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### ABA Monthly Member Highlight: Dockside Restaurant

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sits down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! For July, we spoke with Rick Almeida, owner of Dockside. We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work that they do in our communities. If you're an ABA Member and would like to be considered for future Monthly Member Highlights, please reach out to us via email at info@altonbusinessassociation.com. Visit our website to read more business highlights & news, www.altonbusinessas*SEE* HIGHLIGHT, PAGE A13



### **Alton Dance Academy hosts Princess Camp**

COURTES

Alton Dance Academy had a royally good time this week with Princess Camp! Campers got to dress up, dance, play games and craft. Princess Camp will also be held in August along with registration for fall dance classes. For more information, such as dates and times for Princess Camp or class in the fall, please visit their website at www.altondanceacademy.com or like Alton Dance Academy on Facebook.

### Woods, Water, and Wildlife festival returns Aug. 14

#### BY CATHY ALLYN Contributing Writer

MILTON MILLS — When does 'www' not have anything to do with screens?

When it stands for 'Woods, Water, and Wildlife,' and is part of an outdoor festival created just for families.

Its primary mission is to conserve lands important to the natural resources in those communities, but it also helps identify those resources, provides technical services and advice to town land use boards, and distributes information through workshops and reports. Since 1998. 12 properties have been conserved, representing thousands of acres of open land and waterways. The other piece of the Festival is Branch Hill Farm. a 3.000-acre award winning Tree Farm and working agricultural farm, owned by the Carl Siemon Familv Charitable Trust. In 1991, Carl Siemon donated the development rights of his land to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to ensure that the land would be used for forestry an/or agricultural purposes in perpetuity.

Branch Hill Farm in 1995 as the Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust, a non-profit organization with conservation and educational purposes.

The property has always been open to the public for multiple uses. A network of 45 miles of woodland access roads provides fire protection as well as multiple recreational opportunities to the public. There are approximately 10 miles of river frontage on the Salmon Falls River, the Branch River. and the Jones Brook. This "living laboratory" is used for educating all age groups about good forest and field management. Jared Kane has worked at Branch Hill Farm/The Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust as executive director for approximately two years, and also serves as an MMRG board member and the vice chair of the NH chapter of the Native Fish Coalition.

Just as everyone else associated with the Festival, he has been looking forward to Aug. 14.

"The Festival takes almost a full year of careful planning to pull off, and couldn't be done without the hard work of the members of the MMRG special events

children and adults to get up close and personal with a variety of living creatures, including farm animals, insects, and rescued wildlife.

"Family-oriented and educational programming is a hallmark of MMRG programming and we are excited to showcase that at the Feseverything young anglers need at Let's Go Fishing.

"I am always excited to have the fishing event," Kane said. "The kids just love catching the catfish in our farm pond."

Representatives from

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Hosted by Moose Mountains Regional Greenways (MMRG) and the spectacular Branch Hill Farm in Milton Mills, the Woods, Water, and Wildlife Festival returns on Saturday, Aug. 14. After a break due to Covid-19 last year, this day-long festival offers activities for all ages to celebrate and learn about the natural world.

An event like this is right up MMRG's alley. The land trust serves seven towns of the Moose Mountains region: Brookfield, Farmington, Middleton, Milton, New Durham, Wakefield, and Wolfeboro.

He established

committee," he said.

MMRG Executive Director Jill Eldredge said MMRG and Branch Hill Farm are "thrilled" to celebrate the return of the WWW Festival this summer.

"It's a really special and much loved community event," she said. "We're grateful to have the opportunity to bring it back this summer in a safe way, as we all celebrate the ability to reunite with our friends and neighbors following this very difficult and extraordinary year and a half."

The rain or shine event will include many opportunities for both tival," Eldredge said.

And showcase it, they do. The sheer number of activities is mindboggling.

The ever-popular Squam Lakes Natural Science Center will do two shows, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Nature's Playground will be open for fun in the woods, and after a vigorous stint there, families can relax in the reading corner hosted by the Milton Public Library. Those ready to read and stroll at the same time can take the Book Walk.

