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Harmony Grange donates to Sanbornton Historical Society's snowroller project

BY LYNN CHONG
SANBORNTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SANBORNTON — Harmony Friendship Grange has given a sizable check to Sanbornton Historical Society!

Pictured above in the "ladies' parlor" of Lane Tavern presenting the check are Harmony Friendship Grange President Virginia Blackmer, Ralph Sellars (member of both the Grange and the Historical Society) and Grange Treasurer Scott Burns. Receiving the check are Historical Society President Lynn Chong and board member Linda Salatiello.

The Historical Society has undertaken a project to get the town's former snowroller (one of probably five, at one time, the late 1800s into the very early automobile-days) into public viewing. Sel-



lars, Society member and program presenter on the night of May 14, restored the snowroller from pieces for about three and a half years, steadily working daily, finishing in 2007 with fanfare including a visit by then-governor John Lynch.

From Sellars' talk, accompanied by an easel of detailed photos, the audience learned how difficult, varied, sometimes tedious work the restoration needed. Ongoing was intrusion of other Currier Building activity, Old Home Day supplies and just plain "junk!" as described by Sellars. He spoke with eye-rolls of humor.

Sellars, an engineer by profession, took on the job, beginning with getting parts delivered, then searching for and finding the right dry wood for the roller slats. He had to

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Fish & Game responds to medical emergency on Hersey Mountain

SANBORNTON — On Sunday, May 17 at 7:15 a.m., Sanbornton Fire-Rescue, New Hampton Fire-Rescue, and New Hampshire Fish and Game Conservation Officers responded to Hersey Mountain in Sanbornton for a hiker experiencing a medical emergency.

First responders located Nathan Bowers of Concord approximately half a mile from the trailhead suffering from a medical emergency. Bowers was treated and walked to an OHRV on which he was transported to the trailhead. Bowers was then transported to Spaulding Memorial Hospital in Plymouth by the Sanbornton Ambulance.

New Hampshire Fish and Game is a self-funded agency that relies heavily upon volunteer rescue groups to complete the mission of search and rescue in the woodlands of the state. The public is encouraged to help support search and rescue activities in the state by purchasing a Hike Safe Card. New Hampshire Fish and Game also reminds hikers to prepare themselves before venturing out into the wilderness, including packing the ten essential items: map, compass, warm clothing, extra food and water, headlamp, fire starter, first aid kit, whistle, rain/wind jackets and pants, and a knife. For additional information, please visit www.hikeSafe.com.

Franklin Savings Bank becomes Presenting Sponsor for Greater Lakes Region Children's Fund's Christmas in July event

LACONIA — Franklin Savings Bank has pledged \$5,000 to become the Presenting Sponsor for the Greater Lakes Region Children's Fund's Christmas in July event on the M/S Mount Washington this summer.

A longtime supporter of the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, which recently rebranded as the Children's Fund, the bank served as the Presenting Sponsor for several of the organization's Evening of Broadway events.

In 2025, Franklin Savings Bank was a Santa Sponsor for Christmas in

July and also a sponsor for the Cruise for Kids on the Mount Washington. The bank has also been a Partner of the Day at the December Auction, and it granted the organization \$5,000 for branding efforts in 2022.

Jennifer Prince, the bank's assistant vice president / marketing and community engagement officer, serves on the Children's Fund's Board of Directors. She also served on its Community Engagement Committee for two years and is now a part of

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Barbara Laros, vice president / business relationship manager; Jennifer Kelley, Children's Fund executive director; Brian Bozak, president and CEO of the bank; Brian Lamontagne, branch manager, Gilford; and Jennifer Prince, assistant vice president / marketing and community engagement officer.

Raiders put up a fight in battle with Cougars



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Brooke Murphy charges the ball past the defense in action against Kearsarge last Wednesday afternoon.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The start of the penultimate week of the regular season presented a challenge for the Belmont lacrosse girls, as they matched up with top-seeded Hopkinton on Monday, May 18.

The Raiders battled throughout but they were unable to topple the Hawks, dropping a 21-1 decision.

"The matchup wasn't even in any way, but Hopkinton was classy and (we) benefited from being

challenged by a strong and skilled opponent," said Raider coach Rose Marie Marinace. "(We) only had one sub for the game an everyone pitched in playing positions they don't normally play and doing jobs on the field to give other players a rest."

Daylan Henry had the lone goal of the game for the Raiders while Mia Kenison took a turn on defense. Kira Perry took a run at attack and Shelby Mason came out of the goal and jumped on defense on a moment's notice.

The Raiders took on Kearsarge on Wednesday, May 20, and dropped a 14-4 decision to the Cougars in the final home game of the season.

The Cougars had a couple of early chances and Mason stepped up with some big saves as the Cougars pressured. They were able to score the first goal of the game with 7:05 to go in the first quarter. Mason stopped another shot and Henry made a nice run down the field for a chance

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Raiders wrap up regular season in Gilford

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Belmont track team wrapped up the regular season with a meet at Gilford on Tuesday, May 19.

Brady Filteau led the way for the Raider boys, picking up a pair of wins. He won the shot put with a toss of 45 feet, 5.5 inches with Ryan O'Connor in sixth at 39 feet, five inches and Daniel Tripp in 11th at 34 feet, eight inches. Filteau also won the discus with a distance of 145 feet, two inches.

Aaryn Durand placed second in the triple jump with a distance of 36 feet, 3.5 inches with Christian Edgren in fourth at 34 feet, eight inches. Bronson Glines in seventh at 28 feet, five inches, Jacob

Blanchette in eighth at 27 feet, two inches and Jaxon Potter in 10th at 22 feet, 2.25 inches.

Sacha Artis picked up a second place finish in the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 18.25 seconds while in the 1,600 meters, Aiden Milmore was fifth in 5:26.14 and Jacob Blanchette placed 14th in the 800 meters in 2:39.32.

Durand ran to fifth place in the 200 meters in 25.44 seconds with Nick Wright in sixth in 25.68 seconds and Glines in 18th in 28.04 seconds. Wright was also ninth in the 100 meters in 12.3 seconds, Artis was 15th in 12.77 seconds, Devlin Gamache was 20th in 13 seconds, David Mahoney was 25th in 13.34 seconds, Andrew Cryans

was 31st in 13.93 seconds and Owen Michaelson was 34th in 15.59 seconds.

Daniel Tripp was fifth in the javelin at 110 feet, seven inches with Milmore in 10th at 95 feet, two inches and Michaelson in 31st at 68 feet, two inches. Gamache was 11th in the long jump at 14 feet, 11.5 inches and Trenton Proulx was 16th at 13 feet, five inches. Dane Smith ran to ninth in the 400 meters in 59.91 seconds, Proulx was 14th in 1:11.39, Potter was 15th in 1:19.74 and Michaelson was 16th in 1:41.25.

The Belmont 4X100-meter relay team was first in 48.57 seconds with a second team in seventh in 52.81 seconds and the 4X400-meter team fin-

ished in third in 3:51.06.

For the Belmont girls, Ava Lacasse ran to the win in the 100 meters in 12.84 seconds with Sadie Sturgeon in ninth in 14.18 seconds, Caitlyn Conover was 10th in 14.4 seconds, Kyleigh Roe was 15th in 14.63 seconds, Ella Stevens was 22nd in 15.26 seconds and Anna McDonald was 24th in 15.37 seconds. Allieanna Steele was 13th in the 200 meters in 33.18 seconds and Alahni Mauzy was 18th in 35.25 seconds.

Lacasse got the win in the 400 meters as well, finishing in 59.24 seconds with Jenna Laramie in third in 1:07.84, Annika Krauchunas in fourth in 1:08.93, McDonald in seventh in 1:15.58 and Devyn

VonKadich in eighth in 1:19.4.

Cora Takantjas took the win in the 300-meter hurdles in 51.82 seconds with Mia Ellis in third in 53.64 seconds and Neala Murphy in 11th in 1:06.35. Takantjas was also second in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.87 seconds, Ellis was ninth in 20.97 seconds and Murphy was 10th in 21.26 seconds.

