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Franklin Savings Bank grants \$15,000 to Winnisquam Youth Softball League

NORTHFIELD — approximately 80 local families, and girls ages four to 14. Currently, limited access to appropriate field space restricts scheduling, growth and consistency. These dedicated fields in Northfield to support

(Right) Left to right: Dorcas Gordon, Board Member, Franklin Savings Bank; Julie Petty, Winnisquam Youth Softball League; and Brian Bozak, President & CEO, Franklin Savings Bank.



Sanbornton Historical Society invites community to Annual Meeting

SANBORNTON — The Sanbornton Historical Society welcomes members and would-be members to our Annual Meeting Thursday, Oct. 8, starting at 10:30 a.m. We'll start with brunch, provided by our board members. 11 a.m. will be the Annual Meeting, including elections for the 2027 year. The "work" part over, we'll enjoy Attic Treasures brought, hopefully, by everyone! In the past — an 1800s tiny-envelope (made it through the mail back then) from a would-be Tilton suitor to an Abbott family young lady. A document found under an attic floorboard in one of our very old Sanbornton houses caught attention. Hmm, what else? Sometimes it's a "what's it?" because it's some-

thing we no longer need / use. An Andover Historical Society visitor brought his collection of Native American finds, and an amazing, unbroken oil lamp pulled out of a lake!

We welcome all to Lane Tavern, 520 Sanborn Rd., Route 132, Sanbornton. Our historical society's aim is to promote interest in and understanding of the history and development of the Town of Sanbornton, established in 1770. Web site: www.LaneTavern.org. Membership is possible through the Website or in person at Annual Meeting.

New to town? Please come and join us! Call Lynn at 603-934-6486 with any questions.

Desrochers, Abbott pace Bears in Moultonborough

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MOULTONBOROUGH — For the third time this season, the Winnisquam boys' cross country team finished a meet in second place by just one point, this time at the John Eisner Invitational at Moultonborough Academy on Wednesday, Sept. 23. The Bear girls finished in a tie for second place with Inter-Lakes, losing out on the tiebreaker by one spot to finish in third on the day.

Cullen Desrochers led the way for the Bear boys with a second place finish in a time of 17:57 with Lazar SEE WINN XC, PAGE A11



Eloise Abbott led the Winnisquam girls during the John Eisner Invitational last week in Moultonborough.



Penelope McSweeney runs for Winnisquam during last week's race in Moultonborough.

\$5,000 awarded to Sanbornton Public Library through FSB Fund for Community Advancement

SANBORNTON — Franklin Savings Bank recently granted \$5,000 to the Sanbornton Public Library to support the preservation of an outdoor space for library programs and to connect kids to nature.

The Sanbornton Public Library is undertaking a community-focused project designed to preserve a beloved historic maple tree while enhancing outdoor educational opportunities for local children and families. Grant funding will go towards hiring a professional arborist to help



Rebekka Mateyk, Director, Sanbornton Public Library, and Brian Bozak, President & CEO, Franklin Savings Bank.

prolong the life of the tree, which serves as a centerpiece for the library's outdoor programming space and community events.

"Community libraries play a vital role in bringing people together, inspiring lifelong learning, and creating opportunities for children and families to connect with their communities," explains Brian Bozak, President & CEO, Franklin Savings Bank. "We are proud to support the Sanbornton Public Library's efforts to

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Public invited to upcoming information sessions on proposed Fire District facility

TILTON/NORTHFIELD — At the Tilton-Northfield Fire District’s annual District Meeting in March of 2026, voters approved Warrant Article 4 for the purpose of funding design, engineering, and architectural fees associated with the construction, addition, and/or renovation of a fire station or fire stations.

Following the vote, the District sent out two separate Requests for Proposal for professional services related to the project. We are pleased to announce that the District has entered into agreements with two firms to assist us in moving this project forward. On June 18, the Fire Commission voted to partner with Sheer McCrystal Palson Architecture (SMP) for Design and Engineering services.

Since its founding in 1983, SMP Architecture has focused on municipal and non-profit projects that support and enhance New Hampshire’s communities. We team with our clients in the design of high-performance buildings for emergency services, public libraries and adaptive re-use of our aging buildings and are excited to bring our expertise to the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department.

On Aug. 17, the Fire Commission voted to partner with Bonnette, Page & Stone Corp. (BPS) for Construction Management Services. Bonnette, Page & Stone Corp., based in Laconia since 1969, has been selected as Construction Manager for the proposed new fire facilities. BPS has a deep history of managing and constructing municipal facilities throughout the state of New Hampshire. Their team is excited to be on board and looking forward to compiling estimates, schedules, and safety plans ahead of the Spring 2027 District vote.

The District has been busy working with both firms on designing a new headquarters facility to replace our current station on Center Street, which is approximately 160 years old. A smaller addition is also planned adjacent to our current substation on Park Street. We look forward to sharing the designs with the community.

The District will be hosting two public information sessions to share the initial schematic designs with the community and give our citizens an opportunity to ask questions, provide input, and tour the current facilities. Both SMP and BPS along with the Fire Commission and Fire Department leadership will be at both information sessions.

- The second session will take place at the Park Street Fire Station, 149 Park St., Northfield, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7

The District will be providing regular updates through our website and social media, as well as hosting additional sessions in the future as the planning progresses. Please look for communications and advertisements regarding these sessions and other opportunities to learn about the project. If you cannot make the sessions, I encourage you to reach out for a tour of one or both of our stations. I can be reached by email or phone at the Center Street Station.

svalovanie@tnfdnh.gov (603) 286-4781.

We would like to thank our community for its continued support over the years. This project is the culmination of years of planning, input, and hard work by the Fire Commission, Building Committees, Firefighters, and most importantly members of the community. Input received through surveys, public information sessions, and countless conversations with residents has helped shape this project, and we look forward to continuing that process as we move toward the March 15, 2027 District Meeting.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Oct. 1 GILFORD Cross Country at Belmont; 4 Field Hockey vs. Mascoma; 4 Golf at Beaver Meadow; 3:30 WINNISQUAM Field Hockey at Berlin; 4 Friday, Oct. 2 BELMONT Volleyball vs. Winnisquam; 6:15 GILFORD Field Hockey vs. Newfound; 4 Volleyball at Plymouth; 6 WINNISQUAM Boys’ Soccer at Berlin; 3:30 Cross Country at Monadnock; 6 Volleyball at Belmont; 6:15 Saturday, Oct. 3 BELMONT Boys’ Soccer vs. Gilford; 1 Girls’ Soccer vs. Gilford; 11 GILFORD Boys’ Soccer at Belmont; 1 Football vs. Somersworth; 12 Girls’ Soccer at Belmont; 11 Volleyball at Laconia; 11:30 WINNISQUAM Field Hockey at Laconia; 3 Monday, Oct. 5	GILFORD Field Hockey vs. Hopkinton; 4 Volleyball vs. Hollis-Brookline; 6:30 Tuesday, Oct. 6 BELMONT Boys’ Soccer at Winnisquam; 4 Girls’ Soccer vs. Campbell; 4 GILFORD Boys’ Soccer at Farmington-Nute; 4 WINNISQUAM Boys’ Soccer vs. Belmont; 4 Field Hockey vs. Stevens; 4 Volleyball vs. Moultonborough; 6 Wednesday, Oct. 7 GILFORD Field Hockey at Winnisquam; 4 Girls’ Soccer at Pelham; 4 Volleyball vs. Somersworth; 6:15 WINNISQUAM Field Hockey vs. Gilford; 4 Thursday, Oct. 8 BELMONT Volleyball at Mascoma; 6:15 GILFORD Volleyball at Milford; 6 WINNISQUAM Volleyball at St. Thomas; 5:45 All schedules are subject to change.
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Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection in Belmont

BELMONT — Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Tilly Market Café at the Belknap Marketplace at 96 Daniel Webster Highway.

Join us and connect with other family caregivers, while enjoying an opportunity to unwind and have discussions rich in empathy and resources.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 85664 or visit www.granitevna.org. This program is offered at no charge.

