

WRHS senior receives Rotary’s Rising Star Award



Tilton-Northfield President Brian Dumka congratulated WRHS senior Veronica Elliott for receiving the club’s 2022 Rising Star Award for her hard work, progress and successes leading up to graduation last week. A plaque bearing her name will now also be displayed at the school
BY DONNA RHODES
Contributing Writer

TILTON – At Tilton-Northfield Rotary’s weekly luncheon meeting on June 8, the guest of honor was Winnisquam Regional High School senior Veronica Elliott of Northfield, who was presented their annual Rising Star Award and

congratulated on her endurance toward striving for success in her high school years. WRSD Superintendent Rob Seaward joined Rotary a few years ago and brought forward the idea of Rising Star awards, which have been presented in other school districts throughout the

state, and they loved the idea. Beginning in 2020 Seaward then helped them establish the program at Winnisquam Regional High School and it has been in place now for the past three years. “Each year there are so many students who aren’t recognized (as a top scholar or athlete),”

Seaward said. “Students (seniors) who have struggled to overcome obstacles and are showing us they’re someone who’s now better prepared for the next step in their lives.” In the past two years students Andre Story Cormier and Kiernan SEE ELLIOTT PAGE A8

Summer reading offers an “Ocean of Possibilities” at Hall Memorial Library

NORTHFIELD — This year’s Summer Reading theme is “Oceans of Possibilities!” We will be encouraging readers of all ages with special programs, activities, crafts, outdoor fun, educational visitors, and more. Kick off Summer Reading with us at our annual Touch-A-Truck event on Wednesday, June 20 at 10 a.m. Explore all types of trucks, grab food from a food truck, and sign-up for Summer Reading. Children aged 11 and under will be earning beads and brag tags for every 100 minutes read and will qualify for weekly prizes. We will also be offering three special guest programs for kids and teens throughout the Summer: Squam Lakes Science Center Naturalists will be at the library with live aquatic animals on Thursday, June 23 at 11 a.m. Nile the Whale, a life-sized inflatable humpback whale that families can sign-up to explore, will be in the library parking lot on Monday, July 18 at 2:30 p.m. And Miss Julieann, musical artist and music therapist, will be performing a creative concert on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m.! We will also be offering special ocean and beach themed crafts and activities on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. For teens, If you aren’t sure how to fill the long summer days and want to get out of the house, we have lots of activities for you! From tie-dye to sand art, and even some relaxing yoga we have something every week of summer to keep you engaged. So stop by and spend your summer at the library! Join us on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. for Yoga & Meditation and Thursdays at 1 p.m. for ocean themed crafts. For our adult patrons, we introduce Bookopoly - a fun way to track your summer reading while chal- SEE READING PAGE A9

Local officials, organizers kick off Bike Week

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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LACONIA — Bike Week organizers and local officials spoke about the event’s legacy going into its 99th year and celebrated the many people who make the rally possible. The 99th annual Laconia Bike Week is now underway and will continue through this Sunday. Organizers and local dignitaries kicked off the event with an opening press conference on Thursday at the Colonial Theater. Laconia Motorcycle Association board president Cynthia Makris said this is not only the oldest motorcycle rally it’s a legacy event. “We stand out from the crowd, providing a long-lasting future, ensuring our attendees have something to remember for years to come,” Makris said. “New Hampshire’s welcoming hospitality along with our natural beauty and stunning riding has assured our place in history for the past nine decades. Our success is built upon the amazing people of New Hampshire who make this happen year after year.” Gov. Chris Sununu recognized he nearly yearlong effort that goes into putting this event together and the collaborations that make sure everyone has a great time. He said Bike Week is a kickoff for New Hampshire’s tourist season and greatly supports the economy. “This is the place people want to be and so having a key and marquee event like this that kind of launches our summer, but also highlights everything we have to be so proud of in the 603 and the Granite State showing a little of what that ‘Live free or die’ spirit is all about is really great,” Sununu said. Laconia Mayor Andrew Hosmer said the city is excited to start Bike Week and welcome people from around the world to enjoy the best of the area. “Certainly, one of the many attributes of our city is we really know how to throw a party and have a good time,” Hosmer said of Bike Week and many other events in the city. He said this event is “critically important” to lo- SEE BIKE WEEK PAGE A8

Foster & adoptive families enjoy Pirate’s Cove event

WINNISQUAM — The Central New Hampshire Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group recently held a fun, family mini golf event at Pirate’s Cove on Saturday, June 4 to benefit foster, adoptive, and relative caregiver families. The event was sponsored by the Lakes Region Children’s Auction, Meredith Village Savings Bank, and The Common Man Family in New Hampshire. With more than 50 people in attendance, the event was a huge success, and they enjoyed some much-needed family time. Earlier this year, the Lakes Region Children’s Auction had awarded the Central New Hampshire Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group funds to assist in their efforts to help foster, adoptive, and relative children and families in the Lakes Region with events that would bring the families closer together throughout the year and help fulfill their mission to not only support, but encourage, and educate foster, adoptive, and relative caregiver families. Beth Maltzie, President of the Central



New Hampshire Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group, states, “There is a great need for foster parents and we want people to know that there is a support group in the Lakes Region, and a few others throughout the state for folks to be part of a bigger family group that encourages each other through frustrations and victories. Not only foster parents, but adoptive and relative caregiver families going SEE EVENT PAGE A8

Three decades-long tradition revs on

Laconia Rotary Club celebrates 30th Anniversary Motorcycle Week Harley-Davidson charity raffle

LACONIA — As one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in District 7870 (chartered in 1925), it's only fitting that Laconia Rotary Club partner with the World's Oldest Motorcycle Rally, Laconia Motorcycle Week, for an annual fundraiser.

For 30-years, Laconia Rotary's biggest fundraiser has been a motorcycle raffle. A limited number of tickets (\$20 each) have been on sale

since early Spring and the event concludes on the last day of Laconia Motorcycle Week when the Club announces the winner of a brand-new 2022 Harley-Davidson right on Lakeside Avenue in the heart of Weirs Beach. This year the drawing will be on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19 at 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the raffle directly benefit the Lakes Region com-



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The winner of Laconia Rotary's 30th Annual Charity Raffle will receive a 2022 White Sand Pearl Harley-Davidson Street Glide.

munity, including organizations such as The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Central NH, Got Lunch Laconia,

Belknap Mill Society, Gale Memorial Library, Laconia Little League, NH Veterans' Association and many more.

Laconia Rotary has

supported the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation for 64-years with scholarship contributions totaling \$354,500! Additionally, Laconia Rotary Club makes an annual financial commitment to the Rotary International Foundation, helping to provide financial support for global projects, such as providing clean water and emergency shelter boxes to people living in third-world countries.

This year's motorcycle is a 2022 White Sand Pearl Harley-Davidson Street Glide.

