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Franklin Footlight Theatre brings ‘80s rock tribute “Rock of Ages” to Tilton



Asher Clark as Drew Boley and Olivia Mills as Sherrie Christian.

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TILTON — Travel back in time to a radder, more rock-n-roll decade as Franklin Footlight Theatre presents the hit jukebox musical “Rock of Ages!”

Aspiring rocker Drew (Asher Clark) is working as a busboy at the legendary Bourbon Room club when small-town girl Sherrie Christian (Olivia Mills) arrives in Hollywood to chase her own rock-n-roll dreams. A romance begins to unfold as club owners Dennis (David Bedard) and Lonny (Jack Finley) are confronted with the city’s plans to demolish the strip.

Real estate developers Hertz and Franz Kline-mann (Matt Boisvert,

Saige Granger) clash with ousted city planner Regina Koontz (Abby Carlson). “Gentleman’s club” owner Justice Charlier (Melissa Fur-bish) hustles to keep her own venue afloat. Mean-while, rockstar Stacee Jaxx (Michael Smyth) announces that he’s splitting from his band Arsenal to pursue a solo career. When it seems like everything is falling apart, will the Sunset Strip crumble? Or will the powers of love and rock-n-roll prevail?

This high-energy, high-octane tribute to the 80’s rock scene in-cludes songs from Styx, Journey, Bon Jovi, Pat Benatar, Twisted Sister, Poison and more. Foot-

light’s production fea-tures a 35-person cast of powerhouse vocal-ists and dancers from around the Lakes Region backed up onstage by a live, 6-person band.

Rock of Ages is pre-sented by arrangement with Concord Theatri-cals. The stage musical was written by Chris D’Arienzo, with ar-rangements and orches-trations by Ethan Popp.

Performances are Aug. 13-16 at Tilton School’s Hamilton Hall, 30 School St., Tilton. Tickets are general admission (\$20 adult; \$18 student/senior) and available at the door or online at www.franklinoperahouse.org.

Early notification helps crews halt spread of fire in Northfield

NORTHFIELD — At 5:13 a.m. on the morning of Aug. 1, Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS, Franklin Fire Department, and Belmont Fire Department were dispatched to a reported building fire at 635 Shaker Rd. in Northfield.

The first arriving unit encountered heavy fire and smoke showing from an equipment barn, located within 10 feet of the main residence and a near-by second barn. Due to the po-tential for rapid fire spread and exposure risks, a second alarm was requested.

Additional on-scene support was received from Sanbornton, Laconia, Gilford, and Concord

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Franklin Savings Bank supports high school’s Early College program, one book at a time



COURTESY

Left to right: Renee Baldini, AVP, Executive Assistant & CRA Officer, Franklin Savings Bank; David Levesque, Principal at Franklin High School; Brian Bozak, President and CEO, Franklin Savings Bank.

FRANKLIN — When Franklin High School Principal David Levesque shared his concern about the costs of books for its Early College Program, Franklin Savings Bank was happy to assist! The program, which enables high school students to earn college credits through Lakes Region Community College, can provide students with a jump-start on their college education, allowing for a competitive edge in the workforce.

“If we can help our students get a head start on their education goals, then that is an excellent investment for our entire community,” explains Brian Bozak, President & CEO at Franklin Savings Bank.

Through its program, Franklin High School is able to cover the cost of the college courses, how-ever college books are an added expense. This is where Franklin Savings Bank jumped in to help. The bank supported the program with \$750 to cover the cost of books, allowing students to spend more time learn-ing, and less time wor-rying about this extra expense.

“Thanks to the gener-ous support of Franklin Savings Bank, our stu-dents now have greater access to Early College opportunities at LRCC. Their commitment to education is helping our students take mean-ingful steps toward their future success and endeavors,” com-ments Principal David Levesque, Franklin High School

To learn more about Franklin High School’s Early College Program and partnership with Lakes Region Commu-nity College, visit: <https://www.lrcc.edu/programs/high-school/>

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Sanbornton Historical Society explores story of Grappone family



Amanda Grappone Osmer

SANBORNTON — On Thursday evening, Aug. 14, the Sanbornton Historical Society will happily host town resident Amanda Grappone Osmer for her program on her family’s history, their business history. Copies of the history she lovingly researched and put between covers will be for sale.

The Grappone history book opens with a family tree of the Grappone and d’Orlando Families. The earliest date is 1730, while the final date is 2012.

A lot of family history, as anyone lay-ing out a family tree knows. Following is a “Timeline of Events.” In 1923 Rocco Grappone “purchases his first au-to-mobile, a Buick Touring.” Nov. 15, 1924, “Rocco and Emanuela Grappone purchase their North State Street [Con-cord] filling station, beginning the 100 year legacy of Grappone Automotive.”

An early page tells of an employee’s keeping his accordion in the shop “for spirited musical breaks during the work day” leading to a band, Under Warranty, “that performed at compa-ny events.” The gist of Grappone Au-tomotive employment was and is that employees become both legend and family. Amanda delightfully ends her details-packed introduction with, for readers of the pages to follow: “Hop in my Model T, and I’ll tell you the story about the people who started it all.”