Laramie took fourth overall in the long jump at 14 feet, three inches while in the triple jump, Hailey Clairmont was fifth at 27 feet, 9.5 inches and Murphy was ninth at 22 feet, eight inches.

Sami O'Connor was fifth in the shot put at 25 feet, 6.5 inches and Haven Rivera was 13th at 21 feet, 8.75 inches while in the

javelin, Steele was ninth at 57 feet, nine inches and Rivera was 11th at 56 feet, nine inches.

The Belmont 4X400-meter team finished in first in 4:38.37 while in the 4X100-meter relay, the Raiders placed second in 54.23 seconds and fourth in 1:00.69.

The Raiders took part in the Wilderness League Championships, which took place after the early holiday deadline on May 23.

The Division III State Meet will take place on Sunday, May 31, at Pelham High School at 10 a.m.

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Pieces fall in place as Bears cruise past Cardinals, Wildcats

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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TILTON — The Winnisquam softball team put everything together to kick off the penultimate week of the season, rolling to a 14-2 win over Stevens on Monday, May 18.

"It was nice to put our pitching, hitting and fielding all together and get the win on the road," said coach Mark Dawalga. "It was really good to see everyone contribute to the win."

Danica Weymouth picked up her eighth win in the circle, striking out 11

and allowing five hits and just one earned run.

The Bears jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings and settled in from there to play the game they like to play, with Dawalga noting that the defense was great all game. He praised Alissa Jean in centerfield for making a diving catch in the first inning to keep the Cardinals from scoring and rightfielder Caidyn Carter making a great catch in the third to save another run from scoring.

The Bears took on Fall Mountain on Wednesday, May 20, cruising to a 12-0

win over the Wildcats.

Winnisquam scored four runs in the first and four more in the second and didn't look back on the way to the win.

"I thought we came ready to play from the start of the game," Dawalga said. "Scoring four runs in the first and four more in the second inning was exciting to see."

Weymouth had a homer and two singles on the offensive side of things and picked up her ninth win in the circle, allowing just two hits and striking out seven.

Camilla Cote had two doubles and a walk, Karmyn Simpson had a single and two walks, Layla Gloddy had two singles, Carter had two singles and Aaylah Cartier added a single and a walk.

Dawalga praised the play of Hennesy Vieira behind the plate while Jean, Eila Petty, Abby Meunier and Alexis Mingolla all had solid defensive games.

"Sometimes as a coach you can appreciate your players and how much time and effort those players puts in, coming to practice every day to rehab and

not knowing if they will be able to play but doing anything they can to help the team," Dawalga noted, pointing out that ninth grader Kaylee Jeanson has been rehabbing from an injury all season and saw her first varsity action of the year, scoring a run in the second inning.

The Bears are scheduled to wrap up the regular season in a 7 p.m. game

with Newfound on Friday, May 29, at Odell Park in Franklin. The Division III tournament kicks off on Wednesday, Jun 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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Bears bounce back with win over Wildcats

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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TILTON — After a tough loss to Stevens to start the week, the Winnisquam baseball team bounced back with a 6-3 win over Fall Mountain on Wednesday, May 20.

Each team scored two runs in the first inning and the Bears added two more in the bottom of the sec-

ond. Fall Mountain cut into the lead with a run in the fourth but the Bears added two in the bottom of the fourth and closed out the 6-3 win.

Carter Lloyd had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Matt Hibbert had a hit and drove in two runs and Micah Goodell had a hit and scored a run.

Dio Katsigiannis started on the hill for the Bears, pitching into the fourth inning, allowing just two hits and one earned run while striking out four and Danny Blodgett-Fralic finished things out, giving up just one hit while striking out two.

The Bears are slated to take on Newfound in the regular season finale today,

May 28, at Robbie Mills Park in Laconia at 7 p.m.


The Division III tournament starts on Wednesday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CANAAN — The Belmont baseball team couldn't have started any better on the road at Mascoma on Wednesday, May 20, as a triple and a home run got them out to a 2-0 lead and they never looked back on the way to a 16-3 win.

"(Brayden) Townsend led the game off with a triple, (Wyatt) Divers followed with a home run, and we didn't look back," said coach Matt LeBlanc. "The middle of our order produced big time and that's because guys got on in front of them."

"We feel good in any game when that's happening," the Raider coach continued. "Combine that with effective pitching and we may just make some noise when it matters most."

Divers finished the game with a homer, a double, a single and a walk, two stolen bases, three RBIs and four runs scored while Townsend had a homer, a triple and a single, drove in three runs and scored two runs. Wyatt Bamford had four singles, drove in four runs and scored a run, Sam Binder had a hit and drove in a run, Brennan Geoffrey had a hit and scored a run, Jasper Sottak had a hit and scored a run and Alex Rowley had three walks, scored three times and stole two bases.

On the mound, Bamfords, Jack Crockford and Townsend combined to give up three hits and two earned runs while striking out eight.

The Raiders wrapped up the regular season after deadline Wednesday at White Mountains Regional. The Division III tournament kicks off on Wednesday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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Track Bears put up solid showing in final regular season meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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GILFORD — The Winnisquam track team wrapped up the regular season with a meet at Gilford on Tuesday, May 19.

For the Bear boys, Kyle Douglas won the 100 meters in a time of 11.41 seconds with Kane St. Hilaire in fifth in 12.18 seconds, Oliver Hatfield in 11th in 12.51 seconds, Jovan Tyler in 12th in 12.51 seconds, Jourdan Treamer in 18th in 12.89 seconds and Simon Ahlgren in 23rd in 13.11 seconds.

Douglas also won the 200 meters in a time of 23.13 seconds with Tyler in 10th in 26.5 seconds, Samuel Button in 12th in 27.14 seconds, Alexander Mauch in 21st in 28.8 seconds, Jesse Vienneau in 23rd in 29.31 seconds and Chase Tripple in 26th in 36.54 seconds.

Nolan Abbott won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 17.30 seconds with Kyren Whitmore in third place in 18.47 seconds.

Ahlgren was eighth in the 800 meters in 2:32.04 with Jack McGranaghan in 10th in 2:34.4 and Tristan Honeman in 13th in 2:36.44.

Taber Haggett won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 43.6 seconds with Abbott in second place in 43.79 seconds, Dayton Brigante in fourth in 46.94 seconds, Whitmore in seventh in 49.56 seconds, Mauch in 10th in 57.27 seconds and Vienneau in 11th in 57.28 seconds.

Whitmore won the high jump at five feet, four inches with Treamer in fifth place at five feet, two inches. Kaito Tamaru finished in sixth in the pole vault at seven feet.

Douglas jumped to second place in the long jump with a distance of 17 feet, six inches, Treamer was fourth at 17 feet, Romain Berghmans was 10th at 15 feet, 6.5 inches, Christopher Collins was 18th at 12 feet, 10.75 inches, Tripple was 19th at 12 feet, eight inches and Cole Ringer

was 21st at 12 feet, five inches.

Berghmans finished in fifth place in the 400 meters in 57.36 seconds with Connor Allen in 10th in 1:02.75, Tamaru in 11th in 1:04.02, Button in 12th in 1:06.68 and Collins in 13th in 1:08.43. Owen Bakis was eighth in the 1,600 meters in 5:52.94 with Andrew Paquette in 14th in 7:01.67 while in the 3,200 meters, Lucas Durphey was fourth in 12:28.63.

Berghmans was fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 32 feet, 3.5 inches and Tripple was ninth at 25 feet, 11.5 inches. Hunter Mulinski was 20th in the shot put at 27 feet, eight inches, Kevin Dore was 22nd at 27 feet, four inches, Daniel Powell was 23rd at 27 feet, 2.75 inches, Stone Subocz was 26th at 24 feet, 10.5 inches and Teagan Matteau was 28th at 24 feet, four inches. Mulinski was also 10th in the discus at 77 feet, three inches, Kurtis Voight was 14th at

69 feet, three inches, Matteau was 16th at 67 feet, eight inches, Subocz was 22nd at 54 feet, two inches, Mason Virgue-Hedberg was 23rd at 42 feet, 11 inches and Kilean Fredette was 24th at 41 feet, seven inches.