Laconia Rotary is part of an international

network that values service above self, provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Laconia Rotary typically meets every Thursday at noon at the Belknap Mill in Laconia. All are welcome. Please write to LaconiaRotary@gmail.com to let us know you'll be attending. Visit www.LaconiaRotary.org for more information about the club.

WinnAero graduate attains commercial pilot certification

LACONIA — Jacob Marshall, son of David and Carrie Marshall of Laconia, recently earned his Commercial Pilot's Certification with Multi-Engine-Instrument ratings through the aviation curriculum at Virginia's Averett University.

Marshall has had a long-standing interest in flying and learned of opportunities available by attending WinnAero's ACE Academy Summer Camp at the Laconia Airport.

An ACE attendee in 2017 as a high school student at Bishop Brady High School, he reflected that "I knew from the first day I got to fly

at WinnAero, I wanted to pursue being a pilot. From then on, it just became a true passion of mine."

He subsequently took flight lessons and earned his Private Pilot's license before heading off to college at Averett where he just completed his junior year. Jacob is an Aerospace/Criminal Justice major with an emphasis on flight operations. He is also President of the Averett University Flying Cougars Flight Team which, last year, placed second in regional competition and earned Jacob and his team qualification for National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) competitive events.

Jacob has experience with church missionary work which he enjoyed and hopes to apply his flying skills after college graduation serving as a missions pilot.

When asked to reflect on all he has learned about flying since that initial WinnAero flight, Marshall said "Do everything with your whole heart and keep your eyes on your goal. Aviation has its days and trials, but hard work and perseverance will take you a long way."

He credits his time as an aviation student at Averett with learning much about professionalism and being chal-



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Jacob in front of the Averett University's twin-engine Beechcraft 76 Duchess.

lenged to always step up his game.

On a humorous note, he added, "Airplanes

don't have rear view mirrors for a reason. Always stay two steps ahead of the airplane

and never look back." Sage advice for, and from, any pilot.

Canterbury Shaker Village to host Simply Shaker: Village Gathering

CANTERBURY — On Thursday, June 23, Canterbury Shaker Village will host Simply Shaker: Village Gathering, which will feature an open house, cocktails and appetizers, Shaker-inspired buffet dinner, live music, and more. The Village's largest annual fundraising event, Vil-

lage Gathering includes a sneak preview into the new visitor orientation film, produced by SALT, the inaugural James Garvin Award, and special updates, including the ongoing Schoolhouse restoration project.

"This is a chance to really take in the full

scope of our magnificent 700-acre property while under a tent overlooking Turning Mill Pond," said Executive Director Leslie Nolan.

Village Gathering concludes the Simply Shaker Annual Fundraiser, which also features an Online Auction taking place June 10 - June 20. The auction features everything from sommelier-selected wines and

special artisan wares to getaway packages and exclusive tours.

Established in 1792, Canterbury Shaker Village represents one of the oldest, most typical, and most completely preserved of the Shaker Villages. Subscribing to a revolutionary Christianity that shocked their contemporaries, the Shakers challenged nearly every mainstream ide-

al of American society, believing in communal ownership, pacifism, dancing in worship, equality of the sexes, celibacy, and living simply.

"Both events celebrate the Shakers' rich heritage and play an important role in helping us continue to interpret Shaker life through engaging tours, exhibits, buildings, gardens, and programs," said

Nolan. "We invite the public to join us in one or both fun events."

Tickets for Simply Shaker: Village Gathering are \$100 per person or \$750 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets, visit shakers.org. Simply Shaker: Online Auction opens Friday, June 10 at 9 a.m., and concludes Monday, June 20 at 11:59 p.m. To register for the auction, visit shakers.org.

Located at 288 Shaker Rd., Canterbury, New Hampshire, just south of Laconia and north of Concord, Canterbury Shaker Village is a member of the NH Heritage Museum Trail. For more information about The Trail, which connects the public with culturally rich heritage institutions in New Hampshire, visit nhmuseumtrail.org.

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Bike Week honors Ed Fisher



Laconia Mayor Andrew Hosmer honors Ed Fisher with a proclamation that June 11, 2022, would be Ed Fisher Day. COURTESY PHOTO

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LACONIA — This year's Bike Week features a motorcycle racing legend honored with his own day and a big title at this past weekend's vintage races.

During Bike Week's opening press conference on Thursday, Laconia Mayor Andrew Hosmer declared June 11, 2022, Ed Fisher Day in honor of Fisher's 97th birthday happening on the same day he and his son Gary would serve as grand

marshals for the FIM North America Vintage Championships at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Fisher is a veteran motorcycle racer who famously won the Laconia Classic in 1953.

Hosmer gave a proclamation and described Fisher's history.

Ed Fisher was born on June 11, 1925, in Gap, Penn. He had an interest in motorcycles from an early age and his first cycle was a 1941 Indian

Scout Pony.

Fisher joined the US Army during World War II, serving in Germany. Hosmer said when he was in motor mechanic training, he had his bike shipped to his base so he could ride it during off time.

Fisher returned home after the war and bought an Indian Chief motorcycle, then started racing for Indian Motorcycles. In the early 1950's Indian stopped manufacturing, but he was offered a spe-

cial factory cycle from Triumph.

He rode that Triumph in the Daytona Beach 500 in 1952 but couldn't finish the race because of mechanical issues. Not long after he finished second in the Laconia race.

On June 11, 1953, his 28th birthday, he won the AMA 100-mile Laconia National Road Race at the Belknap Track riding a Triumph.

"Ed remained a top AMA racer on dirt and pavement tracks for

many years across America," Hosmer said.

By the late 50's Fisher focused on raising his family and managing a motorcycle dealership. He did continue to race in vintage and sportsman events.

His son Gary Fisher took up his father's mantle and started racing. He would also become a top professional AMA racer with his father's sponsorship. One June 11, 1972, Ed's 47th birthday, Gary won the Laconia Nation-

als himself and the two became the first father and son who have done so.

Ed and Gary Fisher were both in the area for the 99th Bike Week and would be the grand marshals for the Vintage Road Race and the Progressive AFT Laconia Track Races that weekend, both on Ed's 97th birthday.

Ed still rides a motorcycle and Hosmer said he has competed in vintage races into his 90's.

Cast & crew excited to bring "Lion King Jr." to new venue



The cast of "The Lion King Jr." give their best roars during a recent rehearsal for the show, which will take the stage at Moultonborough Academy June 24-26. RAELYN COTTRELL — COURTESY

MOULTONBOROUGH — With just two weeks to go, the young performers of Streetcar Company's youth theater group, SKYT, are excited to see their production of Disney's "The Lion King Jr." come to

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of May 30 to June 6.

Scott E. Bousquet, age 51, of Laconia was arrested on June 2 for Disorderly Conduct.

Steven W. Parker, age 54, of Belmont was arrested on June 3 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension for DUI.

