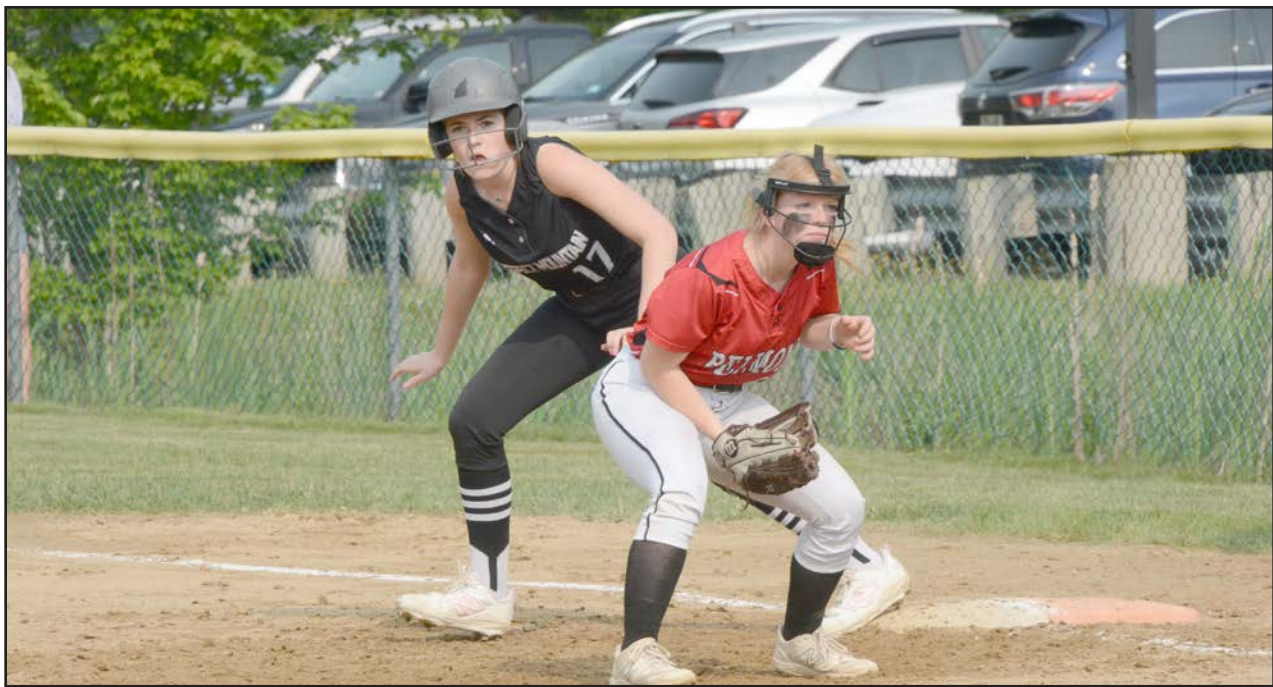


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MacDonald, Smith, Weymouth earn softball All-State honors



Madison Smith of Belmont earned Division III All-State Honorable Mention to finish off the season.

Belmont's Madison MacDonald was named Division III All-State Second Team.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor
REGION — The New Hampshire Softball Coaches Association has announced the 2025 All-State honorees and after success across the divisions for the local teams, there were many athletes earning honors for the spring season.

In Division III, Prospect Mountain's Tori Christie was named Player of the Year and was joined in earning First Team honors by teammates Kora McKenzie, Olivia Noyes and Alexis Wilson and Sadie Lydick of Gilford. Second Team honors were presented to Berlin's McKenna Kelley, Belmont's Madison MacDonald, Prospect Mountain's Paityn Gliden, Gilford's Belle Dow and Kendal Heyman and Winnisquam's Danica Weymouth. Earning Honorable Mention were Belmont's Madison Smith, Newfound's Adeline Dolloff and Gilford's Grace Kelly.

Also earning First Team honors for Division III were Paige Boudette of Hopkinton, Kimble Rose, Payton Bryson and Ava Archambault of Bishop Brady, Mattigan Williams and Abigail Gaynar of St. Thomas, Payton Blackinton and Zoey Lord of Newport and Shaylee Branon and Cainen Avery of Monadnock. Second Team was also presented to Azure Rheume, Sophia Westover and Kendall Cote of



Danica Weymouth of Winnisquam was named Division III All-State Second Team for the spring.

Fall Mountain, Amelia Anderson and Elizabeth Pelletier of St. Thomas, Dee Levesque and Sophia Huynh of Raymond, Ari Drouin of Monadnock and Aurelia Salce of Hopkinton. Also picking up Honorable Mention in Division III were Morgan Dean of Hillsboro-Deering, Sophia Romano of Trinity, Hailey Anzmann of St. Thomas, Mia Herbert of Stevens, Olivia

Knightly of Monadnock and Kinley St. Cyr and Annie Morrall of Hopkinton. Newport's Zoe Lord was named Pitcher of the Year, Chad Beede of Monadnock was named Coach of the Year and Gilford's Tom Carr was named JV/Assistant Coach of the Year. For Division IV, McKenna Locke, Grace Gris-

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Aviation Camp taking off!

