

## Eric Grant Band Headed to National Competition

Gilford's own Eric Grant Band is getting ready to bring their New Hampshire country sound to the national stage in early March. The band is finalizing travel plans to participate in the North America Country Music Association, International competition during its 14th Annual Country Music Week in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., which begins on March 7.

EGB earned a spot in the competition by sweeping the New Country Band of the Year, Vocal Group of the Year, and Male Vocalist of the Year categories in both the New Hampshire Country Music Association and

the regional New England Country Music Organization contests in the fall of last year.

Formed roughly eighteen months ago, the band has quickly gained the attention of fans and critics throughout the region. They have played on countless stages across New England delighting crowds of all sizes. Their performances have included opening support for national acts at Gilford's Meadowbrook U.S. Cellular Pavilion and Massachusetts' Indian Ranch. In November, EGB took to the Main Street Stage and performed for the estimated 20,000 attendees at the

Nashua Stroll.

Said band founder Eric Grant, "Everyone in EGB, from the musicians all the way through our tremendous support staff, has worked very hard to raise our game for each audience we are lucky enough to find. The fans have been great and we're looking forward to carrying the New Hampshire flag to the national stage. There's a lot of great country music going on 'up north' and EGB is going to do its best to leave that mark on the stage in Tennessee."

The band has scheduled a fundraising event for Feb. 25 at Shooters Tavern in Belmont to help offset the costs of the trip to the national competition. There are also a variety of ways to offer support, including a raffle of a personal Eric Grant Band performance, on their web-



Gilford's Eric Grant Band is on its way to the national stage at the NACMAI Country Music Week competition in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee during the second week of March. EGB members include (l. to r.) Paul DiBlasso, Eric Grant, Sherry Grant, John Littlefield, Dan Haney, Bill Hayes, Carlos Flores and Tim Kierstead.

## Bicentennial Committee asks residents to support petitioned warrant

The Gilford Bicentennial Committee, currently planning a town-wide celebration for Gilford's 200th anniversary, quickly approaching in the summer of 2012, is asking for the support of the community.

On the March 2011 ballot of this year a petitioned warrant article will ask taxpayers to support a request for \$3,000. This \$3,000 is the "seed money" needed to start planning the kick off to Gilford's

Bicentennial bash, since there are no funds at this time.

Committee members have expressed a need for funds in order to kick start events and fundraisers to celebrate "a once in a lifetime opportunity."

Committee members plan to give profits from t-shirt sales and other avenues of raising funds back to the town at the closing of celebrations.

## Lakes Region Chamber announces Sportsmen Show

LAKES REGION — The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 14th Annual Lakes Region Sportsmen Show will be held on March 5 and 6 at a new location within the Laconia Airport Authority.

Presenting Sponsor is AutoServ New Hampshire, a Ford, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Kia, Nissan, and VW dealer

finished the final studio work for their first CD of original work which is scheduled for release shortly after the NACMAI competition.

from all over New England to visit the Lakes Region and at the same time promotes our local aviation community."

Experienced guides and trackers will be presenting seminars both days including well known television host Bill Saiff of "Country Cabin" and "Rod & Reel." The Chamber anticipates over 1,200 attendees and 40+ exhibitors at this two-day event.

Admission is \$5 and children under 12 are free with a paying adult.

If your business is interested in participating in this year's event, fly now to reserve your space! Limited vendor booths are still available. For information, please contact Kathy Pevine, event coordinator, at 524-5531 or kpevine@lakesregionchamber.org.

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

For The Week of February 21, 2011

1. "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand
2. "Tick Tock" by James Patterson
3. "Rescue" by Anita Shreve
4. "Cutting For Stone" by Abraham Verghese
5. "Decision Points" by George W. Bush
6. "Room" by Emma Donoghue
7. "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls
8. "The Girl Who Played With Fire" by Stieg Larsson
9. "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay
10. "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother" by Amy Chua

## GILFORD POLICE LOG

From Feb. 14-17, the Gilford Police Department responded to 276 calls, including:

Police arrested Robin Campbell, 44, of Holderness, and charged her with driving after revocation or suspension and use of traffic control devices.

Police arrested juvenile, 17, and charged him/her with operating without a valid license.

Police arrested Ronald Majewski, 56, of Gilford, and charged him with simple assault.

Police arrested Ryan B. Knott, 30, of Laconia, and charged him with driving after revocation or suspension,

drivers license prohibitions, and improper turning.

Police arrested Roland Palm, 40, of Belmont, and charged him with false inspection or a false registration sticker, driving after revocation or suspension, drivers license prohibitions, and failure to obey inspection requirements.

Police arrested Tasha Crotty, 19, of Franklin, and charged her with theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, all other larceny.

Police arrested James J. Lucas, 20, of Gilford, and charged him with driving while intoxicated.

- 2 reports of suspicious vehicles
- 8 alarms
- 111 traffic checks
- 10 motor vehicle complaints
- 8 motor vehicle checks
- 15 calls for an ambulance
- 4 reports of harassment
- 7 motor vehicle accidents
- 3 reports of suspicious persons
- 1 larceny
- 4 fingerprint cases
- 5 report of existing conditions
- 2 lost/found items
- 7 abandoned vehicles
- 1 burglary in progress
- 2911 hang-ups
- 3 services of paperwork
- 4 animal complaints
- 7 calls for the fire department
- 6 road/weather reports
- 4 lost/missing/wanted persons
- 7 requests for motorist assistance
- 1 drug case
- 6 civil matters
- 5 domestic disturbances
- 2 reports of a juvenile
- 2 master name checks
- 1 assault
- 3 pistol permits
- 1 criminal threatening
- 2 truants
- 1 intoxication
- 1 DWI
- 1 report of rape
- 1 bad check

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