New Hampshire Fish and Game will provide tersheds Alliance and Strafford County 4H will share fun activities.

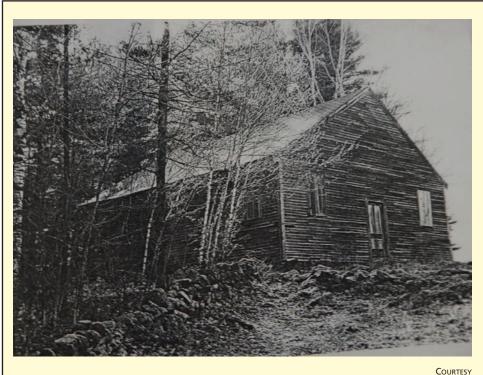
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For anyone needing inspiration, there are permaculture and pollinator gardens to tour. For those who want to take some action, bee house kits that provide shelter for native bees will be available to bring home.

Attendees can take a chance on a raffle and win prizes on scavenger hunts; or, get their backs into fun by sawing a log with an old-fashioned cross-cut saw to make a "tree cookie" to decorate at home.

Wooden kayaks and

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This was the New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse before a group of volunteers spearheaded a town movement in the 1980s to save the building. Now it is a state Seven to Save resource and a Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) grant recipient. Changes p is in its appearance and function will be highlighted at the Open House this Saturday.

*Tour the Meetinghouse Sunday* 

NEW DURHAM — Visitors to the New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse this Saturday as part of New Durham Day will have an opportunity to tour the structure, once the seat of government and religious life.

The Meetinghouse, surrounded by farms, taverns, stagecoach stops, a grist mill, and the first library, functioned as the Town Hall and the home church for Rev. Benjamin Randal, founder of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Many elements of its past are visible today, especially in the hand-cut ceiling lathe and finishing work done in 1848. Signatures of past selectmen adorn one horsehair plaster wall.

In addition to tours of the building, the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee has created a display of information and pictures to follow the building's progress toward becoming a heritage center, a proportioned 3D replica of the structure, and an array of Native American artifacts.

Meetinghouse Park includes the historic Stone Pound, the town's oldest cemetery, nature trails, picnic tables, a vernal pool, and a Story Walk, all of which are open to the public.

The Open House is from 10 a.m. -1 p.m. and includes an invitation to explore the murals of the Mouradian House across the street. Plenty of parking is available.



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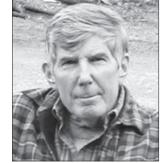
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### North Country Notebook Hummingbirds; propane tanks; gas cans; the Greely Expedition



**By JOHN HARRIGAN COLUMNIST** 

Various notes bearing curious things seem to float around my desk, sometimes bearing items that don't even make sense. It's like finding something new in Pharaoh's tomb.

This week, I snatched one as it flew by my nose again, and it said:

---Hummingbird mix; ---Propane tanks; ---Jeep gas can; ---Greely Expedition.

Now, it's still not too late to mix up some sugar and water, and make the usual hummingbird nectar and hang it on the porch, and the occasional hummingbird

part of the season, when the hummingbirds arrive after flying stupendous distances, panting hard, their little tongues hanging out like dogs back from a run, doctors holding tiny stethoscopes to their little chests, like that. Heart monitors, even.

will show up, probably

at this late date the one

assigned to scout the ter-

I've missed the early

ritory for free grub.

When hummingbirds arrive back in northern New Hampshire they are famished, and there aren't exactly a lot of nectar-bearing flowers or shrubberies in bloom amidst the snow-squalls. Still, they're eager to start raising kids, and set up housekeeping as soon as they can.

I missed out on this because I was lax in mixing up food and getting my feeder up. Thus, I was denied the pleasure of watching my usual pair of hummingbirds show up and nest in a nearby tree. During summer, they often have company.

when I get letters from camp-owners deep in the woods about "their" hummingbirds, I don't argue, just grin in company.

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The note-to-self about propane tanks referred to an incident the week before, when a visitor ready to cook hotdogs and burgers started up the grill only to have it go "poof." I always keep a spare tank, which was down where I pull the truck into the barn--where, as thereunto had been the case, I couldn't miss it.

