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Franklin Savings Bank awards \$14,900 in scholarships

FRANKLIN — Twelve high school graduates were granted a combined total of \$14,900 in scholarships on behalf of the FSB Scholarship Fund. The awards were presented to seniors from seven area high schools located within the bank's primary market area, and include: Franklin High School, Gilford High School, Goffstown High School, Merrimack High School, Merrimack Valley High School, Newfound Regional High School, and Winnisquam Regional High School. One of the 12 scholarship recipients was granted through the FSB Employee and Dependent Scholarship program.

"Being a community bank is about giving back, supporting others, and being a strong pillar in the community," comments Brian Bozak, President & CEO. "We are proud of the students who received the FSB scholarship this year. They have worked really hard to advance their education, and will no doubt move on to be strong leaders in their communities."

Since 1994, the FSB Scholarship Fund has provided support to students in their pursuit of higher education. To date, the bank has awarded 709 scholarships totaling \$408,129 to high school graduates. The scholarship fund represents the bank's commitment to helping families afford higher educational opportunities for their children who wish to attend college

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Bell sweeps rainy weekend at New Hampshire Motor Speedway



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Pole sitter Chase Elliott signs a few autographs after being introduced prior to Sunday's USA Today 301 in Loudon.

SUNDAY'S NASCAR CUP SERIES RACE FEATURES TWO-HOUR RAIN DELAY

LOUDON — Christopher Bell celebrated a wet and wild weekend at "The Magic Mile" with

his second overtime victory in as many days in a history-making USA Today 301 NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) race on Sunday.

As darkness overtook New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS), Bell's victory lane celebration lit up New England's home for NASCAR as the 29-year-old from Norman, Ok. celebrated with not only Loudon the Lobster but a broom to mark his weekend sweep after winning the SciAps 200

NASCAR Xfinity Series (NXS) race on Saturday.

"It feels like we're hitting our stride," said Bell, who now sits just one point behind Kyle Larson in NASCAR's playoff standings after his third victory of the season and ninth of his career. "I'm excited about what's to come."

It was Joe Gibbs Racing's third straight NHMS NCS victory after Martin Truex Jr. won in 2023 and Bell's first Cup win at "The Magic Mile"

in 2022. All told, Bell has won seven of his 11 NHMS starts across NASCAR's top three national touring series, including two in the NCS.

Driving the number 20 Toyota, Bell beat runner-up Chase Briscoe to the Granite Stripe start-finish line by 1.104 seconds following a green-white-checkered restart. Briscoe's Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Josh Berry was

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WRSD recognizes district Champions for Children award recipients



COURTESY

Pictured above are WRSD's Champions for Children Catherine Rand, Sean Goodwin, Sandy Licata, Gail Robillard and Tamra Nute.

TILTON — The Champions for Children award program was established by New Hampshire School Administrators Association to recognize individuals who have given distinguished and voluntary public service to benefit

children. Their recognition reflects unique and special service above and beyond their normal duties.

The Winnisquam Regional School District uses these same criteria to recognize members of the school community

who have made a positive impact on our students. Congratulations to this year's district winners Gail Robillard, Tamra Nute, Sandy Licata, Catherine Rand and Sean Goodwin.

Gail Robillard has
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Franklin Footlight Theatre heads to Tilton in quest for performance space...and the Holy Grail



TILTON — For the first time in decades, Franklin Footlight Theatre's summer main-stage production will not take place in Franklin. With the ongoing closure of the Franklin Opera House barring the community theatre group from performing on their home stage,

they've been forced to find space to rent elsewhere. This summer, they'll be moving about ten minutes down the road to Tilton, where they'll be performing "Monty Python's Spam-

lot" at Tilton School's Hamilton Hall.

Traditionally, Footlight (which has been operating since 1995) puts on their largest-cast shows in the summer. With students home from college, fewer evening obligations for kids and families, and long days to fill, lots of local performers are available and eager to spend their summer assembling a large-scale musical. Last summer Footlight's Beauty and the Beast, the last production at the Opera House before it

closed, boasted a cast of 50 community members ranging in age from elementary school to their 70s. Though space may occasionally get a little tight in the wings, the Opera House can accommodate a cast

that large. The other available venues in Franklin? Not so much.

Footlight's fall production of "The Addams Family" was their first experience in many years of trying to put on a show without

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Early deadlines for the 4th

The offices of the Winnisquam Echo will be closed Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5, in observance of Independence Day.

To ensure that the July 4 edition arrives in subscribers' mail boxes on schedule that week, the submission deadline for press releases and letters to the Editor will be moved up one business day, from the usual Friday to Thursday, June 27 at 4 p.m.

Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at brendan@salmonpress.news.

HealthFirst Family Care Center introduces new CEO

F R A N K L I N — HealthFirst Family Care Center is pleased to announce that Ted Bognani, MIA, has been appointed the new Chief Executive Officer effective June 1. Bognani has been the health center's Chief Financial Officer since 2011, and recently added the title of Executive Director when HealthFirst opened its doors at the Mascoma Community Health Center in Canaan. His dedication and leadership in those roles have been exemplary, and this level of commitment and ex-

pertise will be brought forward to his new role as CEO. Bognani brings a wealth of knowledge in healthcare management, information technology, strategic planning, and finance to his new role. He has a strong educational background. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Vermont, served in the US Peace Corps in the Philippines, and obtained his Master of International Administration (MIA) from the World Learning School

for International Training. In addition to various Director of Finance roles, his background includes serving as Controller for international organizations such as CARE Emergency Relief Office in Mogadishu Somalia, and the Deputy Country Director in Uganda. As a dedicated member of HealthFirst's administrative leadership team, Bognani has helped to improve operations, financial viability, develop employees, and improve the patient experience and overall

culture. As the new CEO, he will continue to help drive HealthFirst's mission and growth in the Laconia, Franklin, and Canaan communities. Board Chairman Mike Stanley states, "Throughout the selection process we encountered many impressive external candidates, however, none possessed the unique combination of experience and knowledge that Ted brings. As we confront ongoing financial challenges alongside other FQHCs across the state and beyond, Ted's in-

sight and strategic vision will be invaluable in guiding us forward." Former CEO, Russ Keene will remain on board for some time before his formal retirement serving as a senior advisor. Keene comments, "Ted has a solid history with HealthFirst as he has been with the health center for 14 years. He knows the operations better than anyone. His commitment to the organization, staff, and most importantly our patients gave me the utmost confidence that the Board

chose to promote Ted to CEO. Having a strong financial background will help ensure that HealthFirst's financial health will remain strong, thus allowing us to continue to provide exemplary patient care well into the future." Bognani and his wife have two sons and have lived in Plymouth for 25 years. When not balancing budgets, his hobbies include fishing, gardening, and boating at his cabin up north.

Temple B'nai Israel's We Care program shatters fundraising record for Lakes Region Food Pantry

LACONIA — We Care, a community outreach program of Temple B'nai Israel, is thrilled to announce that their recent fundraising event on May 24 was a resounding success, raising a record-breaking \$26,264 for the Lakes Region Food Pantry. Barbara Katz, Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations for Temple B'nai Israel, presented a check to Amy Norton, Executive Director of the Lakes Region Food Pantry, at a brief ceremony held on June 17 in front of the temple on Court Street. We Care has been "lending a helping hand to Lakes Region nonprofits" for 11 years through concerts that raise critical funds to support other charitable organizations in the community.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and attendees," said Ms. Katz. "Their unwavering support allows We Care to make a significant impact on local non-profits." The event itself was another sold-out performance, a testament to the program's continued popularity and dedication to helping the community. Amy Norton, Executive Director of the Lakes Region Food Pantry, expressed her sincere appreciation for the work of the We Care team. "This generous donation will help us continue to serve the increasing number of families facing food insecurity in our community," Ms. Norton said. The Lakes Re-

gion Food Pantry is a non-profit organization that works to alleviate hunger in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. They provide emergency food assistance to individuals and families in need. For more information about the Food Pantry, visit their Web site: <http://www.lakesregion-foodpantry.org/>. The spirit of giving doesn't stop here! We Care is thrilled to announce their next fundraising concert. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 26, as the high-energy acapella group, The Cat's Pajamas, takes the stage at the Interlakes Community Auditorium. This event will benefit Circle Program, a unique organization offering one-on-one mentoring, engaging programs, and



a residential camp experience for young girls in need. Tickets for this not-to-be-missed event are available now on the Temple B'nai Israel Web

site: <https://tbinh.org/event/we-care-presents-the-cats-pajamas/>. We Care looks forward to another sold-out performance and the

opportunity to uplift another vital community organization.



