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apy for post-traumatic stress disorder, is expecting to raise \$30,000 through the event. The agency provides those services with the option of adding pastoral and spiritual counseling to one's needs, she said.

"If my being honored helps them raise money, then I'm happy to do it," said Cook, honored in the business and industry category.

The event attracted Gov. John Lynch and Mayor Ted Gatsas, who gave each of the honorees a proclamation of congratulations.

"I think the organization does a great job at providing services to people who need help," Lynch said. "What they try to do is help people. That's what's so admirable about what they do."

"This is important. It's something that gives something to people and gives something to society," Gatsas said.

Saitow, 23, was honored as a "rising star" for starting a memorial fund in honor of his father, Robert M. Saitow, who died in 2007 in a car accident. Each year, the fund hosts a concert, with all the proceeds — \$20,000 so far in four years, he said — going directly to the New Hampshire Food Bank.

"I was shocked," Saitow said of winning the award, "especially when I found out that it was out of all of New Hampshire. Then I thought, 'It's pretty cool.'"

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shows and provides theater education, said he is happy that The Acting Loft has provided a safe place for kids to be.

"My goal and focus has been on youth," said Courage, who relayed a story of coming out of his office to find several kids there acting and singing even though no class or rehearsal was scheduled. "I wanted to give these kids who have no place to go and nothing to do someplace they can go and call their own."

Staub, who is running for an at-large seat on the city school board, said she was thrilled to receive the award in the education category.

Officially, she is being recognized for her work to increase parental involvement in the city schools and for co-founding the Manchester Foundation for Education.

But ask her, and it's "because for 17 years I've been the chief complaining parent in the Manchester School District," she said. "I've been a voice for parents in the school system."

In Brief

Chichester pair charged in burglaries

ALLENSTOWN — Two Chichester people were arrested on burglary charges Thursday after "a cooperative effort" among four police agencies, Allenstown police said in a release.

Police did not elaborate on the details of the burglaries allegedly committed by Jeremy Wiggin, 24, and Candace Olms, 17, in Allenstown, Concord, Chichester and Epsom, except that Martel's Self Care at 68 School St. was broken into Sept. 25.

Police said charges are pending against a juvenile for related charges in Allenstown, Concord and Chichester.

Deadline for holiday vendors today

MANCHESTER — The deadline to apply to be a vendor at the Premier artisan/craft holiday market downtown is today at 5 p.m.

Intown Manchester is seeking vendors for what it hopes will be the premier seasonal artisan market downtown.

The "Downtown Manchester Holiday Market" will be held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22, inside the Brady Sullivan Plaza mall at 1000 Elm St., with extended shopping until 8 p.m. Dec. 15.

Intown Manchester seeks artisans, crafters and bakers with high-quality products as vendors. So far, more than 30 vendors have applied.

All applications will be reviewed by Intown Manches-

ter staff, who are looking for unique, hand/home-made, high-quality goods. Selected vendors will be notified by Oct. 21.

Interested parties can contact Intown Manchester for an application by emailing info@intownmanchester.com or by calling 645-6285. Vendors will need to submit a completed application along with photos of sample items.

Police: Weare man was tattooing minors

WEARE — A local man was arrested Tuesday on charges he illegally tattooed minors, police said.

Police said Richard Nowakowski, 25, of 1591 River Road, was charged with two counts of endangering the welfare of a child and three violations involving the unlicensed tattooing.

Power in Hampton killed by fallen tree

HAMPTON — A fallen tree that took down wires on Tide Mill Road Thursday afternoon knocked out power to about 3,400 customers for several hours, according to Unitil Corp.

Media Relations Manager Alec O'Meara said that removing the tree and repairing the lines took some special equipment, but that power was restored about 7 p.m.

When the outage began about 12:45 p.m., he said, a total of 7,500 people were without electricity for the first hour.

Panelists say money, power at root of the problems in D.C.

◆ **Gridlock causes:** Speakers at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics session derided the two-party system and influence of corporations.