Dylan J. Collins, age 23, of Belmont was arrested on June 3 for Residential Open Burning of Waste.

A 46-year-old male from Laconia was taken into protective custody (drug related) on June 4.

Dale R. Javino, age 61, of Marlow was arrested on June 4 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

Brian John Hardwick, age 33, of Center Harbor was arrested on June 4 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

life.

Due to unforeseen circumstances that necessitated a change in venue, the show will take the stage in the auditorium at Moultonborough Academy (25 Blake Rd., Moultonborough) Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 26 at 2 p.m.

Featuring all the classic songs from the beloved animated film, including "Circle of Life" and "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?" this classic coming of age tale follows the adventures of Simba, who flees from his home in the Pride Lands after the murder of his father, King Mufasa, at the hands of the treacherous Scar. As he grows up in the company of friends Timon and Pumba and finds romance with childhood friend Nala, Simba must come to terms with his

destiny as Mufasa's heir and decide whether or not to face Scar and reclaim his lost throne.

Co-directors Raelyn Cottrell and David Nelson are especially proud of their incredibly talented young cast, and both promise that "Lion King Jr." will be SKYT's "best show yet."

Tickets for SKYT's production of "The Lion King Jr." will be available online at www.streetcarcompany.com, and can also be purchased at the door prior to each performance.

License Prohibitions, and Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Michelle Jo Ann Buja, age 54, of Belmont was arrested on June 5 for Criminal Mischief.

Kaitlin Bardellini named to Castleton University Dean's List

CASTLETON, Vt. — Kaitlin Bardellini of Northfield was recently named to the Castleton University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

To qualify for this academic honor, students must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

About Castleton University

Castleton University is small enough to be a community where every student matters, yet large enough to offer more than 75 programs of study for undergraduate and graduate students, 28 varsity sports, and over 50 clubs and organizations. The university stresses experiential learning through internships, community service, and research opportunities provided by more than 400 community partnerships. On July 1, 2023, Castleton University will join together with Northern Vermont University and Vermont Technical College to become Vermont State University, a reimagined higher education institution building on the strong legacies of its founding institutions. Learn more at castleton.edu.

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Make the most of the life ahead of you

Students around the region are flipping tassels this week, participating in a traditional rite of passage, generally symbolizing their transition to adulthood. With more and more people becoming vaccinated, ceremonies are looking a bit more traditional than they did last year.

Many seniors and their underclassmen counterparts have faced big changes as they navigate the world after a global pandemic. This time in an 18-year-old’s life is still quite pivotal.

Students will be bombarded with advice and speeches as these final weeks unfold. Our favorite bit of advice, however, is the following:

- 1. Don’t smoke
- 2. Drink plenty of water every day
- 3. Wear sunscreen (your 40-year-old selves will thank you)
- 4. Spend as much time as humanly possible outside; and
- 5. Watch the Back to the Future trilogy.

The most important thing you can do, however, is to find out who you are. From there, the entire world opens up. Do not limit your lives to the same scene and same people you have always surrounded yourself with. This doesn’t mean you need to forget people or places, it simply means that now is a great time to branch out. The more people you meet in different places, with different experiences will shed light on who you really are.

Always remember your roots. These are what has shaped you and prepared you for your next chapter. Remember how important your community has been to you, and remember to always give back.

Always practice kindness, even when it’s hard. The world can aggravate and frustrate the most mellow of us. Anger is a normal human emotion, however it’s what you do with it that really matters. If you have disagreements or you think the way you feel about a certain issue is correct, remember to not let your anger take you over. It never feels good, plus harboring too much anger and discontent ages us, plus it’s really no fun. The more fun and kindness you have in your life, the happier you are. Try to find balance between your work and your leisure time. Spend time doing the things you love, and never forget what those things are, despite how busy your life may become.

As you go through life, you will make mistakes. None of us are perfect and mistakes can actually define who we become if we learn from them. The best formula for mistake making, is to own up to them, have some self-awareness, be gentle on yourself, learn, then move on. Simple.

Remember to follow your own gut, always, no matter what. This is your life, and you need to make it what it is and what it will be.

Congratulations to the class of 2022!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My endorsement

To the Editor:

I am excited to see Rep. Tim Lang run for state Senate in District 2. Rep. Lang has proven to be a great asset to our state government. He has helped limit onerous wetlands regulations for building new homes and improved hunting laws as the Fish and Game Committee chairman. He has also fought for medical freedom. However, some of Tim Lang’s best work has been on the Ways and Means Committee.

Tim Lang and New Hampshire Republicans have decreased our tax rates, giving Granite Staters and small businesses much-needed tax relief during the Covid-19 shutdowns and this terrible inflationary period. Tim Lang has voted to reduce the Business Profits Tax, Business Enterprise Tax, and Meals and Rooms Tax. Tim Lang pushed to decrease the Statewide Property Tax. This tax decrease gave use all real property tax relief. He even voted to phase out the Interest and Dividends Tax, an income tax on retirees. All this much-needed tax relief helped stimulate our economy during trying times.

Rep. Lang didn’t only vote to decrease state taxes, but he also voted to send more state tax surplus back to our communities. He voted to increase school funding by \$100 million, municipal aid by over \$300 million, and provided more Meals and Rooms Tax revenue to all communities. Between direct and indirect property tax relief, Rep. Lang has proven to be a true champion for all taxpayers, old, young, rich, and poor.

I will be voting for Rep. Tim Lang in September and November to be our next State Senator for the reasons listed above. I hope you will join me.

Doug Rasp
Sanbornton



Visitors to Laconia-Harley Davidson shop around 30 vendors in the parking lots of LHD and Hart’s Turkey Farm.

Bike Week’s back at Laconia Harley Davidson

Bikes gather at the back lot of Hart’s Turley Farm late Sunday afternoon.



PHOTO BY ERIN PLUMMER

Laconia Harley-Davidson in Meredith is once again a hub of activity during Laconia Motorcycle Week. Visitors can peruse a collection of vendors, enjoy live music, sample food and drink, and look over the dealership’s stock of bikes.

North Country Notebook

Hints on the landscape’s past, and handed-down family history



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Those who study movements of the earth’s crust tell us that the Connecticut River flows along one of the great rifts between plates that are pulling apart from each other. This gives rise to some great give and take today between New Hampshire and Vermont as to which state, given the slight tilt of one plate going under the other, is gaining land over time.

Similarly, the Thingvellir rift in Iceland is the result of the North American and Eurasian plates pulling away from each other by about one centimeter, or about four-tenths of an inch, per year.

Icelanders have a thing about Things. If I went to Iceland, I’d want to bone up first on regional history, which I’ve read. I’d want to visit the Thingvellir Rift, which is much more dramatic than most of the world’s great rifts. I’d also want to visit the Althing, Iceland’s ancient parliamentary body, founded in 930 A.D., half a century before Columbus struck out on the ocean blue.