Castle in the Clouds announces 2024 Havana Night Gala

MOULTONBOROUGH — Castle in the Clouds is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated 2024 Havana Night Gala on Friday, July 12 at 5 p.m. This year's gala will be an evening filled with vibrant music, dancing, and cuisine, all while supporting an exciting new restoration project at Lucknow. Guests are invited to dress in their finest Cuban-themed attire and immerse themselves in

the rhythms and movements of Cuban and Puerto Rican music, brought to life by the acclaimed group Claves & Blues (<https://claveandbluesproductions.com/claveandblues>). This ensemble of local and international musicians will guide attendees through a musical journey, celebrating diverse and lively traditions. "Our Havana Night Gala is not just a celebration of culture and community, but also our biggest fundraising event of the year," said Charles Clark, Executive Director of Castle in the Clouds. "With the support of our generous attendees, we are confident that this year's gala will surpass all expectations and significantly contribute to our preservation efforts at Castle in the Clouds." Tickets are priced at \$175 each, with all proceeds benefiting the restoration initiatives of Castle in the Clouds. Ticket and auction purchasers will receive a tax deductibility statement in late July. To purchase tickets and for more information about Castle in the Clouds, please visit www.castleintheclouds.org/gala.



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Interlakes Summer Theatre opens season with Disney’s “Newsies”

MEREDITH — The Interlakes Summer Theatre will open its 17th Season with Disney’s “Newsies” on July 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Based on the real-life Newsboy Strike of 1899, this new Disney musical tells the story of Jack Kelly, a rebellious newsboy who dreams of a life as an artist away from the big city. After publishing giant Joseph Pulitzer raises newspaper prices at the newsboys’ expense, Kelly and his fellow newsies take action. With help from the beautiful female reporter Katherine Plumber, all of New York City soon recognizes the power of “the little man.”

The production will be directed by Michael Stod-

dard, choreographed by Elizabeth Troxler, with Musical Direction by Susie Jolink. Set Designer is Katherine Wexler, Costume Designer-Izzy McClelland, Lighting Designer-Connor White, Sound Designer-Jared Lipkin, Technical Director-Michael Byne, Prop Design-Troy Tedeschi, Stage Manager-Lily Landoch, Production Manager-Kristen Wettstein, Costume Shop Manager-Ginny Fisher, Assistant Stage Manager-Raeya Garcia, Assistant Lighting Designer Brandon Clague, Costume Shop Technician-Savannah Richey.

Disney’s “Newsies” will run from July 3-14, with a matinee on July 4. Next up will be “Chicago” July 17-28, “Legal-

ly Blonde” July 31-Aug. 11, and “Million Dollar Quartet” Aug. 14-18.

Interlakes Summer Theatre is grateful for our sponsors — Season Sponsor-Meredith Village Savings Bank, Show sponsors-The Mug Restaurant, Golden View Health Care, Voila Salon, Friedman & Bresaw Law, Sanders Management, RC Brayshaw Printing, The Daily Sun.

Tickets can be purchased at our Box Office at 1 Laker Lane from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, or online at interlaketheatre.com, or by calling 1-603-707-6035.

COURTESY
Disney’s “Newsies” features a cast of 35, featuring Broadway choreography and a live orchestra.



NH Boat Museum to offer Children’s Story Hour at Moultonborough campus



MOULTONBOROUGH — This summer, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will offer two Children’s Story Hours in collaboration with the Moultonborough Public Library. Families with children ages two through six are invited to participate in the free program.

“We are excited to partner with the Moultonborough Public Library and host story hour for young families,” said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings. “It is a fun way to introduce boating through reading and the families can learn more about NHBM and other educational programs.”

Children’s Story Hours are offered at

NHBM’s Moultonborough Campus on Thursdays, July 11 and Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to noon. Librarians read stories during the first 30 minutes, while children are invited to participate in a craft activity for the second half of the event.

In addition to Children’s Story Hours, other NHBM programs geared toward young children include Lake Discovery Drop In Days (Fridays, July 19 and Aug. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.). Themed around lake ecology, arts, crafts, and games, Lake Discovery Drop In Days are free and take place at NHBM’s Moultonborough campus.

“Families are welcome to stop by and participate anytime during the two-hour program,”

added Cummings. “We want families to experience our new campus and feel right at home here.”

To learn more about Children’s Story Hour or Lake Discovery Drop In Days, visit nhbm.org. Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits and engaging programs and events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages.

NHBM is sponsored in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane and Oil, Stark Creative, KW Lakes and Mountains, Taylor Community, Belletetes, and North Water Marine.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of June 10-17.

Troy R. Marcoux, age 22, of Belmont was arrested on June 10 in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Haley Elizabeth Guay, age 19, of Epsom; Joshua Raymond Martineau, age 19, of Pembroke; and Madison Ruth Hamel, age 18, of Allenstown were arrested on June 11 for Criminal Trespassing.

Bryce Fall, age 28, of Belmont was arrested on June 12 in connection with a warrant.

Christopher G. Davis, age 51, of Laconia was arrested on June 12 for Possession of a Controlled Drug and in connection with a warrant.

Thomas William Carroll, age 19, of Laconia was arrested on June 15 for Domestic Violence-Criminal Threatening causing Fear of Bodily Injury and Criminal Trespassing.

Danielle M. Crowley, age 38, of Belmont was arrested on June 16 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury. Ward Maynard, age 62, of Belmont was arrested during the same incident in connection with a bench warrant.

Uncover the “Hidden History of Lake Winnepesaukee” with Gilmanton Historical Society

GILMANTON — Join the Gilmanton Historical Society on Tuesday June 25. Glenn Knoblock will present many little known aspects about the history of the ‘Big Lake’ including stories about the towns bordering the lake and settlements on some of the islands. These fascinating and enlightening bits of history will change forever how you look at Lake Winnepesaukee.

The program, at the Old Town Hall on Route 140 in Gilmanton Iron Works, begins promptly at 6:30 pm. Social hour and refreshments begin at 6:00. All are welcome. There is no charge, but donations to support the Society are welcome.

The Society sponsors programs on the fourth Tuesday of each month, May through September. Upcoming: July 27, 10 a.m. to 3 pm., explore the Farm Museum at the Tom Howe Conservation Area. (rain date, Sunday, July 28.) For information about the Society’s museum and other programs, see the Society’s Web site: <https://gilmantonhistoricalsociety.org>.

LWSA offering adult sailing and private lessons

REGION — The Lake Winnepesaukee Sailing Association is now taking registrations for its summer sailing programs for adults. While the association is well-known for its summer sailing school for children, it also offers opportunities for adults and private parties to learn to sail or shore up their sailing skills. Lessons will be conducted by their US Sailing Certified staff twice a week for two weeks, providing a convenient and affordable option to get out on the water and improve their sailing skills through hands-on learning on beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee. For more information, please visit www.lwsa.org/ or e-mail info@lwsa.org.

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

Acting tough is a waste of time

In a world where being macho is sometimes celebrated, it's important to realize that putting on a tough guy act is not only pointless but also counterproductive. This facade of strength is a poor substitute for genuine confidence and integrity. It's time to break away from this outdated mindset and grasp what truly makes us better humans.

The idea that showing vulnerability makes you weak is a myth. Real strength comes from being honest with yourself and others. When we hide our true feelings behind a macho exterior, we're only hurting ourselves. Pretending to be invincible isn't just tiring; it keeps us from forming real connections.

When we focus on being tough instead of being kind, we miss out on the deep connections that come from understanding and supporting one another. A community that values empathy over machismo is one where people thrive together, not compete against each other. Genuine empathy strengthens bonds and promotes cooperation, which are the real markers of strength.