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the program. Lane Tav-ern at 520 Sanborn Rd., has A / C in our upstairs ballroom - meeting room. Programs are free, but Lane Tavern’s upkeep is not! Donations are welcome, renewed and new memberships are welcome. Call Linda Salatiello, Pro-grams Director, at 603-286-4526 for more information.

The summer of relaxation?



Part of the summer work was covering American Legion Baseball in Laconia, where we got a rainbow over the field one summer evening.



The Granite Kid Triathlon took place on a perfect summer Saturday morning in Wolfeboro.

Without question, the school year is a busy time of year in my world. Ever since I returned from my COVID-forced layoff in the fall of 2020, I have been covering schools from Alton in the south to Whitefield, Groveton and Berlin in the north and that in and of itself keeps me on the move constantly.

With all that driving and all those games to write about, I easily surpass my 40 hours for the week by Thursday morning in most weeks and easily roll into the 60 to 70 hours a week range and some weeks, it tops the 70-hour mark. It's a lot.

Then, we add on to that the baking hours,

which admittedly slows down in the non-summer months, and I am easily closing in on 100 hours a week of work. That seems like a lot, probably because it is. But that is what it is.

It is the summertime that I get a little downtime and without a question, this year I have certainly taken a bit more of that time to myself, even if it doesn't mean necessarily doing stuff except taking a few afternoons off. Readers probably might notice a bit of a drop-off in the number of sports stories in their local papers over the last month-plus and that will continue for a few more weeks, as I try to get as much as I can out of the

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING

last few weeks of the summer before the onslaught of the fall sports season.

Over the past month-plus I've covered a bunch of American Legion Baseball games in Conway and Laconia, a Babe Ruth state tournament in Conway, the Green Beret With a Mission event in Bridgewater, the Granite Kid Triathlon in Wolfeboro and a few other events. But for the most part, I've laid low.

That being said, the summer is also the busy time at the bakery. For a

stretch of July I worked six days a week for a few weeks in a row and there are numerous days where we work later than planned. That's part of the job, it's no secret that this is our busy season and we push through. So, there is a balance there, where I take it a bit easy in one job and ramp up a bit in the other one.

I've also spent some time outside of work producing the Village Players' production of Calendar Girls, which ran the last two weekends and playing trumpet in the Cate Park Band on Wednesday nights in downtown Wolfeboro. Cate Park Band ends at the conclusion of Au-

gust while the next Village Players production, Sweeney Todd, gets started with auditions this coming weekend.

As this goes to press, I'll also be taking a few days off to head to New York City to see a couple of shows on Broadway. The Granite Man Triathlon is coming up in a couple of weeks and I am hoping to make one more short trip somewhere the following week before the fall sports get going.

It's hard to believe summer is almost over, but soon enough I'll be back on the road every day heading to various corners of the state to catch soccer, field hockey, volleyball, football,

cross country and golf contests for the local high school kids. But for now, I will take it easy for a few weeks. Sort of. Maybe.

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Sweepstakes Social supports local kids on Sept. 12

REGION — Grab your lake attire and your lucky charm — the fourth annual Sweepstakes Social is back, and it's happening dockside aboard the iconic M/S Mount Washington at Weirs Beach on Friday, Sept. 12, from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Presented by MVSb, the event raised more than \$24,000 in 2024 for two meaningful causes: the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction and the Warren Bailey Community Service Scholarship (a \$5,000 scholarship).

"It's one of the best cocktail parties around," said Allan Beetle, co-owner of Patrick's and longtime Pub Mania organizer. "Between the cause, the cash prizes, and the gorgeous lake setting, it's a pretty unique event."

Tickets are \$100, which includes admission for two, automatic entry into a \$15,000

sweepstakes with ten cash prizes, light appetizers, music, dancing, and a cash bar — all while socializing dockside on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Cash prize winners pocket a prize for themselves and a matching amount for the Pub Mania team of their choice. Sarah Gray, owner of Body Covers Screen Printing & Embroidery, was one of the ten lucky winners in 2024. "As happy as I was to win a \$3,000 prize last year, I was absolutely delighted that the Body Covers Pub Mania team received the matching \$3,000 to bring our team total for 2024 to almost \$8,000 for the kids."

MVSb once again returns as presenting sponsor with a \$5,000 donation. "The Children's Auction uplifts so many vital nonprofits in our region," said Susan Daghastino, MVSb Business Development & Branch



Dancing atop the "Mount" at last year's Sweepstakes Social benefiting the Children's Auction. Picture inset includes Pub Mania referees Jennifer Bailey and Allan Beetle with winner Sarah Gray of team Body Covers. Limited tickets now on sale at ChildrensAuction.org.

Manager in Laconia. "This event is a fun, meaningful way to give

back — we hope to see everyone there."

For tickets and full event details, visit www.childrensauction.org or www.patrickspub.com/pubmania.

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NHBM's Hulls and Hops Speaker Series welcomes Geoffrey Jones

MOULTONBOROUGH — The New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host the second Hulls and Hops Speaker Series event of the season on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. The featured speaker is Geoffrey Jones, a professional forester and U.S. Coast Guard veteran, who will share his firsthand account of a 1,200-mile kayak expedition along Canada's Churchill River in 1968.

