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Compass Classical Academy celebrates first graduating class

BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

TILTON — As Compass Classical Academy's very first high school graduation got underway at the Tilton Senior Center on June 10, Director Judy Tilton said that in 2012, it was Kathy Rago of Franklin who first had the vision of offering families in the area another choice in their children's education. She went on to collaborate with Donna Chase, parents and educators to create a public charter school that would provide a rich learning environment for children of all ages, interests and learning levels. After nearly two years of meetings, planning sessions and work with the N.H. Department of Education, the charter for Compass

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DONNA RHODES

On June 10, Compass Classical Academy celebrated their very first group of high school graduates in a ceremony held at the Tilton Senior Center. From left to right are Celia Hamberg, Kristina Thibault, CCA Director Judy Tilton, Cody MacLennan, Gabriel Tevish Chase and Nathan Rago.

Raiders put up fight against defending champs in quarterfinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

SWANZEY — The Belmont baseball team gave defending champion Monadnock all they could handle in the Division III quarterfinals on June 3, before seeing their season come to an end.

"I'm very proud of the way we played in a hostile environment against a formidable opponent," said coach Matt LeBlanc. "Between the guys in their dugout and another playoff team behind the backstop, the boys handled themselves well and stayed composed with their heads in the game."

The hosts got a two-run homer in the bottom of

the first inning, but LeBlanc was pleased with how starter Anakin Underhill bounced back, as he got a groundout to end the inning after the homer.

Belmont came back with a run in the top of the second inning. Jaxson Embree had a one-out base hit and Michael Collette followed with his own base hit. On a passed ball, Embree was able to hustle and score all the way from second, but Collette was gunned down trying to score on a grounder to third by Matt Krasnecki. Underhill gave up a triple in the bottom of the inning, but again remained composed and got a strike out to end the inning. He

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Summer reading program at Sanbornton Public Library begins June 27

SANBORNTON — We are "All Together Now" at the Sanbornton Public Library this summer. Readers of all ages are invited to participate in our summer reading program with a host of fun events

and an engaging reading incentive program to encourage the fun of reading!

The excitement begins with "Touch a Truck" on Friday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m., and our summer opening program Silver Circus, an interactive magic, juggling, comedy show, to be held in the Library field on Tuesday, June 27 at 10 a.m. We will also have a "Bike Night" for all ages on Thursday, July 20 at 6 p.m. Kids can bring their own bikes and scooters to decorate and ride. Lakes Region eBikes will do a demo and more.

Tuesday morning programs for kids ages four to 10 will be all about kindness. Events include a make your own bug hotel and a musical journey with Moulton's band! Families with kids up through age 6 are invited to Friday storytime at 10:30 a.m. for stories, songs and activities. Teens and tweens will have a "Figure it Out" club on Thursday evenings at 6pm from June 30-Aug. 3 with events such as "DIY pet toys" and "author visit with Amy Makechnie."

Don't forget about joining our summer reading incentive program! Kids can earn SEE READING, PAGE A12

Tammi Mozier of Granite VNA named New Hampshire Healthcare Hero

CONCORD — Granite VNA Vice President of Education and Quality Tammi Mozier, MBA, PT, ATC, COS-C, was recently named the 2023 New Hampshire Healthcare Hero for the Concord Region. Introduced in 2020 as a way to recognize healthcare workers on the frontlines of the pandemic, the New Hampshire Healthcare Hero Awards recognize healthcare workers who go above and beyond in their roles and inspire others.

Mozier, who has been with Granite VNA since 2000, was honored with a pinning ceremony at the agency that was streamed live on Facebook Monday, May 15.

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Granite VNA Vice President of Education and Quality, Tammi Mozier, PT (right) was named the 2023 New Hampshire Healthcare Hero for the Concord Region. She was honored with a pinning ceremony at Granite VNA that was streamed live on Facebook Monday, May 15. Granite VNA President/CEO, Beth Slepian, MBA, PT (left) nominated Mozier for the award.

Public invited to Belknap Conservation Forum June 20

LACONIA — On July 20, Belknap County residents are invited to a Conservation Forum at 6pm at the County Office Complex at 34 County Dr. in Laconia. This is an annual broad-based community forum to gather advice and discuss natural resource conservation priorities for Belknap County.

“We’re hosting this Forum to learn what conservation issues and areas are most important to local people and communities. This helps identify the County’s highest conservation needs to plan future workshops, conservation projects, and assistance programs, as well as state priorities under the national Farm Bill,” said Lisa Morin, Program Coordinator for the Belknap County Conservation District



Meeting House Pond in Gilmanton.

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(BCCD).

More information and a sign-up link are available on the BCCD website, belknapccd.org under Events or by call-

ing (603) 527-5880. Light refreshments will be provided at the Forum. This event is free and open to all.

