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The Concord Hospital Trust partnered with volunteers from throughout Concord Hospital Health System and the community, including Dr. Paul Racicot and Boomer's Barbeque, to host the Bridge to Recovery walk in 2025. The event raises money to help patients access services and resources that support them throughout their recovery.

FRANKLIN — Concord Hospital Health System (CHHS) invites community members to come together in support of individuals and families affected by mental health and substance use disorders at the annual Bridge to Recovery Walk, taking place Sunday, Sept. 20 at Concord Hospital – Franklin.

The approximately two-mile walk brings together people in recovery, their families and friends, healthcare professionals, community members, and supporters to raise awareness and funds for mental health and substance use disorder programs and services at Concord Hospital – Franklin and Concord Hospital – Laconia. The

event will also feature live music, a patient speaker, and a complimentary pancake breakfast prepared by Dr. Paul Racicot and Boomer's BBQ.

Event Coordinator Heidi Smith. "Every person who walks, donates, volunteers, or sponsors this event helps create a visible community of support around our

patients and families. It's an uplifting morning that reminds us how much can happen when a community comes together with compassion and a shared

purpose." In 2025, the Bridge to Recovery Walk raised more than \$50,000 for

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Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection in Belmont

BELMONT — Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 9:30 to 11 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.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
 Sports Editor
 BRISTOL — The Winnisquam volleyball team kicked off the new season with a solid 3-1 win over Newfound on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

"Tonight was a very good road win as we are still working on everyone's

new roles," said coach Mark Dawalga. "We still have lots to work on as we continue to grow as a team."

Danica Weymouth finished with 12 digs, three kills and five aces, Sophie Fair had four digs, four kills and three aces, Claire Hart had seven kills and

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McQuade Fine Arts offers two Fall studio classes in Tilton

TILTON — McQuade Fine Arts will offer two five-week studio classes this fall at the Lakes Region Art Gallery in Tilton, both taught by juried artist Stephanie C. McQuade. Watercolor Workout and Pastels Beyond Basics begin Tuesday, Oct. 6. Each course is \$200, and space is limited.

Watercolor Workout meets on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon for five consecutive weeks. The class is designed for painters who have finished a beginner watercolor course or completed substantial online practice but are not yet ready for intermediate-level work. Sessions combine guided exercises, live demonstrations, and painting time with real-time feedback. The goal is to build confidence, strengthen techniques, and keep students painting with support in the room.

Pastels Beyond Basics also runs for five consecutive weeks beginning Oct. 6, with sessions starting at 1 p.m. Week one reviews papers, pastels, mark-making,



and tonal exercises. For the remaining four weeks, students bring their own reference photos, sketches, or ideas and work toward a finished piece with personalized

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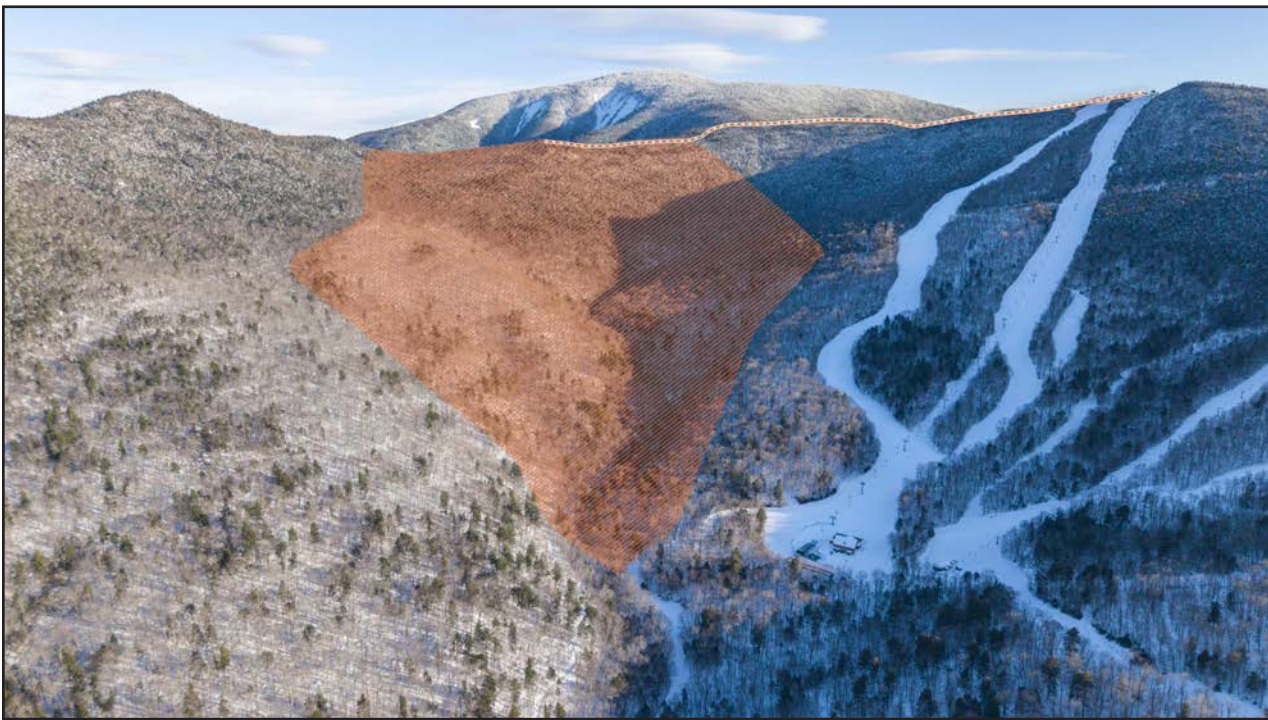
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Expansion will make Loon largest ski area in New Hampshire



LINCOLN — Loon Mountain Resort will become the largest ski resort in New Hampshire with the addition of Black Ridge, a 272-acre expansion of expert-only, in-bounds tree-skiing. The expansion will increase the resort’s total skiable terrain by 67 percent, from 403 acres to 675 acres, when Black Ridge is slated to open in winter 2027-2028.