Brigante placed sixth in the javelin at 108 feet, three inches with Noah Basset in 12th at 87 feet, 10 inches, Jacoby Martin in 13th at 79 feet, Voight in 15th at 78 feet, four inches, Ringer in 23rd at 59 feet and Fredette in 27th at 54 feet, five inches.

The Bear boys won the 4X400-meter relay in 3:43.03 and finished in second in the 4X100-meter relay in 48.63 seconds.

Kaiden Robb ran to second place in the 400 meters in 1:05.52 with HaydenRose Moriarty in 10th in 1:23.85. Alexandria Myers was fourth in the 200 meters in a time of 28.46 seconds.

Eloise Abbott finished in second place in the

300-meter hurdles in a time of 52.69 seconds with Kyra Russell in eighth in 1:02.73. Myers placed fifth in the 100 meters in 13.7 seconds with Robb in seventh in 13.94 seconds, Denessa Williams in eighth in 13.99 seconds and Zariah Moore in 12th in 14.56 seconds.

Russell cleared seven feet in the pole vault to take second overall while in the triple jump, Moore finished in sixth place with a distance of 27 feet, nine inches.

Myers jumped to second overall in the long jump at 15 feet, four inches with Williams in third at 14 feet, 4.5 inches, Moore in fifth at 14 feet, .5 inches and Russell was ninth at 12 feet, 4.5 inches.

Phoebe Timmons was third in the shot put at 28 feet, seven inches with Russell in fourth place in at 26 feet, 11 inches, Kaylin Liesner in seventh at 23 feet, 11 inches, Anna Drinkwine in 10th at 22

feet, 5.5 inches and Addison Todt in 22nd at 14 feet, 10 inches.

Timmons was fourth in the discus at 70 feet, nine inches with Drinkwine in seventh at 55 feet, five inches, Athena Searles in 11th at 52 feet, Liesner in 12th at 51 feet and Todt in 13th at 49 feet, four inches. Searles placed ninth in the javelin at 57 feet, nine inches, Liesner was 12th at 54 feet, five inches and Todt was 18th at 43 feet, four inches.

The Bears took part in the Wilderness League Championships, which took place after deadline on Saturday, May 23.

The Division III State Meet will take place on Sunday, May 31, at 10 a.m. at Pelham High School.

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Mountaineers bounce back to beat Mascoma

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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BELMONT — The Belmont softball team hosted Berlin on Monday, May 18, dropping an extra-inning battle by a 9-6 score.

Each team scored a run in the first inning and Berlin added one in the second. Belmont tied the game in the bottom of the third inning before the Mountaineers plated three runs in the top of the fourth for the 5-2 lead. Belmont added a run in the bottom of the fourth and after both teams scored once in the sixth before the Mountaineers scored three

times in the eighth to take the 9-6 win.

Coach Bill Clary praised the defensive play of Madi MacDonald in centerfield. She made three diving catches and also had an assist by throwing out a runner at first base.

MacDonald also led the offense with three runs scored and walked three times. Lyla McSheffrey had a pair of hits and drove in a pair of runs, including a big hit in the seventh inning that tied the game for the Raiders.

Bailey Perkins went the distance in the circle for the Raiders, striking out six

along the way.

Belmont made the long drive to Mascoma on Wednesday, May 20, and came home with a 12-4 win over the Royals.

"It took a few innings for the Belmont bats to wake up," Clary noted, pointing out that the Raiders scored eight runs in the sixth inning to secure the win.

MacDonald had three hits and drove in three runs to lead the offense while McSheffrey had two hits and drove in two runs and Natalee Cullen had two hits and scored three times. Perkins again pitched

the complete game, striking out eight, giving up just one earned run on three hits.

The Raiders are scheduled to finish the regular season at home against Hillsboro-Deering on Friday, May 29. The Division III tournament starts on Wednesday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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GILFORD
Baseball at Raymond; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Derryfield; 4
Softball at Raymond; 4

WINNISQUAM
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COURTESY

For June 11, The Old Farmer's Almanac forecasts "clouds and mist!" That afternoon at 2 p.m., the Sanbornton Historical Society will host a program at Wrought'n Apple Farm Blacksmith Shop, located at 50 Old Coach Rd. Historical Society member and smithy Doug Sarette will demonstrate his craft. Refreshments will be provided by Beth Pavnick and Carol Levesque. For this 2 p.m. start, carpooling will start at 520 Sanborn Rd., the address for the Society's Lane Tavern and Currier Building. Park there and get a ride, to help with parking at the out-of-the-way address. Or drive yourself, but start at the tavern to know the way. Arrive at the tavern at 15 minutes before the hour. Destination is close-by. Who can resist seeing a craftsman at work? All are welcome. This demo of a long-time craft should get a good turnout! Visit www.LaneTavern.org for details of this and upcoming programs.



Preserving more than machinery

There is something quietly powerful about watching a community decide that its history matters.

In Sanbornton, that decision recently took shape through the restoration and preservation of an old snowroller, a machine that once helped keep rural roads passable before modern plows and salt trucks became commonplace. To some, it may look like little more than a curiosity from another era. But to those who understand small-town New Hampshire, it represents something much larger: the ingenuity, labor, and shared spirit that built communities long before convenience became expected.

The recent donation from Harmony Friendship Grange to the Sanbornton Historical Society is about more than money. It is about neighbors investing in memory. It is about organizations with deep local roots recognizing that preserving history is not a luxury. It is a responsibility.

What makes this project especially meaningful is that it has never been the work of just one person or one group. Ralph Sellars may have spent years painstakingly restoring the snowroller piece by piece, but throughout his presentation he repeatedly returned to the same theme: teamwork. Blacksmiths, volunteers, historical society members, and community supporters all contributed to bringing the machine back to life. That spirit of cooperation feels increasingly rare in a world where so much attention is focused on speed, convenience, and disposable things.

There is wisdom in what the Historical Society ultimately decided regarding the snowroller's future display. Initially, an outdoor shelter may have seemed practical. But seeing the weather damage suffered by the Bert Southwick egg wagon served as a reminder that preservation requires long-term thinking. A restored artifact is not truly preserved if future generations must restore it all over again because it was left vulnerable to the elements.

That decision reflects something deeper about stewardship. True preservation is not about simply putting old objects on display. It is about caring enough to protect them properly, even when that requires additional effort, expense, or patience.

The Currier Building itself now has the opportunity to become more than storage space. The discussion of murals, historical photographs, lighting, and interpretive displays points toward something every small town benefits from: places where people can connect with their own story. Children growing up today deserve the chance to see how earlier generations lived and worked. They deserve to understand that before paved highways and snowplows, maintaining roads required massive wooden rollers, ingenuity, and hard physical labor.

Projects like this also remind us that local history does not preserve itself automatically. Historical societies, granges, libraries, museums, and volunteers often operate quietly in the background with limited budgets and aging memberships. Yet without them, many of our communities would slowly lose tangible links to the people and industries that shaped them.

In many ways, the snowroller project represents the very best of small-town New Hampshire. Skilled volunteers donating time. Civic organizations stepping forward with support. Residents voting to preserve local heritage. People thinking not only about today, but about what future generations might value decades from now.

That matters. A town that values its history is often a town that values its future as well. Preservation creates continuity. It reminds people that they belong to something larger than themselves, connected by generations of work, resilience, and shared experience.

And sometimes, preserving a community's spirit begins with saving an old snowroller.

The men who wave from tractors

I was driving through a back road the other day when an older fellow on a tractor lifted two fingers from the steering wheel and gave me the sort of small wave that seems to exist only in rural places.

Not a full enthusiastic greeting. Not a dramatic arm swing. Just two fingers raised for half a second as if to say: "Yep. I see you there."

Naturally, I waved back.

And it got me thinking about how many different kinds of waves there are in New Hampshire.

