

New Chief of Police hired in Tilton

TILTON — The Tilton Selectmen are pleased to announce they have hired Corey L. Piser as Tilton’s new Police Chief. After an extensive and thorough process, which began with 25 candidates across the country, Lt. Piser was offered the position.

The Selectmen initiated a multi-step process that started with Municipal Resources Inc. starting the recruitment phase, followed by a Community Interview Team which included Interim Lt. Abe Gilman, Franklin Police Chief David Goldstein, community members Kevin LaChapelle and Ken Norton and Selectman Scott Ruggles. The Interview Team made their recommendations on moving three candidates forward. Those candidates interviewed with Police Department personnel and ended with a final interview with the



Corey Piser

Board of Selectmen. All candidates commented that it was one of the most thorough, professional processes they had been through. Lt. Piser comes to the Town of Tilton with 26 years of experience in law en-

forcement. She began her career at the Daytona Beach Police Department and most recently served as a Lieutenant at the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office, both agencies employing strong community policing

models.

Corey has extensive operational experience with the deployment of a variety of resources. She is technically and tactically proficient across a comprehensive range of law enforcement roles and functions and is passionately committed to embodying the highest ideals of the profession. She looks forward to the challenges involved in collaborating with members of a new department and community.

Said Board Chair Eric Pyra, “We are so pleased to have Corey join the Tilton Police Department and look forward to working with her as she leads the Department into 21st Century policing practices.”

Piser will begin in Tilton on June 26 with the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new Police Department.

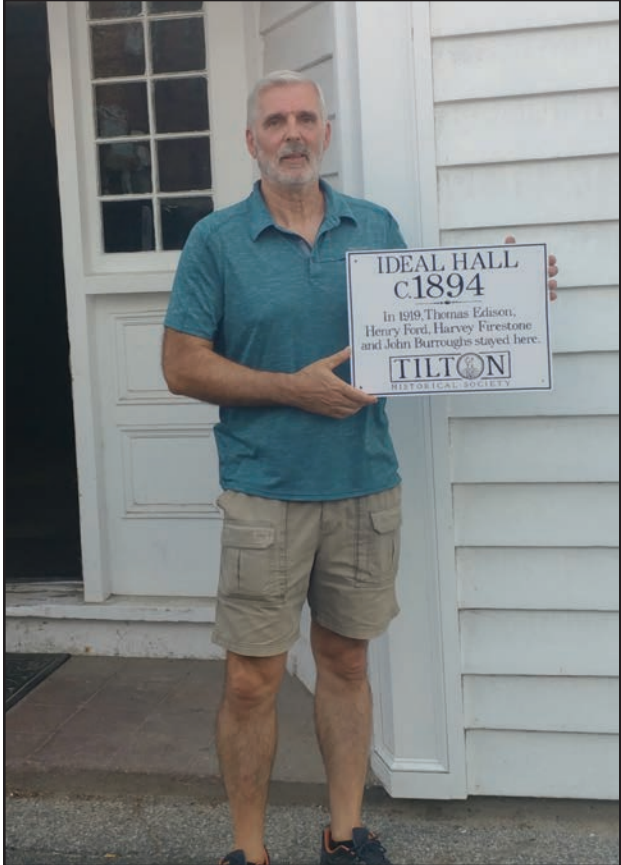
Ribbon cutting planned June 26 for Tilton’s new Police Department

TILTON — The Tilton Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the formal ribbon cutting ceremony for Tilton’s new Police Department, located at 45 Sanborn Rd.

The ribbon cutting ceremony wiwl take place on Saturday, June 26 from 8 a.m. to noon, with a rain date of Sunday, June 27. Immediately following the ceremony, tours of the new facility will be provided.

To learn more, please visit the Tilton website at tiltonnh.org or call Town Administrator Jeanie Forrester at 286-4521, ext. 101.

Historic House Plaque awarded to former Ideal Hall



COURTESY

The Tilton Historical Society would like to congratulate Ron Vezina, Historic House Plaque recipient for 2021, for his building at 272 Main St., which was once known as Ideal Hall.

Miscues cost Raiders in semifinal battle



BOB MARTIN

The Red Raiders have a meeting at the mound in the first inning of the semifinals.

BY BOB MARTIN
Contributing Writer

BELMONT — The Red Raiders once again found themselves in the Division 3 softball Final Four, but Belmont got into a hole early, with Campbell coming out on top 6-2 to advance to the championship game in Concord.

Campbell jumped on top early with a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Alexa Robert led off the game with a bloop single to shallow left field and then stole second base to put a runner on with no outs for Riley Gamache. Gamache followed with a nice bunt down the first base line and beat out the throw. Fielding miscues led Robert to come around and score on the play and Gamache ended up on third base with no outs and Chloe Steiniger coming to bat. Steiniger pulled a single to left,

bringing home Gamache to make it a 2-0 game. She was caught stealing on the subsequent play, and after another bloop single and a fielding error, Belmont pitcher Morgan Hall settled down with a pair of strikeouts to end the inning.

In the top of the third, Campbell put two more runs on the board. Catherine Carignan knocked a double into the right/center gap and after a Emily Cooper walk, Abby Delia singled to right. A throwing error led to two runs coming home and a runner on third. Hall settled down again with a pair of strikeouts to end the inning.

It remained a 4-0 game until the top of the sixth inning when Campbell scored a pair of runs. Lindsey Brown shot a single up the middle and ended up on third

base on a throwing error during a stolen base attempt. Hall struck out Robert but then Gamache smashed an RBI single to right that ended up rolling to the fence and put a runner on third. Stringer then hit an RBI single but was called out at first due to an obstruction rule.

While it was a 6-0 game heading into the final frame, Belmont showed that it wasn’t ready to lay down and quit. Kara Stephens reached on a close play on a grounder to the shortstop. Madison Lima and Courtney Burke then walked and with the bases loaded, Kelley Allen grounded out and knocked in the first run of the game. Darci Stone came up with two outs and runners on second and third and an error at third led to the second run, but the game ended

with a runner caught in a pickle between third and home.

Belmont coach Bill Clary said that fielding miscues were the key factor in the game, leading to unearned runs throughout the contest.

“You can’t give a good team runs and it took until the seventh inning for us to even produce any runs of our own,” Clary said. “I think that gave the girls some confidence, and it showed that we have some mature leaders on the field but also some inexperience.”

Clary said that experience had a wide range this season, with some playing softball for the first time this season. He said he was proud of how players were quick to learn and how the veterans led the way all year

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A historic photograph of the building.

BY JOHN CIRIELLO
Tilton Historical Society

TILTON — The Tilton Historical Society would like to congratulate Ron Vezina, Historic House Plaque recipient for 2021, for his building at 272 Main St., which was once known as Ideal Hall.

Although the hotel doesn’t appear by name on historic maps until

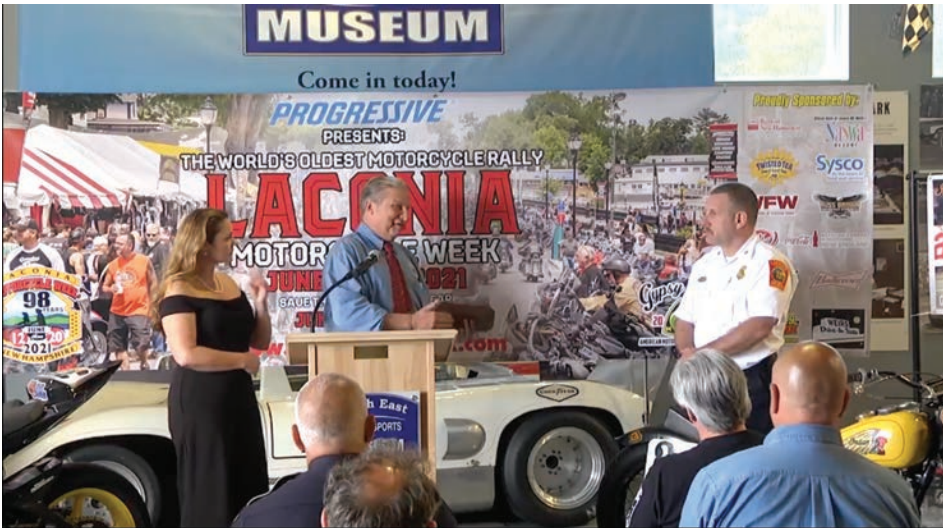
1912, the building itself is listed as a tenement business as early as 1894. We believe the structure existed well before that date though.