Located off North Peak, the resort’s tallest peak, Black Ridge’s skiable terrain will feature expansive areas with dense pine forests, steep gullies, and open hardwood glades. “Black Ridge gives our most advanced guests something genuinely different — real forest character, inside our boundary, without losing what makes

this terrain wild,” said Brian Norton, President and General Manager of Loon Mountain Resort.

Loon currently maintains 35 acres of in-bounds tree-skiing. Black Ridge adds 272 more — bringing the total to 307 acres, nearly eight times what the resort maintains today.

Different on purpose Getting there will be part of the experience. Guests will access the gated entrance to Black Ridge via the North Peak Express Quad. From there, skiers and riders will traverse up to 1.25 miles east where some hiking may be needed. Skiers and snowboarders can choose their own route through the vast forest, with the terrain eventually bringing them back to lift access at North Peak.

The experience at Black Ridge will be unlike any other at Loon. “Black Ridge isn’t for everyone, and that’s the point,” said Norton. “It’s a true rugged experience — natural and raw, unlike anything else we maintain at Loon today.”

Primarily west-facing, the terrain at Black Ridge has a vertical drop of 1,350 feet and reaches 2,850 feet in elevation at the summit. This area will rely on natural snow conditions, with no snow grooming or snowmaking.

A forest partnership The Black Ridge expansion is a collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service, following an approved expansion to Loon’s Special Use Permit Boundary within the White Mountain

National Forest. The resort is focused on maintaining the area’s natural character while preparing the glades for skiing and snowboarding, a reflection of its commitment to improving the on-mountain experience while respecting the natural habitats and landscape of the area.

No additional chairlift access is planned for the area, with on-mountain work for Black Ridge slated to begin in early 2027.

About Loon Loon Mountain Resort, New England’s most-accessible mountain destination, is located in New Hampshire’s White Mountains just two hours north of Boston. Consistently rated one of the most accessible mountain resorts in the East, Loon offers skiers

and snowboarders 2,190 feet of vertical, three peaks of terrain variety, and a full progression of award-winning terrain parks. Loon also offers plenty of exciting four-season activities, including downhill mountain biking, scenic gondola rides, glacial caves, ziplines, and more.

resort company in North America, and is located in the White Mountain National Forest, operating in partnership with the USDA-Forest Service.

COURTESY PHOTO

With the addition of Black Ridge glades, Loon Mountain Resort will become New Hampshire’s largest ski area in the 2027-2028 season.

Concord Hospital Medical Group expands local primary care access for Franklin residents



Dr. Alynna Perez

FRANKLIN — Concord Hospital Medical Group (CHMG) is pleased to welcome Alynna Perez, MD, to Concord Hospital Primary Care – Franklin, where she is accepting new patients and providing comprehensive primary care services to patients of all ages.

Dr. Perez provides preventive care, acute care, and chronic disease management, partnering with patients and families to support their health and well-being throughout all stages of life. Her family medicine training includes extensive experience in adult medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, and newborn care, as well as office-based procedures.

Prior to joining CHMG, Dr. Perez completed her family medicine residency at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Maine. She earned her medical degree from De La Salle Medical and Health Sciences Institute in the Philippines and previously practiced as a general practitioner and occupational health physician in hospital and workplace clinic settings in the Philippines.

Dr. Perez is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and has contributed to clinical education related to preventive care and women’s health.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit <https://www.concordhospital.org/>.

Laconia Adult Education Fall 2026 Class Schedule

Course Title	Day(s)	Start date	Start Time	End Time	# weeks	Cost	Location	Instructor Name
Health & Wellness								
Freedom Through Forgiveness	Thu	11/19/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
Introduction to Spiritual Energies	Thu	10/8/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
Meditation 101	Thu	11/5/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
What are Angels & How to Communicate w/them	Thu	10/22/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning (Tues & Thurs) Session 1	Tue, Thu	9/29/26	5:00 pm	6:15 pm	4	\$50.00	ctc-H141	Bonnie Morin
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning (Tues & Thurs) Session 2	Tue, Thu	10/13/26	5:00 pm	6:15 pm	4	\$50.00	ctc-H141	Bonnie Morin
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning (Tues & Thurs) Session 3	Tue, Thu	11/10/26	5:00 pm	6:15 pm	4	\$50.00	ctc-H141	Bonnie Morin
Beginner East Coast Swing	Wed	9/30/26	5:45 PM	6:45 PM	4	\$95.00	LHS-Café	Juli Pruden
Beginner Country Two-Step	Wed	9/30/26	6:45PM	7:45PM	4	\$95.00	LHS-Café	Juli Pruden
Beginner Cha Cha	Wed	9/30/26	6:45PM	7:45PM	4	\$95.00	LHS-Café	Juli Pruden
Learning a skill								
Basic Woodworking*	Thu	10/1/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	8	\$110.00	517	Wes Anderson
Dog Obedience: Advanced	Wed	9/30/26	7:00 pm	8:00 pm	8	\$75.00	WHS-Gym	Carolyn Bancroft
Dog Obedience: Beginning	Wed	9/30/26	6:15pm	7:15pm	8	\$70.00	WHS-Gym	Carolyn Bancroft
Open Shop Woodworking	Tue	9/29/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	10	\$110.00	517	Ed Philpot
Intro to Intermediate Woodworking	Wed	9/30/26	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	10	\$120.00	517	Ed Philpot
Diploma Classes*								
Physical Science	Mon	9/14/26	5:30pm	8:30 PM	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-901	J. Lacroix
English	Tues	9/8/26	6:00pm	9:00pm	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-603	P. Mignanelli
The Odyssey	Wed	9/9/26	6:00pm	9:00pm	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-304	T. Osborne
Math	Thurs	9/10/26	6:00pm	9:00pm	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-611	A. Stefanik
* Additional Supply/book fee or pre-class requirement is additional in this course.								
Adult Education and Literacy Classes (AEL)**								
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English as a Second Language (ESL)	Tues, Thurs	9/15/26	6:00pm	8:30pm	12 Weeks	Free	LHS - 604	M. Rudolf
**AEL classes for students 18+ and not enrolled in high school								

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take the time to build a relationship with him. We will require a few meet-and-greets before he goes home to make sure everyone feels comfortable and that a strong bond can begin to form.

