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Tilton Selectman Ashlee Saint John (center) said farewell last Thursday evening as she prepared to move to southern New Hampshire. Joining her for one last photo at the July 26 meeting were (left to right) Administrative Assistant Gayle Bestik, Selectmen Pat Consentino, Jon Scanlon, Katherine Dawson, Peter Fogg and Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler.

Colleagues gather to wish departing selectman well

BY DONNA RHODES
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TILTON –Selectman Ashlee Saint John bid an emotional farewell to her fellow board

members and the Town of Tilton last Thursday as she stepped down from her position, saying life changes required that she move

outside the town. “I’m very sad to leave and not finish my elected term,” Saint John said at her final meeting last week. “I’ve

lived here all my life, and I love Tilton. This is not something I anticipated.”

Saint John is a single mother who works as

a registered nurse for both Concord Hospital and Lakes Region General Hospital’s emergency room. She is now studying to obtain her

license as a Nurse Practitioner, and needs to be closer to her family for support in that endeavor.

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Belknap County 4-H Fair returns Aug. 11

BELMONT — If you are looking for a family activity with wholesome, safe and affordable family fun, a day at the Belknap County 4-H Fair is just the answer. The Fair in Belmont is the biggest little agricultural fair in New Hampshire. Enjoy all the traditional fair events at a location that is easy to find and just the right size.

The Fair begins Saturday morning at 9 a.m., and will run through Sunday at 5 p.m. Kids under ten have free admission and over 10 pay admission of \$7 for a visit packed with fun and entertainment. Active Military and Veterans with ID are also free!

On Friday night, we are having “Hoot Night,” which will feature local entertainment on our stage. The fair is not open, but for just \$5 a carload, you can come from 6-9pm and enjoy the music of Entangle Strings followed by performances by local talent.

The Belknap County 4H Fair has been providing fairgoers

with great animal exhibits like ox pulls, draft horse demonstrations, and 4H youth animal displays. The historic Colonial Barn is chock full of the craft and educational projects done by area youth with the 4H program.

There will be demonstrations of old time engines, a blacksmith, and sheep shearing. There is a car show on Saturday and a tractor show on Sunday. Both days will have monster trucks on exhibit, at last count we will have at least six there for you to look at and take pictures of. There is also an amazing wild life exhibit of preserved animals of the wild... like fisher cats, coyotes, beavers, and raccoons. Something for everyone!

Our entertainment stage on Saturday and Sunday have live performances throughout the day from rock and roll, to the blues, to country music. And don’t forget our Friday night preview of entertainment- SEE 4-H PAGE A11



Roland Gagne (left) was arrested on driving after suspension and possession of marijuana while Madelina Morris (center) and Darren Gagne (right) were also taken into custody following a fight that occurred later at the Belmont Police station on July 22.

Altercation spills over at police department

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BELMONT — An altercation that began on Brown Hill Road in Belmont last week eventually spilled over into the police department when officers caught up with some of the suspects at a gas station on Route 106 and took one of them into custody.

On July 22, Belmont Police Department received a call stating that a group of people who “did not like each other” had come into contact on Brown Hill Road and had a verbal disagreement. As tempers escalated, a person from one of the two parties involved began

kicking a vehicle being operated by a person in the other group, ultimately causing damage. When police arrived, the individuals accused of causing that damage had left the scene but some of them were soon located at a nearby gas station.

Capt. Richard Mann said the officers witnessed 22-year-old Roland Gagne of Northfield get out from behind the wheel of a vehicle and arrested him at the scene for driving after suspension and possession of marijuana. He was taken to the police station on Fuller Street to be processed for those charges, but as that

was taking place, a disturbance broke out in the lobby of the station where the two groups met up once again.

Mann said all on duty officers were requested to the scene for assistance but before they could arrive, 19-year-old Madelina Morris of New Hampton was pepper-sprayed outside the building by a woman in the opposing party.

“The discharge of a spray irritant by a citizen is being investigated by police. If the use of self-defense spray is determined lawful and within the confines of the law regarding personal and self-defense, no charges will be filed,” Mann said in his press release.

Besides Belmont police, a New Hampshire State Police K-9 team also responded to the station to help separate the parties involved and put an end to the “melee,” as Mann called the event.

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The Knockerball phenomenon comes to Tilton

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TILTON – Crowds were small, but the fun was huge when the Tilton Parks Commission hosted a Knockerball experience at the Route 132 football field last Saturday morning.

“We thought it would be fun to try something different,” said Commissioner Robert Hardy.

Matt Milliken of Knockerball North Conway showed all the participants how to slip their head and torso inside the large clear plastic balls then take off across the field for some safe, rough and tumble action. While kicking a

soccer ball toward a goal, opposing players were able to knock members of the other team out of the way as they tried to gain control of the ball. Contact between players would send someone tumbling inside their big plastic bubble then struggle to get back up on their feet. The results were some very humorous situations out on the field. As participants got the hang of how to manipulate inside the Knockerballs, they also had some fun flipping and bouncing off the ground while hopping successfully back up on their feet. SEE KNOCKERBALL, PAGE A11



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A hilarious rough and tumble time was enjoyed by all when the Tilton Parks Commission brought Knockerball to town last Saturday morning.

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New Miss Lakes Region titleholders crowned

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A group of young women showed their talents, passions, and poise at the 2019 Miss Lakes Region and Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen competitions.

Candidates for both programs took part in a series of competitions on Saturday night at the Gilford Youth Center for the titles. Both are part of the Miss America Program and the winners will go onto compete for Miss New Hampshire and Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen.

Mary Keleher, Emily Bolduc, Shawna Gile, Alex Loduca, Emily Spencer, Grace Henry, and MacKenzie Herlihy competed for the title of Miss Lakes Region and Hailee Beane, Heather Dearborn, and Xanthi Russell vied for the title of Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen.

All of the contestants took part in the Talent, Evening Wear, and Onstage Question categories. The Miss candidates took part in Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimwear and the Teen candidates took part in Lifestyle and Fitness in Sportswear.

At the end of the evening the 2019 Miss Lakes Region and Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen were crowned by outgoing Miss Lakes Region 2018 Sarah White.

That same night, the 2016 Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen Morgane Vigroux, now Miss New Hampshire's Outstanding Teen, was competing in Florida for the title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen.

The 2019 Miss Lakes Region is Emily Bolduc of Tilton, a graduate of Empire Beauty School with the platform of "Suicide Prevention And Awareness."

For the talent portion she did a vocal perfor-

mance of "On My Own" from "Les Miserables."

During the onstage question portion, she was asked why she thought the deaths of 17 people in a duck boat accident got more attention than the deaths of 12 US soldiers. She said that the people who serve this country do it for a reason, which should be respected.

"They've put themselves at harm's way and they are aware of that," Bolduc said.

Bolduc also won the People's Choice Award.

She said winning was "insane."

"There are some awesome, amazing, beautiful, talented women there, it was amazing to stay on the same stage as them," Bolduc said.

She plans to spread awareness about depression and suicide, including talking about the topic at high schools and middle schools and teaching students the signs of depression.

Grace Henry was the first runner up and the second runner up was Emily Spencer.

Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen for 2019 is Xanthi Russell of Durham. Russell is a student at Oyster River High School and had the platform of "Actionism: Get in on the Action."

For her onstage question, she was asked what the best compliment she has ever received. She said the late Miles Goldberg said "Xanthi you're the best girl I have ever met."

For her talent performance she did a tap dance to Wham's "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go."

Russell said she wants to "educate, demonstrate, and encourage" people to take more action.

Hailee Beane won the People's Choice Award.



The new Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen, Xanthi Russell, and the new Miss Lakes Region, Emily Bolduc.

ERIN PLUMMER



Sarah White, the 2018 Miss Lakes Region, crowns the 2019 Miss Lakes Region's Outstanding Teen Xanthi Russell.

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Emily Bolduc is crowned 2019 Miss Lakes Region by 2018 Miss Lakes Region Sarah White.

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LRAA to host 78th Annual Members Show

TILTON — The Lakes Region Art Association will be hosting its 78th annual members art exhibition from Saturday, Aug. 4 through Friday, Sept. 6 during all business hours. This is their biggest show of the year featuring judging, cash prizes, ribbons, and a lively award reception with food, refreshments, and a raffle. The reception is open to the public and will be held Friday, Aug. 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the LRAA Gallery. Located at the Tanger

Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd., Tilton, suite 132.

Judging Guidelines/Show Details: Non-member art experts will be judging the show, and all categories will be judged regardless of the number of entrants. The number of awards in each category will be at the judges' discretion. Artists are only eligible to win one award in each category, and each artist may submit up to three pieces total, regardless of category. The categories are as follows: Oil, Watercolor, Acrylics, Mixed Media, Drawing, Pastel/Oil Pastel, Sculpture, Print Making, Digital Graphic Art, Photography/Digitally Enhanced Photography. Best in Show and 1st place awards in each category will receive \$100. People's Choice



COURTESY

Last year's LRAA Annual Art show (above) drew a number of artists and art enthusiasts to the show's opening reception. Many other individuals also visited the gallery by during the five weeks that the show ran, to view the artwork on display, the awards and to cast a vote for the "People's Choice Award" which was presented at the end of the Show. The Association expects this year's 78th Annual Show to draw as many artists and art lovers to view the artwork entered in the show and cast their ballots for their favorite piece of artwork.

award, "Loren Percy NE Landscape" award, and

second and third Place awards in each category will be presented ribbons. Artists are also required to seek out a personal sponsor.

The Lakes Art Association is a local non profit organization dedicated to uplifting and supporting local artists through shows and events, community outreach, fundraisers, workshops, interactive meetings, and providing a low cost, easy to access place to exhibit and sell their handmade artwork. The LRAA is always accepting new members so if you or someone you know is an artist or art supporter, please visit the Gallery to inquire about participating. See you at the show!

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One Light offers theatre that leaves you in thought

TILTON — One Light Theatre strives to challenge its audiences and leave them in thought and reflection, whether it's through laughter or tears.

