

Visiting the Olympics, relatively close to home



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Made a short trip to Lake Placid, N.Y. to check out where the Olympics took place in 1932 and 1980.

As anyone who has read these pages over the years probably knows, I am a big Olympics guy. I've had the honor of covering six Olympic Games over the

last 12 years, four Winter Games and two Summer Games. Even before I got those credentials for the 2014 Sochi Olympics, I loved watching them on television.

All those things considered, it's pretty surprising that I had never been to the Olympic venues that are physically closest to where I live. My recent trip to Los Angeles allowed me to see some of the venues being used in two years (and some that were used in 1984) and I've also seen places in Atlanta that hosted the Games in 1996.

But until last Monday, I had never been to Lake Placid, the two-time Winter Olympics host in upstate New York. I had an unusual Monday off from the bakery so Sunday night I pointed the car west and made my way across Vermont, over Lake Champlain and on to Lake Placid. Before I left I made the decision to purchase the Lake Placid Legacy Sites Passport, which got me free admission to different venues, discounts at merchandise and discounts on

certain attractions.

I started Monday by heading just outside Lake Placid to Whiteface, the host of alpine skiing during the 1980 Olympics. It was dreary and cloudy, so I was pretty sure I was not going to have much of a view from the summit of Whiteface. However, the gondola ride was included on the passport, so I got on the earliest ride to the top at 8:30 a.m. and made my way up into the clouds. I could see the surrounding area for most of the trip up, but the summit was socked in pretty good so it wasn't a terribly long stay on the summit.

From there, I made my way back into town for a 10 a.m. tour at the US Olympic and Paralympic Training Center. After a quick trip around the facilities where many Olympic athletes train I headed downtown to the Olympic Center in the middle of

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By JOSHUA SPAULDING

town. That facility included the outdoor speedskating rink (right in front of the high school), the original 1932 ice rink and the infamous rink where the Miracle on Ice occurred during the 1980 Olympics. It also included the Olympic Museum, which had the admission covered on the passport.

From there, I headed to the other side of town and the Olympic Ski Jumping Center. The passport granted me a ride up the gondola to the base of the jump and then there was an elevator ride up the ski jump to the top. I have been to the top of the ski jumps in Albany and Plymouth and I've been to a few different Olympic ski jumps, but this was the first time I had stood at the top of an Olympic jump. It was pretty cool, if I do say myself.

My final stop of the day was at Mount Van Hoevenberg, which hosted the sliding sports along with biathlon and cross-country skiing at the 1980 Olympics. The passport got me a discount on a ride on the Cliffside Coaster, which brought me up the mountain and then back down along part of the former bobsled course, which has since been redone and

moved up to modern standards. Luckily the rain held off (for the most part) and I was able to finish out my day without getting soaked.

As I headed home, I started counting and realized that I had seen almost as many Olympic venues in my one day in Lake Placid as I did over the course of two-plus weeks in Italy for the Milan-Cortina Olympics. I also came away impressed that such a small community could host a big event like the Olympics. Yes, I know the Olympics were a bit smaller back then, but I've seen what is needed to host the Olympics and being able to do it in a relatively small community is pretty impressive. Would I love to see the Olympics return to Lake Placid? Sure, but I don't know if it is completely reasonable.

And now, it's on to fall sports.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Aug. 27
BELMONT
Boys' Soccer at Gilford; 5
Girls' Soccer at Gilford; 3
GILFORD
Boys' Soccer vs. Belmont; 5
Cross Country at Belmont; TBD
Field Hockey vs. Conant; 4
Girls' Soccer vs. Belmont; 3
WINNISQUAM
Boys' Soccer vs. Laconia; 4
Field Hockey at Kearsarge; 4
Monday, Aug. 31
BELMONT
Golf at Claremont CC; 3:30
Tuesday, Sept. 1
BELMONT
Boys' Soccer vs. Trinity; 4
Girls' Soccer at Trinity; 4
GILFORD
Boys' Soccer at Winnisquam; 4

Field Hockey at Derryfield; 4:30
Girls' Soccer vs. Campbell; 4
WINNISQUAM
Boys' Soccer vs. Gilford; 4
Field Hockey at Sanborn; 4
Wednesday, Sept. 2
BELMONT
Volleyball at Nute; 6:15
GILFORD
Golf at Pheasant Ridge; 4
WINNISQUAM
Volleyball at Newfound; 6:15
Thursday, Sept. 3
BELMONT
Volleyball at St. Thomas; 5:45
WINNISQUAM
Field Hockey vs. Derryfield; 4
Volleyball at Conant; 6

All schedules are subject to change.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

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

A 32-year-old male, 22-year-old female, 29-year-old female, 35-year-old male, 43-year-old male, and 39-year-old female each received a summons in lieu of arrest on Aug. 11 for Criminal Trespassing.

Leroy Howard Boynton III, age 58, of Laconia was

arrested on Aug. 12 for Possession of a Controlled Drug, Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury, and Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Caleb B. Elliott, age 30, of Northfield was arrested on Aug. 12 for Operating a vehicle after being Certified as a Habitual Offender.

Edward Francis Kelly, age 64, of Melrose, Mass. was arrested on Aug. 15 for DUI-Impairment.

A 41-year-old male from Laconia received a summons in lieu of arrest on Aug. 16 in connection with a warrant.

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Volleyball Bears return to Division III for new season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

TILTON — The Winnisquam volleyball team lost three key seniors from last year's squad but the team has also changed divisions as the new season gets under way.

"Moving back to Division III after seven years in Division II will be very challenging," said veteran coach Mark Dawalga. "We will really lean on our returning players to lead the way as we get everyone up to speed."

The Bears will be looking to outside hitters Danica Weymouth and Sophie Fair to have big years and junior Abby Meunier will be stepping into the setter job full-time this year after filling in last year for an injured teammate and Dawalga expects that experience will help her as she starts the season.

Fellow returning players Addie Bernier, Kenzie Nelson, Sophie Fair, Eila Petty and Alissa Jean will be asked to help fill some new roles on the team as they all return to the sideline for another season.

As for newcomers, Dawalga expects that outside hitters Alanna Cruz and Claire Hart will see some significant time along with setter Autumn Sarette. Defensive specialist Aaylah Cartier and senior Amelya Robinson will be counted on for added depth for the Bears as well.

Dawalga expects that Belmont, Farmington, Mascenic, Trinity and Inter-Lakes will likely be the teams to beat in Division III this year.

"I truly believe in this group and so far this preseason the kids are really coming together as a team," Dawalga said. "Every night will be a challenge for us in a very strong Division III."

