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GILFORD, N.H. - FREE

Local teen attains Eagle Scout rank

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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A Gilford High School student has joined the ranks of Eagle Scouts after a special ceremony this weekend.

On Saturday, Boy Scout Troop 243 held a Court of Honor at the Belknap County Sportsmen's Club for Owen Day to receive the rank of Eagle Scout.

Day has been a Boy Scout since 2011, starting with Troop 272 in Nashua before coming to troop 243 in Gilford. He is currently a junior at Gilford High School.

"Since day one, really, it's been a goal of mine to become an Eagle Scout," Day said.

Day's mentors from his current and former troop, along with members of his family, talked about his scouting journey and the hard work that put him where he is today.

Assistant Scoutmaster Kurt Webber of Troop 243 said he was not surprised to see Day achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

"From the very first day, I knew he would be Eagle," Webber said. "I don't know if I've ever seen a more disciplined and more driven scout."

Webber described



¹ New Eagle Scout Owen Day presents a pin to his mom April Day.

Flamingo fundraiser underway at Gilmanton School

(Left) The Gilmanton School PTA is back at it again with it's flocking flamingos! Our annual event started last week, and there have been sightings in Gilmanton, both in the classroom and in the community! Last year, our generous community flocked almost 70 homes in Gilmanton. This FUNdraiser helps supplement **Gilmanton School students'** curriculum and enrich their educational experiences. The funds raised by the PTA help fund programs such as our artist in residence and our classroom naturalist. They also help fund field trips and so many other things! These activities are extremely important to our children's educational enrichment. If you are interested in putting some pink birds on your students, family or friend's home (in Gilmanton only), please send us an e-mail at gilmantonschoolpta@gmail.com and our flocking technicians will get the job done! Have they migrated into your yard or classroom yet?

Day as an excellent leader.

"He was always willing to step up and take the lead," Webber said.

Though Day was nervous about whether he would pass his Review Board, Webber said "There wss no doubt in my mind he was going to smoke the board of review."

Bob Trabucchi, scoutmaster for Troop 272 in Nashua, remembered when Owen joined the troop and became one of its nucleus members.

"Owen has been, and will continue to be, a good friend and broth-SEE **DAY** PAGE A11

Concerns from checklist supervisors prompt selectmen to re-examine compensation policy

BY ERIN PLUMMER

eplummer@salmonpress.com The board of selectmen will work with the Supervisors of the Checklist after the supervisors raised concerns about a recent change in their compensation.

Mary Villaume, Chair of the Supervisors of the Checklist, spoke to the selectmen during Wednesday's meeting about the compensation concerns. cause they wanted to pay them for the time they would be at the polls. He said the supervisors are working alongside ballot clerks, who are receiving hourly pay to be there.

The change was factored as part of the budget process, but Villaume said they were unaware of this proposal. Villaume said she learned about the change after receiving a copy of an email, which she shared with the other supervisors. The supervisors wrote a letter to the board explaining their concerns, which contained a listing of all the duties performed by the Supervisors of the Checklist. Villaume said one of Dunn's comments was that the supervisors do not work 24 hours on an election. Villaume said the work done by the bal-SEE SUPERVISORS PAGE A11



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The supervisors receive a \$600 a year stipend. Town Administrator Scott Dunn said under the previous budget they also received an extra \$200 stipend for work during elections every year.

Under the new system the supervisors will receive the \$600 stipend, but will also receive \$8.75 per every hour they work on elections. Dunn said the change was made be-

Town will not put speed tables on Governor's Island

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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The town will not grant a request by a group of Governor's Island residents to install more speed tables on the island. The board of selectmen refused the request by a consensus agreement during its meeting last Wednesday.

Residents have requested that the town install a series of speed tables to address ongoing concerns about speeding. One speed table has already been installed on the island.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn said he met with representatives from the island in March. In a letter dated March 16, the island's representatives said they would be willing to pay \$1,500 for each speed table.

Public Works Director Peter Nourse said each speed table costs roughly \$5,000, including \$300 for striping. With the offer made by the residents, the town would cover \$3,500.

Board Chair Chan Eddy said even with the help from the residents, he would not be in favor of this proposal.

"While I understand their reasoning behind it, I also have a feeling it's going to set a bad precedent on this route," Eddy said.

Eddy said if the board were to grant this request, he was worried that others would begin asking for it as well.

Selectman Gus Benavides asked Nourse where he would put other speed tables on the island, or whether they would not be needed. Nourse said he thought they would not be needed on the island. If he was SEE **SPEED TABLES** PAGE A11

Easter weekend kicks off with annual Flashlight Egg Hunt

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Children and their families came prepared with their headlamps, flashlights, buckets, and baskets to find some treats and prizes during the Flashlight Egg Hunt.

Kindergarteners through fourth graders gathered at Gilford Elementary School's upper field on Friday night for the annual egg hunt put on by the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department.

Children and their families went out by grade to collect a certain number of eggs after dark, guided by flashlights and headlamps. Each egg contained a treat, while some eggs had tickets for bigger prizes.

Parks and Recreation Director Herb Greene said he thought the event went really



Alissa O'Brien looks over her collection of eggs with her mom Kristin O'Brien.

well and the weather cooperated. He said they were a little concerned with outdoor conditions, especially whether or not the field would be too wet.

"It turned out to be a beautiful night, and the field wasn't too wet," Greene said. Kids hunted for 4,000 eggs scattered around the field by Parks and Rec staff along with some volunteers from Gilford High School.

The hunt saw around 115 participants. Greene said there was a good mix of kids from all the different grades. A number of area businesses donated prizes, including Funspot, Art Escape, Walmart, Gilford Cinema 8, Piche's, Lee's Candy Kitchen, Gilford Youth Center, Laconia Pet Center, and Meredith Village Savings Bank.

SEE EGG HUNT PAGE A11

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

ery With Bob Manley,

mit Woods will be here

to share Hermit Woods

Wineries history, how

the three founders

turned a love of wine

and a hobby into a

successful business in

just six years. Bob will

also talk about their

wines, how they are

made and what sets

them apart from other

Wednesday, April 26

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Bob Manley of Her-

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Notes from the Gilford Public Library

BY MARK THOMAS

Library Correspondent

You can find high quality food and drink New Hampshire in if you try. There are farmer's markets, restaurants that are proud of where their ingredients come from, and no end of microbrews to be had. Some are right around the corner

Hermit Woods Winery is one of the places where you can find top quality drinks in the Lakes Region. It's in downtown Meredith by Frog Rock Tavern and the new creperie 48 Main Cafe & Creperie. Bob Manley, Ken Hardcastle, and Chuck Lawrence are the founders, and they can be found there making wines, giving tours, and offering tastings. They focus on fruit wines, ciders, and

makes Hermit Woods Winery really stand out, besides the taste, is their devotion to locally sourcing their ingredients as much as possible. When they are not making or enjoying their drinks, they are looking for local ingredients to feature.

I was there doing a tasting, and I loved the sap mead they offered. It had a tanginess that I really enjoyed. As I went to pick up a bottle, Ken Hardcastle, the winery's resident scientist, smiled as he explained that the sugar maple sap came from local trees, some on his own property. The hops in the hop mead came from people he knows personally. They were thinking of growing ingredients right in front the winery itself. These fresh, local ingredients make the

mead. The thing that wines, and the winery, site too: http://herunique.

> As Ken Hardcastle explains, "Our wines and ciders are local (as much as possible), vegan (except the honey wines), gluten free, raw, and made from non-certified but mostly organic fruit. We always use whole fruit, never use heat, and always use gentle hand processing. Our wines, meads, and ciders are made with minimal to no chemical adjustments or additions and are styled after the classic dry European grape wines."

> Hermit woods winery didn't get its name from nothing. The story of Joseph Plummer, the hermit in the woods, is told simply at the winery Web site: http:// hermitwoods.com/ about/hermit/. It's a short, charming story-well worth the read.

Regardless of whether you venture to Meredith or their Web site, you should definitely consider meeting Bob Manley when he visits the library on Tuesday, April 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. He will explain the fruit wine and mead making process, the steps they take to source their ingredients, and the various flavors they are able to evoke. Bob's bio can be found on their Web

mitwoods.com/about/ partners/bob-manley/. It's always a pleasure to learn from someone who is passionate about their craft, so I'm looking forward to Bob's visit!

Classes & Special Events April 20 to April 26

Thursday, April 20 Brown Bag Book Discussion, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

This month's book is 'Dead Wake' by Erik Larson, described as "... page-turning history, breathing with life." This discussion will be led by Kayleigh Mahan.

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

Magic the Gathering Club, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Conversational

French, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Evening Book Discussion, 6-7 p.m. See 'Brown Bag Book

Discussion' above.

Friday, April 21 Social Bridge, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department responded to 220 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of April 10-16. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into protective custody but not formally charged,

Knit Wits, 1:30–2:30 p.m. Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Poetry Collages, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

It's National Poetry Month, and we're celebrating with poetry collages. Call or stop by to sign up! Ages K - 4.

> Monday, April 24 Mahjong, 12:30-3 p.m. Lego Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25th Fiber Friends, 10am-12:30pm

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

Vacation Movie, 2-4 p.m. Join us for a movie over vacation! We'll watch SING. Popcorn will be provided. Grades K - 4.

Beginner Cheese-Making, 5-6 p.m. Learn how to easily

make your own mozzarella and ricotta cheese from home! Learn this new skill from a demo, then sample delicious homemade cheeses. Sign-up is required. Cost is \$5. Max is 12.

Nightly Knitting, 6-8 p.m. Hermit Woods Win-

have been withheld.

Mark T. Robinson,

age 66, of Gilford was

arrested on April 13

in connection with an

outstanding bench war-

age 40, of Laconia was

arrested on April 14 for

Driving After Revoca-

David B. McLelland,

tion or Suspension and Driving Without Giving Proof.

Chad C. Perry, age 21, of Woburn, Mass. was arrested on April 14 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Robin Johnson, age 53, of Gilford was arrested on April 15 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

A 58-year-old male from Manchester was taken into protective custody for intoxication on April 15. Vincent A. Sopinsky, age 27, of Gilford was arrested on April 16 for Possession of Controlled/Narcotic Drugs.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

- 1. "The Black Book" by James Patterson
- 2. "Two From the Heart" by James Patterson
- 3. "Vicious Circle" by C. J. Box
- 4. "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diance Ackerman
- 5. "If Not For You" by Debbie Macomber
- 6. "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult
- 7. "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah
- 8. "Hillbilly Elegy" by J. D. Vance
- 9. "The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See
- 10. "Mississippi Blood" by Greg Iles

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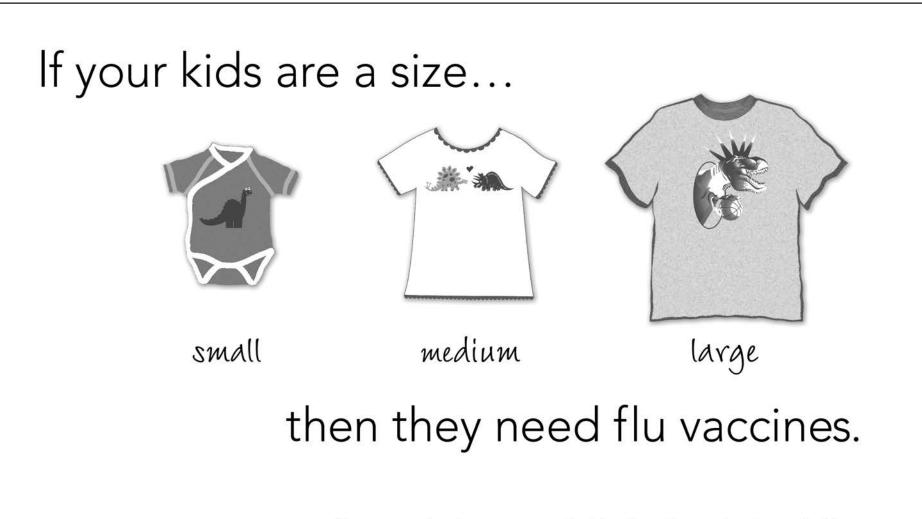
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For more information, visit http://www.cdc.gov/flu