Currently, One Light's summer company is performing "Proof," a play that at its surface is about math but when looked at more closely is about human emotions and our constant need to prove ourselves to our loved ones and to soci-

ety. The show follows Catherine, a young woman who is battling the loss of a loved one. Catherine has poured every ounce of her life into taking care of her father for several years, and upon his passing she feels lost. She struggles not only with his death but with figuring out how to pick up the life that she left behind years ago. "This is something that we see all too often. We as humans forget to take care

of ourselves when we are focused on taking care of the people we love," said Jason Roy, Executive and Artistic Director of One Light who also works in the mental health industry.

Shortly after the passing of her father, Catherine's sister arrives, who instantly starts trying to take care of Catherine, someone who clearly just needs time to grieve. While packing up their father's study, a com-

position book is discovered with a mathematical proof about prime numbers- the proof appears to be solved. The question quickly becomes "Who solved it?" The story changes its focus from caring for one another in a time of grief to proving yourself amidst skepticism.

"I sat and watched this production last weekend and I was simply astounded by the story," stated Roy. "I am the administrator of a

healthcare facility, and it was all too familiar to me. It is a story that people need to hear. It's about mental health, love, human nature, and the legacy we leave behind. I purposely did not watch any rehearsals of the show because I knew that director Kirstin Riegler would create something amazing and I wanted to be taken on the same journey that our patrons were taken on. The acting was wonderful, the

dialogue was so natural, and the movement so fluid that I simply forgot I was watching a performance. If you are an educator or someone who has lost a loved one this is a show for you to see."

"Proof" runs this Friday and Saturday, July 27 and 28, at Hamilton Hall at Tilton School, 30 School St., Tilton, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at onelighttheatre.org, by calling 848-7979, or at the door.

TILTON POLICE LOG

TILTON — The Tilton Police Department responded to 429 calls for service and made the following arrests during the week of July 23-29. Please note that the names of juveniles, and those of individuals taken into pro-

tective custody but not formally charged with a crime, have been withheld from publication.

Arrested during this time period were Roger Emerson (for Resisting Detention and Unlawful Possession of Alco-

hol), Danielle Sylvester (for Driving After Suspension), Wayne Smith (for Criminal Trespassing), Christopher Lingley (in connection with a warrant), and Jesse Pickard (in connection with a warrant).

Congressional candidates to address Belknap County Republicans

L A C O N I A — The Belknap County Republican Committee will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Laconia VFW, 143 Court St, Laconia.

The Committee is pleased to announce that First District Congressional candidates Eddie Edwards, Andy Sanborn, and others to be announced will be addressing the Committee. In addition, Second District Congressional candidate Steve Neron and others to be announced will also be addressing the Committee. The candidates will share their background, their reason for running for Congress, and explain why they deserve your vote in the Sept. 11 primary election.

With the election of Alan Glassman as the Vice Chairman of the NH GOP on July 23, he will officially resign his position as Chairman of the Belknap County Republican Committee at the Aug. 8 meeting. At that time, Vice Chair-

man Bill Tobin will become the Chairman, and an election will be held immediately to fill the Vice Chairman's seat.

Belknap County GOP meetings are open to all Republicans and like-minded Independents. The Committee recommends that you arrive as early as 5 p.m. to socialize and/or to have dinner (at your option) prior to the start of

the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee again encourages its members to continue to bring non-perishable food items for donation to local food pantries.

For more information about the Committee, please check the Committee's website at www.BelknapCountyGOP.org or send an email to alan.glassman@gmail.com

The Lion King" kicks off Tilton PD's Movies in the Park series

TILTON — Patrol Officer Elizabeth Murray of the Tilton Police Department is pleased to announce that Movies in the Park, presented by TPD, will kick off under the stars this Friday with a showing of the hit film, "The Lion King."

Sponsored this year by Stonehenge Masonry and Stove LLC, in conjunction with Drew's Auto Parts, the event at Riverfront Park is free and they hope families will bring lawn chairs or blankets and come out to enjoy the show.

"It's our way at the PD of showing our appreciation for all the support we get from the community," Murray said.

Besides the free movie, there will be complimentary popcorn along with other refreshments while donations

of any size to a local charity, that has yet to be determined, will also be gratefully accepted. Last year's Movie's in the Park helped launch the Pemi Youth Center in Tilton.

Besides the premier this weekend, two other movies are scheduled in the weeks to come. Next up will be an Aug. 24 showing of the children's film "Coco" and in September they will present the Disney musical, "Moana."

Murray said she and her fellow police officers in Tilton look forward to these events and said they would love to see the community gather together for a night of great outdoor family fun along the banks of the Winnipe-

saukee River.

Admission to the park will open at 7 p.m. and the movie is scheduled to begin at dusk.

Other local businesses who have generously pitched in to help make the second year of Movies in the Park possible are: Rusty's Towing, Pauli's Bakery & Restaurant, Tilton Sign Shop, Tilton House of Pizza, Cumberland Farms, Tilton Trailer Rental, Pizza Hut, Smitty's Cinema, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Service Credit Union, MB Tractor, LaChance Water Filtration, Robert's Heating, Casa Amigos, Kingsbury Landscape, Groups Recovery, Wrap City, Walmart, BJ's Wholesale Club and Frito Lay.



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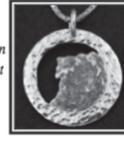
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STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

BY LARRY SCOTT

Following a Christmas holiday visit to Uganda in 2006, and responding to a deep drive to serve in mission work in some form, Katie Davis was invited by the director of an orphanage in Uganda to join them as their Kindergarten teacher. On her first morning in class, prepared for a group of 14, 138 showed up ... and Katie's heart was lost to "her kids." It is a fascinating story, told in her book, *Kisses for Katie*, and perhaps one incident a few years later, will tell the story.

"One of my favorite mornings after I returned to Uganda [following a one-semester attempt at a college education] began when my three oldest daughters [she was, at the time of her writing, in the process of adopting 13 children "of her own"] marched into my room, where I was still sleeping. 'Mommy, there are children we need to help, please.' 'Okay,' I said groggily, 'where?'

They took me to the abandoned house down the road. In the back room were seven children on the dirt floor. They were completely filthy and starving. The oldest was eleven and the youngest was two years old. I had never seen children so sick. ... They all had severe ringworm, malaria, and scabies ... among other conditions. Two of them were the skinniest human beings I had ever seen.

Of course, the girls and I took them home. I have never been so proud of my family as I was when I watched their reaction. Prossy, Margaret, and Agnes went straight to the tub to give the children baths. ... In less than an hour, our seven neighbors were a new bunch of children – bathed, dressed, fed, and giggling. ...

This was one of many, many times I have watched my children embrace and welcome in our home strangers and people in need. ... How beautiful it is to watch the unwanted feel loved and important, to watch strangers become family members (*Kisses from Katie*, p. 142)."

Katie Davis may seem to be a special case, but let us remember that at the beginning of this journey, Katie was a teen-age girl with a deep love for children, a deep-driving desire to serve, and with no place to go. Circumstances challenged her willingness, and with each step, another door opened, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Although our role within the family may not be played out in such an exotic setting as it was for Katie, a revitalization of the American family is priority one, especially when we see what is happening in our society today. The life that Katie provided for each of her girls was, indeed, a godsend. Her love, her commitment to their well-being, the discipline she had to demand if her family was to remain viable were, in a real way, Christianity in action.

You can believe the task of cooking for, feeding, and educating a family like Katie's was not a life of peaches and cream. Katie has little to say about this, overwhelmed as she is for the privilege of raising "my girls." If we have been honored with a family, it is a privilege to live a life before them that they can emulate and of which we can be proud.

You want to talk about it? Hit me up at rlarry-scott@gmail.com.

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BRODY

Energetic and full of life with a heart bursting to make a true connection with humans that will care for him always, the muscular, trim Brody, has been waiting since May for his forever home.

This handsome, stately dog hails from Texas, and in the usual scheme should already have been adopted- but he had some medical setbacks, long since resolved. He's as good-natured as he can possibly be, those Labrador mixed genes must be the reason why he is such a love, Brody has formed some strong bonds with other dogs here, particularly his firm canine pal, Snickers.

It's high time Brody is grant-

ed his one true wish, a forever family.

Don't be daunted by his size, he is a big mush at heart, and while he of course requires daily exercise, as all dogs do, not just being turned out in the back yard, but a solid and vigorous walk and some opportunity to leap about catching a ball, he is then ready to nap and cuddle.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to members of the Franklin School Board

To the Editor:

Once again, the taxpayers of Franklin are confronted with a request for an increase in funds. Oddly, with a declining population of students, there is still a need for an increase in cost.

What concerns me is that the discussion regarding budgets center around teacher pay or the number of personnel required or facility needs. There is no discussion about job performance. The results demonstrate to the taxpayer the return on their invested tax dollar.

When one examines the statistics at the Department of Education, <https://my.doe.nh.gov/profiles/profile.aspx?d=185&year=2018>, they will see that the literacy of Franklin students at all levels of "assessment" are unacceptable. Obviously, more money for teacher pay, personnel or facilities do not produce literate students. And this is not just a Franklin problem; the results for the state are equally depressing.

Franklin reading proficiency at 11th grade is 55 percent and math at 25 percent, while the state average is reading at 66 percent and 44 percent, respectively. Additionally examining similar results at all grade levels raises the question: why is this inadequacy not being addressed at the lower levels

instead of passing along the deficiencies?

Class size is not the problem. More funding is not the answer. Continuing to maintain and increase the SAU and teacher population is not improving the results.

Contrast graduates of the current system with that of 1831 when Alexis de Toqueville speaking with the man on the street who could thoroughly discuss the Constitution of the United States. Could our current graduates do likewise?

Schools are tasked with teaching the students and the proof is in the performance of the students in an acceptable level of achievement. In other jobs were the employees to produce these results they would be looking for another position.