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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 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 first session will take place at the Center Street Fire Station, 12 Cen-

ter St., Tilton, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29

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.

Sanbornton Historical Society hosting program on portraitist Walter Ingalls



Walter Ingalls' portrait of Sarah Coffin Burleigh, 1834.

1800s. President George Washington's portrait in our New Hampshire State House is Walter Ingalls' work. Ingalls also served as Town Moderator from 1840 - 1847, and was a member of the General Court, Concord State House, 1847 - 1848.

Come to Lane Tavern, 520 Sanborn Rd. (Route 132), for historic information delightfully presented by Brendan Morrison and Karey Caldwell. We are handicapped accessible and meet in air-conditioned space. Light refreshments, after. The program is free, with donations towards historical society costs appreciated. All are welcome.

COURTESY

SANBORNTON — On Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m., one of Sanbornton's illustrious citizens, Walter Ingalls, distinguished portrait painter of the mid-19th century, will be Sanbornton Historical Society's program topic.

Ingalls, born in Canterbury in 1805, moved to Sanbornton in 1818 and, along with his brother, became a cabinetmaker. That profession was short-lived when Walter's true talent for painting became his career. Over the next 41 years, he travelled the world painting portraits of kings, Popes, emperors, statesmen, and, of course, numerous Sanbornton family members of the

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 24-31.

Curtis Alan Albert, age 45, of Belmont was arrested on Aug. 25 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury. Alan was subsequently arrested again on Aug. 26 for Breach of Bail.

Zackarie Richard Leaman Thompson, age 20, of Belmont was arrested on Aug. 26 in connection with a warrant.

Timothy L. Malone, age 58, of Laconia was arrested on Aug. 30 for Criminal Trespassing and Breach of Bail.

A 68-year-old male from Gilford was taken into protective custody on Aug. 30 for Domestic Violence-False Imprisonment and Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury or Physical Contact.

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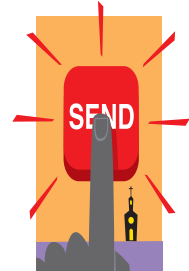
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COURTESY

It was a beautiful day for the Tilton Senior Center’s annual “End of Summer” picnic at Riverfront Park in Tilton. Community Action Partnership’s Concord Kitchen provided the delicious picnic lunch, and the Tilton Senior Center Van provided a ride to and from the park.

Recovery is a road no one should have to walk alone

Recovery is often described as a journey. That description is fitting because recovery from a substance use disorder or a mental health crisis rarely follows a straight or predictable path.

There can be progress and setbacks, difficult days and hopeful ones. Most importantly, it is a road that becomes considerably harder when someone is forced to travel it alone.

That is what makes the annual Bridge to Recovery Walk, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 20, at Concord Hospital – Franklin, meaningful beyond the money it raises.

The approximately two-mile walk will bring together people in recovery, their families, friends, health care professionals and community members. Some will walk because recovery is part of their own story. Others will be there because someone they love has struggled. Some will walk in memory of someone who did not make it through that struggle.

Together, they will make something that can too often remain hidden remarkably visible.

Mental health and substance use disorders touch families throughout the Lakes Region and neighboring communities. They cross economic, social and generational lines. Yet stigma can still discourage people from talking about those struggles or seeking help.

A public event such as the Bridge to Recovery Walk sends a different message. It says that seeking treatment should carry no shame and that recovery deserves the same encouragement communities readily offer people confronting other serious challenges.

There is also a practical side to this effort that should not be overlooked.

Last year’s walk raised more than \$50,000 for Concord Hospital Recovery Clinics in Franklin and Gilford. Those dollars have helped patients cover insurance co-pays and provided care for people without insurance. Funds have also provided gas cards so patients can reach appointments, helped purchase basic personal necessities and supported scholarships for local fitness programs.

None of those things sounds particularly dramatic.

But consider what they mean to someone trying to rebuild a life.

Treatment does little good if a patient cannot afford the co-pay. An appointment cannot help someone who lacks enough gasoline to get there. Recovery becomes harder when basic necessities are beyond reach.

Sometimes, the distance between wanting help and receiving it is measured not in miles, but in a tank of gas, an unpaid bill or an expense someone simply cannot absorb.

That is where community support becomes tangible.

Recovery ultimately requires enormous work from the individual, but communities can help make that work possible. Health care providers can offer treatment. Families and friends can provide encouragement. Employers can offer understanding. Neighbors can reject stigma. Organizations and donors can help remove practical obstacles standing between people and the services they need.

No single walk can solve the complex problems surrounding mental health and substance use disorders. Nor should anyone pretend that recovery can be reduced to one event, one treatment or one moment of determination.

But a community can decide what kind of environment it will create for people trying to recover.

It can create one of judgment and isolation, or one of accountability, compassion and opportunity. On Sept. 20, people gathering in Franklin will choose the latter.

The distance may be only about two miles. For someone who sees neighbors, families, professionals and strangers walking together in support of recovery, however, the message can travel considerably farther. There is help. There is hope. And nobody has to walk the road alone.

The things we keep because you never know

There is a piece of wood in my garage that I have owned for at least 15 years. I do not know where it came from. It is about three feet long, perhaps four inches wide and not particularly attractive. It has a couple of nail holes in it and one end was apparently cut by someone who did not consider a straight line especially important.

I have moved this piece of wood dozens of times. Every time I clean the garage, I pick it up, look at it and ask myself the obvious question. “Why am I keeping this?”

Then comes the equally predictable answer. “Might need it.” Back it goes.

This, I believe, is one of the defining characteristics of a New England household. We do not necessarily save things because they are valuable. We save them because someday, under circumstances we cannot currently imagine, they could become valuable.

There are people who can throw away a perfectly good coffee can without experiencing the slightest hesitation. I admire these people, although I do not understand them.