By **SIMON RIOS**
Union Leader Correspondent

GOFFSTOWN — About 150 gathered to hear the gospel of fiscal responsibility Thursday in an afternoon event that ended with the stumping of three Republican presidential candidates.

"I'm not a lawyer, but I don't understand the Supreme Court's decision that gave corporations and unions the same status as individuals," said former New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, who opened the event.

Solving our Fiscal Crisis: What's Wrong with Washington? was the title of the forum at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College.

A six-member panel discussed the challenges to American democracy and the economy. Afterward, the crowd heard from candidates Buddy Roemer, Fred Karger and Jon Huntsman.

Bob Bixby of the Concord Coalition, the first panelist to speak, said the aging American population is leading us to increases in Social Security and Medicaid spending.

"It's the growth of those programs that puts spending on a



Corey Lewandowski, center, state director of Americans for Prosperity, addresses the crowd at St. Anselm College's Institute of Politics Thursday.

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higher track than it has historically been in any period in our nation's history," Bixby said.

Former Republican congressman Mickey Edwards, of Oklahoma, railed against the two-party system, saying Americans are fed up with parties that don't represent their best interest. Edwards heads the organization No Labels, which identifies "hyper-partisanship" as one of the nation's greatest ills.

"In our political system today," Edwards said, "every single incentive is to not cooperate, to not compromise, to not sit down and talk to somebody who is on the other side of the political aisle."

John Fortier of the Bipartisan Policy Center, a frequent commentator on PBS, Fox News and CNN, drew a football analogy for the way politics used to work.

"You could have found plenty of Democrats who would be sitting on the Republican side, maybe at the 40-yard line. Many Republicans who could

have been over at the Democrats' 50-yard line," Fortier said. "Today those teams have moved very far in one direction, on both sides."

Influence of money

Corey Lewandowski, the state director of Americans for Prosperity's New Hampshire chapter, blamed the pervasive influence of money on politics for many problems. Lewandowski said politicians come to power in one of two ways: by rising up through the rank and file, like Sen. Jeanne Shaheen and Judd Gregg, or with access to sheer wealth, like Sen. Kelly Ayotte.

"What that does is it excludes a whole section of the population that has great ideas," he said.

Trevor Potter, president of the Campaign Legal Center, a nonpartisan, nonprofit that focuses on campaign financing, said candidates should spend more time with the people rather than the small groups of big funders.

He lambasted the Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which ruled that corporations could contribute without limits to political campaigns. He said the decision was justified because the donations would have to be carried out with full transparency, but that this has not been fulfilled.

"It simply left us in a situation where we have the first half of the equation, which is unlimited spending, but we didn't get what we were promised, which was full disclosure. Congress has been gridlocked and deadlocked over whether to do anything about that."

The last speaker was David Walker, who said American politics has been "taken over by the wing nuts, on both sides." Founder and CEO of Comeback America, Walker warned that "a debt crisis can occur here within the next three years if we don't start making progress."

Taking on Wall Street

The garrulous former governor of Louisiana, Buddy Roemer, charmed the crowd with an attack on money in politics. "I won't take the money," Roemer said. "That's the way you clean it up."

Roemer said the American political system is rigged in favor of the banks and corporations.

He made headlines earlier this week by coming out in support of the Occupy Wall Street movement.

Emergency services awards

At the New Hampshire Police, Fire and EMS Foundation's fourth annual Recognition Dinner, awards were presented to, from left, Manchester Police Officer Rob Harrington, Laconia Deputy Chief Shawn Riley, Pittsburg Fire Capt. Louie Degray, Manchester Fire Lt. Paul Smith, Manchester Firefighter Josh Guay, Salem Police Officer Ryan Lehman and Chief of Belmont Police Vinnie Baiocchetti on Thursday at the Radisson in Manchester.

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emony. Rebecca Scott, also of Troop 22562, volunteered her time at a Boy Scout camp, leading and coordinating activities for the younger Scouts. She then relayed the information about the camp experience to the community through an after-school program.