There's the snowblower wave, usually performed one-handed while the other hand hangs onto the machine like a sailor riding out a storm. There's the lake wave, where two passing boats acknowledge each other with the quiet dignity of old naval vessels. There's the pickup-truck steering-wheel lift, which somehow communicates an entire conversation without anybody slowing down.

Then there's the tractor wave.

That one might be my favorite.

Partly because tractors move at a speed where a man still has time to notice the world around him.

You don't see many angry people on tractors.

Sunburned? Certainly. Exhausted? Frequently. Concerned about weather? Constantly. But rarely angry.

Maybe because tractors force patience onto a person. Nothing happens quickly on one. You can't rush haying season. You can't hurry muddy ground. You can't bully a New Hampshire spring into cooperating before it's good and ready.

A tractor teaches acceptance whether you want the lesson or not.

I think that's why the men and women who spend time on them often seem calmer than the rest of us.

Now, I should be clear here: I am not a farmer. The closest I've ever come to agricultural greatness was unsuccessfully attempting tomatoes one summer that ended with exactly three edible vegetables and a squirrel looking extremely satisfied with himself.

Still, I admire people who work the land.

Especially in New Hampshire.

KIND FOLKS,
COLD WINTERS

By CHIPPY

This isn't Iowa. Nobody's making life easy on farmers around here. Our fields are rocky, our growing season is short, and half the state appears to sit at a forty-five-degree angle. Yet every year people still climb onto tractors before sunrise and somehow coax food out of stubborn ground.

There's something noble about that.

And something steadying.

A lot of modern life feels temporary now. Businesses appear and disappear overnight. Restaurants come and go. Entire industries seem to change every six months. One minute everybody's excited about some new app and the next minute nobody remembers it existed.

But tractors remain wonderfully unconcerned with trends.

A tractor from 1974 still does exactly what it did in 1974.

It starts eventually.

It rattles alarmingly.

It smells faintly of gasoline, dirt, and old coffee.

And it gets the job done.

I respect that.

My son laughs at me because I always slow down when I pass old barns or farm fields. "Dad," he says, "you're looking at dirt."

But it's not dirt I'm admiring.

It's continuity.

There's comfort in seeing people still doing practical things with their hands in a world increasingly dominated by screens and passwords and mysterious software updates nobody understands.

I sometimes think younger generations have inherited a strange burden. They're expected to live enormous portions of life online while also somehow remaining grounded in the real world. That can't be easy.

Meanwhile, a person on a tractor remains entirely tethered to reality.

The weather matters. The soil matters. The machine matters. The work matters.

No amount of arguing on the internet can change whether rain is coming.

Maybe that's why those little tractor waves feel meaningful to me. They remind me there are still people out there quietly doing necessary things without demanding applause for it.

People mowing fields.

Fixing fences.

Planting crops.

Pulling stones out of the ground for the nine-thousandth time since the Eisenhower administration.

There's a humility to it.

And New Hampshire has always done humility pretty well.

We're not much for showing off around here. The wealthiest fellow in town may still buy coffee wearing an old sweatshirt with duct tape on the sleeves. A person can own three hundred acres and still apologize for "not having much."

That's part of the culture I hope never disappears.

Not the modesty itself, necessarily. Just the understanding that a person's value usually comes from usefulness rather than attention.

The men and women on tractors seem to understand that instinctively.

They don't need to announce themselves.

They simply wave as they pass by.

And somehow that small gesture still says quite a lot.

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Cool shows to beat the summer heat at The Colonial

LACONIA — This summer, audiences are invited to chill out with an exciting season of live entertainment, featuring everything from nostalgic tributes and side-splitting comedy to high-energy concerts and family friendly theatre.

With a full schedule, featuring twenty plus events spanning June through August, the Colonial Theatre has a show for every occasion. Whether guests are seeking date night fun, family-friendly outings, enjoyable group celebrations, or simply a relaxed night on the town, the lineup promises a diverse mix of exciting entertainment for all ages and interests.

Highlights of the schedule include:

Laugh packed performances by Comedian Bob Marley, Lucas Zelnick, and Justin McKinney

Timeless tributes to George Harrison and Eric

Clapton, Journey, Neil Diamond, Van Halen, and The Eagles

Nationally touring blues guitarists Tab Benoit and Joanne Shaw Taylor

Uproarious stage show satire by Late Nite Catechism and Spamilton

And family friendly productions by the Colonial Theatre's resident theatre company, the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative: Shrek The Musical and 1776 The Musical in Concert, in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence

"During the summer months, Laconia is buzzing with excitement and an influx of people," said Nicole Ferland-Kemper, Manager of Theatre Operations. "We're thrilled to provide opportunities for our audiences to share experiences, build community, and create lasting memories."

Performances will take place throughout the sum-

mer at the Colonial Theatre of Laconia located in the heart of downtown Laconia. Tickets for all events are available now at coloniallaconia.com.

Schedule of Performances:

Kirk Minihane Live in Laconia - Saturday, June 6 at 8 p.m.

Spamilton: An American Parody - Friday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Something Wonderful Tonight - Tribute to Eric Clapton & George Harrison - Saturday, June 13 at 8 p.m.

Late Nite Catechism - Sunday, June 14 at 2 p.m.

Hugo - The Ultimate Journey Tribute - Friday, June 19 at 8 p.m.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative presents 1776 The Musical in Concert with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra - Saturday, June 27 at 2 p.m.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative presents 1776 The Musical in Con-

cert with the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra - Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m.

Tab Benoit: Soul of the Swamp Tour - Thursday, July 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Comedian Bob Marley - Friday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Comedian Bob Marley - Saturday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Comedian Bob Marley - Saturday, July 11 at 8 p.m.

So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience starring Robert Neary - Sunday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

JUMP - America's Van Halen Experience - Sunday, July 26 at 7 p.m.

EagleMania - The World's Greatest Eagles Tribute Band - Thursday, July 30 at 8 p.m.

Lucas Zelnick - Friday, July 31 at 8 p.m.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative presents Shrek The Musical - Friday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative presents Shrek The Musical - Satur-

day, Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative presents Shrek The Musical - Sunday, Aug. 9 at 2 p.m.

Justin McKinney: Parentally Challenged - Saturday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

An Evening with Joanne Shaw Taylor - Sunday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

Tickets for all events are available now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

The original owner of the Colonial Theatre, 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

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Lakes Region Chamber celebrates new ownership of Garden Island Laundromat & Tanning with ribbon cutting

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Chamber was pleased to celebrate the new ownership of Garden Island Laundromat & Tanning with a festive ribbon cutting ceremony at the business's location in the Eight Gables Plaza, 585 Union Ave. in Laconia.

The celebration brought together customers, local business leaders, Chamber members, and representatives from the City of Laconia for a fun and memorable event. Complete with bubbles and plenty of "sudsy" spirit, the ribbon cutting officially welcomed new owner Joseph DeFabrizio, along with his wife and two children, as they proudly cut the ribbon and marked the beginning

of this exciting new chapter.

Garden Island Laundromat & Tanning is Laconia's locally owned, family-operated destination for clean, convenient, and affordable laundry and tanning services. Since 2012, the business has been committed to serving the community with the best prices in town, a clean and welcoming environment, and attentive customer service with someone always on-site to help.

"Here, you're not just another customer — you're a neighbor," said DeFabrizio. "We're proud to continue the tradition of being Laconia's hometown laundromat while investing in upgrades and



COURTESY

The Lakes Region Chamber celebrated new owner Joseph DeFabrizio and his family with a sudsy, bubble-filled ribbon cutting at Garden Island Laundromat & Tanning in Laconia.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 11-18.

Claudette L. Kangas, age 79, of Belmont was arrested on May 13 in connection with a warrant.

A 21-year-old male from Gilmanton Iron Works received a summons in lieu of arrest on May 15 for Negligent Driving.

Brian S. Corriveau, age 47, of Bedford was arrested on May 15 for Criminal Mischief.