A coffee can has possibilities. It can hold screws. It can hold nails. It can hold washers, bolts, mysterious pieces of hardware and those little plastic things that came with a piece of furniture 11 years ago.

I don’t know what those little plastic things do anymore, but throwing them away would practically guarantee that I would discover their purpose the following morning. So we keep them.

KIND FOLKS, COLD WINTERS

By CHIPPY

that was hauled to the transfer station years ago. There are pieces of rope too short to accomplish anything meaningful and scraps of lumber too small to build anything recognizable. Yet they remain. The garage becomes less a storage area than an archaeological record of household maintenance. You can practically date the layers.

There are the remains of the bathroom project. The leftover pieces from the deck repair. The paint can from the bedroom color we decided we hated three weeks after applying it.

I recently found a small metal bracket in a drawer. I studied it carefully. I have absolutely no idea what it belongs to. But I can tell you with complete confidence that I did not throw it away.

Because that would be reckless. Winter is coming, after all. Something will break. Something always breaks. And when it does, I will walk into the garage, past thousands of things I have saved for exactly such an occasion, and discover that I don’t have the one thing I actually need. Then I will drive to the hardware store and buy it.

But I’m keeping that piece of wood.



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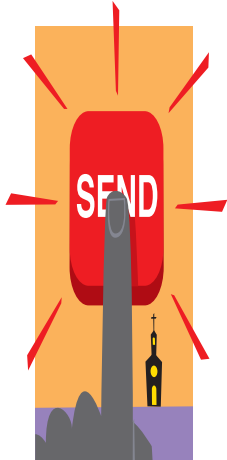
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“Pack a Pack” Backpack Drive will deliver nearly 4,500 backpacks to students in need

REGION — Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire is celebrating the success of this year’s “Pack a Pack” backpack drive, a community effort that collected and will now distribute nearly 4,500 backpacks for New Hampshire students preparing to head back to school across the state.

The drive, held each year in August, once again brought together WMUR, all the Boys & Girls Clubs in New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Food Bank, and Service Credit Union in a shared mission to make sure kids across the state start the school year with the tools they need to succeed.

Donations were collected at two sites: outside the WMUR studios in Manchester and at Service Credit Union’s corporate headquarters in Portsmouth. From both locations, backpacks and school supplies have been organized and distributed to children statewide via partner nonprofits in the

Seacoast, Southern NH, Monadnock Valley, North Country, Lakes Region, and many places in between.

Each backpack contains not only essential school supplies, but also nutritious snacks provided by the New Hampshire Food Bank, ensuring kids receive support that reaches beyond the classroom. Already, nearly 4,250 backpacks have been distributed to kids who need them. Approximately 2,500 of those backpacks were distributed through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire.

Granite Staters who know a child in need of a backpack can reach out to any participating organization to request one. In addition to all Boys & Girls Clubs, including Keene and Plymouth Child Development Centers, other participating organizations are: Portsmouth Housing Authority, The Chase Home, Amoskeag Health, MyTurn, Manchester Housing Authority, Archways, Ark Learning Centers (Hooksett, Londonderry, Tilton), Ascentria, Berlin School District’s Project Youth, Dover Police Department, Easter Seals, Franklin/Ossipee School District, Freedom Food Pantry, Joan’s Food Pantry (Lee), Got Lunch! Interlakes, Got Lunch! Campton, Henniker Community School, Laconia Elementary School, Life Connections, Newfound Memorial Middle, Overcomers Refugee Services, Pass Along Project, Rochester Child Care, Riverbend Community Mental Health Services, Southern

NH Services, The Caleb Group, Wentworth Elementary School, Youth Advocate Program, Wakefield School District, and Seacoast Mental Health.

This year’s total of nearly 4,500 backpacks marks another milestone for the annual drive, reflecting both the rising need among New Hampshire families and the community’s continued willingness to step up in support of local students.

“The need continues to grow, and so did our goal this year,” said Bob Carter, Director of Operations at Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire. “Thanks to the generosity of our partners and the community, we were able to reach more New Hampshire kids than ever before and help them start the school year off

right.”

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH thanks WMUR, the New Hampshire Food Bank, Service Credit Union and every individual and business that donated a backpack or supplies to make this year’s drive possible.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH provides safe, supportive spaces where young people can grow, learn and thrive. Through academic enrichment, health and wellness programming, and character-building activities, the Club helps ensure every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential. Learn more at nhyouth.org.

Girard leads Raiders at Claremont Country Club

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
SPORTS EDITOR

CLAREMONT — The Belmont golf team traveled across the state for a match at Claremont Country Club on Monday, Aug. 31, and finished third in a match that featured Monadnock, Derryfield and the host Stevens Cardinals.

The Raiders finished with 77 points to finish behind Monadnock’s 89 points and Derryfield’s 84 points. Stevens finished in fourth place with 27 points.

Ben Girard had a good day for the Raiders out of the fifth spot in the lineup, finishing with 22 points. Alex Rowley in the top spot and Jordan DeFrancesco in the fourth spot both finished with 19 points and Max Ryder in the second spot and Ethan Girard in the seventh spot both finished with 17 points, with one of those scores counting toward the team’s final score. Jacob Akerstrom finished with 14 points in the third spot in the lineup and Jasper Sottak finished with 10 points from the sixth spot.

The Raiders are slated to be in action again on Monday, Sept. 14, at Farmington Country Club, and Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Beaver Meadow Golf Course.