The spare was empty. was embarrassed. We T punted. I hauled out one of my big cast-iron pans and we cooked on the stove.

It's like having a spare tire with no air. and I'm still trying to figure out why.

COURTESY - VICKI BROWN/UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION A feeder is fine if kept clean, but a key to encouraging hummingbirds is to plant the right plants. It seems hard to find

simple containers without all kinds of gizmos on them, most related to safety, insurance, or lawsuits---and many of them impractical. Nozzles and what they will (or will not) fit are a particular problem.

The best thing, with chainsaws and weed-whackers and the like, is to use a small pipe-clamp to attach a short piece of rubber hose to the snout. But then you have to scrounge up an attachable tip-plug from the Scrounge Bin.

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Finally, we have " Expedition." Greely What's up with that?

This was a note I made while reading something else. The original and more detailed note is somewhere on my desk.

And it's too good a story for just another item, so I'm saving it for another time.

I don't know how far hummingbirds will fly to look for food, but

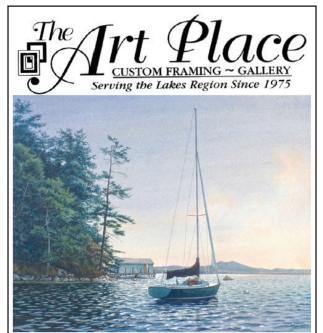
I've always kept an old apple box in the back of the Jeep, for ventures off the normally travelled way---old town roads and the like. It includes a 2.5-gallon gas container, which I borrowed to mix oil and gas in for the trimmer.

(Please address mail. with phone numbers in case of questions, to campguyhooligan@ gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)



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# Great Waters brings Broadway's finest to the Lakes Region for Cabaret Gala



Great Waters Gala co-chairs and volunteers assemble goodies for the Gala on August 12th. From left to right volunteers Maddie Shatzer, Becky Bartlett, Gala co-chair Sally White and Gala Co-chair and Great Waters Chairman Barbara Olcott.

MOULTONBOR-OUGH — In the midst of a very exciting season Great Waters will bring some of Broadway's finest to perform at its 2021 Cabaret Gala, Thursday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. Joining the stage at

at Castle in the Clouds will be American actor Bryce Pinkham ("A Gentleman's Guide to the Great Waters tent Love and Murder"--To-

ny and Grammy Award nominee, "Ghost the Musical," "The Good Wife," "Mercy Street") English actress Scarlett Stallen ("Mary Poppins," "Mama Mia!" "The Music Man"), and composer, lyricist, performer and producer Andrew Lippa ("The Addams Family"--Tony and Grammy Award nominee, "Big Fish," and "The Wild Party"). Along with these star performances Great Waters will be hosting a raise the paddle and live auction that includes the following exclusive experiences:

Nantucket Experience for 4: 2 nights at Nantucket Golf Club, round of golf for 4, breakfast, lunch & dinner. Roundtrip, private air from Laconia to Nantucket

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perience for 2 tickets to "Music Man," Thursday, February 17, 2022, 2 nights at the Knickerbocker Hotel, dinner at Orso.

Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo, FL Experience for 2: 2 nights at Ocean Reef Club including golf cart rental. Dinner & 2 tickets to the Cultural Center at Ocean Reef for either Il Divo, Saturday, January 8, 2022 or Foreigner (outdoor concert) Saturday, March 12, 2022.

In addition to the live auction, local businesses have donated gift cards and dinners, all-day boat rentals, a track day at Club Motorsports in Tamworth plus so much more.

Douglas Kiley, Executive Director of Great Waters, says "Featuring such amazing talent at our Gala is what Great Waters is all about-bringing the arts to the Lakes Region community." The Gala will be held at the Great Waters tent on the grounds of Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough. The evening starts with 6:00pm cocktails followed by dinner and the Cabaret, finishing the night with the live auction. For more information and to purchase tickets visit https://greatwaters. org/gala.