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I’m pretty much a place-based person, meaning that I’ve always felt a strong connection to the landscape. I’ve been aware of this since my first trip through the zig-zagging old riverbed above Beaver Brook Falls.

This 80-foot Ice-Age



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With great photographs like this, I don’t really need to go to Iceland. It shows the Thingvellir Rift and Iceland’s largest freshwater lake, formed by surrounding volcanos. (Courtesy National Geographic)

waterfall is one of New Hampshire’s best-kept secrets, and is right along Route 145, the so-called “back road to Pittsburg.” Local Kiwanians maintain a well-kept little roadside park there.

Ever since our parents drove us up to Clarksville Pond to visit longtime family friends, I’ve wondered what formed that deep, dark little canyon above the falls. At one time, a stupendous amount of water flowed out from under the ice just to the north, at Stewartstown Hollow. I know some of this from my lifetime friendship with Doc Gifford, another longtime family friend, and from a lifetime of reading ever since.

We heard nothing in school about glaciers, certainly nothing to connect the latest glacier (about 15,000 years ago) to the present-day landscape we know. But I can easily imagine the scene, when water was flowing from beneath glacial ice backed up by



JOHN HARRIGAN

The Connecticut River runs free in this photo, taken from Route 3 just below Pittsburg village. It is one of the few places in its 406-mile course to the sea that it can do so.

the bedrock dike at Stewartstown Hollow.

Some of this water came out from under the ice and crept over the dike, and first flowed gently along, but was of such volume that it gained speed, and hit the adjoining bedrock walls with such speed that it bounced back and forth, creating the riverbed that Route 145 follows today. The roar must have been deafening.

Above this dike the water slowed enough to drop some of its silt, forming the swamp we can still see today. Some of the water changed

course and went down Bishop Brook valley. The rest went west to bounce around a bit and create the out-wash that became Colebrook.

In more recent life, I’ve walked, run, and biked the route, and today can talk about what happened there. I’ve also seen the canyon from above, during deer-hunting days. The dike is still there, of course, right where South Hill Road and Bear Rock Road meet the macadam.

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What I have a more
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Comfort Keepers

Local Comfort Keepers® franchise owner presented with President's Club Award for third year

PLYMOUTH — Martha Swats was recently honored as part of the Comfort Keepers®' President's Club during the 2022 Comfort Keepers Leadership Connect Conference in Anaheim, California. The President's Club award is presented to the top 25 Comfort Keepers franchisees whose local franchises have generated the highest revenue in the previous year within a single territory.

"To be recognized at

the national level is a special achievement," notes Swats. "I am proud to accept this award, and it's an honor to own a local business that can elevate the human spirit of seniors and other adult clients. We work hard to help our clients achieve a more purposeful life, no matter their age or acuity."

For ten years, Swats has been serving the central and northern New Hampshire, delivering quality in-home care to

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difficult time explaining are the other topographical mysteries around the region. For instance, why does the Connecticut River, as it flows down the great rift, take a hard right at Beecher Falls and head for Pittsburg?

Could it be because of an obstruction not so deep in the earth's crust--perhaps no more than an intrusion of magma--that is, if only temporarily, enough to overcome the effects of the rift? We must remember, here, that a glacier and 15,000 years are little more than an eye blink over the long course of time.

One hint to the answer is a deep, steep-sided trench just north of West Stewartstown village, in between it and Beecher Falls. Despite the allure of the topo maps, and with the passage of time and seemingly more important things, I've never been there.

Readers have a way of reacting to scenarios like this, and I would not be all that surprised to receive a note from some denizen of Stewartstown, beginning with "You dummy."

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Beecher Falls is named for the family that homesteaded just above the falls and built the first sawmill. Above that point, the river is no longer the boundary between New Hampshire and Vermont.

In the late 1700s, northern New Hampshire and Vermont were at the ends of the earth, at least for European nobility and explorers--wild places between the French settlements in Canada and the English colonies around Boston and the Gulf of Maine. These settlements were often at official war with each other, based on the whims of European powers. Jesuit mission-

aries were seen accompanying raids during the French and Indian War, causing a faith-based resentment that continues to this day.

Traders from frontier towns on both sides held to the region's habitual business-as-usual attitude, meanwhile, and visited far-flung villages and settlements. Meanwhile, speculators sold land "belonging" to the Abenaki (people of the Dawn Land), who had no comprehension of private ownership.

During this interim, long-established Abenaki trails connected people on both sides of what would become the border. The occasional Abenaki long-distance dog-trotters--warriors with a special status--traveled "over the hump" between Canada and the English settlements, bearing ransom notes to frantic families about captives taken in raids there and now held captive in Quebec and Montreal.

But those were relatively modern events, nothing to match the geologic and human questions at hand. What caused the Connecticut to veer east, when the Hall's Stream Valley offered a seemingly easier course? Do the ancient and long-dormant volcanos at Megantic, Monadnock (Vermont's Monadnock), Northumberland, Ascutney, and on down to Georgia really belong with the long-ago plate of Gowanda?

Were we indeed once part of what is now Africa? And what ancient force made that deep cut in the earth just to the south of Beecher Falls?

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Belknap EDC welcomes Amanda Dudek to team



Amanda Dudek

LACONIA — Belknap EDC is pleased to welcome Amanda Dudek to the team as the Marketing and Program Navigator. The position is funded by the SBA (Small Business Administration) Community Navigator Pilot Program, which focuses on addressing the barriers encountered by socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses and entrepreneurs. Her role is to help enhance Belknap EDC's marketing efforts and strategic program initiatives.

Dudek grew up in Laconia and graduated from Laconia High School before moving on to Plymouth State University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in marketing. Upon graduation, she obtained a Master's degree in digital marketing, and built a successful career in sales, marketing, and management in south-

ern New Hampshire. She has since returned home to build her life in the Lakes Region.

Dudek has worked with local non-profits and schools and is now looking forward to helping businesses in the area thrive.

She says, "I am thrilled to be working for Belknap EDC. I've had the opportunity to speak with a few local business owners who have received assistance from Belknap EDC, and it's so exciting to hear how the organization helped them get their dreams off the ground. I am looking forward to being a part of that."

Belknap Executive Director, Justin Slattery adds, "We are very excited to welcome Amanda to the team and to work on better supporting the underserved business owners and entrepreneurs in the area."

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What's your investment risk tolerance?

Risk is a normal part of investing. If you didn't take on any risk, you wouldn't have the potential to achieve higher returns. But how much risk should you accept? You don't want to incur unnecessary risk. So, you'll need to assess the amount of risk you're comfortable taking and then determine if this risk level supports your ability to achieve your long-term goals. Here are some of the key factors in determining your own capacity for investment risk:

• *Personality* – We all have different personalities. And your individual personality can certainly affect your comfort level with risk. If you enjoy taking chances or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone in other aspects of your life, you could be more likely to accept greater investment risk, too, because you know that greater risk means greater potential reward. Conversely, higher-risk investments also carry greater potential for volatility, including steep short-term declines.