Laconia Rehabilitation Center earns AHCA/NCAL Bronze National Quality Award

LACONIA — Laconia Rehabilitation Center, a skilled nursing facility located in Laconia, announced that it has been recognized as a 2023 recipient of the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL). This award recognizes a commitment to improving the lives of patients and residents through quality care. The distinction is the first of three progressive award levels through the AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program. The program honors providers across the nation that have demonstrated

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Public urged to give nesting Loons space

MOULTONBOROUGH — The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) is reminding the public that from now through mid-to-late July, loons will be nesting throughout the state. Loons nest on lakes and ponds and often build their nests along the shoreline of islands, in marshes, or along the mainland shoreline. Adapted for life in the water, loons cannot walk on land, and as such, they build their nest right at the water’s edge. These nests are vulnerable to boat wakes and to human disturbance.

“Because they cannot walk well on land, loons are vulnerable when they are on the nest,” said LPC Senior Biologist/Director,

Harry Vogel. “If they sense a threat, such as a closely approaching boat, they will flatten themselves low over their nests, with their heads angled toward the water, to try to hide. If the threat persists in the area, they will flush from their nest.”

If adult loons are flushed from the nest, their eggs may be exposed and vulnerable to predation or temperature changes that can kill the embryo growing inside.

Those who plan to boat, fish, or recreate on or around New Hampshire’s lakes during the loon nesting season are urged to be careful as they move in areas where loons may be nesting.



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Loons flatten themselves over the nest when feeling threatened. If boaters see this behavior, they should leave the area to avoid stressing the loon.

If a loon nest is found, it should be given plenty of space—150 feet at minimum, and more if the loon shows signs of distress, such as lowering its head over the

nest. If a member of the public accidentally flushes a loon from the nest, LPC asks that they leave the area immediately so that the loon can resume

incubation. Boaters are also urged to follow New Hampshire’s no wake laws in order to avoid swamping loon nests. Every year SEE LOONS, PAGE A8

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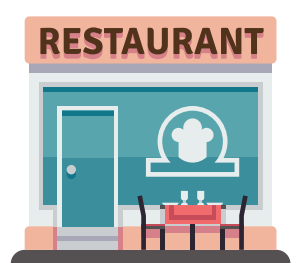
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FSB, Senior Housing Crime Prevention offer tips to help prevent elder financial abuse

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank and the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation (SHCPF) are providing tips for preventing the disturbing trend of elder financial abuse in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.

Older Americans lose roughly \$3 billion to a growing number of scams each year, according to the United States Senate Special Committee on Aging. But only one in 44 cases get reported, according to the National Adult Protective Services Association, putting the true cost as high as \$35.5 billion annually.

“As a trusted community bank, Franklin Savings Bank takes a number of steps to identify, prevent and report suspicious activity for the protection of our customers,” said Ron Magoon, CEO. “But we want to ensure our communities are also equipped to recognize the warning signs and take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones from scammers.”

Franklin Savings Bank and SHCPF offer the following suggestions to help curb the rising tide of elder financial abuse:

Secure private information (Social Security card, passport, bank account numbers, financial statements, medical records, and other legal documents), in a bank safety deposit box.

Check your bank accounts and bill statements carefully. If you notice unauthorized charges or unusual activity, alert your bank immediately.

Do not disclose personal information, such as bank account numbers or PINs, to anyone in a phone call, letter, email,

fax or text message claiming to be from an established organization, especially if they ask you to wire funds or send private information.

Ask your local community bank about available resources to help protect you or your loved ones from scams and exploitation.

Plan ahead by giving a trusted person the legal authority to make financial decisions for you if you are unable. Make sure your bank has a record of who can manage your money on your behalf.

Contact your lo-

cal adult protective services agency and law enforcement if you have information about a fraud or suspect you may have encountered financial abuse.

“Community bankers are often relied upon as the front line of defense in the protection of their customers and as providers of prevention education and information for elderly customers and their adult children,” SHCPF President and CEO David Lenoir said. “Call on your local community banker, to help identify prevalent scams and

safeguard your hard-earned financial future.”

To learn more about the elder financial abuse and prevention strategies, visit <https://shcpfoundation.org/cra-partners/>

About Franklin Savings Bank

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The SHCPF mission is to provide protection and an enhanced quality of life for vulnerable senior housing residents through meaningful turnkey CRA compliance for community focused banks.

The Foundation is funded exclusively by the banking industry and is endorsed by over 30 Bankers associations.

For more information, visit SHCPFfoundation.org or call 800-529-9096.

Lakes Region Repeater Association announces annual Field Day operations

MOULTONBOROUGH — Amateur Radio operators (Ham operators) are licensed by the FCC into the Amateur Radio service, and provide communications in the event of emergencies such as hurricanes, floods, and fires, when other communications systems may be inoperable. Once a year, Hams from all over North America hone their skills and test their equipment by going off-grid with only their radios, antennas, portable power, and the desire to communicate with other stations in

the field. This event is known as "Field Day" and it has been going on continuously since 1933.

The Lakes Region Repeater Association (LRRRA) operates several radio repeaters on mountaintops in the Lakes Region. This year, the LRRRA radio operators will be conducting their 2023 Field Day Contest on Saturday, June 24 at 2 p.m. at the former Lions Club function hall, 151 Old Route 109 in Moultonborough. If you are interested in how radio technology and creative operators can

turn a beautiful green lawn into an emergency communications center, come visit us.

