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# Sanbornton Historical Society to host program on immigration

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Historical Society is proud to present "A Brief History of Immigration to New England" on Thursday, Aug. 12 at the Old Town Hall.

Immigration to New England has long been a way of life in the northeastern United States. A presentation examining that way of life will be presented by Brad Wolff. This program will examine the wide variety of people who have migrated to New England and trace some of the influence those relocations have exerted on the area's culture, economy and way of life. Reference will be made to circumstances in other parts of the world that encouraged migration, America's well known reputation as the land of opportunity, and the evolving legal framework governing immigration. The 2010 census data and first glimpses of 2020 data will be used to investigate what current patterns of immigration exist.

Brad Wolf is a retired social studies teacher and former New Hampshire Department of Education Social Studies Teacher of the Year. He is a frequent presenter of historical programs in a variety of settings. He resides in Moultonborough with his wife Karen. This program is open to anyone interested in this fascinating historical topic.

Please note that the Sanbornton Historical Society programs for 2021 will be held at the Old Town Hall at 19 Old Meetinghouse Hill Rd. in Sanbornton for more room and social distancing. Programs are free to the public, and all are welcome.

# **Community and comics** come together at RePetes

National Free Comic Book Day coincides with Belmont's Old Home Day



DONNA RHODES

Peter Swain of RePetes Comics and Collectibles on Main Street in Belmont and his comic book pal Deadpool look forward to seeing everyone this Saturday, Aug. 14 for a joint celebration of Old Home Day and National Free Comic Book Day.

#### **BY DONNA RHODES** Contributing Writer

BELMONT — Saturday, Aug. 14, is not only Old Home Day in Belmont; it is also National Free Comic Book Day, and Belmont's newest business, RePetes Com-

ics and Collectibles at 141 Main St., hopes that as the celebration gets under way on the town green, people of all ages will come across the street for not only a free comic book but a chance to see all his new store has to offer. There will also be raffles and giveaways for those who stop by that day.

Open since March 6, owner Peter Swain now offers not only collectible comic books and

action figures known to many generations, but current comics. pop culture collectibles, custom art and much more. In fact, greeting customers to Swain's shop are life-size stat-SEE REPETES, PAGE A8

HealthFirst Family Care Center celebrates National Health Center Week Aug. 9-14

FRANKLIN — HealthFirst Family Care Center's two sites based in Laconia and Franklin will join other community health centers (CHC) in celebrating National Health Center Week, Aug. 9-14. National Health Center Week recognizes the work of health centers nationwide and the health care teams working to keep their communities healthy and safe.

Community health centers provide preventive and primary care services to almost 30 million people, 93,000 of whom are in New Hampshire alone. We are committed to providing care to underserved community members and those who disproportionately suffer from chronic disease and lack access to affordable, quality care and have continued to do so while facing a global pandemic. While our approach is community-based and local, collectively we are a critical piece of the nation's health care system and collaborate with hospitals, local and state governments, social, health and business organizations to improve health outcomes for people who are medically vulnerable.

HealthFirst's integrated health care model is designed to address the needs of the whole person, not just one's physical health, and does so by coordinating various wraparound services for an individual. Services may include assistance to address the factors that may cause poor health, such as poverty, homelessness, substance use, mental health, food insecurity, unemployment, and more.

HealthFirst's Chief Executive Officer, Russell Keene stated, "While COVID-19 continues to exacerbate social and medical inequities across the country, HealthFirst has stretched itself to reconfigure services for those in need such as serving our communities through telehealth, offering convenient COVID-19 testing and vaccinations, offering same day appointments, all while still ensuring our patients can access necessities like food and housing resources."

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Franklin Savings buys tax credits for Gale School

BELMONT — Franklin Savings Bank purchased \$50,000 in New Hampshire business tax credits from Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD) to support the redevelopment of the Gale School in Belmont. The project will transform the dilapidated historic building into a vibrant community facility hosting a child care center operated by the Boys & Girls Club of Central NH and a program center operated by Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS).

Construction could begin as early as next year if fundraising is successful. LRCD must sell \$574,000 more in tax credits to move ahead with construction.

"We are thrilled to support the redevelopment of the Gale School," said Ron Magoon, President of Franklin Savings Bank. "The family supports that will be offered in the renovated space are critical to the health of our local economy. We also love the collaboration between these three long-standing organizations that serve our region so well."

"This project is very exciting," said Carmen Lorentz, LRCD's Executive Director. "We are so grateful to Franklin Savings Bank for their sup-

port. Lots of people have worked incredibly hard over decades to save the Gale School and bring it

back to life to serve the community again. It's humbling to be part of SEE CREDITS, PAGE A9



Left, Ron Magoon, President & CEO of Franklin Savings Bank; Right, Carmen Lorentz, Executive Director of Lakes Region Community Developers standing in front of the Gale School in its new location at 60 Concord St., Belmont.

# NHTrust Vice President, Financial Advisor Kimberly Place recognized as an Elite Advisor by Infinex Investments



Kimberly Place

REGION — We are proud to announce that Kimberly Place, Vice President, Financial Advisor for NHTrust, has been recognized as an Elite Advisor by Infinex Investments Inc., NHTrust's investment services partner. Elite Advisor status is granted annually to the top 50 Infinex Financial Advisors nationwide, ranked by revenue production and good standing for all risk and compliance measurements.

"Kim listens carefully

#### BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 26 to Aug. 2.

Nathan G. Bishop, age 21, of Belmont was arrested on July 27 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Jillian D. Moulton, age 33, of Belmont was arrested on July 28 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (subsequent), Transporting Drugs in a Motor Vehicle, being in Control of a Premises where Drugs have been Kept, and multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug (subsequent).

Harley Weymouth, age 40, of Hampstead was arrested on July 29 for Circumvention of an Alcohol Ignition Interlock.

A 37-year-old female was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on July 30 for owning a dog deemed a menace, nuisance, or vicious.

Jamie Stewart, age 36, of Gilmanton was arrested on July 30 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (subsequent) and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Emily T. Moore, age 29, of Belmont was arrested on July 30 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault-Physical Contact.

Daniel J. Forcier, age 45, of North Chelmsford, Mass. was arrested on July 31 for Driving Under the Influence-Impairment.

Michael W. Hoffman, age 42, of Belmont was arrested on Aug. 1 in connection with a warrant.

Ryan C. Barden, age 29, of Laconia was arrested on Aug. 1 for Unlawful Activities-Litter Control.

Laurie J. MacLeod, age 59, of Belmont was arrested on Aug. 1 in connection with a warrant.

Dawn M. Phillips, age 45, of Belmont was arrested on Aug. 1 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Suspension of Vehicle Registration, and Driving Without Giving Proof.

John T. Polo, age 44, of Sandwich was arrested on Aug. 1 for Suspension of Vehicle Registration and Breach of Bail Conditions. to her clients and works closely with them to craft financial planning solutions to help them achieve their goals," said Paul Provost, President of NHTrust. "Her expertise and exceptional ability to build and grow relationships has been an incredible asset to our team and to our clients. We are so proud to congratulate her on her most recent achievement of Elite Advisor."

Place joined NHTrust in 2018 as Assistant Vice President and Chartered Financial Consultant, bringing with her more than 20 years of experience in financial management. She was promoted to Vice President in April of 2020 and. as a Financial Advisor, she assists individuals. families, businesses and other organizations develop and implement comprehensive financial plans, specializing in retirement planning, investment management, insurance, college planning, and financial planning.

Place holds a degree from Champlain College, and is a graduate of the American College of Financial Planning. She has also earned designation as a Chartered Retirement Planning CounselorSM (CRPC®) and Chartered Financial Consultant (CHFC®).

Place enjoys giving back to the community and currently volunteers her time with the United Leukodystrophy Foundation and Hunters Hope Foundation. She resides in Bow with her family.

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# Bank of New Hampshire promotes Stephanie Durfee to Electronic Banking Officer



**Stephanie Durfee** 

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce the promotion of Stephanie Durfee to Electronic Banking Officer.

Stephanie joined Bank of New Hampshire in September 2000 as an Electronic Banking Representative. She was promoted to Senior Electronic Banking Representative in September 2016 and then again promoted to Supervisor in June 2018.

Stephanie is a graduate of the Northern New England School of Banking and holds the designation of Accredited ACH Professional. She has also attained her Advanced ACH Operations Certificate (NEACH) and Supervisory Certificate (CFTEA).

Eric Carter, Senior Vice President, Digital Solutions & Innovation Officer for Bank of New Hampshire, stated, "Stephanie's extensive knowledge and experi-

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ence in Electronic Banking and the Automated Clearing House (ACH) make her abundantly qualified for her new role as Electronic Banking Officer. Her dedication to the Bank and her unparalleled service to our customers makes this distinction, well deserved."

Bank of New Hampshire is excited to have Stephanie in this role on our team as we aspire to remain an independent mutual financial institution, delivering innovative solutions and exceptional service, while assisting our employees, customers and communities to build brighter futures.