• *Time* – Risk tolerance can change over time. When you are first starting out in your career, with decades to go until you retire, you may feel comfortable with a certain degree of investment risk, knowing you have time to potentially overcome the inevitable downturns in the financial markets. But as you near retirement, you might consider lowering your risk level and investing more conservatively, because once you do retire, you'll likely have to start withdrawing money from your retirement accounts, which means you may need to liquidate some investments – and, ideally, you won't want to have large fluctuations in value at that time. However, even during retirement, you may want your portfolio to include some growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

• *Type of goal* – You might have different risk tolerances for different goals. For example, if you know you need a specific amount for a particular goal in two years – such as buying a new car or taking an overseas vacation – you may want to put away money in a low-risk, liquid vehicle. This type of investment might not have much growth potential, but for this goal, you are less interested in achieving a high rate of return than you are in being reasonably sure the money will be there when you need it. So, in this instance, you may have quite a low tolerance for risk. But for a long-term goal, such as a comfortable retirement, you may be prepared to take more risk in the hopes of greater returns, given the longer time horizon. By understanding your risk tolerance and knowing how it can change over time and under different circumstances, you can be better prepared to face investment volatility. And there are certainly things you can do to mitigate risk. By owning a variety of investments – domestic and international stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities and so on – you can reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification can't prevent all losses or guarantee profits.) In any case, the biggest risk of all is simply not investing. If you are going to achieve your financial goals, you need to invest for them. By understanding your own risk tolerance, and by making wise choices along the way, you can stick with an investment strategy that can work for you in the long run.

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NH Master Chorale presents Haydn’s “Mass in Time of War” and “Seven Last Words of the Unarmed”

BY RICHARD KNOX
New Hampshire Master Chorale

LACONIA — Joseph Haydn’s grand “Mass in Time of War,” with chorus and full orchestra, is the centerpiece of New Hampshire Master Chorale’s final concert of its 19th season, on Sunday, June 19, at 4:00 p.m. in the restored Colonial Theater in Laconia.

The program also includes two contemporary pieces by the young Black composer Joel Thompson. “Seven Last Words of the Unarmed” commemorates the killing, by police or vigilante, of seven unarmed Black men. “America Will Be!” celebrates the nation’s diversity and looks toward a day when America’s promise of freedom and equality will be realized.

Tickets are available at coloniallaconia.com and nhmastchorale.org. \$32 Adults, \$27 Senior

and free for students K-Undergraduate.

Master Chorale Director Dan Perkins chose this program a year ago, before the war in Ukraine and recent mass killings of unarmed Americans.

“As we got closer to spring 2022, current events seemed to match up with what we’re singing about,” Perkins says.

The Master Chorale, a select group of 30 singers, is known for bringing audiences thought-provoking, socially conscious programs and a high level of music-making.

The coming concert falls on Juneteenth, a day that commemorates the end of slavery in Texas on June 19, 1865. The performance of the Joel Thompson works reflects the Master Chorale’s pledge, in 2020, to perform works “that

promote an anti-racist agenda.”

Samantha Searles, a journalist and actress who has reported on gun violence and prevention, will give a pre-concert talk. The audience will see projected images from #LastWords, an art project by journalist and film-maker Shirin Barghi that illustrates the last words of the men commemorated in Thompson’s piece.

Thompson wrote “Seven Last Words” in 2014 because he felt the need to respond to the killings of unarmed Black men. It features the last recorded utterances of seven men, in seven brief movements in different musical styles.

Initially Thompson put the composition aside because he “didn’t think anybody would listen to it, even want to hear it.” But after

unarmed men kept dying in similar circumstances, giving rise to the Black Lives Matter movement, Thompson’s piece has begun to find an audience.

Thompson’s “America Will Be!” is an uplifting antidote to “Seven Last Words.” It draws on a 1936 poem by Langston Hughes that celebrates the founding ideals of America as “a homeland of the free.” Hughes’ words are interwoven with quotations of Emma Lazarus’ great poem, inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty, that welcomes immigrants: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses/Yearning to breathe free.”

The piece, commissioned by a Florida high school with an internationally diverse study body, includes aspirational statements from its students in no fewer than 11 languages – a re-

flection of the nation’s diversity

The song closes with an acknowledgment that the nation’s founding principles remain unrealized, but concludes with the confident hope that America yet “will be!”

Haydn’s “Missa in Tempore Belli (Mass in Time of War)” speaks to a time that, like the present day, was permeated by anxiety over a war with no discernible end.

Haydn, a towering figure of music’s classical period, wrote this Mass. in 1796, as Napoleon’s soldiers were steadily advancing on the Austrian Empire in his campaign to conquer most of eastern Europe. Vienna, where Haydn worked under his patron Prince Nicolaus II Esterhazy, lay close to the front.

Despite these ominous circumstances,

“Haydn is ultimately joyful,” Perkins says. “He has a way of speaking that, even though he’s writing it during a time of political strife and turmoil, the music is uplifting, spirited and triumphant.”

What gives this Mass its unique signature is its ending passages, in particular the “Agnus Dei – Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world...have mercy.” Under this choral prayer comes the rumble of a distant drum, the famous passage that gives this Mass its nickname “kettle-drum mass.”

The “Agnus Dei” ultimately explodes into a militaristic fanfare that accompanies the chorus in a forceful “Dona nobis pacem – Grant us peace!”

Richard Knox is a Master Chorale baritone who lives in Sandwich.

Humane Society appoints Humane Investigations Officer

LACONIA — New Hampshire Humane Society announced today the appointment of esteemed officer Mike Moyer to the position of New Hampshire Humane Society’s Humane Investigations Officer, effective immediately.

Over the last five months, the organization led an extensive search process with more than 40 highly qualified applicants. In addition to his impressive career, Moyer stood out as the clear choice due to his prior service on the Governor’s Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals, numerous meaningful contributions to animal law in the state, and pri-

or service as a member of the Board of Directors of NH Humane Society.

As the New Hampshire Humane Investigations Officer, Moyer will focus on animal abuse, neglect, and puppy and kitten mills in the region. The role will serve in tandem with the Executive Director to refine and deepen the relationships with police departments throughout the region. Moyer will assist with developing and executing strategies that build New Hampshire Humane’s position as a leading animal welfare and protection agency and will partner closely with officers and police departments throughout

the region to be of the best service possible to the region.

Charles Stanton, Humane Society Executive Director, shares, “Mike’s impressive law enforcement expertise paired with his obvious compassion for animals and extensive community and regional knowledge makes us very fortunate to have him in this key role. He is a highly-experienced, talented, strong community leader with a proven record of service,” said Stanton. “His service to our community and ability to inspire excellence, makes me confident that he will be an asset to this important mission.”