Being vulnerable is a sign of true courage. It takes guts to talk about your fears, struggles, and insecurities. When we allow ourselves to be vulnerable, we encourage others to do the same, creating an environment of trust and mutual support. Authenticity leads to deeper, more meaningful relationships and personal growth. On the flip side, hiding behind a tough guy act stunts our emotional and personal development.

Strength isn't just about physical power or emotional stoicism. True strength involves perseverance, resilience, and knowing when to ask for help. It's about compassion, understanding, and forgiveness. By redefining strength this way, we move away from the old-school idea that toughness equals power. Real power lies in our ability to connect with others and make a positive impact.

Role models have a crucial role in showing that being a good person isn't about being tough but about being kind and empathetic. Leaders, mentors, and public figures need to demonstrate that real success comes from lifting others up and contributing to the greater good. By highlighting the importance of emotional intelligence and empathy, they can inspire others to follow suit and build a more compassionate world.

Acting tough and macho might seem appealing, but it's a misguided and ultimately futile approach to life. Real strength comes from being empathetic, and authentic.



COURTESY

Winnisquam Regional School District honors retirees

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shannon Bartlett celebrates with Winnisquam Regional School District 2024 retiring staff members Adele Chertoff and Tamra Nute. Adele has been with the WRSD for 32 years. She began her career working at Union Sanborn School before transitioning into her current role as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools. Tammy has worked in each of the WRSD Elementary Schools and her teaching assignments have included Title I, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Reading Specialist. Both of these women made invaluable contributions to the district and will be missed by all.

The right thing to do is often the most difficult

In a world that often celebrates ease and comfort, it's easy to forget that true meaning often comes from doing the hard things.

Oskar Schindler was a German industrialist who became a beacon of hope during the Holocaust. Despite immense danger, Schindler risked his life and his fortune to save over a thousand Jews from extermination.

Born in 1908, Schindler's early life was marked by privilege and success in business. Initially a member of the Nazi Party, he exploited the war for profit. He was a successful businessman; it would have been much easier for him to keep his head down and enjoy his profits, but after witnessing the brutal persecution of Jews in Poland, he was changed forever. Schindler's conscience awakened, and he felt a profound responsibility to protect his Jewish workers.

Schindler said, "I was now resolved to do everything in my power to defeat the system."

Schindler faced the constant threat of discovery while ensuring the safety of those he sheltered.

One cold, gray morning, Schindler received a tip that a train carry-

ing a group of his Jewish workers was headed to Auschwitz. He knew time was running out. Racing against the clock, Schindler drove to the train station, his heart pounding with fear and determination.

When he arrived, the scene was chaotic—SS officers barked orders, and terrified prisoners huddled in cramped, freezing boxcars.

Schindler approached the commanding officer, a stern-faced SS lieutenant known for his ruthless efficiency. With unwavering confidence, Schindler demanded that the train be stopped. "These people are essential for my factory's operation," he declared. "Without them, our production will halt, and we will fail to meet our quotas for the war effort."

The lieutenant eyed Schindler with suspicion. "How do I know you're telling the truth?" he asked, his voice dripping with skepticism.

Schindler, sensing the officer's hesitation, pressed on. "I have the paperwork right here," he said, producing forged documents that listed the prisoners as essential workers. "Without their expertise, we lose valuable time and resources. The

Reich cannot afford such inefficiency."

For a moment, the world seemed to stand still. The officer took the papers and examined them closely, his expression unreadable. Schindler's pulse quickened. If the documents were deemed insufficient or fraudulent, he would be arrested on the spot.

After what felt like an eternity, the lieutenant finally nodded. "Very well," he said, his tone begrudging.

With a sigh of relief masked by a firm nod, Schindler watched as the train doors were opened and the prisoners were escorted back to his factory.

In another instance, he risked everything to rescue a young boy.

Small and frail, the boy struggled to keep up with the demands of factory life. One harsh winter day, Leon collapsed from exhaustion and illness. His fellow workers knew the grim reality: those who fell ill faced execution.

Word quickly reached Schindler. Without hesitation, he rushed to the factory floor. "What happened to the boy?" he demanded, his voice tight with concern. A guard stepped forward, indifferent. "He's sick. Orders are clear, Herr Schindler. He's no longer useful."

Schindler barked,

"This boy is essential to my operation." The guard sneered, "You're risking your life for a sick child?"

As the doctor treated the boy, Schindler faced an imminent threat. His defiance had not gone unnoticed. Within hours, an SS officer arrived to discuss with Schindler. After a tense standoff, the boy was allowed to recover and get back to work.

Had Oskar Schindler chosen to keep his head down and enjoy his profitable business, his life would have been much easier; but it would have haunted him until his dying day.

He said, "I am the conscience of all those who knew something—but did nothing." He could have avoided the constant threat of execution and the grueling stress of protecting his Jewish workers, but Oskar found that there was significant meaning in embracing the difficult path.

Schindler's story shows us that facing tough times for a greater cause can change our lives and the lives of countless others. He lived by the idea that real purpose comes from tackling the most demanding challenges, reminding us that doing the difficult thing is often the right thing to do.



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Caregiving can be a rewarding experience, and an opportunity to give back some of the care and compassion received earlier in life. As we watch family members age, it can bring up big emotions and challenges. It's hard to see an aging parent loved ones growing older and in need of help. Especially when it comes to having the initial conversation about options like in-home care.

Having that first conversation about a loved one and their needs can be challenging, but it

should be done sooner rather than later. As a person ages, their ability to make decisions may diminish. For a decision as important as this one, everyone in the family should feel heard.

Steps for a successful family care conversation
Step 1: Plan the conversation

As the saying goes, seeing is believing. Phone calls don't always convey the complete picture of the situation. How can your family make this easier? Try to pick a date and time when you can get the whole family together and in person for this vital conversation. If it's

impossible to get your family together in person, a video call can be a great alternative.

Try not to wait for an accident or medical emergency before addressing the future – after all, it is always harder to think clearly and make decisions in moments of crisis.

There are many different options for in-home care, and information can help find a solution that is the best fit. Start your research to see what you think is best for you and your family.

Step 2: Share concerns from a place of love

Although this can be

intimidating, staying calm and taking breaks is important. The initial conversation is to understand each other and begin to set goals together as a family.

Have the necessary paperwork or documents to help everyone in the family. Share any stories or anecdotes from the older family member's doctors or friends will be helpful as well. It's easier for everyone to understand the situation when medical records illustrate important care concerns. If the older member of the family expresses interest in staying in their

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GOING OUT OF TOWN

A visit to the Ghostbusters firehouse



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The exterior of the New York Fire Department's Hook & Ladder 8 building in Tribeca: the real-life location of the "Ghostbusters" firehouse.

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On June 8, 1984, the world was introduced to four paranormal investigators who save New York City from a huge supernatural threat with their trusty proton packs and a lot of humor: "Ghostbusters" opened in theaters exactly 40 years ago this month, introducing the world to the Stay-Puft Marshmallow Man, Slimer, the dangers of crossing the streams, and the declaration "I ain't afraid of no ghosts," among many others. It also introduced us to a small brick firehouse that served as the Ghostbusters' headquarters as well as the center of a few potentially city-wrecking disasters. The building itself is an actual working New York Fire Department station and on a sum-

mer day in 2022 I got the chance to visit the real life station. You have no idea how long I've been a "Ghostbusters" fan. My parents taped the movie off HBO when I was barely in elementary school, one among a collection of movies we kept on various VHS tapes. I saw it maybe when I was around 8 and I was hooked. I watched that videotape so many times, then the cartoon series "The Real Ghostbusters" came out and I collected all the figures and sampled the cereal and the Hi-C Ecto Cooler drink. I had the privilege of seeing "Ghostbusters II" in the theater when I was nine years old. I lost interest in the series into my teen years, but then I caught it on TV when I was in college



A fire engine sat in the bay of Ladder Company 8 with photos from the station's history on the wall.

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home as they age, then in-home care may be the right choice for them.

Seniors who use home care services report 25 percent fewer doctor's visits than those who do not. [AM1]

Step 3: Talk it out

Make sure you give everyone time to speak; everyone might not always agree during this process but respecting each other and staying level-headed is key. Ultimately a good rule of thumb is to ask a lot of questions. Ask siblings and family members for their thoughts and what they think about getting an aging parent in-home assistance, and ask the loved one their desires for this next step in life.

