



COURTESY PHOTO
Rick Berube (right) was presented the Athletic Director's Award by Winnisquam AD John Larsen.

Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships to Winnisquam students

TILTON — Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation recently announced their 2021 Winnisquam High School recipients.

The Foundation is particularly thankful this year to all of the 285 donors who made this possible. LRSF was able to award more than \$550,000 to 296 recipients this year. Below is a list of the present and past graduates of Winnisquam High School who received awards.

With the COVID situation lessening, but still in place, the Foundation did have a mostly remote Donors Week again this year; however, despite the impact of the virus, their donors again came through for the students of the area.

Executive Director Karen Switzer commented that “It was so heartwarming to see the response of so many people and organizations, who wanted to be able to send a message to our graduates, and all of the recipients, that their

community is behind them and support them as they look forward and plan for their future. The spirit of community is alive and well in the Lakes Region and our awards gives evidence of the generous hearts of the people of the area.”

LRSF Scholarship Recipients-Winnisquam High School

Winnisquam Regional High School

Entering Freshmen:

Eveline O Auger: Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund. Nathaniel M Bragdon: Gregory G. Bryar II Memorial, Mark D. Moses Memorial. Layne D Cilley: Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund. Makenzie M Foster: Carol & Spencer Brody Fund, Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund, Elsie B. McCarthy Willey Nursing Fund. Madison E Gilbert: Bruce L. Fitzpatrick Memorial, Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund. Madison M House: April L. de Sousa Memorial, John T. Dodge Memorial. Noah T Pearson: Lillian

A. Krasnow Memorial Fund. Gianluca Piovano: Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund. Kelsie R Poulton: Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund. Nicole E Reusch: Alcide O. Cormier Family Fund, Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund, Lakes Region Board of Realtors. Aidan J Sleeper: Dodge Family Scholarship, Lawrence J. Smith and Nancy Smith Award.

Entering Sophomores:

Michael G Allard: Chocorua Lodge #51 IOOF, Wallace A. and Christene F. Peebles Memorial. Chelsea M Beaulieu: Laconia Emblem Club, Laconia Lodge of Elks #876.

Entering Juniors:

Lindsay G Blier: Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund. Brittany A Hobart: Daniel Charles “Chuck” Fogarty Memorial, Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund.

Entering Seniors:

Alexa J Beaulieu: Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund.

Local students graduate from Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — More than 670 students received degrees from Plymouth State University on Saturday, May 8, 2021. The following local students earned degrees:

Asia Merrill of Belmont graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Brianna Romiglio of Northfield graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

Caitlyn Button of Northfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Callie Dawson of Northfield grad-

uated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fine Arts.

Cassandra Pelletier of Northfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Cassandra Anderson of Northfield graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Emily Laflam of Belmont graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

Jordan Camerato of Sanbornton

Winnisquam student-athletes honored as season ends

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — Winnisquam Regional High School announced the awards following the conclusion of the spring sports season.

The Bear Pride Coaches Award winners are nominated by their head coach and selected by the Student Athlete Leadership Team. The athletes chosen for the award should possess a team-first attitude and playing time should not be a major factor. These are the type of players coaches like to have on their team because they come to practice with spirit, enthusiasm, a great work ethic and a positive attitude. Additionally, the winners should be good citizens, showing dependability and character in all school environments.

The Spring Bear

Pride Coaches Awards were presented to track and field athletes Faith Gosselin and Lucas Robdau.

The Spring Athletes of the Year go to the outstanding athletes of the season. Candidates are nominated by the head coach and again selected by the Student Athlete Leadership Team. The winners possess outstanding athletic ability when compared with other athletes. The individuals have made significant contributions to the Winnisquam athletics program and in addition to their ability, they should demonstrate traits of leadership within their team and be good citizens, showing dependability and exemplary character in school situations.

The Spring Athletes of the Year went to Leighton Morrison

of the track team and Emma Griffin of the softball team.

The Athlete of the Year Awards are again selected by the Student Athlete Leadership Team and most have been selected for the Male and Female Athlete of the Year for the fall, winter or spring season.

Gosselin and Phil Nichols were named the 2020-2021 Athlete of the Year for Winnisquam.

The NHIAA Sportsmanship Awards were also presented to Chaz Hibbert, Faith Gosselin, Zachary St. Onge, Carter Fredette and Madison Gilbert.

Athletics Director John Larsen presented the Athletic Director's Award to Rick Berube, the Head of Grounds for the Winnisquam Regional School District.

Spaulding Academy & Family Services boosts autism awareness



NORTHFIELD — In recognition of National Autism Acceptance Month in April, the children and staff of Spaulding Academy & Family Services (formerly Spaulding Youth Center) planned visits to several local organizations to increase knowledge and understanding of autism. The group met with the Belknap Mill Quilters Group, the Tilton and Northfield Police Departments, and Tilton-Northfield Fire and EMS.

Spaulding Academy & Family Services embraced the theme “Lead with Kindness, Learn with Kindness” to promote strategies for everyone to successfully communicate and build relationships with individuals with autism.

This was accomplished in participation with the Autism Society's “Celebrate Differences” campaign.

“The children learning and living at Spaulding are all special in their own individual ways, and this community event highlights what an amazing impact they make together as a group,” said Amanda Champagne, Executive Director of Family Services. “Our staff is so proud of our children's willingness to promote acceptance and awareness of autism in Spaulding's local community.”

The group presented each organization with appreciation banners signed by the children, artwork created on campus and homemade baked goods.

To learn more about National Autism Acceptance Month, visit autism-society.org. For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services and its comprehensive programs and services, visit SpauldingServices.org.