Bank of New Hampshire, founded in 1831 provides deposit, lending and wealth management products and services to families and businesses throughout New Hampshire and southern Maine. With 21 banking offices and assets exceeding \$2 billion, Bank of New Hampshire is the oldest and one of the largest independent banks in the state. Bank of New Hampshire is a mutual organization, focused on the success of the bank's customers, communities and employees, rather than stockholders. For more information, call 1-800-832-0912 or visit www. BankNH.com.

# Belknap House hosts Poker Run fundraiser Aug. 14





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LACONIA — Belknap House is excited to host its first Poker Run Fundraiser. A Poker Run is an organized event where participants ride motorcycles, boats and sometimes snowmobiles, to visit card drawing locations. The object is to build a complete poker "hand" by drawing one card at five different locations. To visit the five card drawing locations for this fundraiser, you may ride a motorcycle or drive a vehicle of your choice. The object is to have the best poker hand at the end of the five stops; winning is purely a matter of chance.

Registration in advance is recommended, either online at www.

der events), or at Belknap House, 200 Court Street, Laconia; \$25 for one Poker Score Card: or \$45 for two Poker Score Cards. Once registered. Poker Run Score Cards will be distributed by email or in person. Same day registration will be available at the first card drawing location only, at Belmont Elementary School. Participants will then travel to Laconia Middle School, Elm Street School, Gilford High School and the final destination, Patrick's Pub & Eatery, where poker hands will be tallied and winners announced. The event will open at Belmont Elementary School at 9:00am, participants must draw their final card by 11:00am at Patrick's Pub & Eatery, making sure that each location listed has been visited in between. There will be one Grand Prize winner, and a Second Place and Third Place winner. Everyone who participates will be eligible to win additional Door Prizes. Participants must be present to win.

The goal of this fun Poker run is to raise funds to support Belknap House and to spread awareness about the important work being done in support of families who find themselves homeless. Belknap House is celebrating its second year operating as a year-round shelter, serving families from Belknap County. Within a structured supportive setting, children are provided stability, parents work with case management, develop goals, and are immersed in opportunities to become empowered, self-sufficient and independent.

Sometimes families find themselves in challenging circumstances, unexpectedly. Entering Belknap House offers them a helping hand-up, more sustaining than a hand-out. Register today for this fun Poker Run! Thank you for your support.

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#### Review your IRA, 401(k) beneficiaries

If you've had an IRA and a 401(k) for many years, you may occasionally ask yourself some questions: "Am I contributing enough?" "Am I still funding these accounts with the right mix of investments for my goals and risk tolerance?" But here's one inquiry you might be overlooking: "Have I used the correct beneficiary designations?' And the answer you get is important. It wouldn't be surprising if you haven't thought much about the beneficiary designation – after all, it was just something you once signed, possibly a long time ago. Is it really that big a deal

It could be. For one thing, what if your family circumstances have changed since you named a beneficiary? If you've remarried, you may not want your former spouse to receive your IRA and 401(k) assets or the proceeds of your life insurance policy, for which you also named a beneficiary. However, upon remarrying, many people do review their estate plans, including their wills, living trusts, durable powers of attorney and health care directives. If you've revised these documents, do you have to worry about the old beneficiary designations? You might be surprised to learn that these previous designations can supersede what's in your updated will and other documents. The end result could be an "accidental" inheritance in which your retirement accounts and insurance proceeds could end up going to someone who is no longer in your life. Furthermore, your retirement plans

and insurance policy may not just require a single beneficiary – you may also be asked to name a contingent beneficiary, to whom assets will pass if the primary beneficiary has already died. As you can imagine, the situation could become quite muddled if stepchildren are involved in a remarriage.

To avoid these potential problems, make sure to review the beneficiary

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Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is odd prior to maturity.

designations on all of your accounts at some point – and especially after a significant change in your family situation. If you see something that is outdated or incorrect, contact your retirement account administrator – or your insurance representative, in the case of life insurance – to request a

change-of-beneficiary form. And if you really want to be on the safe side, you may want to enlist a legal professional to help you with this review to make sure the beneficiary designations reflect your current family situation and are consistent with what's in your estate plans.

In fact, if you're already working with an experienced estate planning attorney – and you should – you might also pick up some other suggestions for dealing with beneficiaries. Just to name one, it's generally not a good



idea to name minor children as beneficiaries. Because children can't control the assets until they become adults, a court would likely have to name a guardian – one that you might not have wanted. Instead, you could either name your own custodian to manage the assets designated to the minor or establish a trust for the benefit of the minor, which can distribute the money in several disbursements over a period of years – which is often a good move, since young adults aren't always the best at managing large lump sums.

If you're like many people, you have a strong desire to leave something behind. But you'll want to do it in the right way. So, pay close attention to your beneficiary designations – when you first create them and throughout your life.

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# Master illusionist to appear at Lakeport Opera House



LACONIA—The most highly acclaimed female illusionist in America. Lyn Dillies, will deliver a dazzling display of magic at the Lakeport Opera House on Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. This spectacular, eye-defying illusion show will astound audiences of all ages and keep everyone on the edge of their seat.

"Magic has been my vehicle to not only en-

#### Lyn Dillies

tertain, but inspire lives and make a difference," said Dillies who found her destiny at the age of 12. "It's what I was born to do."

Dillies, from Westport, Massachusetts, is a pioneer in a male-dominated field and has been performing for more than 20 years. From the grandeur of New York City's Lincoln Center to Hollywood's Magic Castle, her unique brand of mystery, comedy and audience participation amazes and astounds through some of the most masterful, mind-blowing illusions in magic today. Dillies was the first illusionist ever to make two live Asian elephants appear in succession during the grand opening of the Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford, Mass.

"Lyn is amazing and on the cutting edge of illusionists," said Emma Teto, Opera House talent director. "She's wowed audiences at sold out shows all over the world. Her shows are visually stunning, with a Vegas flair of glitz and glamour mixed with a family-friendly appeal."

In 2013, she became the first female illusionist in history to receive the prestigious Milbourne Christopher Award from the Society of American Magicians, joining a list that includes David Copperfield, Penn and Teller and Siegfried and Roy. In 2009, Dillies was awarded the Merlin Award for Female Illusionist of the Year from the International Magician's Society. Dillies has appeared on television and has shared the stage with notable entertainers such as Marvin Hamlisch, Jeff Dunham, Bill Engval and Mikhail Baryshnikov. A pioneer in her field. Dillies has produces her Learn

Magic with Lyn DVD, which empowers children to perform their own magic; has founded Your Vote is Magic!, a public service campaign to promote voter awareness to young people; and has created Magic at the Symphony program, which sets some of the most breathtaking illusions in magic against the beauty and drama of classical music played by a full symphony orchestra – a truly unique entertainment experience.

The Opera House is a 200-seat venue built for comfort, style and mobility. Every seat in the house has an unobstructed view, cocktail service and the best sound system for an experience unlike anything else in the area. More than \$1 million was invested in the Opera House renovation which opened in June after being closed for 60 years. Originally built in 1882, this venue mixes modern design elements with historic charm for a unique cultural experience. The Opera House is once again home to live musical performances, theatre productions, comedians, magicians as well as being host to community-focused events, weddings, and private and corporate gatherings. Once a mainstay of Laconia's Lakeport community, the Opera House is on center stage in New Hampshire's Lakes Region.

Upcoming performances include: medium Maureen Hancock on Aug. 8, An Evening of Opera on Aug. 13, a Michael Jackson Experience on Aug.14, The Winnipesaukee Miss Competition 2021 on Aug. 15, Rockphoria on Aug. 19, Murder Mystery on Aug. 22, That Motown Band on Aug. 27 and Femmes of Rock on Aug. 28.

For more information on events and to purchase tickets in advance, visit lakeportopera.com.

# You're invited to "The Dinner Party" at the Colonial

LACONIA - Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, a program of the Belknap Mill and the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre, is excited to kick off its 2021 Colonial Series with Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party," directed by Bryan Halperin and produced in collaboration with The Community Players of Concord. "The Dinner Party" is sponsored by Franklin Savings Bank, Dow Realty Group, and Bonnette, Page and Stone.

"The Dinner Party"

arrive, they see that the party will be an intimate affair, as the table is set for only six guests. But why they have been invited, and who the other guests will be, remains a puzzle to be solved in time for dinner!

"The Dinner Party" cast is filled with veteran New Hampshire community theatre performers with experience at theatre companies all over the state. A talented group of comedians, the cast includes Aaron Compagna. Jennifer Schaffner. Jake Stone, Tess Hodges, Doug Schwarz and Ursula Boutwell. The production team also has extensive experience with both professional and community theatre credits throughout New Hampshire. Led by Powerhouse producers Bryan and Johanna Halperin, Gay Bean handles costumes, Jim Webber is the set design-

er, Chuck Fray provides sound effects and music, Lauren-Shelby Douglas assistant directs and handles props, and Tyler Soucy's team at TS Event Productions will build the set and provide light and sound designs. Katie Duncan serves as Stage Manager and as co-producer.

