalom, totaling 362 points at Gunstock. Junior Tyler Hanf led the way for the Eagles, posting an impressive runner-up finish with a two-run total of 1:08.87. Hanf's second place showing set the tone, though Gilford also received a top 10 finish from Christian Workman, who was eighth overall in 1:12.76.

Colton Workman also scored for Gilford in 12th position (1:16.90), followed by Daniel Ellis (26th, 1:26.02), Matt McDonough (30th, 1:29.81),

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with pre-registration; \$12 at the door
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Saturday, January 14; 2:30-4:00
\$10 (\$8 Members)/person with pre-registration; \$12 at the door
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Belmont-Gilford freshman Nate Shirley looks to send the puck out of his own end in the Bulldogs' 4-1 win over Sanborn on Jan. 4 at Merrill Fay Arena in Laconia.



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Junior defenseman Owen Ramsey keeps a Sanborn player away from the puck in the second period of B-G's 4-1 win on Jan. 4.

Finally back on ice, Bulldogs knock off Sanborn

By JEFF LAJOIE
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LACONIA – Six days off the ice was not an ideal situation for the Belmont-Gilford hockey team. Due to compression problems at Merrill Fay Arena, the Bulldogs were unable to practice for nearly a full week over the holiday break. The squad got just one day on ice before returning to action on Jan. 4, and B-G certainly showed a bit of rust in the first two periods against visiting Sanborn.

But when things mattered in the third period, the defending state runners-up stepped their game up to secure an important early season victory. The Bulldogs scored two goals in the first 47 seconds of the third frame to break a 1-1 tie en route to a 4-1 victory in NHIAA Division III action.

“It was terrible for keeping a rhythm,” said B-G head coach Dave Saball of his team’s inability to practice. “We’re trying to play a more puck control style this year where we need to possess it better. It’s hard to keep that flow when you’re off for almost a week.”

Saball reached out to multiple venues looking to practice while Fay Arena was out of service. The backup plan for the Sanborn game was to hold the tilt at Tilton School’s ice arena.



JEFF LAJOIE

Senior Ethan Becker eyes the puck during Belmont-Gilford’s 4-1 win over Sanborn.

na. “It was a long week trying to scramble and figure it all out,” Saball offered.

It was a slow start for B-G however, as the game was scoreless until Hunter Dupuis put the ‘Dogs on the board with just 33 seconds left in the opening period for a 1-0 lead. But the visiting Indians (0-3) did a nice job clogging up ice space on the night, slowing down the B-G offensive attack and forcing

the team to mostly take shots from deep.

The problems carried into the second period, as chances offensively from Chaz Hacking and Joey Blake were turned away by Sanborn goalkeeper Austin Conley.

The Indians struck for their lone goal of the contest late in the second, when Luc LeBlanc snuck a shot past B-G keeper Bailey Defosie with 2:30 remaining, tying the game 1-1 and sending the squads even

into the locker room for intermission.

“I was a little surprised with how we came out to start the game to be honest,” Saball said. “We were off for awhile but we had a decent practice (the day before) and we just didn’t have it early. I had to let them know (between periods) that they weren’t playing their game and they knew it.”

B-G woke up just in time however. Dupuis

notched his second of the game just nine seconds into the third period, and Harrison Parent followed with a goal some 38 seconds later. In the span of 47 seconds to open the third, the Bulldogs turned a tie game into a 3-1 advantage.

“I was very pleased to have them come out and respond the way they did,” Saball said of his team. “Just told them to relax and start playing their game.”

The dominant final

stanza was capped off by an empty net goal from senior Ethan Becker with 2:10 to play, extending the advantage to 4-1 en route to the win.

“I thought we were all over (Sanborn) the third period and that was a good way to close out the game,” Saball said.

B-G finished with a big 28-11 edge in shots on goal against the Indians, as Defosie made 10 saves to pick up his second win of the year.

Wolfpack fall to pair of top opponents

LACONIA – It was a difficult week of games for the Laconia/Winnisquam hockey team, which saw title contenders Somersworth and Berlin-Gorham come to Merrill Fay Arena for Division III contests.

The week came to

a close with a 10-3 loss to Berlin on Saturday, as Laconia/Winnisquam dropped to 0-3 on the young season. The Wolfpack also dropped a 12-0 decision to Somersworth-Coe-Brown earlier in the week.