About Spaulding Academy & Family Services

Spaulding Academy & Family Services is a leading provider of educational, residential, therapeutic and community-based programs and services for families, and children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning or developmental challenges, includ-

Clay Cook of the Zac Brown Band to perform at Lakeport Opera House



Clay Cook

LACONIA — A renowned songwriter and member of the Grammy award winning Zac Brown Band, Clay Cook, will headline the Lakeport Opera House on Saturday, July 10 at 8 p.m. An evening with Clay Cook, who has been with the band for 12 years, will perform an intimate show mixed with original material and cover songs in the newly renovated venue.

“I couldn’t be more ecstatic about returning to live music,” said Cook, who spends summers in Gilford. “This is going to be a very special night for me to perform on stage in front of a crowd and to do so in such a beautiful venue like the Lakeport Opera House just puts the excitement over the top for me.”

Cook has been weav-

ing his way through the musical landscape in multiple ways over the past 25 years as a songwriter, studio musician, live performer, producer and engineer. From his early career writing and performing with John Mayer, to performing with Sugarland, Shawn Mullins and the Marshall Tucker Band, Cook has a rare depth to his solo stage show.

Cook is no stranger to New England. He attended the Berklee College of Music, where he first met Mayer, and now teaches a music production analysis class. Cook, who has been spending summers in New Hampshire for the past 10 years, has a deep standing love for the area as his wife is a graduate of Gilford High School. He will be hitting the road again this fall when the Zac Brown

Band releases a new album and begins touring.

With a 200-seat layout built for comfort, style and mobility, every seat in the house has unobstructed views, cocktail service and the best sounds system for an experience unlike anything else in the area. More than \$1 million was invested in the Opera House renovation which opened on June 11 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 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 La-

conia’s Lakeport community, the Opera House is on center stage in New Hampshire’s Lakes Region.

Other scheduled performances include: A night of magic with Adam Wilber on June 25, Unforgettable Fire: U2 Tribute Band on June 26, country artist David Nail on July 2 and 3, The Little Mermen a Disney Cover Band on July 11, Dancing Dream: ABBA Tribute on July 17, Billy Joel Tribute: David Clark’s Songs in the Attic on July 31, Steve Sweeney Comedy on Aug. 5, Recycled Percussion on Aug. 6 & 7 and medium Maureen Hancock on Aug. 8.

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

BELMONT POLICE LOG

Belmont police log

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 7-14.

Mark A. Monsante, age 52, of Laconia was arrested on June 7 for Disobeying an Officer, Misuse of Plates, Operating After Certification as a Habitual Offender, and multiple

counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug (subsequent).

A juvenile, age 16, identified as a runaway was taken into temporary custody on June 7.

Nicholas P. Gauvreau, age 37, of Belmont was arrested on June 9 for Disorderly Conduct.

Ronald P. Johnson, age 36, of Belmont was arrested on June 9 for

Simple Assault-Physical Contact or Bodily Injury, Breach of Bail, and multiple counts of Criminal Mischief.

Nicholas Didonato, age 39, of Laconia was arrested on June 11 for being in Control of a Premises Where Drugs were Kept, Driving After Revocation or Suspension (subsequent), and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Samantha A. Sweeney, age 26, of Alton Bay was arrested on June 11 for Possession of Marijuana.

Bailey G. Swinton, age 24, of Laconia was arrested on June 11 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension, Suspension of Vehicle Registration, and Carrying or Selling Weapons.

Endicott College announces local graduates

BEVERLY, Mass. — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, held its 81st annual Commencement exercises on May 22.

Endicott’s undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students participated in the ceremony at Hempstead Stadium on the Endicott campus in Beverly, Mass. The commencement speaker was Dana Bash, CNN’s Chief Political Correspondent and Co-Ancor of State of the Union with Jake Tapper and Dana Bash, who provided a virtual address. Bash received an honorary Doctor of Journalism, which was accepted on her behalf by Melissa Hempstead ’69, Chair of the Endicott College Board of Trustees.

Among this year’s graduates was Liam Donovan, son of Christina and Kevin Donovan of Belmont, who was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Business Management.

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Bank of New Hampshire promotes Deigh Cormiea to Banking Office Manager



Deigh Cormiea

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce the promotion of Deigh Cormiea to Lincoln Banking Office Manager.

In this role, Deigh will be responsible for management of the office's deposit portfolio, cus-

tomers relationship management, new business development and community engagement. She will also oversee all daily operations of the office while becoming a trusted resource for customers.

Deigh has more than

19 years of banking experience. Throughout her career in banking, she has worked in several roles including Teller, Assistant Teller Supervisor, Bank Services Representative, and most recently as a Banking Office Specialist.

Deigh has actively participated in many trainings and classes to advance her Bank Services Representative skill set to a Level Five. She transferred from the Bank of New Hampshire Plymouth Office to the Lincoln Office in 2019, and has since learned many of the Managerial responsibilities preparing her well for her new role as Office Manager.

"Deigh has been a valuable member of our team for many years and we are excited to promote her to this role," said Cecile Chase, SVP, Retail Sales & Development Manager for Bank of New Hampshire. "Her service in a variety of roles with the Bank along with her dedication and commitment to her work will serve her

well as she leads in the Lincoln office."

Deigh is looking forward to networking within the Lincoln community and developing relationships with local businesses, organizations and customers.

She can be reached in the Lincoln office located at 76 Main Street, Route 112, via phone at 527-6651 or by e-mail at cormiea@banknh.com.

Bank of New Hampshire is excited to have Deigh 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.

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Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia now accepting Food Festival orders

LACONIA — Summer in the Lakes Region is a time of family, friends, fun and food, with the emphasis on food. For twenty-four years, Temple B'nai Israel of Laconia has opened its doors for the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival, one of the premiere events of the summer offering the homemade traditional Jewish style foods that everyone craves but is hard to find in the Lakes Region.

Now is the time to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to fill your freezer and fridge with these unique homemade delicacies. The temple website, tbinh.org, is now accepting orders until June 27. Quantities are limited so don't delay. Orders will be prepared and ready for pick up, at the temple, 210 Court St., by appointment on July 31 or

Aug. 1.