When I talk with employers about finding qualified workers their first concern is that 50-60 percent of the applicants cannot read, write or compute. This means that roughly half the students who graduate are unemployable. This is a factor driving our drug crisis and our welfare dependency.

Our children deserve better. Please tell me why the taxpayers of Franklin should continue to pay for such poor results.

*Karen Testerman
Franklin*

MARK ON THE MARKETS

Investment risk assessments



BY MARK PATTERSON

if you are meeting with a broker, financial advisor, financial planner or investment advisor, you have likely been through an investment risk questionnaire. As a registered investment advisor, I used several risk assessment questionnaires and even post one on my website MHP-asset.com that any-

one can access and get a risk score. It is only my opinion that many of these risk tolerance questionnaires are a means for the broker, advisor or planner to plug-in an investment mix predetermined by your risk tolerance according to their questionnaire, while not addressing the real needs of the client.

MHP asset management is just that, an asset management firm. MHP's policy is to assume that our client is risk adverse until proven otherwise. I created that policy based on my 23 years in this business of good, flat and bad equity markets. When the markets have been good for extended period, like now, many investors feel as though they can handle a lot of volatility.

Those same investors are often the first to call, nervous about their accounts when we have tough times in the equity markets.

There is a second, and I believe larger, reason why you can't just plug in the investment portfolio based on a risk assessment. When reviewing prospective new family accounts held at other firms, there's a common flaw with many of these portfolios, because I believe the financial advisor really didn't ask enough questions to find out what the true needs of the client are, but were only concerned with matching a predetermined portfolio with a risk assessment.

I use the risk questionnaire early in the risk assessment process, but that really does not address the needs of the client. For instance, the risk assessment states that a client may be able to handle moderate risk. What the assessment does not tell me is their need for income. So, this prospective family's portfolio may be suited for their risk tolerance but not their needs. If this prospective family tells me that they need a good portion of these assets for income the

next two years but are still invested for growth, then what good at all was the risk tolerance questionnaire? Once we get beyond the basic questionnaire, I believe we must go to the next level and find out what those assets are intended for and when.

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Hall Memorial Library Happenings

Tilton/Northfield

It's All About Books with Miss Britt from Monday the 6th through Friday the 10th. Teens and tweens drop in for book recommendations and snacks.

Monday, Aug. 6
Chess Club, 3-5 p.m.
Scrabble, 6 p.m.
Adults only
Tuesday, Aug. 7
Spanish Club, 10 a.m.
Tech Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.
Teen Time, 3 p.m.
Crafts, chats and this and that with Miss Britt.

Wednesday, Aug. 8
Rock & Read, Summer Reading Program "Libraries Rock" Happening, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Earn a library buck for every 15 minutes you rock & read a book or magazine from our collection (no devices please). Pay down your fines, make photo copies, send faxes, or purchase books from our on-going book sale. Let the librarian at the circulation desk know that you are going to participate in the Rock & Read program before you get rockin'.

No Story Time Today (read on to learn what's happening instead)

Rock 'n' Roll and Read with Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley, 11 a.m.

Get into the rhythm of reading at the library with original songs & stories for the whole family! For

summer reading 2018, Steve & Marty perform "Libraries Rock - Let's Rock 'n' Roll and Read!" and other folk-rockin' tunes on a variety of musical instruments, including guitar, harmonica, congas, spoons & more. Marty reads several of his kid-pleasing books, such as The Rules and Summer Stinks - with projected illustrations. Together, this award-winning children's musician and best-selling author/illustrator keep everyone singing, reading and laughing along with plenty of humor and audience participation.

This performance is made possible by a "Kids, Books and the

Arts" grant. Funding for the Kids, Books and the Art event is provided by the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, CLN, Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and is supported in part by a grant from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts & the National Endowment for the Arts as well as funds administered by the New Hampshire State Library and provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Scrabble, noon
Adults only... beat the heat, play Scrabble at the library.

Thursday, Aug. 9
Special Visit from Children's Author Amy Makechnie, 6

p.m.
Amy Makechnie, author of "The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair," will be joining us to discuss her brand new book. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event and there will be an opportunity to have them signed by the author. The library also owns a copy which is available to you for check out at any time.

Friday, Aug. 10
New Program offered on Fridays
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Sit and Knit, 2-5 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11
Let's Go Lego, 10 a.m.

New Items
"Binti" by Nnedi Okorafor (Hugo and Nebula Award Winner)
"The Year of Less" by Cait Flanders
"Roughneck" by Jeff Lemire
"Baby Teeth: a novel" by Zoje Stage
"Give Me Your Hand: a novel" by Megan Abbott
"Runaways: Vol. 2" by Brian K. Vaughn

LRCS' Family Resource Center offers fun, free playgroups for families with young children

LACONIA — Lakes Region Community Service's Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire invites families with young children to explore free daily playgroups and activities at their facility, located at 719 North Main St. in Laconia.

Every Monday from 9 to 9:30 am, the FRC holds "Raising Readers" Storytime, offering families an opportunity to relax and enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and other literature-related activities together. On Wednesdays 9 to 9:45 a.m., families enjoy "Happy Sounds: Sharing Music & Movement," a class where caregivers and children participate together in movement and rhythm activities set to music. "Happy Sounds" is a great for building social skills while enjoying all of the physical, emotional & intellectual benefits that interaction with music can bring.

In addition, "Giggles 'N' Grins" Community Playgroup meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to visit "Giggles 'N' Grins" and participate in fun, thematic, and seasonal activities for local children to play together and get to know one another. Playing with children of similar ages enhances a child's social and emotional skills to better prepare children for success in school and beyond.

These free activities are appropriate for children ages birth to five years old. Participation in playgroups

provides opportunities for mothers, fathers, grandparents, and caregivers to share and connect with other area families while enjoying their children's play in a safe environment. Anyone visiting playgroups and activities is able to share resources with each other and explore all that the Family Resource Center has to offer.

For hundreds of families living in the Lakes Region each year, the Family Resource Center of Central New Hampshire, a program of LRCS, offers respectful, non-judgmental education, early intervention, and support to assist families in their efforts to meet needs, make positive connections, and prepare children for success today and tomorrow because the Family Resource Center believes strong families lead to strong communities.

Lakes Region Community Services (LRCS) is a nonprofit, comprehensive family support agency with a primary focus of providing supports to individuals

with developmental disabilities and/or acquired brain disorders and their families. A dynamic human services organization, LRCS offers other essential and critical services to individuals in our Greater Lakes Region communities from birth throughout their lifespan.

At the core of LRCS' work are inclusion, acceptance, and building strengths and partnerships - whether at the individual, family or community level. LRCS has offices in Laconia and Plymouth which combine to serve families residing throughout Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. For more information contact Joanne Piper Lang at 524-8811 or visit www.lrcs.org.

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Peabody Home announces Annual Garden Party

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SANBORNTON POLICE LOG

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Police Department responded to 69 calls for service during the week ending July 28.

The breakdown was as follows: one report of an abandoned vehicle, one alarm activation, one animal complaint, three requests to assist the fire department, one service of a bench warrant, one criminal

mischievous complaint, two domestic violence incidents, one report of fraud, three house checks, one involuntary emergency admission, one report of issuance of a bad check, three medical/fire calls, eight monkey relays, one request for motorist assistance, two motor vehicle accidents, one motor vehicle summons, six motor vehicle warnings, one neighbor-

hood dispute, one pistol permit, three requests for police information, one report of possession of controlled drugs, one reckless conduct complaint, one reckless operation complaint, two road hazards, one service of a court summons, four reports of suspicious vehicles and/or activity, one theft, 13 unlicensed dog forfeitures, and one welfare check.

Eager Breathers Fresh Air Day Cruise offers a smoother sail for COPD sufferers

LACONIA—For the 23rd year, Breathe New Hampshire will take over the historic M/S Mount Washington for a luncheon cruise. On board will be 400 people with lung disease, their caregivers, and healthcare professionals.

The cruise sets sail Thursday, Sept. 6 rain or shine at 1 p.m., and includes lunch, entertainment and a health fair. The cost is \$20 per person.

For individuals living with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) or other chronic lung conditions, the cruise provides a safe and fun environment for participants to spend the day with others who share the same challenges.

It's also an opportunity for people to get out and practice planning and packing for all-day outings (oxygen, meds, any equipment), to be active, and learn tips to conserve their energy.

Most of all, it's a two-and-a-half hour cruise in the fresh air on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee! For more information, email info@BreatheNH.org or call 603-669-2411. Registration ends Aug. 20.

COPD includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema and is the fourth leading killer in the U.S., and the second leading cause of disability. In New Hampshire, more than 65,000 people have the disease.

COPD occurs most often in people 40 and

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Robert Arthur Dupont, 80

LACONIA — Robert Arthur Dupont, 80, of Sunset Lane, passed away on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Laconia Rehab Center surrounded by family and friends.

Robert was born on Feb. 18, 1938 in Laconia to the late Allison and Lillian (Allard) Dupont. A lifetime resident of Laconia, Robert was the owner of Dupont Construction Co.

Robert is survived by his son, Robert D. Dupont, and his wife, Pam; daughter, Brenda J. Martel and her husband, Matt; brothers, Richard Dupont and Paul Dupont; sisters, Rita Laflamme, Patricia McNamara, and Betty Gauthier; two grandchildren, Jeffrey Ferland and his wife, Rikki and Thomas Ferland; step granddaughter, Amanda; and one great-grandchild, Inés.



In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Barbara (Beaupre) Dupont, brother, Donald Dupont; sisters, Jeannette Lawton, Louise Hildreth, Lorraine Daigle, and Irene Simoneau.

The family wishes to express their appreciation of the loving care extended to Bob from his caregivers during the last two years.

Calling hours were held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Wilkinson-Beane-

Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, using the Carriage House entrance.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the St. Andre Bessette Parish-Sacred Heart Church, 291 Union Ave., Laconia.

Burial followed in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Laconia.

For those who wish, the family suggests that memorial donations may be made in Robert's name to the charity of one's choice.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinson-beane.com.