About Great Waters

Since its founding in 1995, Great Waters, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has become recognized as the preeminent provider of entertainment to the Lakes Region. It offers a diverse range of musical genres, including folk, classical, a cappella, jazz, Broadway, pop, bluegrass, and other forms of enriched entertainment, including comedy. For tickets and more information, visit www.greatwaters. org.

### Election law expert to speak at Peaches & Politics event

NEW DURHAM —The Town of New Durham Democratic Committee is pleased to announce that the Keynote Speaker for their Second Annual Peaches and Politics event will be Lawrence Lessig, the Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership at Harvard Law School.

Lessig is a wellknown, long-time advocate for campaign financing, electoral college and Constitutional reform, state-based activism in politics and, more recently, ranked choice voting. He will address the July 31 gathering on the future of democracy reform. Professor Lessig has taught on the subject of intellectual property rights at Stanford, where he founded the Center for Internet and Society, the University of Chicago, and Harvard. He clerked for Judge Richard Posner on the 7th **Circuit Court of Appeals** and Justice Antonin Scalia on the United States Supreme Court. Cited by The New Yorker as "the most important thinker on intellectual property in the Internet era," Lessig has focused much of his career on law and technology, especially

as it affects copyright. His current work addresses "institutional corruption"-relationships which, while legal, weaken public trust in an institution—especially as that affects democracy.

In addition to being the founder of Equal Citizens, co-founder of Rootstrikers and a founding board member of Creative Commons, Lessig has served on the boards of MapLight and EFF. and on the advisorv boards of Democracy Café and the Sunlight Foundation. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and

Sciences and the American Philosophical Society - and has received numerous awards including a Webby, the Free Software Foundation's Freedom Award, and Fastcase 50 Award. In 2002, he was named one of Scientific American's Top 50 Visionaries.

Professor Lessig has authored a number of books on election law and campaign financing reform, including: They Don't Represent Us (2019), America Compromised (2018), and Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress-and a Plan to Stop It (2011). Many of Lessig's

books, as well as a large variety of "peachy keen goodies" will be available at the New Durham Democratic Committee's Second Annual Peaches and Politics event on the afternoon of July 31. The event will be held outdoors and follow guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and New Hampshire Department of Public Health.

Additional speakers to be announced as they confirm their schedules.

SANDY MARTIN Fine Art, Photography and Sculpture Visit The Sandy Martin Gallery on the green at 25 North Main St, Wolfeboro (603) 556-2456 and (603) 767-8735 cell Ask about the artist's painting studio at 17 Bay St.

God took a day off



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### after creating us.



### But you can find Him here all summer.

Genesis 2 tells us, "On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken."

COVID couldn't stop our community of faith. Thanks to God's loving care, we have been able to bring the Word of God and Holy Communion to you throughout the pandemic, usually in person (indoors and outdoors) as well as on line, on television, and on the radio.

Here are a few of the regular events at our church-your church-this summer. You are welcome to join us for all of them:

Saturday: Confession at church at 3:00. Mass at church at 4:00. Sunday: Mass at church at 7, 8:30, and 10:30; online at 10:30 at stkdrexel.org, on the radio at 10:30 at WASR AM 1420/FM 97.1. Monday: "Discovery Group" discussion at 7:00. Call for details. Tuesday: "Lectio Divina" prayer and discussion. Call for details. Wednesday: Night Prayers any time after 7:00 at stkdrexel.org. Thursday: Rosary at 6:30, Prayer Group at 7:00 at stkdrexel.org. Friday: Eucharistic Adoration in church from 9:00 to noon. Weekdays (except Thursday): Mass at 8:00.

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Opinion

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### **Olympic trivia**

It's nice to have a distraction from the rollercoaster that was 2020, with the summer Olympics plastered all over television and social media. Watching athletes from all over the globe show off what they've been training for shows us all what can be possible when we set a goal. One of our own, Sports Editor Josh Spaulding, is in Tokyo as we speak covering the games. Keeping up with his adventures, of course, has been different than his time at the Olympic Games in previous years due to COVID protocols. With that said, we thought it would be interesting to share some Olympic trivia.