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease ontrol and Preventio

Giant silk moth specialist Lucy Golden to speak to Opechee Garden Club

shire." Her program will

include an overview of

the four local/native spe-

cies of giant silk moths,

the new challenges fac-

ing them, how she and

her family raise them,

and finally, how she uses

the hatched cocoons to

While Golden has al-

make beautiful jewelry.

ways had an avid inter-

est in nature, especially

in insects, she narrowed

her focus, about nine

years ago, when she and

her family noticed that

there weren't nearly as

many giant silk moth

cocoons on their trees as

there used to be. Upon

researching the prob-

lem, Golden learned that

it was the parasitic tachi-

nid fly, a non-native, that

was devastating the pop-

ulation of these beautiful

and rare creatures. She

looked for ways to help

the moths, and developed

her own protocol for rais-

ing and protecting them.

presentations to garden

clubs, and other inter-

ested groups, about the

process of raising these

huge and magnificent

moths, and gives extra

cocoons and caterpillars

Golden now makes

GILFORD — Opechee Garden Club is pleased to announce that on Monday, May 1 at 1 p.m. at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter League of New Hamp-Hill Rd. in Gilford, guest speaker, Lucy Golden, giant silk moth specialist, and juried member of the

shire Craftsmen, will present a power point program titled, "Giant Silk Moths of New Hamp-

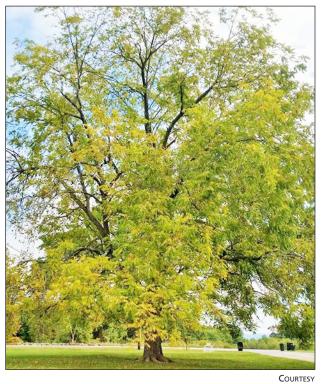
Come tour the big, magnificent trees of Prescott Farm Saturday, April 22!

LACONIA — Prescott Farm is home to huge old trees, including a black walnut tree which is officially the largest one in Belknap County! Tree tours highlighting this black walnut tree, and others equally magnificent, will begin Saturday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to noon. All ages are welcome on this tour.

The trees featured during this tour are quite magnificent to behold, and can also teach us a great deal — just imagine what they have "seen" over the course of their lives! During this one hour program, you will learn a lot about trees (of course!), but also fascinating fun facts about ecology, history and how the land has changed over the years.

Our black walnut tree, featured during this tour, was added to the NH Big Tree list last year. It measures seven feet, seven inches (91 inches) in circumference, meaning it is about 130 years old (planted in about 1886). The largest recorded black walnut tree in New Hampshire is almost twice the size at 14 feet, 10 inches (178 inches) in circumference and is located in Hopkinton.

The NH Big Tree list is organized by UNH Cooperative Extension and recognizes and records the state's biggest "champion" trees. From the "William Whipple" horse chestnut in Portsmouth to a black spruce bog in the North Country, dedicated volunteers search the state for the largest examples of individual trees species that grow in New Hampshire. New Hampshire's State and County Listing of Big Trees can be viewed online their website at https://extension.unh. edu/Trees/NH-Big-Tree-Program. If you are unable to make it to the tour on Saturday, April 22, other tours are being offered Saturdays, June 24, Aug. 12, and Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon. These tree tours are sponsored by Belknap Landscaping Company. Belknap Landscape Company is a family owned full service landscape company located in Gilford, New Hampshire offering design and build, lighting, tree work and irrigation services for commercial and residential properties. BLC is powered by LandOpt, members of the Nation-



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al Association of Landscape Professional, NH Lakes Association, Snow and Ice Management Association, the NH Home Builders Association and accredited by the Tree Care Industry Association.

Prescott Farm is a nonprofit organization dedicated to environmental education and preservation. We provide year-round environmental education programs for all ages and a place in the Lakes Region community that encourages curiosity, discovery, fun and connection to the natural world.

GILFORD PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

BY HERB GREENE Director

Gilford Parks and Recreation

Tickets available for Red Sox bus trip

on July 19 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a bus trip to watch the Red Sox at Fenway Park this summer. The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th to see the Red Sox play the Toronto Blue Jays. Travel to and from the game will be provided aboard a Coach Company, Luxury Coach fully equipped with climate control, DVD video system and Lavatory. This trip is limited to 53 participants, so register

\$280 for a four-pack For more information, please call the Gilford Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$75 per person or

Bolduc Park golf programs

Department at 527-4722.

The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is offering a variety of golf programs at Bolduc Park through the spring for children and adults. Youth and Adult Lessons are available at Bolduc Park in two, three-class sessions during the evenings this May and June. The session dates for youth lessons for ages six and up are; May 9, 16 & 23 and June 6, 13 & 20. The

to schools, in the hope that the experience and information "spreads appreciation and awareness of both these incredible moths and the greater natural world."

Since Golden and her family raise so many of the four types of giant silk moths, they end up with a lot of hatched cocoons. After learning of the Native American and African tribal customs of using the hatched cocoons to make sacred rattles, Golden was inspired to do the same. but added one more step, that of copper electroform to create jewelry. Golden, who had a longtime interest in jewelry, attended jewelry making classes at the Rhode Island School of Design while she was earning a B.A. at Brown University. She worked in the fashion jewelry industry in Manhattan, New York, before moving to Franconia, New Hampshire. She is a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, and has exhibited at their Sunapee Fair for 20 years. Her jewelry can

be found at the League of New Hampshire stores, as well as other locations nationally.

Hospitality Chairs, Gail Dyer and Elaine Gagnon, and their Committee, Lorraine Buccholz, Janice Combe, Linda Hudziec, Mary Lou LeBreton, Evelyn Millar, Florence Merrill, Judy Riley, Rebecca Ronstadt, Marnie Schulz, Iris Whitehorn, and Ann Woglom will provide refreshments and table décor. Members and their guests are encouraged to arrive early, 12:30 - 1 p.m., to socialize before the Business Meeting begins at 1 p.m.

Opechee Garden Club meets on the first Monday of most months, at 1 p.m., at the Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford. New Members are always welcome. For more information: opecheegardenclub2012@gmail. com.

Opechee Garden Club is a member of the Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., the New England Region, and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

early! session dates for adults

- \$60

June 8, 15 & 22. Classes run from 5:30-7:00 p.m. each evening. Cost: Youth Lessons

Adult Lessons - \$70

are; May 11, 18 & 25 and

All programs have limited availability and registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

one-week LEGO robotics camps the week of June 26 - June 30. The camps will take place at the Gilford Middle School from 9a.m.-3p.m. The "Build it BIG: Superstructures, Motorized LEGO Cars & Stop Motion Animation" is open to children ages five and a half to nine years of age and the "Build it BIG: EV3 Robotics, Minecraft & Stop Animation" is open to

The cost of these tours is \$7.50 (\$6 Members of Prescott Farm)/person with pre-registration and \$10.00 at the door. You can pre-register for these tours at www. prescottfarm.org. If you would like more information regarding sponsorship opportunities at Prescott Farm please contact Jude Hamel, Executive Director at jhamel@prescottfarm. org/603-366-5695.

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Pet of the Week: **Sprinkles**

NORTH COUNTRY NOTEBOOK Drought, fire risk and ravens, and on to Northern Pass woes



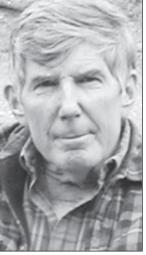
Sprinkles is as sweet as the confection she is named after.

She was rescued off the streets of Belmont while we were all coping with the winter that just wouldn't leave.

This lovely little cat was starving and emaciated, bedraggled, barely alive. Later we diagnosed Sprinkles with feline diabetes. In the short term we are treating her condition with a specially formulated diet. She's doing so much better already.

We'd like to place her in a foster home, a less stressful option for this adorable long haired tabby girl, giving us time to regulate her system.

Could you offer your heart and home for perhaps the most affectionate, gentle cat we have who surely deserves a second chance? She will repay your kindness with affection and purrs a plenty!



By John Harrigan Columnist

At the end of last week, the newspapers, radio and TV were full of warnings about the continuing drought and forest fire danger.

"Forest fire" can mean anything from a grass fire to a brush fire to a full-fledged event involving actual trees. New Hampshire has had precious few of the latter in recent decades, thanks to better fire suppression and communications.

The news media did deign to mention that the drought and fire danger alert involved all of New Hampshire except the North Country, without explaining just where the North Country actually is.

In such cases, we defer to former Governor and White House aid Sherman Adams, who defined the North Country as those lands to the north of the great notches.

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Snow-melt reveals, on many people's lawns, the sure evidence of moles, in the form of networks of pushed-up dirt tunnels.



A Canada jay, on the outstretched hand of ATV trail coordinator Harry Brown, just after taking a tidbit in balmier times near the summit of 3,490-foot Dixville Peak.



Mole tunnels revealed by melting snow can reveal some crazy-quilt patterns, but one assumes that the mole knew where it was going.

all winter, while you and I were still thinking about the potential for more snow and diminishing piles of firewood.

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Among guests at my bird feeders toward the end of March were a couple of Canada jays. I'm always happy to see these big, puffy birds, associated with high-country regions here and boreal forests on up to the sub-Arctic.

If offered a piece of meat or other treat from the fingers, which they will often take, they haul it off to the nearest tree to stand on a branch and hold it with their feet so they can tear it apart, all the while keeping an eye out for the next possibility. around one day last week, I heard a familiar "gurgle-squawk," and scanned the sky for ravens, and sure enough, there they were, four of them squawking and gurgling their way southward to other high-country places.

I love to see and watch these big, scruffy birds, a bit larger than a crow but with a distinctly different language. They are among the few creatures on earth that know how to play, a skyward treat to see.

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Several years ago, while speaking briefly to an anti-Northern Pass crowd, I said that right of way clearance was the sleeping giant in the entire scenario. Northern Pass would often involve use of the entire right-of-way width, not just the strip down the middle that utilities have previously used.

In many cases this clearing would come right up to people's back yards. And, predictably, people from Plymouth to Deerfield are up in arms, to which we can only say "Welcome aboard."

(An anti-Northern Pass event, "Hands Around the State House," is set for Sunday, April 23. Beginning at noon. Details can be found on Protect the Granite State's Facebook page.)

(This column runs in papers covering two-

Thoughts from the Thrift Shop

News from the Gilmanton Community Church Thrift Shop and Food Pantry

each.

Did You know? Gilmanton has a Thrift Shop. It is located at 1817 Route 140, next to the Harvest Bible/Gilmanton Community Church in Gilmanton Iron Works.

The Thrift Shop is Food Pantry.

open Wednesday 3 - 6p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every month different items are offered for sale. During the month of April, pants and capri's are on sale at \$1 Donations of gently used clothing are accepted during open hours.

The shop features

a nice selection of in-

fants, children's, men's

and ladies clothing.

Please plan a trip to the

Gilmanton Thrift shop.

All proceeds go to the

Looking forward to seeing you soon. Parking is available in the Church parking lot.