All the homemade foods that are on the Jewish Food Festival menu are from recipes that have been handed down, from generation to generation. In the kitchen at Temple B'nai Israel teams of volunteers come together to cook and bake these traditional foods that you would make yourself, if you only had the time. From blintzes and brisket to rugelach and strudel, just like "Bub-bie" (Yiddish for grandmother) used to make. Bubbie is alive and well on the TBI Web site, tbinh.org, where "Bubbie's Kitchen Adventures" provides a behind the scenes look at what happens in the kitchen to prepare for the New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival. Learn the secrets to how the knishes, latkes, blintzes and ru-


gelach are made, even if some of the techniques Bubbie uses are from the time before there were food processors and microwaves.

The newest addition to the Jewish Food Festival menu is the custom deli sandwich "Picnic Pack" made up of fresh, ready-to-eat items that serves four to six people. Start with your choice of four half pound packages of deli meats — that's two pounds of meat. Mix and match corned beef, tongue, or black pastrami (Boston style), from Evan's New York Style Deli of Marblehead, Mass. Put your favorite deli meat on the Jewish style rye bread from the When Pigs Fly Bakery slathered with the deli style horseradish mustard (a full container is included). Add some of the freshly prepared homemade coleslaw on

the sandwich or on the side, don't forget a pickle or two and then enjoy the home baked rugelach for dessert. What could be easier? Take the Picnic pack to the beach, on the boat, to the park or the backyard after winding up at home following a busy day. Just bring your utensils, plates, and favorite beverages.

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A celebration of freedom

Last week, President Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday. The house approved the legislation with a bi-partisan vote of 415-14.

This day commemorates the actual end of slavery in our country, a day that should be celebrated by all. An entire race of people was now free, two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, what’s not to celebrate? If that bothers anyone, we have to wonder why. Adding a federal holiday does not negate, nor take away from any other holiday. It just doesn’t.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

However, not all Americans were ‘free’ until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, “all slaves are free.” Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subjected to President Abraham Lincoln’s order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas; therefore, enforcement wasn’t strong, allowing white plantation owners to continue to use slave labor. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it’s not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that’s ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it’s something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Make it a point this week to seek someone out who lives and feels completely different than you and just be kind to them. It is possible to have different views on different topics yet still possible to treat each other with respect and dignity. We all deserve that, no matter who you vote for; what you look like, what you do for work or who you love.

Addressing the country after signing the Juneteenth bill, the President said, “The promise of equality is not going to be fulfilled until we become real; it becomes real in our schools and on our Main Streets and in our neighborhoods.”



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

“Pssst! Get to the State House right away, and testify against Senate Bill 129. It treats wildlife and wetlands like commodities for trade.”

“Wait! Aren’t the En-

lightened Ones in power?”

“Not in Concord.”

“You mean...”

“Yes--the R word.”

“Are the Enlightened Ones assuming that only they can or will recognize right from wrong?”

“Right.”

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Rhode Island had barely recovered from the shock of a mini-riot at a beach last weekend when New Hampshire

JOSHUA SPAULDING

Top of New England

Patti Bernier of Sanbornton climbs the final stage of the Northeast Delta Dental Mount Washington Road Race on Saturday. Bernier finished in a time of 2:13.27. Lori Kidder of Northfield finished in a time of 2:08:17, Kelly Hacking of Canterbury finished in 2:14:11 and Janine Bobek of Tilton finished in 2:35:29. For the men the next day, Chris Abbott of Sanbornton finished in 168th place in 1:46:21, Donald McClelland of Belmont was 208th in 1:50:41 and Joseph LaFrance of Tilton finished in 2:44:16 for 415th place.

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

When ignorance is bliss

By Larry Scott

Lee Strobel, a court reporter for the Chicago Tribune, was a skeptic, an avowed atheist, convinced belief in God was little more than wishful thinking. He had given Christianity only superficial consideration but had read enough philosophy and history to convince himself the Christian faith was bogus.

And then his wife became a Christian. And rather than become a fanatic and religious prude, Leslie impressed him by the fundamental changes that came to her character, integrity, and outlook on life. Accordingly, then, Strobel decided to check it out.

Typical of his work ethic, Lee scheduled a series of interviews with leading Christian scholars. Evaluating the faith from every conceivable angle, he became convinced of the unthinkable: there was truth

to his wife’s newfound faith. And two years later, Lee Strobel became a Christian himself.

So dramatic was the change in Strobel’s life his daughter, five-year-old Alison, is reported to have said, “I want God to do for me what he has done for Daddy.” Had it not been for his wife and his honesty, Lee would have remained an agnostic, convinced the Christian faith is without merit and Jesus a fraud. But he checked it out!

The Gospel record is an eyewitness account written while the protagonists were still living. Far from being reconstructed tradition, the four Gospels were written within thirty years of Jesus’ life. Many of those involved were still living; the facts could be verified.

The Christian faith is open to scrutiny, and the Gospel record available for evaluation. And yet, an amazing number

of people who reject the Gospels have never read them. If what the writers tell us is true, however, our eternal well-being is at stake. So why the ignorance?

Two reasons come to mind.

The Gospels represent an account of a supernatural incursion into first-century society. If one rejects that premise out of hand, one cannot accept the Gospels as recorded history. Never before has a man been born of a virgin, walked on water, raised three people from the dead, and predicted His own demise. Clearly, Jesus was whom He said He was, or He was a fraud and a lunatic. You can’t have it any other way.

But the real reason most people reject or, at best, refuse to consult the record is personal. If what Jesus said is valid, it demands profound changes to our lifestyle,

and that is something most people don’t want to even think about. It’s not that people disbelieve; they don’t want to believe. They are satisfied with the way things are, show little fear of death, and are secure in believing this life is all there is. Ignorance, indeed, is bliss ... especially when it comes to Jesus and His claims on each of our lives.