Says Bryan, "We've been waiting for so long to bring a show to the beautiful Colonial! 'The Dinner Party' is a light and funny comedy perfect for dipping our toes back into the live performance arena and for testing out the new space before we dive into bigger productions this fall." The production runs Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. Social distancing will be in effect, and masks will be required for patrons. The show runs one hour and 40



is one of Simon's last plays, and one in which he attempted to do something he hadn't done before - write a farce. But not just any farce! Simon wanted to attempt a farce that at the end became real. Combining humor and pathos, "The Dinner Party" is set in 1999 in a private dining room in a fancy restaurant in Paris. As guests

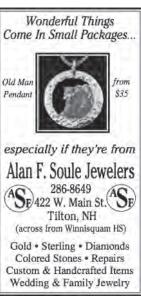
Albert (Aaron Compagna, left) regales fellow dinner party guests Mariette (Tess Hodges) and Gabrielle (Ursula Boutwell, right) at a recent rehearsal.

minutes with no intermission. Tickets can be purchased at www.coloniallaconia.com.

Powerhouse's 2021season is sponsored by Spectacle Live and the Colonial Series is sponsored by the RE/MAX Bayside and Taylor

Community. For more details on Powerhouse and all the programs at the Belknap Mill or to find out how to become a sponsor, visit www. belknapmill.org or email powerhouse@belknapmill.org. For info on the Community Players

of Concord, go to www. communityplayersofconcord.org.





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# Opinion

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# Helicopter parenting a college student

Gone are the days when your child would head off to college to only place a collect call home once a week, or perhaps would send a letter once a month. In those days, our parents had no idea what we were doing on a daily basis, who we were with or where we were at. They had no idea what test scores were coming in or what we had for dinner.

In current times, college students are in instant, constant contact with their parents and we're not so sure that's a good thing. Sure, it's nice to keep in touch but at what cost to your child? Do we really need to know about every fleeting moment of our child's lives? Naturally, we want to protect our children and keep them safe, but this is not the way to do it. Teach them the skills to protect themselves long before they fill out that college application.

To make things worse, most universities now have Facebook pages for parents. While this can be a great resource, it is also a breeding ground for parents to enable other parents, to enable their children, to lack independence and the skills to be resourceful.

Way back when, children had to be home by dark. In today's world, you have parents posting questions on parent's pages on whether or not to use Tide Pods in the washers at school. Why not let your child head off to the laundry mat at school, with a Tide Pod and figure it out for themselves? Other questions are often posed in regard to the furniture in dorm rooms, where parents are asking other parents for pictures so they can better prepare their student prior to moving in. Window sizes, storage space under the bed, outlets, you name it, it's been asked. Again, why not let your college student figure these things out for themselves along with their roommates? They are not in middle school anymore and can very well handle figuring out what they need on their own. If they ask for your help, then of course step in.

Point blank, parents are asking questions on behalf of their children. If a student has a question about parking, or a class or something in regard to move in day, teach them to pick up the phone and call the appropriate person, you know, like an adult would do.

### **STRATEGIES FOR LIVING**

# The death of truth

#### BY LARRY SCOTT

After Tiger Woods had been caught violating his marital covenant and disappointing many who had grown to respect him and admire his extra-ordinary abilities, the media was finally given access to him. One very sharp journalist asked him this question, "How could you have lied to so many for so long?" And that from a journalist? Anyway, Tiger was quite candid. "Because," he responded, "I lied to myself."

In a question and answer session with Christian Apologist Ravi Zacharias, Jeff Foxworthy asked him, "What are some of the biggest lies that our culture tells us today?" Zacharias, to answer the question, brought up this interview with Tiger Woods and said this: "I would have loved to have had a follow-up question. "What did you lie to your-

self about? Did you lie to yourself that you would never get caught, or did you lie to yourself that in doing what you did, that's where lay your happiness?' That, you see, is the deadly lie! The real lie in the system is that you think you can violate the boundaries that God has set and think that in that violation you will find your fulfillment and find your happiness. It simply is not true." (From You-Tube, "Ravi Zacharias and Dennis Prager, 'The Death of Truth, the Decline of Culture' Q&A").

God made us as we are. Our drives, predispositions and interests come from God himself, built into us from the day of creation. Why would God, you must ask yourself, put such restrictions on our happiness? Why would he do such a thing?

God has given us these boundaries that

we might live a balanced life. The boundaries are there and thank God for them. Without the checks and balances that He has given we are all prone to self-destruct. We live in a day when the mantra of so many is, "We live in a free country; I deserve to exercise my rights!" However aberrant their interests, they call for justification and the validation of their behavior. Sooner rather than later, I fear they are going to discover the answer to some of the questions we have raised. Sin is a terrible taskmaster; you play with fire, Mr., and sooner or later you will be burned!

I am grateful for my Christian heritage. If after death I discover that my faith is bogus, that there is no God, no heaven or hell, no day of reckoning for the Hitler's and Stalin's of history, I am still pleased to have discovered what I call "the way of truth." Had I not been born into a Christian home, I would have indulged myself on any number of things that are clearly self-destructive. Granted there are some experiences I will never have, some "highs" I will never experience. I am neither bragging nor complaining; I am just profoundly grateful.

So what does one do when caught, as was Tiger Woods. How does one recover? Jesus said, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." That invitation stands; it was true then, and it is still true today. God's solution to our deepest disappointments and our most intractable problems has been given; his name is Jesus Christ.

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarryscott@gmail.com.

### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### A perfectly timed Editorial

#### To the Editor:

The July 15 Editorial, "Keep it civil," is perfectly noted. I agree completely, and we must bring some class and civility back into this very sad culture. Does it make one feel better to yell obscenities and try to demean others? Thank you for writing on this.

And to Larry Scott, he is so inspiring. Keep ministering to us, Larry. You speak well about all Jesus has done and given to us, His life in love. Thank you as well, and may God continue to bless you.

Last but not the least, John Harrigan. I'm a faithful reader, and love all his stories. They're great. Makes me proud to live in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Carol Seely Belmont



While we think parent to parent support is a great resource, it has gone too far. Parents are posting pictures of their child in their dorm rooms as if it is their first day of Kindergarten. We know that parents are proud, as they should be, but wouldn't those pictures be better suited for a private page for friends and family to see, instead of potentially embarrassing your child?

If a student is having an issue with a roommate, parents are leaning on these pages to sort it out, asking for advice on how to handle it. Why not just tell your student, how to handle it themselves? It is natural for parents to want to swoop in and save the day and fix everything, but in doing so you are creating a way for your young adult to not be self-sufficient. Common sense tells us, that if your student is having a roommate issue, they need to talk to their hall director.

Parents have asked questions such as 'What winter jackets are boys wearing this year?' 'Does my child need an umbrella?' 'Does anyone do grocery delivery?' 'Where can my son sign up for activities?' These appear to us to be a bit over the top.

Trust in your parenting and trust in your child to take care of their own needs. When parents hover, it can have adverse effects. This doesn't mean parents can't be involved or shouldn't be involved in some way.

When helicopter parents overparent, they are sending the message to their student that they cannot do these simple things on their own. A survey of 450 students with helicopter parents, discovered that these individuals lacked the confidence in thinking they could accomplish their own goals in the workplace. As a result, they were more dependent on others and had difficulty coping which led to an increase in anxiety and panic attacks when put under pressure. You will not be around forever, and your child is capable of handling things on their own. The purpose of child rearing is to teach them how to navigate the world on their own, so they can live the best quality of life possible.

The solution is to have a conversation with your child, and ask them how they want you to be involved and how and when you can support them.

# Seniors and kitchen safety: Tips for the "heart of the home"

#### BY MARTHA SWATS Owner/Administrator Comfort Keepers

A kitchen is often the central gathering place in the home. Family dinners, special occasions and time shared together all happen in the heart of the home.

Making sure the kitchen a safe, happy place is important. On a daily basis, many of us spend time in our kitchens, and it is easy to forget that the kitchen can be a place where dangerous accidents are not uncommon – especially for seniors.

When it comes to senior adults and kitchen safety, the numbers show where potential issues can occur:

The National Fire Protection Association reports that three (3) in ten (10) home fires start in the kitchen, more than any other room in the house.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that 76 million cases of foodborne illness occur each year, including 5,000 fatal cases. Older adults, due to a natural decrease in their immune systems, can succumb to food poisoning more easily and have a harder time fighting it off if they do.

Kitchens are also areas with high fall-risk areas: items stored out of reach, slippery floors, and the likelihood that meals are carried to eat in another room.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reports that people over the age of 65 have a 2.7 times greater risk of dying in a kitchen fire than the general population.

For those that want to ensure that the kitchen is as safe as possible for their senior loved ones, there are three key areas to consider:

Fire prevention and safety – The primary cause of kitchen fires is unattended food - seniors should never leave the kitchen when food is cooking. Automatic shut-off devices are a great tool to help seniors that have memory issues but like to spend time cooking. Loose clothing, kitchen towels and potholders can all catch fire if too close to the stove, so it is good to be mindful about fabric near flames. And, on a regular basis, a qualified electrician should check wiring and outlets to ensure safety compliance - this is a common cause of fires in older homes.