Moyer brings more than 35 years of local and regional service and experience having served as the Chief of Police for the City of Laconia and the elected Sheriff for Belknap County. Moyer will work with Stanton and the 18 municipal partners and police departments served by the organization. Moyer and Stanton see this as an opportunity to continue strengthening the relationships between New Hampshire Humane Society and the numerous communities served by the organization. Community enthusiasm about the new role became clear when more than \$40,000 was donated from individual donors to support the creation

of the position.

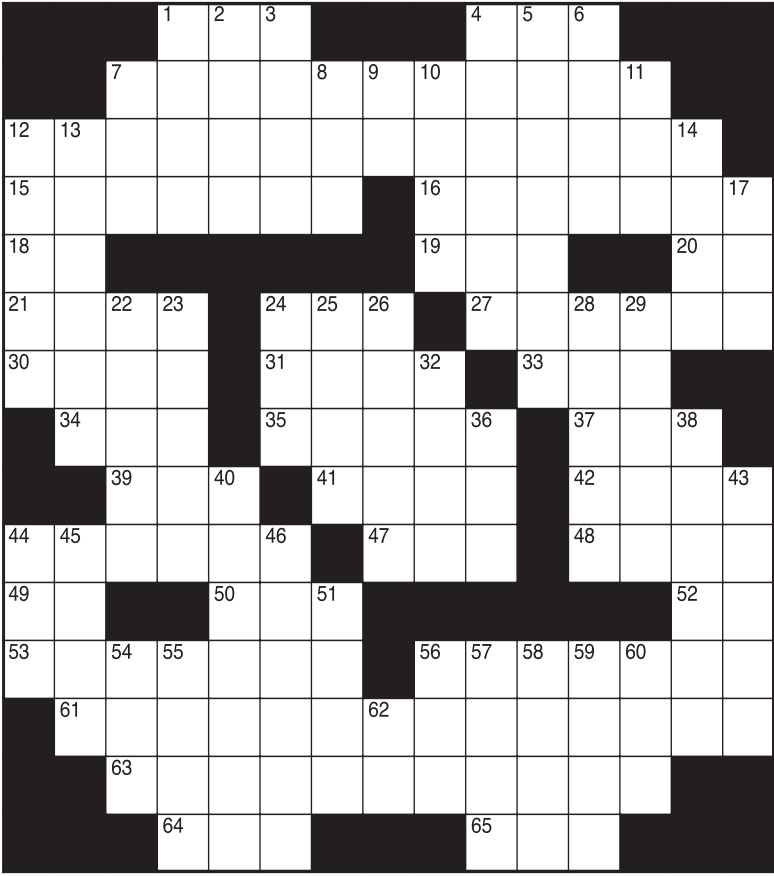
“The Humane Society does important work for our community. I am grateful for the opportunity to join the staff,” said Moyer. “I believe the agency has the capacity to achieve even greater things with the team that is in place. I look forward to working with my municipal colleagues to build the relationships and service of New Hampshire Humane in the years to come.”

Mr. Moyer and his wife Robin reside in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and include among their family their two rescue cats as well as their Cocker Spaniel.

About New Hampshire Humane Society

Founded in 1900, NH Humane is dedicated to finding responsible and caring forever homes and providing shelter for lost, abandoned, or unwanted animals. The organization advocates for animals, implements educational programs, and provides services to promote responsible pet ownership and the human-animal bond. NHHS works tirelessly to prevent cruelty to animals. Located in Laconia, NHHS is one of the fastest growing and farthest-reaching animal welfare organizations in the Northeast. Find more at nhhumane.org.

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This Week’s Answers

MVSB President Rick Wyman to turn reins over to Marcus Weeks

MEREDITH — Throughout the past 21 years, Richard E. “Rick” Wyman’s contributions as a leader at MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) and as a dedicated community champion in the Bank’s growing communities have been significant.

Wyman joined MVSB as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in August 2001 and assumed the role of President of MVSB on Jan. 1, 2016. With more than 30 years of experience in senior leadership, Wyman had previously served as an Executive Officer and CFO for several Maine-based banks, ranging from local community mutual banks to a publicly traded multi-bank holding company.

When MVSB partnered with Merrimack County Savings Bank to form New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB) in 2013, Rick served as its first Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He was one of the initial architects of this alliance of mutual savings banks and has been essential in stewarding its success for nearly a decade. In this shared services model, NHMB now provides operational support for three premier independent mutual savings banks: Meredith Village Savings Bank, Merrimack County Savings Bank and Savings Bank of Walpole, and a financial advisory and trust company, NHTrust. The formation of NHMB was the first relationship of its kind in northern New England, allowing each company to share supporting functions and technology to create overall efficiencies and best in class solutions for customers – all while maintaining and enhancing their commitment and involvement in their communities.

In addition to the dedication to the Bank and its employees, Wyman has cared equally about the support of the Bank’s local communities. For the last six years, he has served as a key member of the MVSB Fund, providing grants annually to local nonprofits that make a significant impact upon the lives of people in the communities MVSB serves. He

also personally reviewed requests from the community and has been keenly in tune to the evolving needs in our state, especially in the greater Lakes and Seacoast regions.

This insight was essential to him when New Hampshire Governor Christopher Sununu appointed him to the board of directors for the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA), an organization that provides financial resources to nonprofits, community development organizations, counties, municipalities and for-profit businesses. These organizations, in partnership with the CDFA, create affordable housing, aid in the formation of new jobs and help retain existing employment for low- and moderate-income residents of New Hampshire.

“I felt very privileged to have been selected to serve on the NH CDFA board,” said Wyman. “I enjoyed assisting the CDFA in their efforts to support affordable housing and economic development activities statewide.”

Under Wyman’s guidance and recommendation, sister banks, MVSB, Merrimack County Savings Bank and Savings Bank of Walpole were the first three banks to contribute to the New Hampshire Nonprofit Response Fund with a combined tax credit purchase. This fund provided nonprofit organizations with resources of up to \$100,000 for working capital, equipment purchases and programming expenses, providing resources to qualifying community-based organizations on the front lines of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Wyman has also been an essential member of the banking community. In 2018, Wyman was elected to the board of directors for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (FHLBank Boston). Governed by a 17-person board, members are elected by FHLBank Boston member institutions for four-year terms. Together with its member institutions, the Federal Home Loan Bank System represents the largest collective source of home mort-



Rick Wyman

gage and community credit in the U.S. The System ensures that members provide stable, on-demand, low-cost funding to its communities through home mortgages and lending for small business as well as rural, agricultural and economic development.

Wyman also led the Bank through the challenges of the pandemic and, in addition to his continued emphasis on support of the community, Wyman took great care to provide a safe banking environment for employees and customers. As such, MVSB maintained record growth and low employee turnover and was able to continue to provide exceptional banking service throughout. While many staff and their families were impacted, the efforts of management ensured employees continued to feel valued and appreciated.