What to do after the first conversation? Give it some time, and make sure everyone has collected their thoughts from the initial discus-

sion. Every family is different. Don't feel discouraged if a few conversations are needed before everyone is comfortable moving to the next step. It can take some time for siblings and family members to come around; just remember to be patient and make sure everyone has a clear understanding of their role and responsibility in this decision.

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and fell in love again. This time, in my 20s, I got the plot better and understood all the jokes meant for adults while also appreciating the supernatural storyline and all the amazing practical effects.

"Ghostbusters" is such a New York City movie and a huge part of its heart is a love for the city right down to Winston yelling, "I love this town!" in one of the last scenes. When I went to New York in 2000, I stumbled on the New York Public Library's Fifth Avenue branch that appears in the opening scene, taking plenty of photos of the lions by the stairs. When I went back for my big trip in 2022, I looked up if the firehouse was actually a real building, happy to find out it was and was even located on every map I looked up. I knew I had to see it when I went.

The "Ghostbusters" firehouse is actually the home of the FDNY's Ladder Company 8. The building at 14 North Moore St. was built in 1903 for the Hook & Ladder 8 company and halved in 1908 to create a single ladder company. According to published reports, "Ghostbusters" writer and star Dan Ackroyd saw the building and liked it as a potential exterior site for the movie. The Hook & Ladder 8 building then became the image of the Ghostbusters' station while the interior scenes were filmed in a fire station in Los Angeles.

While the station is the center of a few city activities. Our goal is to see that clients have the means to find the joy and happiness in each day, regardless of age or acuity. About Comfort Keepers

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threatening cataclysms in the films, the company was called to service for a real one on Sept. 11, 2001. Ladder Company 8 is located just a mile from the World Trade Center and they were one of the first FDNY companies to respond to the scene. Lt. Vincent Halloran, a 20-year firefighter, lost his life in the rescue efforts at the age of 43.

In 2011, the city proposed closing 20 fire companies to save money with Hook & Ladder 8 on that list. A public campaign was formed to save the company that included advocate and future Mayor Bill de Blasio and actor and former firefighter Steve Buscemi. The station was saved, received a renovation in 2016, and is still in operation today.

In 2022 on the second full day of my trip I visited the World Trade Center, spending time at the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum, going to the top of One World Trade, and exploring the shops of The Oculus. After my trip around the World Trade Center, I consulted my map app and found the firehouse was just a mile away. I walked through the streets of Tribeca and after about a 15 minute or so walk there it was in front of me. I was now looking at the firehouse I had seen on screen so many times.

The station embraces its connection with "Ghostbusters." One of the first things you notice are two logos painted on each side of the driveway: both are versions of the standard FDNY logo with the Ghostbuster logo, though in this one the ghost is wearing a fire helmet and carrying an ax and fire hook. The plastic Ghostbusters sign hangs above the red bay door.

When I went there the bay door was open and a small group of visitors were wandering in. I've heard this isn't a common occurrence, but I think the day I went was quiet, with no calls at the time.

A few firefighters hung around talking

"Ghostbusters" patches and memorabilia line one section of the wall in the Hook & Ladder 8 building.



A look inside the main bay of Ladder Company 8's firehouse. No proton packs in sight, but plenty of other equipment.

with visitors, some sitting in folding chairs by the engine. The firefighters were very gracious. There was a family there and a mom asked one of the firefighters if her little boy could get in the engine's cab. The firefighter gladly opened the door and showed the boy the inside of the fire engine.

One section of the wall is plastered with "Ghostbusters" memorabilia. "Ghostbusters" fan and reenactment groups from around the world sent their patches to the station and they are on display all over a section of one wall. There is also a display of old toys, including a toy version of the fire station itself.

Hook & Ladder 8 also has its own souvenirs and visitors could ask one of the firefighters to get a patch or a t-shirt with the station's ghost logo. I bought a patch and it's mounted on my wall now.

Another section of the wall tells the station's history with numerous photos and artifacts,

I left the building and found myself taking photos all around the neighborhood. I couldn't help

but imagine this was the angles the Ghostbusters saw of their neighborhood every day.

It felt like such a privilege to see this iconic building right in front of me and my inner 8-year-old was freaking out the whole time. This experience was also enhanced by what I've learned about the fire service through my job as a reporter. I have been in so many fire stations, seen a lot of engines sitting in a bay or in the middle of fighting real fires, and I have talked with more firefighters than I can count from so many communities. I found myself coming into this firehouse with that experience and was fascinated by seeing this day in the life of the FDNY in a station that happened to be a cultural icon.

This year's Ghostbusters Day marked the film's 40th birthday and I am sure a lot of visitors got a look at the Hook & Ladder 8 building. While the Ghostbusters were a type of fantasy first responders, experiencing this firehouse means getting a look at the home of some real-life New York City heroes.



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Joyce Lynn Hamel
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It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Joyce L. Hamel, a beloved staff sergeant in the United States Air Force, and a cherished aunt, sister, wife and daughter. Joyce passed away from a sudden accident in Clovis NM where she was stationed at Cannon Air Force Base. Joyce was surrounded by her loving family and friends, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and unwavering dedication.

Joyce proudly served her country with honor and distinction, embracing her role in the Air Force with a deep sense of pride and commitment. Her service was a testament to her strength, bravery, and selflessness. She exemplified the true spirit of a patriot, always ready to answer the call of duty.

Beyond her military accomplishments, Joyce was known for her quick wit and sarcastic humor that brought joy and laughter to all who knew her.



Her family was the center of her world, and she loved them more than anything. She was a source of strength and support, always putting the needs of her loved ones before her own.

As an aunt, sister, wife and daughter, Joyce's love was unconditional and her presence irreplaceable. Her memory will forever be cherished

by her family and friends, who will miss her deeply. Her spirit will live on in the stories, laughter, and love she shared with those fortunate enough to have known her.

Joyce's life was a beautiful blend of service, love, and laughter. She leaves behind a void that cannot be filled, but her legacy will continue to inspire and bring comfort to her family and friends. May she rest in eternal peace, knowing she was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Joyce returned home to rest at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

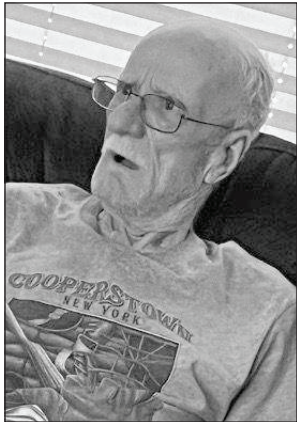
Ralph Edward Owen, 82

Tilton — Ralph Edward Owen, 82, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on June 18, 2024.

Born on January 31, 1942, Ralph was raised by his father Harris Owen.

Ralph married his wife, Madeline Lavertu Owen in 1965 and had three children together. He primarily worked as a factory worker at Webster Valve and later at Polyclad Laminates in Franklin along with other odd jobs. He enjoyed the times he spent on his boat, especially on Newfound Lake and enjoyed any opportunity to go deep sea fishing with his friends and son, Brett. Ralph loved his Dodge Shelby sportscar in his earlier years – enough so that he named his beloved shitzu Shelby, after it.

Ralph is survived by his wife, three children, seven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. They include his wife



Madeline Owen; his eldest daughter Tina Boynton of Franklin and sons; Derek Boynton, Christopher Boynton; daughter Lisa Wright of Campton and children; daughter Renee Boles, daughter Alicia Laferriere, and son Josh McDonald; son Brett Owen of Littleton; daughters Hannah Owen and Sydney Owen; and his brother, Gene Owen.

He was predeceased by his father, Harris Owen, and brother William Owen.

Ralph was a simple, kind-hearted man who gave the shirt off his back to those that he endeared. He was also just as likely to give them an earful. He sincerely loved his wife, children, and his beloved dog Shelby.

The Cremation Society of NH is assisting the family with arrangements. A private service for Ralph's family was held Friday, June 21.