We ignore God ... only to our peril. To act as if we are going to live forever, to give no thought to our eternal future, to ignore the evidence God has given, seems to be the utmost expression of irresponsibility. But belief, life-changing faith, evidence not subject to doubt, comes only to those who come to God with an open heart.

For more thoughts like these, follow me at indefenseoftruth.net.

North Country Notebook

People of the Dawn Land, and a string-trick on a train

had one of its own. Abundant suds, too much sun, and a lapse in respect led to groups of young adults getting out of hand at Hampton Beach.

State and local police were out in force, and handled the situation quickly and firmly. As a result, the all-too-popularity “us versus them” mentality never even began to take hold.

Two years ago, before the pandemic changed life for a stretch, cleanup crews told the media that they had never seen Hampton Beach so

fouled with trash and litter:

I wonder whether such disrespect could be turned around if local teenagers and twenty-somethings decided to demonstrate true love for Hampton Beach, and adopted it as their own, for perpetual care.

The Kentucky Derby is one of those rare events in sports when television viewers get a peek into a whole other culture, or actually several at once.

We heard nary a word on jockey weigh-ins, once a pretty big deal, nor were there any references to the social gatherings that so mark the season. Producers brushed off the awards ceremony, and gave scant-to-nonexistent coverage of one of our perennial favorites, the flamboyant-to-outrageously silly hats women intentionally wear for the event.

Meanwhile, the talking heads supposedly giving us “color commentary” kept yapping through the entire event,

leaving us, as is so often the case, wishing they would just stop yapping now and then, and let viewers enjoy the spectacle and the moment.

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The names of people to the north of us seem to be changing as rapidly as the demographics and societies themselves. Western culture has long since swept over even the most remote places of the Far North.

The name of our own region’s first people--and we’re not even sure

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about who were the “first people”—is an example.

These days most preferred spellings have it as “Wobanaki” instead of the long-used Abenaki. Either way, or many ways, it translates as “people of the dawn land.” The time-honored Micmac, meantime, is now Mi’kmaq. Montagnais, at least, is still Montagnais.

The obscure Beothuk of Newfoundland, who for so long avoided contact with the first Europeans, ultimately were assimilated into the mix of genetics now predominant in the Maritime provinces, mainland northeastern Canada, and extreme northern New England.

The Beothuk have fostered a trail of interesting reading for those intrigued by the first-contact era. Samuel Eliot Morison’s two-volume histories of the European exploration of North and South America are where I first saw

the Beothuk mentioned many years ago. In the years since, much new material on the Beothuk has surfaced, including accounts recorded by people who had the last contact with the remnants of Beothuk culture in Newfoundland’s interior in the early 1800s.

There is still plenty to learn, meanwhile, about Norse settlements at L’Ans Aux Meadows around 1000 AD, a fact confirmed by many carbon datings in the years since the game-changing discoveries back in the 1970s.

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When I first went a thousand miles north to Labrador in 1976, with Norton Kelly of Derry, the Indian kids on the train from Sept Isles to our drop-off point at Menihék positively captivated me.

Most had no English and only a few had much French. My French was basic at best but was enough for us to communicate. Because I

brought along a loop of string that I could make things with, and because I displayed a desire to visit, a flock of kids followed me up and down the train.

One thing I could make with a loop of string was the Fence (not to be confused with the Cat’s Cradle). It has, I think, nine moves.

Half a dozen kids watched me make the Fence, staring intently as I slowly went through the moves. One, Sonja St. Jean Baptiste, asked me to do it again, which I did. Experience had taught me to carry a spare string, which I tossed to the kids as I went off to visit with their elders.

By the time we got to our drop-off point at the Menihék Rapids, those same half-dozen kids were zipping through the moves and making the Fence, and teaching their friends.

By the time I returned to Labrador, two years later, the kids’ bright white teeth had begun



A dog wanders off in search of things to sniff, as a late-May storm breaks over the land.

to decay from the candy and soft drinks they could get on the train.

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Leadership group conducts annual Program Days



New owners of Beans & Greens Farm, Gail and Brian McCauley get ready to welcome the Leadership Lakes Class to their iconic farmstand. (Not pictured: co-owner Chris Collias.)

GILFORD —The Leadership Lakes Region Class of 2020 (delayed by COVID) reconvened last month and conducted its Social Issues Day under the sponsorship of Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. This month, the group met for its annual Health Issues Day under the sponsorship, for the 20th year in a row, of the former LRGHealthcare, now Concord Hospital Laconia and Franklin. Social Issues took place at the Gilford Community Church meeting room, while Health Day was held under the Pavilion at Beans and Greens Farm. Both days consisted of expert speakers on the topic being discussed as well as small team visits to social agencies on Social Issues

Day to learn more about that agency’s mission and report back to the larger Leadership class.

“Both Program Days went very well with many great questions for our guest speakers and valuable information shared with the class members,” said Program Coordinator Jennifer McLean.

McLean was assisted in the planning of the two “back from COVID” days by class members and/or alumni Jennifer Kelley, Andrea Condometraký and Shelly Carita. A highlight of Social Issues Day was the kick-off comments made by Condometraký and Kelley entitled “Take Your Passion and Turn it into Action.” Similarly, Health issues Day was

concluded with remarks from Carita as well as a “Stop the Bleed” demonstration led by former Gilford Fire Chief, Leadership Lakes Board member/ graduate and now a Manager for the Partnership for Public Health, John Beland.

Next up for the Leadership Class is the annual Lakes-Environmental Day to be held on Squam Lake on June 30 with the class’ graduation ceremony that evening

at the Belknap Mill. The 24 members of this class will join the ranks of 385 Leadership Lakes’ alum-

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ni who have graduated since the group’s founding in 1996. McLean urges anyone interested in joining the 23rd annual Leadership Lakes Class to apply by downloading the on-line application at www.leadershiplakes-region.org.