Here’s the story that made Ideal Hall so famous in the small town of Tilton:

In 1919, a jovial group of eight men gathered and decided upon a

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Organizers grateful but cautious about 2021 Bike Week



Charlie St. Clair and Jennifer Anderson, executive director and deputy of Laconia Motorcycle Week, respectively, present a plaque of appreciation to Laconia Fire Chief Kirk Beattie for the department's work in putting out the fire at rally headquarters on Christmas of 2020.

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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LOUDON — The 98th annual Laconia Motorcycle Week is going on as scheduled, with organizers and stakeholders optimistic with plenty of caution.

Rally organizers, local officials, public safety representatives, and event hosts took part in

a press conference at the Northeast Motorsports Museum at New Hampshire Motor Speedway to kick off this year's Bike Week.

Last year's event took place in August, which many participants said felt strange, though everyone felt fortunate it took place given the

pandemic. Last year the Laconia city council debated if the event should go on, though agreed to allow it in August under specific rules such as no vendors.

"There was just so much fear and worry of what to do in regard to Motorcycle Week," said Motorcycle Week Execu-



Gov. Chris Sununu speaks at the kick-off press conference for this year's Bike Week.

tive Director Charlie St. Clair: "We got through August. I knew the rally was fine for those who come to ride their motorcycles, enjoying themselves."

St. Clair said in February, there was another discussion about possibly postponing the rally given rising COVID-19 numbers. He said those concerns were worked out with a lot of collaboration. He thanked the city and the state for every way they have helped.

"There's still a lot to be done; people need to take precautions," St. Clair said.

He thanked the state and the federal government for their work on distributing vaccines.

"Without that, we could've been in the same state we were this past August. I really believe that," St. Clair said.

Misfortune struck the rally again when a fire broke out in its headquarters in Laconia on Christmas day of 2020. The fire killed a cat and destroyed a number of items.

At this year's press conference speakers talked about a feeling of gratitude that given all the circumstances.

Laconia Mayor Andrew Hosmer said this

has been a long year, not only with the pandemic but also the fire that struck rally headquarters.

"As the mayor, I think I find myself talking not about our city so much as about our residents so much, but about our community: what community means," Hosmer said. "People coming together for a common purpose, working toward a common goal regardless of what's going on in the world around us."

Laconia City Manager Scott Meyers said the city is ready for Bike Week, but urged caution given the ongoing pandemic.

"We want the economic boom for the state; we want our businesses and their employees to be successful; we want everyone to be safe because while we're heading into the eighth of the ninth inning, we should use some common sense in what they do because this is probably, even though it's a 10 day event, we're probably one of the largest events the state is hosting," Meyers said. "I have every confidence in our crew in Laconia to pull this off successfully, safely, and healthy for everyone."

Gov. Chris Sununu said the pandemic is

still going on, but the country and especially New Hampshire are far ahead. Sununu said it was important to have the rally this year.

"It was really important because it was about setting that tone," Sununu said. "This is a landmark event for the state. To say we'll put that on pause, that would have really set reverberations: not just for this event in the future, but really for last summer."

He said not only are visitors coming to the Lakes Region they are also exploring the rest of the state.

Motorcycle Week deputy director Jennifer Anderson said their top priority is safety, not just for riding but also for health.

She said handwashing and sanitizing stations will be available all around the vendor areas.

St. Clair presented a plaque to Laconia fire chief Kirk Beattie in thanks for the department's response to the fire.

"They saved an awful lot: we lost an awful lot, but we could've lost an awful lot more and it was Christmas morning for heaven's sake, so were just so appreciative," St. Clair said.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 31 to June 7.

Salvatore Vespa, age 45, of Franklin was arrested on June 2 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Cynthia L. Boisvert, age 62, of Franklin was arrested on June 3 for Possession of Marijuana.

Julie L. Robbins, age 45, of Gilford was arrested on June 3 for Dealing and/or Possession of Prescription Drugs and multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug.

Christopher C. Drown, age 44, of Laconia was arrested on June 3 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (subsequent) and Breach of Bail Conditions.

Dalton J. Blake, age 26, of Franklin was arrested on June 4 for Possession of Marijuana and in connection with multiple warrants.

Troy R. Marcoux, age 19, of Belmont was arrested on June 4 for Sexual Assault-Sexual Contact.

Ronald P. Johnson, age 36, of Belmont was arrested on June 5 for Breach of Bail.

David Andrew Lavoie, age 39, of Pittsfield was arrested on June 5 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension (subsequent), Suspension of Vehicle Registration, and for driving an Unregistered and Uninspected Vehicle.

A 50-year-old was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 6.

Mary Beth Roy, age 46, of Laconia was arrested on June 6 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Zachary M. Tremblay, age 23, of Townsend, Mass. was arrested on June 6 for Possession of Marijuana.

Scott D. Mosher, age 51, of Gilford was arrested on June 6 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Sabrina M. Bostwick, age 24, of Franklin was arrested on June 6 for Driving Under the Influence-Impairment.

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Lake Winnepesaukee Association increases capacity to protect the lake!



Michelle Lowe

REGION — The Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA) is excited to announce a successful capacity building campaign, resulting in the addition of three people to its staff. Several years ago, we identified a critical need to expand our team if we were to have the resources in place to carry out our mission and implement the recommendations generated by our lake-wide water quality studies.

Michelle Lowe has joined the Lake Winnepesaukee Association as the Director of Development and Community Outreach. In her new position, Lowe will be

tasked with building membership and community relationships, as well as ensuring consistency through brand imaging on all marketing efforts across multiple channels. Even more importantly, Lowe will help broaden the educational aspect of our work so that everyone in the Winnepesaukee watershed understands how they can help protect and preserve the lake.

Lowe comes to the LWA with more than 20 years of Product Management and Marketing across Education, Healthcare, Government, B2B, and Individ-



Brianna Rossiter

ual channels both locally and nationally. Most recently, she was an integral part of the Leadership Team at Touchstone Farm Inc., where she was the Fundraising & Development Director helping the organization successfully achieve their land acquisition. Michelle holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Management from Keene State College and has been an active member in Rotary, the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce, serving on the board, as Sargent at Arms, NH Charitable Trust committee, and as an Ambassador for the Chamber.

Brianna Rossiter has joined us as Conservation Program Manager. She comes to the LWA from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and she'll be leading several critical nutrient mitigation programs as part of our Keep Winni Blue initiative. First on her list is our collaborative partnership with NH LAKES to implement the 'Be Winni Blue and LakeSmart' program, which educates property owners on how to live in a lake-friendly way. If you would like to be an early adopter in our pilot program this summer, just drop us an email and Bree will be in touch.



ABBY DALTON

joined for the next few months as Conservation Program Assistant. Native to Massachusetts, Dalton earned her BS in Environmental Science with a concentration in Wildlife and Conservation Biology from Southern New Hampshire University. Through her role as Conservation Program Assistant, she'll be hands on this summer assisting with shoreline mitigation, water quality monitoring, and educational outreach efforts.

"We're thrilled with the new additions to our staff, and confident that each person will play a significant role in protecting Winnepesaukee. This is the beginning of a long term increase in the scale necessary for us to reach the entire watershed and ensure that our lake is pro-

tected for generations to come," stated Peter

Glick, LWA President.