Public invited to
'Paintings for a Purpose' Art Show
June 27-Aug. 30



From left, Erica Thoits, CASA of New Hampshire Director of Community Relations, Artist Dr. Marc Bard, and Suzanne Lenz, CASA Development Director, hold some of the framed pieces of art that will be included in the Paintings for a Purpose Art Show at MVSB.

MEREDITH — Local watercolor artist Dr. Marc Bard will once again be hosting the 'Paintings for a Purpose' Art Show this summer with all of the proceeds from the sale of artwork going to local nonprofit organizations. This year, Dr. Bard will be joined by colleague, Dr. John Ingard, whose wildlife photography will also be included in the 2024 show.

The art show will begin with an opening reception at MVSB's Main Office at 24 NH Route 25 in Meredith from 4-7 p.m. June 27. Artwork will remain on display at the location until the end of July and then will move to the Bank's Wolfeboro Office at 66 North Main Street. A Wolfeboro reception is planned at the Bank from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 1 and artwork will remain on display at the Wolfeboro location throughout the month. All are welcome to stop in during the opening receptions or during business hours at the Bank to view and purchase art.

Proceeds from the show will benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire, End 68 Hours of Hunger – Wolfeboro Area, Kingswood Youth Center, and Restoration Acres Farm. The organizations were selected from a pool of interested nonprofits by Dr. Bard and a committee of community members.

"We are honored to once again support Dr. Bard and now Dr. Ingard as they grow this special event and its community impact this year," said Marcus Weeks, MVSB President. "The organi-

zations selected tackle some of the most pressing needs in our communities and the contributions will surely be put to good use helping local people. We hope everyone will stop by during our opening reception to view and purchase some beautiful works of art."

This year, in addition to the sale of original artwork and prints, guest will also have the option to purchase note cards of select designs, request commissioned art, and special order prints of any original piece in the show thanks to the support of Meredith Frame Shop. Artwork can be previewed online on the organization's website, paintingsforapurpose.org, which has been designed and maintained by Bard's grandson, Benny Levine.

The 2024 'Paintings for a Purpose' art show will be Dr. Bard's 5th annual fundraiser. Last year's event raised more than \$10,000, which was donated to the Meredith Food Pantry to support food insufficiency in local communities.

About Dr. Marc Bard
Now in double overtime of a fulfilling career as a medical illustrator, practicing physician, author, health care executive, and national health care consultant, Marc Bard currently devotes his time to embracing the Squam Lake environs with his wife Carol and, whenever possible, his children and grandchildren. He enjoys studying watercolor painting and contributing to the success of local nonprofit charitable organizations by donat-

ing all proceeds from his artwork to support their mission

About Dr. John Ingard
Ingard recently retired from a long career as a practicing internist, initially in partnership with Marc Bard. Since high school, he has visited Squam Lake and for the past seven years, he and his wife have enjoyed their cabin near Lake Kanastota. He started with digital photography 25 years ago and for the past 15 years, he has used Canon EOS full-frame sensor cameras. His wildlife photography involves a fulfilling mix of artistic expression, outdoor exercise, and observation of animal behavior.

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Loon Preservation Committee streams Live Loon Cam

MOULTONBOROUGH — Loons have just laid an egg on a Live Loon Cam run by the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC). Now in its tenth year of operation, the cam is streaming live on YouTube and features a pair of loons nesting in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. The first egg was laid on June 17, and a second egg is expected to be laid between June 19th–June 20th. Hatch is expected to occur between July 14–15. Over the next 28 days, viewers can watch, up-close and in real time, as the birds incubate their eggs and hatch their chicks. During this time, viewers will also see the loons interact with one another and with the other wildlife species that they share the lake with.

In addition to watching



Courtesy
Lowering the head over the nest is a sign of distress. Lake users who see this behavior should give nesting loons more space.

the loons, viewers of the cam also have the option to participate in an online chat with other viewers and with LPC biologists. The chat al-

lows viewers to share events that happen on camera, connect, and socialize over their love of the birds. Those interested in viewing the Loon Cam can do so at loon.org/looncam.

The pair featured on the Loon Cam is one of many loon pairs that are currently incubating nests across New Hampshire. Loons nest on lakes and ponds and often build their nests along the shoreline of islands, in marshy areas, or along the mainland shoreline of protected coves. Adapted for life in the water, loons cannot walk on land, and

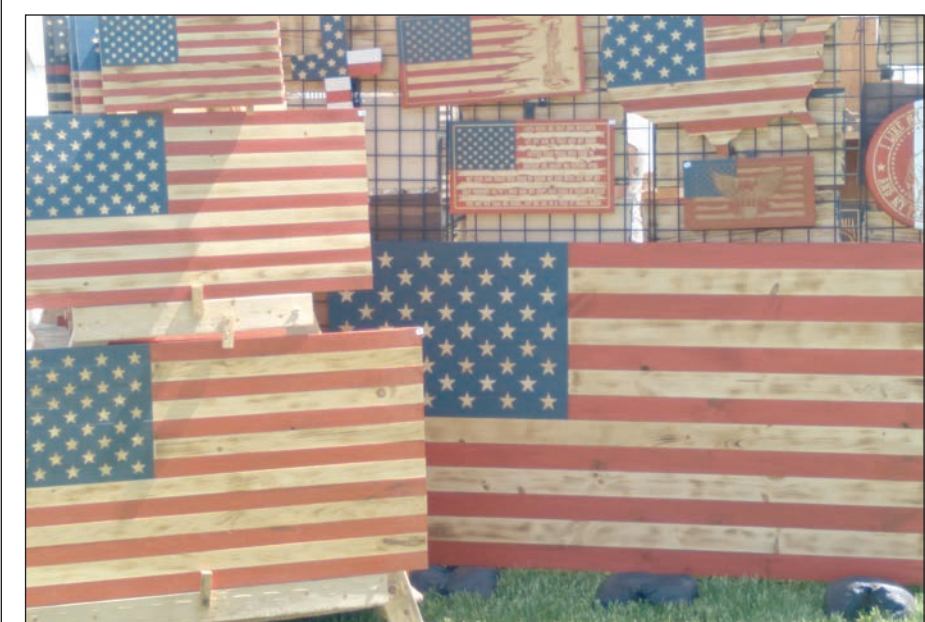
as such, they build their nest right at the water's edge. These nests are vulnerable to boat wakes and to human disturbance.

"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 render the eggs inviable.

Those who plan to boat, fish, or hike 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. 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, they should 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.

The Loon Preservation Committee monitors loons throughout the state as part of its mission to restore and maintain a healthy population of loons in New Hampshire; to monitor the health and productivity of loon populations as sentinels of environmental quality; and to promote a greater understanding of loons and the natural world.



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NASCAR

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third, followed by Larson in fourth and Chris Buescher in fifth.

Wet-weather tires specifically designed for racing on damp surfaces were used for the first time in the middle of a NCS race on an oval track after a red flag stoppage for rain showers for more than two hours with 219 laps complete.

“It was so fun to get to experience that run of 80 or so laps in those conditions,” said Bell, who was ninth entering the red flag period. “It ended up being a good show and made it different. Nobody knew what to expect or what to do and hopefully it was entertaining.”

Richmond’s race in March began with 41 laps on wet-weather tires. The final 86 laps at New

Hampshire featured the unique grooved rubber. “What a whirlwind,” Briscoe said. “What an awesome recovery. The rain definitely helped us. We had a couple good restarts. We needed a good turnaround day and it definitely didn’t start that way but I am glad that it ended up that way for sure.”

Bell was able to consistently hold off all challengers after grabbing the lead on lap 242, heading the final 64 laps and a race-high 149 total. With his fellow competitors looking for any advantage on all parts of the racing surface, Bell stayed clean as six caution flags flew after the wet-weather tires were added.

“I really was surprised to see people [racing] on the apron,” said Adam Stevens, Bell’s crew chief. “It seemed like ev-



Pit road was a crowded place prior to the start of the USA Today 301 on Sunday as fans took the opportunity to get up close and personal with their favorite NASCAR stars.

eryone could find a line that worked for whatever balance they had. This track has so much character and tasks the driver with finding the best lines.”

“I don’t think any of us will forget this race,” added Joe Gibbs, Bell’s car owner. “I think Christopher is gifted. It’s great to see him get the success he deserves.”