REGION — WinnAero, the STEM education non-profit is ready to launch its 15th summer of aviation day camps for youth. Sessions are scheduled for the weeks of July 7-11 and 14-18 at the Laconia Airport. More than 90 students are pre-registered but

seats are still available so parents can "book their student's seat" by visiting www.winnAero.org now. Educational Program Director, Dan Caron, specifically mentions seats are still available in the High School student sessions July 14-18,

covering topics such as Aircraft Engineering, Drone Academy and AeroMedicine. The Aero Med students will participate in a SCUBA experience to simulate

the weightlessness of space while the Drone instructors are working on a community service project using drones. Engineering students will tour aviation manufac-

turing facilities as well as Pease Air National Guard Base to observe operations. All sessions qualify New Hampshire high school students for half a general educa-

tion credit on their high school transcript. Caron also pointed out seats are still open in the Middle School girls' session

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ATV crash claims Franklin man's life

SANBORNTON — On Sunday, July 6 shortly after 1:30 a.m., New Hampshire Fish and Game was notified of an ATV crash on Knox Mountain Road in Sanbornton. Along with Conservation Officers, members of the Sanbornton Fire and Police Departments responded. The operator of the ATV was a 25 year old man from Franklin. He was assessed on scene by responders and unfortunately, he had sustained a serious fatal injury as a result of the crash. The incident is under investigation, and the name of the victim is being withheld pending notification of family. No further details were available as of our press deadline for this week's edition. New Hampshire Fish and Game would like to remind riders that accidents do happen, even to experienced riders and when they do it is important to protect yourself by wearing a helmet and other safety gear.

LRAA announces July Artists of the Month



TILTON — Pictured above are the Lakes Region Art Association's Artists of the Month for July. Left to Right — Back

Right: Martha AuCoin, Jodi Rajaniemi, James Cryan. Front Row: Lisa Crosby, Barbara McClintock, and Gail Brunt.

The winning artists' artwork will be on display in locations in the Lakes Region until the third week of July.

Jodi Rajaniemi, this month's First Place winner, has the distinct hon-

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Lake Estate on Winnisquam announces executive leadership team



TILTON — The Lake Estate on Winnisquam, currently under development and set to debut as New Hampshire's most anticipated new luxury resort & spa, is proud to unveil its executive leadership team.

The 114-room independent resort, featuring a 5,000-square-foot world-class spa, is slated to open its doors in August 2025 (date TBD) in the heart of New Hampshire's celebrated Lakes Region. Located in Tilton, a charming New England town on the shores of Lake Winnisquam -- New Hampshire's fourth-largest lake -- the year-round resort & spa represents a new standard of luxury hospitality for the region. The Lake Estate on Winnisquam aspires to achieve New Hampshire's first Forbes Five-Star and AAA Five-Diamond recognition, positioning itself as New Hampshire's flagship luxury destination.

The resort's executive leadership team combines a vast array of hospitality expertise, with deep local connections to New Hampshire. Their combined experience spans decades of leadership at premium and luxury properties, world-class spas, and acclaimed restaurants throughout New England. This blend of industry excellence and

intimate knowledge of the local area positions the resort to deliver an authentic yet sophisticated experience that celebrates the natural beauty and character of New Hampshire's Lakes Region.

Ed Rocco, General Manager & Patti Rocco, Estate Manager

This accomplished and dynamic husband-and-wife hospitality team bring their combined expertise to lead a diverse team of 130-150 employees across full-time, part-time, and seasonal positions. Ed brings more than 35 years of hospitality experience to his role as General Manager and will manage all Food & Beverage operations, including restaurants, bars, and banquet services. Patti brings both local expertise and extensive hospitality management experience to her role as Estate Manager and will oversee Front of House operations, Housekeeping, and The Spa. Ed holds an MBA from Southern New Hampshire University and a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Throughout his distinguished career with Marriott International, Ed held multiple senior leadership roles, most recently

serving as General Manager for the 415-room Boston Marriott Long Wharf. His expertise spans hotel operations, sales, revenue management, and P&L oversight across mid-size and large-scale hotels. A native of New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Patti was born and raised in Laconia and Gilford. Her career includes serving as Event and Program Specialist at Marriott International and Director of Sales for the opening team at Stouffer Bedford Glen Hotel (MA). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management from the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business Administration. Both Ed and Patti are passionate leaders and are committed to delivering memorable guest experiences and fostering a collaborative culture at The Lake Estate on Winnisquam. Ed and Patti reside in Gilford.

Chef Chris Viaud, Director of Culinary Arts

Two-time James Beard Foundation Award nominee and Bravo TV Top Chef alum Chef Chris Viaud brings a unique culinary perspective rooted in his Haitian ancestry and New England upbringing. A 2024 James Beard Outstanding Restaurant

of the Year finalist and 2022 Emerging Chef Award semifinalist, Chef Viaud also competed on season 18 of Top Chef. After graduating from Johnson & Wales University, he spent his formative years at Boston's award-winning Deuxave before opening Greenleaf in Milford, NH, and Pavillion in Wolfeboro, NH to great acclaim. He lives in Belmont, NH with his family.

Joe Ouellette, Director of Sales & Marketing

Joe Ouellette brings nearly 30 years of sales, marketing, and brand building experience to his role as Director of Sales & Marketing. Having worked alongside industry leaders at some of New Hampshire's most historic and iconic properties including Mill Falls at the Lake, Joe applies his knowledge through a customer-centric approach focused on one-to-one engagement and building high-performing teams that create unforgettable guest experiences. Joe resides in Laconia, NH with his family.

Elaine Obregon, Director of Food & Beverage

Elaine Obregon brings more than 35 years of experience in hospitality, customer service, and business management to her role as Director of Food &

Beverage. A dynamic entrepreneur, she has successfully owned and operated multiple businesses, including The Devens Grill and Main Street Café. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics with an Accounting minor from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and has served on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association. Elaine resides in The Lakes Region with her family and enjoys continuing to uncover the area's natural beauty.