Kolby Steven Bozeman, age 20, of Belmont was arrested on May 15 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of License (subsequent offense), driving at 11-15 mph over a posted limit of 55 mph or less, and in connection with a bench warrant.

Gordon D. Walker, age 75, of Belmont was arrested on May 18 for Obstructing Government Administration.

customer-first service for the Lakes Region community."

Under the new ownership, Garden Island Laundromat & Tanning continues to provide modern, high-efficiency equipment and a bright, welcoming atmosphere designed to make laundry simple and stress-free for busy families, local businesses, seasonal residents, and visitors enjoying the Lake Winnepesaukee area.

Services include Wash-

Dry-Fold Service, Commercial Wash-Dry-Fold, Bulb Tanning and Mystic Spray Tanning.

As a proud Rally Patron sponsor during Laconia Motorcycle Week, Garden Island Laundromat & Tanning also welcomes riders to drop off laundry between rides and pick it up freshly folded later — offering quick turnaround and fresh gear during the rally or tan while you wait.

The Lakes Region Chamber congratulates

Joseph DeFabrizio and his family on this exciting milestone and wishes them continued success serving the community.

For more information, visit Garden Island Laundromat & Tanning at 585 Union Ave., Laconia, email info@gardenisland-laconia.com or go to GardenIslandLaconia.com.

For more information about the Lakes Region Chamber, please contact the Lakes Region Chamber at 603-524-5531 or vis-

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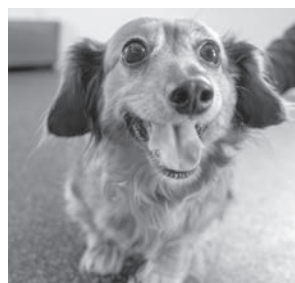
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Laci takes a lot of comfort in her brother Scrapy—she looks up to him and often follows his lead. If Scrapy decides you're

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Meet Scrapy!



Meet Scrapy - One half of the Dachshund Duo
Scrapy may have a bit of a "don't mess with me" look at first glance, but don't be fooled—this dachshund mix is a total softie at heart. Beneath that scrappy exterior is a lovable guy who's just waiting to show off his sweet, easygoing side to the right person.
He's a big fan of the simple joys in life: a good squeaky toy, some fresh air on a nice walk, and a cozy spot to relax by your

side. Scrapy would be more than happy to be your daily sidekick—whether you're out and about or just lounging at home, he's happiest just being with his people.
Scrapy and his sister are also working on getting into their best shape, so they'll need a forever home that's committed to helping them stay healthy. A little extra exercise and mindful feeding will go a long way for this pair!
Scrapy does have a seizure disorder that is currently well-managed with medication. Because of this, his future family will need to be comfortable continuing his medication routine and staying on top of his care to keep him feeling his best. He doesn't let it slow him down, and with the right support, he can continue to live a happy, full life.
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Experience the music of Van Halen at The Colonial

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present VH1 Tour: JUMP - America's Van Halen Experience on Sunday, July 26, at 7 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

After performing sold out shows across multiple different states and being recruited for international tours in Canada and Australia, JUMP has positioned themselves as one of

the top up and coming Van Halen tributes on the planet. Delivering two hours of classic David Lee Roth era Van Halen, the Toledo, Ohio based band lineup is composed of a group of youngsters all born in the mid-late '90s and early 2000s. While their age offers a visual aesthetic true to Van Halen in their prime, their sound also reflects the same shredding Eddie guitar solos, rock solid rhythm section, and the whaling two-tone screams reminis-

cent of David Lee Roth's voice. Featuring a variety of hits and deep cuts off of the first 6 albums, JUMP's live show includes a selection of skits and one liners portrayed by Van Halen from bootlegs of their live shows between 1978-1984. Experience an embodiment of the David Lee Roth era of Van Halen and immerse yourself in youth, nostalgia and rock 'n roll.

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Building Smarter in the Lakes Region

BY DONALD CHAPMAN, PRESIDENT & CO-FOUNDER, STRONG TREE ENGINEERING LAKE

Winnepesaukee and the surrounding Lakes Region are among the most special places in New Hampshire. For many families, these lakes, forests, and small towns are woven into generations of memories - summer cottages, boating, hiking, local businesses, and a way of life that feels

uniquely New England. As more people continue to discover the beauty of the region, demand for housing improvements, renovations, additions, septic upgrades, and new development continues to grow. That growth creates opportunity for homeowners, contractors, local businesses, and the regional economy. But it also cre-

ates responsibility. Recent reports regarding increased cyanobacteria blooms in Lake Winnepesaukee have raised understandable concerns about water quality and environmental pressure throughout the region. While there is no single cause, experts point to a combination of factors including stormwater runoff, aging septic systems,

fertilizer use, shoreline disturbance, and increasing development density. The good news is that growth and environmental protection do not have to be opposing forces. With proper engineering, planning, permitting, and construction practices, homeowners and developers can improve their properties while still protecting the

lakes, wetlands, and natural systems that make this area so valuable in the first place. At Strong Tree Engineering (STE), we believe responsible development starts with thoughtful design. Whether it's a septic system replacement, a waterfront renovation, drainage improvements, a subdivision in an undeveloped area, or a commercial project, every property exists within a larger environmental ecosystem. Small decisions matter. This means: •Designing stormwater systems that properly manage runoff •Supporting septic upgrades that improve long-term environmental performance •Preserving natural vegetation and shoreline buffers where practical •Helping clients navigate local and state permitting requirements efficiently and responsibly •Planning projects with both property value, as well as community and environmental sustainability in mind As engineers, surveyors, and environmental professionals, we also understand that regulations can sometimes feel overwhelming for homeowners. Our role is not simply to "check boxes", but to guide clients through the process in a practical, solutions-ori-

ented way that balances project goals with environmental stewardship. Personally, this mission is deeply meaningful to me. I spent much of my childhood summers on Lake Winnepesaukee at my Nana's cottage in Moultonborough, and those experiences helped inspire me to co-found Strong Tree Engineering. Protecting the character and health of the Lakes Region is not just professional — it's personal. It's one of the reasons we opened our office in Ossipee. We believe local presence matters. We believe communities benefit when experienced professionals live, work, and invest in the areas they serve. New Hampshire can continue to grow and prosper while still preserving the natural beauty that defines it. But doing so requires thoughtful planning, responsible investment, and a commitment to building smarter. The Lakes Region deserves nothing less. Donald Chapman is President & Co-Founder of Strong Tree Engineering, a civil engineering, land surveying, and environmental consulting firm serving New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.




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Bank of New Hampshire supports first responder retiree retreat hosted by Camp Resilience

LACONIA — Retirement can intensify unresolved trauma, moral injury, isolation and loss of identity for first responders. To help address these challenges, Camp Resilience, in partnership with Forge VFR, is hosting a four-day First Responder Retiree Retreat designed to support those transitioning into retirement. The retreat will feature a three-

pronged therapeutic approach to include outdoor experiential learning, life skills workshops and facilitated peer-to-peer counseling.

Bank of New Hampshire is proud to support the retreat with a \$5,000 donation to help offset the costs. The retreat will serve retired and soon-to-leave police, fire and EMS professionals by helping restore purpose, strengthen mental and physical well-being and foster long-term resilience.

“We are proud to support Camp Resilience in hosting this vital retreat for first responders,” said Michelle Blake, VP – Gilford Village Banking Office Manager. “These individuals are often exposed to trauma and critical events throughout their careers without having the opportunity to fully recover from their effects. This work-

shop will support their mental wellness in retirement, so they can continue to lead full, productive lives.”

“We are grateful for Bank of New Hampshire’s support of our first responder retiree retreat,” said Jeff Ladieu, Executive Director of Camp Resilience. “This will directly strengthen the mental health and resiliency of first responder retirees during a critical transition, ensuring those who have served our communities continue to live with purpose, connection and hope.”