Field Day operations will be located on the grounds of the Moultonborough Function Hall (fka: Lions Club), located at 151 Old Route 109, Moultonborough NH. Several stations will operate using multiple communication modes including Morse Code, Voice, and Digital Communi-

cations. Visitors are invited to join in the fun, learn how Ham radio works, and meet the team. Meals will be available. Operations may run all night long.

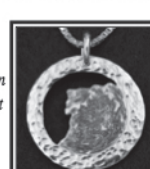
Station setup will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 24. Contest operations are for the

24-hour period running from 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday. Potential Hams can try out their radio skills on the GOTA (Get On The Air) station. For more information, see the LRRRA Web site at: www.W1BST.org.

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Celebrating Juneteenth: A reflection on freedom and equality

As June 19 approaches, we are reminded of the significance of Juneteenth, a day that represents freedom and liberation. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and serves as a powerful reminder of the triumphs and challenges faced by a nation striving for justice and unity.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day or Freedom Day, marks the day when news of the Emancipation Proclamation reached enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, two and a half years after the proclamation was signed. This delay in delivering the message symbolizes the systemic injustice endured by African Americans.

In 1776, just under 100 years earlier, Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

However, not all Americans were 'free' until June 19, 1865, when Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger in Galveston, Texas, issued General Order No. 3, which stated that in accordance with the Emancipation Proclamation, "all slaves are free." Several months later, the 13th Amendment was ratified, abolishing slavery in the final four border states that had not been subject-ed to President Abraham Lincoln's order.

During that time, Union presence was weak in Texas; therefore, enforcement wasn't strong, allowing people to still own other people. Anytime evil is undone, as it was on that day in 1865, it should be celebrated.

In current times, the goal is for all law abiding Americans to enjoy the same opportunities and rights as one another. Such a simple concept, yet so many continue to feel threatened by our differences. How great would it be if everyone was just kind to each other, despite our differences, why is that so hard? The fact is, it's not hard to try to understand each other. Maybe we may never understand each other but that's ok. We can guarantee that anyone you meet, has something in common with you, even if it's something as simple as preferring Pepsi over Coke. Start there.

Juneteenth holds immense significance as a day of celebration and reflection. It represents the resilience and perseverance of African Americans in the face of unimaginable hardships. It is an occasion to honor the bravery of those who fought for freedom. This growing recognition is an important step towards acknowledging the profound impact of slavery on American history.

Beyond celebrations, Juneteenth serves as an opportunity for education and reflection. It is crucial to promote awareness and understanding of the historical significance of this day among people of all backgrounds. By acknowledging the painful realities of the past, we can better comprehend the challenges that lie ahead.



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Spaulding Academy & Family Services holds multicultural celebration

Spaulding Academy & Family Services in Northfield recently held its annual Multicultural Tradition Celebration, an opportunity for students to express themselves through the arts. Children researched various cultures and customs throughout the world to present what they learned through performances including singing, dancing, and more. For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit SpauldingServices.org.

Positively speaking!

Toby Moore

Focus can transform your journey

As an individual driven by ambition, I often find myself brimming with the can-do spirit, ready to conquer all that lies ahead. Yet, this enthusiasm often leads me to over-commit, to bite off more than I can chew. With so many tasks and responsibilities flooding my plate, discerning where to focus my efforts becomes a task all on its own.

One of the overwhelming tasks I had to accomplish recently was creating more garage space! So fun.

On my quest for more garage space, I found myself rummaging through the cluttered caverns of my garage, moving dusty boxes, and sorting through a lifetime's worth of memories. That's when I stumbled upon an old book: "The ONE Thing: The surprisingly simple truth behind extraordinary results" by Gary Keller—the co-founder of Keller-Williams Realty.

I cracked it open, and one chapter - "The Focusing Question" - leaped at me.

Let's take a moment to meditate on the concept. What do the thousand-mile journey and life's goals have in common? They both begin with a single step. However, how do we ensure our first step is in the right direction? We would want to avoid finding ourselves in the middle of nowhere, miles away from our desired destination. Here's where the wisdom of Keller strikes - he says, "The Focusing Question is what keeps our first step from being a misstep."

Yes, you heard right! A question. Why should we care about a question? Isn't it the answers that we seek? But think about it this way: the quality of your answer is only as good as the quality of your question.

As Voltaire said, "Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers."

Gandhi also noted, "The power to question is the basis of all human progress."

So, what is this magic question you ask? Well, here it is: "What's the ONE thing I can do that, by doing it, will make everything else easier or unnecessary?" The genius of this question lies in its simplicity.

Consider my life: running my dream business, managing my mother's water filter business, working a full-time job at a leading hospital, and penning this column for you all. Phew! That's a lot on one platter.

I should have been asking this question years ago! How can I sift through all these duties, figure out what truly matters, and let go of tasks that don't serve my goals?

This, my friends, is where Keller's question shines. It guides you like a roadmap that points you toward the best possible decision at any given moment.