Jones, who grew up in southwestern New Hampshire, was 19 when he and two fellow University of New Hampshire students built homemade fiberglass kayaks and set out to retrace a historic fur trade route from Alberta to Hudson Bay. The group navigated remote rivers and lakes with only basic maps and a compass, facing both physical and emotional challenges along the way. The journey, which took more



than two months, included a tragic accident in the Mountain Rapids section of the Churchill River.

During his presentation, Jones will discuss the planning and execution of the trip, the equipment used, and

the broader historical context of the late 1960s. Attendees will have the opportunity to view a prototype kayak, original maps, and other expedition gear. Jones will also present a visual chronology of the journey and reflect on how the experience shaped

his life and career.

"This event highlights the spirit of adventure and the connection to water that is central to our mission at NHBM," said Programs Manager Anne Lennon. "Geoff's story offers a unique perspective on exploration,

resilience, and the ways in which our waterways have inspired generations."

Notch will be the featured brewery for the evening, serving craft beer and light snacks. Amoskeag Beverages is the season sponsor

for the Hulls and Hops Speaker Series.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for NHBM members and \$15 for non-members. For more information about the event or to purchase tickets, visit nhbm.org.

"This will be Geoff's first time presenting on this experience in New Hampshire," Lennon added. "We're honored to have him share his powerful story at NHBM."

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits, engaging programs, and events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is partly sponsored by Home Comfort, North Water Marine, Goodhue Boat Company, Belletetes, Eastern Propane and Oil, Kingswood Press and Design Studios, and Watermark Marine.

"Wool, Nature & Imagination: A Textile Journey with Pam Bartlett" now on exhibit at Belknap Mill Museum



LACONIA — The Belknap Mill Museum is proud to present its featured exhibit for the

month of August: "Wool, Nature & Imagination — A Textile Journey with Pam Bartlett" This

stunning collection showcases the fiber artistry of Pam Bartlett, a juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen and nationally recognized rug hooking artist. Known for her expressive landscapes, animals, and inventive use of mixed fibers, Pam's work brings nature to life with texture, color, and creativity.

The exhibit will be on view throughout August in the first-floor gallery of the Belknap Mill, the nation's oldest unaltered brick textile mill. Museum hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m., and

Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission fees apply.

A special Meet-the-Artist Reception will be held on Friday, Aug. 1, from 5-6 p.m., as part of the Mill's Free First Friday programming.

Pam is best known for her expressive landscapes, pictorials, and animal portraits, but her creativity goes far beyond subject matter. A self-taught artist and McGown-certified teacher, she combines various cuts of wool and mixed fibers—such as silk, satin, fleece, and roving—to create rich textures and emotional depth in every

piece. Many of her works are inspired by the natural world and developed from photographs or ideas, which she transforms into unique rugs and wall hangings.

With over 40 years of rug hooking experience and more than 25 years of teaching, Pam brings not only talent but also a deep passion for helping others discover their own artistic voice. She has taught throughout the U.S. and Canada, working with groups from two to twenty, and is a two-time recipient of the NH State Council on the Arts Master Artist/Apprenticeship Grant.

Her work has been exhibited at prestigious venues, including the American Folk Art Museum in New York City, the Carnegie Center for Art & History in Indiana, the Shelburne Museum in Vermont, and the University of New Hampshire Law School.

For more information about the exhibit, museum hours, or upcoming programs, please visit belknapmill.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Supporting local charities a top priority for Ben & Jerry's

MEREDITH — Recently, Shari Lancaster, ECE, Area Manager for the Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region, stopped into the local Ben & Jerry's shop in Meredith for their portion of the donations from Free Cone Day.

"We are grateful for the community showing up for this annual event and donating to help the Boys and Girls Club and their programs," stated Lancaster.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, the Meredith shop plans to support three local charitable organizations again while celebrating 30 years of scooping funky and chunky flavors in Meredith. The 30th celebration, running from noon to 3 p.m., will have live music by Craig Jaster, face painting by Judy from Our Creative Imaginings Face & Body Artistry, and a special appearance by co-founders Ben Cohen & Jerry Greenfield. There will be ice cream specials all day long, sampling of new flavors and free sprinkles with every cup or cone ordered! (What's better than FREE sprinkles?) The event is not only a fun time and celebration, but also a fundraising effort for three of our local organizations: Interlakes Community Caregivers, The Boys and Girls Club of the Lakes Region, and New Hampshire Humane Society.

"We are so grateful to be celebrating three decades at Mill Falls Marketplace in Meredith," said Jayne Cohen, Franchisee. "This milestone wouldn't be possible without our wonderful customers and the incredible community that has supported us year after year. We're thrilled to share this celebration with everyone and continue giving back to the local organizations that make a real difference in our community. We hope everyone will join the celebration on Sunday, Aug. 10 from noon to 3 p.m."

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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.

COURTESY

Officer John Milne of the Laconia Police Department helped the Sanbornton Police Department get a birds-eye view of the damage in the aftermath of last month's severe storm with Laconia's drone. The drone footage really shows the power of that microburst that came through town. These photos and video were in the Hunkins Pond Road area. Photo courtesy of the Sanbornton PD's Facebook page.