Mildred A. Goss, 63

FRANKLIN — Mildred "Millie" A. Goss, of Bond Street died Friday, July 20, 2018 at home.

Millie was born Sept. 19, 1954 in Laconia, the daughter of the late George and Pheobe (Cochran) Wyatt. Millie had been a lifelong resident of the Lakes Region.

Millie lived her life to the fullest. She enjoyed bingo but above all enjoyed her time with family.

Millie is survived by her husband, Gregory Goodwin; two sons, Leslie Weeks and Shane Goss; two daughters,



Heidi Weeks and Rebecca Donohue; many grandchildren, including Diamond Weeks, who she raised as her own daughter; many great grandchildren; two brothers, George Wyatt and Jeff Wyatt; five sisters, Aleta Tinker, Georgia Goss, Terry Thompson and her husband, Gary, Kathy Wyatt, and Cassandra

Wyatt; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, Benjamin Wyatt and Timothy Wyatt.

There will be no calling hours.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinsonbeane.com.

Kenneth R. Kneuer, 84

GILFORD — Kenneth R. "Nutsy" Kneuer, 84, died peacefully in his sleep on July 21, 2018, at Golden View Health Care Center.

Ken was born on Dec. 18, 1933, in Rockville Centre, N.Y. to the late Fred and Caroline (King) Kneuer. His life was marked by service, helping those in need, and mentoring others, considering many as extended family.

Ken grew up in Hempstead, N.Y. and graduated from Hempstead High School. For reasons and escapades too numerous to list, he earned the nickname Nutsy early in life and it stuck. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1951 and served for three years. He served as an Aviation Mechanics Mate, attained the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class and survived three plane crashes.

On a vacation to Laconia, he met a waitress at the Windmill Restaurant, Jane Murgatroy. In 1957, they were married, with the Windmill's owner, Duane Thomas, serving as his best man. Nutsy and Jane raised their two children, Bruce and Brenda, in South Hempstead, N.Y., but on every family vacation to Laconia, Duane's children, Heidi and Walter, were extended family, joining in for swimming and badminton tournaments refereed by Ken.

When they moved to South Hempstead, they met Peg Giles, a widow who lived across the street. He would mow her lawn and do maintenance projects. "Aunt Peg" became part of the family and would babysit and make Ken's favorite dish, pot roast. When their friends next door tragically died in a car accident, leaving two teenage boys alone, Jane and Ken were



there to provide guidance and support for them, making them part of the family. During a blizzard, Ken went door-to-door, relighting everyone's furnace. When there was a need, he felt it his duty to help.

In New York, he was a paid Fire Officer for the Garden City New York Fire Department from 1957 until a work-related injury caused by an exploding hydrant ended his fire-fighting career. In addition, Ken served his local communities as a volunteer fire fighter for the Hempstead Fire Department Exempts and the South Hempstead Volunteer Fire Department, where he rose to the rank of Assistant Chief. Ken was a member of the Seventh Battalion Fire Chiefs Council; New York Fire Chiefs Association, and the Fire Engineers in Gilford. During his career and life, he believed in mentoring and befriending others and took a young firefighter, Steve Crobet, under his wing, making him part of the extended family.

Before the injury, Nutsy loved to referee high school football, lacrosse and soccer, where he earned a second nickname - The Sarge. He ran tight games and demanded respect. Yellow flags and red cards often appeared. He was awarded lifetime and honorary memberships in the Long Island New York Association of Football Officials and the Nassau County Lacrosse and Soccer Officials Associations. He passed on this no-nonsense attitude to a young referee, Mike Labrys, who also became part of the extend-

ed family. Ken was involved in Bruce and Brenda's sports activities, often attending games and practicing with them. Once retired and living in New Hampshire, Grandpa Nutsy often went to his grandchildren's sports activities. If he couldn't make the game, he could be counted on to call at night for all the updates.

In the 1990s, Jane and Ken decided they would visit all 50 state capitals. With many road trips, and a few detours, they visited the 50th capital in 2007, the year of their 50th wedding anniversary year. When not on the road, Ken was an avid golfer and sports fan - rooting for his New York teams.

Ken is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jane (Murgatroy) Kneuer; a son, Bruce Kneuer, and his wife Gwen (Spencer) Kneuer; a daughter, Brenda (Kneuer) Zurita; and six grandchildren, Sarah (Kneuer) Szymkowski, Bethany (Kneuer) Clifton, Timothy Kneuer, Rebekah Kneuer, Caleb Kneuer, and Lydia Kneuer. He is also survived by three nieces and four nephews.

A Graveside Service with military honors will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Bayside Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will follow the Graveside Services at 11 a.m. at the United Baptist Church, 35 Park St., Laconia.

For those who wish, the family suggests that memorial donations may be made in Ken's name the Gilford Fire-Rescue, 39 Cherry Valley Rd., Gilford, NH 03249 and the New Hampshire Humane Society, PO Box 572, Laconia, NH 03247.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, is assisting the family with the arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, go to www.wilkinson-beane.com.

Register a team to help Strike Out Cancer

Deadline to sign up for the 25th FSB Annual Softball Tournament for Charity is Aug. 24

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank will host its 25th Annual Softball Tournament for Charity on Wednesday, Sept. 19 through Friday, Sept. 28 at Odell Park in Franklin. All proceeds raised will be donated to local cancer treatment centers.

Teams are co-ed and participants must be 13 years of age or older to play. The deadline to register a team is Friday, Aug. 24. The team registration fee is \$250 and will cover expenses incurred for the concession, umpires and field maintenance.

Since 1994, the FSB Annual Softball Tournament for Charity has raised more than \$79,000 for countless local organizations, such as the American Red Cross, community food pantries and soup kitchens, D.A.R.E. programs and other youth drug prevention programs, Greater Tilton Area Family Resource

Center, Lakes Region Habitat for Humanity, local hospice programs, and Northern Rail Trail and Winnisquam, Opechee & Winnepesaukee (WOW) Trail to name a few.

Donations are always welcome and will receive acknowledgement throughout the 10-day event. For additional information, please contact JJ Winters or Tab Gerry, FSB Softball Tournament for Charity Co-chairs, at 934-4445 or via email at mybanker@fsbnh.bank.

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Spaulding Youth Center is honored to announce it has received regular support from the Taco Bell location in Tilton. The restaurant has recently delivered two delicious, donated dinners on campus for students and staff to enjoy.

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NORTHFIELD — Spaulding Youth Center is honored to announce it has received regular support from the Taco Bell location in Tilton. The restaurant has recently delivered two delicious, donated dinners on campus for students and staff to enjoy.

The generous donation and support from Taco Bell gave Spaulding students the chance to expand their culinary experiences and explore Mexican food, such as

tacos, burritos and quesadillas. Since cuisine is a significant part of culture, the donation also served as an educational opportunity for students to learn more about Mexican customs and experiences.

These complimentary Taco Bell meals are especially meaningful to Spaulding students because they may have never enjoyed a meal from this national chain restaurant. Served by Taco Bell Tilton employees, this treat created an opportunity for a special event that the students can remember in a pos-

itive way. Each day, Spaulding strives to provide meaningful experiences to the children we serve and embraces the support of local companies and organizations that assist in making a difference in a child's life.

Taco Bell and Spaulding Youth Center are also exploring possible vocational prospects for Spaulding students, which would provide these individuals with the opportunity to develop valuable skills they can use throughout future employment.

“Spaulding Youth

Center is deeply appreciative of the support it has received from the Tilton Taco Bell,” said Cheryl Avery, Director of Development and Community Relations at Spaulding Youth Center. “Generous partners like Taco Bell contribute to the positive experiences we strive to provide the children we serve each and every day. Taco Bell exemplifies how corporate social responsibility can positively impact their community.”

Spaulding Youth Center is looking for additional opportunities to partner with local

companies and organizations. To learn more about how you, your organization or your business can be a part of creating similar positive experiences for Spaulding Youth Center students, please contact Cheryl Avery, Director of Development and Community Relations at 286-8901, ext. 107 or cavery@spauldingyouthcenter.org.

About Spaulding Youth Center

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neu-

rological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Our mission is supporting exceptional children and families toward a successful future. Spaulding Youth Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit www.spauldingyouthcenter.org.

Two great organizations join forces for one day

GILFORD — On Wednesday, June 6, Camp Resilience teamed up with the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association (LWSA) in order to get American Veterans on the water with the LWSA sailing fleet.

The day began with a lunch together at the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Center on Davis Road in Gilford. During the lunch, the sailors and volunteers got to meet the Veterans as both groups got to know a little more about each other while making plans for the afternoon sail. From the Sailing Center, the group travelled to Fay's Boatyard on Varney Point where

everyone boarded the cruising sailboats; Haleakala, Painkiller, Renaissance, and Claddagh for a fun day on the water. Each of the veterans played an active role in setting sail for the day including raising the sails, skipping the boats and trimming the sails for the most speed. The cruise began by motoring out of Smith Cove and on to the southern portion of Welch Island in the “Broads” of Lake Winnepesaukee. Due to initial light winds, the four vessels motor-sailed with just their mainsails around the southern portion of Welch then north towards Six Mile

Island where the wind began to come alive and the genoa sails were raised and the motors snuffed so the veterans could enjoy the quiet of a Lake Winnepesaukee late spring day-sail. As the wind picked up and Haleakala, Painkiller, Renaissance and Claddagh sailed between Birch and Dollar Island, it seemed as though a bit of competition ensued as winches began ticking on all the boats to improve sail trim and speed to see which boat would sail back to the docks at Fay's the fastest. Everyone arrived back at Fay's Boatyard late in the afternoon and all were thankful

to have gotten to know each other and enjoy a day on the water. The LWSA sailors and Camp Resilience volunteers were especially thankful to have gotten to spend the day with American heroes that afternoon.

To learn more about Camp Resilience and all of its programs and camps whose motto is “Helping Those Who Served Bounce Back in Mind, Body and Spirit” visit their Web site at www.prl.us

To learn more about the Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association, the sailing school, or J80 and PHRF racing, visit their Web site at www.lwsa.org.