About Granite VNA

Granite VNA is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in 72 communities across the Greater Capital Region and Central New Hampshire by providing home care, hospice care, pediatric and maternal child health services, and wellness programming. The agency has offices in Concord, Laconia and Wolfeboro. Formed through the merger of Concord Regional VNA and Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, Granite VNA has served New Hampshire since 1899. For more information about Granite VNA, visit www.granitevna.org.

Lakes Region Art Association announces People’s Choice Awards for 86th Annual Members Exhibit

TILTON — The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) is pleased to announce the People’s Choice Award winners from its 86th Annual Members Exhibit, held at the Lakes Region Art Gallery in the Tanger Outlets.

Gallery visitors selected their favorite works across multiple media. The community vote recognized outstanding pieces in three-dimensional art, acrylics, mixed media, oils, pastels, black-and-white and color photography, and watercolor.

People’s Choice Best in Show Tied for first: “Flowers in Vase” by Richard Canto

“The American West” by Lisa Crosby
3D Dimensional Art
First: “Flight Envy” by Robin Patten

Acrylics
First: “Glimmers of Gold” by Sheryl Shirley
Mixed Media
First: “The White Mountains from Vermont” by Gail Brunt

Oils
First: “Water and Stone” by Susan French

Pastels
First: “Wild Hearts” by Stephanie McQuade

Photography – Black & White
First: “A Tonal Morning” by Sherwood Frazier

Photography – Color
First: “Fire in the Sky #1” by Mike McQuade

Watercolor
First: “Winter Train, North Conway” by Marguerite Bride

The 86th Annual Members Exhibit brought together original works by LRAA members in a professionally juried show celebrating creativity and craftsmanship in New Hampshire’s Lakes Region. The exhibition was on view from July 30 through August 30, 2026, at the Lakes Region Art Gallery, 120 Laconia Road, Suite 300, Tilton.

This is an annual show so if you missed it this year watch for our 87th sometime in August 2027.

Founded in 1940, the Lakes Region Art Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting artists and fostering appreciation of the visual arts through exhibitions, education, and community engagement.

For more information, visit lakesregionartgallery.org or contact the gallery at 603-998-0029.

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Field hockey Bears battle tough with undefeated Newfound



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Newfound's Erin Matthews and Winnisquam's Gracie Makely charge after the ball during action on Friday afternoon in Bristol.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The undefeated Newfound field hockey team got on the board early against visiting Winnisquam on Friday, Sept. 25, and cruised to a 7-0 Homecoming win on Nathan Morrison Field.

Olivia Bell got the scoring started for the green and white Bears with 9:38 to go in the first quarter on an assist from Ayla Dolloff and just 30 seconds later, Dolloff scored her own goal on an assist from Jovie Robinson for the 2-0 lead.

Taelynn Hannagan scored the third goal of the game with 6:23 to go in the first quarter and Newfound had the 3-0 lead. Newfound got a nice run from Bell, with Winnisquam's Brianna Gammon making the defensive stop.

The hosts scored the fourth goal of the game with 57 seconds to go in the first quarter, as Dolloff finished off a rebound of a shot from Kyla Gallagher for the 4-0 lead and

the New-found girls took the 4-0 lead to the second quarter.

Gallagher had a shot denied by Winnisquam goalie Olivia Power, who also stopped the rebound attempt from Dolloff. Addison Todt made a nice defensive stop for the blue and white Bears and Erin Matthews sent a shot wide of the net for Newfound. Winnisquam's Harper Desrochers sent a nice ball up the field and Kylie Pike came the other way with a chance for Newfound and Power stopped a bid from Matthews.

With 9:03 to go in the first half, Bell ripped a shot on net that Power stopped but Dolloff was there to put the rebound in for the 5-0 lead. Kaylin Leisner had a solid defensive stop on a Matthews run and Newfound had a pair of corners, with Gallagher sending shots wide of the net. Iris Vieira made a good run for the Bears that was turned back by Henna Wooster-Goodwin for the hosts and Power turned

aside a bid from Robinson. Leisner and Gammon had solid defensive stops for Winnisquam and Power continued her stellar showing with a save of another Dolloff chance. Robinson sent a shot wide of the net and after a good clear from Winnisquam's Gracie Makely, Power made a save on a corner chance and Newfound took the 5-0 lead to the second half.

Pike had a chance deflected early in the third for the hosts and Power stopped a bid from Matthews. Robinson sent a shot wide of the net and Dolloff sent a nice ball



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Winnisquam goalie Olivia Power makes a save during action against Newfound on Friday afternoon.

through the crease that Kaylee Jenson cleared out of the zone. Robinson and Pike got in close with Power making strong saves and Gallagher made a good run into the zone. Matthews had a bid denied by Power and Makely had another clear out of the zone. Power also stopped a chance from Bell.

With 6:08 to go, Dolloff collected her fourth goal of the game for the 6-0 lead. Winnisquam came back with a corner with Desrochers getting in for a bid. Matthews and Pike teamed up on a chance that was denied by Power and

Hannagan sent a shot wide of the net. Power denied bids from Matthews and Pike and the third quarter ended with Newfound up by a 6-0 score.

Desrochers just missed connecting with Layla Gloddy on a chance for Winnisquam and Leisner made a solid defensive stop on a chance from Matthews. Power saved a shot from Bell and both Bell and Hannagan sent shots wide of the net. Matthews was denied by Power on a corner chance before the hosts scored with 25 seconds to go, with Dolloff collecting her fifth

goal of the game for the 7-0 win on an assist from Gallagher.

Winnisquam is slated to be in action today, Oct. 1, at Berlin at 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, at Laconia at 3 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 6, at home against Stevens at 4 p.m.

Newfound is scheduled to be at Gilford on Friday, Oct. 2, at home against Kearsarge on Monday, Oct. 5, and at Mascoma on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

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

Belmont police log

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Sept. 14-21.

Brittany Hanson, age 41, of Sanbornton was arrested on Sept. 14 in connection with a warrant.

Dennis J. Lefebvre, age 45, of Laconia was arrested on Sept. 18 in connection with a warrant.

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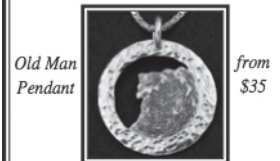
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Opinion

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It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

A field of their own

There is something meaningful about having a home field. For young athletes, it becomes more than the place where practices are held and games are played. It is where teammates become friends, where a difficult skill finally clicks, where wins are celebrated and losses are put into perspective. Years later, the details of individual games may fade, but the memories of those evenings at the ballfield often remain remarkably clear.

That is why a \$15,000 grant from Franklin Savings Bank to the Winnisquam Youth Softball League represents more than another contribution to a recreational program.

The money will help renovate a softball field in Sanbornton and build a dedicated field in Northfield for a league serving approximately 80 local families and girls ages four to 14.

For a growing youth sports organization, reliable access to fields can make an enormous difference. Without appropriate space, practices and games have to be scheduled around availability rather than around what works best for players, coaches and families. Growth becomes more difficult. Younger players may not have facilities suited to their needs. A program can have enthusiastic volunteers and plenty of children eager to participate, yet still struggle because it lacks one of the most basic necessities: somewhere to play.

The Winnisquam Youth Softball League is working to change that.

There is particular value in creating dedicated softball facilities for girls. Youth sports provide opportunities that extend well beyond learning how to field a ground ball, throw accurately or put a bat on a pitch. Players learn how to work with others, respond to disappointment, accept coaching, support teammates and keep working when improvement does not come immediately.

Those lessons matter at age 8. They matter even more at 14. And they continue to matter long after a player has hung up her glove.

There is also a community benefit that can be easy to overlook. A youth ballfield is one of those places where a town gathers naturally. Parents sit together along the sidelines. Grandparents arrive with folding chairs. Younger siblings chase foul balls. Coaches give their evenings and weekends. Volunteers rake the infield, work the concession stand and perform countless small jobs that rarely receive much attention.