“We’re currently accepting applications for the next class which begins in October,” McLean added.

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Even “singles” need estate plans
If you don’t have a spouse or children, you might think you don’t need to do much estate planning. But if you have any assets, any familial connections, any interest in supporting charitable groups – not to mention a desire to control your own future – you do need to establish an estate plan. In evaluating your needs for this type of planning, let’s start with what might happen if you die intestate – that is, without a last will and testament. In this scenario, your assets will likely have to go through the probate process, which means they’ll be distributed by the court according to your state’s intestate succession laws, essentially without regard to your wishes. Even if you don’t have children yourself, you may have nephews or nieces, or even children of cousins or friends, to whom you would like to leave some of your assets, which can include not just money but also cars, collectibles, family memorabilia and so on. But if everything you own goes through probate, there’s no guarantee that these individuals will end up with what you wanted them to have. If you want to leave something to family members or close friends, you will need to indicate this in your last will and testament or other estate planning documents. But you also may want to provide support to one or more charitable organizations. Of course, you can simply name these charities in your will, but there may be options that could provide you with more benefits. One such possibility is a charitable remainder trust. Under this arrangement, you’d transfer appreciated assets – such as stocks, mutual funds or other securities – into an irrevocable trust. The trustee, whom you’ve named – in fact, you could serve as trustee yourself – can then sell the assets at full market value, avoiding the capital gains taxes you’d have to pay if you sold them yourself, outside a trust. Plus, if you itemize, you may be able to claim a charitable deduction on your taxes. With the proceeds, the trust can purchase income-producing assets and provide you with an income stream for the rest of your life. Upon your death, the remaining trust assets will go the charities you’ve named. Aside from family members and charitable groups, there’s a third entity that’s central to your estate plans: yourself. Everyone should make arrangements to protect their interests, but, in the absence of an immediate family, you need to be especially vigilant about your financial and health care decisions. And that’s why, as part of your estate planning, you may want to include these two documents: durable power of attorney and a health care proxy. A durable power of attorney lets you name someone to manage your finances should you become incapacitated. This arrangement is especially important for anyone who doesn’t have a spouse to step in. And if you become incapacitated, your health care proxy – also known as a health care surrogate or medical power of attorney – lets you name another person to legally make health care decisions for you if you can’t do so yourself. Estate planning moves can be complex, so you’ll need help from a legal professional and possibly your tax and financial advisors. You may not have an immediate family, but you still need to take steps to protect your legacy.
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State champions

The Laconia Lacrosse Club's 10U red team took home the state championship at last Saturday's statewide tournament in Amherst. This team of third and fourth graders went 8-0 on the regular season, and faced another 8-0 team from Hollis in the championship game. Laconia's girls played fiercely in an exciting game that came down to the wire, but the relentless attack on offense and disciplined defense, coupled with incredible goaltending, sealed the victory, making them the best 10U team in New Hampshire. Back row (l to r), Alissa Jean of Tilton, Brynn Moore of Moultonborough, Liv Riendeau of Tilton, Brooklynn Ring of Laconia (goalie), Brooklynn Wirth, Alexis Dionne and Olivia Gagnon, all of Laconia. Front row (l to r), Natalie Allen of Franklin, Amelia Collie of Belmont, Morgan Fitts of Enfield and Emma Chase of Tilton. The Laconia Lacrosse Club's 8U girls' team (first and second grade), nearly won its state title, making it to sudden death overtime in the championship game, when Timberlane scored first. All the girls are looking forward to next season's fun and competition.

Loon Preservation Committee urges public to give nesting loons space

MOULTONBOROUGH — Throughout New Hampshire, many loon pairs have begun to incubate eggs, with many more expected to begin nesting in the coming weeks. If history is any guide, close to 40 percent of these nests will fail, many due to human disturbance.

“Loons are vulnerable when they're on land because their bodies are designed for life in the water, making it difficult for them to move well on land,” says LPC Senior Biologist and Executive Director, Harry Vogel. “If humans closely approach loon nests, the loons feel threatened, and they will get into the water where they're more mobile and therefore safer. That leaves their eggs exposed and vulnerable to predators or the elements.”

Boaters are urged to stay back at least 150 feet from nesting loons, or

more if the loon shows any signs of distress, such as craning its neck low over its nest. Loons may appear to be injured in this head-down position, but it is simply a response to the close approach of people. If boaters do accidentally get too close to a nesting loon and cause it to flush from its nest, they are advised to leave the area immediately.

“Most of the time, if the threat leaves, that loon will get right back on its nest and keep incubating,” says Vogel.

Those that wish to see a close-up view of nesting loons can do so responsibly by viewing the Loon Preservation Committee's Live Loon Cam. The Loon Cam nest is expected to hatch between June 20 and June 23. The Loon Cam can be viewed at loon.org/looncam.

Loons are a threatened species in New

Hampshire and are protected by state and federal laws from hunting or harassment, including flushing loons from nests. If you observe harassment of loons, you may contact New Hampshire Fish & Game Department (271-3361) or Marine Patrol (293-2037) for assistance.

The Loon Preservation Committee monitors loons throughout the state as part of its mission to restore and maintain a healthy population of loons in New Hampshire; to monitor the health and productivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and to promote a greater understanding of loons and the natural world.

To learn more about loons in New Hampshire, please visit the Loon Preservation Committee on the Web at www.loon.org or call the Loon Preservation Committee at 476-LOON (5666).



Local students receive degrees from Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Angelique Roy of Northfield received a Master of Health Science degree from Quinnipiac University during commencement ceremonies held in May.