L/W received goals

in the loss to Berlin-Gorham from Connor Johnson, Noah Wirth and Hanna Max, while Josh Shevlin, Nick Luther and Ryan Fields nabbed assists on the afternoon. Head coach Kent Finemore also lauded the contributions from Noah

Smith, Cole Champoux and Derek Derynioski.

The Wolfpack continue their 2016-17 campaign this week with games against Moultonborough/Inter-Lakes (Jan. 11) and Pembroke-Campbell (Jan. 14).

Winter flag football for 5-7 year olds

REGION – The Lakes Region Flag Football League is seeking interested 5-7 year olds for its winter league. Games will be every Saturday at the Tilton Sports Center beginning Jan. 21 and running until April 1. Games will be

played at either noon or 1 p.m.

They have limited space available for the 5-7 age division: register at lrffl.com for a four-team division with a maximum of eight players per team. (Player’s age as of Jan. 1).

The season will consist of a combine, one week of practice, then six weeks of regular season games followed by playoff games and a Super Bowl and consolation game.

The cost will be \$150 per player for a 12-week

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Lakes Region United taking spring soccer registrations

REGION — Lakes Region United Soccer Club (LRU) is currently registering players for the Spring 2017 season. LRU offers competitive soccer opportunities for boys and girls in the Lakes Region who

love the game and want to improve their skills. LRU is in its ninth season with more than 120 players from a variety of local towns, including Laconia, Gilford, Belmont, Gilmanton, Meredith, Alton, Moulton-

borough, Sanbornton, Canterbury and New Hampton.

Athletes 10 to 19 years old play travel soccer within the New Hampshire Soccer League, while athletes six to nine years old develop skills

locally in LRU's Early Development Program. The Early Development Program offers local practices and small-sided, intra-squad games that emphasize strong soccer fundamentals.

LRU is a non-profit

organization that keeps costs reasonable by relying on parents who were former soccer players to coach the teams, and by benefiting from the generosity of local towns, which provide field time for practices and games.

Registration for the Spring 2017 season will be \$100 (\$75 for the Early Development Program). Players interested in playing with LRU this spring must register on LRUsoccer.com by Jan. 15th.

ALPINE

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Adam Donnelly (37th, 1:35.32), Brendan Bergman (41st, 1:40.17), Steven MacDonald (43rd, 1:45.14) and Duncan Howlans (50th, 2:04.81).

Hanf was also Gilford's top finisher in the giant slalom, skiing to a sixth place performance with a time of 53.02 seconds. Christian Workman tied for that spot however, with both scoring sixth place points with identical times.

Colton Workman was again third for his team in 20th position (57.68), with Ellis (31st, 1:00.49) and McDonough (34th, 1:01.75) rounding out the top five Gilford GS finishers.

The Gilford girls' team was had its lone top 10 finish come in the slalom, when Bailey Hildreth crossed the line in eighth place overall with a time of 1:21.94.

Jenny Hancock was

next for the Eagles in 11th place (1:24.04), while scoring also came from Nicole Daigneault (30th, 1:47.21) and Hannah Lord (33rd, 1:54.53).

Hancock hopped into the top scoring spot in the GS, where she was 12th overall with a time of 58.01. Next came Hildreth in 15th position (59.45), with Daigneault (34th, 1:09.90) and Lord (39th, 1:10.92) rounding out the finishers.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

(Right) Nolan Gagnon was Belmont's top finisher in the boys' side at Gunstock.



KATHY SUTHERLAND

Holiday hoop champs

The Belmont High School boys' basketball team captured the 43rd annual Lakes Region Holiday Basketball Tournament championship at Gilford High School two weeks ago. The Red Raiders, coached by Jim Cilley, beat Winnisquam, Laconia and Kingswood (in triple overtime) to claim the title.