Martha Zyla, Director of Spa & Wellness

With more than 20 years of experience in the spa and hospitality industries, Martha Zyla is a consummate spa and wellness expert. She previously owned and operated a chain of retail stores throughout New Hampshire for more than 20 years and served as Spa Director for Cascade Spa at Mill Falls at the Lake in Meredith for more than 18 years. Martha is a member of the International Spa Association for 18 years and brings a holistic approach to spa and wellness leadership. A lifelong New Hampshire resident, Martha lives in Tilton with her husband.

John Kiely, Director of Finance

John Kiely brings more than 40 years of financial operations experience to his role, with extensive expertise

both within and outside the hospitality industry. Prior to joining The Lake Estate, Kiely spent 20 years as partner and CFO for Collegiate Hospitality Capital, LLC, which leased and managed two hotel properties for Harvard University. He also held the position of Corporate Controller for Fidelity Investments' BostonCoach Company. His extensive hospitality career includes financial leadership positions with Sheraton Hotels, Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Hilton Hotels, and Destination Hotels & Resorts.

Pam Ouellette, Human Resources Manager

With more than 30 years of comprehensive human resources experience, Pam Ouellette's distinguished human resources career spans diverse industries. Most recently, she served as Director of Human Resources at McLane Middleton, New Hampshire's largest law firm, and previously as VP of Organizational Development and Human Resources at New Hampshire Electric Cooperative. She holds a Master of Science in organizational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University and is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the New England Human Resource Association. Ouellette is

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a resident of Belmont.

Laura Steenbeke, Front Office Manager

A native of New Hampshire, Laura Steenbeke brings a blend of hospitality and travel expertise to her role leading the front office. Her career has taken her from Vail, CO to hospitality training on cruise ships and back to New England working for the Cliff House in Maine, among other properties. Through her experiences, she developed exceptional customer service skills and deep understanding of the hospitality industry. A certified travel agent, Laura has visited six continents and nearly 100 countries, giving her invaluable insights into different cultures and hospitality standards. Steenbeke resides in Concord. About The Lake Estate on Winnisquam The Lake Estate on Winnisquam represents a new standard of luxury hospitality in New Hampshire's celebrated Lakes Region. The \$90 million development features 114 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, a 5,000 square foot spa, multiple dining venues, and extensive recreational amenities designed to showcase the natural beauty of Lake Winnisquam and the surrounding area. With its commitment to exceptional service and attention to detail, the resort's design seamlessly blends modern luxury with classic New England character, offering guests an unparalleled combination of modern amenities and quintessential New England charm set against the stunning backdrop of Lake Winnisquam's pristine waters in one of New Hampshire, and New England's, most scenic locations.

The resort is strategically located to offer year-round appeal, with summer activities including boating, swimming, and hiking, while winter months provide opportunities for skiing, snowshoeing, and cozy fireside relaxation. The Lakes Region of New Hampshire is in the east-central part of the state, south of the White Mountains Region, a scenic 90-minute drive north of Boston, MA. It is named for the numerous lakes in the region home to no fewer than 273 bodies of water, the largest of which is Lake Winnepesaukee. The region has long been a traditional summer retreat for wealthy New Englanders. Today, the Lakes Region is evolving into an exclusive year-round destination offering a plentitude of activities to keep luxury travelers entertained through all four seasons. For more information about The Lake Estate on Winnisquam, visit www.thelakeestatenh.com or follow on [@thelakeestatenh](https://www.instagram.com/thelakeestatenh).

mon family are pleased to announce the 11th Annual "Jenni's Ride Around the Lakes" fundraiser, in memory of Jenni Ann Harmon.

A 2006 GHS graduate, Jenni spent her youth enjoying sports, art, music, and helping others. After graduating, she followed the vocation of serving others by registering for an EMT course with the Gilmanton Fire Department. On Dec. 14, 2006, she was driving to her final written exam and was tragically killed. She was graciously certified posthumously by the GFD. Forever determined to let her light shine on and guide others, LRSF has made it possible for the Harmon Family to grant a graduating senior in the Lakes Region a scholarship toward their education in emergency, medical, and social services, for the last 19 years.

Jenni always loved to ride motorcycles and never missed a Laconia Bike Week! To continue the tradition of Jenni's annual birthday bash, we will gather on Saturday, July 26 at the Belk-



COURTESY

Preparing for the 11th Annual Jenni's Ride Around the Lakes are (left to right) Chris Guilmett, Executive Director Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, Russ Harmon, Jane Harmon (Jenni's Parents) and Jami Harmon (Jenni's sister).

nap Sportsmen's Club in Gilford. Motorcycle registration (\$20/person) begins at 8:00am with the motorcade departing promptly at 10:00am. Non-riders may participate by attending the BBQ catered by

Lakeshore Market & Deli (\$15/person), beginning at noon, competing in the Doubles Cornhole Tournament (\$25/pair) throughout the afternoon, and participating in the silent auction, various raffle drawings, and

other games of chance! Prize item donations may be dropped off with Jane at Harmon Motors on Lakeshore Drive in Gilford by Wednesday, July 23. We also welcome tax deductible donations from anyone who cannot

attend but would like to support this cause. To donate, visit Irscholarship.org or jennisride.betterworld.org for more information and registration.