During his career, MVSB grew four fold from \$315 million in assets to \$1.3 billion today, increased its footprint from the Lakes Region to the Seacoast Region and cemented its strength as a leading bank in our state.

John Moulton, the Chair of the Board of Directors for MVSB, stated, “Under Rick’s tenure at MVSB, knowledgeable and prudent leadership has resulted in significant growth for the bank. His efforts have created a stronger bank for our company and our community and he will now be turning the presidency over at a high point in its history to Marcus. We’re thankful for all that Rick has

done in bringing his management team forward to position MVSB for the future and we wish Rick all the best.”

NHMB President and CEO, Gregg Tewksbury echoed Moulton’s comment and added, “Rick has not only lead MVSB to become one of the strongest banks in NH but has been influential in helping lead all of our companies to higher and stronger levels.”

Other notable achievements during Wyman’s presidency include MVSB’s 150th celebration in 2017; allowing customers to do their banking at Merrimack and Savings Bank of Walpole branches and ATMs; and the addition of a micro-branch in Melvin Village and a new branch in Rochester (scheduled to open mid-June). MVSB has won several awards in this last six years including the Granite Award from the Granite United Way; an Outstanding Lender Award from NH Housing & Finance Authority; the Business Citizenship Award from the Greater Meredith Chamber of Commerce and several awards for employment, mortgage, customer service and overall banking from the Laconia Daily Sun’s “Best of the Lakes Region” program.

In addition to shepherding the success of MVSB and NHMB, Wyman has taken the same care as a dedicated mentor to many employees throughout the years and has taken great pride in creating opportunities and growth. His guidance and coaching has been essential

to Marcus Weeks, who has been appointed as his successor and will take over the role as MVSB President in the fall. Weeks was a clear choice of the Board with Wyman’s support and confidence in him. Wyman noted that Weeks is a known talent within the company, respected by all, and is well established in the community through his extensive volunteer commitments throughout his many years with the bank.

Weeks began his banking career in 1995 as a student-teller for MVSB’s Center Harbor Office, at just 16 years old. In his nearly 30 years with the Bank, he has served as a mortgage originator, business development officer, and branch manager for MVSB’s then-new Wolfeboro office – a wide range of experience that has helped him gain unique and broad perspective of the organization and the important role mutual banks play in the communities they serve. Since 2018, Marcus has successfully lead the branch and business development network as Senior Vice President & Senior Retail Banking Service Officer.

“Rick has provided me advice and guidance for nearly all of my career,” mentioned Weeks. “He’s helped me to develop into a stronger banker, and more inclusive and empathetic leader. I have enjoyed working very closely with him for the last six years and I am humbled to follow in his footsteps.”

For the past four years, Weeks has contributed at the senior management level of MVSB as an active member of leadership teams, both at MVSB and within the entire NHMB organization. He’s played a critical role in the current branch expansion efforts including the new location in Rochester. Having the largest number of employees reporting to him at MVSB, he’s been influential in creating an employee-first culture and is highly respected among his staff and peers in the company. Wyman noted, “Marcus is a natural leader and has both the experience and talent to lead MVSB to the next level. I’m excited for him

and am confident that he will preserve all that our constituents value at our bank and be an incredible steward of this community asset for years to come.”

Weeks offered, “Rick has positioned MVSB well enough that I will be able to focus on the things that are really important, such as excellent service and products and being engaged in the communities we serve. I look forward to nurturing the existing markets currently being served by our bank while exploring growth opportunities in other areas. The future is exceptionally bright for us and I’m privileged to have the opportunity to lead it forward.”

As a long-term member of the MVSB community, Weeks has committed over two decades to service in the Lakes Region. He currently serves on the Boards of the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, the Boys & Girls Club of Central New Hampshire and Geneva Point Center.

Weeks will assume the role of President on Oct. 1, and Wyman will stay on in an advisory role to both Weeks and Tewksbury through the end of the year.

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BIKE WEEK

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cal businesses and the local economy.

Hosmer also paid tribute to the late Laconia Mayor Ed Engler, for which the Colonial Theater's auditorium was named, saying this event was bittersweet.

City Manager Scott Myers thanked all the city employees and partners in neighboring communities, the county, and the state.

Hosmer honored veteran motorcycle racer Ed Fisher, who would be the grand marshal of the FIM North American Vintage Championships at New Hampshire Motor Speedway along with his son Gary. Laconia declared June 11, 2022, Ed Fisher Day, in honor of Ed's 97th birthday.

Laconia Police Chief Matt Canfield and Fire Chief Kirk Beattie talked about the safety plans for the event. Laconia Police will be increasing its presence and working with neighboring municipalities. He also advised people to drink responsibly and not ride while intoxicated.

Both advised caution on the roads.

"At the end of the day, we don't want you to have to use our ser-



vices," Beattie said.

Chief Mark Armaganian of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission said the commission has contacted all 194 of its licensees in the Laconia area, distributed information packets, and held team education sessions for around 200 servers.

Shannon Stephens from New Hampshire Motor Speedway announced the races coming up during the week. Cameron Gray from the American Flat Track Association talked about the race going on that Saturday. Tom Crompton of the US Classic Racing Association talked about the coming vintage races at NHMS as well as events such as the Gypsy Tour and the Tower Road Hill Climb.

Gunstock General Manager Tom Day talked about that year's Gunstock Hill Climb on June

15 at the 70-meter jump. Attendees could also vote for the best bike for a People's Choice Award. The event also featured shows by the East Coast Stunt Team.

Laconia Motorcycle Week Deputy Director Jennifer Anderson said they are already getting ready for the 100th year. They are distributing bumper stickers in purple, a color that symbolizes a 100th year.

Anderson and Director Charlie St. Clair recognized the many community partners who have been instrumental in making this event possible.

St. Clair also recognized Myers, who will retire at the end of this year.

The winner of this year's Fritzie Baer Award was Paul Giblin, who passed away in January. Giblin was a dedicated volunteer at the

Northeast Motor Sports Museum and behind the scenes at the rally. Events he had a hand in included co-organizing the Gypsy Tour from Laconia to Loudon and helping to bring back the Mt. Washington Auto Climb.

"I obviously never expected to be talking about Paul in the past tense," St. Clair said. "Just a wonderful guy, a guy you can always depend on, a big promoter of the rally."

St. Clair presented the award to Paul's sister Martha Noon.

"Throughout his life Paul was a dependable, talented, positive, and generous friend to everyone and mostly Paul was a guy who really, really loved motorcycles," Noon said. "This award is a true honor."

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Harris were recognized as Rising Stars by T-N Rotary and plaques bearing their name now hang in the school.

For the 2022 award, it was Veronica whose star shone the brightest in the eyes of the Rotary, WRSD staff and educators.