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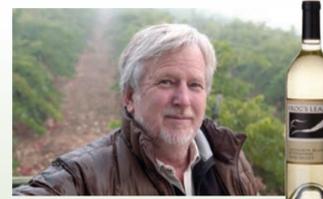
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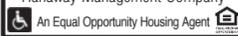
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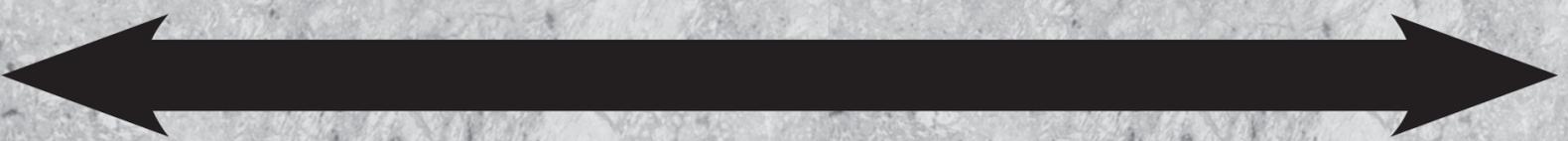
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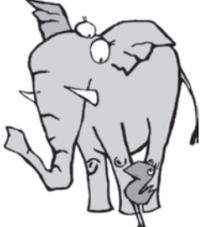
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INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

The filing period for vacancies for school district officer positions will begin January 25, 2017 and run through 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2017.

The following positions are open for filing:

School District Moderator..... 1 year term

School Board Member-at-Large 3 year term
(A member-at-large can be a resident of Meredith, Sandwich or Center Harbor)

School Board Member from Sandwich 3 year term

Filing papers are available at the Superintendent of School's Office at 103 Main Street, Suite 2, Meredith.

Submitted by:
Bea Lewis Wheeler
School District Clerk

**1 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT 59
Superintendent's Office**

Date: January 9, 2017
Winnisquam Echo
Attention: Advertising Department

Please publish the following public notice as a legal notice on Thursday, January 12 & Thursday, January 19, 2017.

Notice to Citizens of the Winnisquam Regional School District
Winnisquam Regional School District
Filing for School District Office

Patricia Risley, Clerk of the Winnisquam Regional School District, announces the time limits for filing declaration of candidacy for school district officers. In order for the name of the candidates to appear on the ballot, written declaration of candidacy must be filed with Mrs. Risley from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm January 25th - February 2nd, 2017 and 8:00 am - 5:00 pm February 3rd, 2017 at the Winnisquam Regional School District SAU Office, 433 West Main Street, Tilton.

The Winnisquam Regional School District Officers to be elected this year are as follows:
Moderator, one moderator, one-year term, ending 2018 (resident of any three towns). School Board Members: Tilton, one member, three-year term ending 2020, Northfield, one member, three-year term ending 2020 and Sanbornton, one member, three-year term ending 2020. Budget Committee Members: Tilton, one member, three-year term ending 2020, Northfield, one member, three-year term ending 2020 and Sanbornton, one member, three-year term ending 2020.

All members shall be elected at-large, and all members representing each of the three towns must be residents of that town. Any qualified voter in the school district is eligible to file. The elections will take place on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. Residents of each town will vote at the same time and place as the election for town offices. Although the voting will take place at the regular town elections, voting for school district officers will be by separate ballots.

Please call me at 286-7143 Ext. 2703 if you have any questions.
Sincerely,

Patricia Risley
603-286-7143 Ext. 2703
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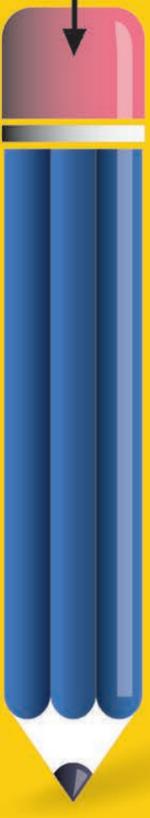
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Qualifications

- Strong background in all aspects of accounting and related reporting.
- Familiarity with independent schools and non-profit organizations.
- Experience with practices of non-profit administration including budgeting, financial planning, modeling and forecasting.
- Vision to improve office systems and operations.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.

Additional information: request a full job description by email at: school@wolfeboro.org
Application: Email resume, letter of interest and a listing of three references to: Head of School school@wolfeboro.org



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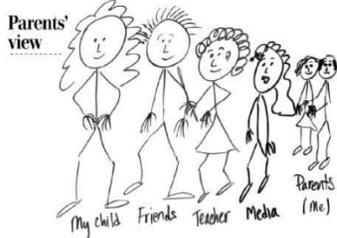
The most effective parenting techniques are among the most simple, including:

- Set clear rules about no underage drinking
- Know where your children are and whom they are with
- Know your children's friends
- Ensure your children's social environments are alcoholfree
- Have daily, positive communication and interaction with your children
- Eat dinner together