Over time, the field becomes part of the community's shared geography. That is what makes partnerships between local organizations and businesses valuable. Franklin Savings Bank's contribution provides financial support for construction and renovation, but it also demonstrates confidence in a local organization trying to build something lasting for area children.

Julie Petty of the Winnisquam Youth Softball League put the significance plainly, saying the grant means players and families "feel a part of our community." That may ultimately be the most important part of this project.

Children need places where they belong. They need opportunities to discover what they can do, to learn from adults willing to teach them and to become part of something larger than themselves.

Not every girl who steps onto these fields will become a standout softball player. That isn't the point. Some will play for a season. Others may continue through high school and beyond. What matters is that each of them has the opportunity to step onto a field built with them in mind.

Someday, the girls playing there now will be adults driving past those fields. They may remember a championship game, a favorite coach, a first hit or an afternoon spent laughing in the dugout.

And they will know that their community believed they deserved a field of their own.



COURTESY PHOTO

Patrick's kicked off its 10th Annual Singer-Songwriter Contest this past Monday as part of its weekly Monday Night Open Mic series. Local and regional musicians will compete over the coming weeks for a spot in the finals and cash prizes and a recording studio session. Pictured: Finalists from Patrick's 2025 Singer-Songwriter Contest. For more information or to participate, visit patrickspub.com or email John@NHMusicCollective.com.

Apparently, winter is Tuesday

The leaves have started changing, which means somebody in New Hampshire is already worried about winter. I know because I am that somebody.

It happens every year. One morning in late September, I step outside and notice a maple tree has a little red in it. The air feels cooler. Maybe I need a sweatshirt.

A normal person would think, "What a beautiful fall morning." I think, "Do we have enough salt?"

This is ridiculous. Winter is not arriving tomorrow. But living in New Hampshire long enough does something to your internal calendar. We don't really have four seasons. We have winter, mud season, summer and getting-ready-for-winter season. We have now entered the fourth one.

You can see it everywhere. People start looking at their woodpiles critically. Is that enough? It looked like enough in July. Now you're not so sure. The same thing happens with the snowblower.

All summer, the snowblower sits quietly in the garage and nobody thinks about it.

Then you see the first brilliant red maple

beside the road and suddenly you remember that the snowblower made a funny noise last February.

What kind of noise? You don't remember.

Was it serious? Probably not.

Should you start it? Absolutely.

Will you start it today? Of course not. But you'll think about starting it for the next three weeks.

I have found that much of adulthood consists of maintaining a mental list of things you really ought to do. Clean the gutters. Put away the lawn furniture. Check the furnace. Find the ice scraper.

Bring in whatever is still sitting outside that will become permanently attached to the ground if you leave it there until January.

Every fall, I tell myself I am going to get ahead of all this. This year will be different.

I'll put everything away while the weather

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS By CHIPPY

er is pleasant. I'll organize the garage. I'll make sure the shovels are accessible instead of discovering during the first storm that they are trapped behind the lawn mower, two folding chairs and something I haven't used since 2009.

Then we get one of those glorious October afternoons. The sun is out. The temperature is perfect. The hills are glowing. And suddenly, preparing for January seems unnecessarily pessimistic. There is plenty of time.

This is the great New Hampshire autumn trap. September makes you nervous. October makes you complacent. November makes you pay for it. Eventually, there comes an afternoon when you're standing outside in a cold drizzle wrestling with a garden hose that has somehow become 40 feet longer than you remember. You begin questioning your life choices.

Why didn't I do this three weeks ago?

Because three weeks

ago it was 68 degrees and you were sitting on the porch. That's why.

Still, I wouldn't trade this part of the year. There is something wonderful about the gradual change. The first cool night when you close a window that has been open since June. The first morning you notice your breath. The first time you smell somebody's woodstove. The trees start turning on the hillsides, a few at first and then seemingly all at once.

New Hampshire's official foliage report late last week had the Great North Woods already showing substantial color, while the Lakes Region was still mostly green with those first bright reds appearing here and there. In other words, autumn is doing what autumn always does here, working its way down the state and giving the rest of us fair warning. Fair warning that we will mostly ignore.

Because despite everything we know, there is still plenty of time to get ready for winter. Probably. I should check the snowblower. Tomorrow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Andy Beshear — a breath of fresh air

To the Editor:

Gov. Andy Beshear (Kentucky), before a crowded Gibson's Bookstore audience, downtown Concord, elevated spirits often flagging. Ongoing false claims and Constitutional violations by Pres. Trump are such downers. Gov. Beshear was introduced by former New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch, who'd read Beshear's debut book, *Go and Do Likewise*, a quote from the parable of the Good Samaritan. "Treat others with kindness" rather than using government power for cruel acts. Gov. Lynch's questions let Gov. Beshear relate personal stories from the book. Then audience asked.

A surprising uplift for me came with an answer naming other Democratic governors who are, "as a team," preparing for our 2028 election, so crucial for our U.S. success. The best of minds can resurrect our U.S. reputation abroad and practice humanity here. Our tax dollars could be directed, as now

they are not, to good uses.

Never got to ask my question, so will here. An early question was about farmers and our food supply, barriers caused by DJT. When I taught at a Massachusetts Community College, my student Michelle C., from a black Boston inner-city, told our class that, "where I live it's easier to buy a gun than a good, crisp apple." I would ask Gov. Beshear about the plague of guns in our U.S. Unnecessary gun deaths. He'd told of violent shooting deaths at Old National Bank in Louisville, and lost life there, including of a personal friend. His book on p. 128, by then is also about Charlie Kirk's shooting death, so mentions our Constitution's Second Amendment and "the price we pay" for it. Where does he stand on the tough question of gun availability?

Sincerely,

Lynn Rudmin Chong
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Castle in the Clouds thanks community for strong support at Annual Gala

MOULTONBOROUGH — Castle in the Clouds hosted its annual Gala on September 4, 2026, to raise funds for restoration projects at the National Historic Landmark Lucknow Estate. Attended by 215 guests, the event was a rousing success, raising more than \$160,000, setting the record for funds raised at the annual Gala. The Gala is the largest fundraising event of the year for Castle Preservation Society (CPS), the nonprofit organization that manages Castle in the Clouds.

The Gala, this year themed “Gala en Blanc,” began with a cocktail party on the Lucknow Mansion lawn, followed by a family-style dinner from Celebrations Catering under the Great Waters Music Festival tent. Entertainment for the event was provided by DeeJay Shelly and her band, and guests enjoyed music and dancing throughout the evening. A live auction contributed to a significant portion of the funds raised during the event with attendees bidding on exclusive experiences at Castle in the Clouds and in the Lakes Region. Further funds were raised from event ticket sales and donations from guests and supporters of Castle in the Clouds.

Funds raised during the annual Gala are allocated toward the highest-priority restoration project at the Lucknow Estate. The



\$160,000 raised at this year’s gala will fund the reproduction of the historic entry gates and the rehabilitation of a portion of the stone walls that border the property. According to current projections, work on the gates will begin in early 2027 with the intention of completing the project in time for the opening of the new season in May.

“The success of the Gala is the collective success of our Gala planning committee, board, staff, and supporters,” said Charles Clark, executive director of Castle in the Clouds. “We always welcome the opportunity to invite guests to the estate and hosting an event like

our annual Gala attended by so many of our longest and most enthusiastic supporters is always an inspiration. This year, these supporters truly demonstrated great generosity and passion for our mission by supporting our restoration efforts.”

For more information about Castle in the Clouds or to donate to restoration projects at the Lucknow Estate, visit castleinthecLOUDS.org.