About Lake Winnepesaukee Association

Through monitoring, education, stewardship, and utilizing science-guided approaches for lake management, the Lake Winnepesaukee Association works to ensure that Winnepesaukee's scenic beauty, wildlife habitat, water quality, and recreational potential continues to provide enjoyment today and for future generations to come! For more information about the Association, contact us at 581-6632, or visit our Web site, www.winnepesaukee.org.

Kaitlin Bardellini named to Castleton University Dean's List

CASTLETON, Vt. — Kaitlin Bardellini of Northfield was recently named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2020-21 academic year.

To qualify for this academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

About Castleton University

Castleton University is small enough to be a community where every student matters, yet large enough to offer more than 75 programs of study for undergraduate and graduate students, 28 varsity sports, and over 50 clubs and organizations. The university stresses experiential learning through internships, community service and research opportunities provided by more than 400 community partnerships. For more information, visit castleton.edu.


Tall Granite Big Band to perform at Belknap Mill

LACONIA — Friday, June 18 at 6 p.m., Tall Granite Big Band will be the featured performer for the Belknap Mill's 2021 Arts in the Park Summer Concert Series in Rotary Riverside Park! Patrons are welcome to bring lawn chairs, a blanket, and a picnic dinner for a wonderful evening of live music at the Belknap Mill.

Based in Concord, the Tall Granite Big Band is a 19-piece big band formed in 2014 from a select cadre of New Hampshire community musicians. Under the oversight of Music Director Joey Placenti, a veteran of Navy show bands, we are dedicated to keeping alive a broad repertoire of classic and contemporary arrangements and compositions, with an emphasis on Swing. In five years of regular appearances at the former Pitman's Freight Room, we were pleased to become known as a dance band and still cherish our links to the state's dance community.

The Belknap Mill's 2021 Summer Concert Series is generously sponsored by founding sponsors The Laconia Putnam Fund and media sponsors, Lakes FM 101.5, 104.9 The Hawk, and 107.3 The Pulse. For more information about upcoming performances or our safety guidelines, please visit our Web site, www.belknapmill.org.

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Some words of advice for new graduates

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassman counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world amidst a global pandemic. This time in a teen's life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following: 1. Don't smoke; 2. Drink plenty of water every day; and 3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you). 4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and 5. Watch the "Back to the Future" trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn't mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it's hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it's what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it's really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and that means you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2021!

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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

On the fundamentals of life

BY LARRY SCOTT

There are four fundamental questions in life that demand an answer. Every one of us would like to know why we are here, what is right and wrong for us, the meaning of our life, and what will happen to us when we die. Origin, meaning, morality and destiny; on these four fundamentals hinge everything you are and all you hope to be.

Academia and the scientific community would like to tell us we are here as the product of an evolutionary cycle that started millions of years ago. They would tell us our purpose in life is to be happy, that right and wrong are what we

choose them to be, and that if there is an after-life, it will be determined by our goodness.

Each of the great world religions address one or more of the issues in question, but they don't adhere to reality. For Buddhism, nirvana is found in the extinction of all desire. Islam would have us believe Jesus Christ did not die on a cross and that eternal bliss is promised only to those who have earned it by living a good life.

But the best answer to the four fundamental issues in question—origin, meaning, morality, and destiny—is found in the Christian faith. Only here do we discov-

er we have been created "in God's image" and are privileged to live as His emissaries on earth. And only in the Christian faith does one find forgiveness for sin, a challenge to model the life of our Lord, a moral standard that protects one from evil, and the promise of heaven, too.

During my high school days, a close friend once said, "Scott, you must be a saint! You can't do anything!" Well ... a saint I am not. I am a simple man, created in the image of God, privileged to serve as a living model of Jesus Christ to my generation. I have been given a moral standard that keeps me from doing

something counter-productive, and at the end of my journey, heaven too!

And what God has done for me, He can do for you. So check it out, study the record, consider the alternatives, and discover for yourself that ours is a good God Who wants only what is for your best. And God's best is personified in Jesus, the Perfect Model of who and what God created you and me to be. He will give purpose to your existence and direction to your life, and in tough times like these, that is a faith you can live by!

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A thank you to Sanbornton's voters

To the Editor:

Thank you to the voters of Sanbornton who voted an unanimous voice-vote "Yes" on May 15 at Town Meeting on Article 11, and helped send a message to our state legislators that we want our voting map redistricting process to be fair, nonpartisan and transparent. An end to behind-the-scenes gerrymandering! Our unanimous voice vote shows just how important voters hold the fairness of the process. As of this writing, 64 other towns have passed it, sending an unmistakable mandate. Nine are in our Lakes Region area.

Our Town's message will be conveyed to our state reps and senator, and the Special Committee on Redistricting gets a copy, too. Of course, our State Rep.,

Tim Lang, Town Meeting Moderator, who voiced support of Warrant Article 11, already knows how it went!

Thanks again. We are proud that our community stood up for a fair, nonpartisan and transparent redistricting process. Tom Salatiello, who also signed the petition to have this come to our vote at Town Meeting, would be pleased with our unity on this. He always urged us to be fervent in our role as "citizen legislators" once a year.

Lynn R. Chong and Catharine Farkas
Sanbornton

Old Home Day returns to Sanbornton July 10

To the Editor:

July 10 will see Old Home Day happening once again in Sanbornton, albeit scaled back as a result of the pandemic. Saturday morning will start with an open-air market in the library field including the Historical Society offering lighter fare breakfast items (in lieu of the traditional pancake breakfast), Harmony Grange drawing (five prizes) \$5/1 or \$10/3, Quilt Raffle \$10/1 or \$20/3 and so much more. The Old Home Day line up follows tradition with a custom T-shirt commemorating the day and a parade celebrating our 250th anniversary, Tavern Tours, Music, Wildlife Encounters, Wood Carving Demonstrations, Pony Rides, and yes, so much more... We invite you all to participate in the parade as an individual, group or float themed "Sanbornton, Then & Now". Line-up begins at 10:30 a.m. at Tower Hill Road, with an anticipated start time of 11 a.m.

This year is the 250th anniversary of Sanbornton's Congregational / UCC Church, and they will add to the Old Home Day celebration with live music

throughout the day!

In celebration of our town's 250th that happened last year (pandemic shelved our celebration then), Old Home Day will end with a bang! All - turn up at 6 p.m. at the Town Park for food truck fare and entertainment and fun to include BYOYG (bring your own yard game) to add to the excitement. Bring your blankets and BYOC (bring your own chair) for the fireworks 9 p.m.!

All townspeople, please show up and enjoy the day and evening that Old Home Day Committee worked towards for your enjoyment! As other years, thank our T-Shirt sponsors who make much possible, and plan to buy a T-Shirt or two commemorating this great event! Thanks also to our Selectmen and their support.

Sincerely,

The Old Home Day Committee
Sanbornton

Thanks to spring plant sale volunteers and hosts

To the Editor:

Community support for the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD) Spring Plant Sale is much appreciated. With over 300 plant sale orders, volunteers were key to success for BCCD's annual fund-raiser. Working through the month of April, volunteers helped wrap bare root plants and bulbs, and prepared orders with 88 different plants from asparagus to fruit trees and native trees and shrubs. Volunteers assisted with plant pick up days April 30 to May 2 by pulling plant orders and providing sage gardening advice.

Special thanks to Ward and Ginny Bird - Picnic Rock Farms in Meredith who provided space to prepare, store and distribute the plants and the Gilmanton Historical Society who offered their site in Gilmanton Ironworks for another pick up location. Master gardener Nel Garden donated many hours and homegrown plants in support of BCCD. Others major contributors to recognize include Mary Caverly, Ann Sprague, Shirley Stokes, Donna Hepp, Dean Anson and Jodi Chamberlain. Thanks also to the record number of County residents ordered plants and live trout, or stopped by to purchase surplus plants during the event. BCCD Program Coordinator, Lisa Morin's leadership in this effort was invaluable.