In 1998, Surya Bonaly, a figure skater from France fell during the winter games in Nagano. Since she knew she lost a chance to medal, she decided to do a move that had been banned since 1976. She did a backflip and landed on the blade of one skate. No one has attempted the trick since then, making her Olympic performance, one to remember.

From 1912 through 1954, individuals could earn medals for art, as long as it was inspired by a sport of some kind. The art could include painting, literature, sculpture or music. Eventually, this was tossed out, as most professional artists sell their work to earn a living.

In 2002, during the Winter Olympics, speed skater Steven Bradbury of Australia was racing in the 1,000 meter short track finals and was lagging behind. During the race, the leaders crashed into each other, leaving Bradbury far enough behind to avoid the collision. He was able to skate by and win gold.

The first modern Olympic Marathon (26.2-mile road race) took place in 1904. Most of the runners had never run that far before. One competitor showed up to the start line in dress pants. Fourteen out of the 32 racers were able to finish. One racer, Fred Lorz who won, actually jumped in a car for 11 miles of it due to a cramp. Another runner, Felix Carvajal ate a rotten apple halfway through and stopped to take a nap. He finished fourth. The gold officially was given to Thomas Hicks who was carried over the finish line having hallucinations that he had 20 more miles to go.

During the summer of 1992, the Lithuanian basketball team did not have enough money to compete in the Summer Olympics due to the collapse of the Soviet Union. Coming to the rescue and offering aid to the team was, unexpectedly and, frankly, bizarrely, the Grateful Dead, the rock band with a legendary reputation for imbibing, shall we say, 'illicit substances.' Beyond donating money to make the trip possible, the band allowed the team to sell Grateful Dead merchandise. The team competed in tie-dyed uniforms, and took bronze.

In 1984, McDonald's offered free food every time an American won a medal. During those summer games, the Soviet Union boycotted the games, leaving many open spaces for medals available. This ended up costing the fast food chain a significant amount of money.

True sportsmanship was shown during the Winter Olympics in 2006, held in Torino, Italy,



### Alton Garden Club gets warm welcome at Studley's

COURTESY

The Alton Garden Club would like to thank Studley's Flower Gardens in Rochester for hosting our July meeting. David Meulenbroek graciously shared the facilities and his knowledge with us regarding building and maintaining "Koi Ponds." Studley's has a wonderful koi pond for their customers to view and enjoy. He recommended the appropriate plantings for around and in the water. We even fed the many fish that lined up waiting for their treat. Following the meeting we had our own "cookie swap" provided by our members. If you can't travel to a vacation location, we recommend stopping off at Studley's Gardens located in downtown Rochester at 82 Wakefield St. The scenery is lovely, and the employees are willing to share their knowledge and answer your questions. Buy a lovely perennial plant as a souvenir for you to enjoy and remember for years to come.

### Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

of Barnstead, Gilmanton and Alton hosted a Patriotic Visibility on Saturday, July 17, in Alton Circle. The theme was 'Democracy Not Insurrection."

We are patriots who love our country and have become increasingly concerned about the ongoing threat to our democracy.

### Never forget the insurrection

Tri-Town Democrats

#### including in New Hamptrue patriots must make. Never forget the inshire, are denying the fact that this assault was surrection of Jan. 6!

**Tri-Town Democrats** 

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Janet Strickland Barnstead

when skier Sara Renner broke her ski pole half-way through an event. Bjornar Haakensmoen, the Norwegian ski coach handed her a spare. The Canadians went on to win silver, while the Norwegians took fourth. To show gratitude the Canadians gifted Haakensmoen with five tons of maple syrup. Both governments waived import duties.

The medals for the Tokyo Olympics are made from recycled electronics to include cameras, smartphones and laptops.

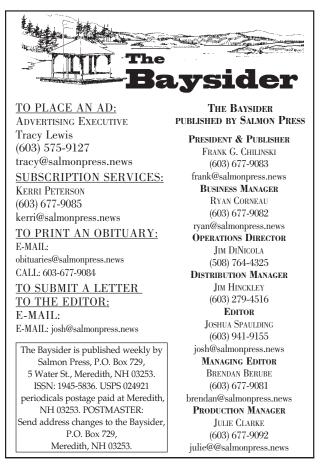
The McDonald's in the Olympic Village is free for all athletes and coaches; however, in 2016 in Rio, McDonald's capped the amount of items that could be ordered at one time to 20.