The Bears will play a schedule that includes single games with Prospect Mountain, Newfound, Conant, Franklin, Hillsboro-Deering, St. Thomas, Inter-Lakes, Moultonborough, Belmont, Trinity, Mascenic, Raymond, Mascoma, Kearsarge, Portsmouth Christian and Concord Christian.

The season officially kicks off for Winnisquam on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Newfound at 6:15 p.m.

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Plenty of experience back for Belmont golf team

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

SPORTS EDITOR

BELMONT — Experience will definitely be a plus for the Belmont golf team as the Raiders prepare for a new season on the links.

"With five returning seniors and four other returning letter winners ready to go, spirits are high," said fourth-year head coach John Mattes, who guided the team to a sixth place finish in the Division IV championships last fall.

The Raiders will be making the move to Division III this year but they return plenty of players with experience who

should make the transition easier from the start.

Senior Max Ryder is back for his fourth year and returns to the links after finishing sixth in the individual Division IV tournament last fall. He is joined by fellow fourth year seniors Jasper Sottak and Jordan DeFrancesco, who will serve as the team's captain this fall.

Back for his third year is senior Jacob Akerstrom while the team's best putter, senior Ben Girard is back for his second year and brings along with him this year, his twin brother, Ethan Girard, who is new

to the team.

The team will also feature three juniors who have been with the program since their freshmen campaigns in Alex Rowley, Tyler Mull and Tyler Kelly and sophomore Jack Mitchell, who is back for his second year on the greens.

Joining Ethan Girard in making their debuts for the Raiders this fall are junior Mia Ellis, sophomore Ace McCant and freshman Logan Barrett.

The Raiders will play a pair of home matches at Canterbury Woods, starting and ending the season

on their home course. In between, Belmont will play matches at Claremont Country Club, Campbell's Scottish Highlands, Apple Hill Golf Course, Farmington Country Club, Beaver Meadow Golf Course, Sunapee Country Club and Amherst Country Club.

The regular season officially kicked off after deadline on Wednesday at Canterbury Woods and continues on Monday, Aug. 31, at Claremont Country Club at 3:30 p.m.

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

Second annual woodworking fundraiser to support local food pantries

MEREDITH — The Lakes Region woodworking community is coming together on Friday, Aug. 28 for an evening of craftsmanship and community impact at Art Of Turning's Second Annual Woodworking Competition & Fundraiser, hosted at Twin Barns Brewing Co. in Meredith. The event runs from 6 - 8 p.m., and is open to the public, with all proceeds benefiting local food pantries.

Makers from across the region have spent the summer preparing their handcrafted entries. From

segmented turnings to precision joinery and functional pieces built with care. In the days leading up to the event, Art Of Turning is sharing sneak peek photos on social media showing the dedication and craftsmanship behind each project coming to life.

"This fundraiser is about more than woodworking," said event organizer Andrew Eaton, owner of Art Of Turning. "It's about neighbors supporting neighbors. Every maker brings their best, and every attendee helps strengthen our community."

Guests will have the opportunity to view all 20 submitted pieces, meet the makers, and purchase raffle tickets where each item will be taken home that evening. All funds raised will directly support food pantries serving families throughout the Lakes Region.

This year's event is made possible through the generous support of Twin Barns Brewing Co., Meredith Village Savings Bank, and White Birch Gifts, whose commitment to community continues to make a meaningful difference.

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Art Of Turning's Woodworking Fundraiser promises an evening of local talent, good company, and charitable impact. The event is open to the public. Friday, Aug. 28 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Twin Barns Brewing Co. in Meredith.

For more information, visit ArtOfTurning.com.

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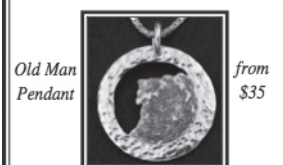
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Recovery is a community responsibility

There are few challenges facing our communities that can be solved by any one person, organization or government agency. Mental health and substance use disorders are among them.

That is why events such as Concord Hospital Health System’s annual Bridge to Recovery Walk deserve more than a passing mention on the community calendar. They deserve our attention — and our participation.

The two-mile walk, scheduled for Sept. 20 at Concord Hospital – Franklin, is intended to bring together people in recovery, their families and friends, healthcare professionals and community members. But its larger purpose is to make something visible that is too often hidden: recovery is possible, and people do not have to pursue it alone.

That message matters here.

Substance use disorder does not discriminate by town, income, age or background. It affects families in Franklin, Tilton, Northfield, Sanbornton, Belmont and throughout the surrounding communities. And while treatment is essential, recovery often requires considerably more than a clinical appointment.

A person trying to rebuild a life may need transportation to treatment. They may need help paying an insurance co-pay. They may need basic personal necessities, encouragement to stay engaged in recovery, or simply someone who believes they are worth the effort.

The Bridge to Recovery Walk helps provide some of those practical resources.

Last year, the event raised more than \$50,000 for Concord Hospital Recovery Clinics in Franklin and Gilford. According to Concord Hospital Health System, those funds helped pay insurance co-pays and care for uninsured patients, provide gas cards for transportation, meet basic personal needs and provide scholarships for local fitness programs.

Those may sound like modest interventions compared with the enormous challenges of addiction and mental illness. They are not. Sometimes a seemingly small barrier is enough to prevent someone from getting to an appointment or continuing treatment. Removing that barrier can be an important part of recovery.

Just as importantly, events like this help remove another barrier: stigma.

For too long, substance use disorder has been treated as a moral failing rather than a health and community issue. That attitude does not help the person struggling, the family watching a loved one suffer, or the community dealing with the consequences.

Compassion does not mean ignoring the serious consequences of addiction. It means recognizing that punishment and shame alone do not produce recovery. Treatment, accountability, support and opportunity do.

The Bridge to Recovery Walk also wisely makes room for everyone. Participants can walk because they are in recovery, because someone they love is, because they have lost someone, or simply because they believe their neighbors deserve access to help and hope.

That broad invitation is important. Recovery should not be someone else’s issue.

The communities served by this newspaper are interconnected. What happens in Franklin affects Northfield. What happens in Tilton affects Sanbornton. Families in Belmont and throughout the region use the same healthcare systems, schools, workplaces and community resources. We share both the problems and the responsibility for addressing them.

So, on Sept. 20, there is a simple opportunity to demonstrate that responsibility.

Walk. Form a team. Make a donation. Volunteer. Bring a friend. Or simply learn more about the resources available to people struggling with substance use and mental health challenges.

Not everyone can solve the addiction crisis. But everyone can help make recovery less lonely.

A community that tells its neighbors, “You are not alone,” is a healthier community for everyone. And that is a message worth walking for.