"I helped them learn new skills and helped lead activities," Scott said.

To qualify for the Bronze Award, Girl Scouts can either work individually or in groups to create something that would

be a new venture for them and something new to benefit the community. The final project requires at least 20 hours of work to qualify. The girls' projects were reviewed by the Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains corporate office in Bedford.

During the project, the Candia community stepped up to help contribute. The girls received donations of materials from The Home Depot, Ace Hardware, and La-Z-Boy furniture. Adkins said she enjoyed

the support of the community during the project.

"Luckily, our community is so small so already knew everyone," she said.

The six girls worked on their projects when they were in fifth grade, starting in May and working throughout the summer. Though they are no longer junior Girl Scouts, they still received a bronze award because they were at the time. With the completion of last night's bridging ceremony, the girls are now Girl Scout Cadettes.

Now that the girls are Cadettes, Tami Baker said she's hopeful she will see her troop members try to earn a Silver Award. The Silver Award is the highest honor at the Cadette level and requires a 50-hour community service project. But for now she said, she's proud of the way these Scouts worked together.

"It was awesome," she said. "It was a chance for us to let them lead. We only steered them in the right direction if they needed it."

Dunkin

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put its ground-level sign on a 12-foot pole.

A variance would be needed to do so. With two members recusing themselves from the five-member board, Dunkin' Donuts would have to win over all three members, said lawyer Tony Marts.

Instead, he opted for the Nov. 10 meeting.

Marts said he will no longer ask for a 24-hour store. Rather, he wants permission to open the Dunkin' Donuts 90 minutes ahead of the 5:30 a.m. opening that is now in place.

"People are actually getting up earlier and earlier. The 4 to 5 o'clock hour is very important to them," Marts said.

Desfosses said he won't

comment on the new proposal because he has not decided whether he will recuse himself in November.

His opponent, incumbent alderman Garth Corriveau, said he doesn't want the shop open 24 hours. But he would keep an open mind on a 4 a.m. start if Dunkin' Donuts works with the neighborhood.

As for the sign, he thinks the smaller the better. "There are residents in the neighborhood who have to look at it a lot."

As an alderman, Corriveau has never appeared before the zoning board when it considered the Dunkin' Donuts, Desfosses said. "Where has the alderman been for the past two years?" Desfosses said.

On the house



Chad Fay of Nashua serves hard cider at the NeighborWorks Greater Manchester's It's On The House microbrew event at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester on Thursday. Proceeds will be used to create affordable housing.

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Four take guilty pleas on Candia drug charges

By **CORY FRANCER**
Union Leader Correspondent

CANDIA — Four people, including three family members, have pleaded guilty to drug charges stemming from a police raid of a home last year.

In the raid, police found marijuana, hashish and cash.

Eric Morin, 23, formerly of Candia and currently of Manchester, pleaded guilty in September to possession and intent to sell marijuana and

possession of hashish. He received a 12-month sentence with nine months suspended for three years.

He also received a \$500 fine with \$250 suspended for three years.

David Morin, 57, of Candia pleaded guilty Oct. 4 in Rockingham Superior Court to possession of cocaine and was sentenced to 12 months, suspended for three years plus penalty assessment. He also received a \$1,000 fine. His

wife, Lyne Morin, 51, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and received a \$500 fine. Jesse Ward, 30, of Manchester, pleaded guilty earlier this year to possession of marijuana and received a \$350 fine.

An investigation into suspected drug activity in the 23 Old Mill Road residence in Candia began in 2010, authorities said.

Drug purchases were made undercover, and acting on a search warrant, Candia police,

the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office and the State Police canine unit raided the house.

In addition to the drugs, authorities seized \$800 cash.

Police Chief Michael McGillen said there had been some suspicion from neighbors about what was occurring in the house.

"The neighbors knew something was going on," he said. "This is a quiet neighborhood so things kind of stand out sometimes."