Now, let's delve into the depths of this focusing question and dissect its parts to reveal its wisdom.

"What's the ONE thing I can do..."

By singling out ONE thing, we streamline our tasks, cutting through the chaos and helping us focus on what truly matters.

"...Such by doing it..."

This is where the domino effect comes into play. It assures that doing this ONE thing will set other things in motion.

"...Everything else will be easier or unnecessary?"

This realization can be groundbreaking: We often find ourselves caught up in a whirlwind of busy work, only to discover later that these tasks didn't contribute to our goals.

The Focusing Question is a dual tool that can clarify our big-picture ambitions and the immediate steps needed to get there. Asking, 'What's the one thing I can do?' allows us to identify our overarching goal.'

Once that's clear, we can ask, 'What's the one thing I can do right now?'

This refines our focus, breaking down the grand task into manageable, immediate actions. This way, we're consistently moving closer to our ultimate goal. We take the first step in the right direction and keep building upon it, one well-considered step at a time.

In the end, remember this: The Focusing Question is not a one-time magic spell. It's a compass you must consult regularly to keep you on track, helping you hone in on your next priority.

Since I've started asking myself this question, I've noticed a marked increase in my focus and always know what to do next.

I challenge you to harness its power, and watch how it transforms your journey to success, one step at a time!



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Belknap Mill receives grant from Children's Auction to offer children's theatre this summer

LACONIA — The Belknap Mill recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. The grant will help further the Belknap Mill's mission of providing quality programs and events to the children and families of the Lakes Region, by welcoming back North Country for the Arts' IMPACT Theatre this summer. Fairy Tale Theatre, free for children with their families, will take place each Monday beginning July 3 at 10 a.m. on the third floor at the Belknap Mill as part of the Kids in the Park family summer series.



North Country Center for the Arts' IMPACT Program, a Touring Children's Theatre group, performs a different fairy tale every week for six weeks. Each production features a cast of four to five professional

actors, plus set pieces, costumes, props, original music, and more! These 45-to-50-minute adaptations, by NCCA

Executive Artistic Director, Joel Mercier, are written to be enjoyed by both children and adults alike.

The Belknap Mill Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve the Belknap Mill as a unique historic gathering place and a center for award-winning cultural and educational programs. Visit www.belknapmill.org for more information about our Family Summer Series or other great programs.

The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is an annual event held every December in central New Hampshire. The fundraiser made

\$2,100 in its first year and has come a long way with the help of countless volunteers and donors who have helped turn it into a major annual campaign. During the 39 years that the community has come together, more than \$7 million has been raised for local charities, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorships. Thank you, Lakes Region! For more information, please visit childrensauction.com or call 603-527-0999.

University of Saint Joseph announces Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — University of Saint Joseph student Kiara Chase of Tilton, earned 2023 spring Dean's List honors.

Chase is majoring in Nursing. University of Saint Joseph (USJ) undergraduate students were awarded this academic achievement for having earned a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester, with no grade lower than a "B."

"Students on the Dean's List exemplify academic excellence and their ability to achieve their goals. We are very proud of these students who join the network of accomplished USJ scholars competitively pursuing a range of studies from health sciences to criminal justice," said Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D.

The University of Saint Joseph is the premier small private university in Connecticut developing professionals for in-demand fields of health care, social services, education, and the sciences. A USJ degree is a proven credential for undergraduates seeking a traditional New England college setting with exceptional NCAA Division III athletics and a strong sense of community. For graduate students ready to learn more and earn more, USJ offers online, hybrid, and on-ground masters and doctoral programs with innovative modular curricula that attract students from around the world.

To learn more, view our Web site at www.usj.edu.

Local student graduates from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

TROY, N.Y. — On May 20, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) awarded a total of 1,988 degrees - 152 doctoral degrees, 390 Master's degrees, and 1,446 Bachelor's degrees - to 1,957 students, some of whom earned multiple degrees.

The following local student earned degrees:

Megan Fife of Northfield graduated with a BS in Mathematics.

Of the undergraduate students receiving bachelor's degrees, 18 earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average. Among them was Jacob Gardiner Harris, who received the J. Erik Jonsson Prize, which was established by J. Erik Jonsson '22 to honor the senior who has achieved the highest

academic record in the class.

Many graduates will continue their studies after graduation at RPI and universities such as Columbia University, Stanford University, and Cornell University. Others will begin professional positions with companies such as Dow Jones, Rockstar Games, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pfizer, Volvo Group, Boston Children's Hospital, Edwards Lifesciences, Mastercard, Consigli, and WL Gore.

Rensselaer graduates continue to enjoy overall higher starting salaries compared to national averages. Last year, the average starting salary for all reported undergraduate bachelor's de-

gree candidates from the Class of 2022 was \$78,600.

To learn more about the Class of 2023, read commencement profiles at <https://everydaymatters.rpi.edu>.