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Chippers announces a New VP of Finance, a tree care industry certification and three promotions

MEREDITH — Ryan Scelza of Quechee, Vt. has recently been hired as Chippers' VP of Finance and Administration. In this new position he will be responsible for oversight of all aspects of the company's finances, ensuring that Chippers becomes more efficient and strategic as they aim to continue their growth.

Scelza will partner with the CEO and other VPs to focus on both short and long term financial planning while implementing new systems and controls to provide better insight on key metrics. He is "excited to join the company and to be a champion of Chippers' core values."

Tim Bergquist of Moultonborough, Chippers Meredith Branch Manager, recently became a Registered Certified Arborist (RCA #650) from the American Society of Consulting Arborist. He is currently the only RCA in New Hampshire. In addition to this certification, Bergquist is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Treecare Safety Professional, ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, TCIA Electrical Hazards Awareness Program Certified and has a BS in Environmental Science and Forest Biology.

Gabriel Kellman of South Royalton, Vt. has been promoted to the Plant Health Care Divi-

sion Operations Manager. His primary role is to increase the knowledge of Chippers' sales team, technicians and clients via state-of-the-art evaluation, diagnosis and treatment methods through soil and plant sampling, reduced risk products, and cultural control strategies. The new Biorational Plant Health Care Program will use organic, natural and biorational products. Kellman is driven by the mantra "always use the best and safest products". In the winter and early spring, Gabe is the Maple Division

Manager, overseeing the implementation of tap lease agreements and installation/maintenance programs with local landowners. He is a TCIA Certified PHC Technician, a Vermont/New Hampshire Licensed Plant Health Care Applicator, certified by the International Society of Arboriculture and has a BS in Forest Ecosystem Science.

Sean Smith of Pomfret, Vt. has been promoted to the Turf Division Operations Manager. Sean is a 17-year Chippers employee, most recently work-

ing as the Turf Division Supervisor. Smith is responsible for managing the 10 technicians and all the equipment needed to service the decade old Chippers Turf Division. Sean is an Organic Lawn Care Certified Professional, Vermont/New Hampshire Licensed Turf Applicator and a Certified Treecare Safety Professional.

Cameron Couture of Hartland, Vt. has been promoted to the company's Safety and Training Specialist. This full-time position is responsible for training all Chippers employees in the use of

proper techniques, communication, and documentation in order to provide the very safest environment possible for employees, clients, and the general public. Couture performs hands-on training with employees at all three company locations. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, TCIA Electrical Hazards Awareness Program Certified, Certified Treecare Safety Professional and a TCIA Qualified Crew Leader.

Chippers has been serving northern New England with high quality, personal service

since 1986, with offices in Woodstock, Vt., Enfield, and Meredith. Their areas of expertise are in Arboriculture, Turf & Soil Care, Gardening, Land Enhancement, Forestry and Maple Syrup Production — each specializing in a different aspect of professional green care. Chippers' diversity of services, high level of experience and team-oriented approach enables them to work on any size residential, commercial or institutional property. This year Chippers employees 85 people in their three locations.

Alexandria Keith earns degree from Drew University

MADISON, N.J. — Alexandria Keith of Sanbornton earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Drew University at the university's Spring 2018 commencement.

Speakers at the ceremony included Tony Award-winning actor John Leguizamo and acclaimed alumna Mallory Mortillaro C'13, G'15.

Leguizamo saluted the work ethic of immigrants and the inspiring activism of Generation Z. His address included anecdotes from his upbringing in Queens, with Leguizamo as-

suming the voices of his father and grandfather, characters from his neighborhood and mentors such as a math teacher and his first acting coach.

He also quoted poet William Blake, the writer Voltaire and founding father George Washington, as he asserted that immigrants "will always make this country great. And they will always work hard. In fact, they have to work hard-harder-just to prove themselves."

Mortillaro, who earned acclaim last

year for discovering a Rodin sculpture inside Madison Borough Hall, delivered a message of empowerment, encouraging graduates to rise above self-doubt, learn through experiences and discover what sets them apart from others—just as she did in her years since Drew.

Drew, a Phi Beta Kappa liberal arts university, includes the College of Liberal Arts, the Drew Theological School and the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies. Drew is located on a beautiful, wooded, 186-acre cam-

pus in Madison, New Jersey, a thriving small town close to New York City. It has total enrollment of more than 2,000 students and 148 full-time faculty members, 99% of whom hold the terminal degree in their field. The Theological and Caspersen schools offer MA and PhD degrees and the College of Liberal Arts confers BA degrees in more than 30 disciplines.

Drew is dedicated to exceptional faculty mentorship, a commitment to connecting the campus with the community and a focus on experiential learning. Particularly noteworthy opportunities for undergraduates include the Charles A. Dana Research Institute for Scientists Emeriti (RISE), home of 2015 Nobel Prize Winner for Medicine and Drew Fellow William Campbell, the Drew Summer Science Institute (DSSI), the Center for Civic Engagement, New York City Semesters focusing on Wall Street, the United Nations, Contemporary Art, Theatre, Social Entrepreneurship and Communications and Media and several international semester programs. Drew also houses the Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict, the Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study and The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, an independent professional theatre, as well as the United Methodist Archives and History Center and one of the country's leading concentrations of materials on Willa Cather.

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Rising star makes his Interlakes Summer Theatre debut in "La Cage Aux Folles"

MEREDITH — Laughter will be streaming from the Interlakes Summer Theatre beginning Aug. 1 as "La Cage aux Folles," a story of love, family and acceptance, makes its way to the stage.

Making his Interlakes acting debut in the role of Albin is Michael Stoddard. Born and raised in Franklin, he went through the public school system, then on to Plymouth State University where he received a BS in Musical Theatre Performance and a Masters in Theatre Education and Integrated Arts. After moving to several different cities, he settled in Miami, and is the Director of Theatre at the Palmer Trinity School in Palmetto Bay.

Stoddard has performed in a number of roles, including Lord Farquaad in "Shrek," Jamie in "The Last Five Years," and Gaston in "Beauty and the Beast," among others. He was

the Director and choreographer in 2017 of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Interlakes Theatre. He has directed a variety of shows, such as "9 to 5" and "Little Shop of Horrors." His philosophy as a director is, "theatre should nourish our creativity and do so with bold invention and originality."

In "The Last Five Years," which is a tender look at people falling in and out of love, a review noted, "He is powerfully energetic as the man who experiences the same five year relationship in brief snippets. His energy is more than enough to handle the role."

As a sophomore in high school, Stoddard enjoyed both baseball and basketball. He had no interest in the theatre. A friend of his spoke about trying out for a school play, "Once Upon a Mattress." Stoddard said why not? In one scene he was re-

quired to sing. He realized that while small in stature, his booming voice produced beautiful music. Under the watchful eyes of one of his teachers, June Granger Finley, he refined and grew his talent.

After graduation, he relocated to New York and worked a variety of jobs, from a waiter to wearing informational costumes strolling around Times Square. He also found it increasingly difficult to take the stage without using meditation. It was at that time he began the move towards directing. Today finds him teaching, and spending summers on the road either acting or directing. He is back home once again this summer, enjoying the beautiful New Hampshire weather, spending time with his family, cheering the Red Sox on, and starring with Mikey LoBalsamo in the hilarious "La Cage aux Folles."



Michael Stoddard as Albin.

COURTESY

Lakes Region Fine Arts & Crafts Festival set for Aug. 25-26

MEREDITH — Arts and crafts enthusiasts will want to be in Meredith on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25 and 26 as the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Meredith Village Savings Bank, presents the 39th Annual Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival.

This event, which will be held from 9 a.m.—5 p.m. both days, will transform the Main Street of the quaint lakeside village of Meredith as well as the upper parking lot of the Mill Falls Marketplace into an outdoor art gallery featuring the works of more than 80 painters, sculptors, jewelers, potters, photographers, and quilters. Spectators will be impressed with

the variety and quality of exhibits this Festival has to offer. Booths will include wildlife photography, metal and wood sculptures, stained glass, handmade jewelry, baskets, leather projects, and abstract and traditional oil painting and watercolors. All items are original creations and the artists and craftsmen will be available throughout the weekend to meet and converse with customers. Over the years, the Festival has gained a solid reputation among New England artists and craftsmen and is the largest quality arts and crafts event in the area.

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Well-known Moultonborough estate named to National Register of Historic Places

MOULTONBOROUGH — The New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources is proud to announce that Lucknow, located in Moultonborough and best known as “Castle in the Clouds,” has been honored by the United States Secretary of the Interior with placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Its high level of integrity places it among other nationally significant mountaintop estates, including Grey Towers in Milford, Pa., Arden in Arden, N.Y. and Flat Top Estate in Blowing Rock, N.C.

Lucknow was originally owned by Thomas Plant, a self-made French-Canadian industrialist from Bath, Maine. In 1909, Thomas G. Plant Company was one of the ten largest shoe manufacturers in the country and the largest factory in the world dedicated to manufacturing women’s shoes.

Plant purchased several properties to create the more than 5,000-acre estate, which offers 75-mile views across Lake Winnepesaukee and to mountains to the west. He personally oversaw the construction of several buildings between 1913 and 1914.

The main house, a one-and-a-half-story building with clay tile roof, is an outstanding example of Arts and Crafts movement architecture. Its exterior incorporates hand-cut brown, gray and salmon stone veneer with hand-hewn white oak timbers secured by mortise and tenon joinery and exposed oak pegs. The front entrance overlooks the Ossipee Mountains and is sheltered by a second-story gable-roofed porch.

Lucknow’s floorplan has not changed since it was built. The first floor’s main hall, library and dining room incorporate quarter-sawn oak paneled walls, built-in benches and Italian marble fire-

place surrounds. Decorative features include carved woodwork, ornamental iron hardware, bronze lighting features and a plaster ceiling with relief wisteria flowers, leaves and vines. Painted roundels and the second floor’s seven skylights – the largest is attributed to Tiffany Studios – bring the surrounding landscape inside.