BCCD's new Volunteer Coordination Program drew many new volunteers to this effort. We will have more volunteer opportunities to assist on con-

servation projects this summer and fall. Jennifer Curtis Cormier is assuming the lead for the Volunteer Program in June.

Our Conservation District's 75-year mission has been to provide conservation advice and assistance to landowners and communities in Belknap County. It is gratifying to see such strong support from local residents volunteering to conserve natural resources, planting for pollinators and to prevent erosion, and growing their own food.

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North Country Notebook

What’s that sound in the woods? And a bit on bears and cougars



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Some people say the sound is like someone trying to start an old lawnmower. Others are sure it’s a chainsaw.

The sound is made by a male partridge (ruffed grouse) drumming. Campfire lore has the grouse beating its wings against a hollow log, and it does indeed sound like that, but that’s not quite true. Using trickery known only to steely-eyed scientists (also untrue), the bird makes the sound by rapidly compressing air between body and wings.

Who can help but admire the partridge for steadfastness? There is almost a pathetic trust in this kind of courage. Females, after all, could well be avoiding this guy like a street-corner flasher. And the males, by drumming away in daylight, are telegraphing every fox, fisher, and bobcat about exactly where they are. They might as well have a big neon sign, “Eat at Joe’s.”

All this gives females (human variety) yet another reason to roll their eyes and say, “Guys.”

While the males risk becoming someone’s lunch, the females display a courage beyond fierce in defense of nests and chicks. It’s a notch above even the familiar broken-wing act.

I’ve had this happen to me only twice, and it is both rare and awesome. You need just the right set of circumstances.

It all has to be a total surprise—you, stumbling onto a mother and her fuzzy little chicks, she believing that you pose an imminent threat. She feels compelled to buy some time.

So she rushes at you, beak extended, hissing and spitting, wings wide, beak agape like a cobra ready to strike. What does this amount to, pound for pound?

In my book, absolute raw courage.

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Moving forward, we seem to glom onto new phrases as they pop up in various media. The current favorite is, indeed, “moving forward,” which is out there all over the place. Scarcely do I hear a catchy phrase on the radio or television than I see it in the New York Times or even

(gasp!) Harper’s magazine.

What you don’t see much now is “gone missing,” the popular quasi-British term for just plain missing. It’s like saying someone is “gone lost.”

This past winter, when everything “science” became such a drumbeat, it was almost surpassed by “metric,” which automatically sounded soundly scientific. We heard “That doesn’t fit in with the new metric.” Ye gods, what did that mean?

I’ve hardly ever been lost, I tell people, I’ve just been temporarily misplaced. And if I can’t get my bearings, I can always pull out map and compass. GPS? Yup, have that, and cell phone too—just can’t get comfortable depending on them.

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Thanks to Baker Bob, who helps out with tasks I’d be unwise to attempt, my bird feeders are empty and hanging from a rafter. Now, I do love to see not just the birds but also the other resultant wild creatures—squirrels, chipmunks, the occasional fox or hawk—but I don’t want to get any bears into trouble.

Bears have incredible noses, and memories to match. They seem able to follow even a whiff of food for miles. And they seem never to forget a place where they’ve found food.

Fish and Game is right on when it repeats the mantra “A fed bear is a dead bear.” If a bear associates food with people, it might get a break from reform school—cultvert-trapping and releasing into a supposedly “remote region”—but the story often has a sad ending.

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On a recent morning I had just headed up South Hill Road from the Hollow when a bear cub tumbled down out of the bushes and into the road, so I slowed to a crawl.

In a flash it turned and darted back into the shrubbery. Looking all



“He’s a jail-bird,” said Gerry Allen about this raccoon he trapped near his home along Bishop Brook Road in Stewartstown. (Courtesy of Gerry Allen)

around, I eased on up the hill, watching the rear-view mirrors for more bears.

My guess is that Mom was right there behind the wall of green, and had sent one cub across while she waited with a couple of others. That’s the way it often happens. I’m just glad it all happened in daylight.

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Occasionally, I hear about cougars. Reports come from all around the state, but mostly from Concord north. Someone camping near Lake Francis in Pittsburg, the southernmost of the Connecticut Lakes, reported one last month.

These reports often end up the same way. “We called Fish and Game,” I hear when it reaches me, often second- or third-hand.

But what is Fish and Game supposed to do with such a call? Send a CO rushing to check it out? Conservation officers are already hard-pressed to cover huge territories, and this time of year deal with everything from deer accidents to camps and camping to searches and rescues in woods and high country. On top of

that are growing responsibilities with ATVs.

My big question is, where are the trail-camera photos? If mountain lions (cougars) are here, and there are denning mothers (which aficionados believe has been the case all along), this would explain why there are so many reports in spring and early summer. The mother, normally nocturnal and secretive, is forced to take daylight risks to feed her young.

I’ve long believed that there are in fact good, verifiable trail-cam photos out there, but that people are reluctant to share them because of privacy and the cats’ safety.

These do not have to be issues with me. If readers ask me to keep identity and location to



COURTESY

Guildhall’s Roger Irwin took this photo of a male ruffed grouse (partridge), puffing itself up and drumming away. (Courtesy of Roger Irwin)

myself, I will.

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Father's Day gifts

If you're a dad, you may be in line to get some nice gifts on Father's Day. But your greatest gift may be your ability to help your children. One way of doing that is to get them started in the world of investing – and making a few investments on their behalf. Here are three possibilities:

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- for qualified K-12 expenses and registered apprenticeship programs. And you can even use it to repay certain qualified student loans, within limits. A 529 plan can affect financial aid, but its effect is generally lower than that of other assets. And as the account owner, you have control of your 529, so, if one child decides not to go to college or pursue further education, you can switch beneficiaries.
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the world of investing. For one thing, your child can make small contributions throughout the year, so investing in an IRA doesn't seem burdensome. Also, since an IRA can be invested in different types of securities, your child can learn about various investment vehicles – stocks, bonds, mutual funds and so on. Plus, you can point out that, with a traditional IRA, taxes won't be due on the earnings until your child starts taking withdrawals decades from now. (And with a Roth IRA, withdrawals are tax-free, provided certain conditions are met.)

On Father's Day, you can show your appreciation for whatever gifts you receive from your children. But by investing in their future, you can gain some longer-term contentment.

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Benjamin Francis Cross, 33

Benjamin Francis Cross, age 33, affectionally known as “Otter” to his many friends, passed away unexpectedly on April 11, 2021.

He grew up with his brother Devin in New Hampshire with many hobbies: small scale construction, cartoonist comic writing, skateboarding, guitar, snow boarding and an avid Magic The Gathering player and trader. He enjoyed being the best he could be at anything he did. Whether it be writing and singing his own songs, getting high score on a video game, a MTG Tournament or just building something out of nothing, Ben would pay meticulous attention to detail and dedicate the time it took to learn and create.

Ben graduated Winnisquam Regional High School and was awarded “Most Creative” superlative by his 2006 class. A free spirit like his brother he took the “the road less traveled” through the country and Canada by open roads, by car bus and train.

An avid Boston Bruins and New England Patriots fan, he brought his enthusiasm to all of the 48 contiguous states and Canada enjoying friendly rivalries with other fan-bases. He also managed to get to several Patriots home games with his Dad during their first six Super Bowl Championships.

He embraced adventure, loved to read, play music, make art and make people laugh. His friends always spoke



Ben is the beloved son of Pamela Henchey of Sanbornton, NH and Stephen Cross of Mar-a-Lago, FL. He is predeceased by his brother, Devin Alexander Cross. He also leaves behind his Step Parents, John Henchey and Linda Cross. He leaves behind a beloved niece, Dahlia Cross of Berrien Springs, MI, whom he always enjoyed being “Uncle Ben” to and joked he was going to marry a girl named Jemima to round out the breakfast aisle.