LRPC's Community Service Award presented to Sandwich's Mark Longley



COURTESY

Pictured: Shanna Sanders, executive director, LRPC; Dave Katz, vice-chair, executive board, LRPC; and Mark Longley, Community Service Award recipient.

MEREDITH — At the Lakes Region Planning Commission's 2025 Annual Meeting on June 23, Sandwich resident Mark Longley was honored with a Community Service Award. This award has been given annually since 2015 to individuals who have made exceptional and sustained contributions to their community.

In his remarks during the award presentation, Executive Board vice-chair Dave Katz noted how "Mark Longley is one of the hundreds, if not thousands, of dedicated community volunteers across New Hampshire that make a local difference...Service to one's community takes many forms. Often, it's the small things that make the biggest differ-

ence."

Since 2017, Longley has led a group of volunteers running the Wood Share program, who cut and deliver wood to the elderly, while maintaining a large store of seasoned wood at the Sandwich Transfer Station for town residents who can't afford other heating sources. Since 2022, he has also focused on

Styrofoam recycling, setting up collection bins at the Transfer Station and transporting the Styrofoam to the Gilford Solid Waste Center for processing.

The Town of Gilford

is the first New Hampshire hub location for foam collection and recycling, receiving product from other Lakes Region towns. All acceptable types of foam (#6 recycle symbol) are densified down into ingots by chopping, heating and removing the air in a densifier unit patented by Foam Cycle, LLC. The ingots are then repurposed into new materials, thereby reducing the polystyrene going into the waste stream, our waters and our landscapes.

In his announcement, Katz also noted, "Mark earned the High Watch Award from the Green Mountain Conservation Group in 2022 for his commitment to ground water monitoring and protection in Sandwich and across the Ossipee watershed."

Longley continues to collect and transport water samples from area residents to the DES laboratory in Concord for testing.


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Some of the best memories are made in flip flops

Summer is in full swing, with everyone walking around with a sun kissed glow. Apart from mild weather; lush green forests, swimmable rivers and lakes and beautiful flowers, there are significant health benefits to these summer months.

Sunlight aids in regulating our systems. During the summer months, there is a reduced rate of heart attacks. One study revealed that those who suffered a heart attack during the summer had survival rates increase by 19 percent. Vitamin D is said to play a role in protecting the heart as well as regulating calcium and phosphorus absorption.

Individuals tend to eat lighter and healthier in the summer; consuming more fruits and vegetables, which boosts our immune system. Produce is in abundance, whether it's at the local farmer's market or in our own back yards. Bring on the watermelon! The sun can also cure many skin issues, such as psoriasis, dermatitis and acne; however, this doesn't mean we can skip the sunscreen.

Summertime encourages us to get out and exercise. Getting the blood pumping creates endorphins and initiates and improves the flow of oxygen to the brain, which in turn lowers stress, and can aid in productivity in other areas of our lives. The longer days also afford us zero excuse to get out and get it done.

Because of the warmer temperatures, we automatically increase our water intake. This promotes digestion and flushes the toxins from our bodies.

Sleep disorders tend to fall by the wayside or improve during the summer due to the sun's early morning exposure. Experts say getting sunshine between 7 and 9 a.m. every morning will help you sleep better at night.

Spending time with friends, family and community increases in the summer which is key to our mental health. During summer months there are more outdoor activities that bring folks together such as band concerts, farmer's markets, campfires, which are all great places to catch up with our neighbors.

Most people tend to go on vacation during the summer, reducing stress and burnout. More and more people are realizing just how important it is to take a breather.

Summertime helps us to feel more footloose and fancy free. There is also an overall feeling of relaxation and joy, over simple things like reading a book on the front porch, sipping sun tea or the smell of fresh cut grass.

The rivers flow wildly in the mountains and the lakes remain calm for fisherman to drop a line and float about, letting all cares melt away as the sunlight dances off the small ripples and waves. Mountain summits are picture perfect with blue skies, white clouds, vibrant green trees with glistening rocks, oftentimes creating scenes that don't even look real.

Take advantage of the season and savor every moment. In the words of the great Henry James, "Summer afternoon-summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."



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For the month of June, Tilton Senior Center participants became Operation Paperback volunteers. All month gently used books, boxes, money, and time were donated to help provide books to our US active military, veterans, and military families. The Tilton Senior Center participants mailed out a total of 342 books to support this worthy cause. Operation Paperback is a national, non-profit organization, whose volunteers collect gently used books and send them to American troops overseas, as well as veterans and military families here at home. Since 1999, they have shipped more than 2.9 million books to countries all over the world. If you would like to learn more about Operation paperback visit their website at <https://www.operationpaperback.org/>. Pictured: Marie Bonnett and Nancy Newcomb.

Applied Faith

Everybody has dreams they wish they could accomplish. It could be to find the perfect job, an ideal partner; or a beautiful home. Launching a business, scoring the game-winning shot, or maybe even standing on stage with the crowd roaring. Dreams are a part of being human, and we all know there's a big difference between dreaming and doing. Between wishful thinking and what Napoleon Hill called "Applied Faith."

He thought that most people have a passive hope when it comes to their dreams. They wish for better circumstances but never move toward them. They believe, sort of—but they don't demonstrate that belief by taking action. It's like saying you trust the parachute but still refusing to jump.

Those who achieve extraordinary results don't just wish—they move. They practice applied faith. That means they believe so strongly in the outcome that they start living like it's already on the way. That kind of faith doesn't sit still. It works.