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These sometimes look like entire villages, with intersections and sidestreets. These little guys were busy down there

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While moving vehicles and equipment

"Mr.," I said, "I sub-

"Fifty years?" he re-

As I turned, I said,

He wasn't being un-

And I surely under-

"Precisely!" and walked

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stand where he was

coming from. Unless one

takes the time to read

and give thought to Je-

sus Christ, His world

view, His philosophy of

life, and the message He

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honest.

Now, more than seven years after the battle began, adjacent residents and homeowners with views are realizing that 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.)

Strategies for Living

BY LARRY SCOTT

In an effort to start a new church, I was canvassing door to door in my neighborhood inviting anyone who would talk to me to visit us and at least see what we were all about.

A well-dressed gentleman answered the door and it was evident he was about to leave for work. When I stated why I was there, he said, "To be honest, Mr. Scott, I don't need God. I have a lovely home, a good job, a fine family. What do I need God for?"

Somewhat taken aback, I thought a moment and then responded.

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Our fax number is 279 3331. E-mail us at steamer@salmonpress.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you! any degree of certainty. The easy way out, of course, is to give God no thought at all. To be free of all constraints, able to do what we want, when we want, we are proud to say without apology, "I did it my way!" But that doesn't alter the truth; ignoring reality changes nothing.

And, secondly, belief in God and submission to His authority is too confining to many. To discover there is a God, and to surrender to His will really cramps our style! The convenient way out, again, is simply to ignore Him.

Atheist Philosopher Thomas Nagel, in his book, The Last Word (as quoted by Timothy Keller in Preaching, p. 82), is honest enough to admit, "It isn't that I don't believe in God and naturally, hope that I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! I don't want there to be a God; I don't want the universe to be like that."

And that, I believe, is the real issue here.

Whatever our world view, whatever our religious convictions, whatever our life-style, it is so tempting to opt out for a belief system that leaves us free to do our own thing. Grant the point. Surrendering our freedom, even to God, is not to be taken lightly.

The kicker here, however, is that not a one of us is truly free. Writing in Out of the Saltshaker, Rebecca Pippert notes, "Whatever controls us is our god – even if we hate it. ... We do not control ourselves. We are controlled by the lord of our life. ... Jesus always preserves our freedom. ... [He] will not control us in the wrong way. ... Jesus will accept our faith, but he will never accept our controls. ... He knows he is the only one in the universe who can control us without destroying us (pages 52, 53, 54). Genuine freedom, obviously within limits, is still an option for all.

You want to talk about it? I would be honored, so hit me up at rlarryscott@gmail.com

THE WINNIPESAUKEE TALKIE Sales up, supply down, Quarter 1 prices rise



BY RANDY HILMAN

First quarter regional home sales rose more than 4 percent yearover-year to 715 closed transactions but declined 37 percent from the previous quarter, during which 1,139 single-family homes and condominiums traded hands, according to the New England Real Estate Network Multiple Listing Service.

Meanwhile, the quarterly year-overprice in Belknap, Carroll and Grafton counties also rose 4 percent to \$189,000, an indication of rising home values in the area.

Transacted dollar volume for the quarter increased 9.3 percent to \$182.2 million, compared to the first three months of 2016, another indication that home prices are exceeding the rate of sales, experts say.

"The start of the year ushered in a wave of good news about a hot stock market, higher wages and an active home sales environment," the New Hamp-**REALTORS**® shire wrote in its winter housing report. "At the same time, housing prices have continued to rise, and the low in-

year median home ventory situation and affordability crunch has been particularly hard on first-time buyers struggling to get into the market."

> "Nevertheless, buyer activity is easily outpacing seller activity ... culminating in relatively quick sales and low supply."

In New Hampshire, as in many other regions across the nation, unemployment has reached pre-recession levels and Americans are optimistic about finding quality jobs, which matters in housing markets because job and wage growth fuel home purchases, NHR reported, adding, however, that employment and wage growth may not kick start the housing market today, if rising home prices and mortgage interest rates outpace income growth, as is the current trend.

The fact is "sellers are getting a generous number of offers in this market" but these sellers may find there will be fewer homes from which to choose when they become buyers, wrote NHR.

New listings statewide were down 20.5 percent for single-family homes and 21.0 percent

for condo properties, NHR reported. In the three counties covered in this housing report, first quarter new listings fell 24 percent year-over-year to 1,139 units against 715 closings, according to NEREN.

Statistically, homes sold faster compared to the first quarter of 2016 with median days on market declining to 85 days, down 23 percent from the 110-day first-quarter median a year ago.

In yet another indication of a market favoring home sellers, closed transactions, as a percent of new listings, rose 4.5 percent from January through March to 60 percent of newly listed properties, compared to 43.7 percent of newly listed properties in the same period three-month period last year, NEREN figures show.

In Belknap County, first quarter single-family and condo sales declined 1.7 percent year-over-year to 227 transactions, but the pace of sales quickened significantly with the median days on market declining 21 percent to just 80 days, NEREN figures show. In the same period, the median price of a Belknap County home rose 7.5 percent to \$192,500.

Carroll County homes sold statistically faster than a year ago but sales declined 3 percent for the quarter to 215 closed transactions, compared to 221 quarterly sales a year earlier, NEREN figures show. Median days on market dropped 13 percent to 110 days. The median price of a Carroll County home declined to \$191,500, down 2 percent from \$195,000 posted for the first quarter of 2016.

Home sales in Grafton County increased nearly 17 percent to 273 closed transactions, while the pace of sales dropped 18.5 percent to just 92 days on market. The median home price rose to \$172,500, up nearly 5 percent yearover-year, NEREN figures show.

Are you thinking of selling your home? Recent statistics show that our regional housing market is short on inventory and needs quality homes. This may be a good time to get top dollar for your home and pay real estate commissions as low as 1.5 percent. Ask me how. Meanwhile, thank you for reading The Winnipesaukee Talkie.

The Winnipesaukee Talkie is a real estate feature column produced by Randy Hilman, an award-winning former business journalist for The Tennessean, a Gannett daily newspaper located in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Hilman today is an associate broker at Keller Williams Lakes & Mountains Realty, Wolfeboro. He can be reached at 610-8963 or by email at rhilman@ randyhilmanhomes. com.

MARK ON THE MARKETS Spring volatility!



BY MARK PATTERSON

'Sell in May and go away' has been a mantra that has been heard every spring in regard to the stock market. The term was actually born in London's financial district. The full saying is "Sell in May and go away; come back on St. Léger's day." The St. Leger Stakes is the oldest of England's five horse racing classics and is the last to be run, typically mid-September. According to the Stock Trader's Almanac, since 1950 the Dow Jones Industrial average has had an average return of 0.3 percent from May -October vs. 7.5 percent during the November-April time frame. The only "danger" month is September that has had a negative return of minus 0.06 percent says the STA.



should weigh the tax ramifications of selling and buying.

The data also suggest that a buy and hold strategy works, however a buy and reallocate strategy works better. Statistically the difference of 8% versus 11% over a period of years will have a dramatic difference in the value of your investments, and possibly the amount of your retirement income.

April, historically has been a very good month in the markets are companies or funds and can be a very good time to make adjustments towards liquidity or to hedge your portfolio with ETF's like VXX which is a short term volatility control fund. As the S+P 500 becomes more volatile, the price of VXX goes up. Due to the extreme lack of volatility that we have had, this could be the "un-

dervalued" addition to your investment mix. We are also eight years into a bull market with no real corrections. We are due.

A proper mix of low and non-correlated asset classes using "modern portfolio theory" can increase your returns while lowering the standard deviation or risk in the portfolio.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETF's) are a very efficient and cost effective means of executing this type of re-allocation strategy. Some ETF's can be traded with no commission and very low fee's, just do your homework or work with a professional to implement this strategy.

Data from Standard

in Tobacco, oil, utilities or food.

So my take away on this data; that it makes a lot of sense to reposition your equities or exchange traded funds in the spring to reflect defensive and healthcare related stocks or ETF's especially in qualified or tax deferred accounts, those taxable accounts

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Obituaries

Rose (Granny) Bryar,

Born in Wyoming,

91, died peacefully in her

Ulysses and Elizabeth

Oehler. She was raised

on a farm, along with

her five siblings. She

On Feb. 22, 1966, in a

Rose married the love

of her life, Keith Bryar.

"Third time is a charm"

became a reality for

them. Together, with

Rose's young daugh-

ter, they traveled cross

country in a borrowed

International truck and

settled in Keith's home

state of New Hampshire.

Over the next 25 years,

they devoted their lives

to the expansion and op-

eration of Bryar Motor-

sport Park, the original

race track in Loudon.

and small.

sleep on April 15, 2017.

Dorothy Nazlian Bancroft, 83

LACONIA — Dorothy Nazlian Bancroft, 83, passed peacefully after a long illness on April 4, 2017.

She was the daughter of the late Hogopand Grace (Westhaver) Nazlian, born in Hartford, Conn. She grew up in Manchester, Conn., and raised her five children in South Windsor, Conn. before moving to Gilford in 1972.

She was employed by the State of New Hampshire in their dietary department in Concord until her retirement December 1995.

Dorothy loved all things nature - flowers, trees and especially whales. She had a wonderful sense of humor that entertained all around her and was devoted to her family.

She is survived by her five children (Linda

LACONIA — Jean (Proctor) Ginn died April 12, 2017 at her home in the Taylor Community at the age of 90.

Born in Keene, she was the daughter of John and Mary Ann Proctor, formerly of the Weirs. Jean managed Proctor's Motel & Cottages on the Weirs Boulevard with her family for 52 years before retiring to the Taylor Community where she was very active and served on the board of directors. For many years, Jean spent Aprils in Ormond Beach, Fla.

Jean was predeceased in 1987 by her husband of 40 years, Arthur Ginn. She is survived by her



and her husband Mickey Bunk of Windsor, Conn., John Bancroft, Jr. of Glencliff, Judy Gessford and her husband, David Desmarais of Simsbury, Conn., Stephen Bancroft of Laconia, and Lisa and her husband John

Nally of Ashland); her grandchildren, Christopher, Nicole, John III, Molly, David, Jacob, Jennifer, Sarah and Kyle; her great grandchildren, William, Alice, Camden and Aiden. She also leaves behind her siblings, Isabelle Taylor, Hazel Howard,

John Nazlian and Donald Nazlian.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Marjorie, Rosalie, Chipman, Ralph, Mildred and Grace; and by her son-in-law, Michael Gessford.

A service to celebrate her life was held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

In lieu of flowers, it was Dorothy's wish for you to take someone out to lunch and share how much you care for them.

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

Jean Ginn, 90

son, Alan Ginn, and his wife Maria of Swanzey; her daughter, Cynthia Biondi, and her husband Robert Forsyth, Jr. of Greenwich, Conn.; six grandchildren (Dr. Marissa Clements and her husband Dr. Ryan Clements, Andrea Ginn, Michael Biondi, Jr., James Biondi, William Biondi, and Cameron Biondi); and two great granddaughters, Emilia Clements and Isla Clements.

There will be no calling hours.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association, Donation Processing Center, PO Box 7000, Albert Lea, MN 56007-8001.

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Rose Bryar, 91

she was the daughter of loved all animals, large small Alaskan Village,

Baja. In addition to her par-

ents, Rose was preceded in death by her brothers, Bob and Ray, and her sister Phyllis.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Huffer of Nampa, Idaho and Jim Huffer and his wife Linda of Meridian, Idaho; her daughter, Danae Bryar of Gilford; her grandchildren, Christy Nolting of Spokane, Wash., Fred Huffer of Detroit, Mich., Robert Huffer of Laconia, Andrea Lubiens of Nampa, Idaho, Brittany Colbath of Douglas, Mass. and Rachael Colbath of Gilford; a godchild, Sheri Yets of Muskego, Wisc.;

10 great grandchildren; and too many nieces and nephews to count!