The case for silence

We don't get much silence anymore. Even when the world is technically quiet, there's the hum of the refrigerator, the buzz of notifications, the constant chatter in our heads. We've gotten so used to noise that the idea of sitting in a car with nothing but the sound of the tires on the road feels almost rebellious.

Lately, we've realized how amazing real silence is. No radio, no podcast. Just us, our thoughts, and the steady rhythm of driving. It has been a reset button we didn't know we needed.

Science actually backs this up. A 2013 study published in Brain, Structure and Function found that periods of silence, just two hours of it, can help the brain generate new cells in the hippocampus, the part of the brain linked to memory and emotion. Other research has shown that quiet time lowers cortisol (the stress hormone) and lets the brain shift from "react" mode to "reflect" mode. In short: silence isn't empty, it's restorative.

We live in a world that treats silence like a gap to be filled. We fill it with scrolling, streaming, playlists, background noise and anything to avoid just... being. But what if the thing we're avoiding is the very thing our minds crave?

Driving in silence has become our version of meditation. It's where ideas show up uninvited. It's where we notice the scenery we usually speed past. It's where our brains, exhausted from the constant feed of information, finally exhales.

Silence isn't a luxury — it's fuel. The more we give ourselves those pockets of quiet, whether it's in the car or just sitting at our kitchen table, we can feel our brains unclenching.

So, here is our challenge to you: turn off the noise for ten minutes. Drive in silence and let your thoughts wander. In a world that keeps shouting for your attention, you might be surprised what you hear when everything else finally stops.

Break the rules!

Vivek Ranadivé, a software entrepreneur and future NBA team owner, decided to coach his 12-year-old daughter's middle school basketball team in Redwood City, California.

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He didn't grow up with the game, didn't play it, didn't know its culture—he just wanted to help. Vivek had a major problem—not only did he know nothing about the game, but neither did his girls. Most of them had never played a single minute of organized basketball.

But Vivek wasn't the type to do something halfway. From the moment he signed up, his goal was to win the state championship that season.

If he had told anyone, they might've laughed him out of the gym. But he started studying, watching games, trying to understand how basketball worked—and the more he learned, the more something didn't sit right.

After every score, teams would run back to the other end of the court, settle into formation, and wait to play defense. It was tradition. It was how the game was done. But to Vivek, it seemed like an unnecessary surrender—giving the other team a free pass for most of the court. Why retreat when

you could press?

Without breaking a single rule, Vivek taught his team a strategy called full-court press: to stay on top of their opponents, disrupt every inbound, and apply pressure at every pass. It wasn't illegal. But he was breaking unwritten rules.

"Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist." — Pablo Picasso

And by the end of the season, that little team of underdogs was breaking all the unwritten rules—and was winning big.

Top performers don't follow rules—they rethink them. Research at Harvard Business School and Columbia shows that people who break norms (nonconformists) are often perceived as more powerful and more competent. One study found that entrepreneurs who take strategic risks and ignore conventional advice are more likely to create successful ventures than those who play it safe.

The girls weren't great dribblers, couldn't shoot from distance, and had no height advantage. But they had something nobody else did: an unconventional strategy and unwavering attitude.

As the first games kicked off, Redwood

City stunned opponents with how quickly they scored—and how consistently they pressed.

They jumped out to early leads—4-0, 6-0, even 12-0. One game ended with them leading 25-0 before the other team even scored. Instead of retreating after scoring, they hustled back, applied pressure on every inbounds pass, and swarmed players off the ball. Teams used to long periods of transition now found themselves stuck in chaos before they could cross mid-court.

Opposing coaches fumed on the sidelines. One even confronted Vivek in the parking lot, furious that this "skinny foreign guy" was defying tradition—and winning. Every whistle signaled a barrage of fouls called on Redwood City—referees seemed determined to break them. But the girls adjusted. Instead of folding, they learned to play without pressing at times, weaving traditional basketball in between the chaos.

Through all the drama, they stayed unbeaten in most of their regular season. They won the local league, then the regionals, then advanced deep into the Northern California tournament. Each win built their stamina, sharpened their cohesion, and deepened belief in the system and each other.

By season's end, Redwood City had stormed through their local league and advanced all the way to the national Junior Basketball championship tournament!

In the end, Redwood City didn't win the national championship. They came up short in the final rounds. But by then, the point had already been proven.

A team of middle school girls with no height, no elite skills, and no basketball pedigree had made it to the biggest stage in the country for teams their age—by doing what nobody else dared to do.

They didn't cheat. They didn't bend the rulebook. But they did break the unwritten rules—the ones that say, "This is how the game is supposed to be played."

They rewrote the script. And almost won it all.

Because sometimes, if you want to win—if you want to slay the giants, shatter the odds, or change the game—you don't follow the rules.

You break them.

With intention. With intelligence. With guts.

And sometimes, that's enough to change everything.