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

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Friday, Sept. 11
BELMONT
Boys’ Soccer vs. Berlin; 4
Girls’ Soccer at Berlin; 4
Volleyball vs. Prospect Mountain; 6:15
GILFORD
Boys’ Soccer vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Field Hockey vs. Pelham; 4
Girls’ Soccer at Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Volleyball vs. Sanborn; 5:45
WINNISQUAM
Boys’ Soccer vs. Newfound; 4
Cross Country at Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Field Hockey at Hopkinton; 4
Volleyball at Raymond; 6:15
Saturday, Sept. 12
GILFORD
Football vs. Bishop Brady-Hopkinton; 12
Monday, Sept. 14
BELMONT
Golf at Farmington CC; 4
WINNISQUAM
Volleyball at Kearsarge; 5:15
Tuesday, Sept. 15
BELMONT
Boys’ Soccer vs. Pelham; 4
Girls’ Soccer at Pelham; 4
GILFORD
Boys’ Soccer at Derryfield; 4
Field Hockey at Berlin; 4
Girls’ Soccer vs. Derryfield; 4
Volleyball at Kennett; 6:30
WINNISQUAM
Boys’ Soccer at Prospect Mountain; 4
Field Hockey at Monadnock; 4
Wednesday, Sept. 16
BELMONT
Golf at Beaver Meadow; 3:30
Volleyball vs. Epping; 6:15
Thursday, Sept. 17
BELMONT
Volleyball vs. Inter-Lakes; 6:15

All schedules are subject to change.

Bat Out of Helloween brings celebration of Meat Loaf and Rocky Horror to the Colonial

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Bat Out of Helloween: Celebrating Meat Loaf and Rocky Horror on Friday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Bat Out of Helloween is more than a concert - it is a powerful live experience that brings to life the music of Meat Loaf, Rocky Horror and other spooky hits. The show features alumni of Meat Loaf’s official band, Neverland Express fronted by Andrew Polec.

Andrew Polec originated the role of Strat in Bat Out of Hell: The Musical in London’s West End and across international productions earning critical acclaim for his ability to capture the intensity of Jim Steinman’s writing. His performance uniquely bridges the theatrical origins of the material with the raw power of a live rock concert, delivering a frontman presence that is both electrifying and deeply authentic.

“The only band endorsed by me and Jim Steinman,” Meat Loaf said of this tribute to his musical legacy.

“Do not miss this! This is the closest you could possibly get... This is not a tribute band, but Meat’s incredible, actual band and this band rocks!” raves Sir Brian May of Queen.

“Andrew is phenomenal, the definitive embodiment of the rock-and-roll spirit,” says Jim Steinman.

About The Colonial Theatre of Laconia

The original owner, 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 Street, Laconia, NH 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

About Spectacle Live

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Belknap House to host annual golf tournament to raise funds that help provide safe shelter for homeless families

LACONIA — Belknap House is looking for community partners to sponsor our 12th Annual Golf Tournament which will be held on Monday, Sept. 14 at the Laconia Country Club. The golf tournament is Belknap House’s biggest fundraiser of the year, which helps provide vital shelter and resources for homeless families in our community.

At Belknap House, we believe in the power of community support and connections to drive meaningful change. 2026 will

be our 12th year hosting a golf tournament fundraiser to sustain our mission of providing shelter and resources for homeless families in our community. As we continue to expand our programs and provide shelter for families in need, we rely on the generous support of event sponsors to help us build a brighter future for families in need.

Partnering with Belknap House allows your organization to build strong connections within the community, demonstrating your commitment to social responsibility. Community partners will have the opportunity to reach new audiences through our website, social media, and at the event, showcasing your partnership and support for a worthy cause.

Information about the golf tournament can be found on our website belknaphouse.org or by connecting with the Executive Director, Shawna Zechman by email or phone (details below).

About Belknap House

Belknap House provides safe shelter to families with children experiencing homelessness in Belknap County and empowers families to become self-sufficient and independent by providing educational opportunities and access to community resources.

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By Donald Chapman, President & Co-Founder, Strong Tree Engineering

There's something special about New Hampshire's Lakes Region.

Whether it's spending a summer afternoon on the water, hiking nearby trails, visiting local businesses, or simply enjoying the quiet beauty of small town New Hampshire, this part of the state has a character that draws people back year after year.

For me, it's personal.

Some of my favorite childhood memories were made at my Nana's cottage on Lake Winnepesaukee in Moultonborough. Summers were filled with swimming, boating,

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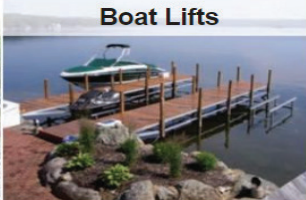
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trips to the Old Country Store, afternoons at Fun-spot, and time spent with family. Those experiences helped shape my appreciation for this region and, years later, inspired our decision to open Strong Tree Engineering's New Hampshire office in Ossipee.

Today, more families are choosing to build, renovate, retire, and invest throughout the Lakes Region than ever before. New homes are being constructed, family properties are being expanded, businesses are growing, and long-held parcels are being developed for the next generation.

That growth is exciting - but it also comes with responsibility.

Every project, whether it's building a home, improving a driveway, replacing a septic system, creating a subdivision, or developing a commercial property, affects the land around it. Good planning protects both the investment being made today and the natural resources that future generations will

enjoy tomorrow.

At Strong Tree Engineering, we believe responsible development begins long before construction starts.

It starts with understanding the property.

That may mean a professional land survey to establish boundaries, civil engineering to design grading and drainage improvements, stormwater management to protect neighboring properties, environmental permitting to address wetlands, or septic system design that supports long-term performance.

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Our team brings together Professional Land Surveyors, Professional Engineers, Certified Wetland Scientists, environmental permitting specialists, and New Hampshire-certified ISDS designers to provide coordinated solutions under one roof. That integrated approach helps clients navigate projects more efficiently while reducing surprises along the way.

Just as importantly,

we're committed to being responsive and accessible. As a locally focused firm, we understand that every homeowner, business owner, contractor, and developer deserves clear communication and practical guidance throughout the process.

The Lakes Region continues to grow because people recognize what makes it such a remarkable place to live, work, and raise a family.

Our goal is to help ensure that growth is done thoughtfully—protecting the character of our communities while creating opportunities for generations to come.

We're proud to call the Lakes Region home, and we're honored to help our neighbors build for the future.

Donald Chapman is President & Co-Founder of Strong Tree Engineering, a civil engineering, land surveying, environmental consulting, and permitting firm serving New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Our Lakes Region office is in Ossipee.