Hill thought that applied faith is not something you have or don't have; it's something you grow, like a muscle. So,

how do you develop applied faith?

It starts here: have absolute belief in your definite purpose. Not a vague hope but a precise, focused goal that sets your soul on fire. Once you lock in a purpose that you're passionate about, you'll find it much easier to take the following steps.

Build a plan. Faith needs a blueprint. It requires a calendar, a checklist, and a schedule. Applied faith isn't just saying, "I know it'll happen"—it's saying, "Here's how I'm making it happen." Even small steps become acts of faith. Faith without a plan is just fantasy, but faith with a plan—that's how dreams take form.

Next, you need to take immediate action despite uncertainties. Waiting for the perfect moment is wishful thinking because that moment never arrives. Move forward while the path is still foggy. Every step you take—even the wobbly ones—sends a message that you're serious. Courage isn't the absence of uncertainty; it's the decision to act despite uncertainty.

You're going to suffer defeats and setbacks, but even when the storm hits, keep going. That's when the real test

shows up—not when everything's smooth, but when your plans hit a wall when doors close, and when nothing seems to be working. Most people quit there. But applied faith says, "This is just part of the process." It doesn't crumble under pressure—it doubles down.

Temporary defeat isn't a failure. It's feedback. It's training. It's proof that you're on the field. Stay in the game, and your breakthrough will come.

It's crucial to surround yourself with believers and supporters. Faith multiplies in the presence of people who see your vision, even when it's just a seed. You don't need a crowd, just a few who remind you of your capabilities. Doubters drain you. But believers? They lift you. Applied faith grows stronger in the company of good people.

Faith needs fuel. Read scripture or uplifting books. Watch videos of people who've walked through fire and come out shining. Listen to podcasts that keep the fire burning inside. Put quotes on your bathroom mirror. Fill your space with reminders that your dream is on the way. When doubt knocks, let inspiration answer the door.

Express gratitude as if success is already yours. Speak it out loud—daily, confidently—as if the breakthrough has already happened. Say things like, "I'm so thankful for the opportunities lining up for me right now," or "It feels so good to be living in alignment with my calling." Begin each morning with, "Thank you for letting me achieve my dream."

Gratitude doesn't wait for results—it calls them forward.

When you apply faith directly, something powerful happens—doubt disappears. Fear dissolves and transforms into courage. And the obstacles? They start to look like stepping stones.

Applied faith doesn't sit around hoping things work out. It expects success and plans accordingly. It's not blind optimism; it's belief with a backbone.

The next time you catch yourself dreaming, turn that vision into a plan. Turn that plan into action. And back it all with unshakable faith—not the kind that waits for a miracle, but the kind that moves like the miracle's already on its way.



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NH Boat Museum, Blue Bistro launch “Into The Blue” summer cruise & dining experience

LACONIA — The New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) has launched a special summer collaboration with The Blue Bistro at The NASWA Resort: ‘Into The Blue.’ This unique experience invites guests to enjoy Lake Winnepesaukee with an evening cruise aboard the Miss Lauren, followed by a lakeside dinner at The Blue Bistro.

“ ‘Into The Blue’ is more than just a boat ride and dinner—it’s a celebration of the lake’s heritage and the spirit of summer in New Hampshire,” said Devon Kurtz, Executive Director of NHBM. “Whether you’re marking a special occasion or simply seeking a relaxing night on the water, this collaboration brings together the best of boating and dining in one unforgettable evening.”

The one-hour scenic cruise takes place this summer on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings on the Miss Lauren, a crafted replica of a classic Hacker Craft boat. The journey begins at 5:15 p.m. from the NASWA



Dock at 1086 Weirs Blvd., Laconia. Complimentary parking is available in the two-level guest lot across the street, and guests may arrange a golf cart shuttle by calling NASWA’s front desk in advance.

After the cruise, guests will step directly into The Blue Bistro, renowned for its cuisine and “stunning” views of Lake Winnepesaukee.

“The evening offers the perfect pairing of

classic boating tradition and exceptional dining, creating a memorable experience for both locals and visitors,” added Kurtz. “With the growing popularity of Lake Winnepesaukee as a des-

tination, this partnership offers a new way to experience its beauty and hospitality.”

For reservations and more information, please visit nhbm.org.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits, engaging programs, and

events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is partly sponsored by Home Comfort, North Water Marine, Goodhue Boat Company, Belletetes, Eastern Propane and Oil, Kingswood Press and Design Studios, and Watermark Marine.

“Little Shop of Horrors” brings Skid Row to Winnepesaukee Playhouse



Ashley Meeken portrays Audrey in the upcoming professional season production of “Little Shop of Horrors” at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse.

MEREDITH — “Don’t feed the plants” will be the mantra around the Winnepesaukee Playhouse when the musical “Little Shop of Horrors” opens on July 11.

“Little Shop of Horrors” is based on the cult classic film directed by Roger Corman, with a screenplay by Charles Griffith, and was turned into a musical by Howard Ashman (book and lyrics) and Alan Menken (music). Ashman and Menken are also the musical team who wrote Disney’s “The Little Mermaid,” “Beauty and the Beast,” and “Aladdin.” The musical premiered Off-Broadway in 1982 before moving to the Orpheum Theatre Off-Broadway, where it had a five-year run, winning several awards including the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, the Drama Desk Award

for Outstanding Musical, and the Outer Critics Circle Award. It has had many successful New York revivals and was made into a film starring Rick Moranis.