About Quinnipiac University

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Zephyr

My face says it all! I am a man of mystery and adorableness, and yes that is a word. The world is a big, loud place my friend and I am not sure I am a fan of those words. Small and quiet win me any day. I think that my future home understands that. Perfect cats like myself need to have the most perfect home. I want a hideaway that consists of a warm bed and the time that I need to come out of my shell. I want attention, I just don't know how to ask for it. I may hiss at first, but don't let that fool you I like the pets! In the spirit of honesty, I do have a medical history that should not impli-CAT me at all, if you are interested in learning more fill out an application or inquire with the lovely adoptions team, they know exactly what I am looking for!



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Magic, mentalism and U2 tribute coming to Lakeport Opera House



Adam Wilber

LACONIA — Magic, mentalism and a U2 tribute band will take over the recently-reopened Lakeport Opera House to cap off the month of June.

World famous master magician, Adam Wilber, will perform an interactive show on June 25, while June 26 will be a musical performance by well-known U2 tribute band, Unforgettable Fire. These two performances will take place at the newly renovated Opera House and provide a unique entertainment experience.

“I can’t wait to see Adam Wilber and Unforgettable Fire perform,” said New Hampshire-native Scott Everett who is the Opera House’s owner and developer. “This will be two very different but memorable nights that will have specta-

tors on their feet singing popular U2 songs while others will be left with questions after Adam’s awe-inspiring show.”

As the Opera House’s first magic show in over 60 years, Adam Wilber, master magician, mentalist and mind reader, will wow spectators at his interactive show on Friday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. Wilber is well-known as one of a few magicians who have been successful on the popular TV show, Penn & Teller Fool Us, where aspiring magicians from all over the world perform tricks to attempt to fool the world-famous magician duo.

“Being able to perform my show for the general public in my home state of New Hampshire is something I’ve dreamt about for years,” said Wilber who



Unforgettable Fire

hails from Hanover. “I am ecstatic that the time has finally come for this dream to become a reality, thanks to the Lakeport Opera House.”

Wilber, owner of a magic company Vulpine Creations, which sells magic training courses and an exclusive line of cutting-edge magic products, has garnered over 20 million views on YouTube with spots on Discovery Channel, CW and SyFy. He will be joined by New England-native, Evan Northrup, for a show that will blend storytelling with illusion, magic and mentalism. This is the first and only public show that Wilber will be

performing.

The weekend will be unforgettable as Unforgettable Fire, a U2 tribute show, will cap off the weekend with a performance on Saturday, June 26 at 8 p.m. Unforgettable Fire, or “UF,” began performing in 1995, and is one of the very first U2 tribute bands to perform in America. After 26 years of playing in some of the most prestigious venues on the East Coast, UF has formed a reputation among many to be one of the closest experiences to being at an actual live U2 show. The members of UF are also very dedicated fans of U2 and will not settle for anything less than

complete authenticity. In addition to performing a very impressive array of U2 material from pre-Boy to the most recent Songs of Experience, the band does everything in their power (from wardrobe to lighting) to recreate the live U2 concert experience for their audience. On occasion, they are known to join U2 on stage for performance as well as having the original band members join UF for performance.

With a 200-seat layout built for comfort, style and mobility, every seat in the house has unobstructed views, cocktail service and the best sounds system for an

experience unlike anything else in the area. More than \$1 million was invested in the Opera House renovation which opened on June 11 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 will be 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 will once again be center stage for all of New Hampshire’s Lakes Region.

Other scheduled performances include country artist David Nail on July 2 and 3, The Little Mermen – NYC’s premier Disney cover band on July 11, Dancing Dream: ABBA Tribute on July 17, David Clark’s Songs in the Attic on July 31, Steve Sweeney Comedy on Aug. 5, Recycled Percussion on Aug. 6 & 7 and medium Maureen Hancock on Aug. 8.

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

Belknap House to host cow pie bingo fundraiser

NEW HAMPTON — Belknap House, in conjunction with Huckins Farm announces its fourth annual Cow Pie Bingo fundraiser.

For those unfamiliar with this New England tradition, this is how it works. Four-foot-by-four-foot squares are marked on a fenced-in section of the Huckins Farm, 52 Magoon Rd., New Hampton. Tickets that are mapped to one of these unique squares are offered for sale. A maximum of 500 tickets are sold. The number of tickets sold, determines the size of the grid in

the pasture and the maximum prize awarded. Two cows are released into the fenced-in pasture. The winner is determined by the square that receives the first cow pie or is closest to the first cow pie.

Tickets are available for purchase until fifteen minutes prior to the event on July 18. Tickets may be purchased online at www.belknaphouse.org under events or from a Belknap House Board Member. You don’t need to be present at the event to win. Winners receive up to 25 percent of the ticket sale revenue (up to \$2500).

The proceeds from ticket sales benefit Belknap House whose mission is to provide safe shelter for homeless families with children. The shelter serves the ten towns and one city in Belknap County.

If you are looking for a fun way to spend a Sunday afternoon on July 18, come out to the Huckins Farm in New Hampton by 1:30 p.m. Cheer for your favorite cow. See all that the Huckins Farm has to offer while helping provide shelter for homeless families. Purchase your ticket today.



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Registration still open for scavenger hunt

The Belknap Mill’s Fifth Annual Historic Laconia Scavenger Hunt is Saturday, June 26. Register a team and find all the details at www.belknapmill.org.

Vermont Tech congratulates Spring 2021 graduates

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont Tech is pleased to announce that Logan Krause from Northfield in the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program is among the 437 students who graduated in the Spring of 2021.

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Comfort Keepers

Comfort Keepers commemorates Third Annual Day of Joy holiday

BY MARTHA SWATS
Owner/Administrator
Comfort Keepers

New Hampshire, June 2021 – After a year like no other, Americans gained a new perspective when it comes to attaining joy in their lives. Comfort Keepers®, a market-leading provider of uplifting home care for seniors and adults who need assistance, will celebrate its third annual National Day of Joy on June 30, 2021. Comfort Keepers founded this national holiday, which occurs each year on the last Wednesday of June, to emphasize the importance of finding joy no matter their age to boost their overall physical, mental, and emotional health.