COURTESY

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin recently welcomed four new members. Nancy Hayden commented, “I joined the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin because I was seeking caring and giving people in a world that has been so unsettling. I was also looking for some type of faith in a higher power. After attending UUCCF for a year and a half, I decided that this is the place I want to be.” From left to right: Cindy Spain, Nancy Hayden, Rev. Michael F. Hall, Lee Newcomb, Nancy Newcomb.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I hope I can earn your vote

To the Editor:

I am Kurt Webber, and I’m running for the New Hampshire State Senate in District 2, which includes the towns of Ashland, Belmont, Campton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, New Hampton, Sanbornton, and Thornton.

I am a West Point graduate, retired Army officer and have lived in Gilford for 25 years. I have dedicated my life to service, to include over 23 years in the Army with a deployment to Iraq, as an adult leader in the Boy Scouts, a Rotarian and serving on the Gilford School Board for 9 years. I am also a co-founder of the Lakes Region Veterans Coalition and of Camp Resilience, which has run over 150 therapeutic retreats that have served over 1500 veterans, first responders, and their loved ones since 2014.

For the past 10 years, the politicians in Concord have

passed legislation that has hurt families and small businesses across the state. The only way to fix the excessive partisanship, dishonesty and disrespect for our citizens in Concord is to elect principled leaders who are committed to integrity, civility, the Rule of Law, and people over politics. I pledge to do this if elected because, although it sounds corny, I truly believe in the values of Scouting, the West Point ideals of “Duty, Honor, Country” and the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self,” and I will live up to these ideals to serve all of the citizens of District 2 and New Hampshire.

You can learn more about me and my campaign at www.webbernham.com. I hope I can earn your vote on Nov. 3.

Kurt Webber
Gilford

The mysterious migration of the summer sweatshirt

There is a moment every August when I discover a sweatshirt in the back seat of my car. I do not remember putting it there. I certainly did not need it when I left the house. It was warm, the sun was shining, and I was dressed appropriately for a New Hampshire summer.

Yet, there it is. The sweatshirt. Its appearance is one of the first warnings that summer is beginning to lose its grip.

I have lived in New England long enough to recognize the signs. They are subtle at first. The sun disappears a little earlier. The mornings have a different feel. Somebody mentions that they saw a few red leaves on a maple tree, and everyone else tells them to keep that sort of information to themselves. Then comes the sweatshirt.

Late August is a strange time in New Hampshire because we are technically still in summer, but summer seems to be packing its belongings.

You can leave the house in the afternoon when it is 80 degrees and wonder why anyone would possibly need another layer of clothing. A few hours later, you are sitting outside somewhere as darkness set-

in, rubbing your arms and wondering why you didn’t bring a jacket. That is when your wife asks the question.

“Didn’t you bring a sweatshirt?”

Of course I didn’t bring a sweatshirt. It was 80 degrees. This argument has never worked.

My wife is one of those people who prepares for temperature changes. She brings a sweater. She puts a jacket in the car. She apparently possesses the ability to remember that evening follows afternoon.

I prefer to rely on optimism. This explains why, at some point every August, I begin transporting an emergency sweatshirt.

I don’t intentionally establish this system. One simply ends up in the car and remains there until approximately May.

It gets moved around occasionally. If someone needs the back seat, I toss it into the trunk. If I need the trunk, I toss it onto the back seat. Eventually it reaches the passenger seat, where I move it every morning before driving to work.

I could bring it into the house. But that would defeat the entire purpose of having an emergency sweatshirt.

The arrival of sweatshirt season also signals the beginning of New Hampshire’s annual wardrobe confusion.

Soon there will be mornings when you need a sweatshirt, afternoons when you regret wearing it and evenings when you need it again.

This is the time of year when shorts and fleece co-exist peacefully.

You will see one person wearing sandals and another wearing a jacket, and both will be correctly dressed.

Nobody questions this in New Hampshire. We understand. August is negotiating with September.

I have learned not to complain about it because these late-summer evenings are some of the best ones we get. The oppressive heat begins to ease. The windows can occasionally stay open overnight. The crickets seem louder, and there is something particularly pleasant about sitting outside when the air has cooled enough that a sweatshirt actually feels good.

The problem is what that sweatshirt represents.

Summer always seems enormous in June. There are vacations ahead, cook-outs ahead, long evenings ahead and weekends that

have not yet been spoken for.

By late August, you begin counting what remains. One more weekend before Labor Day. Maybe another trip to the lake. Perhaps another evening eating outside.

There is still plenty of summer left, of course. September can produce some beautiful warm days, and anyone who has lived here long enough knows better than to predict New Hampshire weather based on the calendar.

Still, something has changed. You can feel it after sunset.

Maybe that is why I have grown fond of finding that sweatshirt in the car each year.

It is not quite a sign that summer is over. It is more like a reminder to pay attention while it is still here.

So the sweatshirt will remain in the back seat.

I will probably move it 30 times over the next few weeks and complain about it every time.

Then one evening, when the sun has gone down and the temperature drops faster than I expected, I will finally put it on.

And my wife will look at me with the quiet satisfaction of someone who knew this moment was coming all along.



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

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

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

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

ly authentic.

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

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

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

About The Colonial Theatre of Laconia

The original owner, Benjamin Piscopo, was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice as seen from the water. In August of 2002, the theatre closed after 87 years of operation. On June 15, 2015, the City of Laconia announced a partnership with the Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) to purchase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating ca-

capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

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and a complimentary pancake breakfast prepared by Dr. Paul Racicot and Boomer's BBQ.

"The Bridge to Recovery Walk is about showing people that they don't have to face recovery alone," said Philanthropy Officer for Concord Hospital Trust and Bridge to Recovery Event Coordinator Heidi Smith. "Every person who walks, donates, volunteers, or sponsors this event helps create a visible community of support around our patients and families. It's an uplifting morning that reminds us how much can happen when a community comes together with compassion and a shared purpose."

In 2025, the Bridge to Recovery Walk raised more than \$50,000 for Concord Hospital Recovery Clinics in Franklin and Gilford, helping patients access services and resources that support them throughout their recovery. Funds raised have helped cover insurance co-pays and care for uninsured patients, provide gas cards for transportation to ap-

pointments, support basic personal necessities, and fund scholarships for local fitness programs.

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

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

Participants are encouraged to form teams with family members, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and others who want to show their support. The walk is designed to welcome people at every connection to

recovery; whether they are celebrating their own journey, supporting someone they love, honoring someone they have lost, or simply demonstrating that help and hope are available.

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

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

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

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

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

At Belknap House, we believe in the power of community support and connections to drive meaningful change. 2026 will be our 12th year hosting a golf tournament fundraiser to sustain our mission of providing shelter and resources for homeless families in our community.

As we continue to expand our programs and provide shelter for families in need, we rely on the generous support of event sponsors to help us build a brighter future for families in need.