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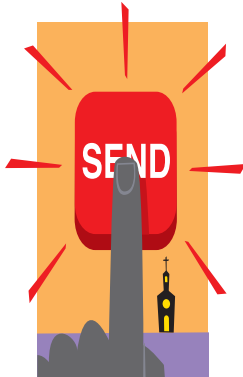
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Sharon “Sugar” Jones brings soul, swing & sass to The Loft at Hermit Woods Aug. 7



MEREDITH —The Loft at Hermit Woods Winery is thrilled to present an unforgettable night of music and soul with legendary New England performer Sharon “Sugar” Jones on Thursday, Aug. 7.

A native of Portsmouth, Sharon Jones has captivated audiences across New England, Boston, and New York with her powerhouse vocals and magnetic stage presence. Blending the richness of jazz with the rhythm of R&B and the soul of contemporary music, her performances are inspired by icons like Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, and Nina Simone. Backed by an all-star trio featuring John Hyde on piano and

Ed Raczka on drums, Sugar Jones will have you dancing in your seat and begging for more.

The Evening Includes:
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Dinner & Drinks | Served 6–7 p.m. (desserts & drinks available during show)

Show time | 7 p.m. sharp

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“ELF the Musical” comes to the Colonial Theatre stage

LACONIA — Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, the resident theatre company of The Colonial Theatre in Laconia, is celebrating Christmas twice in 2025! “Elf the Musical,” based on the holiday classic movie, comes to the Colonial for three performances only, Aug. 8-10. This funny, family friendly musical is sure to bring smiles to faces and the chance to get in the holiday spirit in August!

Performed by more than 50 community members from age 6 to senior citizen who have been hard at work since early June, “Elf” is filled with catchy tunes, vibrant dances, and lots of humor. Most importantly, it’s a feel good musical that will bring some holiday cheer to the middle

of the hot summer.

The role of Buddy the Elf is played by Nikolai Fernandez, who is in his 17th show with Powerhouse. He’s joined by other Powerhouse veterans Emma Molloy as Jovie, Caity Hicks as Emily, David Nelson as Walter, and newcomer Eli Parry as Michael in the lead roles. In fact, there are 16 performers new to Powerhouse in this production!

“Elf” is directed by Bryan Halperin.

According to Halperin, “After the powerful, emotional production of Hunchback in May, everyone is having a great time working on something a little lighter for the summer! We laugh through rehearsals and hope to share this joy with the community.”

Also new for Powerhouse, this show has the most kids and teens that have ever been in a Powerhouse production - 29! This is especially appropriate as Powerhouse will be collecting donations to support the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction at each performance to support its good works in the community. Also, showing your “Elf” ticket or ticket receipt at participating local businesses now through Aug. 15 entitles you to perks like discounts or free gifts through Powerhouse Downtown Perks.

Tickets are available through coloniallaconia.com and powerhousenh.org and ticket buyers are encouraged to go directly to those sites for tickets as search engines




COURTESY

Buddy the Elf (Nikolai Fernandez) helps Michael (Eli Parry) with his homework assignment.


will take you to third party sites that substantially mark up the ticket prices. Tickets are \$18-\$24. Group rates for 10 or more are available through the Colonial box office.

Also, check out powerhousenh.org for all the latest info on Powerhouse including the participating local businesses in the perks program and information on Powerhouse’s other Christmas show in 2025, the annual production of A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story. Contact info@powerhousenh.org with questions or for more details.


MVSB announces James D. Sutherland Memorial Scholarship recipients




Wilder Carrigan




Nathaniel Hobby




David Kizer




Kade Lucas




Gavin Marchand-Correia



Emmaline Morin



Austin Roberts



Meadow True

Not Pictured:
Chloe Hartnett, Gabreaelle Perron & Avery Thoroughgood

MEREDITH — MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) proudly announces the 2025 recipients of the James D. Sutherland Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to one graduating senior from high schools located in communities where MVSB has a branch office.

This year’s recipients are:

Wilder Carrigan of Portsmouth, son of Tamar and Jim Carrigan,

attending Northeastern University.

Chloe Hartnett of Exeter, daughter of Matthew Hartnett and Erin Brown, attending Roger Williams University.

Nathaniel Hobby of Laconia, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Hobby, attending the University of Maine.

David Kizer of Campton, son of Maundy Mitchell and Matt Kizer, attending University College Dublin.

Kade Lucas of Wolfboro, son of Troy and

Jennica Lucas, attending Southern New Hampshire University.

Gavin Marchand-Correia of Moultonborough, son of George and Valerie Ann Correia, attending Boston University.

Emmaline Morin of Rochester, daughter of Shawn and Natalie Morin, attending Rivier University.

Gabreaelle Perron of Gilford, daughter of Susanah and Dan Perron, attending New England College.

Austin Roberts of

Jackson, son of Jeremy and Allyn Roberts, attending Fairfield University.

Avery Thoroughgood of Barnstead, daughter of Ashley Cleasby and Todd Thoroughgood, attending the University of Maine.

Meadow True of Meredith, attending New Hampshire Technical Institute.

The Sutherland Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of James D. Sutherland, who served as President and CEO of MVSB from 1982-1996. Scholarship recipients represent the MVSB company values of accountability, mutuality, excellence, respect, integrity, teamwork and stewardship. Students interested in applying for the 2026 scholarship are encouraged to contact their guidance office or visit www.mvsb.com/community-involve-ment.