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Left to right: Jessica Beane, VP – Gilford Lakeshore Banking Office Manager; Michelle Blake, VP – Gilford Village Banking Office Manager; and Alexandra Pelletier, SVP – Retail Banking Administration Officer; present a \$5,000 check to Elizabeth Mullaney, Development Director, Camp Resilience; and Jeff Ladieu, Executive Director, Camp Resilience; and Layla, Camp Resilience’s comfort dog; to support its First Responder Retiree Retreat.

NH Boat Museum hosts 50th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show



ALTON BAY — The New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host the 50th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Alton Bay Town Docks. The free public event marks a half-century of celebrating New Hampshire’s freshwater boating heritage and is among the longest-running vintage boat shows in the region.

“What I love about the Alton Bay Boat Show is how it turns the whole waterfront into a living gallery,” noted NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. “Every boat carries a story, every owner is eager to share it, and the community leans in with real affection. It’s one of the coolest, most heartfelt days on the lake.”

At the show, which features classic wooden and early fiberglass vessels (model year 1975 and earlier), spectators are invited to walk the docks, meet the owners, and cast ballots for the People’s Choice Award. “This is one of the most

exciting events of the summer for the whole family,” said NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. “It’s truly a remarkable collection of boats, and spectators can get up close and talk with the owners.”

Pre-registration is not required, and docking is first-come, first-served. “Reaching the 50th anniversary is a significant milestone for the museum and for the boating community across New Hampshire,” added Kurtz.

The 50th Annual Alton

Bay Boat Show is sponsored by The NASWA Resort, Mundial Group, Inc., and Water’s Nook Home Decor and Gifts.

Founded in 1992, NHBM is dedicated to preserving and sharing the state’s rich freshwater boating heritage. Through dynamic exhibits, youth programs like Junior Skippers, and on-the-water experiences, NHBM brings New Hampshire’s boating story to life for visitors from across the state and beyond.

Registration open for community summer sailing programs



MOULTONBOROUGH — Registration for the New Hampshire Boat Museum’s summer sailing program offered in cooperation with the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department, is now open. The program offers instructional sailing programs for all ages and skill levels at two locations on New Hampshire’s lakes.

“For more than twenty years, our sailing programs have continued to grow,” said Anne Lennon, NHBM Programs Director. “It’s a rewarding way for both kids and adults to get on

the water, build new skills, and potentially discover a lifelong passion.”

At Albee Beach on Lake Wentworth in Wolfeboro, youth classes start in Optimist dinghies while adults learn in Sunfish sailboats, with advanced instruction available for youth interested in racing. At 19 Mile Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee in Tuftonboro, keelboat classes for ages 16 and over offer both scheduled and private instruction from US Sailing-certified instructors.

“Our sailing programs reflect NHBM’s ongoing

commitment to providing hands-on boating experiences while fostering a lasting appreciation and stewardship for New Hampshire’s lakes,” added Lennon.

Founded in 1992, the New Hampshire Boat Museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing the state’s rich freshwater boating heritage. Through dynamic exhibits, programs like Boat Building, On Water Instruction and more, NHBM brings New Hampshire’s boating story to life. For sailing class schedules, requirements, and registration information, visit nhbm.org.

NHBM is supported by its generous partners, including Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane and Oil, Avery Insurance, Kingswood Press and Design Studio, Lanes End Marina, North Water Marine and Watermark Marine.

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SNOWROLLER

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learn sand blasting for the wheels! When he needed help, professionals gave guidance. Helpfulness at the time came from Historical Society President Liz Merry and member Millie Shaw. Blacksmiths Jim Keegle of Belmont and Steve Ober of Sanbornton pitched in for iron fittings.

Several times in his talk, Ralph spoke of the “team” making it happen.

The recent Town Meeting vote went the Historical Society’s way — a petitioned request was accepted, and a lease-of-land prospect for situating the snowroller outdoors under a pitched-roof, open-sided structure became possible. However, hearing of the Bert Southwick egg wag-

on project of Harmony Friendship Grange, with Chuck Hussman and others doing restoration of that antique, the Historical Society reconsidered outdoor display, as future SHS members (99-year-lease!) would need periodically to apply linseed oil over the snowroller. Southwick’s wagon, outside for years (in a pitched roof structure with open sides) at South-

wick School, was greatly damaged by weather, and the Historical Society board now believed that an inside display was best. The snowroller is currently inside, where it was restored, turning that building into a display space.

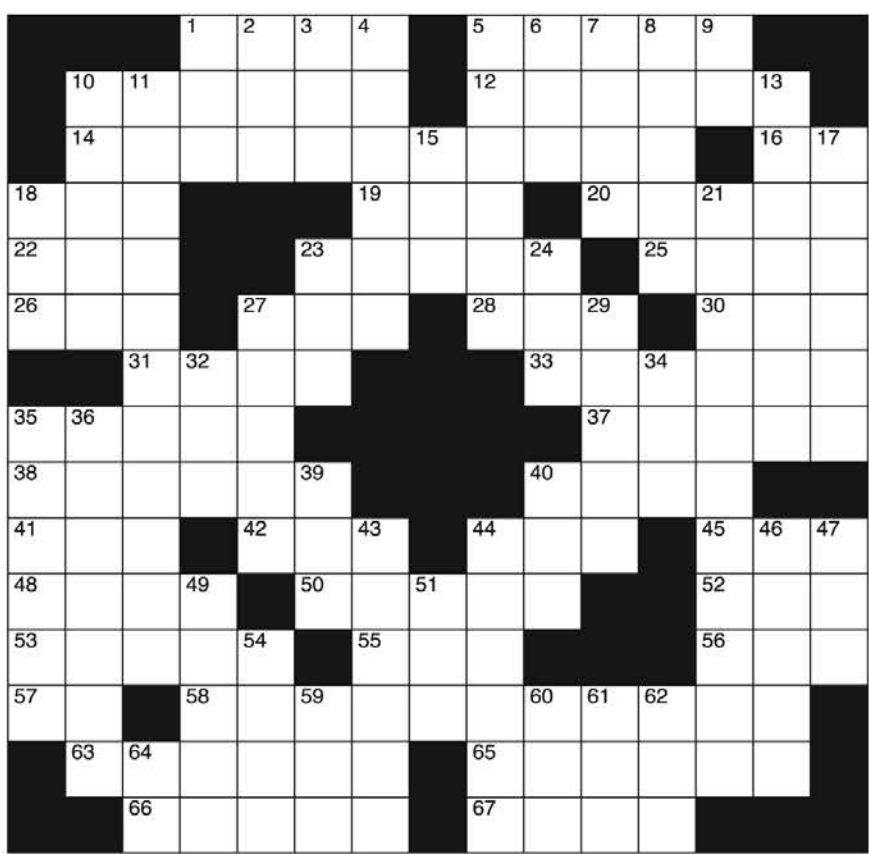
With the Harmony Grange donation, the roofed back porch on the Currier Building can become a storage shed for the miscellany (much of it needed yearly for Old Home Day). With the interior cleaned out, the Currier Building could have a

re-do of walls for appropriate background “looks.” Painted snow-scene mural? Enlarged (past) photos of snowrollers in action? A sign to put outside during “open” hours for Currier display? Interior spotlights added? Wreath sales at holiday time will still need space, but the snowroller can be pulled forward. It was strongly felt that a vintage vehicle, once restored, shouldn’t need to be restored twice. For such a large expenditure, the Society will need a supporting vote of its

members. A meeting notice will be posted at www.LaneTavern.org.

The address to use for snowroller donations is Sanbornton Historical Society, PO Box 204, Sanbornton, NH 03269 (tax deductible).