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

Information about the golf tournament can be found on our website belk-

naphouse.org or by connecting with the Executive Director, Shawna Zechman by email or phone (details below).

About Belknap House
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and enjoy the day. Trophies will be awarded in each division. Each participant is asked for a \$20 donation and will be entered into a number of raffles including gift cards and Winnisquam baseball gear.

An added bonus, there will be a separate raffle for a pair of Celtics tickets with prime seats in the lower bowl loge section at TD Garden. Tickets are five dollars or three for 10 dollars. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be available.

You can pre-register for the derby and/or purchase tickets for the Celtics ticket raffle. Venmo @cheri-caruso-1. Please indicate the age of the participant(s) and/or how many tickets you'd like for the raffle. You do not need to take part in the derby to purchase tickets for the Celtics raffle or be present to win.

You can also register the day of the event starting at 9:30 a.m. Raffle tickets will be available during the derby. For more information, contact Winnisquam baseball coach Fred

are good places in which to mature and grow older — places in which older people can participate to the fullest and can find the encouragement, acceptance, assistance, and services they need to continue to lead lives of independence and dignity."

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MOULTONBOROUGH — Nestled in the Ossipee Mountains with sweeping views of Lake Winnepesaukee, Castle in the Clouds is a treasured landmark, offering a wide variety of public programs, educational experiences for local schools, an award-winning wedding venue and dining with live entertainment. This year, the Castle Preservation Society, the nonprofit steward of the Castle in the Clouds, celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Bank of New Hampshire is proud to continue its support of the historic Castle in the Clouds’ Sponsors Program with a \$5,000 sponsorship.

“We value our long-standing partnership with the Castle Preservation Society and its commitment to preserving the unique history of Castle in the Clouds for future generations,” said Leia Fabian, Moultonborough Banking Office Manager. “As a community bank with deep roots in the Moultonborough community, we are pleased to support an organization that plays such an important role in our region.”

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NH Boat Museum to debut boating skills virtual trainer



MOULTONBOROUGH — A new Boating Skills Virtual Trainer at the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will provide visitors with the chance to practice docking, pulling away, and safely handling a recreational powerboat in a controlled environment.

“This is a chance to learn boating skills without getting wet,” said NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. “You won’t fall off the dock, and your mistakes won’t land you in the boatyard. It’s a safe way to really understand what it takes to skipper a boat.”

Opening in late August, the trainer is built around the Boating Safe-

ty VT, the marine industry’s premier interactive, simulation-based boating safety program. Rather than a video game, it is an educational tool that introduces students to small watercraft handling and the skills required for the proper and safe operation of a recreational powerboat.

“This isn’t just pushing buttons and turning a wheel,” said Kurtz. “It’s about really understanding how to skipper a boat. It’s probably best suited for elementary school and up, and we expect it will be a docent-led activity as part of the museum experience.”

To make the experience as authentic as pos-

sible, NHBM volunteers are constructing a “boat” around the simulator. The setup features a 49-inch curved HD monitor whose large aspect ratio creates an immersive view of the water, along with a wheel, a Mercury Marine throttle with trim buttons, navigation lights, and a horn.

The trainer was made possible through the generosity of several donors. The Mark O’Connell Foundation, whose mission is to promote safety on Lake Winnepesaukee, contributed to the project, as did an anonymous private donor. Eastern Boat Works provided the seating and console.

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 is supported in part by Goodhue Boat Company, North Water Marine, Eastern Propane and Oil, Kingswood Press and Design Studio, and KW Lakes and Mountains.

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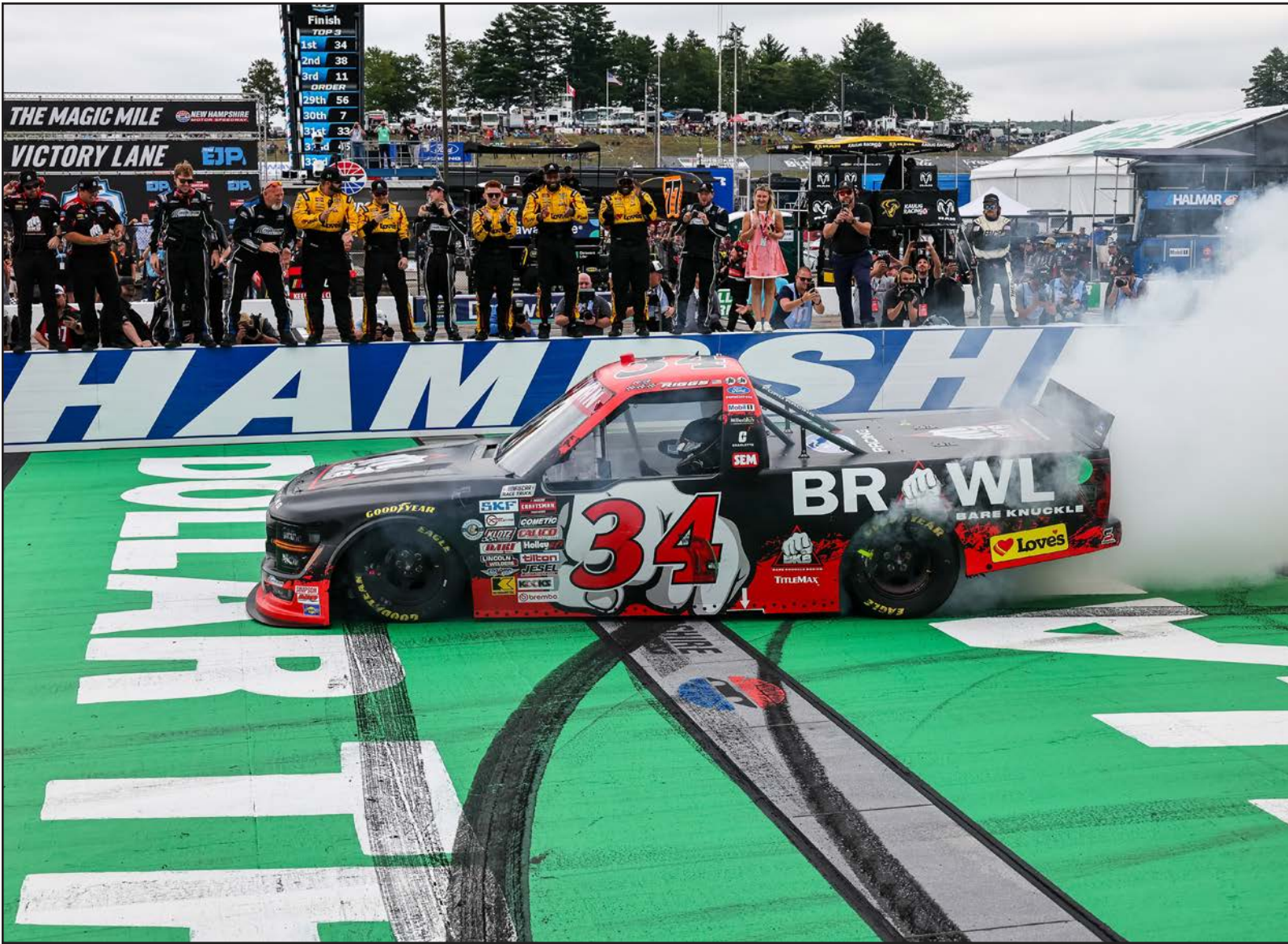


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Plenty of Saturday action at New Hampshire Motor Speedway



EJP 175 race winner Layne Riggs lights up his tires after winning Saturday’s NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

LOUDON — Layne Riggs put the finishing touches on a stellar NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series regular season Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS), winning the Team EJP 175 and securing the regular season championship before the series heads into The Chase.