From 1900-1920, Tug of War was an Olympic sport, with Great Britain winning the most medals and the USA coming in a close second.

In 1936, two Japanese pole vaulters, who were friends had to compete against each other to decide who took silver and who took bronze. The requested that they share the honors, but were told no. Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe had their medals cut in half and fused together, into the medals of friendship.

In 2012, women were finally allowed to compete in boxing. Since 1991, anytime a new event is introduced to the games, women must be included.

Dr. Spock, a well known pediatrician and author, won Olympic Gold as part of the 1924 U.S. rowing team.



The Visibility was a graphic reminder of the horrific January 6 attack on our nation's capitol by Trump supporters, an attack directly incited by the former President and his Big Lie: that the election was fraudulently won by Biden, despite a total lack of evidence, many ballot recounts and 60 court decisions to the contrary.

Millions of Republicans in this country,

Trump in power. There is mounting evidence that many in Congress actually assisted Trump in his actions, and they continue to perpetuate the Big Lie. To date, none have been held accountable!

a violent attempt to over-

turn an election (by forc-

ibly breaking into the

Capitol, brutally attack-

ing police officers and

threatening the lives of

legislators and the vice

president) and to keep

The Republicans in power in many states have been busy passing hundreds of voter suppression and election subversion bills in an attempt to gain control of this country. If we want to save our democracy, we must fight to protect it! This is the choice that Lew Henry Gilmanton

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Judy Wagner Gilmanton

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### The Truth regarding local self-government

To the Editor:

Local self-governance started as the recognition of individual rights protecting liberty and holding an understanding of inalienable rights. Self governance of the state represents the doctrine that created the Confederation of States declaring a revolutionary war with England rejecting colonial rule that was acting on behalf of corporate influence. When that war was over, the Articles of Confederation were rewritten by a constitution forming, "these United States of America". This was inspired by corporations and their investors in order to streamline commerce regarding the growth as a nation being centralized. Until this centralization, Local Self-governance ruled the 13 States, including the boroughs, cities, and townships.

Local self-governance

was co-opted by the doctrine of Home Rule and each State could choose independently if their state constitution would recognize the doctrine. New Hampshire, the "Live free or Die" state turned away from local self-governance and instead, declared specifically that all local governing authority would be decided by the State and not by the needs and wishes of the local governing bodies. This governing structure is known as the doctrine of Dillon's rule which says municipalities are as mere tenants of the State and therefore, community members relinquish our inalienable rights under a republic form of representative government. New Hampshire mir-

rored the arrangement of its state constitution after the Articles of Confederation having its first part the Bill of Rights, followed by the

duties of the branches of state governing powers. The state retained the Town Meeting process whereby the municipalities were granted authority to make ordinances (law), but only regarding matters the State enabled (allowed).

Here I testify to the blunder of corporate personhood. We the People are to be governed through our consent. Our differences and opinions are still caught in power struggles of equality, the indifference to who rules the collective of us all. It is problematic that corporations are recognized as having personhood rights. Endowed with court-appointed inalienable and civil rights, corporate personhood turned the whole ideal of liberty and equality on its head. Judges, through their rulings recognizing corporate personhood, pulled the rug out from underneath

the feet of all the inhabitants of every single municipality.

understood When properly, local self-government with all the responsibilities of civility, patience, and human decency would be following a brighter path. Without it we as a nation will fail to ever solve the problems of this nation. It is my personal opinion that Local Self-governance holds precedence, when it comes as a right, not a privilege granted by the State, with due respects to all mankind and central representative governing authority, from the bottom up.

To learn more about local self-government as a matter of right, visit www.nhcommunityrights.org or email info@nhcommunityrights.org.

> **Douglas Darrell** Barnstead

### **LETTERS FROM EDWIN** Threes

What а beautiful morning. It's mornings like this that made me fall in love with New Hampshire. Cool crisp air. Everything so green. Birds flying everywhere. Making it pleasurable to be alive.