“In our community, we always look for ways to deliver joy, hope and positivity to seniors and their families whether it’s the National Day of Joy or any day of the year,” said Martha

Swats, Owner/Administrator. “Over the past year, we learned to slow down and embrace the simple moments, people and activities that bring us the most joy. That’s why our caregivers look for ways to deliver moments of joy - big or small - to our clients every day and even in the most challenging of times.”

National 2021 ‘State of Joy’ Survey

Each year, as part of the National Day of Joy, Comfort Keepers conducts a survey that polls Americans on their perspectives about joy, including specific activities that bring them happiness and evolving attitudes about joy in light of current events. The survey was conducted by OnePoll on behalf of Comfort Keepers from April 29-May 1 and polled 2,000 Americans; 1,000 of those surveyed were 30+ years of age with children and at least one living parent, and 1,000

were people aged 65 and older. Highlights from the survey are outlined below:

In the Northeast: Seeing family members (45 percent) brings Northeasterners more joy than traveling (38 percent) and participating in group activities (35 percent).

The Northeastern community has learned to “savor every moment” (45 percent), try not to “sweat the small stuff” (45 percent) and to “tell people how much they matter to them” (34 percent) since the pandemic.

80% of Northeastern respondents believe the world needs more joy.

National survey results also include the following:

Americans Find Joy in People – Not Places, Events or Things

Seeing family members (42 percent) and spending time with them (38 percent) brings Americans more

joy than traveling (37 percent), seeing close friends (32 percent) or not wearing a mask as often (28 percent).

Seniors over the age of 65 prioritized seeing family the most (55 percent), compared to last year, when dining at a restaurant topped their post-pandemic to-do list.

People plan to see their loved ones as soon as they are vaccinated (45 percent), before attending a sporting event (20 percent) and frequenting the beach or pool (27 percent).

Seniors have Mastered the Art of Texting and Using Social Media to Bond with the Grandkids

One in three people over the age of 65 now prefer texting to phone calls.

One in three seniors learned how to use social media and brush up on their pop culture as a way to bond with the younger members of their family.

Those over 65 even have favorite emojis — the heart (43%) and the happy face (43 percent) are getting the most use. Other popular emojis for those over 65 included the beer emoji and assorted animals.

Pandemic Brought a New Perspective on Living Joyfully

Four in 10 say they learned to “stop and smell the roses” and “savor every moment.”

43 percent will now try not to “sweat the small stuff.”

Two in five (42 percent) say the prospect of seeing family members again as the pandemic gradually recedes brings them the most joy.

“The National Day of Joy falls in line with the overall Comfort Keepers mission to find ways to deliver positivity and elevate the human spirit in our clients’ lives,” added Swats. “We believe that experiencing daily moments of joy

can improve mood, ease anxiety and help with our overall well-being, and we are proud to bring our clients meaning and purpose today and every day.”

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Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction celebrates 40th anniversary in 2021



Warren Bailey, the founder of the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction, second from left. Left to right with Bailey are Mike Seymour, Dom DeCarli, and Sandy Marshall.

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year as an annual fundraising event that provides grant funds to dozens of nonprofit organizations that assist underserved children.

“We kicked off the 40th celebration with a webinar for all of our volunteers on May 19, powered by The Enablement Group, and we updated our volunteers on the 2021 auction,” said Executive Director Jennifer Kelley.

Created in 1981 as a

one-day radio auction—the brainchild of Warren Bailey, then a DJ for WLNH—the annual event has since raised over \$7 million for children and families in the Lakes Region.

“It has evolved so much, and it really is a tradition,” said Bailey.

“There are so many people I run into who come here to visit relatives. Not a year goes by that I don’t see somebody who shares a memory of being a child who benefited. They reminisce about the past and say it’s not Christmas until they get into the Lakes Region so they can listen and hear and see the Auction.”

Bailey feels a tremendous sense of pride that he founded the auction.

“From the very beginning, when I witnessed the unseen poverty and brought the idea back to the radio station, members of the community said, ‘Yes, how can I help?’” he said.

“That generosity continues now with the 40th,” he added. “It’s now such a large organization that helps out so many.”

The auction’s mission is to engage the community to financially support children

in need with a vision to ensure that every child is empowered to succeed and positively impact a thriving Greater Lakes Region community.

In its 40th year, leaders of the auction, including Executive Director Jennifer Kelley and a 17-member board, want to spread the word about the good work it does in the Lakes Region.

These are some ways area residents can help:

- Learn more about the Auction by visiting www.childrensauction.com/. “We help agencies that support children in need by providing basic needs, like food, clothing, and shelter; services to help mitigate those needs; and educational and recreational opportunities that kids would not have access to otherwise,” said Jaimie Sousa, board chairperson.

- Tell 40 people about the Auction’s work and how it improves the lives of children and families

in the Lakes Region—whether in person, via email or on social media. “Helping us spread the word will make the community stronger by increasing auction donations and bids,” Sousa said.

- Help recruit auction items or fundraise. You will have fun and make great friends in the process.

- Make a donation. Said Sousa, “Financial support allows us to expand opportunities for children. Each year we have many more deserving grant requests than we can possibly meet. We have grown incredibly, but there is still more to do. Consider giving \$40 as a celebration of 40 years!”

Learn more about the auction at www.ChildrensAuction.com, where you can discover sponsorship opportunities, donate or volunteer or email Jenn@ChildrensAuction.com.

NH Pumpkin Festival postponed to October 2022

LACONIA — Although there were seeds of hope that the NH Pumpkin Festival would take place this fall, the Lakes Region Chamber recently announced the NH Pumpkin Festival will be postponed to Oct. 14 & 15, 2022.