Granny loved the Lord Jesus, her family, fast cars, sled dogs, mini Milky Way Midnights, Hot Chocolate, and fresh flowers. She was an extraordinary woman with a passion for adventure and a big heart. Some would say she was a force to be reckoned with! Her memory will live deeply in our hearts and memory.

A private grave side service will be held at the family lot in Union Cemetery in Laconia.

For those who wish, memorial contributions can be made to the charitv of one's choice.

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

Sheila Jean Page, 54

BELMONT — Sheila Jean Page, 54, of Northbrook Road, passed away in her home on Saturday, April 8, 2017 after a long illness.

She was born on March 2, 1963 in Concord, the daughter of Merton E. Twombly and Nancy (Neilsen) Richardson. Sheila worked for many years as a Billing Specialist. She loved all animals, big and small, and would frequently care for strays. Sheila loved the beach and the ocean and enjoyed writing poetry. She enjoyed yardsaling and antiquing. Above all, she loved her children.

She is survived by her mother, Nancy Rich-



and Joshua C. Page, both of Gilmanton; one brother, Brian Richardson of Laconia; and one sister. Theresa Swett of Williston, Vt.

In addition to her father, she was predeceased by her son, Benjamin Page, in 2015 and her step-father, Dr. Fred Richardson, in 2014.

There will be no calling hours.

A memorial service

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Whipple Avenue entrance. Burial will be private.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO BOX 572, Laconia, NH 03247 or to Got Lunch! - Laconia, 18 Veterans Square, Laconia. NH 03246.

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

GILMANTON Willis E. Hyslop Sr.,



Willis E. Hyslop, Sr., 70

also leaves grandchildren Nicholas and Rachel ardson of Gilford: two Langlitz, Aidan and Jack Hyslop, and Brooke, Aria, and Kieran Furlong.

found her gambling in Vegas and fishing in

For Granny, summers were spent managing the office and "flipping burgers", while winters

passed peacefully at his home on the hill in Gilmanton on Wednesday. April 12, 2017.

He was born in Gilmanton Iron Works on Sept. 21, 1946 to Rachel and Donald Hyslop. He joined the Army National Guard in the late 60s and proudly served his country for two tours of duty in Vietnam when his 2nd Battalion 197th Field Artillery Unit was activated. He was a machinist by trade.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, Rachel Anna (Straw) and Donald Willis Hyslop.

He is survived by his children, Willis Hyslop, Jr. and wife Holly, Rebecca Langlitz and husband Bruce, Donna Furlong and husband Kevin. He

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sons, Tyler C. Twombly will be held at 9 a.m. on beane.com.

Trudy Mae Powers, 68

MEREDITH — Trudy May Powers, age 68, of Bristol passed away Thursday evening, April 13 at The Retreat at Golden View in Meredith, surrounded by her family.

A longtime resident of New Hampton, born Aug. 31, 1948, to Donald Merton Mudgett and Thelma Marion Brown, she taught English to thousands of kids in the region over a 38-year career in the Inter-Lakes School District in Mere-

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dith. She loved teaching (even the eighth graders), family trips to the ocean, reading while watching her birds, gardening, doting on her grandchildren and driving her car with the top down - even in winter.

Beloved wife of Joel Powers of New Hampton for 45 years, she will be missed by her children, Whitney Stinson of Meredith and JP Powers of Charlestown, Mass., and her loving grandchildren, Ainsley May Stinson and Isla Mackenzie Stinson. She leaves behind her favorite sister,

Cindy Keenan of Gilford, and big brother, Lt. Colonel Donald Merton Mudgett, Jr. of Indianapolis. The family wishes to thank all of Trudy's caregivers who made it possible for her to see her grandchildren become such a big part of her life.

Visiting hours were held Tuesday, April 18, 5-8 p.m. at Church Landing in Meredith; funeral services were on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the New Hampton Community Church on Main Street, where she and Joel were married in 1972.

Remembrance gifts may be made to the Gordon-Nash Library in New Hampton where she served for many years, or to the Inter-Lakes scholarship fund.

Dupuis Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. For more information, go to Dupuisfuneralhome.com.

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LRGHealthcare announces new Vice President of Provider Services

LACONIA — LRG-Healthcare President and CEO, Kevin W. Donovan is pleased to announce Rebecca Woods as the organization's new Vice President of Provider Services.

Woods is currently Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Porter Medical Center in Middlebury, Vt., where she oversees the Patient Access Center, Provider Scheduling, Information Technology, Compliance, Health Information Management (HIM), Plant Operations and Master Facility Planning. She will officially begin her new role at LRGHealthcare on May 15.

As Vice President of Provider Services. Woods will be responsible for developing, promoting and monitoring a culture of efficiency and patient centered care within all employed and affiliated professional practices of LRGHealthcare. She will also build upon relationships with provider leadership, physicians, associate providers and office managers



ics, and certification in Project Management. Her work experience prior to Porter Medical Center includes traveling throughout the U.S, Canada and Puerto Rico installing Electronic Health Records for Meditech, as well as the role of senior consultant for Dell Systems.

"We are lucky to have Rebecca joining LRGHealthcare's senior leadership team," states Donovan. "Her broad range of skills and experience are a great match for us given our plans and goals for the future, and we look forward to having her on board."

Woods specializes in applying her expertise and project management knowledge to the healthcare industry where she is able to identify areas of low productivity and work with all teams involved to create process improvement plans.

Woods and her family currently reside in Vermont, but she and her husband are New Hampshire natives, and they plan to move back to the local area along with their two children.

"We are excited to come back to New Hampshire to be closer to our families, raise our daughters and give back to the place we still call "home," Woods shares. "In my current role, I have worked closely with providers on multiple levels and look forward to meeting the providers of LRGHealthcare and seeing how we can work together to help the organization move forward."

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to successfully design,

Rebecca Woods

implement and monitor practice operations to deliver high quality care and patient satisfaction.

Woods currently holds a B.S. in Communications, a Master's in Healthcare Administration and InformatLACONIA — Dora Margaret Stevens, 83, of 765 Union Ave., died Tuesday, April 11, 2017 in her home.

She was born on May 23, 1933 in Laconia, the daughter of the late Henry and Salanee (Provencal) Gagnon. Dora volunteered often for St. Vincent de Paul in Laconia. She was a communicant of St. Andre Bessette Parish - Sacred Heart Church, where she sang in the choir in younger years. Dora enjoyed collecting porcelain dolls and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by four sons (Alan R. Dame, Sr. of Lakeport, Robert A. Dame of Loudon, Brian H. Stevens of Goffstown and Arthur H. Stevens of Laconia); three daughters (Shirley Champagne of Laconia, , Rita Dame of Tilton and Gayle May-

Dora Margaret Stevens, 83



nard of Schenectady, nieces and nephews

brothers, Leo Gagnon, Lionel Gagnon and Adrian Gagnon; and three sisters, Eva Stendor, MaryAnne Van-Dine and Margaret Gagnon.

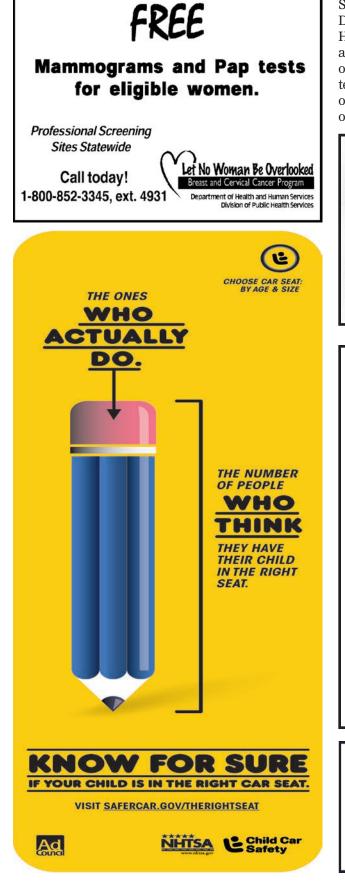
There will be no calling hours.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2107 in the family plot at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Garfield Street, Laconia.

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

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N.Y.); one brother, Arthur Gagnon of Laconia; two sisters, Rita Pevine of Franklin and Leone Daigneau of Laconia; several grandchildren great grandchildren,

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In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Jarvis Stevens, in 1972; one son, Glen Dame; one daughter, Shelby "Gloria" Dame; three



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Bank of New Hampshire Brings HOMEteam to Laconia

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to support the Laconia Area Community Land Trust with a donation in the amount of \$25,000 which provides a community room for the organization and residents to use.

"We are so grateful to Bank of New Hampshire for enabling us to provide a base of operations for HOMEteam in the Lakes Region," stated Carmen Lorentz, Executive Director for Laconia Area Community Land Trust. "Our partnership with HOM-Eteam is instrumental in helping our tenants and any resident of the Lakes Region pursue the dream of homeownership."

The Bank of New Hampshire Community Room at River's Edge serves as primarily classroom and meeting space for HOMEteam, a critical partner of the Laconia Area Community Land Trust. HOMEteam provides New Hampshire residents with the information and tools they need to make good financial decisions related to purchasing, renting, and maintaining a home. Through a series of workshops, one-onone counseling, and other resources, HOMEteam helps home buyers navigate the mortgage process, renters save for home ownership, and home owners protect their investment in their



mortgages obtained; and a 29-point average increase on clients' credit scores.

The Community Room is also used as meeting space by the Land Trust's Resident Services Coordinator and partner organizations who provide services to the tenants of the Land Trust's 341 units of high-quality affordable housing. In addition, the room is available SEE **HOMETEAM** PAGE A12

Left to right: Caitlin McCurdy, LACLT Board of Directors; Carmen Lorentz, LACLT Executive Director; Karen Wilson, VP - Community Reinvestment Act Officer for Bank of New Hampshire.

home. In 2016, HOMEteam educated 330 households in group seminars and provided 426 households with one-on-one counseling, which resulted in 83 home purchases: 48 homes saved from foreclosure; 45 reverse

Winners of Penny Pitou Travel Show grand prize claim their five-star all-inclusive vacation!

LACONIA — It was no April Fool's as Penny Pitou Travel set up for their sixth annual travel show. Bringing all the moving pieces together for the travel show is a tremendous amount of work, and there is no re-scheduling this event, as vendors fly in from all parts of the country to bring their products and knowledge to the Lakes Region. This is the only travel show in the area, and Penny Pitou Travel is happy to have the opportunity to expose everyone to different thoughts and ideas for their next adventure, their next cruise, or guided tours. It is truly a day just dedicated to

Storm or no storm, the



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Pictured, left to right: Penny Pitou, President; Raymond Berthiaume and Kathy Berthiaume, winners; and Kim Terrio, **Executive Vice President, Penny Pitou Travel.**

to bring a high quality travel show to the Lakes Region. Of more than 35 vendors planning to attend, there were only a couple that could not make the drive from southern New England.

The Grand Prize winners, Kathy and Roland Berthiaume, were glad

maica! Their prize was five nights at the all-inclusive, five-star Melia Braco Village on Jamaica, round-trip transportation from Lakes Region Airport Shuttle to Manchester Airport, two round-trip tickets to Jamaica, as well as transfers to the Melia.

Penny Pitou Travel will once again bring their show to the Lakes Region in March of 2018, and another grand prize will be offered to a lucky

Local Coldwell Banker agent ranks among world's best

LACONIA — Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Manager/ Broker Mary Williams recently announced that Judy McShane has again been recognized as a member of the International President's Elite for 2016, awarded to the top 2 percent of approximately 87,000 Coldwell Banker associates worldwide.