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Red Cross and Hello Kitty® and Friends join forces to help save lives

REGION — The American Red Cross urges people to celebrate the power of kindness by making an appointment to give lifesaving blood or platelets. Every donation is critical to helping prevent the next blood shortage.

The Red Cross and Hello Kitty® and Friends are partnering in September to remind donors that comfort and care are always better when shared. Just one blood or platelet donation can help more than one patient enjoy a happier future. As a thank-you, those who come to give Sept. 1-20, 2026, will get an exclusive Red Cross x Hello Kitty plush mascot clip and surprise sticker pack, while supplies last. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HelloKitty.

Thanks to the generosity of thousands of people who rolled up a sleeve this summer, the blood supply continues to recover from critically low levels. As we enter September, the blood supply remains vulnerable — especially as we approach new seasonal challenges such as back-to-school activities that can cause donors to be less available to give, and the ongoing potential for tropical systems in the Atlantic, which can further threaten the blood supply by disrupting blood drives. By making and keeping

appointments now, donors can help the Red Cross ensure lifesaving blood products are on hand wherever they are needed, including communities where donations may not be possible due to severe summer weather and natural disasters.

One small act of kindness can travel far. Spark joy and book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Sept.1-20:

Belknap
Belmont
Sept. 15: 12:30 - 5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 96 Main St.

Gilford
Sept. 10: 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 18 Wesley Way

Laconia
Sept. 16: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Granite VNA, 780 N. Main St.

Tilton
Sept. 19: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd.

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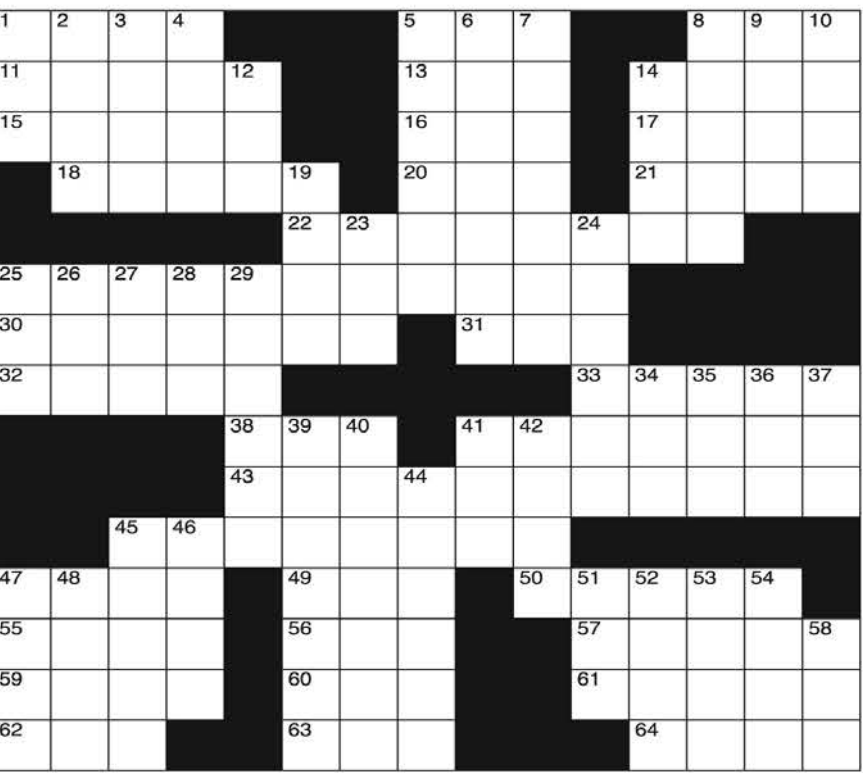
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Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross:

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god

5. A young canine

8. North Carolina university

11. "Oddbod" actor Tom

13. Midway between northeast and east

14. A place to shop

15. Mysterious "Severance" family

16. Single Lens Reflex

17. Malaria

18. Informal loan organizations

20. Twitching

21. Holm oak

22. Willing to consent

25. In an early way

30. Stuck it out

31. Language in Ghana

32. Obtain

33. Ancient Greek currency

38. One point east (clockwise) of due north
41. Popular baseball movie

43. Group of islands

45. Church building

47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

49. Late AC/DC frontman Scott

50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

55. Thick piece of something

56. Breakfast food

57. One mole of solute per kilogram of solvent

59. Ancient Greek City

60. Bitterly regret

61. Don't forget it

62. Dishonorable man

63. Affirmative

64. "___ and flows"

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge-building degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Lizard species

4. Turkish leader title

5. A way to bother

6. Blank

7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric

8. Sports broadcaster Ian

9. Popular whodunit board game

10. Alkali flats mineral

12. Large African antelope

14. It's delivered most days

19. Satisfy

23. Water soaked soil

24. Of a past era

25. Chest muscle (slang)

26. Ribonucleic acid

27. Doctor of Education

28. Coffee receptacle
29. Where rockstars work

34. International airport in Connecticut

35. Russian river

36. It's used to make cabins

37. OJ trial judge Lance

39. A means to persuade

40. Short poem

41. A way to begin hostilities with

42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)