Foodborne illness prevention – Because of the ways our bodies change when we get older, foodborne illness can become a much more serious issue. This can be

prevented by properly storing food, checking fridge temperatures often, properly reheating food, cleaning old items out of the fridge and pantry often and checking expiration dates.

Reduce fall risks – When seniors need to reach an item, whether stored too high or too low, it can cause a balance issue that may lead to a fall. Keeping cooking items within reach is critical. Clutter on counters should be removed, bright lights are helpful, and the heaviest objects should be stored at waist level. Water is often a problem in the kitchen – possible issues include spilled water from the sink, leaking refrigerators and pipe leaks. Spilled water can make kitchen floors slippery, so adding mats and checking water sources often is important.

The kitchen can be a joyful place in the home, with intentional action to minimize the risk of accident or illness. Being safe in the kitchen is not just common sense and revisiting safety tips for the kitchen is never a waste of time.

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#### North Country Notebook

### Mammoths and mastodons, and place-names of the past



**By JOHN HARRIGAN COLUMNIST** 

Cohasse, Coashaukees, Coös County, and Cohas Brook, not to mention Coos Bay (pronounced "cooze") in the Pacific Northwest--what's an armchair historian and map aficionado to do?

Place-name similarities occurred on early maps of New Hampshire, just as they did all along the East Coast. Pre-Revolution maps of New Hampshire tended to label everything above the Fifteen Mile Falls (on the Connecticut River. from Littleton on down) as the Upper Cohasse Intervales, and called everything below them the Lower Cohasse.

The Fifteen-Mile Falls began more or less at the towns of Dalton, New Hampshire and Gilman, Vermont, and tumbled southward for about that many miles in one foaming cataract after another. Today, much of the fast water is buried behind dams.

However, many wild and free stretches remain, enough to offer plenty of recreation for the adventurous, from either side of the river. These range from nice little kayak runs to places just right for a forked stick and a night-crawler. The curious need only to scrutinize a good map, and seek them out.

Early cartographers spelled the name of a little tributary that flowed into the Merrimack River below the stupendous Amoskeag Falls as "Cohas Brook."

There are at least two obscure sources for this name, and some day I'm going to check them out. I've always wondered if early Europeans were simply confused between the Merrimack and the Connecticut rivers.

"Up north," after all, was (and in some ways still is) a big mystery.

While we're on the subject of map mysteries, why are there so many places named "calef" this and that across the nation? They're everywhere. The word can mean leader, or chief, or calf, or calves, or for all I know, caves, of maybe even "chafe," which is what chasing it down makes me do.

Similarly, there are many "mammoth" and "mastodon" roads across the country. The reason for this is surprisingly simple: the media were to blame. Well, partly.

In 1848, workers digging a railroad through a ridge in southern Vermont unearthed the bones of a woolly mammoth. The find was the first of its kind, at least the first to make the press. It caused a sensation.

But the nation was expanding quickly, and mammoth and mastodon bones and fossils began turning up all across the continent, and the stories wore off. Today, similar place-name stories ("pigeon roost," "salmon run," "buffalo jump," and so on) are buried on Page 17 or the like and

barely generate a yawn.

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European newcomers dickering for other people's land (the Penacooks, the Ameriscoggins, the Coashaukees) preferred to think they were dealing with "sachems," or "sagamores," to wit, persons of high stature. Sometimes this was true, many times not so very much so.

All too often, land speculators went looking for any Indian of apparent high station, which could be any Indian with the most European trade-goods. Often, this person had no authority to deed land. Private ownership of common land was incomprehensible to Native Americans anyway.

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In all my life, I've never been out of sight or sound of Indian placenames. In a region of harsh climate and acidic soils, it is the most enduring legacy we have.

In Nashua, where I landed my first newspaper job, I had the city's place-name itself as a steady reminder. "Nashaway" is the old phonetic spelling for the people who originally lived there. The river had several rapids and small falls along that stretch, and was augmented by aquifers welling up from adjacent hills.

European settlements tended to move on up the river on a generational basis, with another leap up the river, like migrating salmon, every ten year or so. Every falls in the river seemed to be up for grabs, a mind-boggling opportunity for settlers. Water-rights in Europe had been bought up centuries before, and kept in the family.



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One rides, and two paddle. Photographer John Rockwood will be featured at the Loon Preservation Committee's annual meeting (via Zoom) on Aug. 26.

#### with a clean shot.

"That gun shoots nice," I said, by way of an off-handed compliment. "I've got another one

even better," Frank said.

A couple of months later, he reached up during a game of pool and handed me the gun, a twenty-gauge ca.-1920s French double. "It's yours for a C-note," he said, and I hunt with it today.

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In those days, Route 101-A from Milford to Nashua was open farm country, with one gas station and adjacent restaurant ("Eat Here and Get Gas") where the road to Merrimack took off. Now, all nine miles are the epitome of a strip-mall.

About where the Coca-Cola bottling plant is (or maybe was), I pulled over one day to take a photograph of the huge and fast-flowing outflow from the high country of Hollis and other towns all around the horizon, from the aquifer that later became the fabled Pennichuck Water Works.

Someone was living along the northeastern bank in a sort of shack, and one of the inhabitants, more or less tending a fishing pole from the comfort of a lawnchair, waved me over and immediately offered me a beer. Sorry, couldn't stop long, and all that (damned job).

We talked a bit about the behavior of aquifers, and previous inhabitants, and bottling plants, and he said, "Hold on a minute, let me show you something."

He fetched round-pointed shovel, and in a spot where I'd just walked drove it in to form a small square, and lifted the sod out, and deep, dark water gurgled below.

"Here, fish here," he said, offering me a chair.

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one of his favorite places west of Merrimack, in territory I'd come to know well.

Early accounts in

Nashua refer to what

stood as a local landmark

for many years---an Indi-

an-head carved into the

trunk of a giant pine

tree where the Nashua

River flows into the Mer-

rimack. Supposedly, it

was left by Indians angry

after a one-sided trading

session. Why angry Indi-

ans would take the time

to carve such a thing has

Somehow, this story

reminded me of Frank

Parker, the veteran out-

door writer who preced-

ed me at the New Hamp-

shire Sunday News. We

didn't get along so well at

first, mainly because of

some ignorant stuff I'd

written about the pheas-

ant program, but once

we'd shot a few games of

pool on his basement ta-

ble we got along just fine.

Frank and I wound

up hunting together,

and one day we went to

always escaped me.

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Sure enough, we flushed a bird right away, and Frank dropped it

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To register, call Dan Kusch at 524-8444, ext. 2393 or e-mail dan.kusch@granitevna.org.

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# Tokyo brings the heat (and the humidity)



ONE OF THE FEW VENUES where the press tribune was in the shade was the Oi Field Hockey Stadium.

As I write this, it is Friday afternoon in Tokyo, very early Friday morning on the East Coast of the United States. I have a busy few days ahead, including attending the closing ceremonies, something I was hoping would happen and was confirmed yesterday with a trip to the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee office here in the Main Press Center.

With so much ahead in the next two days, including gathering everything together to head back to the United States, I thought I would get this column written a few days early. By the time you are reading this, if all goes as planned, I have returned to the United States in one piece.

This Olympic experience has been interesting to say the least (look for my account of the closing ceremonies next week), but I will say if I can use one word to describe this trip, it would be "hot."

And that doesn't even begin to describe it. My first Olympics, Sochi back in 2014, were surprisingly mild for a Winter Olympics. I rarely needed a hat or gloves and was able to stand outside easily. Four years later, I found PyeongChang to be much colder, with hats and gloves almost always necessary when outside watching the sports.

Tokyo has taken the weather to another extreme. It is brutally hot. And humid. My friend, Bob Tuttle, who spent many years living in Japan, told me it would be this way, and while I don't always believe what he says, on this, I did believe him and he was right.

Most days, the temperatures hovered in the low to mid-90s, but it was the humidity that pushed the "feels like" number even higher. Numerous days when I checked my phone for a weather update, the "feels like" number was 105 or higher. Simply sitting outside to watch the



events had me sweating like crazy.

Part of the issue is that the press tribunes seemed to be in the direct sunlight. No more was this true than at the beach volleyball venue. I was there for the gold medal game earlier today, and even though the US women made quick work of the match, by the time I got on the bus, my shirt was absolutely soaked. Of course, not only did I spend the match out in the sun, at Shiokaze Park where the matches are played, there is a long walk from the bus drop off to the venue and back, almost all of which is in direct sunlight.

A few hours later, after some time in the air conditioning, I had dried out a little before the trip to Olympic Stadium, another venue where the sun beats down on the press venue. Luckily this trip is at night, so the heat will be a bit more bearable.

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One of the few exceptions to the press tribune in direct sunlight rule was at field hockey, where the stands were covered, including the press area, and while it was warm, the respite from the direct sunlight was great. And at skateboarding I found a spot just in front of a large wall where I was almost entirely in the shade. That was a win.

I was prepared for the heat, but I am not sure I was as prepared as I should have been. After all, Bob did warn me.

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# UNH graduate advances to finals in first Olympics

#### BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

TOKYO, Japan — Elle Purrier St. Pierre rewrote the history books at the University of New Hampshire.