About Castle in the Clouds

As the premier historical museum in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire, Castle in the Clouds provides each visitor with a

look into the past while providing contemporary comforts to make every visit memorable. Originally called Lucknow, this breathtaking 6,300-acre property was devel-

oped in 1913 by Thomas G. Plant, a wealthy shoe manufacturer, to create a luxurious lifestyle with state-of-the-art amenities, beautiful handmade furnishings, and a

large staff to run the estate. These days, visitors come from all around the world to tour the mansion and exhibit gallery, dine in the Carriage House Restaurant or Café in the Clouds, hike miles of hiking and walking trails maintained by partner organization the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, or enjoy one of our many programs and events. Operated by the Castle Preservation Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2026, Castle in the Clouds is revered as a cultural and educational resource and listed on the National Register of Historic Places with national significance. Castle in the Clouds is also available as a fairytale wedding venue and versatile private event rental. For more information about Castle in the Clouds, visit castleinthecLOUDS.org.

STEM Career Fair for Youth open to the public



COURTESY PHOTO

Students and families enjoying the STEM Career Fair last year at Laconia Airport.

GILFORD — WinnAero, the STEM education non-profit based at the Laconia Airport, will again host its annual School Career Fair highlighting STEM subjects in aviation careers. The event will be held in the SkyBright Aviation hangar at the Airport, and is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for students and teachers and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the general public. Thanks to generous sponsors, admission is free.

Co-hosting the youth-oriented event are The Laconia Airport Authority and SkyBright Aviation. More than 40 schools have been invited to attend and between 300-400 students are expected. School buses may enter through the Aviation Way access road at Gate N. Current sponsors of the Career Fair at the \$1,000 Gold level sponsors are SkyBright Aviation, STS Aero and the NH National Guard. Bronze level \$ 250 sponsorships include AvLite Aviation and Moulison Heavy Electric. Addi-

tional sponsors include Emerson Aviation, Pratt & Whitney and NH Ball Bearing. All sponsors listed will host exhibits as will the FAA, NH Bureau of Aeronautics, The American Red Cross, the Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force Association, the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Plymouth State University, Southern NH University, Laconia Flight Academy, the US Space Force, the Aviation Mu-

seum of NH, the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the Gilford Police Department. Flight simulators will be available for future pilots to “fly.” If your school would like to attend or your business would like to sponsor or have an exhibit, contact WinnAero Education Director Dan Caron at Dan.Caron@winnaero.org. Exhibitor space and sponsorships are still available.

All-new Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland tour stops in Laconia Nov. 22

LACONIA — TCG Entertainment, the leading producer of live entertainment, announces its all-new Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland tour across the U.S. and Canada. A must-see holiday event and beloved tradition for families everywhere, Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland visits the Colonial Theatre on Sunday, Nov. 22. Tickets are on sale now at www.CirqueMusica.com. <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/39284770/cirque-musica-holiday-wonderland-laconia-colonial-theatre>

This holiday season, Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland 2026 invites audiences into a luminous world where time bends and wonder takes over. When our heroes are swept into an enchanting winter realm, they begin to rediscover something unexpected—the magic, curiosity and joy they thought they had outgrown.

Reimagined for 2026, this all-new production features your favorite holiday music and a bold lineup of breathtaking cirque acts. From gravity-defying aerialists to edge-of-your-seat acrobatics, each moment is crafted to feel more dreamlike and emotionally resonant than ever before. It’s a fresh take on a beloved tradition and unlike anything audiences have seen from Cirque Musica in its 17-year

history.

Touring cities across North America, the production brings together elite performers from around the globe to create a visually stunning and musically rich holiday experience for audiences of all ages. In select markets, guests can enhance their visit with a VIP experience, offering exclusive behind-the-scenes access, cast meet-and-greets and interactive photo opportunities.

“We wanted this year’s production to feel transpor-tive in a completely new way—something that doesn’t just celebrate the holidays but makes audiences feel like they’ve stepped inside them,” said Stephen Cook, President of TCG Entertainment and Producer of Cirque Musica.

Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland is an unforgettable experience for the entire family to enjoy – a world-class circus experience infused with the holiday classics we all love. Experience the magic live at the Colonial Theatre on Sunday, Nov. 22—and step into a holiday world you won’t want to leave. For more information on ticketing, visit www.CirqueMusica.com.

About Cirque Musica

Cirque Musica is one of the top cirque-style shows in the industry. Since its inception in 2010, the world-renowned cast has performed feats of grace, skill, and

strength to audience members worldwide. The visually stunning masterpiece of artistic interpretations combines mesmerizing acrobats, aerialists and daredevil athleticism with the greatest music of all time. Current and past productions include Cirque Musica Symphonic, Cirque Musica Querida-The Official Celebration of Juan Grabiél, Heroes and Villains, and more, Cirque Musica shows are ground-breaking productions guaranteed to thrill and captivate audiences of all ages. For more information visit, www.CirqueMusica.com

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TCG Entertainment is a leading producer of creative content for live entertainment properties and touring productions. Owning multiple intellectual properties, and partnering with top IP holders and studios, TCG has generated decades worth of live family fun and entertainment. With a laundry list of productions enjoyed by millions of audience members around the globe, TCG is the leading authority in providing brands a visionary, one-stop source for live touring and experiences. Current and past productions include DC Films in Concert, multiple productions of Cirque Musica, MasterChef Live, Rocky in Concert, A Night of Symphonic Rock, and more. www.TCGEnt.com



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Belmont, Winnisquam middle schoolers compete in Moultonborough

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor
MOULTONBOROUGH — Middle school-

ers from Belmont and Winnisquam took part in the John Eisner Invitational on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Winnisquam's Kyra Campbell finished with the win for the girls in 14:40 with Amelia Kraut-

mann of Belmont in fifth in 16:27 and teammate Brandi Hill in sixth in 16:47. Joy Saegusa of

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
Kyra Campbell of Winnisquam won the John Eisner Invitational middle school race last week in Moultonborough.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Mark Kenney runs for Winnisquam during last week's John Eisner Invitational in Moultonborough.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Brandi Hill of Belmont runs in the John Eisner Invitational in Moultonborough last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Jace Star of Belmont competes in last week's John Eisner Invitational in Moultonborough.

Winnisquam was seventh in 17:13, Belmont's Ella Starr was 21st overall in 21:26 and Belmont's Lejla Milotovek was 23rd overall in 22:15. Khloe Niolet of Belmont placed 26th in 22:31, Emma Howe of Winnisquam placed 32nd in 23:26, Braelynn Phillips of Belmont was 36th in 25:12 and Joscelyn Gloddy of Winnisquam placed 40th in 27:25.

In the boys' race, Joseph Swain of Winnisquam took second place overall in 14:37 with Mark Kenney of Winnisquam in fourth place in 14:40 and teammate Carter LaPlant in ninth place in 16:04. Sebastian Dougherty of Winnisquam was 15th in 18:16,

Belmont's Jace Star was 16th in 18:26, Belmont's Leo Cannon placed 17th in 18:32, Momo Saegusa of Winnisquam was 21st in 20:09, Alden Fioravante of Winnisquam was 24th in 20:31, Bodhi Schmooker finished in 20:38, Liam Treadway of Belmont was 30th in 21:56, Bryson Charest of Winnisquam placed 31st in 22:01, Aleksaner Gibbons of Winnisquam was 32nd in 22:18, Parker Lemay of Belmont was 33rd in 26:53, Bennett Ahern of Belmont finished in 32:07.

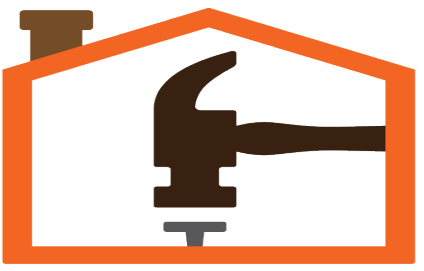
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Bears get back on track with wins over Kingsmen, Timber Wolves

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — The Winnisquam volleyball team bounced back nicely from a loss to close the previous week and started last week with a 3-0 win over visiting Concord Christian on Monday, Sept. 21, 25-10, 25-19, 25-15.

“It was nice to see us bounce back tonight after a tough loss on Friday, with everyone contributing to the win,” said coach Mark Dawalga. “We are still working on a lot of little things every day in practice and to see it start happening in games is exciting to see.”

Winnisquam went on the road to Mascenic on Tuesday, Sept. 22, and dropped a 3-0 decision to the Vikings.