The victory was the 11th of Riggs’ NCTS career and his sixth of the 2026 season. It was also his first victory at NHMS in just his second start at “The Magic Mile” and his 11th top-10 finish of the season.

Riggs emerged from a double-overtime finish at “The Magic Mile” to take the checkered flag, capping a day that saw the championship picture change all throughout the afternoon. His victory completed a one-two finish for Front Row Motorsports, with teammate Chandler Smith following him across the Granite Stripe start/finish line.

“This is awesome,” Riggs said after the victory. “Thank you to all the fans. They got a lot of people in the stands today, so thank you guys so much. Love coming up here. I’m ready for some lobster.”

Connor Zilisch controlled the opening portion of the Team EJP 175, winning both stage one and stage two. When the final stage began, Riggs officially clinched the NCTS regular season championship and the number one seed for The Chase, but his afternoon was far from over.

Riggs battled a tight truck as the race went on, with Zilisch and Smith both getting by him before his Front Row Motorsports team made adjustments to help put him back in position to contend for the victory.

“I thought I was off a little bit. I thought I was in

trouble,” Riggs continued. “Zilisch got by me, Chandler got by me. I was just really, really tight, couldn’t get it where I needed it, but my crew chief, Dylan Cappello, engineer Jonathan Coates, they made some excellent, excellent adjustments there at the end. Thank you to my teammate, Chandler, for racing me clean there at the end.”

While Riggs battled for the win, the fight for the final position in The Chase produced plenty of drama deeper in the field. With three drivers separated by just one point entering the closing laps, a crash involving Gavan Boschele with six laps remaining sent the race to overtime and left Stewart Friesen, Tyler Ankrum and Jake Garcia tied around the final transfer position.

When the dust settled from a thrilling double-overtime finish, Ankrum emerged with the 10th and final spot in The Chase, despite battling rear-brake problems throughout the race.

“Extremely,” Ankrum said when asked how difficult the afternoon had been. “It’s very rare you get to come to a place as fast as this, and you have no rear brakes, and we can’t fix the problems.”

After falling as far back as 27th, Ankrum said the points situation reminded him of racing for a Championship 4 berth at Martinsville Speedway last season. Although relieved to advance, he made it clear afterward that simply making The Chase did not erase his frustration with the team’s performance.

“Definitely did not want to come to New Hampshire and perform like that,” Ankrum said. “Got lucky, did not perform like we belong in The Chase, so we got lucky.”

At the front of the field,

Riggs made the most of the late restart and closed out the regular season with a victory, a championship and plenty of momentum heading into the seven-race Chase. Smith’s runner-up finish was his 12th top-10 of the season and his second in two starts at NHMS.

“I love this place. I love this type of racetrack,” Riggs said. “Let’s bring on The Chase. We only got seven left. Just no mercy.”

Modifieds

Jonathan McKennedy saved his best move – and just enough fuel – for the final lap Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS), taking the lead from Tommy Catalano and holding on to win the Mohegan Sun 100 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour (NWMT) race at “The Magic Mile.”

McKennedy was in the middle of a thrilling battle for the lead throughout the closing laps of the 100-lap race, trading the top spot with Catalano while NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) veteran Ryan Preece lurked close behind. After Catalano led the field to the white flag, McKennedy dove to the inside entering turn one and emerged with the lead.

McKennedy held the top spot through the final two corners and raced back to the checkered flag to earn the Mohegan Sun 100 victory, but his car was already beginning to run out of fuel as he approached the finish line. Catalano crossed the Granite Stripe just 0.215 seconds behind McKennedy, while Preece finished third, only 0.308 second behind the winner.

“I actually ran out. It started to stumble before taking the checker,” McKennedy said. “And when I crossed the checker, it was done, stalled, so it was a huge gamble.”

The dramatic finish capped an eventful afternoon at “The Magic Mile,” where drafting and changing track conditions kept the running order in constant motion.

Austin Beers and Justin Bonsignore established themselves as two of the cars to beat early, swapping the lead several times before a caution with 63 laps remaining sent the leaders to pit road. Chase Dowling inherited the lead before Beers and Bonsignore began working their way back through the field.

Rain brought out another caution with 28 laps remaining and temporarily halted the action as track-drying efforts began. Once racing resumed, the intensity picked up quickly. Beers battled McKennedy for the lead before McKennedy regained the top spot with 14 laps remaining, setting the table for a frantic run to the victory.

Catalano challenged McKennedy for the lead with 10 laps remaining as Preece joined the fight from behind. A late caution bunched the field once again and gave the leaders one final opportunity to settle the race.

Catalano and McKennedy raced side-by-side and made contact after the restart before Preece helped push Catalano back to the lead. McKennedy stayed within striking distance, however, and made his move as the field took the white flag, completing the final-lap pass that delivered one of the biggest victories of his career.

“This is probably the biggest event in the Northeast,” McKennedy said. “This is our Super Bowl, so to win here in New Hampshire was just huge. Tons of people here. The whole NASCAR group’s here this weekend. A ton of eyes on this race. Everyone

talks about this race. Everyone comes to watch this race.”

Defending Mohegan Sun 100 winner Tyler Rypkema finished fourth, with Trevor Catalano rounding out the top-five. Michael

Christopher Jr. finished sixth, followed by Dowling, David Sapienza, Teddy Hodgdon and Andrew Molleur.

The victory also gave McKennedy a boost in the NWMT championship standings after a pair of difficult races had dropped him from near the top of the standings.

“Anything’s possible,” McKennedy said. “I’ve been doing this a long time, and you just gotta keep on digging until the last race. It was just a few races ago I was only, I think, 10 points out of the lead. We had two bad races, just nothing but bad luck. Here we are today, just like that, with-in striking distance again. Anything can happen.”