Commencement photos are available here: <https://share.icloud.com/photos/0fd-QLl0oqKkwZt9opICQ4xn1Q>

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute is America's first technological research university. Rensselaer encompasses five schools, over 30 research centers, more than 140 academic programs including 25 new programs, and a dynamic community made up of over 6,800 students and 110,000 living alumni.

Rensselaer faculty and alumni include upwards of 155 National Academy members, six members of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, six National Medal of Technology winners, five National Medal of Science winners, and a Nobel Prize winner in Physics. With nearly 200 years of experience advancing scientific and technological knowledge, Rensselaer remains focused on addressing global challenges with a spirit of ingenuity and collaboration. To learn more, please visit www.rpi.edu.

Fairfield University congratulates Spring 2023 Dean's List

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Haley J. Stanley of Tilton received Dean's List Honors for the Spring 2023 semester at Fairfield University.

In order to be placed on the Dean's List, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours in a semester, have no outstanding

or incomplete grades for that semester, and have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better.

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Special needs trust could ease families' stress

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This type of trust can help maintain the financial security and lifestyle of an individual with special needs. Furthermore, a special needs trust can allow the trust's beneficiary to receive financial support for supplemental needs without losing public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid.

Here's how it works: You, as the trust's grantor, establish the trust and name a trustee who is responsible for managing the trust. You can fund the trust with gifts throughout your lifetime or from other sources, such as inheritances or court settlements. But another popular funding mechanism is life insurance.


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As an alternative, you could hire a professional trust company to manage your special needs trust. This type of company has expertise in asset management and government regulations and can provide you with strict recordkeeping of all the financial transactions associated with your trust. If you go this route, you'll want to compare different trust companies' costs and services. For such a personal matter as administering a trust for your special-needs family member, you'll want to be sure you're comfortable with whatever company you select.

Also, you'll want to be familiar with some of the possible areas of concern regarding special needs trusts. For one thing, because the trustee totally controls when and how funds are distributed, beneficiaries can get frustrated if their requests for money are denied. Additionally, while third-party special needs trusts are funded by someone other than the

beneficiary, first-party special needs trusts are funded by the beneficiary's own assets — and for these first-party special needs trusts, the trust must typically pay back Medicaid for money it has spent on the beneficiary's behalf after the death of the beneficiary. This repayment could deplete the trust, depriving secondary beneficiaries of any assets they might otherwise receive. Third-party special needs trusts do not require Medicaid repayment.

Consult with a legal professional before establishing a special needs trust to ensure this arrangement is appropriate for your family's situation. But if it is, and if it's managed properly, it can relieve you of some of the stress you may feel over the future of your loved one with special needs.



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Music on the Green kicks off with Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio

CANTERBURY — On Sunday, July 2 at 4 p.m., Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio will kick off Music on the Green, an annual concert music series hosted and presented by Canterbury Shaker Village.

“When I was a kid, some of my first performances were on the grounds of Shaker Village amidst the historic buildings and surrounded by the beautiful rolling fields,” said Tirrell-Wysocki. “It’s a real treat being able to return and perform here all these years later...It feels like coming home.”

An Emmy nominated composer and critically acclaimed New Hampshire based fiddler and singer, Tirrell-Wysocki will be joined by fellow New Hampshire natives Matt Jensen on guitar and Chris Noyes on upright bass.

“We are thrilled to have Jordan literally set the ‘tone’ for this year’s summer music concert series,” said Leslie Nolan, executive director of the Village. “All are welcome.”

Held outside in a natural, intimate setting, the Music on the Green series features various types of music for all ages and runs every Sunday



from July 2 – Sept. 17. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$20. Music on the Green

is sponsored by CCA Global Partners, New Hampshire Dance Collaborative (NHDC), and

Kathleen Belko, Trustee. Village tours are available with a reser-

vation before Music on the Green performances, while visitors are encouraged to explore the extensive trail system on the Village’s nearly 700-acre property.

To purchase tour tickets or learn more about the Village, which interprets Shaker life through tours, exhibits, buildings, gardens, and

programs, visit shakers.org.

Canterbury Shaker Village is a member of the NH Heritage Museum Trail, which connects the public with culturally rich heritage institutions in New Hampshire. For more information, visit nhmuseumtrail.org.

Seth Wilkinson of Sanbornton named Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Seth Wilkinson of Sanbornton, a senior majoring in chemical engineering, was named a Presidential Scholar for the Spring 2023 semester at Clarkson University.