“This was a great game

for us to learn by,” noted Dawalga. “The atmosphere was intense and it really felt like a playoff game on the road.”

“I really like how we battled all night,” he added, noting the third set score was 31-29. “One thing I know is this team will work hard every day in practice to make corrections that we need to make.”

Sophie Fair had eight kills, 10 digs and two aces and Danica Weymouth had two kills, six digs and two aces to help lead the offense while Alissa Jean, Abby Meunier, Autumn Sarette, Eila Petty, Claire Hart, Alanna Cruz, Aaylah Cartier and Kenzie Nelson played well on the defensive side of the ball.

On Saturday, the Bears hosted Prospect Mountain

for the Homecoming game and came away with a 3-1 win.

“Tonight was our Homecoming game and it did not disappoint,” said Dawalga. “Winning the first set, 26-24, was key for us to win the game I believe.”

The Bears were down 24-17 when Addison Bernier stepped to the service line and ran off eight-straight points to give Winnisquam the 25-24 lead and eventually pulled off the win.

“The energy from that game really made the gym, come alive,” the Bear coach said. “Playing in front of an awesome crowd was amazing tonight and truly made a difference.”

“This was a team win with everyone contributing,” he continued. “I was

really proud of them all sticking together and never taking a play off.”

Weymouth had 11 kills and 14 digs, Fair had 12 kills and 15 digs, Petty had three kills, three digs and a block and Cruz had two digs and two kills. Jean had

six digs, Nelson had two digs, Hart had four digs and Cartier had three digs while setters Meunier (nine assists) and Sarette (11 assists) were strong all night.

The Bears are set to be at rival Belmont on Friday, Oct. 2, at 6:15 p.m. and

will be hosting Moultonborough at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, before visiting St. Thomas on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 5:45 p.m.

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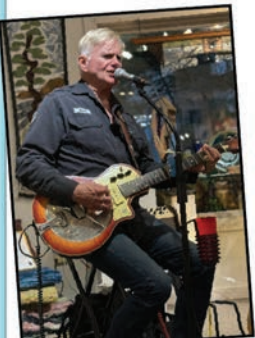
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In this class, students will needle felt a 2D Halloween scene. Using wool, a special needle for felting and fun Halloween templates, students will create a fun spooky picture approximately 5x6 inches. Then we'll slip it into a Hurricane Lantern and light it up with twinkle lights. After Halloween you can felt scenes for other holi-



days and enjoy the Lantern all year. This class is made with all experience levels in mind, so anyone from beginners to experts can have fun felting!

Tuition is \$55 per student with an additional materials fee of \$20 paid by cash or check to the instructor at the time of the class. Space is limited and

pre-registration is required. Those who wish to attend must sign up by Wednesday, Oct. 7.

To register for this workshop, please call the Meredith Fine Craft Gallery at (603) 279-7920 or stop by the gallery located at 279 Daniel Webster Highway in Meredith.

For more details, visit

our Web site at <http://meredith.nhcrafts.org/classes/> and our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/nhcraft/>.

The Meredith Fine Craft Gallery is located at 279 DW Highway, Meredith and is dedicated to the education and support of New Hampshire's fine craft tradition since 1932.

Celebrating 20 years of inspiration at 2026 Lakes Region Parade of Homes

REGION — For two decades, the Lakes Region Parade of Homes has welcomed thousands of visitors to experience the very best in home building, remodeling, architecture, and design throughout New Hampshire's beautiful Lakes Region.

This year, the Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association (LRBRA) proudly celebrates the 20th Anniversary of this signature event with exciting new features, expanded ways to experience the tour, and an outstanding collection of homes showcasing the quality craftsmanship and attention to detail that have made the Parade of Homes a must-see annual tradition.

Taking place Oct. 10 & 11, the self-guided home tour invites visitors to explore an exceptional lineup of newly constructed homes and remarkable remodeling projects. From stunning waterfront retreats and thoughtfully designed family homes to custom kitchens, luxurious bathrooms, outdoor living spaces, and cutting-edge building technology, each stop offers fresh ideas and inspiration for homeowners, future builders, and design enthusiasts alike.

What you'll discover

This year's Parade of Homes showcases an inspiring collection of properties, each with its own unique story, style, and vision. The 2026 tour features an exciting variety of homes, from Lake Winnepesaukee waterfront retreats with stunning views and seamless indoor-outdoor living to luxury estates, thoughtfully preserved historic homes, and modern townhouses and developments. Visitors will discover distinctive architectural styles, custom kitchens and bathrooms, sophisticated interiors, inviting outdoor living spaces, smart-home technology, historic renovations, modern developments, and more.

The tour also highlights the future of the building industry with a virtual tour of the Ninth Huot House, a student-built modular home created through LRBRA's Workforce Development Initiatives in partnership with the Huot Technical Center in Laconia.

New for 2026:

Virtual home tours

For the first time since COVID, select homes will be available through immersive vir-

tual tours. This allows the Parade to showcase exceptional projects that may not be able to accommodate large numbers of visitors or are located beyond the traditional tour route.

Virtual tours offer guests even more opportunities to discover innovative design and quality craftsmanship from wherever they are. On Saturday, meet the builders behind the virtual homes at the Virtual Tour stop along the route and learn more about the vision, craftsmanship, and unique features behind each home.

Help choose the award winners

Another exciting enhancement this year is expanded Parade Awards Voting.

Guests will have the opportunity to cast their votes for their favorite homes in a variety of categories, including:

- People's Choice
- Best Kitchen
- Best Bathroom
- Best Outdoor Living Space

- Best Interior Design

Award winners will be determined through a combination of evaluations from industry professionals and guest voting, creating a balanced recognition of both construction excellence and public appeal. The People's Choice Award continues to give visitors a voice in recognizing the home that leaves the biggest impression. All guests who cast their votes will be entered into a prize drawing! To participate, simply register your ticket and submit your votes online after completing your home tours.

Your tour companion:

The Free Parade App

Planning your tour has never been easier thanks to the free Lakes Region Parade of Homes App.

Available for both Apple and Android devices, the app provides everything needed for a seamless, on-the-go experience, including:

- Interactive maps and driving directions
- Builder profiles and project information
- Home photos and virtual tours
- Digital tickets
- Voting access
- Personal notes and Idea Book features to save favorite design ideas

Whether planning your route before the weekend or navigating between homes during the tour, the app keeps the entire Parade experience at your fingertips.

Building the future

The Parade of Homes is more than a showcase, it is a fundraiser supporting the future of the building industry. Proceeds help fund LRBRA workforce development initiatives, education scholarships, Tool Box Scholarships, career awareness, and hands-on opportunities for students pursuing careers in the skilled trades.

A cornerstone of these efforts is the Huot House Build Program, a partnership with Huot Technical Center in Laconia. Students in Building Construction and Plumbing & HVAC classes work alongside instructors and LRBRA industry professionals to build a fully functional modular home while gaining real-world experience in construction and the trades.

The 2026-2027 school year marks another major milestone as LRBRA and Huot Technical Center begin construction on the 10th Huot House Build. Each completed home represents an investment in students, workforce development, and the future of affordable housing in the Lakes Region.

Powered by our parade partners

The Parade would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, volunteers, builders, vendors, and industry partners. We are especially grateful to our 2026 Presenting Sponsors: Cyr Lumber, Lake Life Realty, and Meredith Village Savings Bank, along with our Gold, Silver, Bronze, and other sponsors.