The Mohegan Sun 100 once again delivered the close-quarters racing that has made the NWMT a fan-favorite at NHMS. The Tour’s unique combination of drafting and high-speed, open-wheel racing has produced some of the most memorable finishes in the history of “The Magic Mile,” and Saturday’s last-lap battle added another chapter to that tradition.

The Mohegan Sun 100 completed the on-track portion of Doubleheader Saturday at NHMS following the Team EJP 175 NCTS race earlier in the afternoon, won by Layne Riggs.

National PBS-bound documentary “Saving Walden’s World” to screen at Taylor Community

LACONIA — As global ecosystems and economic stability face unprecedented pressures, the documentary “Saving Walden’s World” invites the Laconia community to explore a proven, operational blueprint for humanity’s future.

The film will screen at the Taylor Community, Woodside Building (435 Union Ave, Laconia) on Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. This event is part of the film’s grassroots 100 Rooms. 1 Story. campaign, a movement bringing community-led solutions directly to local audiences nationwide ahead of the documentary’s official PBS release.

Directed by Jim Merkel, a former military engineer turned sustainability advocate, Saving Walden’s World documents a search for solutions for his son, Walden. Merkel travels to Kerala (India), Cuba, and Slovenia to explore how societies that prioritize women’s literacy, healthcare, and reproductive freedom have successfully bypassed the high-consumption «growth trap» of the West.

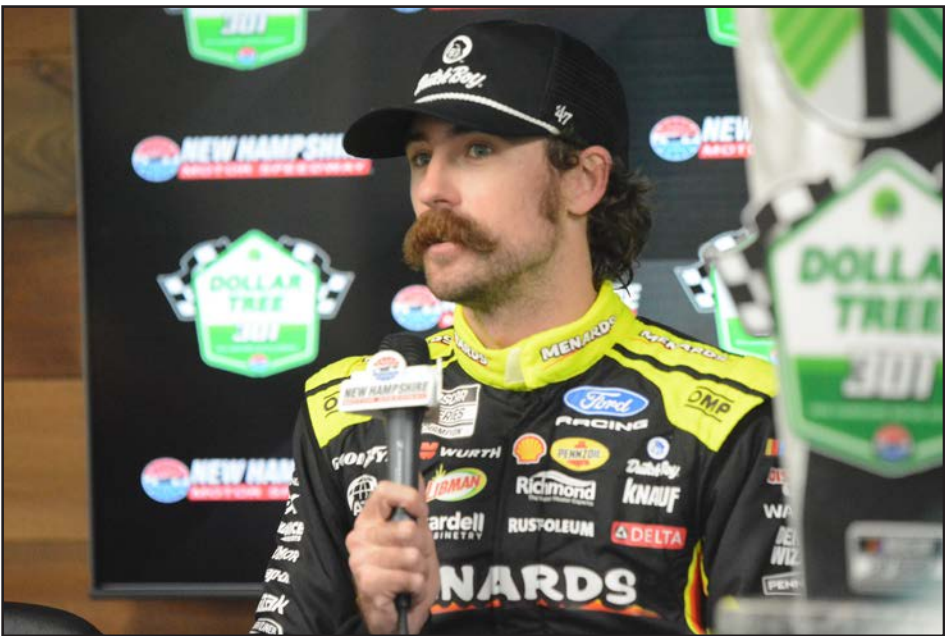
“The prevailing narrative is addicted to endless expansion, but real resilience starts in our own communities,” says Director Jim Merkel. “This film presents a movement based on collective memory, love, and the empowerment of the next generation. It’s a father’s effort to show what is actually possible when we put human well-being ahead of corporate profit.”

The Laconia screening offers a local look at eco-feminism, land justice, and community self-reliance before the film reaches millions of viewers on PBS. A live Q&A with Director Jim Merkel will follow the film, giving attendees a chance to discuss how these global models can be adapted locally.

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Blaney makes it back-to-back wins in Loudon



Ryan Blaney talks to the media after winning the Dollar Tree 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LOUDON — The story at the start of the day at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday was the weather.

The story at the end of the day was Ryan Blaney.

And in between, fans were treated to a great show on the track as the Dollar Tree 301 took to the Magic Mile.

Blaney, who won last year’s NASCAR Cup Series race at the Loudon speedway, went with a gutsy two-tire pit stop call late in the race, battled through lap traffic and held off a great challenge from Bubba Wallace over the last 20 laps or so to take the NHMS win for the second year in a row.

“What a fun day, starting in the rain and it ended up being a beautiful day,” Blaney said after climbing from his car. “Props at everyone at Team Penske who is keeping their heads down and working hard.

“It’s cool winning two in a row here, I’m looking forward to getting another lobster,” he added, mentioning the unique trophy given to the winner at New Hampshire Motor Speedway each year.

Rain rolling through the state early in the afternoon on Sunday caused a bit of a change, as drivers started on their wet weather tires and sat on pit road for a while at the start of the day

as the rain cleared off and the track workers cleared the pavement of the standing water so the drivers could get on the track and give the fans the show they were expecting.

The cars went their first 40 laps on the wet weather tires before NASCAR threw a competition caution to allow cars to come down pit road and remove the rain tires and put on the regular tires for the rest of the race.

Wallace finished in second and Josh Berry, who led for a good portion of the race late in the day, finished in third place, multi-time NHMS winner Christopher Bell finished in fourth place, coming back from a scary incident on pit road where a pit crew member got caught on his car as he pulled away from the pit. Kyle Larson rounded out the top five while Denny Hamlin clinched the regular season championship ahead of next week’s final race before the NASCAR playoffs kick off.

Blaney praised New Hampshire Motor Speedway for putting on a good race, as traditionally happens in Loudon and is happy that next year NHMS’s NASCAR race will be part of the playoffs.

“I’ve always thought this place was incredibly deserving of a Chase race,” Blaney said. “Just because they put on a really good show, the fans up here are

incredibly passionate about racing.

“Just a good atmosphere here and I think it’s important to have a playoff race here in the northeast for sure,” he continued. “I was sad it was out of the Chase this year but I’m excited it’s back in next year.”

Polesitter Tyler Reddick led the field to green, but his Toyota spun on the first lap, sparking the first yellow flag and blocking the path of series points leader Denny Hamlin and Chris Buescher. John Hunter Nemechek also continued after a solo spin and wall scrape on lap 22 with his Toyota.

Ross Chastain was the race’s first retiree, taking his Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet to the garage with drivetrain issues. Chastain finished last after completing just 41 laps, squashing his faint post-season hopes.

Larson sealed a stage one victory, leading 14 of the 70 laps in the Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, notching his fifth stage win of the 2026 season. Bell finished second at the stage one break, Carson Hocevar was third, with William Byron fourth and Berry completing the top five.