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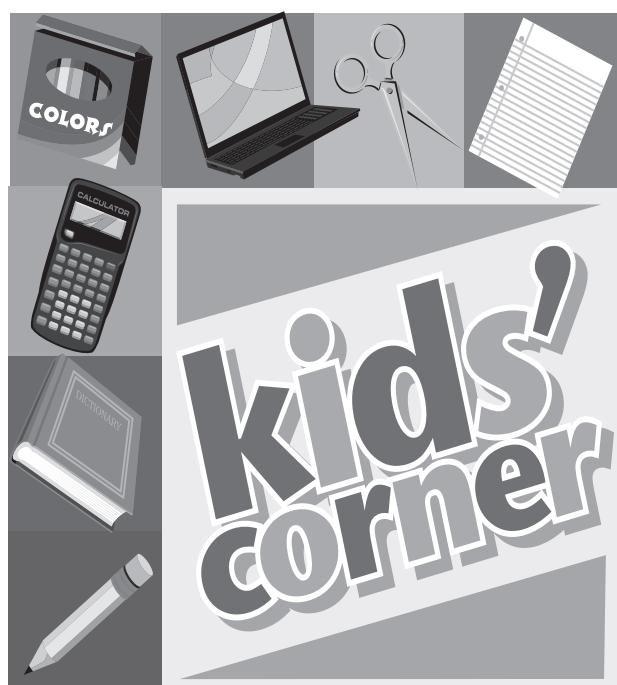
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COMPASS

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Classical Academy was approved by the state and they began taking applications from residents throughout the state.

"We had a humble beginning of 32 students in just grades K-5," Tilton recalled about that first school year.

Humble as the beginnings were, the school was able to add another grade level each year, and at the start of the 2022-23 school year they welcomed their first senior class. Day by day the faculty, staff and board of directors focused on their goal of working together to encourage and develop lifelong learning in their students.

"I'm very impressed with the successes you've had, with the opportunities you were offered," she told the graduates.

And after eight years of watching all of their success, dedication and hard work, Tilton had to swipe away a few tears as she called them up to receive their diplomas.

Celia Hamberg, Gabri-

el Tevish Chase, Nathan Rago, Kristina Thibault and Cody MacLennan were the five seniors graduating this year, but numbers are growing at the charter school as services, programs and activities grow, too.

Currently, the school not only provides students in K-12 with a solid education in math, reading, English, history, the arts and other standard subjects, but offers other learning opportunities as well.

In 2019, the school opened the Compass Classical Vintage and Thrift Shop on Main Street in downtown Tilton. Assisted by parents and volunteers, not only has it been an avenue for school fundraising, the shop also brings students a hands-on vocational education in the operations of a small business. Another fundraiser is their popular Thursday Night Bingo, which is supported by the school community and open to the public.

A few years ago, CCA also acquired a farm on March Road in Sanborn where students interested in agriculture

and other related fields can obtain unique and practical learning experiences. They have sold Christmas wreaths over the holidays, worked with beekeepers to tend to their own beehive, hatched some ducklings and chicks this past year, and have even more plans for the future. As a result of the farm property, the school also formed what Tilton describes as a "vibrant" and active 4-H group.

The possibilities are endless as CCA looks to help every child achieve their fullest potential and for last weekend's graduates it was only the start of their journey into the future.

Celia Hamberg said she will be heading to NHTI in the fall where she will spend two years in their General Studies program before moving on to an additional two years of training for a career in dental hygiene.

Looking back over her years at CCA, Hamberg said it was a different school experience but one she definitely enjoyed.

"There were so many different opportunities

here, and I definitely got a better education," she said.

For fellow graduate Cody MacLennan, the school was a welcome change for him. While Cody has some learning difficulties he said learned a lot, loved the friends and teachers he met at the school and was grateful for Miss Claire, the Para-professional who helped him do his very best. He found everyone to be "very kind" and after he completes one more year of extended education at Compass Classical Academy Cody looks forward to starting an online business with his mom Micheline.

Tilton concluded the ceremony with a few words of advice comedian Ellen DeGeneres once offered.

"Stay true to yourselves, never follow someone else's path unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path...then by all means you should follow that," she said. "But seriously, this is the time for bold measures in our country and you are the generation to make it happen. Go forth and be

amazing. You can and you will."

Compass Classical Academy is located at 15 Elkins St. in Franklin, open to students from any community and applications for the 2023-24

school year are now being accepted. Additional information, photos and more can be found on Facebook as well as at their Web site, www.compassclassicalacademy.com.

READING

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LOONS

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MOZIER

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“Tammi’s title does not adequately reflect the work she does each day to support our team and to care for our communities,” said Beth Slepian, MBA, PT, Granite VNA President/CEO, who nominated Mozier for the award. “Resiliency defines Tammi, who has provided leadership

through a pandemic, workforce shortage, merger and implementation of a new electronic medical record system. She is an exemplary, thoughtful leader who cares deeply about the work we do and the team that is the foundation of our Mission to care for our community.”

Mozier has spent numerous years both in the field as a physical therapist providing direct patient care and providing leadership throughout many facets of the agency. She was promoted to her current role in August 2022. During the pandemic, she led the agency’s infection prevention efforts, which required her to closely monitor environments that were consistently changing to ensure the safety of our 450 team

members and the 1,300 patients our agency cared for. As the leader of Granite VNA’s education and quality teams, Mozier plays an integral role in introducing new team members to the agency and preparing them for the important work that they do. Her outstanding training program and support are critical to ensuring that the agency

can recruit and retain a talented team to continue to carry out its mission.

Mozier holds a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from the University of Vermont and a Master of Business Administration with a Healthcare Administration certificate from Plymouth State University. She resides in Belmont.