NHBM hosts 49th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show



ALTON — Fans of classic wooden boats and early fiberglass vessels are invited to the 49th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon, hosted by the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM). At the event, vintage boat owners and spectators come together to celebrate New Hampshire’s boating heritage.

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

Vintage boat owners with wooden or early fiberglass boats (up to 1975) are encouraged to participate—no pre-registration is required, and docking is first-come, first-served. Arriving before 9:00 a.m. is recommended to secure a spot on the docks.

Spectators are invited to stroll the town docks, admire beautifully restored boats, and meet the passionate owners behind each vessel. Attendees can also cast their vote for the People’s Choice Award, helping to select First, Second, and Third Place winners.

“At the end of the day, it’s always fun to see which boats win awards,” Kurtz added. “As a spectator, it’s so fun to really engage with the event.”

While at the show, visitors are encouraged to stop by the NHBM’s tent to say hello, join or renew their membership, and browse a selection of museum merchandise.

“We are so thankful to our generous sponsors who make this event possible,” said Kurtz.

The 49th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show is sponsored by Home Comfort, Goodhue Boat Company, North Water Marine, The NASWA Resort, Shibley’s Drive In, Shibley’s at the Pier, and Alton Home and Lumber.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits, engaging programs, and events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is partly sponsored by Home Comfort, North Water Marine, Goodhue Boat Company, Belletetes, Eastern Propane and Oil, Kingswood Press and Design Studios, and Watermark Marine.

or a first-time visitor, NHBM’s evolving campus offers something for everyone,” said Devon Kurtz, NHBM Executive Director. “The museum’s commitment to innovation and community engagement ensures that each visit is memorable, educational, and fun.”

Car owners are encouraged to pre-register for the event. To pre-register, or for more information about the After-Hours event and other upcoming programs, visit nhbm.org.

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NHBM’s After-Hours event showcases classic cars, vintage boats, and museum on the move



MOULTONBOROUGH — The New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) invites the public to experience its dynamic spirit at a special After-Hours at the Museum event on Friday, Aug. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Moultonborough campus.

Classic cars will fill the parking lot while vintage boats shine inside the museum, offering guests a unique evening surrounded by

timeless craftsmanship. Visitors can mingle with fellow enthusiasts, explore NHBM’s engaging exhibits, and enjoy a bite off the grill—all in a lively, welcoming atmosphere.

“This is an event any car or boat enthusiast will love,” said Programs Manager Anne Lennon. “Walk around outside and check out classic cars and then head into the museum to see our exhibits.”

The After-Hours event is just one example of how NHBM continues to emerge as a vibrant, forward-thinking institution. With new exhibits, hands-on programs, and community gatherings throughout the year, the museum is dedicated to celebrating New Hampshire’s boating heritage while creating fresh opportunities for connection and discovery.

“Whether you’re a longtime supporter

FIRE

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Fire Departments to assist with firefighting operations. New Hampton and Bristol Fire Departments provided station coverage at the Center Street Station to ensure continued emergency response capability for the district.

A water supply was established from nearby Knowles Pond, allowing crews to create a tanker shuttle.

Despite these efforts, the equipment barn was

a total loss. Multiple tractors and other pieces of equipment were destroyed in the fire. Firefighters were able to prevent the fire from extending to the adjacent home and nearby barn.

Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS extends its appreciation to all responding departments for their assistance and to the public for their cooperation during the incident.

The cause of the fire is undetermined but is not considered suspicious at this time. No injuries to civilians or firefighters

have been reported.

“This is a great example of how a quick call to 911 makes all the difference,” said Capt. Tim Ames of Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS. “Because someone called immediately, we were able to get crews on scene fast and stop the fire from spreading to the home. That early notification likely saved the house today.”

For further information, please contact Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS.

LRAA announces July Artists of the Month



TILTON — Lakes Region Art Association members have the opportunity to enter a piece of artwork into the Artist of the Month Program at each monthly Member Meeting. Winners are able to display and sell a single work for a month in various public venues throughout the Lakes Region in participating Banks and Libraries or Local Businesses.

Pictured above, left to right, are, back right: James Cryan, Sherwood Frazier; Front Row: Sally Hibberd, Barbara

McClintock, Martha Aucoin.