Among New England natives, Ryan Preece

from Berlin, Conn., was 11th, Boston native Kaz Grala finished 22nd and Joey Logano, from Middletown, Conn., placed three laps down in 32nd.

Other notable finishes included Tyler Reddick (53 laps led) in sixth, who would have been the victor if the race had been called during the red-flag stoppage, Martin Truex Jr. in ninth, who was making his last NHMS start as a full-time NCS



Drivers Denny Hamlin and Chris Buescher sign autographs for fans after driver introductions on Sunday in Loudon.

driver and Chase Elliott in 18th, who led the race’s first 41 laps after starting from the pole position.

Bell completed the 305 laps (322.69 miles) in three hours, 48 minutes and 14 seconds for an average speed of 84.832 mph. Five drivers exchanged the lead six times, with 14 caution periods taking up 85 laps. Bell won the first stage while his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Denny

Hamlin won the second stage before slipping to 24th place.

“This race had everything,” NBC Sports analyst Steve Letarte noted after the checkered flag fell and Bell celebrated in front of thousands of New Hampshire fans who stuck it out through the wet weather. “I don’t even know where to start.”

WRSD

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worked as a paraprofessional at Sanbornton Central School for the past 13 years. She is an exceptional team player who is willing to help wherever needed. Her experience, leadership and work ethic make her an outstanding role model for her peers. In addition to her work in the classroom, she also co-runs the Robotics

Club. She is committed to make it an engaging, hands-on competitive learning environment for our students.

Tamra Nute, Southwick School’s Champion will be retiring this year after 36 years of dedicated service to the Winnisquam Regional School District. Mrs. Nute has been a strong advocate for students and an exceptional colleague to her peers. She believes

wholeheartedly in stepping up and making the world a better place for her students. Mrs. Nute holds herself and others to a high standard and reminds us that reading and learning is about being educated and using it to make a difference in the world.

WRMS was proud to award this honor to Sandy Licata. In addition to her classroom responsibilities, Sandy also

participates in several student-centered committees, works tirelessly and enthusiastically with students in the Culinary Club, and maintains the school greenhouse. She works to keep the flowers, fruits and vegetables cared for and watered throughout the summer months.

A staff member said, “Sandy is such an integral part of our school community. Her enthu-

siasm, flexibility, and willingness to help at all times make her a Champion for Children!”

Whether it is organizing extracurricular activities, participating in community events, leading professional development sessions for colleagues, or advocating for resources and policies that benefit students, Catherine Rand embodies leadership and dedication. For these

reasons and many more, Catherine is the WRHS Champion for Children.

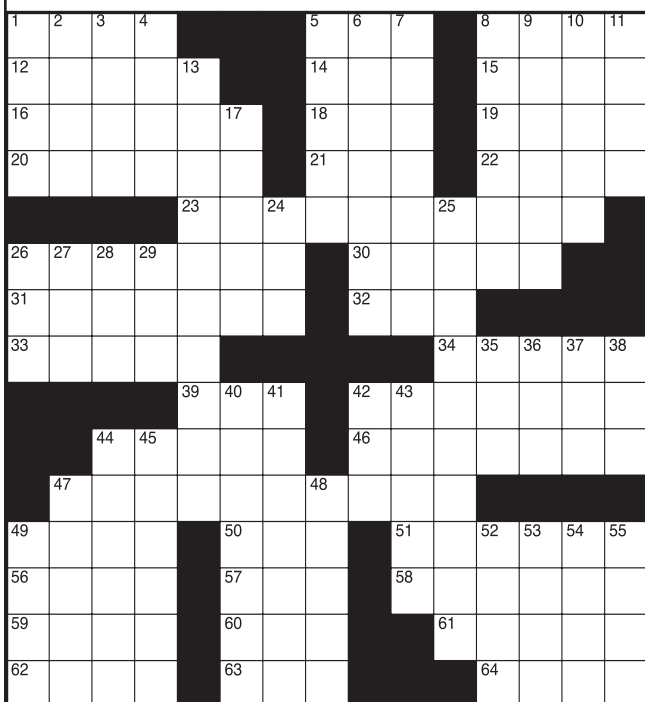
Principal Dr. Angela Friborg said, “Teachers who extend their impact beyond the classroom and into the broader school community are invaluable. Catherine is one of those teachers. She actively engages with students, parents, fellow educators, and administrators to foster a collaborative and supportive environment where everyone feels empowered to contribute positively to the educational journey.”

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Shannon Bartlett, surprised School Board Chairman Sean Goodwin by announcing that he was also selected as a WRSD Champion for Children. Goodwin has been a member of the WRSD School Board since December 2007 and was elected Chair in 2022.

In her recognition statement Dr. Bartlett said, “Whether offering pre-game advice to a van full of soccer players, reviewing practice drills with the hockey team, explaining the need for a new sousaphone at several budget meetings, or cheering on Winnisquam athletes as they pursue excellence at the regional, State and New England levels, Mr. Goodwin’s investment in this community resonates across the District – from classrooms to ice rinks, music festivals to playing fields.”

Congratulations to the recipients who all embody the qualities of a Champion for Children.

TAKE A BREAK



ACROSS

- 1. Volunteer school groups
- 5. Cash machine
- 8. Title of various Muslim rulers
- 12. Indian hand clash cymbals
- 14. Scarf
- 15. Easily manageable
- 16. Cry
- 18. Financial term
- 19. Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.)
- 20. Clean out a riverbed
- 21. Seaport (abbr.)
- 22. English seascape painter
- 23. Bring back again
- 26. Subtracted from
- 30. Related on the mother’s side
- 31. Mooches
- 32. Commotion
- 33. Boer War general

- 34. Silklike nylon fabric
- 39. CNN’s founder
- 42. Sarcastic in a bitter way
- 44. Minute reproductive unit
- 46. Nourishment
- 47. Large predatory tropical fish
- 49. Small, rich sponge cake
- 50. Drink a small amount
- 51. Golfer Rodriguez
- 56. Norse personification of old age
- 57. Large flightless bird
- 58. Capsized
- 59. Convicted American spy
- 60. Music genre
- 61. Makes tractors
- 62. Undergo cell disintegration
- 63. Patti Hearst’s captors
- 64. Selfs

DOWN

- 1. Post-traumatic stress disorder
- 2. Goat-like mammal
- 3. Swiss river
- 4. Slithered
- 5. Humiliate
- 6. Tumbled
- 7. Popular alcoholic drink
- 8. Small round hole in a leather cloth
- 9. Fertilizer
- 10. State of affairs that seems deliberately contrary
- 11. Count on
- 13. One who discriminates against
- 17. New Hampshire city
- 24. One who cares for teeth
- 25. Sent off
- 26. Mutual savings bank
- 27. Initial public offering
- 28. Denial
- 29. Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.)
- 35. A doctrine
- 36. Consumed
- 37. Trent Reznor’s band
- 38. Perform in a movie
- 40. Schoolhouse implements
- 41. Mathematical term
- 42. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 43. Expression of regret
- 44. Martens
- 45. Approval
- 47. Pleasantly warm
- 48. The Eurasian hoopoe
- 49. NBAer Bradley
- 52. Engineering organization
- 53. Horsefly
- 54. Type of sandwich
- 55. A day in the middle of the month

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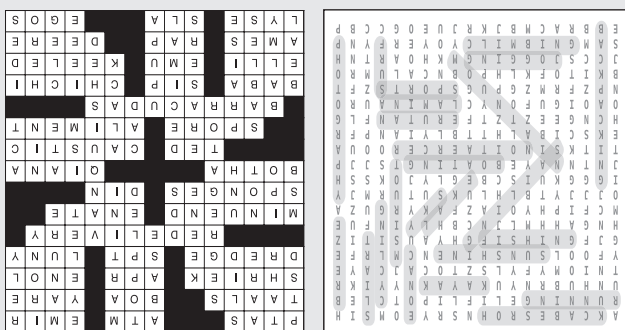


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THEATRE

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the Opera House. The 33-person cast squeezed into Franklin Middle School, performing on the stage in the school's cafeteria. Actors used the library to get into costume, makeup, and microphones then were shuttled down the hallway to the music classroom (which abuts the stage) during preshow announcements to avoid being seen by the audience.