In addition to the Healthcare Hero Award pin, Mozier and her fellow 2023 awardees received a banner for their workplace and a goodie bag from New Hampshire Healthcare Hero Awards supporters. All 2023 awardees are listed on the organization’s Web site: www.nhhealthcareheroes.org.

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BASEBALL

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then came back and set the heart of the order down in order.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, a call that didn't go the Raiders' way led to a couple more runs. With one out, the Huskies attempted to steal second and Embree made a great throw and appeared to have the runner out by feet. However, the umpire called the runner safe and after the next batter popped up for what should have been the third out, a walk and a double plated two more runs for a 4-1 lead.

Hutch Haskins made a fantastic defensive play in the bottom of the fifth, ranging behind second base to field a grounder and flipping to Liam Waldron covering the base for the force.

In the top of the sixth, Waldron worked a walk, stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball. He scored when Underhill reached on an error. Underhill stole third and scored on an Embree single to cut the lead to 4-3. Un-

derhill then set the side down in order in the bottom of the sixth, but Belmont could not get anything going in the seventh and dropped the 4-3 decision.

"Anakin pitched well and got better as the game went on. He pitched, hit his spots and had great command," LeBlanc said. "Though they had some hard contact and nice hits, he easily and quickly moved on and was very impressive.

"With Monadnock having great success, a lineup that featured the state player of the year, the state pitcher of the year and eight all-state selections, we knew we had to play a flawless game defensively to have a shot and we did just that," LeBlanc continued. "We were able to take advantage of some opportunities and with hustle and grit we were in the game until the last out.

"We knew we had a young but talented group, all season long our goal was to be competitive in games with an opportunity to win," the Raider coach added. "From game one

through game 18 we did that. We had a feeling we would get better as the season advanced and without a doubt we played our best game in our last game.

"It was a complete team effort," LeBlanc said, noting the Monadnock coach told him

that the Raiders played his squad tougher than any team in the last three years. "That is something to be proud of and build off of. I'm proud of these kids, they're respected by all those whom we played and that's an honor, a well-earned one at

that."

Waldon had a hit, a walk, a stolen base and a run scored, Underhill had a hit, a run and an RBI and Embree had two hits, scored a run and drove in a run.

On the mound, Underhill went six innings, gave up six hits

and four runs while walking one and striking out six.

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their commitment to improving quality of care for our nation's elders and individuals with disabilities.

"We are so proud of Laconia Center for being honored with a Bronze award," said Melissa Powell, Chief Operating Officer. "Quality care is at the core of everything that we do. This facility team has demonstrated its commitment to delivering ever-improving quality care to patients, residents and other customers. We are incredibly proud of their achievement."

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program is a rigorous three-level process that is reviewed and evaluated by trained experts against a set of nationally recognized standards for organizational excellence. The standards of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program help organizations achieve superior performance over time to improve quality of life and care of long term care patients, residents and staff.

Providers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they develop an organiza-

tional profile with essential performance elements such as vision, mission statement, understanding of key customers, and key strengths and challenges. Bronze applicants must also demonstrate their ability to implement a sustainable performance improvement system. Trained examiners review each application to determine if a center has met the demands of the criteria. As a recipient of the Bronze - Commitment to Quality award, Laconia Rehabilitation Center may now move forward to the Silver - Achievement in Quality award criteria.

"Earning this award is a milestone to be proud of," said Cathy Bergland, AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Board Chair. "It's at this point that providers see what is possible by committing to the process of improvement. Congratulations to Laconia Rehabilitation Center for this achievement. I encourage you to continue your quality improvement journey."

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Lakes Region Community Developers celebrates NeighborWorks Week

LACONIA — During a week-long celebration of neighborhood improvement activities nationally recognized as NeighborWorks Week, LRCDD tenants came together at eight different Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCDD) properties to build or re-plant community gardens.

During NeighborWorks Week (June

3-10), LRCDD and hundreds of other NeighborWorks America network organizations across the country celebrated the successes of communities and how NeighborWorks organizations empower people to achieve their goals.

LRCDD Executive Director, Carmen Lorentz said, "Community gardens have definitely become a spring

tradition at LRCDD. After a long winter, residents enjoy getting together to work on their gardens. We love empowering our tenants to grow their own food and build community through gardening."

The LRCDD properties who re-planted or built new community gardens this year include: Harvey Heights and Pinecrest Apartments (both in Mer-

edith), Ames Brook Apartments in Ashland, Lochmere Meadows in Tilton, Harri-man Hill in Wolfeboro, and River's Edge, Batchelder Street School, and Elm Street in Laconia.

LRCDD is part of the national NeighborWorks network, an affiliation of nearly 250 nonprofit organizations located in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Throughout the year, NeighborWorks network organizations empower people to take steps to achieve their goals, such as make their community safer, find and maintain secure housing, and ensure financial stability, which leads to thriving, healthier



Residents at Harvey Heights in Meredith construct a raised garden bed for the new community garden.

communities. In 2022, the NeighborWorks network managed 204,916 rental homes across the country, and constructed, acquired and preserved 13,159 rental homes.