Blaney marched to the stage two win, leading 38 of the first 185 laps in the Penske Ford, clinching his seventh stage victory of the 2026 campaign. Berry was second at the green-check-

ered flag. Wallace placed third, Ryan Preece was fourth and Larson rounded out the top five at the end of the second stage.

The most significant yellow flag slowed the pace early in the stage, when Carson Hocevar’s collision with Connor Zilisch sent

Hocevar’s Chevrolet spinning on the frontstretch on lap 84. Joey Logano and Austin Dillon also spun in the wake of the incident, but all four cars continued.

Later in the stage, Hocevar raced Zilisch hard, banging fenders with the rookie’s Chevy before

rooting him out of the groove in turn one. Zilisch finished Stage 2 in 21st place, with Hocevar 31st.

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CLUES ACROSS

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6. Turkish river
10. Something to read
14. In a way, initiated
15. Popular Apple TV series
17. King Charles is part of it
19. Earlier
20. Foot (Latin)
21. Zodiac sign
22. A browning of the skin
23. Remain as is
24. Turfs
26. It’s used to slaughter animals
29. Volcanic crater
31. The mother of Jesus
32. One’s life story
34. One-time Liverpool coach Slot
35. Counterparts
37. Jacob __, American journalist
38. Digital audiotape
39. River in South Africa
40. Kimono sashes
41. Rooting somewhere
43. American spy Aldrich
45. A way to call for
46. Taxi
47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
49. Swiss river
50. Popular type of video game (abbr.)
53. Have surgery
57. Formal withdrawal from a union
58. Performs spoken improv
59. Greek war god
60. 2,000 lbs.
61. Helps to evade capture

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group
2. “Friday Night Lights” director Peter
3. Currency exchange fee
4. Feline
5. Folk singer DiFranco
6. Ghastly pale from distress
7. Rapid eye movements
8. Monetary unit of Macao
9. Lawmakers
10. Colorless mineral
11. At some prior time
12. American protest singer
13. Opener
16. Seldom
18. Relaxing places
22. Touchdown
23. From end to end
24. Kids love him
25. Metal-bearing solid
27. Skin care product manufacturer
28. Thirteen
29. Angry
30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One-thousandth of an inch
33. Former CIA
35. Most lemony
36. Engage in
37. Mass of fish eggs
39. Food supplies
42. Backbones
43. American real estate investment firm
44. Megabyte
46. “Three Coins in the Fountain” songwriter
47. Dutch colonist
48. Full-grown pike fish
49. Emergency prep expert Edwards
50. Flute
51. Dismissive sound
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55. Narrow isthmus in Thailand
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Belknap Mill Quilters Guild to host 49th Annual Harvest of Quilts Show in Laconia

LACONIA — More than 150 handcrafted quilts will be on display when the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild presents its 49th Annual Harvest of Quilts Show on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Lakes Region Community College.

The annual event, one of the Lakes Region’s premier quilting showcases, will be held at LRCC, 379 Belmont Road, Laconia. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view more than 150 quilts created by guild members while also enjoying vendors, hand-made gifts, quilting supplies and prize drawings throughout the weekend

One of the highlights of the show is the popular vote competition, where attendees determine the winning quilts. Voting closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, with winners announced following the close of balloting.

In addition to the quilt exhibition, guests can browse the Attic Corner, featuring gently used quilting supplies, and Quilted Treasures, offering hand-made gifts crafted by guild members. Multiple door prizes will also be awarded during the event.

The celebration extends beyond the college campus through the Mysterious Quilt Journey, which features quilts displayed in dozens of downtown Laconia businesses from Sept. 11 through Sept. 20.

The community-wide exhibit encourages visitors to explore local shops while enjoying a variety of quilt designs throughout downtown.

The guild will also raffle its 2026 quilt, “Mountain View,” a 70-inch by 84-inch quilt featuring a pattern designed by Edyta Sitar for Laundry Basket Quilts. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and participants do not need to be present to win.

Admission to the Harvest of Quilts Show is \$10 for adults. Children younger than 12 are admitted free with a paid adult admission.

For more information, contact the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild at info@bmqq.org.

HIStory Show brings the music of Michael Jackson to The Colonial

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present The Michael Jackson HIStory Show on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at 10 a.m. at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Showtime presents this spectacular music tribute and full-scale stage production honoring the one and only King of Pop, Michael Jackson.

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*This is a tribute show,

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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 has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main St., Laconia, 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

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“Girls Night: The Musical” coming to the Colonial

LACONIA — Coming to the Colonial Theatre of Laconia Saturday, Oct. 17: “Girls Night: The Musical!”

Share the fun & laughter at this hilarious, feel-good comedy as five girlfriends go from heartbreak to happiness during a wild night of karaoke. Get your girlfriends together and come sing along, dance along, and sip on cocktails as you take in this party of a show!

“Girls Night: The Musical” has been thrilling audiences and earning raves from critics throughout North America since it began touring after its sensational Off-Broadway debut. This touching and hilarious ‘tell-it-like-it-is’ musical takes audiences on a journey into the lives of a group of female friends. Audience members can’t help but laugh, cry and even find themselves singing and dancing in the aisles as some of the most popular hit songs of the ‘80s and ‘90s make this musical a fan favorite! Follow five friends as they re-live their past, celebrate their present, and look to the future on a wild and hilarious karaoke night out ... and you’ll recognize a bit yourselves in every one of them! It is described as “Desperate Housewives meets Mamma Mia” (Applause Magazine), “A boisterous, bust-

out, bawdy musical revue” (Wisconsin State Journal), “An infectious, exhilarating sense of intoxication (Hollywood Reporter) and “As funny and outrageous as Sex in the City!” (The Advocate). “Girls Night” is bursting with energy, and is packed with hits “Lady Marmalade,” “It’s Raining Men,” “Man I Feel Like A Woman,” “I Will Survive,” “We are Family” and many more. British playwright,

author and television producer, Louise Roche has written and produced six other plays including Girls Night (UK Tours 2003, ‘04, ‘06), Bobby and Johnny (UK Tour 2005), Girls Behind (UK Tour 2005), Checkout Girls (Milton Keynes 2005), Lucky Balls (Milton Keynes 2002), and Milton Keynes The Musical (2002). Her novel, Glutton for Punishment is published in paperback, and her television writing includes “Where The Heart Is,” and “Doctors.”