A hilarious mashup of science fiction, horror, and musical theatre, this nostalgic classic blends Motown and rock-n-roll to tell the story of underdog Seymour Krelborn who attempts to win the attention of his true love – even if it costs him a little blood! This heart-

warming but silly musical romp has devoured the hearts of audiences around the world—and now it’s coming for you!

The Playhouse’s production features local favorite Ashley Meeken as the object of Seymour’s affection, Audrey. Newcomer Jason Sekili plays Seymour, and Charles Baran,

Najm Muhammad, Angeliq Pierre, Arin Francis, Dejah Faulkner, and Dustin Teuber round out the cast. It is directed by Timothy L’Ecuyer with music direction by Michael Ursua and choreography by Chloe Kounadis. Veteran Playhouse scenic designer, and three-time Emmy Award-winner Melissa Shakun designed the set, with lighting by Tyson W. Miller, costumes by John Beltre, and sound design by Rory Shea.

“Little Shop of Horrors” is generously sponsored by Northeast Mill Services and Lakes Region Community College. Tickets are available at www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org.

Local student named to Dean’s List at Saint Michael’s College

COLCHESTER, Vt. — Chance Butler of Sanborn-ton was named to the Dean’s List at Saint Michael’s College for the Spring 2025 semester. Students who complete at least 12 credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in a particular semester are cited on the Dean’s List for that semester. About Saint Michael’s College Saint Michael’s College, founded in 1904 on principles of social justice and leading lives of purpose and consequence, is a selective, Catholic college just outside Burlington, Vermont, one of the country’s best college towns. Located between the Green Mountains and Lake Champlain, our closely connected community guarantees housing all four years and delivers an internationally respected liberal arts education, preparing students for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives. Young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to lead with empathy and professionalism, and to be responsible for themselves, each other, and their world.

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ter in Moultonborough, the Summer Nature Talks are presented every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. during the months of July and August. All programs are free admission. For over 40 years the Loon Preservation Committee has worked to preserve the common loon and its habitat in New Hampshire through monitoring, research, education, and management activities.

Next Thursday, July 17, Joe Callanan presents “Black Bears.”

Held at The Loon Center

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Loon Center: From Route 25 in Moultonborough, turn onto Blake Road at the Central School. Go one mile to the end and turn right onto Lee’s Mill Road. The Loon Center will be on your left! For more information, call the Loon Center at (603) 476-5666.

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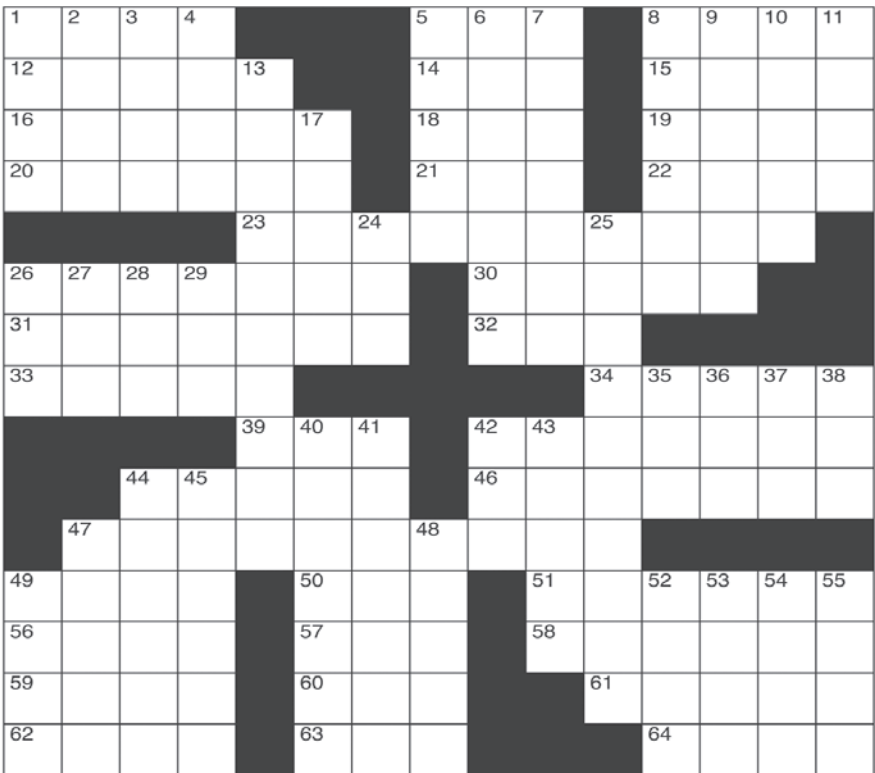
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CLUES ACROSS