COURTESY

Franklin Savings Bank named LRCDD's Housing Champion of the Month

Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCDD) is pleased to announce that Franklin Savings Bank is LRCDD's Housing Champion of the Month for June 2023. Housing Champions are local companies committed to LRCDD's mission of creating new affordable housing opportunities. "We hear all the time from our business customers that they can't find enough workers. We experience the same issue here at the bank," said Ron Magoon, CEO of Franklin Savings Bank. "Affordable housing is critical to solving this problem. Supporting LRCDD is one concrete way we can promote development of more housing for our local workforce." Pictured: Ron Magoon, CEO of Franklin Savings Bank; Carmen Lorentz of Lakes Region Community Developers; and Brian Bozak, President & COO of Franklin Savings Bank.

Husson University announces Spring 2023 President's List

BANGOR, Maine — The following students have been named to the Spring 2023 President's List at Husson University. Students who make the President's List must be enrolled as an undergraduate student, carry a full-time load of 12 credit hours, complete all attempted courses in the time allotted for the semester, and achieve a 3.80 to 4.0 semester grade-point average. Credits from pass/fail classes do not qualify toward meeting the minimum credit hour requirement.

Kara Stephens of Belmont is enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) program.

Jess Lee of Tilton is enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in ed-

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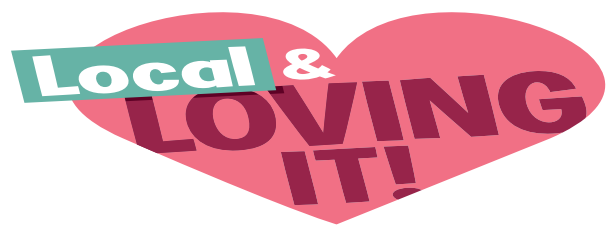
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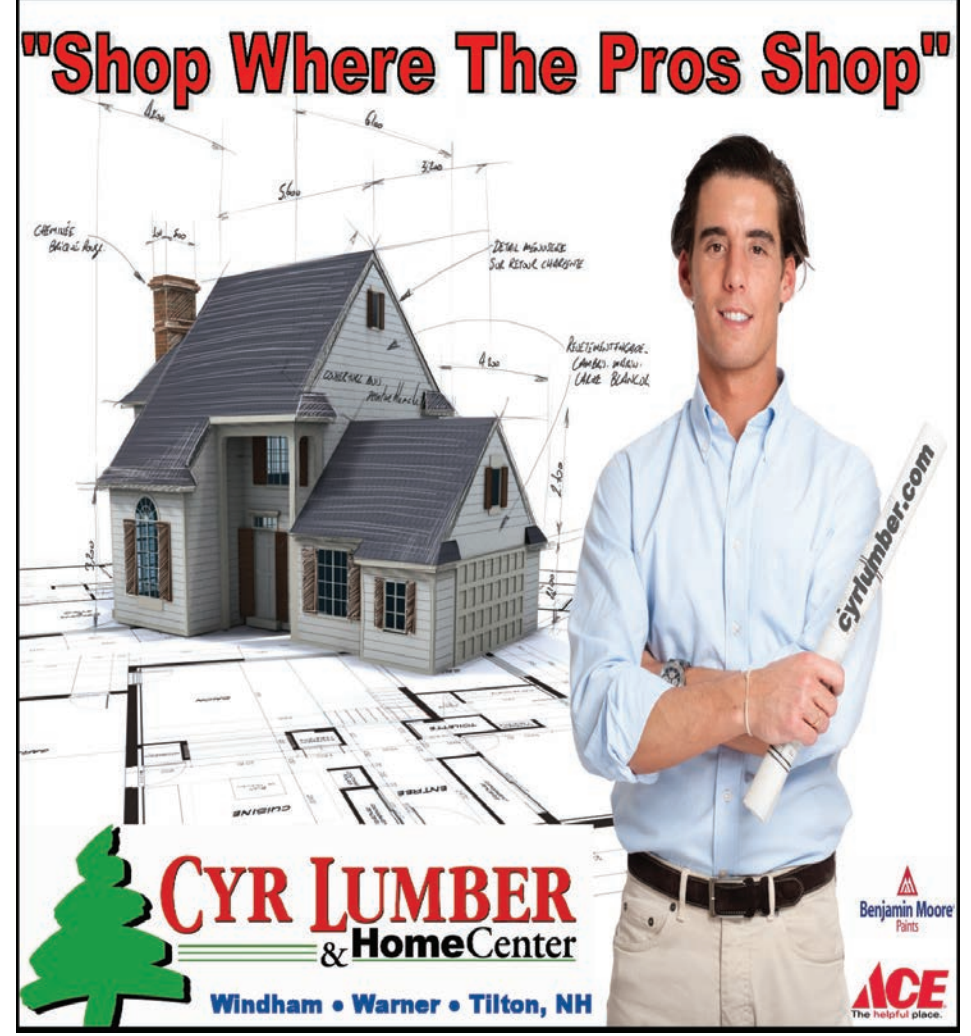
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