When the Rotary club reached out to faculty and staff for the 2022 recommendations, the words of School Counselor Linda Sheff caught their attention.

Describing a number of personal obstacles Veronica faced during her years in high school, Sheff said one of the biggest was her lack of confidence.

"She really struggled with task completion and often did not turn assignments in because she didn't feel they were good enough," Sheff wrote.

Then in her junior year Veronica began attending Building Construction Trades at HUOT Career and Technical Education Center and by her senior year Sheff said Benjamin Schneeweiss of HUOT reported to her that Veronica had become one of his best students.

"She did very well in all of her classes this year and she even stepped out of her comfort zone and challenged herself to do things she normally wouldn't have done," she said.

A bit hesitant at first, Schneeweiss said that it wasn't long before Veronica became "very, very interested" in the program and even became "a sponge," learning all she could and working hard to stay on top of things.

"Veronica takes pride in what she puts her name on. She really does care a lot and this stands out among her peers," Schneeweiss wrote in a letter he sent for the award presentation.

He noted that she was a key worker on a tiny house project for her class and single handedly took on some aspects of the work herself, as well as humbly helping to coach some of her classmates on their tasks.

"I'm very thankful for Veronica and all the time and effort that she has put into my class," he wrote. "Many blessings to you and I know you will do great at whatever you put your mind to!"

Sheff echoed Schneeweiss' sentiments as she read them aloud to the rotary members, adding, "Veronica is quiet and often flies under the radar, but I have seen tremen-

dous progress and that is why I nominated her for the Rising Star Award."

Despite her newfound confidence Veronica is admittedly still shy and was "terrified" to have to be in front of people to accept her award. She was grateful however to have received it and grateful to those who helped her on the path to becoming this year's Rising Star.

"I had several people telling me to stay on track and that really helped," she said.

Veronica enjoyed her class at the HUOT Center, which helped build her confidence level, and said she originally signed up for the program with hopes that it might just benefit her in the future.

"I don't know that I want carpentry to be my main job, but I want to be able to do things around my own house someday and not have to spend \$50,000 for it all," she said.

She graduated from WRHS last Friday but said isn't certain what the future will hold. For now she'll be taking a "Gap Year" to work before heading off to community college where she will figure the rest out from there, she said.

In attendance for the presentation were her grandparents, Larry and Sharon Elliott, close family friends, and her mom Sierra Dalton.

"I'm very proud of her," Dalton said. "She had excellent focus throughout the past year!"

Besides the plaque that will be on display at WRHS, Veronica received a certificate acknowledging her recognition from Tilton-Northfield Rotary President Brian Dumka along with a \$50 gift certificate from Tilton House of Pizza, a \$50 Amazon gift certificate courtesy of Belknap Subaru, and a check for \$50 from Camaro Heaven/Drew's Used Auto Parts.

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Lakes Region Mental Health Center holds Employee & Community Awards event

LACONIA — On Wednesday, May 25, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) hosted an event to recognize the hard work and commitment of its employees and to present awards to two community members who have done outstanding work in the cause of promoting mental health awareness in the Lakes Region area.

The day kicked off with an Employee Recognition event, in which 83 long-term employees were celebrated for their tenure and dedication to LRMHC and the patients they continue to serve each day.

“At Lakes Region Mental Health Center, we understand that each employee’s contribution toward improving the lives of patients is essential to our mission and we formally recognize the important work they do each and every day. We encourage our employees to grow personally and professionally and that is why many have chosen to work here,” said Maggie Pritchard, Chief Executive Officer.

When asked why she decided to build her career here over the past 20 years, Jen Schmidt, Assistant Director of the Child and Family Services Program, said

“When I first applied, I actually thought I would be here for a short time. I was eager to get my licensure and some experience, but I ended up loving working in community mental health. There are so many opportunities to build a career here. It has been incredibly rewarding – to make such an impact in someone’s life.”

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For more information please contact John Larsen at jlarsen@wrsdsau59.org.



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Sharon Holt
Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District
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Applications are available at either the Plymouth Town Hall (536-1731) from 8:00am until 4:30pm Monday to Friday or the Plymouth Recycling Tuesday to Friday.

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vices possible to the community. The recipient is chosen based on their contribution towards enhancing the emotional and mental health of the Lakes Region community. This year's award winner, nominated by her colleagues, was Executive Administrator Dawn Lacroix, who has been with Lakes Region Mental Health Center for 37 years.

A public event to formally recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month was held later in the day. Each year, two prestigious community members are chosen to receive awards based on their essential work in the name of in-

creasing the awareness of mental health issues and contributing towards LRMHC's goal of educating others on the importance of maintaining good mental health.

Janine Page was the winner of the Helen Holbrook Service Award. This honor is given to an individual who leads by example and gives themselves to the goal of strengthening the cause of mental health in the Lakes Region. Janine has been a steadfast advocate her entire professional career for all marginalized people in our local community, particularly the elderly, elderly with Parkinson's Dyskenesia, and those with developmental disabilities and/or mental illnesses. Her career

has been spent as a local RN at the hospital and as a personal trainer at fitness facilities. She especially advocates for women and the challenges experienced by most women, including issues such as stigma, abuse, and low self-esteem.

Kathy Keller was presented with the Dr. Pete Harris Award. This award is given to a person who promotes increased awareness, sensitivity, understanding, and acceptance of mental health issues in the Lakes Region through educating the public. Kathy recently retired after 27 years as the Executive Director at New Beginnings, a local women's crisis shelter. During her career, Kathy tripled the

capacity of the shelter and was instrumental in helping to establish the newest women's crisis shelter in Meredith. She also worked tirelessly for court advocacy and sexual abuse prevention in local schools.

Lakes Region Mental Health Center was proud to announce these award winners and to extend their deepest appreciation to their own staff, who work every day towards the goal of strengthening the cause of mental health and promoting understanding of it in our local communities.

The Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Inc. is designated by the State of New Hampshire

as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. A private, non-profit corporation, LRMHC has two campuses, in Laconia and Plymouth that serve over 4,000 children, families, adults and older adults each year. LRMHC provides Acute Care and Emergency Services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally, LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy; mobile crisis response teams in the event a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large; psychiatry; nursing; community support programs for people with

severe and persistent mental illnesses; care management; community-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services and evidence-based practices for children and their families, including trauma-focused therapy, art therapy and play therapy. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 603-524-1100 or visit the Web site at www.lrmhc.org. Find the Lakes Region Mental Health Center on Facebook for updates and information.

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Full-Time Installers Assistant

Energysavers Inc, a 47 year old hearth & spa product retailer in the Lakes Region, is looking for a motivated individual that wants to learn the trade of installing hearth products. You must be comfortable working on roofs when necessary and able to work with an installer to move heavy items. Energysavers pays for all educational costs to get and maintain NFI wood, gas and pellet certifications as well as a NH gas fitters license for gas hearth installations and service. Earn up to \$20 hour.

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