McShane's sales volume was more than \$14 million, with 62 closed transactions in 2016.



Judy McShane

She has represented sellers and buyers in the Lakes Region for more than 28 years,

working with her clients in a partnership to meet their housing goals. Her past clients extend their appreciation to her by entrusting her with referrals from family and friends. She remains grateful for their loyalty over the years.

Jim McShane, Judy's husband, is also licensed in New Hampshire and they often work as a team along with her assistant, Pat Ribeiro.



value of planting gardens and trees. As an investor, you, too, need to look for ways to plant "seeds" of opportunity so that you can eventually harvest the results. Specifically, look for those investments that, like trees, can grow and prosper over years and decades. Of course, growthoriented investments carry investment risk, including the possible loss of principal. Yet, to achieve your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement, you will need some growth potential in your portfolio. You can reduce the level of risk by owning a mix of investments - including less aggressive vehicles, such as bonds - in your

Each year, Earth Day goes. But its messages have had a profound impact on generations of people interested in preserving our environment. And translating some of these lessons to the investment arena can have a powerful effect on your financial

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Culture

Female production team to bring "Mary Poppins" to local stage

MEREDITH — Much has been said in the last few years about helping women and girls into positions of leadership. This important work begins at the local level and in all aspects of our lives. The Streetcar Company Community Theatre has been staging wonderful, high quality productions in central New Hampshire for more than four decades. In recent years, many of the production teams have been headed largely by women. This year is no different.

During the last weekend in April, the company will be staging the Tony winning musical "Mary Poppins" at Inter-lakes Community Auditorium in Meredith. The title character, of course, is a super strong lady who is "practically perfect in every way." She is portrayed in the local production by veteran performer Kelli Powers of Gilford. Powers comes to St. Car with experience and training earned locally under Faith Rupert at Gilford High School and vocal coach Karen Jordan of Laconia. Kelli has appeared with the company in several other shows, including tackling the very wellknown role of Fantine in "Les Miserables." Her

passion for music and dance has been a big asset to the production and to her fellow cast mates. Powers has even taken on the extra duty of choreographing a couple numbers in the show.

Helping Powers with the many dances in the show are veteran female dance teachers and choreographers Joan Frates of Frates Dance and Erin Lovett Sherman of Artsfest, both in Laconia. These two ladies have been leaders in arts education for many years and have influenced the lives of kids and adults alike. Both dancers have worked with the company on numerous shows and continue to help both young women and men learn the art of not only dancing but also group dynamics and management, communication, cooperation, time management and collaboration. Numbers created and staged by Frates and Lovett Sherman include the tap show stopper "Step in Time," as well as audience favorites, "Let's Go Fly a Kite" and "A Spoonful of Sugar."

The production features the talents of many other local women as well. Leading the production teams is local AEMT and acupuncturist Raelyn Cottrell of Gil-



During the last weekend in April, an all female production team will help the Streetcar Company stage the Tony winning musical "Mary Poppins" at Inter-lakes Community Auditorium in Meredith.

manton. Cottrell leads a team of about 20 technicians, designers and artists. It is her task to make sure all the jobs are done in regard to making the production possible. Coordinating lighting, sound, set building, publicity and costumes teams as well as things like program and ticket production. The team work, communication and patience required to merge all of these teams is mammoth. "Mary Poppins" is Cottrell's third outing as producer and she notes that "working with so many passionate people to produce a top-notch production that meets everyone's exacting standards is a challenge."

is being created and set by Lindsay Sullivan of Gilford. Sullivan has recently returned to St. Car from a stint working at Universal Studios as a technician on one of their major theme park attractions. Sullivan brings a wealth of knowledge about lighting design and how to set a scene and evoke audience emotion through the use of lighting effects. She is working with a large team that includes several local teenagers and hopes to share her love of lighting with the next generation of theatre or movie professionals. She is very excited about the special effect lighting that "Mary Poppins" requires, including a night sky with thousands of stars and special rain effects. The company has purchased some new equipment to help her make these effects possible.

COURTESY

There are other ladies with leading roles in the endeavor as well. The costume team is being headed up by Hillary Ayers of Gilmanton. This is Ayers' first outing as lead costumer and she has marveled at the amount of coordination and planning that goes into the process. From getting performers' sizes to finding costumes in the correct time period as well as making sure the color palette goes with the lighting design! Her team includes Becky Guyer, Becky Fredette, Orianna Filiaut, Erin Zarella and Justine Campione. House manager Jenn Schillinger is leading up the crew of ushers, and publicist Lynn Dadian has spent hours writing articles and doing interviews.

Heading up this crew of talented ladies, is director J Alward of Gilford. Like Powers, she learned her craft under Lots more information Faith Rupert at Gilford High School, and then went on to study theatre for a time at PSU with the

dream of working behind the scenes on Broadway. Now, living and working in New Hampshire, she keeps her skills up by directing for St. Car and other local groups. Alward has staged more than 40 productions big and small. Some of her favorites include "Jekyll and Hyde," "Beauty and the Beast," "Agnes of God," "Les Mis" and "A Few Good Men."

Alward notes that community theatre is a huge part of her life.

"I met my husband there, and both my sons were raised by our St. Car family," she says. "They have other mothers, aunties and uncles, brothers and sisters from there. I love this group, and they help us in countless ways. I couldn't do this job without them. We have a lot of fun working on these big projects but we work hard too and sometimes tempers and patience gets short. They are very understanding and supportive! In the long run we all know that we are working toward a common goal and do our best to put up the best show possible."

The women who lead so many areas in St. Car are a huge part of why the company has been around for so many years. The group welcomes new faces both on and off stage and loves to work with people who have never tried theatre before. To join them, visit their Web site at Streetcarcompany.org. Tickets for "Mary Poppins" are available there or at Greenlaw's music in downtown Laconia.

The lighting design

Florida Georgia Line "Cruise" back to Gilford Sept. 1 and 2!

GILFORD — Florida Georgia Line returns to Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion for a two-night blowout, September 1st and 2nd! Tickets go on sale Friday, April 21 at 10 a.m., and range from \$49.75 to \$99.75. Get your tickets by calling the Box Office at 293-4700 or online at www.BankNHpavilion.com. Three Time ACM Country Duo of the Year, Florida Georgia Line returns to New Hampshire with a two night, Labor Day Weekend extravaganza! With their innovative fusion of country, rock, hip-hop and pop, FGL has already proven themselves as once-in-a-generation а force of change in modern music, but the duo of Tyler Hubbard and Brian Kelley is far from done pushing the envelope. With the release of their third album, "Dig Your Roots," FGL is showcasing a whole new musical evolution. Florida Georgia Line is living out its mantra -"Anything Goes" – no boundaries...no genre... no rules.

Brian on "The Smooth" Tour Labor Day Weekend is Grammy Award winning hop-hop artist and co-collaborator, Nelly, an American rapper, singer, songwriter, entrepreneur, investor, and occasional actor

ber one. In 2013 Nelly worked with Florida Georgia Line on a remix of FGL's breakthrough single "Cruise."

Rounding out this monster triple bill is Chris Lane. Low-slung baritones are a counListen to one moment of Chris Lane's signature falsetto and it is clear... there's a new range in town! Discovering a passion he never thought he could have, after sitting down and writing twelve songs, Lane realized he

Joining Tyler and from St. Louis, Mo. Nelly embarked on his music career with Midwest hip hop group St. Lunatics, in 1993, signed to Universal Records in 1999 and began his solo career in 2000 with the release of his debut album "Country Grammar." The album debuted at number three on the Billboard 200 and peaked at num-

try tradition; so are big, booming vocals built for twangy power ballads. Yet, as varied as the genre can be, it isn't often someone comes along with a take or a tone. shaking it to the core while still keeping that center strong and solid: someone so modern it's hard to find a point with which to compare.

found what he truly was meant for.

"Cruise" over Sept. 1 and 2 and spend your Labor Day Weekend with Florida Georgia Line, Nelly and Chris Lane. Get your tickets Friday, April 21 at 10 a.m. by contacting the Box Office at 293-4700 or log on to www.BankNHPavilion. com!

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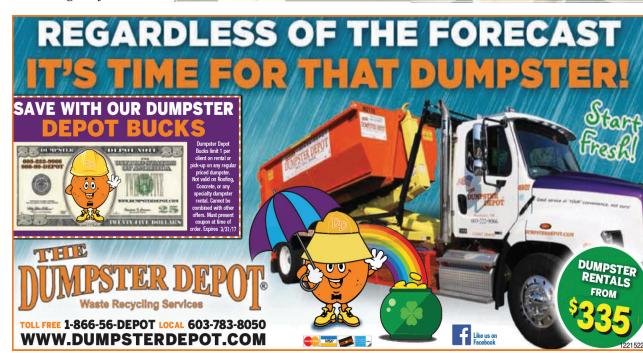
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D.W. Griffith's silent masterpiece "Broken Blossoms" is LRPA's After Dark feature this weekend

LACONIA—Join Richard Lakes Region Public Access Television at 10:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday night (April 21 & 22) for our "LRPA After Dark" presentation of 1919's silent film masterpiece. D.W. Griffith's "Broken Blossoms," starring Lillian Gish,

and Donald Crisp.

Cheng Huan (Barthelmess) is a shopkeeper who moved to London from China with the hopes of using his Buddhist teachings to change the violent ways of Western civilization. After several years in

Barthelmess the city's squalid Limehouse District, he has become disillusioned, often spending his free time smoking opium. One bright light in his dreary existence is Lucy (Gish), a lovely young girl who sometimes shops in his neighborhood. Lucy lives with her father, the

Former Laconia High School Music Department head to conduct New Horizons Band

The popular Laconia High School Music Department Head, Debbi Gibson, has been very busy since her retirement. Not only is she an Adjunct Professor of Music at the Lakes Region Community College and performer with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra (as well as many other groups and churches), she has also been the guest conductor for the New Horizons Band of the Lakes Region during their Spring Concert Series. The final concert of this season will take place on Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m. in the Gilford Community Church, with Mrs. Gibson directing. Band Founder, Mary Divers, will be seen and heard in the trumpet section.

Music selected for this concert is family oriented and represents many different genres. The



Debbi Gibson

rhythms, melodies, and harmonies will have something for every taste, ranging from bone rattling mysterious, to story telling, to pop, with several patriotic tunes and marches included. As always, there is no admission fee, but any donations received will benefit the LRGH Wellness Center. The Gilford Community Church is located at 19 Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford.

At the conclusion of this concert, the band will start rehearsals for the popular summer concerts in many towns. Scheduled thus far. concerts include the Fourth of July in Meredith, Gilford, Laconia, the Tilton Veterans Home, Sanbornton, Wolfeboro, and the Taylor Community.

The New Horizons Band is always looking for interested musicians and accept many skill levels and ages, true to their motto, "Music for Life." Some of the members have been playing only a year, while others are music directors, representing an all inclusive and expansive range of experience. The practice times are Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. at the Music Clinic in Belmont. For more information, please contact Mary Divers at 527-2485 or the band at nhbandlr@gmail.com.

brutish alcoholic boxer "Battling" Burrows (Crisp). Burrows regularly beats Lucy for any mistake, including accidentally spilling soup on his hand. After a particularly bad beating, Lucy wanders the streets and collapses in Huan's shop. He dresses her wounds, nurses her back to health and through kindness, restores her humanity and dignity. She experiences hope and happiness for the first time in her wretched life, and the two begin to fall in love. By chance, one of Burrows' friends discovers Lucy in Huan's shop and tells the boxer. He is outraged that Lucy is associating with a foreigner and goes to the shop to seek his revenge. What will happen to young Lucy and her hero Cheng? Can their innocent yet forbidden love survive?