More frustrating than the lack of greenroom space was lack of backstage and wing space—actors could only enter and exit through the back wall or through the audience, and there was no easy way to fully remove set pieces from the stage. Lighting fixtures and sound equipment had to be set

up and broken down for every rehearsal and performance, as they could not remain in the cafeteria during school hours. Their spring production of Nunsense, with a cast of five and a static set, was smoother sailing. But the storage, lighting, and sound struggles persisted—and the lack of air conditioning impacted performers and audience members alike.

When director Julie Finley unexpectedly landed the rights to Spamalot for 2024, she knew they'd need a better-equipped space than the middle school: not only to fit the large ensemble cast, but also to pull off the technical elements, flashy choreography, and visual gags demanded by the non-stop jokes of a Monty Python-inspired script. She spent months touring

in a reasonable radius of the Opera House and comparing rental costs, driving distances, technical capabilities, audience capacity, and more. Finally, her quest led her to Tilton School.

Tilton School's Rome Theater is located in the building known as Hamilton Hall, and is unlike any other performance space in the area. Tucked into a corner of the private school's main campus, many locals may not even be aware it exists. The building once served as the school's indoor gymnasium, and an elevated wooden track still encircles the interior. Though mostly enclosed, the track can be used as a built-in second level onstage. It also hosts the lighting and sound boards. Actors ascend

have the entire basement to use as dressing rooms. Backstage space is limited, but it exists, and the unique configuration of the theater lends itself well to creativity on behalf of the director and designers.

"Giving up is not an option, so we creatively make it work and sometimes make sacrifices," Finley says. "Footlight Theatre started 29 years ago based on nothing more than a passion and desire to share the love of community theatre with as many people as possible, and that is what is keeping us going now. After having a 'home' for the last 23 years, it's been exhausting this year, but we aren't giving up. We know how important this is to our community, to the people involved and the people we entertain. What we won't ease

And Footlight is going strong into this summer; armed with swords, nerve, and coconuts. "Monty Python's Spamalot"—subtitled "a new musical (lovingly) ripped off from the motion picture Monty Python and the Holy Grail"—follows the legend of King Arthur on his famous quest. Footlight's production stars David Bedard as King Arthur and Melissa Furbish as the Lady of the Lake. It also features Michael Smyth (Sir Robin), Derek de Sousa (Sir Lancelot), Rafael Vazquez (Sir Bedevere), Ben Coonan (Sir Galahad), Noah Alers-Alers (Concorde), Jack Finley (Patsy), Prezley Adair (Prince Herbert), Vince Ribas (Historian), and Denise

Steadman (Galahad's Mother) alongside an ensemble of Laker Girls

landian Fisch-Slappers, Knights Who Say Ni, French taunters, and many, many more! The show is music directed by Christine Chiasson and features choreography by Addison Granger and Cameron Moquin.

Performances are Aug. 1-4 at Tilton School's Hamilton Hall, 30 School St., Tilton. Tickets are general admission (\$18 adult; \$16 student/senior) and managed by the Franklin Opera House: www.franklinoperahouse.org.

For more information about the ongoing quest to renovate and reopen the Franklin Opera House, please visit their website and reach out to the Franklin City Council.

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The Christmas Tree Farm Manager will ensure successful planting, cultivation, sales, and operations of the 45-acre tree farm. The Christmas Tree Farm Manager's focus is to ensure all aspects of the Christmas tree operation and business are implemented. This position is primarily responsible for the day-to-day farm operations with other duties helping with property, trails, and grounds at The Rocks. This person will also hire, train, and supervise seasonal farm staff, contractors, and suppliers.

The Christmas Tree Farm Manager is part of a larger team who support the activities, programs, and maintenance at the 1,500-acre Rocks property which hosts several miles of recreational trails and the buildings that serve as the hub of the Forest Society's north country operations. The Christmas Tree Farm Manager is also responsible for ensuring the farm and north country center are clear of snow in winter months and may work with other lands team staff as time allows to accomplish stewardship goals at The Rocks and other nearby north country properties.

This individual will represent the Forest Society on Christmas tree and farm organizations such as the Christmas Tree Growers Association and attend regional conferences. Effective communication skills, and the ability to interact with people positively are vital. The position is full time, year-round with more hours needed during peak events such as tree planting, tree harvesting, and Christmas season sales. The Forest Society promotes a balanced approach understanding that tree farming has busy and slow seasons.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct operations for the Christmas tree farm, including planting, spraying (requires pesticide applicators license), tree shearing, de-coning, tree inventory, fertilizing, tree grading and tagging, tree harvesting, mowing, and Christmas tree stump cutting.
- Manage farm finances, equipment, stock, and supplies.
- Manage tree seedling, wreath, and other tree farm supply ordering.
- Responsible for all wholesale and retail Christmas tree and wreath sales.
- Responsible for recruiting, hiring, training, and managing seasonal farm staff.
- Ability to plan and implement detailed seasonal schedules of required tree farm maintenance and organize tasks and personnel to get this work done.
- Hire and oversee farm-related contractors when necessary.
- Responsible for the preparation and management of the Christmas tree farm budget and planning.
- Manage tree farm business relationships with local inns including billing and accounts receivable. Coordinate the Christmas season retail operation at The Rocks in collaboration with other north country staff.
- Responsible for the timely deposits of all cash receipts related to sales at the Christmas tree farm.
- Represent the Forest Society's membership in National Christmas Tree Association, and the NH/VT Christmas Tree Association, including attendance of local meetings.
- Repair and maintain grounds equipment: tractors, mowers, ATV, utility trailers, saws, & trimmers.
- Provide back-up and support for north country campus maintenance, lawns, driveway, parking lot and roads.
- Ensure north country campus roads, walkways, and parking are kept clear of snow in winter.
- Coordinate with program and education staff to help facilitate educational programming which may entail tasks like driving the tractor and trailer during maple tours and other programming needs.
- Wild apple tree pruning in early spring at The Rocks and other north country forest reservations.
- Maintain, repair, and replace property signage as needed.
- Attend staff and lands team meetings, keeping the larger staff informed of program activities for the Christmas tree operation.
- Collaborate with the Forest Society lands team to help with forest and recreation management at The Rocks and other north country properties.

Qualifications and Skills required:

The Christmas Tree Farm Manager should have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience with hiring, training, and supervising others. Candidates shall have 3-5 years of experience working in an agricultural setting and/or Christmas tree farm and be competent in running tractors, chainsaws, and equipment. An education of a two-year associates degree or equivalent is preferred. A degree with a program focus in arboriculture, agriculture, or horticulture is preferred.

- Excellent people skills and the ability to effectively communicate well both verbally and in writing.
- Good organizational skills both in the field and office (with strong attention to detail).
- Ability to use Microsoft Word, Excel and Quickbooks (for basic invoicing).
- Ability to work independently without supervision and manage crew members.
- Ability to hire, supervise and manage seasonal crews.
- Ability to operate and perform basic maintenance of farm equipment including one-ton truck and trailer, tractor, ATV, and chainsaw.
- Self-starter with a proven ability to run and foster a successful business.

Experience, Education, and Licensure:

- Farming or agricultural experience, with preference for experience in cultivating Christmas trees.
- Knowledge and skill at safely operating farm equipment, including chainsaw and tractor operation.
- Driver's license and capacity to drive a one-ton truck with a 20-ft trailer; maintain the required Medical Examiners Certificate (acquired at expense of Forest Society).
- Possession of or willingness to acquire a private spray license from the Division of Pesticide Control, specifically for Christmas trees (acquired at expense of Forest Society).
- Experience in forestry and forest management.
- Experience with marketing, tourism, and/or public relations.
- Experience in providing public educational workshops and developing outreach materials.
- Experience in horticulture, arboriculture, nursery work, or forestry.

Working Conditions: The Christmas Tree Farm Manager must be prepared to work year-round indoors and outdoors, conducting physically strenuous work in a wide variety of weather conditions. Schedule will include some evenings, weekends, and occasional holidays during parts of the year. Seasonally, this job may involve as much as 90% outdoors work.