It's a Friday, so I have a list of try to get to's this afternoon since my truck is having some work done to it this morning. A perfect time to sit here in the outside waiting area writing you a letter. There's hardly a cloud in the sky, low seventies I'd guess, with a gentle breeze. Pretty close to perfect.

You know how all things come in waves? Or threes? Well, my work requests this week have been along one of the lines that I try to avoid. Plumbing. If there is one type of work that can easily morph into a disaster, it's plumbing. It's totally out of one's control. Just trying to turn off a shut off can quickly expand into some extremely unexpected project.

The first one was a toilet that had started to wobble. The bolt on one side had deformed the metal holding ring to the point where it would just pull through. This was on a cement floor so I would have had to drill out the totally rusted bolts and reinstall a new ring. More work than I wanted to do. I had picked up these repair pieces that would have worked if it were a wood floor but once again. I had cement to deal with.

Looking at the piece, I figured that I could cut it off and grind it down so that it would fit within the old bracket and be held in place by the old ring which wasn't rusty at all. Armed with an old hack saw and a small grinding wheel on a drill, I created my envisioned repair. It worked slick. Much less time and work than the obvious solution. It was a hot day, so I went swimming.

Then wouldn't you know that I got another call from a regular customer who wanted a wobbly commode upstairs attended to. I thought to myself, please not another one. Like who in their right mind wake up in the morning and think: "Gee, I'd really like to pull a toilet today"? Remember, I try to avoid plumbing work. But all this rain has been forcing inside work on me.

I pulled this porcelain beast up, and the floor underneath it was just mush. I scraped it up with my putty knife. The wax ring wasn't stuck at all to the toilet so every flush for however long it had been, squirted a little water out. Then, someone found water leaking from under it, and applied a ring of silicon around the base to stop it. Or more like, seal it in. Now it was my job to fix it.

The last time I had something like this, the flooring was trashed as well as the floor joists. That was early in my

handy man years and was fundamental in forming my hesitancy to taking on plumbing jobs. Lucky for me,

the actual floor plywood was still intact. The top ply was wet, but after it dried, it was still good. My customer said that he wanted to do the whole bathroom over, which would mean pull everything, and redoing everything from scratch, walls and floors. Too large of a project for me to take on right now as I have too many irons in the fire at the moment.

So I replaced all the mushed up flake board with real plywood. It was fun finding 5/8" real plywood. I cut it to fit underneath the toilet bracket so there is now solid flooring for the throne to sit upon. The customer declined to put in new lino, so bare wood it will be until whoever does the redo takes it on.

When I got home and took my messages, there was a call from someone who had a leaky toilet. Luckily this was a fairly easy one that I took care of without any problem. I really hope that this is it for a while and that things actually do just come in threes. But no way, next day, a leaky kitchen sink. I guess it's a wave.

E.Twaste Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@ gmail.com

### **STRATEGIES FOR LIVING** On the road to Damascus

#### BY LARRY SCOTT

Christians in Damascus, Syria little realized

that they were in deep trouble. The "Osama bin Laden" of the first-cen-

Tarsus, was on his way. With authority from the religious leaders in Jetury church, Saul of rusalem, he was about

to apprehend any Christian he could lay his hands on, put them in prison, and, if possible,

even support a death sentence. This man was out to destroy the fledgling Christian church.

Saul was incensed at how this new religion was impacting his Jewish faith. He was a sincere follower of God, an ardent conservative, a man wholeheartedly dedicated to preserving the rules, regulations, and theology that had been normative for Judaism since the time of Moses. From Saul's perspective, it was beyond belief that God was involved in this new faith. Especially galling was the claim that this Jesus had appeared alive and well for 40 days after His crucifixion. Any fool had to know that simply could not be, and Saul was no fool.

everything. Before getting to Damascus, he had, by his own words, an encounter with Jesus Christ. "As I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun. ... I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? ... I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Now that was a shocker! The faith he had been defending had come to the Jewish nation straight from God Himself. One can only imagine the trauma through which Saul went as integrated this new faith with everything he had been taught and believed, but from this day forward, Saul was a new man with a mission.