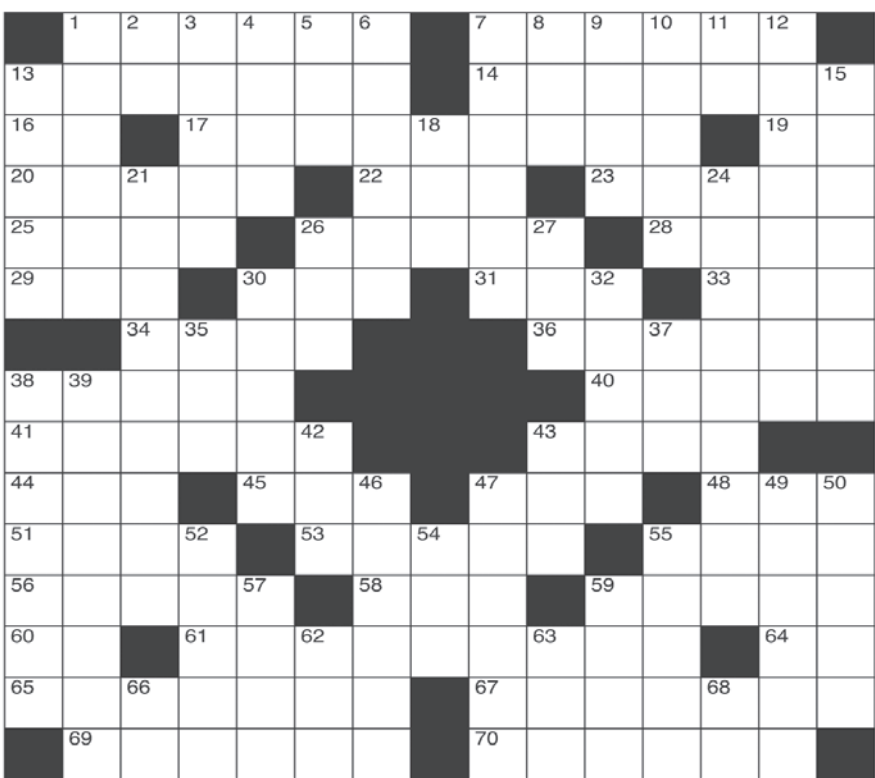
The Winning Artists’ artwork will be on display in locations in the Lakes Region until the third week of August.

Sherwood Frazier, this month’s First Place winner has the distinct honor of displaying several pieces of his artwork at Annie’s Cafe & Catering in Laconia NH. Warm up with some scrumptious homemade soup and sandwiches

and enjoy the art while you eat!

The art pieces for the Honorable Mention artist will be on display through the third week of August in the following locations:

- Martha AuCoin - Gilford Library
- Sally Hibberd - Camden Bank, Meredith
- James Cryan- Camden Bank, Tilton
- Barbara McClintock- Franklin Savings, Gilford



CLUES ACROSS


- 1. Spiritual leaders
- 7. Salt
- 13. Fortified wine
- 14. Edible mollusk
- 16. They precede C
- 17. A way to compare
- 19. State lawyer
- 20. “Game of Thrones” actor Ciaran
- 22. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing
- 25. ___ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Mountain in New Zealand
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular Dodge truck model
- 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring solid
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
- 40. One of the founders of modern psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. You can get stuck in one
- 45. Partner to feather
- 47. Passive optical network
- 48. French ballet dynasty
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Bottom layer
- 55. Sound
- 56. Yankee great Judge
- 58. Dickens character
- 59. Late beloved TNT sportscaster
- 60. South Dakota
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Gold
- 65. Longtime Braves hurler Julio
- 67. Humor
- 69. Shawl
- 70. Hospital unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal disease
- 2. Commercial
- 3. Necklace materials
- 4. Containers
- 5. Investment account
- 6. Colorado Heisman Trophy winner
- 7. Dipped down
- 8. Head injury category (abbr.)
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 11. Not yes
- 12. Caused to be loved
- 13. Muslim spiritual leader
- 15. Showing sincere conviction
- 18. Not in
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Lawn pest
- 26. Pouch
- 27. Ancient language in India (abbr.)
- 30. Start over
- 32. Wild white flower
- 35. Fourteen
- 37. Visual way to interact with computer (abbr.)
- 38. Side by side and facing the same way
- 39. Religious conflicts
- 42. Touch lightly
- 43. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen
- 46. Violent seizure of property
- 47. One who supports the pope
- 49. Malaise
- 50. Body fluid
- 52. Inauthentic person
- 54. Title of respect
- 55. Chilean city
- 57. Japanese city
- 59. Silk garment
- 62. Draw from
- 63. Automobile
- 66. The man
- 68. Top government lawyer

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Chorney takes top honors in Canterbury Woodchuck Classic 5K

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CANTERBURY — Runners gathered on Saturday, July 26, for the Canterbury Woodchuck Classic 5K.

David Chorney of Concord had the winning time overall with a time of 17:18 while Manchester's Mary Klene was the top woman in the race with a time of 18:20, which placed her fourth overall.

Local runners fared well in the race, led by

Meredith's Nicolas Gosling, who finished in second place in 17:57. Justin Clark of Ashland was seventh overall and won his age group in 18:55, Rachel Jastrebsky of Holderness finished in a time of 19:33 to place 11th overall and Jasmine Syed of Canterbury finished in a time of 20:18 to place 13th overall and tops in her age group.

Campton's Peter Eliott was 17th in a time of 20:34 and Elizabeth Beeson of Holderness ran

to 23rd overall in 21:36 to win her age group. Hans Baker of Canterbury was 25th overall with a time of 22:13 and Mike LaPlume of Bristol crossed with a time of 23:13 to place 32nd overall.

Taylor Livingstone of Holderness was 37th overall in 23:57 and Addison Alpers of Bristol finished in 46th place overall in a time of 24:42. Lucia Roth of Alton was 50th in a time off 25:10 and Rory Wharton of

Bristol was 52nd overall in 25:23. Nathaniel Fuller of Holderness was 54th overall in 25:33 and Grant Drew of Sanborn-ton was 56th in a time of 25:36.