44. Joints

45. Blatted

46. Swedish rock group

47. Millisecond

48. ___ podrida: Spanish stew

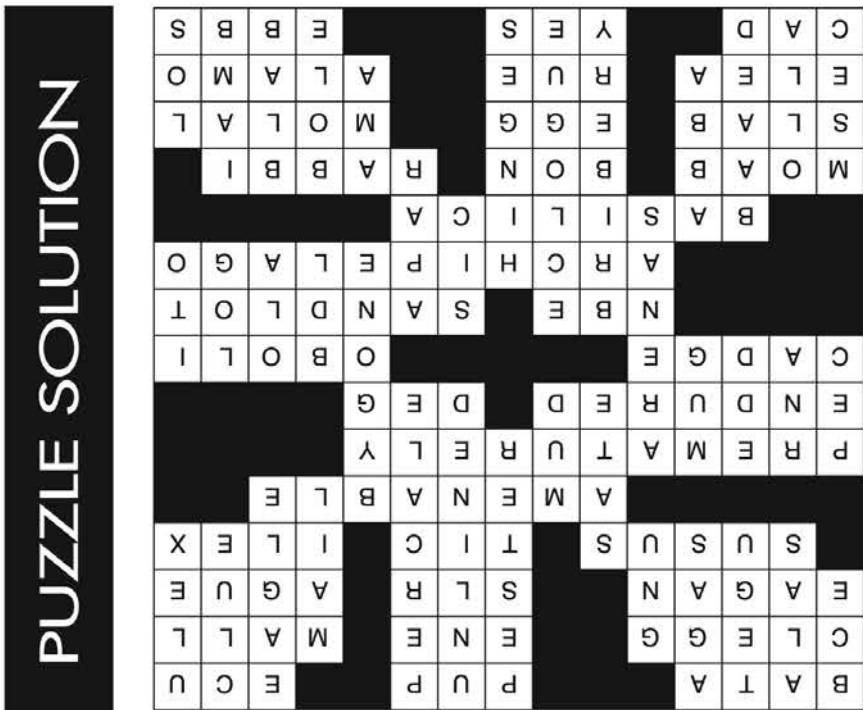
51. Doctors' group

52. Trunk of a tree

53. Tattle

54. Metrical foot

58. ___ Angeles



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VOLLEYBALL

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assists to lead the defense while Addie Bernier and Kenzie Nelson also played well in the win for the Bears.

The Bears will be in action on Friday, Sept. 11, at Raymond at 6:15 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 14, at 5:15 p.m. at Kearsarge.

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CLASSES

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instruction. The class is open to artists new to pastels as well as those looking to refine an existing practice in a studio setting.

Both classes are held at the Lakes Region Art Gallery in Tilton. McQuade's teaching emphasizes a supportive, hands-on en-

vironment rather than lecture-heavy instruction.

"We want to create a space where everyone feels confident picking up a brush, whether for the first time or to take their work further," said McQuade. "It's all about exploring creativity and enjoying the process."

Both classes are five weeks long, cost \$200

each, and will be held at Lakes Region Art Gallery, 120 Laconia Rd, Suite #300, Tilton.

Registration and class details are available at <https://www.mcquadefinearts.com/art-classes>.

Questions may be directed to Stephanie McQuade at stephanie@mcquadefinearts.com.

Concord Hospital Recovery WALK

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ery Clinics in Franklin and Gilford, helping patients access services and resources that support them throughout their recovery. Funds raised have helped cover insurance co-pays and care for uninsured patients, provide gas cards for transportation to appointments, support basic personal necessities, and fund scholarships for local fitness programs.

For Corey Gately, MLADC, director of Substance Use Services at the Recovery Clinics and Laconia Doorway at Concord Hospital – Franklin and Laconia, that practical assistance can help address barriers that may otherwise make recovery more difficult.

"Recovery looks different for every person, and it

rarely happens through one service or one moment," said Gately. "People need access to treatment, but they also need connection, encouragement, and practical support that helps them continue moving forward. The Bridge to Recovery Walk shows our patients that there is an entire community standing beside them and believing in their ability to build a healthier future."

Participants are encouraged to form teams with family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and others who want to show their support. The walk is designed to welcome people at every connection to recovery; whether they are celebrating their own journey, supporting someone they love, honoring someone they have lost, or simply demonstrating that help and hope are available.

The event also provides an opportunity to raise

awareness of the resources available locally for people experiencing substance use disorders and their families. CHHS's recovery services connect patients with treatment and ongoing support while helping address individual barriers to recovery.

"Every registration represents more than participation in a walk," Smith said. "It helps us provide resources that can make a very real difference for someone trying to take that next step. We hope people throughout the Lakes and Three Rivers Regions will join us in September and help make sure our neighbors know support is here."

To register, create a team, donate, or learn more about the Bridge to Recovery Walk, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Franklin/BridgetoRecoveryWalk>.

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HOME RUN DERBY

The 12er Home Run Derby was once again a success with more than 100 participants taking their hacks at Winnisquam Regional on Sunday, Aug. 30. All told, the derby, held in memory of former Winnisquam star Bryan Caruso, raised more than \$5,800 for the scholarship that bears his name. Winners included Ava Milbourne (10U softball), Jalen Dorr (10U baseball), Dani Wilkens (middle school softball), Luke Caruso (middle school baseball), MacKenzie Mercier (high school softball), Wyatt Chambers (high school baseball), Courtney Clea (adult softball), Wyatt Divers (adult baseball), Jess Mason (senior softball) and John Keith (senior baseball). Keith put on an incredible performance, belting 12 homers and taking home the championship belt, which was donated by Bryan Caruso's high school classmate Nate Logan, who traveled from Texas to be part of the day. Winnisquam coach Fred Caruso thanked all the volunteers and local businesses who made the day possible.



Registration now open for Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation’s Annual Pumpkin Figure Contest

GILFORD — Registration is now open for the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation’s Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest fundraiser. “Get ready to let your patriotic spirit shine!” said Executive Director Chris Guilmett. “As America celebrates its 250th birthday and LRSF marks its 70th anniversary, we invite you to bring your most creative red, white, and blue ideas to life. This year’s pumpkin figures will be judged on how proudly and creatively they cele-

brate America.” Kim Lacasse, the Foundation’s Assistant Director, said she is excited to build on the success of the annual Pumpkin Figure Contest. “The time participants put in, the creativity they show, and their willingness to share their creations with the community are wonderful to see,” she said. The seasonal fundraiser has become a community-wide tradition. Along with the patriotic theme, entries will be judged in several categories, with prizes awarded.

“Over the years, we have seen amazing entries from families, businesses, schools, individuals, and nonprofit organizations, and we are excited to see this year’s creations,” Guilmett said. Registration is available through the Pumpkin Figure Contest tab on the Foundation’s Web site. Visitors can also purchase tickets for two additional fall fundraisers: the popular Cakes ’n Sweets Calendar Raffle and the new Harvest Gift Card Haul Wreath Raffle. Pumpkin



Figure Contest participation is not required to buy raffle tickets. The contest is open to individuals, families, schools, businesses, and nonprofits. Each pumpkin figure must include at least one pumpkin. To qualify, entrants must live in the Lakes Region, and entry

forms must be received by Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation by Oct. 9. Judging will take place Oct. 15, 16, and 17. An interactive map of pumpkin figure locations will be available to download from the Foundation’s website for those planning a fall outing.