Now that her time in Durham has come to a close, she is competing on the world stage and made her Olympic debut on Tuesday, Aug. 2 at Olympic Stadium in Tokyo, Japan.

Running in the second heat, Purrier St. Pierre ran with the lead pack most of the way and worked her way to the front of the pack as the race entered its last lap. She held the lead most of the way around the track but was overtaken in the final stretch and finished third overall with a time of 4:05.34. The top six in each heat moved on to the semifinals, so she easily qualified to move on. Sifan Hassan of the Netherlands and Jessica Hull of Australia took the top two spots in the heat. Fellow Americans Corey Ann McGee and

Heather MacLean also advanced to the semifinals.

Purrier St. Pierre then moved on to the finals with a sixth place finish in her semifinal on Wednesday, Aug. 4, finishing in 4:01. While she was not one of the top five finishers who automatically qualified, she was the fastest outside of those runners and earned a spot in the finals.

Friday, Aug. 6, was the 1,500-meter finals and Purrier St. Pierre hung in with the very fast pack through the first few laps, crossing the finish line in sixth place and then in seventh place with two laps to go. She dropped back to 12th place as the bell lap started, but she rallied and finished strong, finishing in 10th place overall with a time of 4:01.75. Defending Olympic champion Faith Kipyegon of Kenya defended her title and also broke the Olympic record in a time of 3:53.11. The top

eight women all broke four minutes.

Purrier St. Pierre, who qualified for the Olympic team by winning the 1,500 meters at the Olympic Team Trials in Oregon, is the fifth athlete with ties to the UNH track and field program to represent the US in the Olympics, the most recent being Clare Egan in the biathlon in 2018.

Purrier St. Pierre was an 11-time All-American and 17-time America East champion across UNH's cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field teams; she was the NCAA national champion in the mile at the 2018 indoor meet.



ELLE PURRIER ST. PIERRE runs to the lead in her first-round race at Olympic Stadium in Tokyo.

She swept the America East conference Scholar-Athlete season awards for women's cross country, women's indoor track and field and women's outdoor track and field in both the 2016-17 and 2027-18 academic years. She was also named the America East Scholar-Athlete of the Year both years.

Purrier St. Pierre holds six individual records and is part of four record relays in the UNH record book. On the indoor leaderboard, she is at the top of the list in the 800 meters

(2:03.64), 1,000m (2:46.02), mile (4:26.55) and 3,000m (8:55.68); she is also part of the record distance medley relay team. On the outdoor leaderboard, she is the top Wildcat in the 1,500m (4:10.08) and steeplechase (9:43.65), as well as the sprint medley, 4x800m and 4x1,500m relays; she also graduated as the UNH record holder in the 800m.

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# Gold medal Saturday for US hoop, water polo teams



JOSHUA SPAULDING THE US WOMEN'S water polo team celebrates its third consecutive Olympic gold medal.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

#### Sports Editor

TOKYO, Japan — As the Olympics draw to a close, most of the contests that show up on the schedule are medal matches and Saturday, Aug. 7, saw a couple of gold medal games for the United States.

First up was the US men's basketball team, which took on France in the gold medal game at Saitama Super Arena. The US team was look-

ing to avenge a loss in the opening game of the Olympics, when France handed Team USA what would be its only loss of the tournament. Since that loss, the United States has managed to take care of business, beating Iran and the Czech Republic in pool play and going on to beat Spain in the quarterfinals and Australia in the semifinals to advance to the title game. France entered the title game undefeated. The US was

looking to win its fourth straight gold medal, following Beijing, London and Rio De Janeiro.

The US team avenged its loss to France, though it wasn't easy. The USA built as much as a 14-point lead before France chipped away at the margin, drawing as close as three points when Nando de Colo made two free throws with 10 seconds remaining for an 85-82 score. Two Kevin Durant free throws with eight sec-

onds left sealed the win.

Durant led all scorers with 29 points. Celtic Jayson Tatum added 19 and led the team with seven rebounds. Jrue Holiday and Damian Lillard added 11 apiece. Former Celtic Evan Fournier had 16 points for France to lead a balanced offensive attack that saw four players reach double figures.

"It's a hell of a feeling. Slow start when we first got here, tough couple of games in Vegas, not being able to bring our families. Having three guys come late, we had to figure it out. But we figured it out," Tatum said after the win. "I can't wait (to get the gold medal around my neck). That's what we came here for. I'm grateful. I'm happy. A hell of a feeling. It's a great feeling."

The gold medal is the 19th won by Team USA in men's basketball: 16 gold, one silver (Munich 1972), and two bronze (Seoul 1988 and Athens 2004). They move their record in Olympic competition to 150-6, a .962 winning percentage.

Next up was the women's water polo gold medal game at Tatsumi Water Polo Centre and like in basketball, the US has dominated this sport at the Olympics, as Team USA was looking to become the first women's team to ever win three consecutive Olympic gold medals.

The US women didn't leave much anticipation, as they took charge at the start and never looked back, beating Spain 14-5.

The USA broke on top early, with Alys Williams scoring a mere 27 seconds into the match. Maggie Steffens added another goal with 3:36 left, then Spain found the goal on its sixth shot attempt when Roser Tarrago Aymerich tallied at the 2:15 mark. Maddie Musselman and Rachel Fattal each scored in the last minute to give the USA a 4-1 advantage after one quarter.

Musselman picked up a second goal and Makenzie Fischer and Kaleigh Gilchrist each scored in the second quarter, but Maica Garcia Godoy scored twice and Bea Ortiz got one goal to make the halftime score 7-4.

Five unanswered goals in the third quarter gave the USA an insurmountable margin. Goalkeeper Ashleigh Johnson shut down the Spain offense with a series of stops in the second half. Elena Ruiz snuck a shot past substitute goalkeeper Amanda Longan with just over two minutes left in the game for Spain's lone goal of the second half.

Nine players scored for Team USA, led by Musselman's three goals. Williams, Gilchrist, and Aria Fischer each had a pair.

"They're unwavering in their approach. Obviously, when you've had success before it gives you some confidence going into a game like this," said US coach Adam Krikorian. "We've talked a lot about the fine line between confidence and complacency.

"But we've done a fantastic job of just staying focused through this process and it's amazing," he added.

"We're having fun out there and I think you could see that today," Musselman said. "Everyone brought their best when their best was needed and it showed in all four quarters."

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# A treat to see legends do their thing



ALLYSON FELIX shows off her bronze medal after Friday's 400 meters at Tokyo's Olympic Stadium.

#### BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

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TOKYO, Japan — One of the highlights for me in the 2018 Winter Olympics was getting the chance to see Lindsey Vonn ski. She was injured in 2014, so I didn't get to see her in Sochi. The draw of seeing her ski is that you are seeing one of the best of all time doing her thing and any time you can do that, it's a treat.

Coming into the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, one of the things I wanted to do was see more of the best do their thing. And I accomplished that, at least on a few occasions.

On the first day I was able to get out of my hotel, I saw Katie Ledecky swim. Granted, it was just the trials, but it was still Katie Ledecky, who has cemented her legacy as one of the best swimmers of all time.

I was scheduled to see Simone Biles compete in the floor exercise in my second week in Tokyo, but as has been widely reported, Biles had to back out of competition and did not compete until the day after I saw gymnastics.

On Friday night, I got the chance to watch in her fifth Olympics, another legend compete and this time, bring home a medal. Allyson Felix entered the 400 meters tied with Merlene Ottey of Jamaica for the most medals ever won by a female track athlete with nine.

Felix won the bronze medal with a season-best time of 49.46 seconds, seconds behind 1.10 the winning time of Shaunae Miller-Uibo of Bahamas.

Among men and women for track, she was tied for second all-time with 10 medals, same as Carl Lewis, and trailing only Paavo Nurmi (Finland) with 12.

Among US women in all sports, she was then fourth all-time with 10 medals, trailing a threesome of swimmers, Natalie Coughlin, Dara Torres and New Hampshire's Jenny Thompson, all with 12.

She was tied for ninth all-time among US Olympians - men and women tied with Lewis, Ledecky, and Gary Hall, Jr., trailing Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, the three women swimmers. Mark Spitz, Matt Biondi and shooter Carl Osburn.

### By winning a medal

Felix ties the record for track and field athletics (men or women) set by Jamaican sprinters Ottey and Veronica Campbell-Brown.

Her winning med-als in five Olympics is surpassed among USA Olympians only by shooter Kim Rhode (with six) and equals Torres, hoopster Teresa Edwards and rider J. Michael Plumb, all with five.

Felix then added another medal as part of the 4X400-meter relay the next night.

The foursome of Sydney McLaughlin, Felix, Muhammad, Dalilah and Athing Mu posted a time of 3:16.85, 3.68 seconds ahead of Poland, who took the silver medal in 3:20.53. Jamaica won the bronze medal in 3:21.24.

With her 11th career Olympic medal, Felix takes second place behind Nurmi for all-time Olympic track and field medals in a career. She also adds to her record among USA track and field women and is seventh all-time among all women at the Olympic Games.