The address to use for donations to the Bert Southwick Egg Wagon restoration: Tilton Historical Society, 11 Summer St., Northfield, NH 03276. The Tilton Historical Society is also selling Bert Southwick tree ornaments.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Streetcar
- 5. Take ___ of it!
- 10. SW Asia peninsula
- 12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
- 14. One who revitalizes
- 16. Indicates position
- 18. Dishonorable man
- 19. Singer King Cole
- 20. Short-tailed marten
- 22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
- 25. Dirt
- 26. Superconducting super collider
- 27. Not good
- 28. A way to sink
- 30. Unwell
- 31. Follow orders
- 33. Deep ravine
- 35. Perfumery practice
- 37. Indian film director Sultan
- 38. Member of U.S. Navy
- 40. Wing-like
- 41. Very fast airplane
- 42. Slang for cigarette
- 44. Most cars still need it
- 45. Political war chest
- 48. Cools down
- 50. Diminish toward one end
- 52. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 53. Combined
- 55. Container
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thou
- 58. Return a favor
- 63. Go over once more
- 65. Removed
- 66. “Silence of the ___”
- 67. Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Children’s game
- 2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 3. Own (Scottish)
- 4. Female follower of Bacchus
- 5. Subsides
- 6. Protects from weather
- 7. Spanish municipality
- 8. Supermarket chain
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Semitic peoples
- 11. Designs anew
- 13. City associated with Jesus
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Bank employee
- 18. Central nervous system
- 21. Standardized piece of text
- 23. A type of fever
- 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Threaten persistently
- 29. Aspirations
- 32. Baby’s eating accessory
- 34. Actress Thurman
- 35. Turn into bone
- 36. One who saves you
- 39. Consume
- 40. Swiss river
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Categories
- 46. Expressed amazement
- 47. It’s important in respiration (abbr.)
- 49. Greek war dance
- 51. Bland, semi-liquid food
- 54. Regard in a specified way
- 59. Taxi
- 60. Naturally occurring solid material
- 61. Feline
- 62. Post-burning residue
- 64. Elevated railroad



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the Communications Committee.

Prince learned from the fund’s Executive Director Jennifer Kelley that the Christmas in July key sponsorship was available.

“Being a community bank, we’re always looking for opportunities where we can support our communities in a helpful and impactful way,” Prince said of Franklin Saving Bank. “The Children’s Fund has consistently demonstrated its commitment to serving the Greater Lakes Region, which covers the majority of our markets.”

She said the partnership between the bank and the Children’s Fund is one based on mutual appreciation. “We appreciate the impact the fund has on a great number of people, and the leaders of the Children’s Fund are wonderful supporters of the bank. It’s a great partnership,” she

said.

Franklin Saving Bank is a community bank, and part of its mission is to be philanthropic, supporting organizations that provide for the most vulnerable community members.

“When we’re able to support an organization that gives back to the community, everybody wins,” Prince said.

She added that all levels of staff at Franklin Savings Bank understand the importance of philanthropy.

“I have an amazing support system at the bank that understands the importance of giving back, from branch managers to employees to the bank’s leadership. We can make a powerful impact because of the team here at FSB,” Prince said.

The event the bank is sponsoring, Christmas in July, is one of four key events that support the Children’s Fund; the others are the Children’s Auction,

RAIDERS

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that went wide of the net.

Kearsarge came back with a bounce shot with 3:38 to go to up the lead to 2-0 but the Cougars answered just 23 seconds later, as Madi McClennon scored on a free position shot to cut the lead to 2-1.

The Cougars came back right away with their third goal with 2:50 to go but Mason saved another chance. Brooke Murphy had a shot denied before the Raiders scored their second goal, with McClennon picking up a loose ball and burying it in the net to make it 3-2. Kearsarge scored in the final 17 seconds and took the 4-2 lead to the end of the first quarter.

The Cougars scored just 13 seconds into the second quarter to up the lead to 5-2 before Murphy had a shot denied by the Kearsarge goalie. Mason stopped another shot and Brooke Varnum and Perry had

solid defensive stops. Mason stopped another shot before the Cougars scored with 6:42 to go and added another with 4:05 to go for the 7-2 lead.

Kearsarge sent a couple of shots off the post and McClennon had a shot denied at the other end while Henry sent a shot over the top of the net. Mason made another save but the Cougars scored on a free position shot as time expired and the visitors took the 8-2 lead to the half.

Henry and McClennon had solid chances that the defense denied and Mason turned away a couple more bids before the Cougars scored with 9:08 to go to up the lead to 9-2. The visitors scored another with 7:29 to go to push the lead to 10-2. Henry and McClennon came back with chances that the defense stopped and McClennon had a free position shot denied by the Cougar goalie.

The visitors scored on a free position shot with 3:27 to go to up the lead to 11-2

and they scored another goal with 1:45 to go to up the lead to 12-2 at the end of the third quarter.

Mason made an early save in the fourth quarter before the Cougars scored with 9:30 to go to up the lead to 13-2. McClennon had another shot denied before she scored with 6:50 to go to cut the lead to 13-3. Kearsarge added another goal with 5:35 to go and McClennon had another shot denied by the Cougar goalie.

The Raiders got the final goal of the game from Varnum with 3:50 to go for the 14-4 final score.

The Raiders are slated to play in the final regular season game today, May 28, at John Stark at 4:30 p.m. The Division III tournament kicks off on Tuesday, June 2, at the home of the higher seed.

For more information on the Children’s Fund, visit ChildrensFundNH.org.

For more information about Franklin Savings Bank, visit fsbnh.bank.

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Goalie Shelby Mason makes a save during her team’s game last Wednesday afternoon against Kearsarge.

Bears bounce back with win over Wildcats

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

TILTON — After a tough loss to Stevens to start the week, the Winnisquam baseball team bounced back with a 6-3 win over Fall Mountain on Wednesday, May 20.

Each team scored two runs in the first inning and the Bears added two more in the bottom of the second. Fall Mountain cut into the lead with a run in the fourth but the Bears added two in the bottom of the fourth and closed out the 6-3 win.

Carter Lloyd had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Matt Hibbert had a hit and drove in two runs and Micah Goodell had a hit and scored a run.

Dio Katsigiannis started on the hill for the Bears, pitching into the fourth inning, allowing just two hits and one earned run while striking out four and Danny Blodgett-Fralic finished things out, giving up just one hit while striking out two.

The Bears are slated to take on Newfound in the regular season finale today, May 28, at Robbie Mills Park in Laconia at 7 p.m.

The Division III tournament starts on Wednesday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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Granite VNA to present program on living with arthritis pain

TILTON — Granite VNA Community Health Educator Brooke Noonan will present the program, "Less Ache, More Awake," at the Tilton Senior Center on Tuesday, June 2 at noon.

Aches and pains from arthritis may become a barrier to regular exercise. Learn how exercise can increase strength, reduce joint pain, control swelling, and boost energy for those living with arthritis.

The program is free and open to the public. The Tilton Senior Center is located at 11 Grange Rd., Tilton. For more information, please call 603-527-8291. For more information about the programs and services Granite VNA offers, call 603-224-4093 or visit their Web site, <https://www.granitevna.org/about/>.

Belknap Area Market Management (BAMM) announces beginning of Farmers Markets' third season

BELMONT — Belknap Area Market Management (BAMM) is excited to announce the

return of its farmers markets for the 2026 season, bringing fresh, locally sourced produce, meats, baked goods, and artisan crafts to the communities of Tilton, Barnstead, and Laconia/Weirs Beach. The markets will run from late May through early October, offering residents and visitors a vibrant and accessible way to support local farmers and artisans.

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Tilton Farmers Market

Tuesdays, 3:30–6:30 p.m., starting May 19
Tilton Police Department, Route 132, Tilton

The Market at Weirs (Laconia)

Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., starting May 24
Weirs Community Park, Laconia

New Suncook Valley Farmers Market (Barnstead)

Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., starting May 30
91 Maple St., Center Barnstead

Each market will feature a diverse array of vendors offering fresh produce, meats, baked goods, and artisan crafts. SNAP/EBT benefits are accepted at all markets and are doubled through the Granite State Market Match program, making healthy, local food more accessible to all.

BAMM is committed to fostering a strong local economy by providing a platform for small-scale farmers and artisans to showcase their products. The markets also serve as community hubs, bringing together neighbors and visitors to celebrate the abundance of the Belknap region, while enjoying live music and hot food from a variety of food trucks.

For more information about the markets, vendor applications, and support opportunities, please visit www.bamm-nh.org.