Ben also leaves behind grandparents George & Sandra Starkey of Ft. Pierce, FL and Frank & Mary Lou Cross of Tewksbury, MA. He leaves many step-siblings, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends who will never forget him as his humor, kindness and great spirit lit up a room.

A celebration of life will take place at a place and time to be determined. Please remember Ben whenever you are kind to people and other living things. He lives on in all of us and those whose lives he touched will never forget him.

IDEAL

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camping trip to begin in Albany, N.Y., and then into New Hampshire. When the unlikely group set off, few probably imagined that among the party were three titans of American industry: Thomas Alva Edison, Henry Ford, and Harvey Firestone; and a celebrated naturalist, John Burroughs. By the year 1919, Thomas Edison was already one of the most famous men in America and had acquired over 1,000 patents. He also owned the Detroit Edison Company, which had employed a young Henry Ford. Now 56, Ford had transformed the world of transport by pioneering the automobile assembly line, which made cars affordable. Harvey Firestone had been one of the first to develop non-skid, low-pressure, and truck tires. His was among the largest companies in the US and he supplied most of the tires for Ford’s cars. Though eighty-two at the time the party set out, John Burroughs was still enthusiastically seeking out wildlife for study and observa-

tion. He was a seasoned camper, having done so on many occasions with company such as Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir (Rogers, It Happened in New Hampshire).

New Hampshire’s roads in 1919 were but rough narrow paths and old Native American trails meandering through the woods and running from town to town. On these bumpy roads proceeded one of the most intriguing camping parades of the automobile age. The group consisted of an Edison Simplex, two Packard sedans, a Cadillac truck for gear, and a specially designed Ford truck serving as traveling kitchen, complete with Henry Ford’s personal chef, Thomas Sato. Edison had made sure the kitchen truck included a generator, providing power for the cook and for lights in the tents as well. And what did these celebrated personages do for entertainment around the campsite? New England Historical Society records relate that Edison prompted campfire discussions about current events, politics, and philosophy; Ford initiated competitions in high-kicking, wood chopping, berry picking, and rifle shooting; and Burroughs taught bird calls and organized nature walks. Of course, historical pictures of these outings show the activities being carried out in gentlemen’s attire – three-piece suits and neck ties (newenglandhistoricalsociety.com).

On Aug. 10, the group left their campsite in the Green Mountains and crossed into the northern region of New Hampshire. They passed through Crawford Notch and Conway before traveling west across the northern shore of Lake Winnepesaukee and then south through the Weirs and on to Tilton with the intent of setting up camp. Somewhere along the way, the Cadillac truck containing

the tents and gear became separated from the group. By the time it caught up, it was too late to set up camp, and so the party checked into the best hotel in Tilton, the Ideal Hotel (Rogers).

The story has it that after dinner, the men settled on the building’s wide porch to take in the evening breeze. The presence of famous men in the small town drew a crowd and also supplied the local Salvation Army with an unexpected opening to collect donations. Those gathered asked the men to say a few words. As Burroughs and Ford addressed the crowd, members of the Salvation Army weaved among them with their tambourines in hand. Suddenly Edison jumped off the porch, snatched a tambourine, and began to move through the crowd, encouraging people to donate. It seems his enthusiasm was irresistible and resulted in a substantial collection for the Salvation Army that night (Rogers). The famous men called themselves “The Vagabonds,” which means someone who wanders from place to place, without a home. Although their camping trips were far from “roughing it,” traveling with a caravan of 50 vehicles, a stove, ice box and their own cook and assistants, their adventures made quite a stir at the time since they were such famous business men. There’s more links at the bottom if you’d like to read more about this story (Mary O’Neill).

There is also a direct connection and business dealings with Henry Ford and the Black Swan Inn’s owner and Tilton Endless Belts company, Selwin Peabody and Arthur Brown were instrumental in Henry Ford’s visit to Tilton.

Read more about it here on the Black Swan Inn’s Web site, <https://www.blackswaninn.net/pt-PT/about-us>.

Jessica Dion named to UVM Dean’s List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Jessica Dion, Class of 2022, has been named to the dean’s list for the spring 2021 semester at the University of Vermont. Dion, from Belmont is in the College of Arts and Sciences.

To be named to the dean’s list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

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Amber Christina Lemay named to Husson University’s Dean’s List

BANGOR, Maine — Belmont resident Amber Christina Lemay has been named to Husson University’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester.

During the spring semester, Lemay was enrolled in Husson’s Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science/ Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Students who make the Dean’s List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.60 to 3.79 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

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Gardens created at local residential communities

REGION — Vegetable gardens are “sprouting up” at River’s Edge, Bachelder Apartments, Sunrise Towers and Orchard Hill residential communities in Laconia and Belmont. New raised bed gardens were created and planted over the last week with the help of residents, staff and volunteers. Residents added soil to the raised beds and planted their choice of vegetables. Raised bed planters offer easy access for older residents and those using wheelchairs.

“Everyone had a great time getting the planters ready and deciding what they wanted to grow. Giving communities access to grow their own food is important,” said Lisa Morin, Program Coordinator for the Belknap County Conservation District (BCCD).

BCCD and the Belknap Association for Natural Resource Conservation (BANRC) proposed this project to the Lakes Region Community Developers and Laconia Housing who readily endorsed the idea. With the help of a \$2,500 Community Grant from the Bank of New Hampshire and a matching Community Crisis Action Fund 2021 grant through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF), the Conservation District purchased 13 raised bed planters, container soil mix, and a wide variety of vegetable plants, herbs, seeds and garden supplies. Staff from the facilities helped assemble the cedar planter boxes along with residents and volunteers from BCCD and the community. Residents enjoyed digging into the soil and creating their own gardens.

Several had plants and seedlings they’d started in pots they contributed.

The \$5,270 Community Crisis Action Fund 2021 grant also covered the cost for rototilling and creating new garden beds at the BCCD community garden on Parade Road in Laconia. It will also fund repair of the water system for the community garden. A second Community Crisis Action Fund 2021 grant will help support the BCCD Gleaning Program which collects surplus fresh produce from farmers and home gardeners to provide to food pantries and community food programs. Food insecurity is an important issue in Belknap County. A study prior to COVID-19 found over 15% of Belknap County residents had three or more food insecurity factors including low access



Linda Morancey, Donka Facciolo, Donna and Bill Bridgeman, Dolores Genest, and Kathy Ancilil at work in the garden at Sunrise Towers. Not pictured: Kay Grey.

to healthy food. Covid-19 has only increased that challenge. For more information on obtaining a garden space at the BCCD Community Gardens or on the grant funding received, please contact Lisa Morin at belknapconservation@gmail.com. All BCCD programs and activities are offered without discrimination.

History comes alive Lakeport Opera House reopens after 60 years

LACONIA — Gone are the plywood-covered windows, dusty hallways and lonely forgotten rooms as the curtain opens for the first performance in over 60 years at the historic Lakeport Opera House. Located on Union Avenue in Lakeport Square, the completely restored and renovated 1882 landmark opened on June 12, bringing live entertainment and a unique cultural experience to Laconia.

“This is a boyhood dream come to life,” said Opera House owner and developer Scott Everett, who grew up in Gilford. “Reviving and reopening this building brings me great joy. I am grateful to all the people that helped us bring back a 19th century cultural center that blends high-end style with historic charm and I am confident that memorable experiences will be made here.”

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.



Seating capacity allows for 220, but the current floor plan is set for under 200 floor, mezzanine, and VIP seats to allow for comfort and space. Seats have cocktail table access or drink rails for refreshments while being spaced apart for optimum comfort. A separate lounge area features a full bar and lake-side views through large windows.

“When you come to the Opera House, you’re getting an experience not just a show,” said Opera House venue director and brother Tim James Everett. “The concept and layout was created with comfort, style and mobility in mind while ensuring that there is no bad seat in the house.”