Physical Requirements: Fieldwork in this position can be physically demanding. The individual should be able to walk long distances over variable terrain in fields as well as in the woods, sometimes carrying equipment. Must be prepared to work mostly outdoors, tolerating a range of weather conditions. Must be able to stand for extended periods of time in the cold or the heat, run handheld power equipment, climb stairs, and be able to lift approximately 80 lbs.

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## Around and About Tilton

BY GREGG DEVOLDER

Hello, and welcome back. Well, there's no shortage of activities going on this weekend with Old Home Days upon us. I'll be including plenty of the events, but first, I'll take care of a little business as I update you on the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Selectmen's meetings. The ZBA met last week for a short meeting. They reviewed and approved the demolition and reconstruction plans for Winnisquam Boats, LLC at 1003 Laconia Rd. And prior to the meeting did a site walk at 246 Laconia Rd. to review the potential area for multiple apartment buildings.

I did stop in at Town Hall last week during the heat wave to see how everyone was holding up and I'm happy to report a few portable air conditioners were hard at work keeping the temperatures down to the low 80's on the first floor. Bids are still coming in on the major fix, so hang in there a bit longer.

The selectmen's meeting was held at the Police Station with a public meeting about the potential changes to Winter, Calef, Clark and Colby Roads. What a great turnout it was for the road discussion. Standing room only; I'd say 30 or 40 folks made it through the thunderstorms to speak their minds. There was plenty of discussion about the dangers and near misses all around that area. I think the Veterans Home and their Civil Engineer deserve a big "Thank You" for trying to make that area safer for all of us. There were some great ideas put forward and in the end the Selectmen voted for the proposal of stop signs on Colby and Clark. I'm not sure when this will happen, but I'll keep you posted should I hear anything. I should also mention there was a show of hands for those in favor and it was nearly unanimous. From what I heard, I think it was also unanimous that Tilton has a speeding problem on nearly all of our roads!

I did take a minute with the selectmen to discuss the notice we received from our assessor. I suggested that the window of a week was not reasonable for folks to do their research and make an appointment, especially if they were away when the notice arrived. I also mentioned that I thought we should be able to meet with someone face to face rather than only by phone. I stated, for what we pay the assessor; I believe the taxpayers of Tilton deserve better service. It was clear from the Selectmen that they too are a bit distressed over the valuations and are planning on having our assessor in at one of their next meetings. So much for keeping my mouth shut!

Let's change gears and touch on a few more enjoyable topics. As mentioned, Old Home Days are this weekend and I have just a sampling of all the exciting things going on. If you're like me and enjoy a good sausage sandwich with all the fixings or perhaps some fried dough, be sure to stop by the Firefighters Associations booth for a bite. Speaking of bites, over at the Riverfront Pavilion beginning at 5 pm, the Parks Commission will have a stand selling hot dogs, popcorn, drinks and other items. Get a good seat for the fireworks and grab dinner! The Legion has plenty of activities with Cribbage at the Post, sign up is on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., a Confidence Course at the Pines, a cornhole tournament with signups between 10 & 11 a.m., bags will fly starting at 12:30 p.m. I promised to mention the Annual Tube Regatta coming up on July 6 as well. I'll have more on that next week. And there's the Colonial Encampment at the pines and Ben Franklin at the Compass Classical Academy Friday night at 7 p.m. Thank you to Tilton Historical Society and don't forget, the parade starts at 10 a.m. Wow, and I'm just scratching the surface. Have fun and enjoy!

I had the opportunity to pop in and say hi to Stephanie Paulhus at Nickels and Dimes Boutique, a lovely store on our Main Street. Stephanie offers an incredible array of slightly used clothing and accessories for men, women and young adults. Nearly all of what I saw looked brand new and much is on consignment, best of all, the prices are very reasonable. There are shoes, bags, jewelry, shorts, shirts, dresses and on and on. So many things to look at and it never felt cramped. It's hard to believe she's been on Main Street for over four years already. She's a true Tilton native and following in her grandmother's footsteps. The name of her store is the same name of her grandmother's store that she had over forty years ago, and Stephanie has the original sign hanging in her store now. How special is that! She's open Wednesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Next time you're downtown, pop in for a look around and say hi to Stephanie for me.

Well, that's all I have for now. Thank you for reading and all your comments! As always, you can email me at: aroundandabouttiltonnh@gmail.com. I can't promise I'll respond to everyone, but I will read them all.

Have a great week!

## Local students named to President's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — A total of 812 students have been named to the Plymouth State University President's List for the Spring 2024 semester. To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.70 or better for the Spring 2024 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized.

Jia Chiu of Belmont is a Elementary Ed & Youth Develop. major at Plymouth State.

Abigail Clark of Belmont is a Public Health major at Plymouth State.

Meghan Cote of Belmont is a Public Health major at Plymouth State.

Alexander Dubiel of Tilton is a English major at Plymouth State.

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Caleb Longval of Sanbornton is a Business Administration major at Plymouth State.

Kyle Messier of Northfield is a Criminal Justice major at Plymouth State.

Lucas Robdau of Sanbornton is a Environmental Science & Policy major at Plymouth State.

Lily Rousseau of Tilton is a Music Education (K-12) major at Plymouth State.

Jordan Seavey of Northfield is a Elementary Ed & Youth Develop. major at Plymouth State.

Carter Smith of Sanbornton is a Business Administration major at Plymouth State.

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## Local students named to Champlain College President's List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — The following students have been named to the Champlain College President's List for achieving a grade point average of 4.0 or higher in the Spring 2024 semester.

Amanda Dunham of Northfield is majoring in Law

Bryce Hall of Belmont is majoring in Computer Science and Innovation

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## Becc Kulengosky named to Dean's List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — Becc Kulengosky of Sanbornton has been named to the Plymouth State University Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.69 during the Spring 2024 semester and must have completed at least 12 credit hours during the semester, at least nine of which must confer grade points, at the time the lists are finalized. Kulengosky is a Music Education (K-12) major at Plymouth State.

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning produces well-educated undergraduates, and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. The Plymouth State Cluster Learning Model emphasizes open, integrative, and project-based experiences. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire. To learn more about Plymouth State University, visit [www.plymouth.edu](http://www.plymouth.edu).

## Amanda Dunham named to Champlain College Trustees' List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Amanda Dunham of Northfield was named to the Champlain College Trustees' List for the Spring 2024 semester.

Students on the Trustees' List have achieved a 4.0 grade point average for two or more consecutive semesters. Dunham is majoring in Law.

Making the Trustees' List is a tremendous achievement. Many of the high achievers balance their career-focused classes with jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

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Gorham, New Hampshire

Schedule of Events • July 3rd - 7th, 2024

Wednesday, July 3rd

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway

Night Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **CONCERT:** Open Mic Night at the Gazebo

Run by the Medallion Opera House Committee

Thursday, July 4th

10:00 am - 10:45 am REGISTRATION For Kiddies Parade

(Registration is a MUST at Ed Fenn School)

11:00 am **Kiddies Parade** (Starts at Ed Fenn School)

Sponsored by Gorham American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway Opens

Afternoon Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00

1:00 pm Parade Line up begins

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm DJ Music at the Bandstand by Mountain Music

2:00 pm **Main Parade**

(Starts at Dublin Street down Rt 16 to Railroad St.)

5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway continues

Night Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Concert :** Cantrip

10:00 pm **Fireworks Display** by JPI Pyrotechnics

Friday, July 5th

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Midway Open: Miller Amusements Carnival

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5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway

Night Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **CONCERT:** LA Harley Band

Saturday, July 6th

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway Opens

Afternoon Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00

2:00 pm & 4:00 pm Wildlife Encounters Outreach Program

Two Shows! Come and Meet Live Animals on the Common!

5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway

Night Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Come visit with "Lollipop The Clown"

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **CONCERT:** Jeremy Dean

Sunday, July 7th

11:00 am Classic Car Parade Line Up (Ed Fenn School)

11:30 am **Classic Car Parade**

Sponsored by ColorWorks (Down Rt 16 to Railroad St)

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Midway Open: Miller Amusements Carnival

Afternoon Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Classic Car Show** on the Common

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Come visit with "Lollipop The Clown"

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Music at the Bandstand by Mountain Music

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