Canterbury's Timothy Chrysostom was 61st overall in a time of 26:18, Emerald Briggs of Alexandria was 64th in a time of 26:26 and Kendra LaPlume of Bristol was 65th in the same time of 26:26. Grace Olson of Sanborn-ton was 67th overall in a time of

Holderness finished in 73rd place in a time of 27:46, Judi Lemaire of Wolfeboro won her age group in 28:12 for 78th overall, John Hammond of Wolfeboro was 79th overall in 28:13, Nicole Downing of Middleton was 80th in 28:26 and Tricia Keville of Canterbury put up a time of 28:41 for 81st place. Heidi Chaney of Canterbury finished 85th in 29:08, Nick Daigneault of Canterbury was 86th in 29:15 and Karen Robichaud of

Canterbury was 88th in 29:20.

Kaitlyn Casperonis of Wakefield was 90th in 29:27, Zack Brayfield of Holderness finished in 103rd in a time of 30:35, Patti Bernier of Sanborn-ton was 105th in 31:10, Matthew Winer-iter of Canterbury finished in 106th in 31:15, Jason Hiltz of Ashland was 107th in 31:16 and Robin Fisk of Ashland placed 108th in the same time. Wolfeboro's Katja Fox was 112th in 31:37, Ellie Gaw of Holderness was 115th in 32:01, Olivia Brayfield of Holderness put up a time of 32:21 for 119th place and Kay-la Knapp of Canterbury crossed in 34:09 for 125th place. Allison Wood of Canterbury was 131st overall in 35:47, Mary Kaplan of Barnstead finished in 132nd place in 35:55, Erin Keville of Canterbury was 134th in 35:57, Bryan Ortiz of Canterbury was 135th in 36:09 and Brooks Bergholm of Canterbury finished in 141st place in 37:42.

Richard Chaney of Canterbury was 148th overall in 40:09, Thomas Roy of Canterbury placed 154th in 41:09, Brittney Bergholm of Canterbury was 165th in 44:35, Angie Cummings of Hill was 174th in 50:39, Audrey Knapp of Canterbury was 177th in 51:02 and Tia Vu of Canterbury finished in 190th place with a time of 59:44.



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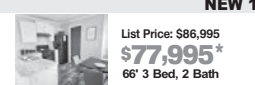


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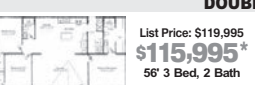


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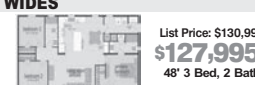


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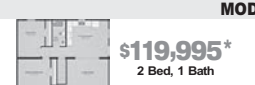
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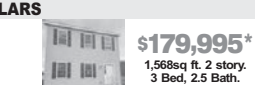
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During the event, on Friday, Aug. 8, NH Furniture Masters will offer an exclusive look at their pieces, sharing the stories and craftsmanship behind each creation. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle, appreciate fine woodworking, and take in the breathtaking surroundings. Heavy appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available. Although this event is free for the public, we do require registration, which can be done at <https://www.castleintheclouds.org/event/furniture-masters-reception/>

As part of a new partnership between these organizations, furniture will be on display at the Carriage House, with exhibits changing every month. This will be an opportunity to see our 3rd such exhibit. On Sunday, Aug. 31, those who purchase tickets for any of the Castle's guided or self-guided tours will also have the opportunity to see the furniture and chat with members of the NH Furniture Masters at Lucknow Mansion.

For more information, please contact programs@castleintheclouds.org or visit www.castleintheclouds.org

About Castle in the Clouds

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, explore 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. The Lucknow Estate was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2024, recognizing its national significance in architecture and landscape architecture. Castle in the Clouds is also available as a fairytale wedding location and versatile private event rental venue. For more information about Castle in the Clouds, visit www.castleintheclouds.org.

New exhibit opens at League of NH Craftsmen Gallery



MEREDITH — The Meredith League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fine Craft Gallery is pleased to announce its latest exhibit, “Drink Up.” This thoughtfully curated collection celebrates the everyday ritual of drinking — whether tea, coffee, wine, lemonade or water — through the lens of fine craft. The exhibit features handcrafted drinking vessels made of glass, porcelain, and pottery, created by various talented juried artists who blend function with beauty in every piece.

These artful drinking vessels present a diverse range of forms, glazes, textures, and colors from elegant stemware and delicately thrown glasses to rustic mugs and sculptural goblets. Whether minimalist or ornate, each vessel invites consideration of the personal and cultural significance of objects we use every day. “Drink Up” encourages a deeper appreciation for the art of the pour and the joy of handmade design.

Join us at Meredith Gallery to experience the simple pleasure of holding art in your hands as you “Drink Up” and sip in style. For more information, please call the Gallery at 603-279-7920 or visit our website meredith.nhcrafts.org. The League of NH Craftsmen Gallery is located at 279 DW Highway, Meredith.

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit organization that encourages and promotes the creation, use and preservation of fine contemporary and traditional hand craft. The League represents the signature of excellence in fine craft, through the work of its juried members and its rigorous standards for self-expression, vision, and quality craftsmanship.

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