1. 50 percent

5. Records electric currents

8. Charlize Theron flick “__ Flux”

12. More frosty

14. Disfigure

15. Sky color

16. A thoroughfare in a town or city

18. Actress de Armas

19. Spend time in a relaxed way

20. California peak

21. Lodging option

22. Small amount of a thing

23. Expresses sorrow

26. Keeps an ear warm

30. Babies (Spanish)

31. A conceited and self-centered person

32. No seats available
33. Pouches

34. Hip joints

39. A place to bathe

42. Evading

44. Minute, one-celled unit

46. Losing one’s hair

47. A country in W Africa

49. One point north of northeast

50. Pointed end of a pen

51. Extreme

56. Norse personification of old age

57. Doctors’ group

58. Member of U.S. Navy

59. Mens’ fashion accessories

60. A way to allow

61. Gloomy

62. Grads wear one

63. Between south and southeast

64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

1. Snakes do it

2. Hormone

3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey

4. Fixed charges

5. Electronic communication

6. Artilleries

7. “Strangers on a Train” actor Farley

8. Burning

9. Makes ecstatically happy

10. Greek liqueurs

11. Tropical Old World tree

13. Someone who takes vengeance

17. Style of cuisine

24. Select

25. Immunized against disease

26. Old world, new

27. Honorable title (Turkish)
28. Court case: __ v. Wade

29. Supervises interstate commerce

35. Not divisible by two

36. Twelve

37. Commentator Coulter

38. Encourage

40. Plumbing fixtures

41. Early

42. One point north of due east

43. King of Thebes

44. Short-tailed martens

45. Impose a penalty on

47. Consort of Poseidon

48. A way to lessen

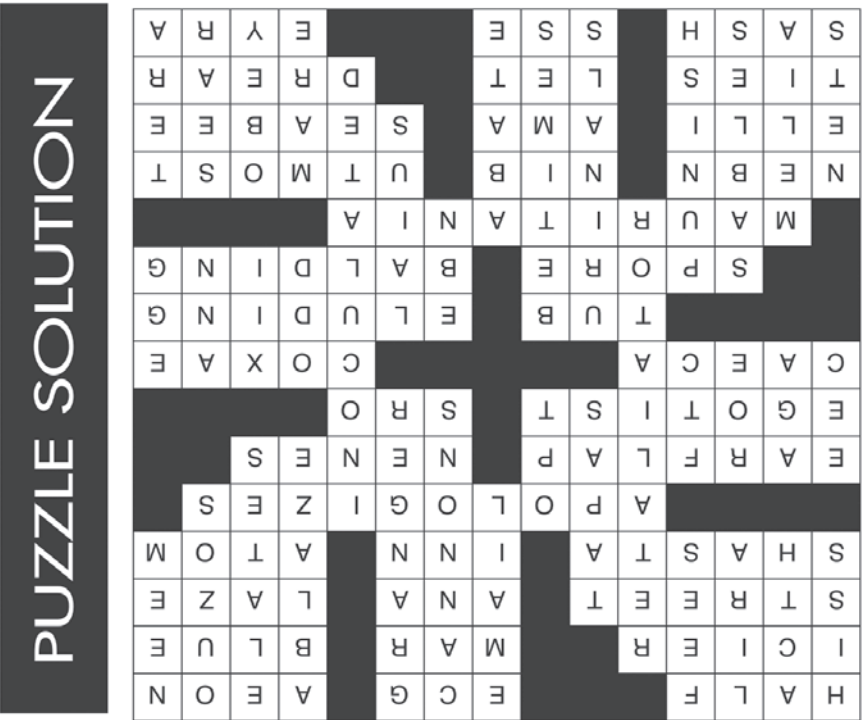
49. Brooklyn hoops team

52. Female of a horse

53. Do as one is told

54. A way to prepare meat

55. Unit of measurement



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wold and Paige Royer of the champion Woodsville Engineers and Lauren Grinavic of Moultonborough all earned First Team honors. Second Team honors went to Moultonborough’s Beyla Rudolph, Littleton’s Rylee Hampson, Woodsville’s Makayla Walker and Katie Houston, Lin-Wood’s Mackenna Mack and Groveton’s Kaycee Chappell. Honorable Mention went to Groveton’s Kandrah Savage and Mylee Kenison, Lin-Wood’s Kate Clermont, Lisbon’s Meredith Barnes and Bailey Clark, Littleton’s Leah Poulton, Mary Donahue and Avah Lucas and Moultonborough’s Evelyn Buy, Samantha Nagle and Madison Hart.

Also earning First Team honors for Division IV were Kierra Souphakhot of Newmarket, Alex Penney of Pittsfield, Lily Cornell of Franklin, Lexi Santamaria of Colebrook, Callie Hansen of Epping, Alyvia Jaimes of Pittsburg-Canaan, Lexi Jordan of Portsmouth Christian and Taylor Goodspeed of Sunapee.

Second Team was also presented to Bella Laflamme of Franklin, Paige Sweitzer of Newmarket, Lila Perry of Colebrook, Aubrey Marcheterre of Epping, Mar-

CAMP

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ion Spurr of Portsmouth Christian, Janessa Hodge of Pittsburg-Canaan, Ashley Clark of Pittsfield and Jadynn Rajda of Newmarket.

Bringing home Honorable Mention were Arlyn Dorman and Samantha Samson of Colebrook, Rachel Mazzone of Epping, Olivia Semprini of Newmarket, Hannah Cartier of Nute, Shelby Godin, Rylee Phillips and Sienna Grondin of Pittsburg-Canaan, Alivia Lavigne of Pittsfield and Emma Reed of Sunapee.

Alyvia Jaimes of Pittsburg-Canaan was named Player of the Year, Lily Cornell of Franklin was named Pitcher of the Year, Moultonborough’s Madison Greene was named Coach of the Year and Amanda Merrill of Pittsburg-Canaan was named JV/Assistant Coach of the Year.

In Division II, Avery Gregory, Lily Scott and Adriane Teves of the champion Kingswood Knights earned First Team honors while their teammate Rheegan Swift, Kennett’s Makenna Noyes and Plymouth’s Emily Perras each earned Honorable Mention.