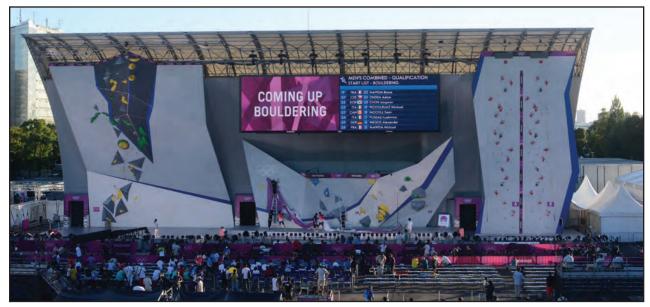
The gold is the seventh of that hue won by Felix, which is second among all USA women at the Olympic Games. With gold medals won at four different Olympic Games, she is first among all USA athletes and ties for fourth among female summer Olympians regardless of nation.

At 35 years and 263 days, Felix also becomes the oldest USA female gold medalist in track and field, the oldest USA gold medalist (male or female) in a track event, and the second-oldest female gold medalist in a track event regardless of nation, trailing only Constantina Diță-Tomescu of Romania, who was 38 years and 206 days when she won the marathon at the Olympic Games Beijing 2008.

Seeing legends is always a treat and was a great part of my trip to Tokyo.

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A new Olympic sport, but nothing new to many



JOSHUA SPAULDING

THE SPORT CLIMBING wall at the Olympics included courses for (left to right) lead, bouldering and speed.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

TOKYO, Japan — I always tell people that my brother climbs mountains for a living. In a way, this is true, though I am well aware that his job entails much more than climbing mountains.

He has worked as an nstructor for Nation-

climbing is squeezing between the boulders lining the parking lot by the Prospect Mountain High School track and softball field to get to a game faster. My idea of sleeping outside is catching a few winks in my car prior to an evening basketball game at one of the many local high

climbing. First up was the speed event, where competitors went headto-head on a wall trying to register the fastest time up the wall. Each athlete got two runs (one on each side of the wall) and the fastest time counted as their score.

Next up was the bouldering event. In this one, a strong finish in lead to earn the final qualifying spot.

Coleman went on to finish second overall in the finals, with Duffy finishing in seventh overall.

While I know that my brother spends most of his time on real rocks, not on the rock walls used in the Olympics, it was cool to see what he does for a living being featured in international competition. I asked him if he had seen the competition and he noted he had seen some of it and pointed out that, obviously, what he does is definitely different. Climbing on real rocks as opposed to walls with plastic hand holds, is a different animal. I was curious as to whether or not the guys in the Olympics could cut it in the world of real rock climbing and he said that there are definitely some crossovers. He pointed to Adam Ondra of the Czech Republic, who finished fifth overall in the qualifying and said he is, "arguably one of the strongest climbers out there.'

# From extreme to intense

#### **BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**

Sports Editor

TOKYO, Japan — After spending Sunday morning at BMX freestyle, I changed things up and went to the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium, where the table tennis competition was taking place.

Entering the arena, there were four tables set up on the floor of an arena that was comparable to the former Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, maybe a tad bit bigger. I had to register at the venue media center for a seat in the press tribune and since the US was playing on table three, I asked for a seat in front of that table. Tables three and four were on opposite ends of the arena, with tables one and two in the middle.

The United States was playing in the women's team competition. Team matches consist of four singles matches and one doubles match, each played over the best of five games. Each team consists of three players and matches end when a team has won three individual games.

While table tennis and BMX freestyle likely don't get compared too often, there was a level of intensity in each of the sports that was comparable. The BMX riders, while certainly focused on what they were doing, also seemed to be pretty laid back, while the table tennis players seemed hyper-focused and incredibly intense.

The US team of Juan Liu and Lily Zhang got off to a tough start, falling to Chinese Taipei in the first game by an 11-6 score. They took an early lead in the second game, only to see their opponents come charging back to cut the lead to three, however, they scored an 11-6 win to even things up.

The third game saw the two teams go back and forth, but the US duo finished strong, pulling away for another 11-6 win for the 2-1 lead. After the US got out to an early lead in the fourth game, Chinese Taipei rallied for a 12-10 win, forcing a fifth and deciding doubles game. The US fell 11-8 in that game to go down 1-0 heading to singles.

Huijing Wang got the US started in singles play and fell 11-5 in the opening game, 11-1 in the second game and 11-4 in the third game, giving Chinese Taipei the 2-0 lead.

Liu took the table next for her singles match, with the US needing a win to stay alive and she got a 13-11 win in the opening game. Chinese Taipei took the 11-4 win in the second game to even things up while the third game was a marathon, with Liu falling 16-14. Chinese Taipei won 11-4 in the fourth game to take the overall 3-0 win.

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al Outdoor Leadership School for many years now. He currently works out of the office in Lander. Wyo., and while he has more of an office job now, he still leads trips on the regular. In a sense, he gets paid to

climb mountains. But he also gets paid to teach, helping kids learn about the outdoors and skills that they might need. He teaches things like rock climbing, backpacking and ice climbing and even has some training with horses. For a person like him, who has been in to the outdoors for as long as I can remember, it really is the perfect job. He can spend a few weeks at a time living out of a tent in a mountain range in Wyoming or even in the mountains of New Zealand or India and it doesn't phase him.

Being old and out of shape, my idea of rock

schools.

But, I have seen many pictures of him climbing steep rock faces with friends, sleeping on narrow ledges and generally living a life that is much more dangerous, and much more adventurous, than my own.

Tuesday, Aug. 3, I ventured out to Aomi Urban Sports Park to have an up close look at some of the things that he does, just in a more controlled setting. Sport climbing was making its debut at the Olympics and I spent a few hours in the baking sun (and a few after the sun mercifully went behind a building) watching some elite athletes do some crazy things on a climbing wall.

I must say, it was a lot of fun to watch. The event of the evening was the men's combined qualifications, so I got to see a little of each event that makes up sport United States also used

there were four different "problems" that the athletes had to solve, one at a time. They got five minutes on each one, getting points if they were able to reach a certain zone on each course and more points if they reached the top and held on for a determined period of time.

The final event was the lead climbing, where athletes had six minutes to get as high as they could on a wall. It didn't matter which exact course they took, but the higher they got, the better they scored.

Colin Duffy of the United States put on an impressive performance, especially in lead, and qualified third overall, while Mikael Mawem of France was incredibly strong on the bouldering portion and was the top qualifier. Nathaniel Coleman of the

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# Seidel wins bronze in just her third-ever marathon

SAPPORO, Japan — Molly Seidel of Cambridge, Mass. won a bronze medal Saturday in the women's marathon, which was held in Sapporo on the northern island of Hokkaido, because of the concern over the heat and humidity in Tokyo.

Seidel finished third in only her third race at the marathon distance, finishing in 2:27:46 and trailing two Kenyans, gold medal winner Peres Jepchirchir (2:27:20) and silver medalist Brigid Kosgei (2:27:36). Seidel was with the lead pack throughout the race but lost contact with Jepchirchir and Kosgei shortly before the 40km mark. She was more than one minute ahead of the fourth-place finisher, Ethiopia's Roza Dereje.

We didn't go out super fast and I kept it very controlled at the beginning. After halfway, rather than follow, I wanted to make moves and be aggressive. These races are tactical, so I wanted to be a little bit of a bulldog and not let people walk all over me," Seidel said. "Truthfully, I wanted it as hard as possible. I wanted it hot and windy knowing a lot of these women run really fast in conditions that are very good. I think I thrive off a little bit of adversity. The course in Atlanta (at the US trials) was a tough, hilly course. When the going gets tough, that's my strong suit."

Seidel's medal was the third for Team USA women in the Olympic marathon, after Joan Benoit's gold medal in the inaugural Olympic women's marathon in 1984 and Deena Kastor's bronze medal at Athens in 2004. Seidel made her marathon début at the 2020 US Olympic Trials in February 2020, then finished sixth at the 2020 London Marathon in October. Sally Kipyego finished 17th today in the Olympic marathon, while Olympic Trials winner Aliphine Tuliamuk had to stop due to injury and did not finish.

'To get a medal for the US and to do it in the US uniform is huge. I've seen other US athletes do such incredible things these Games. Seeing my friend Courtney Frerichs win silver (in the women's 3,000m steeplechase) the other day was my inspiration. Seeing her do that and race aggressively was truthfully what gave me the strength to not be afraid to stick my nose in it."

#### REPETES

CONTINUED FROM PAGE A1 ues in the likes of Deadpool, Spiderman and even an impressive Creature of the Black Lagoon statue, which is one of only three in the world.

RePetes is owned and operated by Swain and his companion Jeanne Blair, who are both art and reading enthusiasts. Blair teaches art at both Compass Classical Academy in Franklin and a Laconia elementary school, while Swain has made a name for himself in the art world by restoring classic movie and entertainment venue statues. Throughout the years he has restored fiberglass figures "rescued" from exhibits from Universal Studios to Great Britain, and has even created original movies props for a few lesser-known studios in the southwest. His artistry also drew the attention of television stations in Arizona when

he delivered a Creature of the Black Lagoon coffee table he built to a local movie company.