Much of the original furniture is still in place and components of the Western Electric Interphone system that connected the main building to the stable survive.

Lucknow’s landscape features also contribute to the property’s national significance. They

include a two-mile entry drive and driveway with stone posts and retaining walls, gardens and lawns, a small lake, 40 miles of mountain roads and bridle paths, and terraces linked by stone steps. Family cemeteries, farmhouse cellar holes and stone walls associated with 19th century farming settlement can also still be found on the property.

Two conservation easements protect all but 67 of Lucknow’s 5,294 acres. Written agreements ensure that all of the property’s historic buildings, landscape features and acreage will be protected, conserved and professionally managed in

perpetuity.

Administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the National Register of Historic Places is the nation’s official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation and is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect our historic and archaeological resources.

Listing to the National Register does not impose any new or additional restrictions or limitations on the use of private or non-federal properties. Listings identify historically significant properties and can serve as edu-

cational tools and increase heritage tourism opportunities. The rehabilitation of National Register-listed commercial or industrial buildings may qualify for certain federal tax provisions.

In New Hampshire, listing to the National Register makes applicable property owners eligible for grants such as the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program or LCHIP (lchip.org) and the Conservation License Plate Program (nh.gov/nhdhr/grants/moose).

For more information on the National Register program in New Hampshire, please visit nh.gov/nhdhr or

contact Peter Michaud at the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources at 271-3583.

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Teamwork and a fantastic staff was the key to the lakes region farm, Moulton Farm, being named the best farm market in the state by the editors of New Hampshire Magazine.

Moulton Farm named Best Farm Market by editors of New Hampshire Magazine

MEREDITH — In July, it’s usually how well the crops are growing that puts a broad smile on John Moulton’s face. This summer, however, it’s the news that the editors of New Hampshire Magazine have named Moulton Farm as the best farm market in the state.

“It is wonderful news, and I am thrilled that the work of the entire farm team is being recognized,” explains the Meredith farmer. “Growing, cooking, serving and selling the quality food we offer takes the effort

of many people. This recognition is a testament to their efforts and dedication.”

People who visit Moulton Farm’s market may only interact with a few of the people responsible for what the farm offers.

“They may not see the young high school and college students who spend hours in our fields working, laughing and learning from more experienced field crew members,” comments Moulton. “They may not realize the many hours our farm kitchen

and bakery staff put into developing and perfecting recipes and planning our farm to table events or making items for the private events we provide food for.”

There are also other team members who are crucial to making the farm market a success.

“Our garden center team works tremendously hard growing plants for our customers as well as starting the vegetable plants we grow in our fields. There’s Moulton. “Plus, there are people who take care of all of the administrative functions necessary to run a business.”

Moulton is also quick to point out that it’s a year round effort to make all of this happen, commenting that “Our farm market is open from early March through the end of December, but even in January and February some of our team is already working to make sure our visitors enjoy quality food and have good experiences when they visit.”

“Yes, I am happy about the recognition of our efforts,” says Moulton. “But it’s more than that. I am very thankful to have such amazing people willing to put forth such tremendous effort every time they come to work. Farming takes hard work, knowledge, skill and luck. Running a quality business takes an amazing team and I am fortunate to have that group.”

Moulton Farm is located at 18 Quarry Rd., off Route 25 in Meredith, and practices sustainable agriculture and is dedicated to providing the highest quality fruits and vegetables while preserving its rich soil for future generations. In addition to growing its own produce, the farm offers plants and garden supplies including soils and amendments. Also available at the farm are baked goods and prepared foods from the farm’s kitchen and bakery, cider doughnuts from Cider Bellies, seafood from Sal’s Fresh Seafood, and a quality selection of meats, cheeses and other items from northern New England producers. More information can be found at www.moultonfarm.com or on Facebook at [Facebook.com/MoultonFarm](https://www.facebook.com/MoultonFarm).

Franklin man pleads guilty to Fentanyl trafficking

CONCORD — Stephen Marando, 57, formerly of Franklin, pleaded guilty in federal court to fentanyl trafficking charges, United States Attorney Scott W. Murray announced last week.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on April 13, 2017, Marando and another individual drove from Franklin to Lawrence, Mass. in order to buy fentanyl. After they obtained the fentanyl and

were on their way back to Franklin, the New Hampshire State Police conducted a traffic stop on their vehicle. During the course of the stop, the other individual attempted to discard a package containing 91 grams of fentanyl that they had picked up in Lawrence.

Marando pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute fentanyl and one count of possession of fentanyl with intent to

distribute. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 31.

“Each day, law enforcement officers in New Hampshire are working to stop the deadly flow of fentanyl into our state,” said U.S. Attorney Murray. “Interrupting the transportation of drugs frequently requires that New Hampshire state troopers engage traffickers on our highways. Often they are our first line of defense. SEE **TRAFFICKING**, PAGE A11

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"With today's plea, Mr. Marando is now accepting responsibility for trafficking fen-

tanyl, which has killed more people in New Hampshire and the United States than any other drug. The FBI, along with our law enforcement partners, are committed to working to defeat this menacing threat, one drug trafficking organization at a time," said Harold H. Shaw, Special Agent in

Charge, FBI Boston Division.

This matter was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New Hampshire State Police, and the Laconia Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Shane B. Kelsey.

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ment with a band and then a challenge talent competition. Friday night only there is a \$5 carload price. The Entertainment is the only thing going Friday night. The entertainment is worth the admission price alone.

Kids and those young at heart will love the animals, games, and exhibits. And what little one doesn't love a pony ride? On Saturday is the exciting garden tractor pull and on Sunday the motor "doodlebugs." Be amazed to watch the old time engines demonstrate how things were done in the "old days." Both

Saturday and Sunday feature traditional free kid's games like bubble gum blowing, pie eating contests, jello eating and water balloon throwing.

Come browse the exhibits, crafts and entertainment, check out the pulls and all those delicious traditional fair foods at the Belknap County 4H fair Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12. Italian Sausage subs, fries, onion rings, ice cream, fried dough, and great grilling items will tantalize your taste buds. New this year is a bar-queue food truck...In your Grill!

For additional in-

formation and exact schedule, visit the Fair website at www.bc4H-fair.org and plan on becoming part of the 745h annual Belknap County Fair — where memories are made and fun is a tradition.

The fairgrounds are centrally located in the beautiful Lakes Region just a short 20 miles north of Concord. Take 106, to just south of the Laconia/Belmont line and follow the signs to the Belknap County 4H Fair! For those of you coming Interstate 93 get off at exit 20 (where the great outlet mall is) and take Route 140 to Route 106 and turn left towards Laconia.

SELECTMAN

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"I'm not a quitter, and my biggest struggle was the decision as to whether or not I was going to move but in the end it was something I knew I had to do. I'm going to miss everyone here in Tilton a lot," Saint John said.

Jon Scanlon, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, said he respected Saint John's decision to put her family first but was nonetheless sad to see her go.

"Ashlee was great. It was great to have a new face and fresh perspectives on the board and we will certainly miss her," he said. "Unfortunately, her time with us ended up to be too short, but we hope others like her will step up and become involved in the community like she did."

When Saint John submitted her resignation on June 28, the town sent out a request for letters of intent from anyone who would be

willing to fill her seat on the board until the next election in March of 2019. Deadline for those letters was this past Wednesday, Aug. 2. From those letters, they hope to find a qualified individual who is willing to join the board for the next seven months.

"It's a great way for someone to come in, get a feel for the position then decide if they'd like to officially run for a full term next March," Scanlon said.

Saint John's replacement will hopefully be found in the next few weeks as the board faces many other decisions. They are currently interviewing candidates to replace Town Administrator Joyce Fulweiler, who will be retiring this fall, as well as candidates for a few other openings in municipal jobs. Budget season is also rapidly approaching and that will trigger a lot of discussions and more decisions as they prepare

for the next fiscal year.

One other exciting challenge they have on their agenda is to find people interested in serving on a committee for Tilton's 150th Anniversary in 2019. Recently a local gentleman presented the town with a number of photos and artifacts from the town's history and they hope others may have documents or photos from past anniversary celebrations in Tilton that they can share.

"We'd love to get a good mix of people, from historians to business owners or residents who want to help make 2019 a special year in Tilton," Scanlon said.

Anyone interested in taking part in a committee for the planning and organization of this special anniversary celebration is asked to contact the selectmen's office as soon as possible at 286-4521, ext. 100.

FESTIVAL

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ing through the Festival. Performing at this year's event on both Saturday and Sunday will be Marc Elbaum and Christine Chaisson, who will play jazz, classic rock and great American songs from the '50's, '60's and '70's. Phil Sanguedolce and

Jarrod Taylor will be again entertain fairgoers with variety of folk music and classic rock.

The Masons will be on hand in their usual spot offering delicious homemade pies and ice cream and the Altrusa Club of Meredith will be serving hot dogs, chips, and sodas. Free

shuttle bus service courtesy of the Lakes Region Airport Shuttle will be available from both the north and south sides of Route 3 and will run continuously both days. Admission is free and for more detailed information contact the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce at 279-6121.

CRUISE

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older who are or were smokers, and had long-term exposure to lung irritants and air pollution. It may also be caused by a rare genetic condition. Symptoms include shortness of breath, chronic coughing or wheezing, producing excess sputum, or feeling unable to take a deep breath.

KNOCKERBALL

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"What a fabulous way for kids to get some energy out and knock each other around safely," said one mom as she watched the action.

While last weekend's event was based on soccer, Milliken said he has a whole list of games that can be played with the knockerballs, including football, musical chairs, Sharks and Minnows, Last Man Standing, or Secret Service, where one person is selected to be the President and others either try to either attack or protect him/her.

"We also do a relay race, which is really great with the little kids," said Milliken.