To register for the Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest, view Harvest Gift Card Haul Wreaths, or purchase raffle tickets for the Cakes ’n Sweets Calendar Raffle or Harvest Gift Card Haul Wreath Raffle, please visit www.lrscholarship.org.

Eastern Propane & Oil presents 11th Annual Runaway Pumpkin 10K & 5K



Easter Propane & Oil Presents the 11th Annual Runaway Pumpkin 10K & 5K to benefit the WOW Trail. Stephanie Bernier, Operations Manager at Eastern Propane & Oil with Jennifer Beetle, Event Director and WOW Trail Board Member.

LACONIA — Eastern Propane & Oil returns this year as the Presenting Sponsor of the 11th Annual Runaway Pumpkin 10K & 5K Run/Walk, a community fundraiser benefiting the WOW Trail. The event takes place Saturday, Oct. 24, at Opechee Park as part of the New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival. The race draws approximately 700 runners and walkers, making it one of the Lakes Region’s largest road races. “We’re excited to be part of the Runaway Pumpkin 10K & 5K,” said Stephanie Bernier, Operations Manager at Eastern Propane & Oil. “This event brings our community together while supporting the growth of the WOW Trail. As a family-owned business, we’re

proud to support opportunities that encourage connection, healthy living, and community spirit. There’s no better time in NH to get outside to enjoy the autumn weather, and my family and I look forward to walking and running with everyone on Oct. 24.” “The team at Eastern has been a great supporter of the WOW Trail since the beginning and brings so much enthusiasm to the Runaway Pumpkin each year,” says Jennifer Beetle, event director and WOW Trail board member. “We’re grateful to have them back as our Presenting Sponsor.” “The Runaway Pumpkin is a great way for the whole family to enjoy a fall day together while sup-

porting the WOW Trail,” Beetle adds. “We offer youth and kids discounts, and the Kids Fun Run, put on by the Downtown Gym, is always a big hit. We encourage all ages to come in costume – or just wear orange and join the fun.” Participants are encouraged to register by Oct. 10 to receive a long-sleeve technical event shirt sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. Proceeds from the event support the continued development and maintenance of the WOW Trail. For event details and online registration, visit wowtrail.org. For more information, email info@wowtrail.org.

Exclusive private automobile collection opens to benefit Lakes Region Food Pantry

MOULTONBOROUGH — Automobile enthusiasts, collectors, and community supporters are invited to an unforgettable day inside one of the region’s most distinguished private car collection of more than 60 cars during a special fundraising event benefitting the Lakes Region Food Pantry. Hosted at the private collection of Bob and Karen Ciardi, the event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Davison Farm Car Barn, located at 276 Moultonborough Neck Rd. in Moultonborough. The event will include tours of the collection, free coffee and donuts and opportunities to meet fellow car enthusiasts. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own specialty vehicles for display as well.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the many programs Lakes Region Food Pantry offers to families, seniors and individuals including monthly food vouchers, children’s summer lunch vouchers, children’s sneaker and backpack program, senior winter boot program and higher education scholarships.

The collection features cars and trucks from the ‘50’s, ‘60’s and early ‘70’s. Some of the highlighted vehicles include a: 1959 Ford Fairlane Skyliner, 1956 DeSoto Fireflite, 1970 Oldsmobile 442, 1954 Cadillac, and a 1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible with four suicide doors. The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call Lakes Region Food Pantry at 603-476-5400.

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Powerhouse offers another interactive fairytale adventure at Prescott Farm

Alice encounters the Cheshire Cat in a scene from "Alices Adventure in Wonderland," one of Powerhouse's previous interactive adventures at Prescott Farm.

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This adventure is part of Powerhouse's 2026 Spark Series which provides entertainment opportunities around Laconia separate from its Colonial Series. The Spark Series is sponsored by the Laconia Daily Sun and Taylor Community. Powerhouse's 2026 season is sponsored by LaValley Middleton Building Supply, MVS and Grapone Automotive Group.

Says Director Courtney Palmer, "It has been such a wonderful experience bringing these iconic fairytales to life over the past couple of years. They just continue to get better and better. This is such a unique way of storytelling, and our actors are amazing at performing all of these outrageous characters. I can't wait for audiences to see this twist on the Big Bad Wolf story!"

This show is fun for people of all ages, but please be advised that you will be walking/standing around the grounds of Prescott Farm for approximately 40-45 minutes, so this may be a challenge for those with certain mobility issues.

Check out powerhousenh.org for all the latest info on Powerhouse including ticket links for Big Bad as well as the schedule for which actors are performing in which time slots, or contact info@powerhousenh.org for more details. For more information on all the programs at Prescott Farm, go to www.prescottfarm.org.

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LACONIA — Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative is back at Prescott Farm to bring a roving, interactive, story-telling experience to audience members of all ages. After the success of "Alices Adventure in Wonderland" and last year's "Journey Through Neverland," Powerhouse member and playwright, Tess Hodges, brings a fresh new take on the Big Bad Wolf in "Big Bad: The Trials and Tribulations of a Fairytale Wolf."

In this adventure, the Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood will take audience members around the beautiful grounds of Prescott Farm as they attempt to find their way to Granny's house. Along the way

they will need to evade the Huntsman and get some help from some very eccentric fairytale pigs. Big Bad is sponsored by the Stonewood School.

A different Wolf/Little Red team will depart approximately every 20 minutes from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13. There are five Wolf/Red combinations and two different casts of all the characters they meet along their journey, so if you are looking to see a particular actor make sure you sign up for a time slot they will be performing. Time slots are limited to 18 people each, so be sure to secure your space before they fill up! Tickets are only \$10 per person.

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