Swain said that between Blair's love for education and fine arts and his interests in comics, "man cave" art and reading, the couple decided to combine their passions and create RePetes Comics and Collectibles.

Opening a business during a pandemic was a bit concerning but Swain said he worked hard on laying out a business plan for the shop with current CDC recommendations built included and felt it was time to put those plans in motion.

"I wanted a business that will last 20 years, not be here for two years then be gone. We did a lot of planning so we can be here long term and we feel we're on track for that," said Swain.

The shop is open and uncluttered, with displays properly distanced for multiple customers, and kept clean at all times.

In keeping with their business plan, the couple has also begun establishing themselves as part of their new community. Among the hundreds of items for sale in RePetes are comic books by artist and comic book writer Michael Mitchell, who died in 2019 at the age of just 53. His talents were so loved and respected by Swain that he not only decided to sell Mitchell's classic New Hampshire-oriented comic books, he also took it one step further.

"We established an art scholarship in Mike's name at Belmont High School this year and we'll be doing some fundraisers now to help keep that going," said Swain.

Another community-driven factor is the presence of local art in the shop, and he currently has art pieces on sale

from both students and adults, including former local newspaper comic artist J.Whitlock.

But there are more plans in the process, including an addition to the town recreation department's Trunk or Treat activities in October. Besides some spirited fun at their Main St. shop, a haunted tour of the walking trail in Belmont village is just one idea he and Blair are working on at this time.

"I love Halloween, so I'm planning on making it a big event here in Belmont this year," Swain said.

In the meantime, his shop is filled with collectibles that go beyond just comic books. Remember Masters of the Universe? G.I. Joe? Transformers? X Men? Power Rangers?

Collectibles from those childhood favorites and more can be found at RePetes in all forms imaginable, including action figures,

lunchboxes, comic books and other forms of memorabilia.

There are also much loved cartoon characters like the Flintstones and Muppets along with Super Heroes such as Batman, Spiderman and anything else one might imagine- even a Ghostbuster car and an Elvis doll.

One of his current most popular items however are the Pop! collectibles.

"Those go out as quick as they come in. They're one of my biggest sellers right now," Swain said.

Fortunately, he has an abundant supply to keep kids and collectors happy.

Swain said he wants RePetes to be a destination for people; a place to reminisce about the memorabilia on display while picking out items that mean the most to them and hopefully putting a few on their "wish lists" for the future.

"I change the shop up every month so there is always something new here when customers come back," Swain said. "If someone's looking for something special and doesn't find it though, all they have to do is ask and I'll see if I have it."

He also welcomes those with collectible comics and toys they want to sell or trade.

RePetes is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from noon-6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

"I'm closed Tuesdays because that's when I go to Massachusetts and North Hampton to pick up the new (comic book) releases and maybe even some new toys they might have available. That's why you'll always find something new here," Swain said.

# Medium connects with the departed at Lakeport Opera House



individuals to flex their intuitive muscle and tapping into messages from spirits. A teacher of sorts, Hancock's work has brought comfort, hope and healing to the masses. She has taught workshops on intuition building to law enforcement, medical professionals and financial experts. She spends much of her time giving back by assisting those with terminal illness, sitting with newly bereaved parents, aiding law enforcement- including the FBI, and motivational speaking about life after death, stress management, intuition and perspective building.

Hancock is the au-

Hancock was a reoccurring guest on the Ricki Lake Show, and recently filmed a television pilot for a major network with the hopes of having a nationally syndicated talk show in the near future.

"Maureen is the real-deal and has the reputation as a legitimate medium," said Emma Teto, Lakeport Opera House talent director. "Her events sell out all over the country as she keeps audiences entertained and interested, and everyone leaves different than how they came in."

As a child, Hancock's connection to beyond began when she was just two years old after

of five after her recovery, she began seeing spirits for the first time. Fast forward to 1992 when she had her second near death experience and broke every bone in her face but while waiting for multiple surgeries, she completely healed on her own and started to hear the voices. Hancock began her professional career as a medium in 2001 after 9/11 occurred and she began helping victims family members with healing.

The Opera House is a 200-seat venue built for comfort, style and mobility. Every seat in the house has an unobstructed view, cocktail service and the best sound system for an experience unlike anything else in the area. More than \$1 million was invested in the Opera House renovation which opened in June after being closed for 60 years. Originally built in 1882, this venue mixes modern design

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elements with historic charm for a unique cultural experience. The Opera House is once again home to live musical performances, theatre productions, comedians, magicians as well as being host to community-focused events, weddings, and private and corporate gatherings. Once a mainstay of Laconia's Lakeport community, the Opera House is on center stage in New Hampshire's Lakes Region.

Upcoming performances include: An Evening of Opera on Aug. 13, a Michael Jackson Experience on Aug. 14, Rockphoria on Aug.19, Master Illusionist Magic on Aug. 21, Murder Mystery on Aug. 22, The Motown Band on Aug. 27 and Femmes of Rock on Aug. 28.



LACONIA — Spirits will come alive when world renowned spirit medium, Maureen Hancock, performs for a sold-out crowd at the Lakeport Opera House on Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. This will be the Opera House's first medium to ever take the stage in the 140-year old building on a night that promises to be unforgettable.

"This will be the most unique family reunion you'll ever witness as you laugh, cry and heal with me," said Hancock, who has been connecting with spirits for almost 30 years. "Spirits really come alive in old historic spaces so I can't wait to visit the Lakeport Opera House for a celebration of life, memories and those who have passed."

Hancock, New а England-native from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, is known as an intuitive teacher, holistic healer and author who has a sixth sense and can connect the living to the dead. She has an honest, raw, compassionate delivery of profound messages from beyond with a subtle way of bringing laughter into her events as a former stand-up comedian.

She has spent decades demystifying the overwhelming subject matter of death, helping

thor of the bestselling book, "The Medium Next Door: Adventures of a Real-Life Ghost Whisperer" and star of the Style Network documentary, "Psychic in Suburbia."

a near death experience from severe lead paint poisoning which had her in and out of the hospital for three years and in a coma. When she returned home at the age

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Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. To sign up, please contact Krista Doran at 833-7795 or marblestudiosllc@gmail.com.

For more information on events and to purchase tickets in advance, visit lakeportopera.com.

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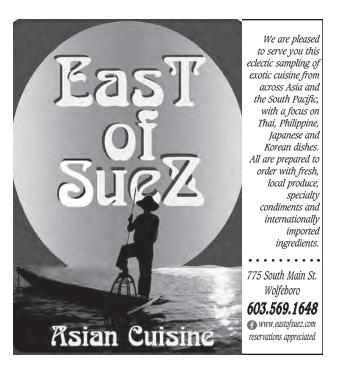
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this effort."

The Gale School was built in 1894, and was used by the Belmont school district until the mid-1980s. The building has been mostly vacant since then, and years of neglect have taken their toll. The Gale School was named to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in 2018, and was selected as one of New Hampshire's Seven to Save in 2017.

In July 2020, the

building was successfully moved by the local Save Our Gale School Committee (SOGS) to a new location at 60 Concord Street in Belmont Village. LRCD agreed to partner with SOGS to redevelop the building.

The tax credits are administered by New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). Any business with operations in New Hampshire that contributes to a CDFA tax credit project receives a New Hampshire state tax credit worth 75 percent of their contribution. The credit can be used over a period of five years to reduce the business' state tax liability (business profits, business enterprise or insurance premium taxes). The tax credit program allows New Hampshire businesses to redirect a significant portion of their state tax dollars to support local projects that they care about.

CDFA reviews many project applications each year and awards tax credits to those they determine are feasible and will make the biggest impact on economic development in the state. LRCD was awarded \$750,000 in credits for the Gale School project, and has sold \$176,000 to date.

Businesses interested in supporting the Gale School project by purchasing tax credits should contact Carmen Lorentz at 524-0747, ext. 110.