Anyone familiar with the films of director D.W. Griffith knows that he usually favored spectacle, including high production values, lengthy film times and elaborate sets. "Broken Blossoms" premiered in May of 1919, and critics and theatregoers alike were stunned by the story's relative simplicity: three main characters. a straightforward story, and a brisk running time of 88 minutes. Critic were enchanted both by Gish's ethereal beauty and Barthelmess' restrained performance. It was a hit then, and, unlike some of Griffith's more controversial films ("The Birth of a Nation" in particular), is considered one of his finest movies, and a silent film masterpiece. While contemporary viewers will note that the film's ideas about race are woefully outdated (Huan is known as the "Yellow Man"), there is still much about the film that transcends time and place, particularly in its views of good and evil in everyday life. In the decades since its release, "Broken Blossoms" continues to win over film historians and critics. "Broken Blossoms" is included in author Steven Schneider's book 1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die. In writing about "Broken Blossoms", noted film critic

Roger Ebert wrote:

Griffith in 1919 was the unchallenged king of serious American movies ... "Broken Blossoms" was seen as brave and controversial. What remains today is the artistry of the production, the ethereal quality of Lillian Gish, the broad appeal of the melodrama, and the atmosphere of the elaborate sets. And its social impact. Films like this, naive as they seem today, helped nudge a xenophobic nation toward racial tolerance.

What else do you need to know? Grab your popcorn and meet us after dark for this treasure of the silent screen.

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Happy Hobby Doll Club meets Saturday ALTON — The Hapof the 1940s and 1950s py Hobby Doll Club of at 1 p.m. There will be

the Lakes Region will be having a meeting Saturday, April 25, in the Alton Bay Community Center, Alton. The public is invited to attend the program by Michelle Hamilton speaking about fashion lady dolls

samples to view and a discussion after the presentation about these popular dolls and their designers and manufacturers. Attendees may bring their own dolls to show and tell.

The Happy Hobby



Doll Club is a United Federation of Doll Clubs member and meets monthly except July. The public is always invited to attend these meetings and take part in the programs and discussions. Membership is now open to those wishing to join this fun group and take advantage of the offerings from UFDC, such as the beautiful quarterly magazine, the opportunity to attend the annual convention and visit the federation museum in Kansas City.



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Owen Day makes a speech after receiving the rank of Eagle Scout.

er and scout," Trebucchi said.

Trabucchi said "always Owen is ready" and "Proud to be a man of his word."

"It's been an honor to serve you as one of your past leaders," Trabucchi said.

Owen's father, Bill Day, presented a video slideshow of his son's accomplishments, which was put together by Owen's mom April Day.

"The Scouting program is a broad brush; everybody's journey is different," Bill Day said. "Very few scouts get to sit in this chair, that doesn't mean that the journey of other scouts is less."

Bill Day himself is an Eagle Scout.

"My experience has stayed with me for a lifetime," Bill Day said, recounting how this shared experience with a work colleague helped them work through a conflict.



Owen Day takes the oath of an Eagle Scout.

businesses.

Owen Day said during his Eagle Scout Address when people learn he is going for Eagle rank, the only question people will Take Me," which reask is what his project flects Day's journey.

SUPERVISORS

lot clerks and the supervisors is not equal.

"When the ballot clerks show up, they show up with not necessarily having spent months in the system," Villaume said. "They are there for the election, and when they walk away at night, the election is done for them. When we walk away at night, the election is not done."

Villaume said they are not sitting at the polls for 24 hours, but they have many more duties they need to meet before and after the election, many of which are required by state or federal law.

This year, there is only one election, though Villaume said the supervisors will have many more duties over the course of the year. Villaume said they would be happy to do a time card and receive an hourly compensation accordingly or be put to a 24 hour time cap.

Villaume asked that the change be reconsidered.

SPEED TABLES

requested to install one, he would not put one on a hill for safety reasons.

Nourse would have a different opinion if the residents took full financial responsibility for the speed tables.

an enforcement issue," Nourse said. "When I'm

EGG HUNT

Kristin O'Brien brought her two daughters to the event

"It's such a great thing the community does that Parks and Recreation does for the town," she said. "We look forward to it every year."

Alissa O'Brien, 7, said hunting for eggs in the dark wasn't that hard because she had a flashlight.

"We're not in this for the money," Villaume said. "At the same time, this almost came like a little slap in the face I didn't know it was com-

Board Chair Chan Eddy said this is something that has to be looked into and that the selectmen will have to discuss. He said he didn't know if anything could be changed this year, but something could be done for next year.

ing."

Selectman Richard Grenier asked what change the supervisors would make, and whether they preferred a stipend or an hourly rate. Villaume said they would like a combination of both.

Villaume said changing to an hourly wage could result in less than the original \$200 election day stipend in cases where there are so few elections a year. Villaume said it felt like they were devalued.

(Continued from Page A1) to feel devalued," said Se-

lectman Gus Benavides. "We appreciate the work you guys do, especially anyone who came out to vote this past election."

He said with the roads as unsafe as they were on Election Day, there was concern about how those working at the polls would get home that night.

"We appreciate the fact you've stepped up in the community to run these elections," Benavides said.

Villaume said she does not think this was intentional or the result of any malice, though she said she was unsure as to why the compensation policy was changed.

Benavides and Eddy said they can all work to find a solution to this issue.

"Were forced to deal within budgetary limits," Benavides said. "There's got to be a good compromise here of some kind."

"I don't want you ever

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owned by the taxpayers."

Eddy said he was also uncomfortable with the idea of private money being used for public roads. He was not in favor of this, and said he also sees this as an enforcement issue.

The selectmen agreed by consensus to oppose the request.

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Benavides asked if

"I think it's more of

flying by us." Selectman

> "Even if they paid 100 percent (for) seven speed tables, I wouldn't even encourage it under those circumstances," Grenier said. "It is a town road

out there with my guys and we see the same cars Richard

Grenier said he agreed with Nourse.

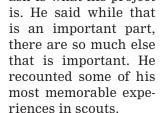
"This journey he has just begun now stays with you for a lifetime."

Day's project was to build an equipment shelter by the Gilford High School track. He said before this there was no place for student to put their gear while on the field.

Day created a covered structure where students can hang their jackets and bags.

The Gilford School Board approved the project and Day said the board really seemed to like it.

Day said the project took around 40 hours to construct. He had a lot of help from family, many members of his troop, and a few area



"There is much more to becoming an Eagle Scout than the project or the experience," Day said. "It was the people who guided me on my journey through my scouting experience."

Day recognized his parents and scout leaders.

"The amount of time and effort they put into other people is absolutely outstanding and

Bill and April Day both said a line in the song especially reflects their son's progress: "It's been a long road."

is not only appreciated

by me but by the rest of

Day's slideshow was "Where My Heart Will

The end song of

the boys," Day said.

April Day said she has seen how Owen has matured and said this has been a growing experience.

"It really helped him turn into a very wonderful young man," April Day said.

Day will soon serve as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster for the troop.

"It's wonderful to have him get it at age where he sill can be part of it," Bill Day said.

"I like that it's shiny," Alissa said.

This was the second year the Comeau family has come to the egg hunt.

"It was a nice, family activity," said Matt Comeau.

Avah Mason came to the hunt with her stepdad Colin Ammann.

"It seems fun; the kids have a lot of fun," Ammann said. ERIN PLUMMER

(Right) Kids and their families get their baskets and headlamps out for the **Gilford Parks and Recreation Department's Flashlight Egg** Hunt.



ERIN PLUMMER

Avah Mason, Sophia Comeau, and Hannah Powers pose for a pic after the Gilford Recreation Department's Flashlight Egg Hunt.









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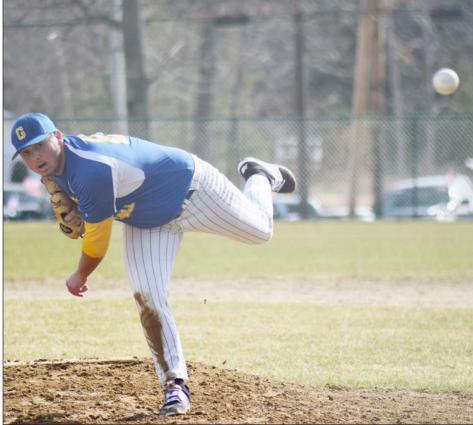
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Tyler Sargent had Winnisquam hitters shaking their heads during Gilford High School's domi-

BOB MARTIN Adrian Siravo hurls a fastball during a huge 17-0 win for Gilford over Winnisquam Regional High School. nating win on April 13.

Gilford baseball fires on all cylinders in opener

BY BOB MARTIN Bob@salmonpress.news

TILTON The ____ Golden Eagles opened up the baseball season in dominating form on April 13 with a 17-0 win over the Winnisquam Bears.

Tyler Sargent took the hill for Gilford High School and dazzled from the beginning, striking out the side in the first two innings.

The pitching staff was the day, including a incredible overall for Gilford, striking out 17 of the 26 batters faced. They also only allowed a handful of baserunners throughout the game, including a sole hit by Blaise Ross.

Gilford batters were patient throughout the game with 15 walks and three who were hit by a pitch. They also managed nine hits on

double by Adrian Siravo. All other hits on the day were singles.

The Golden Eagles jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back, scoring two more runs in the second inning off of Winnisquam pitcher Hunter Tierney. The Golden Eagles put another three runs on the board in the

run in the sixth inning before exploding in the seventh inning for eight runs.

Coach Vint Choiniere was very happy with the overall performance of his team, which was playing on grass for only the second time this spring due to the unseasonably cold weather to begin April. He was

fifth inning and a lone happy to see his pitchers hitting their spots, batters being patient and baserunners taking advantage of Winnisquam mistakes.

"There's really no way to know how the team will do when they have spent this much time on a gym practicing, without a dirt mound and live pitching," said Choiniere. "But I couldn't be any

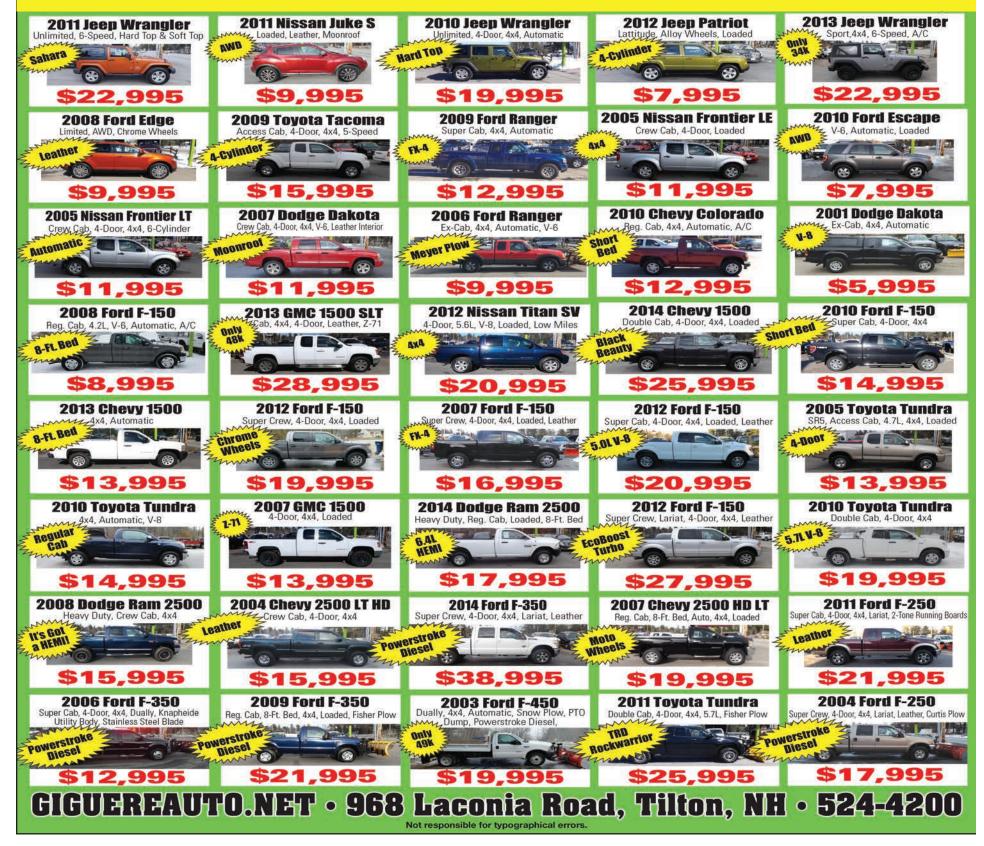
happier."