Director, Sonya Flaherty has been with Entertainment Events, Inc. since 2007. She originally performed the role of Liza in the US premier of “Girls Night: The Musical” in Scottsdale, Az. in May of 2007. After touring for two years in “Girls Night: The Musical” and still working full-time in International Risk Management at American Express, EEI brought Sonya Carter and her 12 years of experience at American Express on board as its production supervisor in 2009. In 2010, she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer. In addition to her responsibilities as the COO of Entertainment Events, Inc., she continues

to supervise all production aspects from casting to closing night for all EEI productions. She still performs in “Girls Night: The Musical.” She has played three of the five roles in the show and has amassed over 400 performances on tour and Off-Broadway. Sonya has directed several of the touring companies of “Girls Night: The Musical” and originated the role of co-host Janice and directed the world Premier of WPMS: The Musical at the DuPont Theater in Wilmington, DE on June 29, 2010. Sonya Carter directed, co-authored and performed the role of Janice in the Off-Broadway premiere “Dishing With the Divas: The Musical” in January of 2011. “Cuff Me: The Fifty Shades Of Grey Musical Parod’y is the third Off-Broadway production she has directed. Performances of “Girls Night: The Musical” at the Colonial Theatre of Laconia are on Saturday, Oct. 17. Ticket prices range from \$46 to \$90. To purchase tickets or for more information about group rates, call the Colonial Theatre of Laconia Box Office at 1-800-657-8774 or on the Internet at ColonialLaconia.com.

Celebrate an Irish Christmas at the Colonial

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Irish Christmas in America on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Celebrating its 21st year, popular holiday show “Irish Christmas in America” brings a fascinating performance of music, song, dance, and stories of seasonal Irish traditions. Produced by Sligo fiddler Oisín Mac Diarmada, the long-running show features top Irish music, song and dance in an engaging performance rich in humor and boundless energy.



Horgan, Lumiere. Mac Diarmada enthuses about the program as a way to bring traditional and often unknown Irish customs to the States. “One of the most heartfelt themes of Irish Christmas is emigration,” says Mac Diarmada. “Music was a way that people stayed close to home.”

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ATS Precision specializes in the manufacture/CNC machining of aerospace products, valve components, biotech products, military hydraulics, microwave connectors, and welding. We are seeking dependable, safety-minded individuals who take pride in producing high-quality work in a fast-paced manufacturing environment. Current positions:

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Excellent work ethics and diligence are necessary! Positions are full-time, 40-hour work weeks, with hours M-Th 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and F 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. High school diploma or equivalent is needed for all positions. ATS Precision offers competitive wages, personal/sick time, vacation time, health insurance, education reimbursement, and 401k. All applicants must complete ATS' Employment Application. Email resumes and/or application requests to luree@atsprecision.com or stop by to fill out an application. ATS Precision, 87 NH Route 132N, New Hampton, NH

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Shaker Regional School District is seeking coaches for the 2026-2027 season for following athletic teams:

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MOULTONBOROUGH — Castle in the Clouds is hosting their annual fundraising Gala on Sept. 4 from 5 – 10:30 p.m. This year's theme is Gala en Blanc and the event is designed to create an unforgettable evening of fine food, cocktails, and dancing, all while supporting a strategic restoration project at the National Historic Landmark Lucknow Estate. In addition, this year's event will also celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Castle Preservation Society (CPS), a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

To support the "en blanc" theme, guests are invited to dress in all white as they celebrate the joie de vivre of Castle in the Clouds. The event will feature a cocktail party on the Lucknow Mansion lawn, followed by family-style dining from Celebrations Catering, a live auction, an open bar, and music from DeeJay Shelley and her band (<https://deejayshelly.com/>). The event will take place rain or shine and be hosted on the Lucknow Estate grounds under the spacious Great Waters Music Festival Tent.

"Our annual Gala is our largest and most important fundraising event, which inspires our planning committee to create new ways to exceed our supporters' expectations every year," said Charles Clark, Executive Director of Castle in the Clouds. "The Gala en Blanc is poised to be our next legendary fundraising event, capable of raising a significant contribution to this year's restoration project, which will be revealed that evening during the Gala. Our board, staff and planning committee are excited to welcome our supporters to experience this year's carefully crafted evening."

Tickets are priced at \$180 each, and all proceeds benefit the restoration of Castle in the Clouds, the historic Lucknow Estate, by the Castle Preservation Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

To purchase tickets and find more information about the Castle in the Clouds and the gala event, visit <https://www.castlelegala.com>.

As the premier historical museum in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire, Castle in the Clouds provides each visitor with a look into the past while providing contemporary comforts to make every visit memorable. Originally called Lucknow, this breathtaking 6,300-acre property was developed in 1913 by Thomas G. Plant, a wealthy shoe manufacturer, to create a luxurious lifestyle with state-of-the-art amenities, beautiful hand-made furnishings, and a large staff to run the estate. These days, visitors come from all around the world to tour the mansion and exhibit gallery, dine in the Carriage House Restaurant or Café in the Clouds, hike miles of hiking and walking trails maintained by partner organization the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, or enjoy one of our many programs and events. Operated by the Castle Preservation Society, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, Castle in the Clouds is revered as a cultural and educational resource, with the Lucknow Estate listed on the National Register of Historic Places with national significance in 2018 and designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark in 2024. Castle in the Clouds is also available as a fairytale wedding venue and versatile private event rental. For more information about Castle in the Clouds, visit www.castleinthecLOUDS.org.

Patrick's Pub & Eatery takes lake's Region's Best Burger Honor in New Hampshire Magazine

Rick Morten, Executive Chef at Patrick's Pub & Eatery, proudly displays one of the restaurant's award-winning burgers.

GILFORD—For the fourth year in a row, Patrick's Pub & Eatery has landed the honor of the Lake's Region's Best Burger in New Hampshire Magazine's Best of NH 2026 initiative, receiving the award at a ceremony in June.

Since 2016, Patrick's has been recognized nine times.

"We are constantly striving to make things better," said Executive Chef Rick

Morten. "Be it looking for the perfect bun or sourcing the best cheese we can find, we are always looking for ways to plus our recipes. It's an honor to repeatedly be recognized for something that we put our all into."

Morten said factors that create the restaurant's juicy burgers include the use of a blend of Angus brisket, short rib and chuck—the key burger ingredients since 2023.

"The blend packs in the flavor while keeping the fat less than 20 percent, which keeps it juicy and delicious," Morten said. "That, combined with the incredible bread, cheeses and house-made sauces keep the quality high."

Using a griddle instead of a char grill to seal in the juices of the half-pound burgers sourced from Wolverine Meat Packing by US Foods also sets them apart.

Patrick's has six main burgers on the menu, and there is usually at least one burger special a week.

Morten points out another pride point for Patrick's Pub, found in its staff.

"Our kitchen team has worked together for a long time," he said. "In some cases for as long as 25 years. It's very unusual in this business to have a crew that has spent that much time side by side. You develop a rhythm and shorthand that is hard to replicate."

For more information, visit patrickspub.com.