Lakes Region Community Developers helps the Lakes Region thrive by developing healthy homes, creating vibrant community as-

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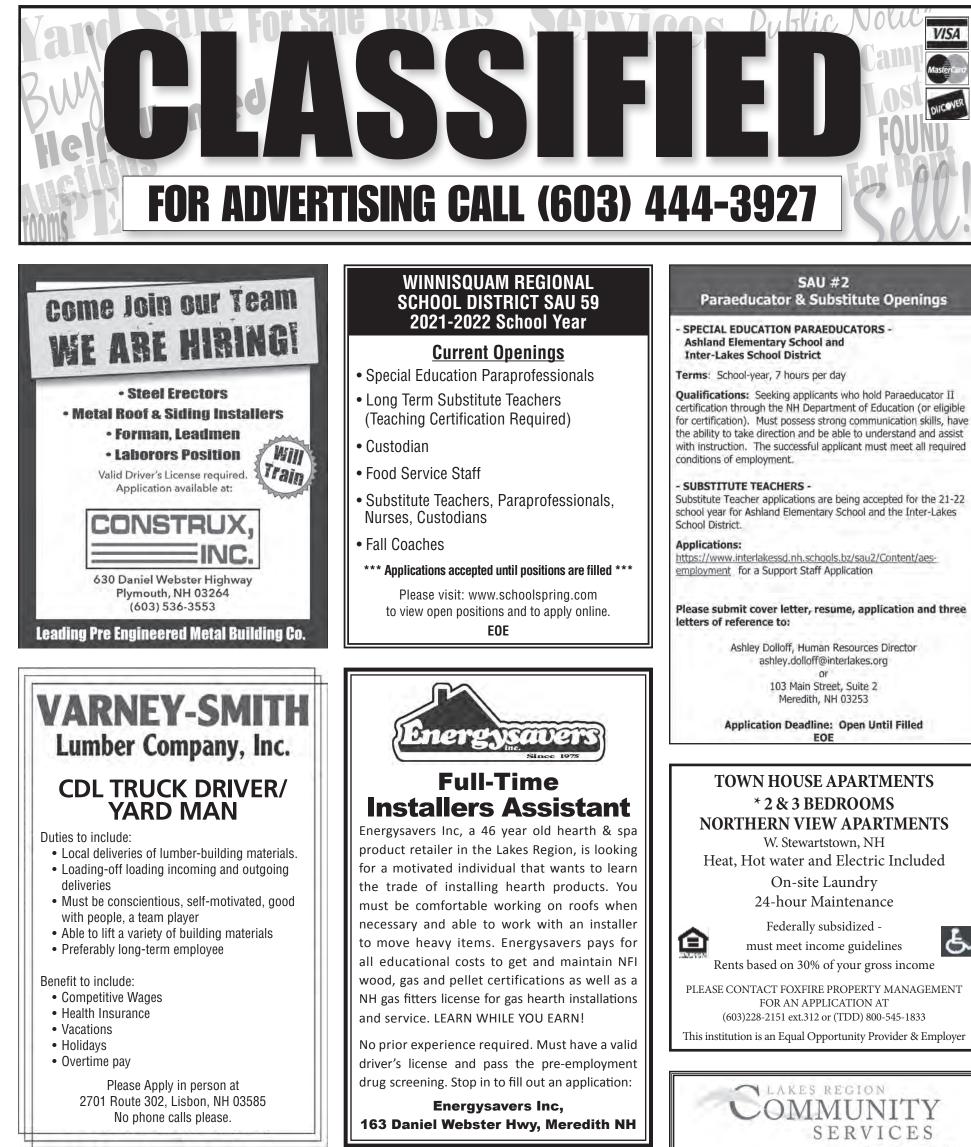
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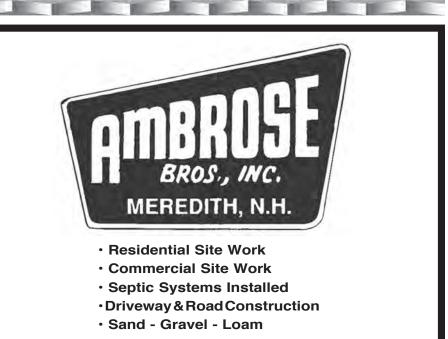
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# Lakes Region Art Association announces 81st Annual Members Art Exhibit

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Every year, the LRAA has put on this wonderful creative exhibit of art & photography.

Most of our members are local artists and have a love of creating fine art paintings, drawing,

and beautiful images in photography and digital art. The Gallery showcases an appreciation for local artists in the Lakes Region.

All ages are welcome to come and enjoy this Annual Exhibit on display for the community. Our Open House for the Show is Sunday, Aug. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the gallery.

# Local students named to President's List at Northern Vermont University

LYNDONVILLE, Vt. — Rebekah Persson of Belmont was named to the President's List for the spring 2021 semester at Northern Vermont University. Students who achieve a 4.00 semester average are placed on the President's List.

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# M/S Mount Washington among newest listings to state Register of Historic Places

LACONIA — The M/S Mount Washington is one of the five properties that the State Historical Resources Council has added to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. The current Mount has served New Hampshire on Lake Winnipesaukee since 1940. In addition to its history within the tourism industry, it continues to be integral to the tradition of deter-mining "ice out" on the lake, which is officially determined when the ship can travel to all five of its ports of call. Today's Mount is last in a line of vessels that provided water transportation between the major communities surrounding Lake Winnipesaukee.

"Our primary goal is to preserve the M/S Mount Washington so that she that she will continue to be available for future generations," said Captain Jim Morash. "It's quite an honor to be included in the State Registry of Historic Places, and it validates decades of work by hundreds of crew to keep her tradition going season after season.'

The Mount joins four other special places, including:

Built in 1903-05 as a small chapel with the primary intent of educating children on Sundays, the one-story Cheever Union Sunday School in Dorchester

has several distinctive of a larger agricultural architectural features, including a canted bell tower with an open belfry and an off-center large stained glass window on the front. Largely unchanged for more than 100 years, its interior is still finished in dark-stained beadboard and has all of its original hardware.

The John Howland Homestead includes a circa 1830 Greek Revival-style house and a timber-framed barn on 160 acres. It was one of the longest-running farmsteads in Easton and has significance as a rural agricultural landscape, specifically as a relatively intact example of an early nineteenth-century farm that was part

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community. A large percentage of its land is protected by a conservation easement.

Built in 1891 when Sunapee Harbor was Sunapee's tourism center, the post-and-beam Flanders-Ösborne Stable had 18 horse stalls and room for carriages; visitors could rent single and double teams. As modes of transportation changed, it later provided service and seasonal storage for boats and automobiles. The building was owned by generations of the same family until 1980 when it was donated to the Sunapee Historical Society, which maintains it as a museum.

Located near the town common in Warren, the eight-ton, 73-foot tall Redstone Missile was built circa 1950 and is reportedly the only authentic Redstone rocket available for tourist viewing in the United States. Henry "Ted" Asselin, who was stationed at the Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, was able to bring the decommissioned missile back to his hometown in 1971 to commemorate Alan B. Shepard, Jr., another New Hampshire native and the first American in space.

Anyone wishing to nominate a property to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places must research the history of the nominated property and document it on an individual inventory form from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. Having a property listed in the Register does not impose restrictions on property owners. For more information, visit nh.gov/ nhdhr.

The M/S Mount Washington has be a New Hampshire icon since 1872. Departure times and options vary through the season. To learn more about the Mount Washington and to view a complete schedule with times and ticket prices, visit www. cruisenh.com or call 366-5531.



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# US women win seventh consecutive hoop gold

TOKYO, Japan \_\_\_\_ Team USA continued its dominance in women's basketball, claiming its seventh consecutive

defeating Japan 90-75 Sunday at Tokyo's Saitama Super Arena. The win extends the

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Olympic gold medal by USA undefeated streak in Olympic play to 55 games and gives them gold medals in nine of the last 10 Olympic

Games.

Veteran guard Sue Bird scored six of the USA's first 10 points to run out to a 10-2 lead that would not be relinquished. The USA led 23-

14 at the end of the first quarter and 50-39 at the half.

Brittney Griner hit 14 of her 18 field goal attempts and led all scorers with 30 points, while



A'ja Wilson added 19. Breanna Stewart scored 14 and grabbed a gamehigh 14 rebounds.

'Seven in a row, I mean that's just amazing. That just goes to show everything USA about," "Japan's basketball's Griner said. hard to guard. They can shoot it anywhere on the court. They're a tough guard, they're a really good team. I'm just glad we've got this gold."

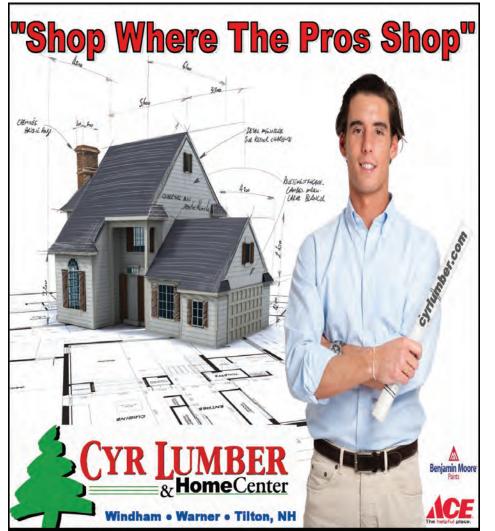
Bird and Diana Taurasi each won their fifth Olympic gold medal, which is the most by any basketball player. It also ties them for third place for most Olympic Games earning a gold medal. Two athletes have won gold at six Olympic Games: sprint kayaker Birgit Fisher-Schmidt of East Germany and fencer Aladar Gerevich of Hungary.

"What can you say? It's 20 years of sacrifice, of putting everything aside and just wanting to win. It's never easy playing on this team (with) the pressure, but this group found a way to win and I'm just happy this group got to enjoy it," Taurasi said.

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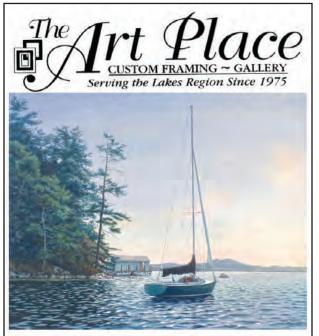
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