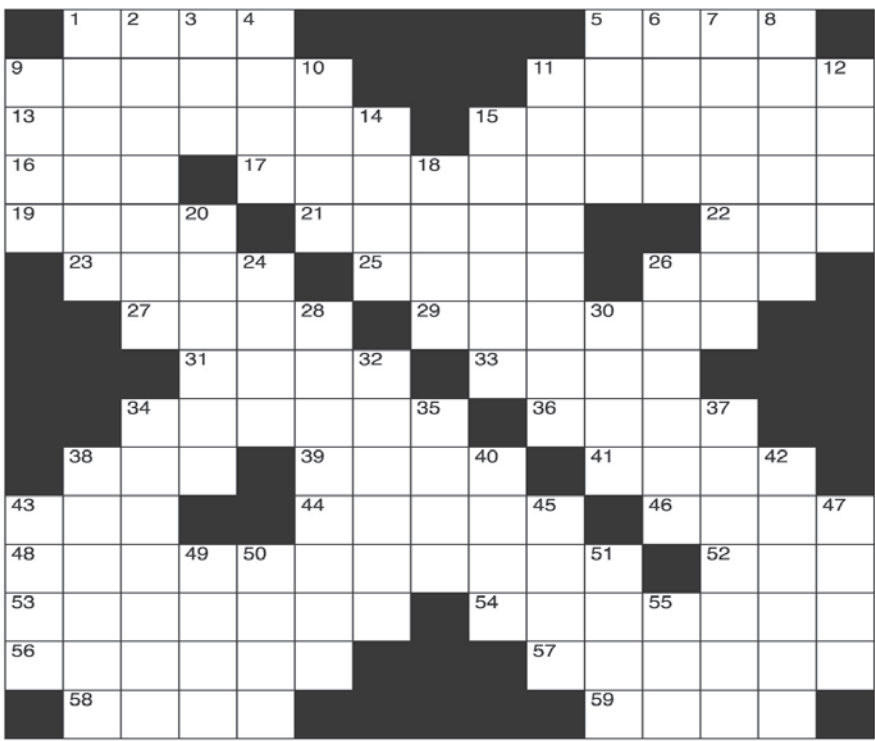
A special thank you goes to Wolfreel Visuals for capturing the homes through professional photography, immersive 3-D tours, and builder interviews, helping bring the Parade experience to life both in person and online.

Join us for the 20th Anniversary Parade

Tickets are now on sale! Tickets are \$30 per person, with guests 18 and under free. One ticket provides access to all featured homes during tour hours on both days, Oct. 10 & 11.

Whether you're planning a future project, looking for design inspiration, or simply enjoying a weekend exploring beautiful homes throughout the Lakes Region, the 2026 Parade of Homes offers something for everyone.

For tickets, tour details, and more information, visit lakesregion-paradeofhomes.com.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult

5. Coarsely ground corn

9. A group of similar things ordered one after another

11. Loved Romeo

13. Something to solve

15. Pelvic areas

16. Informal debt instrument

17. Ineffective

19. A device attached to a workbench

21. Related on the mother's side

22. "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"

23. Astronomer Sagan

25. C. Utah city

26. Turkey

27. Informal terms for money

29. Awakens

31. Those who favored Prohibition
33. Blabbed

34. Looked through

36. Rhode Island rebellion

38. A type of "cast"

39. One's duty

41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic Sun god

46. Ancient Greek City

48. Removed someone's head

52. A place to stay

53. Unwise

54. Most unnatural

56. "Dennis" is a notable one

57. Ointments

58. Examination

59. Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave

2. A state of excitement

3. Jest at

4. Sandwich store

5. Chapter of the Koran

6. Dismounted from a horse

7. Small vehicle

8. Irked

9. A disreputable man

10. Monetary unit of Samoa

11. A list of woes

12. Weight unit

14. Alone, single

15. Broadway legend Bernadette

18. Monetary unit of Serbia

20. Worn by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions

26. Students seek one
28. Hydrophilic amino acid

30. Nasal mucus

32. Branch of U.S. Congress

34. Swinish

35. Russian assembly

37. Grant an exemption to

38. Set up in advance

40. Satisfy

42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls

45. Witnesses

47. Strong insects

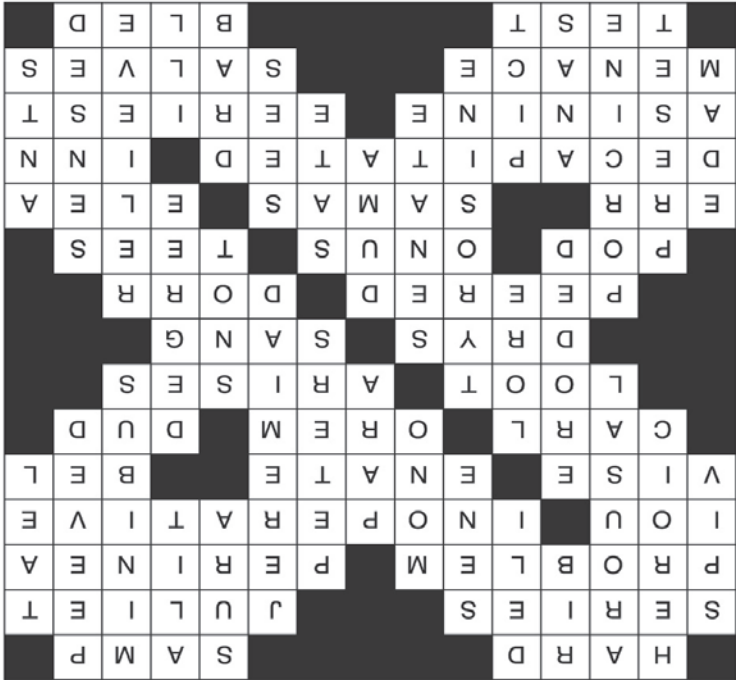
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

50. One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland

51. Cheerless

55. Unhealthy

PUZZLE SOLUTION



MVSB announces 2027 Community Calendar Photo Contest winners

MEREDITH — MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) is pleased to announce the winners of its annual community photo contest. Photos representing the greater Lakes Region, Mount Washington Valley and Seacoast areas were selected through an anonymous review process conducted by a committee of MVSB employees, Corporators and Board Members.

The winning images will be featured in MVSB's 2027 Community Calendar. Complimentary wall and tent-style calendars will be available at all MVSB branches later this fall while supplies last. MVSB offices are located in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Exeter, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, North Conway, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rochester and Wolfeboro.

“Our annual photo contest showcases the incredible variety of scenes that define life in New Hampshire, from breathtaking landscapes and native wildlife to cherished traditions and community gatherings. Judging is completely blind, but every few years one of our bank colleagues submits a photo that is selected. This year, our Commu-



COURTESY PHOTO

David LaBar's photo, "Bear with 'Do Not Pet the Fluffy Dogs' Sign," was selected for August in MVSB's complimentary 2027 Community Calendar as part of the annual community photo contest.

nications Manager, Jaron Jenkins, had a winning photo. In addition, this is the first year in several years that each month is represented by a different photographer," said Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, MVSB Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing & Experience Officer. "This year's winning photographs capture the beauty and character of the regions we serve in unique and memorable ways. We are grateful to all who shared their talent with us and look forward to featuring these outstanding

images in our 2027 Community Calendar.

The winning selections for the 2027 Community Calendar include:

- January: Sunrise on Mount Adams by Andrew Drummond
- February: Deer Couple in the Snow by Kelly Norcross
- March: Maple Sugar-

ing in NH by Robert Kozlow

- April: Keeper of the Flame by Kelly Danner
- May: Bemis Brook Falls in Spring by Jason Kennedy
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- July: Dock Life at Dusk by Sophia Lupo
- August: Bear with "Do Not Pet the Fluffy Dogs" Sign by David LaBar

• September: Wolfeboro Bay by John Gisis

• October: Sandwich Fair Ferris Wheel by Jaron Jenkins

• November: Screech Owl by Erin Rojek

• December: A Loved One Visits by Susan Francesco

MVSB accepts submissions to its annual community photo contest each spring between April and

Lakes Region VNA invites community to “Come Together” for We Care Benefit Concert

Sara Evans coming to the Colonial stage Dec. 3

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Sara Evans on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at Colonial-Laconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Multi-platinum entertainer Sara Evans is at the top of her game. As the fifth most-played female artist at country radio in nearly the last two decades — her five No. 1 singles include “No Place That Far,” “Suds In The Bucket,” “A Real Fine Place To Start,” “Born to Fly,” and “A Little Bit Stronger”. Several of those #1's spent 2 weeks in the top spot and were certified platinum by the R.I.A.A. Overall, she's had 15 songs chart in the top 20.