His business is located at 50 White Mountain Highway in Conway where there is a 7,000-foot indoor facility with a 30-foot long turf playing field. But Milliken also takes his equipment

on the road for events like the one in Tilton. Recently Archery Tag was added to their "playlist," and that's been another big hit with his customers.

"We've had a great summer. A camp from Portland, Maine, has come over quite a few times to play but it's not just for kids. Recently we held a 69-year-old birthday party and everyone had a blast," Milliken said.

Twelve-year-old Andrew and Liam of Tilton agreed that it was a lot of fun after they took their turns running, bouncing and rolling across the field.

"It would be fun to get a couple teams out there running around and playing soccer," said Andrew.

Liam enjoyed kicking a soccer ball around, too, but said he thought "launching" himself

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through the air then landing safely inside the ball was the most fun.

"I think it's a really fun thing to do with family or friends. Just get out of the house and have fun," he said.

Besides their onsite facility, which is open to the public, Knockerball North Conway also helps with school or community fundraisers; they host team building events, birthday, bridal or bachelor parties and so much more. They can be reached through their Web site, www.knockerballnorthconway.com, or by calling 662-0326.

Next up on the 2018 agenda for Tilton's Parks Commission will be another exciting visit from Wildlife Encounters on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 11 a.m. under the pavilion at Riverfront Park. The event is free and open to the public.

POLICE

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Investigations into the fighting resulted in Morris and 50-year-old Darren Gagne of Northfield being charged with one count each of disorderly conduct. All

three of the people taken into custody, including Gagne, have been ordered to appear in Laconia District Court on Sept. 6 to answer to their charges.

"It's very unfortu-

nate to see adults that cannot conduct themselves in a civilized manner, and of all places, inside our lobby and outside in the police parking lot," Mann said.

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How Can You Help Your Kids Pay for College?

It's still summer, but we're getting close to a new school year. One day, though, "back-to-school" will mean "off to college" for your children. Will you be financially prepared to help your kids cope with the costs of higher education?

Your first step, of course, is to know what you're up against, so here are some numbers: For the 2017-18 academic year, college costs (tuition, fees, room and board) were, on average, nearly \$21,000 for in-state students at four-year, public schools and nearly \$47,000 for students attending pri-

vate colleges or universities, according to the College Board. And you can probably expect even bigger price tags in the years to come.

To help prepare for these costs, you might want to consider putting your money in a vehicle specifically designed to help build assets for college, such as a 529 education savings plan. All withdrawals from 529 plans are free from federal income taxes as long as the beneficiary you've named uses the money for qualified college, trade school or graduate school expenses. Withdrawals for expenses other than

qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes on the earnings portion of your plan. (However, tax issues for 529 savings plans can be complex, so please consult your tax advisor before investing.)

You can generally invest in the 529 savings plan offered by any state, but if you invest in your own state's plan, you may be able to claim a tax deduction or receive a tax credit.

By starting your 529 plan early, when your children are just a few years old, the investments within the plan

have more time for potential growth. Plus, you can make smaller contributions each year, rather than come up with big lump sums later on.

A 529 plan is not the only education-savings tool you can use, but it has proven effective for many people. Yet you may also want to consider ways to keep college costs down in the first place. For one thing, your children may be eligible for various forms of financial aid. Some types of aid depend on your family's income, but others, such as merit-based scholarships,

are open to everyone. But you don't have to wait until you get an offer from a school's financial aid office — you can explore some opportunities on your own. For example, many local and national civic and religious groups offer scholarships to promising young people, and your own employer may even provide some types of grants or assistance. Plus, your state also may offer other benefits, such as financial aid or scholarship funds. It can certainly take some digging to find these funding sources, but the effort can be worthwhile.

Here's another option for reducing college costs: Consider sending your child to a local community college for two years to get many of the "general" requirements out of the way before transferring to a four-year school for a bachelor's degree. Community colleges are typically quite affordable, and many of them offer high-quality programs.

A college degree is costly, but many people feel it's still a great investment in their children's future. And by taking the appropriate steps, you can help launch that investment.

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Aug. 4 is Free Day at Canterbury Shaker Village

CANTERBURY — On Saturday, Aug. 4, Canterbury Shaker Village opens its doors to all visitors—for free. Enjoy a guided experience of a New Hampshire landmark, stroll through the organic gardens, herb plantings and orchard, walk the nature trails, and bring a picnic or eat in the Café. There's a one-hour program called "Meet the Shakers" just for families at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., a guided introduction to the landscape of the 200-year old Shaker community at 1 p.m., and "A Canterbury Tale" introduction to the Village at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Village and its Museum Store open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. The Cafe is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., serving sandwiches, soups, pastries and more, with both indoor and outdoor seating. For those who wish to bring a picnic, there are tables throughout the Village.

This free day is a way for the Shaker Village to welcome new and returning visitors, and to say "thank you" to the local community for their interest and support. On other days, admission is \$19 for adults, and \$9 for children.

Canterbury Shaker Village is a National Historic Landmark and museum just south of Laconia and north of Concord. The Village was formed in 1792 by a celibate Christian sect that believed in separation from "the World" and hard work and worship to create their own "heaven on earth." Their plain architecture and furnishings, stone walkways,

tidy gardens, and ordered yet innovative lifestyle still fascinate visitors today, twenty-five years after the last Shaker sister passed away. A new exhibit called "Furnished by Faith" illustrates the evolution of Shaker furniture use at Canterbury, depicting the gradual transition from distinctive handmade Shaker designs to the adoption of more worldly styles.

With nearly 700 acres of forests, nature trails, gardens and ponds, as well as 25 original and four reconstructed Shaker buildings, Canterbury Shaker Village is a must-see for New Hampshire residents and visitors. Shaker experts lead the 90-minute tours through the Meetinghouse, Dwelling House and Laundry, while other buildings are open to visit on your own. Volunteers demonstrate the crafts of letterpress printing, broom-making, spinning, weaving or oval box-making in authentic Shaker settings.

Canterbury Shaker Village also offers both historic and modern spaces for rental, providing an ideal setting for weddings, parties, corporate meetings and retreats. Outdoor events may also be arranged.

Canterbury Shaker Village is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to preserving the 200-year Shaker legacy and providing a place for learning, reflection, and renewal of the human spirit. It is located at 288 Shaker Rd. in Canterbury. For more information, visit www.shakers.org or see our posts on Facebook.



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"The Snows of Kilimanjaro" tells the story of American writer Harry Street (Peck) who is on safari in Africa with his second wife Helen (Hayward). Their marriage suffers from Harry drinking, womanizing and world-weary cynicism. A wound on Harry's leg becomes infected, and as he lays in a feverish delirium, he reflects on his life and past loves. One of his great regrets is losing his beautiful first wife, Cynthia Green (Gardner). Her memory and the way that he lost

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Based on the short story by Ernest Hemingway, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" was well received by critics and movie goers alike. It was nominated for two Academy Awards, including Best Art Direction and Best Cinematography. In his New York Time column, critic Bosley Crowther noted " ... They have made a picture that constantly fascinates the eye and stimulates the emotions in small, isolated ways." It is a beautiful and exotic Technicolor film that exemplifies the often spectacular filmmaking of its generation. Need we say more?

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The 18U Nor'Easters celebrate the win at the Nor'Easter Classic softball tournament.



COURTESY

The 14U Nor'Easters won the Nor'Easter Classic softball tournament last weekend with a perfect 7-0 record.

Pair of Nor'Easter teams win tourney titles

BY BOB MARTIN
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GILFORD — This past weekend 58 teams from around the northeast competed in the 21st Nor'Easter Classic, and this year the Nor'Easters had incredible suc-

cess with the 18U and 14U teams winning the championship.

This was the first time in the tournament's existence that a Nor'Easter team came away with the title. The 16U team also fared well last

weekend and made it to the quarterfinals before being knocked out on Sunday.

18U Nor'Easters

The 18U Nor'Easters had an incredible run during pool play on Friday and Saturday. It began with a 13-0 mercy rule shortened win over the Showstoppers on Friday night. On Saturday the Nor'Easters beat Maine Revere 10-0 in another mercy rule shortened game. Later in the day the team beat Brattleboro Heat 13-0, again by mercy rule.

After scoring 36 runs and giving up none in pool play, the Nor'Eas-

ters entered Sunday as the number one seed.

The team started Sunday with an 8-0 win over Blue Hills, again winning by mercy rule. The second game was 5-2 over the Comets and then the team beat the Rangers Elite by a score of 5-3 in the semifinals.

The championship game was an 8-0 mercy rule victory over the Maine Xplosion.

The 18U Nor'Easters were led by outstanding play by local athletes. Carly Catty of Winnisquam was the leadoff hitter and went 10 for 22, doing her job getting on base and setting the table for players like Jill

Lachapelle of Gilford and Meeka Bolduc of Tilton. Lachapelle went seven for 17 with a homer in the cleanup spot while Bolduc hit three homers on an eight for 18 showing.

Ella Harris, who was an All-Stater in her freshman season for Gilford High School, has had a great summer for the Nor'Easters both at the plate and on the mound. She went six for 25 in the tournament and with three games on the mound she only gave up three total runs.

Coach Fern Beaudet was proud of the team, saying the defense, pitching and fielding

were what led the team. He also commended them on the way they ran the bases.

This was the second straight tournament win for the 18U Nor'Easters, who previously won the 25th annual Barbara Hamilton Memorial Tournament during the weekend of July 20 and 21. The Nor'easters went 2-1 in pool play.

The first game was a blowout 16-0 victory over the White Comets. Catty was three for three with a double and four RBIs and Lachapelle was two for three with a double and two RBIs. Bolduc was three for three with an RBI and Harris was one for three.

The second game was a 7-5 loss to the Vermont Storm. Catty was one for one with a walk, Lachapelle was two for three with an RBI and Bolduc was one for three with an RBI.

Game three was a 14-1 win over the Northeast Extreme. Lachapelle led the way with a homer and two RBIs one a one for three day. Liz Fleming of Belmont was three for three with an RBI and Harris was one for three. Harris also pitched a complete game picking up with win in a mercy rule shortened four inning game. She struck out nine batters and walked two in four innings. The defense was on top of its game committing zero errors.