More than \$1 million was invested into renovating the 30,000-square

foot building over the last three years. Modern design elements were incorporated with original fixtures creating a unique atmosphere. Several features from the 1882 building remain including reconditioned wood floors, replicated tin ceilings and the original stage and curtains. An old map of Laconia and an original poster from the May 11, 1930 performance were found inside the walls during the renovation and will be on display. The Moore Design Group from Dallas, Texas incorporated high-end embellishments into the design bringing Scott Everett’s modern and futuristic vision to life with specialized lighting; metal, crystal and hand-carved accents; and one-of-a-kind artwork.

“Scott challenged us to take a 139-year-old building and make it stand out with today’s audience,” said Stephanie Moore Hager, founder of Moore Design Group. “We’re excited to see the doors open up to the public so the old and the new come together by adding contemporary elements with an ode to the past to create an unforgettable destination experience in Lakeport.”

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.

The last show at the originally named Moore’s Opera House was in 1960. The Flutie Brothers Band, which includes former NFL star and Massachusetts-native Doug Flutie and his brother Darren, will be the first to perform in 61 years. Scheduled performances include: comedian Lenny Clarke on June 17, Jay Psaros and Chuck McDermott on June 18, David Nail on July 2 and 3, Houston Bernard Band on July 9, The Little Mer-men on July 11, Dancing Dream: ABBA Tribute July 17, Steve Sweeney August 5, medium Maureen Hancock August 8.

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

Many hands make light work at SCS



SANBORTON — Sanbornton Central School is lucky to have a small section of woods near the school. For years, the woods have been informally used by classes, especially the first graders who love their tradition of building fairy houses. This year, the longtime dream to fix up the area became a reality. Sanbornton Central School (SCS) now has an amazing outdoor classroom for the students to use and there are many people to thank!

SCS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) member, Amy Burke, took it upon herself to get the ball rolling. She partnered with Mike Petrun. Winnisquam Regional Agricultural Center Director and the planning took off. Mike and his students came in with time, skills, and vision. They created an amazing outdoor classroom including log seating, outdoor chalkboards, tables, a bridge over the stream and an archway to welcome students. They cleared

the land, designed the space, and implemented the project. These high schoolers gave an amazing gift to the younger students of their district, they are to be thanked.

The SCS PTO were very fortunate to connect with Amanda Osmer, Grappone Automotive Group Owner, who offered to help support the project. Grappone supports volunteerism among its staff and valued this alternative learning, collaborative project. Grappone generously sponsored the donation of 28 yards of wood chips which was brought to the school. SCS hosted a “spread the love, spread the wood chips” event. A dedicated group of families along with Grappone volunteers came to help beautify the outdoor space. Wood chips were hauled with 30 five-gallon buckets kindly donated by Lowes of Tilton. In true Sanbornton form there was even a tractor to help! It was a fun community event, and the results are beautiful.

The Sanbornton Central School community offers big thanks to all who helped make it possible for our students to learn and experience outside the four walls of a building. The outdoor classroom will be an ongoing project. If you would like to know more about Sanbornton Central School or the work of the Parent Teacher Organization please contact, scs.pto@wrsdsau59.org or 298-8223.

Thank You

We want to thank the Teachers, Administrators, Students and Families for all their work, perseverance, and dedication.

The challenges the 2020/2021 school year brought were exceptional. But, these challenges were met by the equally exceptional staff and community of the Winnisquam Regional School District.

Thank you,

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Summer plans: Here's mine, let's hear about yours

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

For loyal readers of the Granite State News, Baysider and Carroll County Independent, this column was a weekly feature for many, many years (close to 900 weeks in a row). For readers of the Record-Enterprise and Newfound Landing, it became a regular feature a number of years ago. For readers of other papers, this column sporadically appeared in your pages over the last few years.

This was a spot where I discussed lots of different things, including

professional sports, non-sports events and lots of personal notes from my life.

Without a sports section the last nine months or so, the column went away, but as we head into summer, it was time to bring it out for an appearance.

The purpose of the column's return is to check on your summer plans and give an update on my summer plans.

First and foremost, the sports department at the time is just one person (that's me), which obviously makes it tough to get to everything, as was evidenced by the past three high school seasons. However, with high school sports on hi-

atus for the summer, we are always interested in finding out some sports events that are going on in your local communities. We can't cover things if we don't know they are happening.

So, are their youth sports tournaments in your town? A road race? A canoe race? If there's something going on, let us know and there's a chance we can get there and get some photos and more. All you need to do is e-mail josh@salmonpress.news or call 279-4516, ext. 155 and let us know when and where.

The other news heading into the summer is that for the first time ever, I will be heading to the Summer Olympics,

which are taking place in late July and early August in Tokyo, Japan. As some readers may know, I have been to the previous two Winter Olympics, but this will be my first foray into the Summer Games.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still a big thing in Japan, media attending the games are required to submit an activity plan that details when and where we will be, in order to help with contact tracing if needed.

At previous Olympics, I was able to change my schedule on a whim to go see one thing or another when I found out about local athletes who might be competing. This time

around, that might not be as much as an option.

With that in mind, I am also looking for anyone who might be competing, working or coaching in Tokyo for the Olympics who has some local connections. Obviously, I don't know everyone in the large area that we cover, so any hints about people who may be competing would be greatly appreciated as we inch closer to the Summer Games.

I am excited for the opportunity and am looking forward to sharing my Olympic experiences with readers. For those that want to follow along, I post photos on Twitter and Instagram at [salmonsportsguy](https://twitter.com/salmonsportsguy). I

also have a blog that I updated daily at the previous two Olympics and continue to update semi-regularly between Olympic experiences. That can be found at salmonsportsguy.blogspot.com.

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Grappone Automotive supports NH-based program for veterans and first responders

REGION — Grappone Automotive in Bow, NH is partnering with the Patriot Resilient Leader Institute (PRLI) to increase its support of military, veterans and first responders. The PRLI is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that runs the Camp Resilience program which offers therapeutic retreats in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire to help Military, Veterans, First Responders and their loved ones from all over New England recover and improve their physical, mental and emotional well-being. Since 2014, the PRLI has run 71 Camp Resilience retreats that have served over 650 participants from all over New England.

Grappone Automotive recently obtained a beautiful 14-passenger van for the PRLI to use in its Camp Resilience retreats. Grappone not only provided the van at an extremely good price but also donated the Camp Resilience logos and motto to adorning the sides, front and rear of the van. Grappone Automotive

is also supporting the PRLI by sponsoring the First Annual Green Beret With A Mission Challenge (GBWMC). This charity event is designed to give adventure athlete teams from a Crossfit or other sports background a test of endurance while providing a taste of the physical and mental challenges Army Special Forces soldiers face in accomplishing some of their real-world missions. It will be a fun, challenging event led by Army Green Berets. Teams of five to 10 participants will negotiate a course with multiple stations where they will be required to complete Special Forces mission tasks that will challenge them physically and mentally. Teams in each category that complete the course the fastest and having the highest score will receive awards and prizes. After completing the course, each team is invited to enjoy a BBQ meal and mingle with Army Green Berets.

The Green Beret With A Mission Challenge is a cooperative

effort between the PRLI, Swim With A Mission (SWAM) and the Green Beret Foundation (GBF). SWAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2017 that raises funds to support Veteran causes by running a multi-day event that includes a swim across Newfound Lake; a demonstration of skills by Navy SEALs; a paintball tournament led by Navy SEALs where the participants learn about leadership, "team first" attitude and mental toughness; a "Whiskey and Whiskers" event that focuses military K9's, both in combat and then in their roles as service animals for our Veterans and an art programs for Veterans and their families. The GBF is also a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that honors a commitment to Green Berets past and present by providing Special Forces Soldiers and their families with emergency, immediate, and ongoing support.