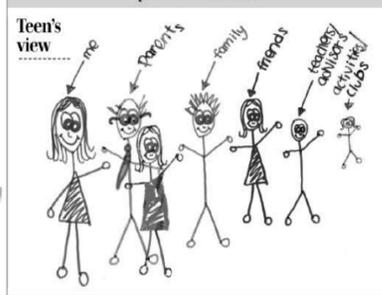
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Town of Moultonborough

Notice of Public Hearing Amend Policy #2, Recommended Minimums Private Roads

Thursday, January 19, 2017

The Moultonborough Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing to discuss, consider amending Policy #2 and to solicit public comment, on the Town's Recommended Minimums for Private Roads, specifically:

- #1. Width of Traveled Way to *Twenty (20)* feet, minimum;
- #5. Grade roads to eliminate crown over six (6) inches (*min. cross-slope of 2.5%*);
- #7. Provide and maintain adequate drainage swales and culverts where required....;
- #10. Roadway Materials:
Top Gravel: Minimum 6" Crushed Gravel (NHDOT 304.3)
Base Gravel: Minimum 12" Bank Run Gravel (NHDOT 304.2)

At 7:30 P.M.

Ernest Davis Meeting Room, Town Hall
6 Holland Street
Moultonborough, NH 03254

If you're unable to attend the hearing, submit comments or questions by the day of the hearing, to Walter Johnson, Town Administrator, 6 Holland Street, PO Box 139, Moultonborough, NH 03254, by email wjohnson@moultonboroughnh.gov, or fax 603-476-5835. The proposed amended policy is posted on the Town's web site (www.moultonboroughnh.gov, Town Resources, click on Ordinances & Policies).



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Qualifications required:

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Candidates must be NH DOE Certified as Special Education Administrator.

Interested candidates should send a letter of intent, current resume, certification status, 3 letters of reference by January 17, 2017 to:

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**Application must be submitted to the Town Office of Selectmen
NO LATER than 2:00 PM January 20, 2017.
Applications may be picked up at the Town Office of Dorchester or the Town website (<http://www.townofdorchester.net>)
Applications may also be emailed to Ana Tyrie, Town Administrative Assistant, at TownOfDorchester@Gmail.Com or you may call: (603) 786-5095
For application and/or job description**

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Danbury Elementary School

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- Title 1 Teacher
Approximate start date March 6, 2017 to the end of the school year.

Interested qualified candidates should send a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, job application, and letters of recommendation to:
Stacy Buckley – Superintendent
Newfound Area School District
20 North Main Street, Bristol, NH 03222

For more information and a copy of an application go to:



Job Opening for: Executive Director

Tin Mountain Conservation Center has a 35 year success record in promoting an appreciation for the natural environment among children, adults and families through hands-on programs in schools, camps and in the community in the Mount Washington Valley of New Hampshire. Tin Mountain also provides nature study programs, summer camps, field trips, avian research, forestry management, trout stream reclamation, intern training, environmental research and outdoor activities.

The Executive Director (ED) is the key management leader of Tin Mountain and is thus responsible for overseeing the administration, fund raising, technical programs and strategic plan of the organization. The ED reports to the Board of Trustees to fulfill the organization's mission. The ED oversees about 10 employees who are involved in outreach, fund raising, environmental programs, research and teaching.

The successful candidate must have the necessary education and experience to work with the staff and Board of Trustees to enhance Tin Mountain's success with donor foundations. The writing of grants, written and oral communications and the ability to manage the annual budget are critical requirements.

Professional qualifications:

- College degrees in an applicable science; Ph.D. preferable.
- Business/Management degrees, Ed.D., MBA may be acceptable.
- Eight or more years nonprofit senior management experience.
- Proven success in nonprofit fund raising and donor relations.
- Strong written and oral communication skills.
- Budget management skills; strong organizational abilities.
- Demonstrated ability to oversee and collaborate with staff.
- Ability to convey a vision of Tin Mountain's strategic future to staff, board, volunteers and donors.

The position is available in early 2017; additional job details available on request. Salary and benefits competitive and scaled to experience and proven success.

Please send a cover letter detailing qualifications and skills, your resume and a list of at least three references to:
Peter Klose, Chair-Search Committee,
Tin Mountain Conservation Center,
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