"Overall great hitting by the Nor'Easters SEE SOFTBALL, PAGE B3

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PSU women's tennis earns ITA All-Academic Honors

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University women's tennis team and five individual members were recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) on Wednesday as the organization announced its 2018 All-Academic Teams and scholar-athletes.

Plymouth State, under the direction of veteran coach Barbara

Rawlsky-Willett, was one of 735 schools across all five divisions of college tennis (NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA and JUCO, including both men's and women's programs) to be honored, earning the recognition for the fourth-straight year.

The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program with a cumulative team grade

point average of 3.20 or better. All varsity letter winners were factored into the cumulative team GPA for the most recent academic year (including fall 2017 and spring 2018).

Additionally, five members of the squad also earned ITA Scholar-Athlete status; juniors Irene Kigugu (Concord) and Megan Wheeler (Manchester),

and freshmen Emily Hill (New Hartford, Conn.), Maggie McCarthy (Marion, Mass.) and Jenna Sundquist (Monument Beach, Mass.). Kigugu is a two-time honoree.

In order to earn ITA Scholar-Athlete status a student-athlete must meet the following criteria: be a varsity letter winner, have a GPA of at least 3.50 for the current academic year, and

have been enrolled at their present school for at least two semesters.

"I am so very proud of the players and what they have accomplished this year," said Rawlsky-Willett. "They are the true embodiment of what a Division III athlete is; one who works hard and is successful both on and off the court."

The Panthers fin-

ished last fall with a 10-5 mark, matching the second most wins in a season in program history. PSU went 5-3 in LEC play to earn the fourth seed for the LEC Tournament, but was upset by fifth-seeded Worcester State in the first round.

A complete list of All-Academic Teams and Scholar-Athletes is available at the ITA website, www.itatennis.com.



BOB MARTIN

Carly Catty of Winnisquam was a major offensive contributor for the 18U Nor'Easters in the leadoff spot.

SOFTBALL

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team," said Beudet who was proud of the .529 average posted in the series. "Good pitching and defense made it an overall great weekend of softball."

14U Nor'Easters

The 14U Nor'Easters went 7-0 over the weekend en route to the team's first ever championship at its host event.

On Friday the Nor'Easters beat the Plymouth Thundercats 4-0 with Lilly Simpson of Meredith getting a complete game shutout win. In the first inning Sierra Halligan doubled and knocked in a run to get the scoring started. While I was a tight game throughout, strong pitching gave the Nor'Easters the advantage.

Simpson allowed a hit and struck out seven while walking zero.

Jaiden McKenna of Gilford, Kara Stephens of Belmont, Norah Dunleavy of Laconia, Sier-

ra Halligan of Laconia and Gwendolyn O'Keefe of Sugar Hill picked up hits. Rebecca Fleming of Belmont played solid defense with seven chances and no errors.

On Saturday the Nor'Easters dominated the Danvers Falcons 10-1 thanks mostly to a big five run second inning. Morgan Hall of Belmont allowed one hit and no runs while striking out six batters. Fleming and Dunleavy had multiple hits in the game, with Fleming going three for four to lead the team's offense.

The Nor'Easters then beat South Shore Chaos 3-1 with pitching allowing only five hits. Simpson was the star in the circle allowing three hits and striking out four batters over five innings.

The team was ranked first out of 16 teams heading into Sunday and in a field of tough competition, coach Bill Clary said the Nor'Easters were playing their best. The team won the finals 5-1 over the Showstoppers.

Hall won the championship game and the quarterfinal game, while Simpson was the winner on the mound in the semifinals. He said both pitchers were outstanding over the weekend, and it was a time where Lakes Region athletes shined.

"Fern and I have been fighting on who was the first one to win this," joked Clary. "The Nor'Easters have never won their own tournament so was really good for both teams to win this for the first time."

Clary said winning the home tournament was a great feeling. While it took 21 years to have a host team win, he said it was great to see this group win it because many of them are local girls.

16U Nor'Easters

The 16U Nor'Easters lost in the quarterfinals in the tournament. The team went 2-1 in pool play and then went 1-1 on Sunday before being knocked out. The coaches were unavailable for a comment at press



BOB MARTIN

Liz Fleming of Belmont takes care of a fly ball on Sunday against the Impact.



BOB MARTIN

Meeka Bolduc runs down the first base line during a game against the Impact in the Nor'Easter Classic.

time, but Clary said he is proud of the team. His daughter Caitlin Clary is an assistant coach for the 16U squad.

"I'm extremely proud of them," said Clary. "I've been with the Nor'Easters for a long time and this was a really great weekend for my family."

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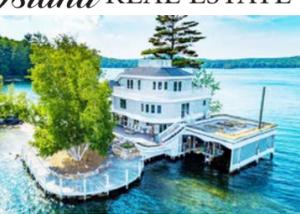


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The Planning Board for the Town of Thornton will hold a Public Meeting on **Thursday, August 16, 2018** beginning at **6:00 PM** at the Thornton Town Office for the purpose of conducting regular business and holding Public Hearings at the times listed:

- 1. APPLICATION/PUBLIC HEARING- 6:15 pm:** Application for Subdivision submitted by John March d/b/a Mountain Mapping as agent for the John B. Benton Revocable Trust of 2016 regarding its property at Mill Brook Road (Tax Map 07 Lot 02-19 A) for subdivision of the parcel into two (2) lots of approximately 5.21 acres and 42.13 acres respectively.
- 2. APPLICATION/PUBLIC HEARING-6:30 pm:** (continued from February 15, 2018) Application for Site Plan Review-Amy, Charles & Linda Pitman property at 3447 U.S. Rte. 3, Tax Map 6 Lot 5-1 for development/change of use for operating a "boutique" winery, café & gift shop in and upon the property.

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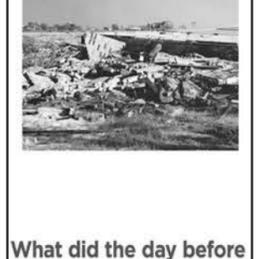
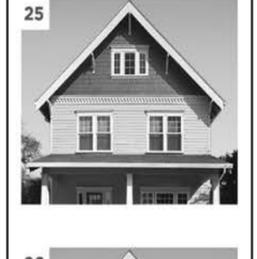
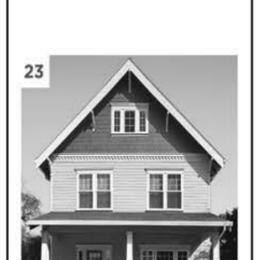
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Belmont race celebrates 50 years on Aug. 11

BY BOB MARTIN
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BELMONT — This month runners from around the region will tackle what Race Director Jeff Roberts calls one of the most grueling in the area.

On the morning of Aug. 11, Belmont Old Home Day will celebrate 50 years of the 10-mile road race with the theme of “Go the Distance.” Belmont Special Event Coordinator Gretta Olson-Wilder explained that the theme not only pertains to the length of the race, but also the time and history put into the race over the last half century.

The race was started in 1968 by Roberts’ late grandmother Susan Roberts, with the help of local runners like Bob St. Lawrence and Ken Ellis. Roberts said amazingly the race is the oldest road race in the Granite State, and one of the oldest in the country, that is still run on its original course, and what a course it is.

“There was one race that was slightly older in Dixville Notch, but the course was altered because of the Balsams,” said Roberts. “So this makes us the oldest one with the original course around.”

Susan Roberts was a biology teacher at Belmont High School and went on to be the school’s vice principal for many years. The

race was organized in an effort to get a race in before the school’s cross country season to challenge the local talent.

Jeff Roberts explained that the course is so difficult due to it being about seven miles of upward hill climbing. The Bean Hill section is known to runners as “Heart-break Hill,” and he said it is an area that many end up throwing in the towel.

“It is about a mile-and-a-half of serious hill with no flat spots at all,” Roberts said. “It breaks a lot of people. A lot of people don’t end up finishing because of it.”

While turnout generally depends on weather, Roberts expects there to be between 60 and 110 runners competing in the race. Another factor is that there are more road races than ever during this time period in the summer.

He said last year there were 75 racers that started and about 55 finished. There is an ambulance that follows the runners so if they want to opt out in the hillier section they can take a ride to the finish line. Roberts said there is no shame in doing it, as he understands the challenge. Years ago he participated in the race himself, and admitted that he walked the Bean Hill section

in order to finish it off.

Last year’s youngest competitor was 15 years old, and Roberts said it is the intention to have runners middle school age or higher. Last year this young runner was one of the top ones, he said. The oldest is Bob Springer of Waterville Valley. He has run it more than 25 times and this year will be 77 years old. The record holder is Scott Clark of Belmont, who has the top time of an impressive 55 minutes.

Roberts said the appeal of the race is mostly due to it having a hometown feel. He said the race is very much the same as it was 50 years ago, and the idea was to keep it that way. It is also only \$18, making it one of the cheaper races. This year due to the anniversary each runner will get a commemorative medal to recognize five decades of the road race.

“My grandmother loved keeping it simple and giving it more bang for the buck, and just having us break even,” said Roberts. “My grandmother was famous for handing out pens, but this year being the 50th we have medals that everyone will get as commemoration that they ran it. Some racers who have done it 10 or 15 times are grand marshals in the parade. These ones definitely have gone



COURTESY

The 10-Mile Road Race, with a theme of “Go the Distance” celebrates 50 years and will take place the morning of Aug. 11 during Belmont Old Home Day.

the distance.”

Roberts said world class athletes have shown up and expressed that they would never run it again due to the intensity it takes to complete.

The race begins at 8:30 a.m. at Belmont Middle School, where registrations will take place. There is also the 30th Tioga Fun Run for children that starts at 8:45 a.m., which is a lit-

tle less than two miles.

For more information about the race, as well as Belmont Old Home Day, log onto <http://www.belmont-nh.org/belmontold-homeday.asp>.

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