Sara continues to thrill audiences around the world playing over 70 shows each year. Sara's “stunning, country voice” (Rolling Stone) has earned her the prestigious Academy of Country Music Top Female vocalist accolade as well as numerous American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, Country Music Association, CMT and Grammy Awards nominations. In addition, the CMA awarded Video of the Year honors for her hit chart-topping single, "Born to Fly" from her double-platinum album of the same name. Evans' discography also includes the multi-platinum selling studio albums Real Fine Place and Restless as well as the gold-certified projects Stronger and No Place That Far. Evans is also a proud member of the Grand Ole Opry

The original owner of The Colonial, Benjamin Piscopo, was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice

as seen from the water. In August of 2002, the theatre closed after 87 years of operation. On June 15, 2015, the City of Laconia announced a partnership with the Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) to purchase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. www.colonial-laconia.com

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MEREDITH — For more than a century, Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association (LRVNA) has provided care and support to individuals and families throughout New Hampshire's Lakes Region.

On Oct. 24, the community will have an opportunity to come together in support of that work — with a little help from the music of The Beatles.

LRVNA will be the beneficiary of the We Care Benefit Concert featuring Studio Two, one of the country's premier Beatles tribute bands, on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

at Inter-Lakes Community Auditorium, 1 Laker Lane in Meredith. Local food trucks will also be available before the performance, giving concertgoers an opportunity to make a full evening of the event.

Studio Two recreates the energy and excitement of The Beatles' early years, performing songs from the pre-Sgt. Pepper era. Formed in Milford, New Hampshire, and featuring graduates of Berklee College of Music, the band brings some of the most recognizable music of a generation to the stage.

The concert is presented by the We Care Initiative of Temple B'nai Israel, and proceeds will support LRVNA's work providing home healthcare, support and wellness services to people throughout the Lakes Region.

While homecare and hospice remain at the heart of LRVNA's mission, the organization has continued to expand its services in response to the changing needs of

the community.

One example is LRVNA's Advanced Illness Management (AIM) program, which provides specialized medical and emotional support to people living with serious illnesses. Working alongside patients' existing healthcare providers, the program helps manage complex symptoms, improve quality of life and ensure that care reflects each individual's goals and preferences.

In addition to supporting individuals with serious illnesses, LRVNA also serves families during some of life's earliest and most important stages. Its Maternal and Infant Care Program brings specialized nursing care directly to pregnant individuals, new parents, infants and children with complex healthcare needs. Services range from prenatal and postpartum nursing visits and newborn assessments to premature infant follow-up, pediatric nursing care, caregiver education and complex care management.

Beyond its clinical programs, LRVNA recognizes that health and well-being extend beyond medical care alone. The organization provides counseling, resource navigation, emotional support and spiritual care through its social workers and chaplains. Through its Community Wellness Services, LRVNA further extends its impact by offering grief support, blood pressure clinics, seasonal flu vaccination clinics, exercise programs and other initiatives that promote healthy aging and community well-being.

This commitment to meeting people where they are also includes those who have served our country. LRVNA is recognized as a Level 3 We Honor Veterans partner, reflecting the organization's dedication to providing informed, compassionate care that honors the unique experiences and needs of veterans and their families.

“The Lakes Region has supported LRVNA and our mission for generations, and the We Care Benefit Concert is a wonderful example of that relationship,” said Jim Harnett, finance director of Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association. “Every ticket purchased and every sponsor who supports this event helps us continue meeting people where they are — often right in their own homes — with the care, resources and support they need. We're incredibly grateful to the We Care Initiative and everyone who will come together with us on Oct. 24.”

“This featured show will bring the Lakes Region community together for an enjoyable, top-notch Beatles musical experience that also raises vital funds for LRVNA, which does really important work here in our local community,” said Stu Needleman, committee chair of the We Care Initiative.

Tickets are \$40 and are available online and at select retail locations throughout the Lakes Region. Those unable to attend can also purchase tickets to be donated to LRVNA employees and volunteers.

For tickets and additional information, visit tbinh.org/we-care-con

June. Information about the contest and featured calendar photos can be found at mvsb.com/annual-community-photo-contest.

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About Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association

For more than 100 years, Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association has provided high-quality, patient-centered healthcare and support services to individuals and families throughout New Hampshire's Lakes Region. Today, LRVNA provides homecare, hospice care, rehabilitation therapy, Advanced Illness Management, Maternal and Infant Care, private duty services, grief support and a growing range of community wellness programs designed to help people live with greater health, independence, comfort and dignity.

LRVNA also provides year-round opportunities for Lakes Region residents to connect with health and wellness resources in their own communities. Fourteen seasonal flu clinics are scheduled in and around the Lakes Region over the coming months, along with community wellness initiatives throughout the year. Visit lrvna.org and follow LRVNA on social media for current programs, clinics and events.

About the We Care Initiative

Since 2013, the We Care Initiative of Temple B'nai Israel has provided Lakes Region nonprofit organizations with a ready-made fundraising platform built around professionally produced entertainment events. To date, We Care has helped raise more than \$460,000 for Lakes Region nonprofit organizations.

MVSB Fund grant applications due Oct 15

New annual focus area announced

MEREDITH — MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) is reminding nonprofit organizations throughout the Lakes Region, White Mountains, Mount Washington Valley, and Seacoast regions that applications for the 2026 MVSB Fund grant program are due by Oct. 15. The focus area for this year's grant cycle is food insufficiency. The MVSB Fund is seeking proposals from organizations and projects that work to address hunger, improve food access, strengthen local food security, and ensure that individuals and families throughout the communities we serve have reliable access to nutritious food.

Beginning with the current application cycle, each annual grant season will focus on one specific area of community need. By concentrating resources on a single impact area each year, the committee aims to maximize the positive re-



The MVSB Fund Committee members present the 2025 distribution last year. The 2026 MVSB Fund application deadline is Oct. 15. From left, Charley Hanson, Carmen Lorentz, Marcus Weeks, Patrick Cate and Andy Hartmann stand inside the MVSB Main Office in Meredith.

sults achieved through the program while helping a greater percentage of applicants receive funding.

Since 1997, the MVSB Fund has awarded annual

grant-based contributions to nonprofit organizations that make a meaningful difference in the lives of local residents. Over the program's history, the Fund has

awarded 621 grants totaling more than \$2.2 million to support a wide range of environmental, social, educational, cultural, and historic initiatives throughout the

communities MVSB serves.

"As the popularity of the MVSB Fund continues to grow, so does the number of deserving organizations seeking support," said Carmen Lorentz, MVSB Fund Committee Chair. "By focusing on one critical community need each year, we can make larger, more meaningful investments in the organizations addressing that issue. We also hope this approach will reduce competition among applicants and increase the likelihood that the dedicated staff and volunteers leading these important nonprofits achieve a positive funding outcome. Food insecurity affects neighbors in every community we serve, and we believe this year's focused approach presents an opportunity to make a measurable impact on a fundamental human need."

The MVSB Fund is separate from MVSB's ongoing community support efforts, which include donations, sponsorships, scholarships, and thousands of volunteer hours contributed annually by employees. The Fund specifically provides grant-based support to organizations whose work enriches and improves the quality of life throughout the region.

Over the years, MVSB Fund grants have supported literacy and after-school programs, environmental conservation and monitoring efforts, historic preservation projects, organizations serving individuals and families facing challenging circumstances, and initiatives that improve health, safety, and quality of life in local communities.

The MVSB Fund Board

seeks opportunities where a modest investment can create a significant local impact. Grant requests of up to \$10,000 will be considered, with historical awards averaging approximately \$5,000. Eligible applicants must demonstrate tax-exempt status or public agency status, a primary presence within MVSB's market area, organizational sustainability, community impact, and the ability to effectively leverage grant funding.

