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The LHS National Honor Society team "We Put a Spell on You" were the winners of the 2017 Lakes Region Scholarship Community Spelling Bee. From left are Karen Switzer, LRSF assistant director; Paulette Loughlin, LRSF assistant director; Amber Patten, Isabella Lovering and Dakota Cross from LHS; and LRSF President Mike Nolan with LRSF Executive Director Joan Cormier. (Courtesy photo)

Laconia Honor Society team takes Spelling Bee title

The winning word was 'pharmaceutical'

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation held its 17th Annual Community Spelling Bee at Laconia High School Thursday night. Following a rigorous competition, which lasted seven rounds, the Laconia High School National Honor

Society team, "We Put a Spell on You," sponsored by the Dana S. Beane Company, composed of Amber Patten, Isabella Lovering and Dakota Cross, took the title, spelling the word "phar-

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Receiving the award for the best adult costume were the "Spirit Spellers" – Martha Clement, Ruth Gill and Lorrienne Valovanie – during the 17th Annual Community Spelling Bee at Laconia High School on Thursday. Presenting the award is Paulette Laughlin of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. (Alan MacRae/for The Laconia Daily Sun)

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Salmon Sunday is Nov. 12 – Learn about the fish's life cycle at Pope Dam

CONCORD — Bring the kids and explore the life cycle of landlocked salmon, fish prized by anglers on New Hampshire's big lakes, at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's annual Salmon Sunday event on Sunday, Nov. 12, from noon to 2 p.m. at Pope Dam in Melvin Village. Pope Dam is 9 miles north of Wolfeboro on Route 109 in the town of Tuftonboro.

"Salmon Sunday is a great chance for everyone to get a close-up look at landlocked salmon from Lake Winnepesaukee in their fall spawning colors," said fisheries biologist John Viar. "Kids love to see the big salmon, averaging about three pounds each, and watch biologists collect the eggs."

During the event, fisheries biologists will be busy harvesting, or "stripping," eggs and milt from adult salmon. Standing knee-deep in the cold water of the Melvin River, scientists expertly relieve the colorful adult female salmon of their eggs by stroking their stomachs. Milt from the male fish is obtained in the

same way and mixed with the gold-colored eggs to fertilize them.

This activity is all part of the work the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department carries out each year, with support from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program, to maintain the landlocked salmon population in New Hampshire's big lakes.

Salmon used for the stripping demonstration are netted from Lake Winnepesaukee during October and early November. They are returned to the lake after their eggs and milt has been collected. The fertilized eggs are taken to Powder Mill Hatchery in New Durham, where they will hatch in three to four months. The salmon are raised in the hatchery for about 18 months, and then stocked into Lake Winnepesaukee and other New Hampshire lakes.

Underwater photographer Bob Michelson, of Braintree, Massachusetts, will be at the event dis-

playing images depicting the underwater life history of Atlantic salmon. Michelson will be available to answer questions about his observations of this species in the wild, as well as about SCUBA diving and underwater photography. Michelson has been a certified SCUBA diver and underwater photographer for almost 40 years. His work has been published widely, and his video footage and programming have aired on national networks. Michelson has generously donated many of his fish collection images for use on the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department website for education/outreach efforts.

Fish and Game staff will be on hand to answer questions about salmon, the egg-stripping process, and the stocking program that ensures these beautiful fish continue to be available in the lakes for anglers to catch. Salmon Sunday is a "rain or shine" event. Dress warmly. If you have questions about Salmon Sunday, call 603-744-5470.

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maceutical." The Laconia High School team is only the second student team in the 17-year history of the Bee to win the title, the other team being the Gilford High School team the "Ugly Sweater," who won in 2012.

The last round of the competition was down to three teams: The LHS winners; a team from the Laconia SAU office, "Highway to Spell" composed of Dr. Brendan Minnihhan (the Superintendent of Schools, who sponsored the team), Regina Theberge and Beth Vachon; and the team from Stand Up Laconia which included Judi Lundh, Mike Soucy and Sarah Jenna.

The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation president, Michael Nolan, opened the evening greeting all in attendance and giving a little background about the Foundation. He then turned the festivities over to the emcee/host of the night, Pat Kelly from local radio station WEMJ. Pat went through the preliminaries for the night and then the pronouncers Rick Crockford and Rhetta Colon started the first round with the contestants. Each of the teams were invited to the stage individually the first round so that they could pose for the costume contest. There was quite a variety of costumes from lions to moose to angels and tough bikers (from the highway to spell.) The winners of the costume contests for the young people were: first place, the Holy Trinity School Ninja Turtles (Rafael Vazquez, Kathryn Merola, Ashley Dumont and Adreana Campo; second place, the Bee winners the LHS "We Put a Spell on You" team; and in third place the Huot Center team "Tomorrow's Terrific Teachers including Lexys Bladeciki, Solary Chhun and Riley Grant. For the adults the winners included: first place, the Congregational Church team "The Spirit Spellors" composed of Martha Clement, Lorianne Valovanic and Ruth Gill; second place the SAU office "Highway to Spell" team; and the third place team Stand Up Laconia.

In addition to the spelling competition, there were door prizes drawn each round with prizes for audience members and competitors alike, a spelling drawing of a gift card to be used for tuition or fees to the Lakes Region Community College as well as a special puzzle drawing open to all. Prizes for the evening, donated by local businesses and restaurants totaled in value over \$1,500. There was also a 50/50 drawing held toward the end of the night with a prize to the winner, Michael Soucy (owner of the Soda Shoppe in downtown Laconia). Mike donated his prize money of over \$100 back to the Foundation. The evening closed with the awarding of the trophy, ribbons and the team prize.



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