“There is a tremendous amount of planning that goes into this festival, including securing fundraising and volunteers,” stated Karmen Gifford, President of the Lakes Region Chamber and Official Organizer of the NH Pumpkin Festival event. “We are truly disappointed to wait one more year. The event

needs to come back strong. I am definitely excited to announce that we are using this additional time to plan for a bigger festival with more events and opportunities to celebrate fall in NH. 2022 is going to be spooktacular!”

NH Pumpkin Festival moved to Laconia in 2015. In 2016, the Lakes Region Chamber proudly became the Official Organizer growing the festival from a one-day event to a two day event, adding more entertainment, amusement rides, creating a family-friendly street festival atmosphere. Gifford reports

that area businesses are already expressing an interest to get involved in the 2022 event.

“As the festival’s Official Organizer, the Chamber’s goal is to highlight all our amazing experiences and create opportunities that will draw more visitors to our region in a time between peak summer tourism and before winter activities begin,” explains Gifford. “The past year has been full of tumultuous challenges for our business community. We will continue to work with our local businesses to address staffing challenges today, but



at the same time focus on planning our biggest festival ever. This event will certainly support our local economy and showcase the beauty of autumn in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.”

The Lakes Region Chamber is a non-profit, 501c-6 organization supporting business in 30+ towns/cities. Chamber members work together to improve business in the Lakes Region and the quality of life for

residents. For more information, visit LakesRegionChamber.org find local businesses and a full calendar of 2021 community events.



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Lakes Region Rotary Club supports nonprofits that support the community

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Rotary club recently reached out with gifts of support to four area nonprofits that have supported families over the past year who have been impacted by the pandemic. Belknap House, the Isaiah 61 Cafe, the Santa Fund, and Got Lunch Laconia each received donations of \$500 to support their ongoing work.

Rotary member, Bob Ewell, said, “This has been a difficult year for everyone and these four organizations have done outstanding work helping the most vulnerable members of our community - children, homeless individuals and homeless families, and families in crisis.”

The Lakes Region Rotary Club follows the Rotary motto of “Service above Self.” Each year, funds raised through the Lakes Region Rotary Annual car show are donated to support the work of area nonprofit organizations that work to make life in the Lakes Region better for children and families. This year’s car show will be held on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Endicott Street North in the Weirs (insert rain date info here if we’re having a rain date). More information about the car show is available on the Lakes Region Rotary Club Facebook page.

The Lakes Region Rotary was formed in 1991 and meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7-8 a.m. In addition to fundraising, club members contribute to service activities throughout the Lakes Region throughout the year. Anybody interested in learning more or becoming a member may contact the club through its email at lakesregionrotary@gmail.com.



Members of the Lakes Region Rotary Club present checks to four area nonprofits. Front row from left to right: Chris McCarthy of The Santa Fund; Linda Tunnicliffe of Got Lunch Laconia; Dawn Longval of Isaiah 61 Café; and Paula Ferenc of Belknap House. Back Row from left to right: Larry Greeley, Jude Hamel, and Bob Ewell of the Lakes Region Rotary Club.

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Hubbard has served as a dedicated board member for numerous community organizations, including the Laconia Area Community Land Trust, Lakes Region General Hospital, Holy Trinity Endowment Trust, and Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and resides in Laconia with her husband.

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Local contractors celebrate Safety Month

GILFORD — Summer in the Lakes Region brings busy days, especially for local contractors enjoying a booming building and renovation market. Good contractors are figuring out new ways to attract employees and be efficient to meet demand. Great contractors are doing so with a focus on safety.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics lists Tree Workers (1), Roofers (4), Construction Trade (9), and Landscapers (10) in the top 10 of most dangerous professions in the U.S. Since June is National Safety Month, two local contractors are working hard to keep their employees safe.

“When you’ve been around as long as we

have you see booms, busts, new technologies and fads that come and go, but the need for safety is always consistent,” says Hayden McLaughlin of Belknap Landscape in Gilford. “Lately technology has stepped up in helping us be safe”.

Belknap Landscape has adopted the use of a smartphone App called Whip Around to assure their equipment is safe through inspections every day.

“All of our equipment is inspected using this program on our phones in the morning before we even start it up” McLaughlin explains. “There’s a unique checklist for each piece of machinery. The team goes through the checklist and if there’s a safety concern the app notifies our fleet manager and fails the machine so we don’t use it.”

As technology helps workers be safe, there still isn’t a substitute for old-fashioned safety leadership and using the right protective equipment. Gloves, safety glasses, boots, and hard hats are synonymous with safety on construction sites, but real safety starts from a commitment by company owners and managers.

“All of my employees are important to me. As a business owner and a leader, it’s up to me to send them home safe at the end of the day.” Says Jeremy Doucet of Lighthouse Contracting Group in Gilford. “That’s why we invest in high-quality personal protective equipment, safe tools, and training. There is no amount of time, money, or effort saved that is worth risking their safety.”

Leveraging local experts is an important strategy Belknap Landscape has been using for years, even though the pandemic made that challenging. Mark Cote of Cross insurance in

Laconia helps educate and train Belknap employees on important topics.

“They know that safety is not a weekly, monthly or quarterly topic – it needs to be discussed daily. The pandemic did not change their mentality and safety stayed a top priority.” Says Cote “Together we adapted to Zoom and held company wide training sessions which included Defensive Driving, Job Site Awareness, the importance of wearing personal protective equipment and other valuable topics.”

This focus on safety has paid off. Belknap Landscape has received national recognition from trade magazines and organizations like the National Association of Landscape Professionals. Lighthouse Contracting Group sees the benefits every day.

“When I think about the projects we’ve completed over the past few years, I’m proud of the work we’ve done and projects that we’ve completed. That pride pales when compared to how proud I feel knowing my employees have gone home safe every day after work. What we produce is remarkable, but how we end the day is the most important thing for my team and their families,” says Doucet.

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