Kurt Webber, the President of the PRLI, a retired Army officer and



COURTESY

Amanda Grappone Osmer, the CEO of Grappone Automotive Group, hands the keys to the new van they obtained for Camp Resilience to PRLI President Kurt Webber while Mark Corry (L) from the PRLI and Brandyn Boynton from Grappone observe. They are outside the Gunstock Inn in Gilford where most Camp Resilience Retreats are held.

former Green Beret, stated that "We are not only very grateful for the van that Grappone so generously obtained for us but are also thrilled that they are sponsoring the Green Beret With a Mission Challenge that will not only raise funds to support Veteran causes but will hopefully also raise awareness of our Camp Resilience program."

Amanda Grappone Osmer, the fourth generation owner of Grappone Automotive, is thrilled to be involved, and said "We were grateful to be included in supporting both Camp Resilience and the upcoming Green Beret Challenge. I'm especially looking forward to seeing if my husband and son's team can beat the Grappone team!"

To learn more about Swim With A Mission and the Green Beret With A Mission Challenge and to register for any of the SWAM events, go to www.swimwithamission.org. To learn more about Camp Resilience or make a tax-deductible donation, go to www.camp-resilience.org.

Winnipseaukee Playhouse begins 18th summer season



MEREDITH — After a quiet eight months, the Winnipseaukee Playhouse's campus sprung back into action on Monday as the theatre company welcomed the technical team and actors who will be kicking off the 2021 season. And while the original 2020 season of shows was condensed into a small, three-show run last fall, the 2021 season has been expanded to encompass three plays and four musicals spanning from June through October.

The theme of this year, "Small and Beautiful," represents the fact that each show will be on a smaller scale in terms of the numbers of people involved, but this newly expanded length for the professional season will allow for shows that take place both indoors and on the theatre's new outdoor stage, through summer and early fall.

Producing Artistic Director, Neil Pankhurst, says, "We knew that reduced patron capacity meant shows would need

to be leaner. In doing that, it allowed us to choose some really unique, exciting titles that we may not have attempted in earlier seasons where the costs involved relied on filling the entire house."

One play that Pankhurst had been wanting to produce for many years, Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" fit that bill and will start the season on June 16. Pankhurst and the three actors in this drama, Krystal Pope, AJ Ditty, and Will Wilder, had

their first read-through on Monday. For some of them, it was their first production since the beginning of the pandemic.

"Betrayal" will be performed on the outdoor amphitheatre, which got an expansion and facelift for the 2020 season and will be further expanded to accommodate more patrons for 2021 and beyond.

Pankhurst says, "The challenges we faced in 2020 really helped us become more inventive, especially in regard to the outdoor amphitheatre. It had never been used as a primary performance space prior to 2020 and, in realizing the necessity of transitioning to outdoor theatre, we found this gem of a performance space which audiences really enjoyed and we now plan to use going forward, pandemic or no pandemic."

"Betrayal" will be followed by the Tony Award-winning mystery "Sleuth," which will be performed indoors from June 30 through July 17. The next show, a musical called "Dani Girl," will be on the outdoor stage. Simultaneously hilari-

ous and heartbreaking, it's the story of a nine-year-old girl with cancer and the wonderful adventures she takes in her imagination. It will be performed from July 14 through 31.

New Hampshire Theatre Award-winning actress Ashley Meeken, who was last seen on the Playhouse stage as Velma Kelly in "Chicago" in 2019, will next perform a relatively unknown Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, "Tell Me on a Sunday," on the indoor stage from July 28 through Aug. 14. This will be followed by the premiere of a play with music that the Playhouse commissioned for the 2020 season to celebrate the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Then called "Votes for Women," it has been retitled "Hooligans and Convicts!" and will have its world premiere from Aug. 18 through Sept. 4.

The final outdoor show of the season will also be a premiere, but the music will be very familiar as Pankhurst has written a script to accompany favorite songs from the Great American Songbook by composers such as George Gershwin

and Irving Berlin. Called "It Had to be You," this show will contain lots of singing and dancing and will perform from Sept. 1 through 18.

The professional season will wrap up from Sept. 22 through Oct. 9 with the comedy "Glorious, The True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins: The Worst Singer in the World." It will feature Broadway veteran and New Hampshire Theatre Award-winning actress Carolyn Kirsch.

The Playhouse is focused on safety and has published a page of COVID-19 protocols on their website to prepare patrons for what to expect when they attend the theatre. Protocols may change throughout the season as the situation evolves. At present, patrons can expect to be seated at a minimum of three-foot distance from other patrons and guests are expected to keep masks on at all times during the performance, both outdoor and indoors. Tickets for all productions can be purchased by calling the box office at 279-0333.

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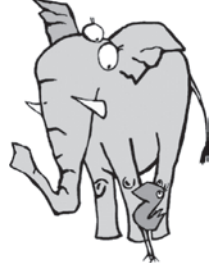
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RAIDERS

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long. The Red Raiders are losing five seniors this year to graduation, who were all on teams that went deep into the

playoffs. These include Hall, Allen, Lima, Becca Fleming and Stephens.

"Four of them have been on the teams since freshmen, going to the final four three out of the past four years because

we didn't play last year," Clary said. "They are great leaders on and off the field, and this year they really matured. That was really nice to see. These girls have been great to coach."



Morgan Hall fires a pitch for the Red Raiders in the semifinal matchup against Campbell.



Above: Senior Madison Lima readies herself during the semifinals last week.

Senior Madison Lima readies herself during the semifinals last week.

At left: Catcher Becca Fleming graduates after this season and has been a part of three final four teams over her Red Raider career.



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Applications are available on the Town's website at www.camptonnh.org and are to be returned to the Road Agent, Ron Farnsworth or Town Administrator, Carina Park, 12 Gearty Way, Campton NH 03223.

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Administrative Assistant to the Principal
Full-time, Year-Round. Anticipated start date is July 1, 2021
The Inter-Lakes Middle/High School is seeking an experienced and qualified individual to assume the role of Administrative Assistant to the Principal. This person will provide support in the main office and to building administration staff. Position will provide day to day work with building budget process and student activity accounts. Exceptional organizational skills required.

Receptionist – Inter-Lakes Middle/High School
Full-time: 8 hrs/day, Mon-Fri, School Year
Minimum 2 years secretarial or clerical work, ability to work independently and multi-task; computer, organizational skills required.

Full-Time Custodian
The Inter-Lakes School District is seeking a full-time Custodian to perform routine cleaning and minor maintenance for school buildings. Previous experience preferred.

Applications can be found at:
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Submit applications to:
Ashley Dolloff, Human Resources Director
ashley.dolloff@interlakes.org
Inter-Lakes School District
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For further information, contact:
Cody Arsenault, HR/Payroll Manager
White Mountains Regional School District, SAU #36
14 King Square
Whitefield, New Hampshire 03598
TEL.: 603-837-9363/FAX: 603-837-2326
Email: codyarsenault@sau36.org