Joining the three Knights with First Team honors were Kate Michaud, Aliza Parks and Gracy Spirito of Oyster River, Haile Comeau and Kylie Bieniek of Coe-Brown, Ava Rivers of John Stark, Phoebe

Hood of Sanborn, Taylor Ouellette of Bow, Kayla Smith and Caydence Allberg of Merrimack Valley, Ava Kaercher of Lebanon and Katie Fluet of Campbell.

Second Team honors went to Avery Moore and Sydney Borges of ConVal, Kira Linstad of John Stark, Kaitlyn Durfee of Laconia, Isabelle Brandt and Eva York of Souhegan, Aubrin Berger of Pelham, Haley Hebert of Campbell, Ally Tessier of Pembroke, Madison Oppold of Bow, Hannah Lambert of Sanborn, Kaiya Mercier of Oyster River, Addison Coffin and Reilly West of Coe-Brown and Arabelle Danforth of Milford.

Joining the three local girls in earning Honorable Mention were Katie Lorenz of John Stark, Kinley Moore of ConVal, Mya Combs and Molly Miles of Milford, Morgan Trela of Oyster River, Kaydence Stinson of Laconia and Morgan Clouthier of Pembroke.

Merrimack Valley’s Kayla Smith was named Player of the Year, Ava Kaercher of Lebanon was named Pitcher of the Year, Kevin O’Brien of Merrimack Valley was named Coach of the Year and Seth Little of Pembroke was named JV/Assistant Coach of the Year.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

ARTISTS

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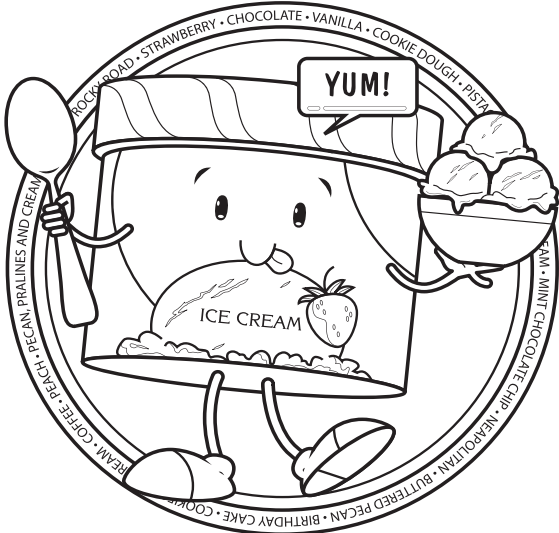
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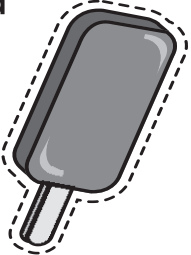
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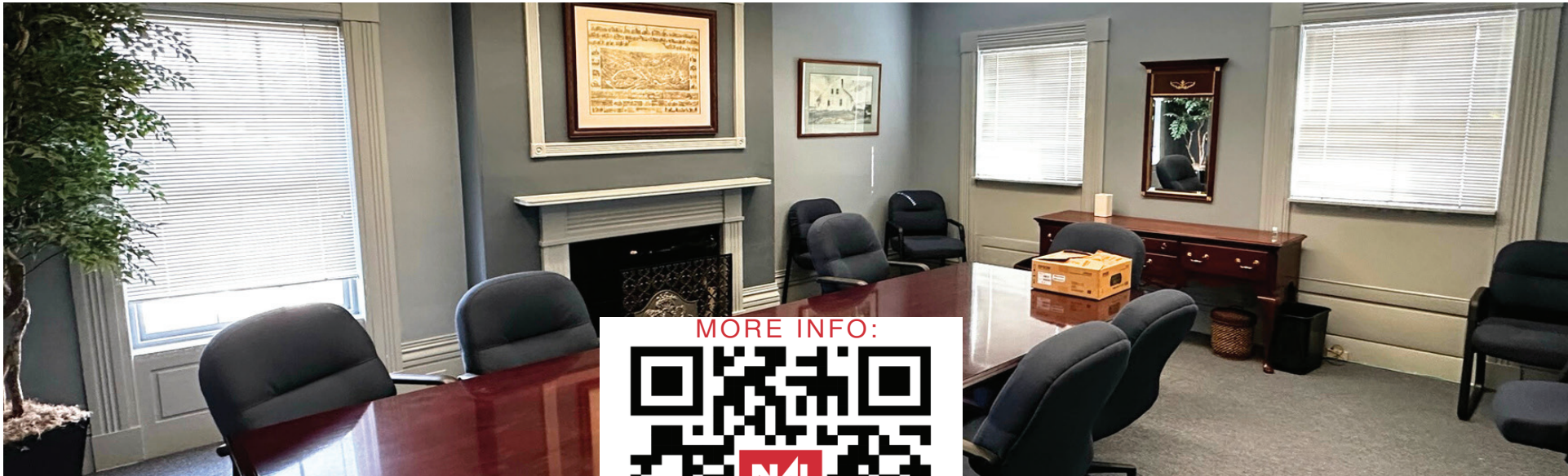
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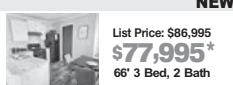


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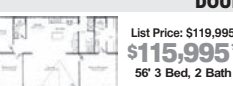


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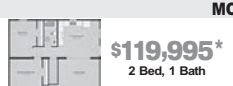


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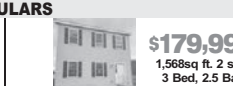
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Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that Madyson Haskins and Evan Smith of Northfield and Sophia Braun of Sanborn-ton have been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

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