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Sanbornton Square receives New Hampshire Humanities grant to present "US@250: Big Watch"

SANBORNTON — Sanbornton Public Library, Sanbornton Historical Society and Sanbornton Congregational Church will host the program "US@250: Big Watch" on Wednesday, June 3 at 5p.m.

These three pillars in Sanbornton Square invite you to watch, discuss, eat and reflect on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and American Revolution. The program will include a watch party of an excerpt of Ken Burns' new film, "The American Revolution," a light meal and a facilitated discussion by SNHU Professor Mohamed Defaa.

The Big Watch is a statewide series of community-driven programs that bring Granite Staters together. The grant is made possible by a collaboration with New Hampshire Humanities, NH Public Broadcasting (NHPBS), and additional support provided by Cogswell Benevolent Trust. New Hampshire Humanities is an independent statewide nonprofit that nurtures the joy of learning and inspires community engagement by bringing life-enhancing ideas from the humanities to the people of New Hampshire.

Join us in the community room of the Sanbornton Congregational Church at 21 Meetinghouse Hill Rd. in Sanbornton. This program is free and open to the public, a light meal will be provided.

For more information, contact the Sanbornton Public Library at (603) 286-8288 or splnhc@com or visit the Web site, splnh.com, and for more information on NH Humanities, visit www.nhhumanities.org.

Wilderness Championships results next week

MEREDITH — Due to early holiday deadlines, results for the Wilderness League Championships held at Inter-Lakes High School on Saturday, May 23, will appear in next week's edition. White Mountains, Woodsville, Gorham, Berlin, Profile, Belmont, Gilford, Prospect Mountain and Winnisquam all were scheduled to compete in the annual competition.

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Gunstock Hillclimb returns June 17 for Laconia Motorcycle Week

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GILFORD — Gunstock Mountain Resort is scheduled to host its annual Motorcycle Hillclimb again on Wednesday, June 17.

The Hillclimb is Gunstock's premier event of the summer, and it has been taking place for many years as one of the most popular activities in the area during Laconia Motorcycle Week. Gunstock has, once again, partnered with Ridge Runners Promotions to deliver an impressive display of gravity-defying determination and stunt riding for the occasion. Riders will attempt to ascend the super-steep landing hill of Gunstock's

historic, 70-meter Torger Tokle ski jump, and East-coastin Enterprises will return to wow the crowd with three motorcycle stunt shows throughout the day. In addition, a Bike Show presented by Deadbeat Customs will place some amazing motorcycles on display for all event attendees to admire. Retail vendors and a variety of food trucks add to the festival atmosphere of the event.

Gunstock's Hillclimb traditionally attracts a multi-generational lineup of competitors — many within the same family. Participants range in age from pre-teen to 70-plus. Thousands of motorcycle

enthusiasts visiting the Lakes Region for Laconia Motorcycle Week are expected to attend this annual highlight of the week's activities.

Gates are scheduled to open at 8 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. Admission is \$30, and free for children 10 and under. Hillclimb attendees are welcome to bring their own beverages (maximum cooler size is 14 inches). Beer and RTD beverages will be available for purchase on-site. No backpacks, bikes, large bags, tents, umbrellas, glass bottles, or animals are allowed.

Gunstock's 262-site campground will be open

for the season and campsites are available within walking distance of the Hillclimb venue. Gunstock's Adventure Park activities will not be operating on June 17, but the resort will be welcoming guests for Adventure Park activities on Saturdays and Sundays through June 21, then operating Thursday through Sunday through late September.

To learn more about Gunstock's Hillclimb, visit newenglandhillclimbers.com. For more information about Gunstock Mountain Resort, visit gunstock.com.



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Outdoor summer adventure kicks off at Gunstock Mountain Resort

GILFORD — Gunstock Mountain Resort's award-winning Adventure Park and 263-site campground opened for the season on May 23. Gunstock's Adventure Park includes a mountain coaster, zipline tours, an aerial treetop challenge course, and later in the summer, scenic chairlift rides on the Panorama lift. Early season hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends-only until June 25, before extending hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday until mid-September. Gunstock Campground will operate daily from May 22 through Oct. 18.

"People who are only familiar with Gunstock as a destination for winter sports are often surprised to discover we're a hot spot for summer camping and adventure too," said Gunstock President and General Manager Robert Drake. "Locals and visitors to the Lakes Region love the range of activities and events we offer in the summer."

The Gunstock Adventure Park offers its visitors a variety of thrilling fun. Ranking as one of the resort's most popular adventures, Gunstock's mountain coaster carries riders uphill through the forest before



letting gravity take charge. The downhill track curves, banks and loops its way down the mountain, winding through the trees. Riders can easily control their own speed as each cart is equipped with its own braking system, allowing guests to choose between a gentle cruise or thrilling race down the mountain at speeds up to 25 miles per hour. Coaster carts can be ridden by a solo driver or with an additional passenger.

For guests looking for an adrenaline rush, Gunstock's Zipline Tours and Aerial Treetop Adventure course take adventure to new heights. Visitors soar from peak to peak, and peak to base, on the 90-minute ZipTour experience. Measuring a total of 1.6 miles, Gunstock offers one of the longest zipline networks in the continental United States. Tours are guided and guests can control their own speed, reaching a maximum of 70 miles

per hour. Eight high-ropes courses consisting of 81 challenge features make up Gunstock's Aerial Treetop Adventure course. Suspended within the trees, guests will explore a bird's-eye view of the mountain while tackling features like log ladders, bridges, swings, seesaws, and ziplines. Each course increases in difficulty and height as visitors advance. There's even an Explorer Course, perfect for children ages six to 11.

Scenic Chairlift Rides are another popular choice of adventure, offering a relaxed, seated ride to the summit where guests are met with sweeping views of Lake Winnepesaukee and the White Mountains beyond. Scenic Chairlift Rides are anticipated to open Independence Day Weekend, following upgrades being performed on the Panorama chairlift.

When searching for refreshment between adventures, guests will find slo-

peside dining at Barrel Bar & Grille, located within the Stockade Lodge. Enjoy indoor or outdoor, full-service dining with a lunch menu that is sure to please. For quick grab-and-go options, guests can make a pit stop at The Snack Shack located outside the Historic Main Lodge.

Camping season at Gunstock is scheduled to begin with this summer's first campers checking in on May 22. The Gunstock Campground places guests in the heart of New Hampshire's Lakes Region, close to the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee and nestled at the base of the Belknap Mountains. Wooded and open field sites with fire rings and picnic tables serve as home base for guests who enjoy overnight accommodation in nature with easy access to amenities: a new camp store, playground, a heated swimming pool, dog park, bath houses, hiking and biking trails, a stocked fishing pond, themed activity weekends and discounted access to Gunstock's Adventure Park.

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Boat Museum to offer Children's Story Hour in Moultonborough

MOULTONBOROUGH — On Thursday, June 11, from 11 a.m. to noon, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host its popular Children's Story Hour in collaboration with the Moultonborough Public Library. Families with children ages

two through six are invited to participate in this free program at the museum's Moultonborough campus.

"NHBM is as exciting for children as it is for adults," said NHBM Programs Director Anne Lennon. "Our story hour

takes place in the heart of our exhibits, surrounded by our toy boat collection and full-size marina display. It is a wonderful way to introduce our youngest community members to the stories of our lakes."

During the event, Moultonborough children's librarian Sharon Gulla will read stories, followed by a fun craft activity. The program is designed as a drop-in experience and does not require advance registration.

"Connecting with community members across the state is central to our mission," Lennon added. "By partnering with the Moultonborough Public Library, we're able to offer a fun and educational experience

for both local families and visitors alike."

NHBM's 2026 season officially begins on Saturday, May 23. Following opening day, NHBM will be open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. To learn more about Children's Story Hour and other upcoming programs, visit nhbm.org.

Founded in 1992, the

New Hampshire Boat Museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing the state's rich freshwater boating heritage. Through dynamic exhibits, youth programs like Junior Skippers, and on-the-water experiences, NHBM brings New Hampshire's boating story to life.

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