Nonprofit organizations interested in applying are encouraged to review eligibility requirements and application materials at the MVSB Fund Application Web page.

Applications must be submitted by Oct. 15.

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Raiders win at Farmington, second at Lake Sunapee

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Belmont golf team continued its impressive season with two more strong showings last week.

The Raiders started the week on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Lake Sunapee Country Club and finished in second place behind

host Kearsarge. The Raiders finished with 78 points with the Cougars winning the match with 86 points. Campbell also finished with 78 points but lost the tiebreaker to the Raiders and Monadnock rounded out the scoring with 77 points.

Max Ryder earned co-medalist honors on

the day, finishing with 25 points out of the second spot in the Belmont lineup. Jordan DeFrancesco finished with 19 points out of the top spot, Alex Rowley finished with 18 points from the fifth spot and Tyler Kelly and Ben Girard out of the final two spots in the Belmont lineup, each finished with 16 points,

with one of those counting toward the team score and the other serving as the tiebreaker. Jacob Akerstrom finished with 15 points from the third spot and Jasper Sottak rounded out the field of Raiders with 12 points from the fourth spot in the lineup.

The Raiders finished the penultimate week of the regular season with a trip to Farmington Country Club on Thursday, Sept. 24, and came out with the win in the four-team match. The Raiders finished with 79 points to lead the way over host Prospect Mountain

with 73 points. Kearsarge finished third with 69 points and Hillsboro-Deering wrapped up the field of teams with 60 points.

Ryder earned medalist honors out of the second spot in the Belmont lineup with 23 points while DeFrancesco in the top spot in the lineup and Akerstrom in the third spot in the lineup both finished with 19 points and Rowley finished with 18 points out of the fifth spot in the lineup to round out the scoring for the Raiders. Girard finished with 16 points from the sixth spot, Sottak had 15 points in the

fourth spot and Tyler Kelly finished with 12 points out of the seventh spot.

Coach John Mattes and his squad wrapped up the regular season after deadline on Wednesday at Canterbury Woods and will be taking part in the second annual Red Raider Miniature Golf Championship at Pirate's Cove in Winnisquam on Friday afternoon, where Girard will be looking to defend his title.

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will improve player safety and create a structured, supportive environment where girls can build confidence and skills both on and off the field.

"Investing in projects that promote youth development, healthy lifestyles, and community engagement aligns with our commitment to strengthening the communities we serve," explains Brian Bozak, President & CEO, Franklin Savings Bank. "These two fields will provide a safe, permanent home for a growing program that promotes physical activity, teamwork and leadership."

By creating reliable, age-appropriate playing spaces, the league will enhance player safety, expand opportunities for practices and games, and support the continued growth of youth softball in

the region. Beyond athletics, the new and improved fields will serve as community gathering places where young athletes can develop essential life skills such as confidence, leadership, teamwork, and resilience.

"This grant from Franklin Savings Bank has solidified our ability to financially complete our dedicated softball field for the Winnisquam Youth Softball League. However, what it really means is that our league, players and families feel a part of our community," explains Julie Petty, Winnisquam Youth Softball League. "It means that we have our own space to grow, build confidence, self-esteem and pride for years to come. We believe that our players deserve a place to call home and make lifelong memories!"

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LIBRARY

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preserve a cherished local landmark while expanding outdoor educational experiences that foster a love of reading, nature, and local history. This project is a wonderful example of how community spaces can enrich lives for generations to come."

The project also includes replacing temporary story walk signs with permanent displays, creating a more accessible and engaging experience for year-round use. In partnership with the local elementary school, the library plans to develop a nature-based educational program that incorporates the library grounds, story walk, and historic tree, encouraging children to explore reading, local history, conservation, and the natural environment through interactive outdoor learning experiences.

"Thank you to Franklin

Savings Bank for giving us this Community Engagement grant to allow us to continue to connect with the community to encourage reading, a love of nature and the library," comments Rebekka Mateyk, Library Director, Sanbornton Public Library. "Our goal is to care for a beloved two-hundred-year-old tree by hiring an arborist and building awareness of nature and the library with school children. Connecting with local schools and partnering with organizations is a way for our library to increase its impact within the community. We hope to create many partners for the stewardship of trees in our community and connection with the library to support and encourage lifelong learning".

For more information about Sanbornton Public Library, visit: <https://www.splnh.com/>

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Arbutina running to eighth place in a season best time of 19:17 and Lucas Durphey to 10th in a personal best time of 19:28. Ryan Courtney was 19th in 20:23 and Carter Lloyd finished out the scoring for the Bears with a 20th place finish in his personal best time of 20:32.

Tristan Honeman was 23rd in a personal best of 20:50, Alexander Paquette was 24th in 20:51, also a personal best, , Owen Bakis placed 26th in a season best time of 21:08, Kyren Whitmore was 28th overall in his season best time of 21:11, Kellan Hilliker was 34th in a season best time of 22:35, Tyler Robb finished in 36th place in a personal best time of 23:02, Kamdyn Reagan was 38th in a personal best time of 23:36, Luke Larrabee finished in 42nd place in 24:41, Grayson McSweeney was 44th overall in 25:15, Samuel Button placed 46th in 26:30, Andrew Paquette was 47th in 26:39 and Christopher Collins finished in 52nd

place in a season best time of 28:06.

Eloise Abbott led the Bear girls with a third place finish in a personal best time of 21:39 while Katherine Allen finished in 11th place in 24:04. Natalie Wolfe was 25th overall in a personal best time of 29:15, Penelope McSweeney ran to 26th place in 29:22 and Ariana Maxwell finished out the scoring for Winnisquam in 33rd place in a personal best time of 33:03. Salina Brown placed 38th overall in a personal best time of 40:39 to round out the field of Bears.

The Bear boys and girls both finished second overall just a couple of days later at Mascoma Valley's Homecoming meet.

Desrochers led the way for the Bears with a seventh place finish overall in 18:28 with Arbutina in ninth place in 19:11 and Durphey in 10th in 19:47. Courtney finished in 13th place in 20:02 and Lloyd rounded out the scoring for the Bears with a 14th place finish in 20:34.

Bakis was 16th in 20:43, Honeman placed 17th in

21:09, Alexander Paquette was 19th in 21:38, Whitmore was 20th in 21:52, Robb placed 22nd in 22:21, Hilliker was 23rd in 22:55, Larrabee placed 26th in 23:57, Reagan was 27th in 25:03, Alexander Mauch was 28th in 25:16, McSweeney was 29th in 25:18, Andrew Paquette was 31st in 25:59, Button placed 32nd in 26:37 and Collins was 33rd overall in 27:35.

Abbott again led the Bear girls with a second place finish in a time of 21:53 and Anna Guerra finished in 12th place in 27:13 and McSweeney was 13th overall in 29:34. Wolfe finished in 15th place in 30:35 and Maxwell rounded out the scoring with a time of 33:09 for 16th place and Brown finished out the field of Bears with an 18th place finish in 41:09.

The Bears will be in action again on Friday, Oct. 2, at Monadnock's Moonlight Madness at 7 p.m.

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Raiders run in John Eisner Invitational

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MOULTONBOROUGH — The Belmont cross country team took part in the John Eisner Invitational at Moultonborough Academy on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Jenna Laramie led the Raider girls with a 17th place finish overall in 26:43 with Lyla McSheffrey right behind in 18th place in 26:47. Zoe Perlet finished in 23rd place in 28:20 with Neala Murphy in 24th place in 29:11. Violet Smith rounded out the scoring for the Raiders with a 28th place finish in 30:28. Allieanna Steele was 31st overall in 31:59 and Sara Milotovic was 35th in 33:55 to finish out the field of Raider girls.

For the boys, Brodie Henry finished in fifth place



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Jenna Laramie (left) and Lyla McSheffrey run in the John Eisner Invitational in Moultonborough last week.

overall in a time of 18:45 with Sean Andrews placing seventh in 19:13 and Daniel Tripp in 54th place in 28:17.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Zoe Perlet crests the hill during action at Moultonborough last Wednesday afternoon.

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