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2021-2022 School Year
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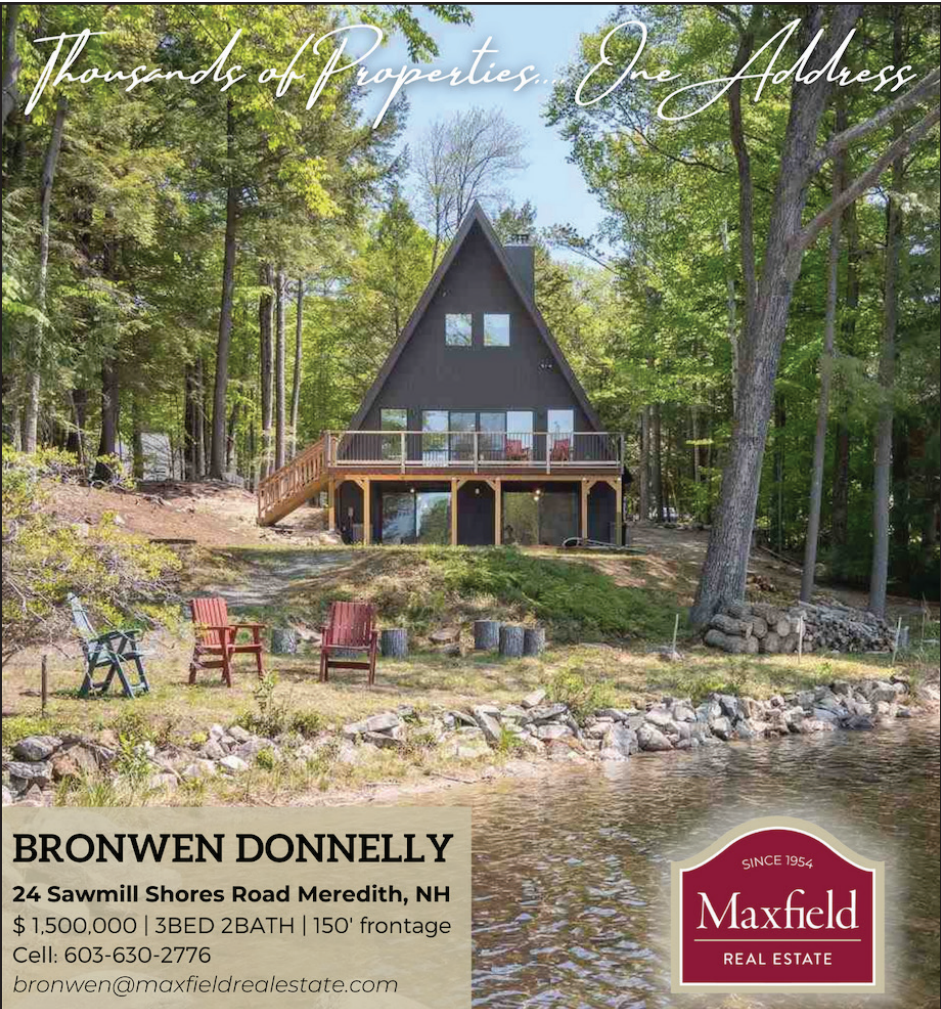
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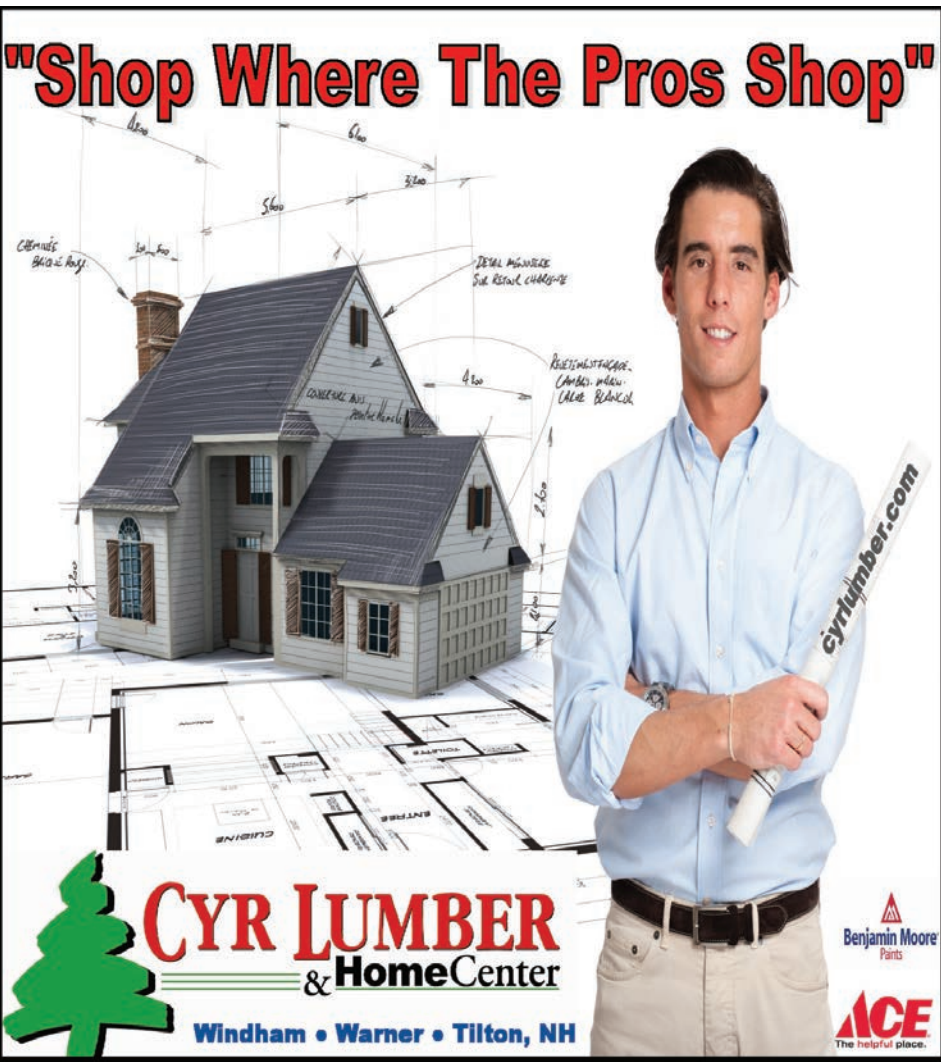
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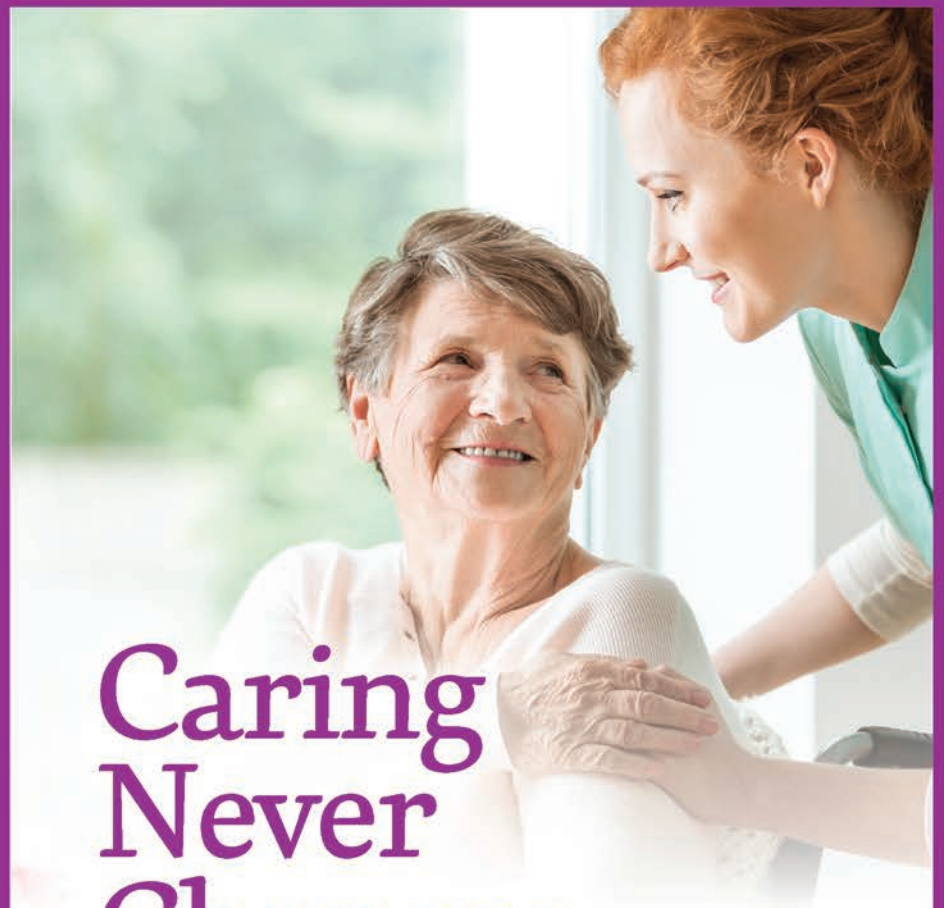
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