Choiniere is in his first season coaching for the Golden Eagles, and he said this adds to the uncertainty to how a team responds. He was proud of the way the team came out early and made a statement, but also said they have a long way to go and areas to improve on.

BOB MARTIN

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Sports

Big bats not enough for Gilford softball

BV BOB MARTIN

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TILTON The Gilford High School softball team battled hard against the Winnisquam Bears April 13, but couldn't come away with a win despite going off for 13 runs on 15 hits including a home run, three triples, a double and 12 RBIs. Winnisquam came away with a 15-13 hits thanks to 18 hits on their side.

"A combined 33 hits by both teams turned the game into an offensive slugfest, which is unusual early in the season," said coach Joan Forge. "The difference in the game was the amount of errors."

Forge explained that it was the first time on a field for the Golden Eagles, and this led to some sloppy play in the field. However, she was very pleased with the way the team was putting the bat on the ball.

Jillian Lachapelle was the top offensive force for the Golden Eagles, coming away with a four-for-five day including a triple, a home run and four RBIs. Stevie Orton also shined for Gilford, going three-for-five with a double and four RBIs.

Lexi Boisvert had a triple and an RBI, Kasey Moore had an RBI and Taryn Breton had a triple. They all had two hits apiece.

Brooke Beaudet and Nicole Berube also had hits and Beaudet showed her speed with a stolen base.

It was an evenly matched contest throughout most of the game between the local rivals, with Gilford



Gilford pitcher Lexi Boisvert fires a pitch during a loss to the Winnisguam Bears on April 13.

pelle and Boisvert. Kasey Moore had an RBI single as well.

In the bottom of the fourth inning Winnisquam answered back hard and took a 9-5 lead. Gilford managed to score a run in the fifth thanks to a leadoff triple by Taryn Breton and she scored on a passed ball. However, the Bears scored five more runs between the fifth and sixth innings, giving them a commanding 15-6 lead.

Gilford fought back hard in the final inning of play, attempting an epic comeback by scoring seven runs on five hits. This included a three-run home run by Lachapelle, a two-run double by Orton, an RBI single by Berube and a fielder's choice for Breton.

With two outs in the seventh inning, Tricia Jarry hit a hard line drive that had a chance to fall in for a hit, but a great catch was made to end the game at 15-13.



Gilford senior Stevie Orton takes a big swing during a game against the Winnisquam Bears last week.

"We knew

ing game," said Forge. would be our strength proved this. Our goal is the defense to match offense this year and the team to continue improving the offense."

Gilford track coach

jumping out to an early 2-1 lead in the third inning when Samantha Knowles walked, Lachapelle singled and Orton then knocked in both runs with a base hit. Winnisquam answered quickly with a four-run third inning, giving them a 5-2 lead.

Gilford tied up the game in the fourth inning by scoring three runs on a single by Beaudet and back-toback triples by Lacha-

Throughout the game Forge was amping up her team, telling them "hit, hit hit, score, score, score" during a pep talk after the fifth inning. She knows there is plenty of work to do for the Golden Eagles, but took positives out of the loss.

"I'm ecstatic with the 15 hits in the open-

BV BOB MARTIN

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PELHAM Gilford High School track coach Joe Wernig was very pleased with the way the Golden Eagles athletes performed at the Pelham Invitational on Saturday.

The meet consisted of schools from divisions one through three, and Wernig said the highlight of the event was a win by the girls 4X100 relay team consisting of freshmen Natalie Fraser, Brianna Fraser and Laurel Gingrich, as well as junior newcomer Lauren Dean. They had a time of 54.01.

Gingrich went on to place fourth in the 400 meters and qualified for the Division 3 state meet. Natalie Fraser also qualified for the state meet in the 200-meter dash, placing third. Brianna Fraser was sixth and Gingrich was 10th.

Marina Baer placed second in the javelin at 122 feet and qualified for the Division 3 state meet. Alliyah Oswald placed 12th and also

happy with performance



JOE WERNIG - COURTESY PHOTO

Coach Joe Wernig was happy with the way his girls' relay team ran on Saturday. Pictured (I to r), Lauren Dean, Natalie Fraser, Brianna Fraser and Laurel Gingrich.

qualified.

The girls' 4X400-meter relay placed 10th with a time of 4:54. It consisted of Aria Stephan, Carly White, Dean and Kaitlyn Callahan.

Overall the girls placed seventh out of 16 teams.

For the boys' team, Michael Wernig was fifth in the discus and Sandor Gamache placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles. He also placed seventh in the triple jump and qualified for the state

meet in both. Finn place finish in the Baldwin had an eighth 300-meter hurdles.

Junior Legion baseball tryouts are May 7 and 14

ALTON — Alton Post 72 Junior American Legion baseball tryouts will be held on May 7 and May 14 at Prospect Mountain High School, 242Suncook Valley Highway, Alton. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and tryouts will begin at 9 a.m. Players ages 13 - 17 who attend

Prospect Mountain, Kingswood, Farmington, Pittsfield, Inter-Lakes, Moultonborough, Belmont, Gilford, Laconia and Newfound are eligible to tryout.

For more information, contact coach Gary L. Noyes, Sr. at coachnoyes@metrocast.net or at 393-8349.

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guys played today," said Choiniere. "It was a great way to start off the season."

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However, Choiniere focused on the positives in the big win. He was happy to see his pitchers hitting

their spots throughout the game and getting ahead of batters. Choiniere said if the team continues to play the

way they did on Thursday, they should be in good shape this season. "I am very, very happy with how the

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Sports



BOB MARTIN

Shannon Gately sets up Danielle Cote during Gilford High School's 2-1 win over Inter-Lakes in unified volleyball.

Jonathan Nelso and Jonah Nimikowski get pumped up before the unified volleyball game between Gilford High School and Inter-Lakes.

GHS unified volleyball wins first game of season

BY BOB MARTIN Bob@salmonpress.news

MEREDITH — The Gilford High School unified volleyball team started off on a high note with a 2-1 win over the Inter-Lakes High School Lakers on April 10, and coach Amy Tripp was very pleased that work they put in during practice paid off.

The first set started off with both teams going back and forth. Inter-Lakes jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, but the Golden Eagles got right back into the game with four straight points. The game was tied at 8-8 before Gilford scored two points. consecutive There were some good volleys back and forth between the Lakers and Golden Eagles, and freshman Jonah Ninikowski had a great ace on a serve.

tied The teams things up again at 12-12 and there were some nice volleys on both sides. Sophomore Erika Mosher had two aces in a row on the way to extending the lead to 16-12. The Golden Eagles never looked back and took the set with a 25-15 win.

The second set saw Inter-Lakes once again coming out with an early lead, going up 4-0. However, Gilford would rally its way back and take the lead 6-5 after several misplays by Inter-Lakes. The Lakers came back and scored six straight points to bring their lead to 12-7. The back and forth matchup would continue, and Gilford inched it way back into the game making it 15-14 in favor of Inter-Lakes.

The Lakers pulled away by scoring seven consecutive points bringing the score to 22-14. They eventually took set two with a 25-17 win.

The third and deciding match was close the whole way through with a 9-9 tie that included several nice volleys on both sides of the net. The two teams traded points back and forth before Gilford scored two straight points to make it 11-9. Inter-Lakes stayed in the game but couldn't catch the Golden Eagles. Gilford took the set with a 15-12 score, and the match at 2-1.

first game, but Tripp said the players were very focused on their game.

"I am really impressed by the way the team came together," said Tripp. "We pride ourselves on 'pass, set, hit' combos and I think we got 13 of those."

The Golden Eagles are co-coached by Tripp and Michelle Martin, and both said the team has been positive right from the beginning. Tripp said wins are great, but it is about how the team works together that is the number one focus.

Martin is coaching the unified volleyball for the first time and she said it is a great experience getting to know the players.

"It has been great being able to teach each other," said Martin. "The sportsmanship with unified is awesome."

Michelle Junior

and working together," said Young.

Ninikowski also played unified basket-

is happy about the way the team looks. He said he has been concentrating on his serving, ball in the fall, and he which he felt paid off

during the game.

"I'm excited for the rest of the season," said Ninikowski.

Tennis boys off to 3-0 start, girls get win over Lakers

BY BOB MARTIN

Bob@salmonpress.news GILFORD — The Gilford High School boys' tennis team continued its incredible play with a 3-0 start to the 2017 season.

Last week the Golden Eagels beat Littleton 8-1 and winning singles matches were Grant Workman, Christian Workman, Tyler Hanf, Kyle Davies and Alden Blais. Connor Craigie lost in a tie breaker 9-8. The Golden Eagles swept the doubles as well.

Gilford defeated Inter-Lakes 8-1 with wins the season with a very from Christian Workman, Hanf, Craigie, Davies and Blais. They won all three doubles matches. Gilford finished off

last week with a 6-3 win over Profile on Friday.

"I am very happy with how the players are working and ow well they're hitting the ball," said coach Terry Wilson.

The girls' tennis team started off the season 1-2. The first game of the season was in Littleton and the Golden Eagles lost 8-1. Olivia Salesky had the lone 8-5 win.

"Only one practice on the courts and a long trip to Littleton," said coach Hermann Defregger. "Tough way to start young team." The Golden Eagles beat Inter-Lakes 6-3. Sarah Fillion had a 9-7 win over Gabi Nedeau, Josey Curley won 8-4 over

Belle Hoag, Olivia Salesky beat Phoebe Hoag 8-3 and Olivia Comeau beat Katie Lasada 8-5. Sarah Fillion and Reagan McIntire, as well as the pair of Josey Curley and Olivia Salesky, won their doubles matches.

"Good comeback from the first game and our first win," Defregger said.

They finished out the week with a 6-3 loss to Profile with wins from Fillion, McIntire and the doubles team of Fillion and McIntire.

"Another long trip up north," Defregger said. "We played pretty well and we think we can give them a better match when we play them again this coming week in Gilford."

The team only practiced once before their Young is a multi-sport athlete who has been involved in unified volleyball for two years now. She said she loves going out on the court and competing with the team.

"It's a lot of fun being a part of this team



Muddy Moose Trail Races set for Sunday

WOLFEBORO — The Muddy Moose Trail Races will return to Wolfeboro for an 18th year on Sunday, April 23.

The race benefits local running programs, including the cross country and track programs at Kingswood Regional High School.

The race will begin at 10 a.m. with start and finish at Kingswood Regional High School. The race features a road races. Dirt roads, four-mile course and a logging roads, single half-marathon distance course.

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track, and snowmobile trails are included. The 14-mile race involves short steep hills, logs, roots, water, and mud. The four-mile race is on flatter (but uneven) and somewhat drier (but often still muddy) terrain.

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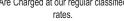
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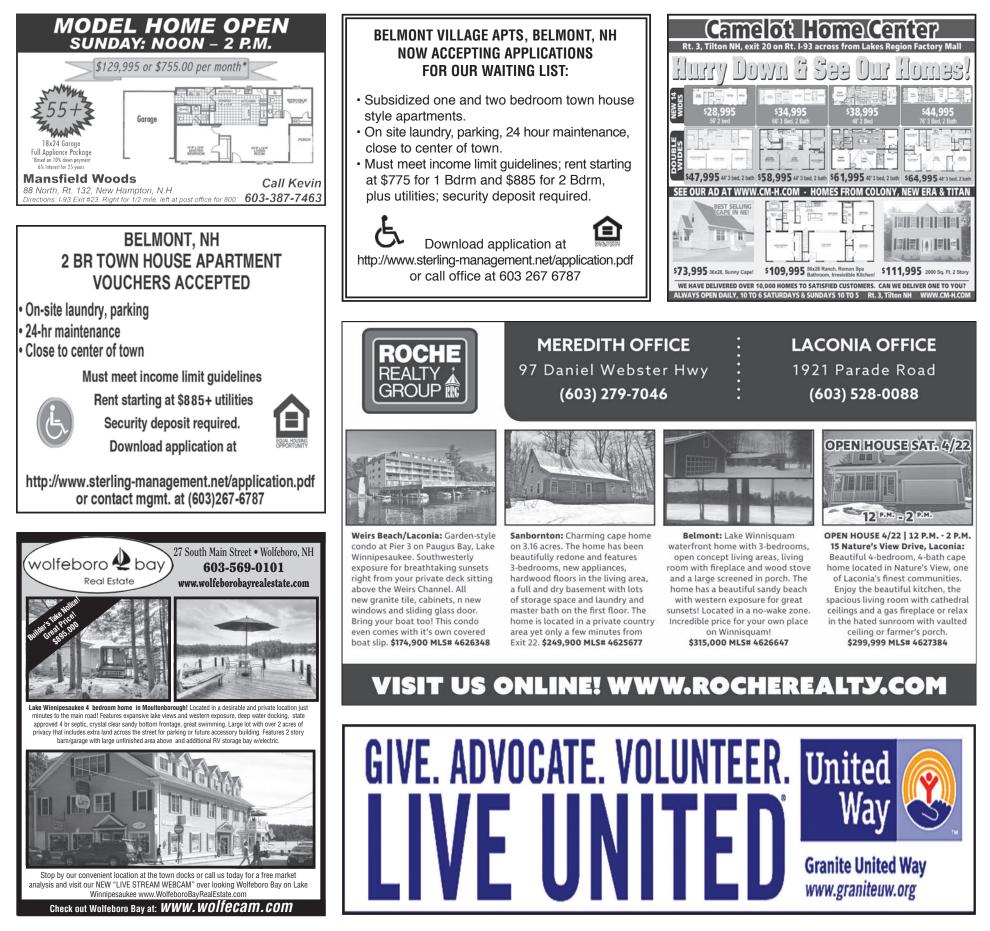
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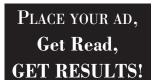
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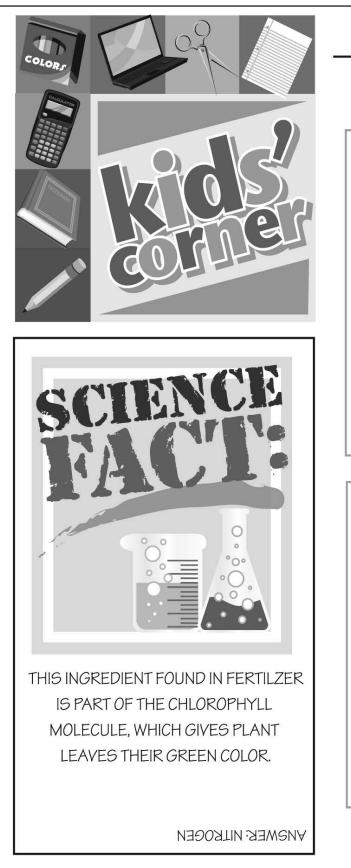


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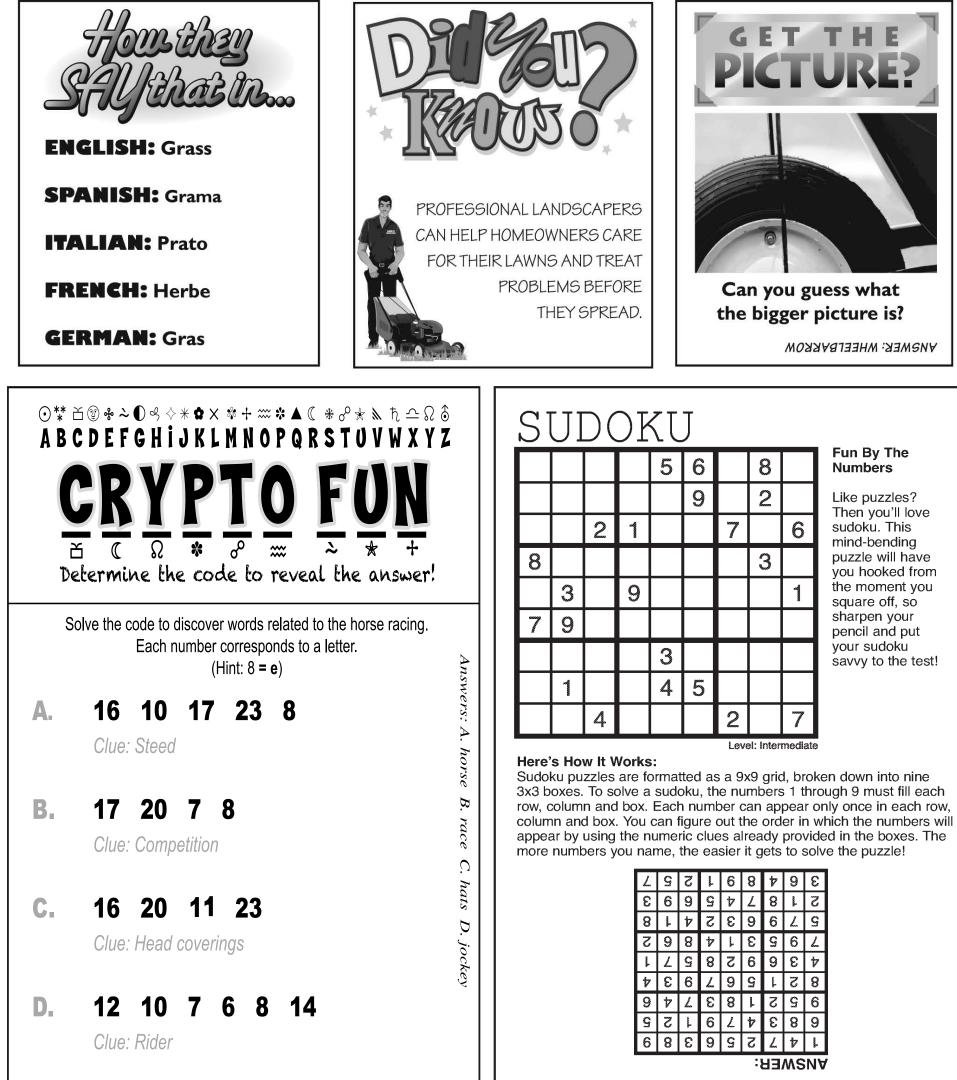
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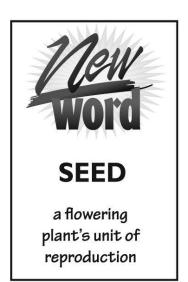




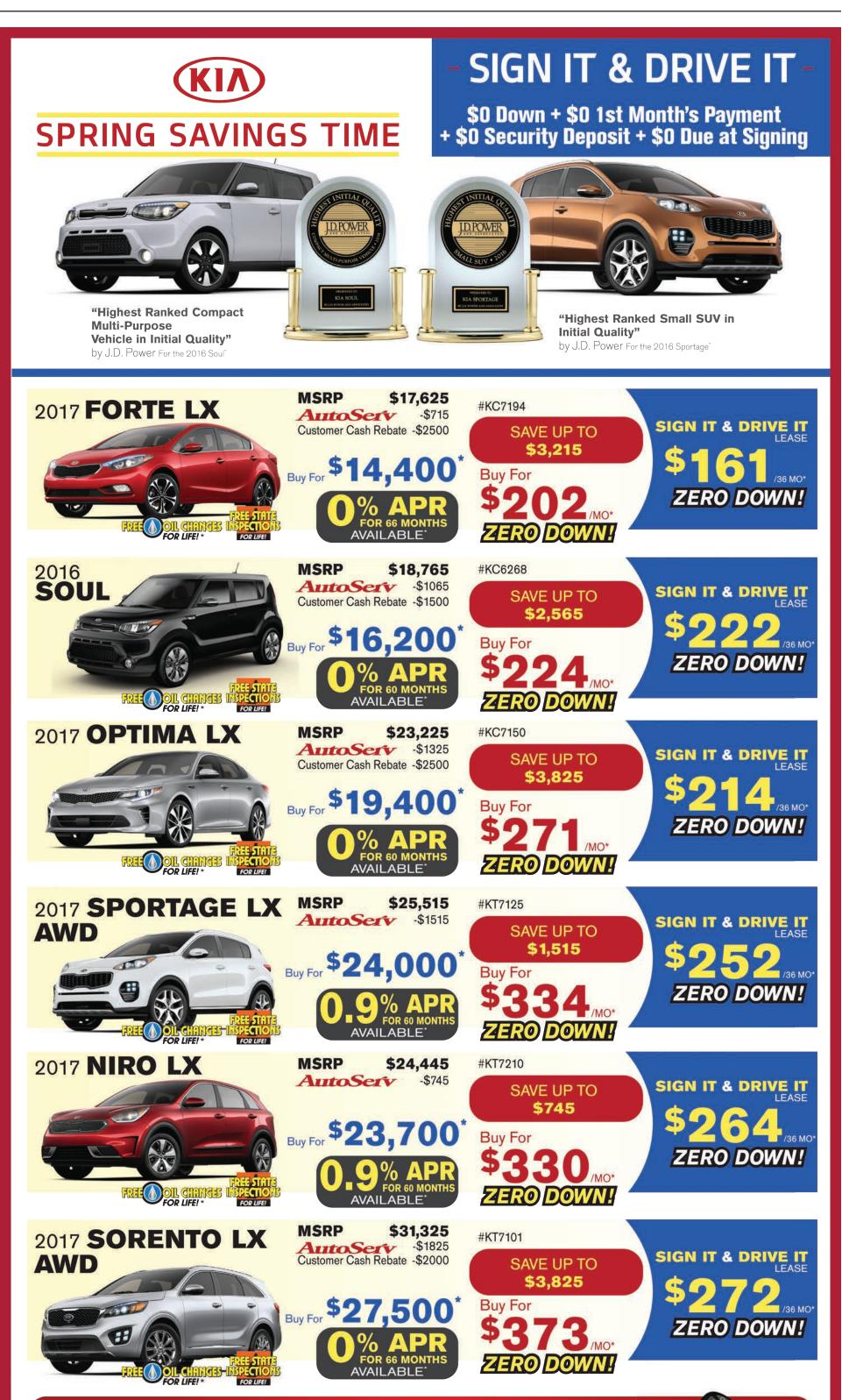
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