Within a few years,

### Letters to the Editor

#### To the Editor:

If it weren't enough deliver the mail to through rain, snow, sleet and hail, the postal workers of the world have had, in addition, the long haul of the pandemic. As a result, this is an open letter to thank our Alton Post Office for all they do for us. When you stop to think about it, could you keep track of all those pieces of paper every day? (Before

### In praise of postal workers

you answer, go look inside your desk.)

More than a few times, theyve tracked down packages from far off places that have gone astray and have gotten them to us-smiling as if the package had been for them. The most recent one arrived from the far north of Russia inside the Arctic Circle. (To get here from there, the first leg of the journey is by helicopter as there are

no roads out of the region they live in.) When I emailed them to tell them the care our local postal workers had gone to find and redirect their package (it got out of the Arctic only to be sent to the wrong town in New Hampshire), it got a little warmer in that frigid land—and not from climate change, but from the news of human kindness. I can't tell you how much it meant to them

(and me) that their package finally made it from one small speck on the earth to another.

So, thank you, Alton Post Office. I hope you all get wonderful packages, too, even if you have to deliver them to yourselves.

With sincere gratitude,

Jeannie Ferber

Alton

### Summer Reading participants deserve a round of applause

To the Editor:

The New Durham Public Library had an outstanding reading program this summer, due in part to collaboration for the first time with the New Durham School>s summer school. We had 81 children turn in at least one reading log, and 14 read a minimum of 1,000 minutes over four weeks. Our first prize winner read a total of 94 hours, 45 minutes,

followed by top readers of 47 hours, 10 minutes, and 43 hours, 30 minutes!

Five wonderful performers entertained crowds of SRP participants and the public, due to the financial support of the Friends of the Library, the Alton-Barnstead-New Durham Centennial Rotary Club, and the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF).

Children were able to take home brand-new free books from two programs, thanks to CLiF. What a remarkable mission this organization has, and what an impact it has had on the kids of this town. The Rotary Club also made a financial donation that will strengthen upcoming programs and next year's summer program. In addition to performances, the Friends pay for prizes and supplies each summer.

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disinformation; thank

God in America, one can

John Q. Henderson

believe what they want.

Respectfully,

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Where would we be without the help we receive? We are so grateful.

A round of applause, please, for all of our participants and sponsors.

Cathy Allyn Director New Durham Public Library

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#### To the Editor:

America and her allies lost both world Germany won wars, those wars, the world has been ruled by authoritarian tyrants since Jesus, who did not die on the cross. When the Titanic hit the iceberg, it made ice cubes out of it, and sailed on to New York in record speed. No one has ever died because of a virus. The Republican party only cares about helping this

**Exactly the Big Lie** country and not about wealth for themselves. Lastly the president before Joe Biden won the 2020 election but stated he's so incompetent that he needs a break for a couple of months, and will return to the White House sometime over the summer of 2021.

> Alfred E. Newman wrote this article back in the '60s in one of his Mad Magazines; all the above statements are true, and anyone who would dis-



### **Alton Parks and Recreation Connection**

Alton Old Home Week Virtual 5K Race

Alton Parks and Recreation and Meredith Village Savings Bank are co-sponsoring the "Alton Old Home Week Virtual 5K Race» now until Aug. 15. Run/walk a 3.1 miles course from any location, and enter your running place on our interactive global map. Official time tracking will stay open until 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 15. The virtual 5K Race will allow people to run/walk during the race period, using a mobile device and the app (RaceJoy). \$15 registration cost includes eligibility for raffles and prizes. Forms and map available at www.alton. nh.gov or register online https://runsignup. at com/Race/NH/Alton-Bav/OldHomeWeekVirtual5k.

Alton Old Home Week Booklets

Alton Old Home Week is Aug. 13-22 celebrating the theme- "To Gather Again". Booklets featuring the list of events

sponsors are available at local businesses and online at alton.nh.gov under "News and Announcements"-Old Home Week Info. Call the Alton Parks and Recreation office at 875-0109 for more information on events.

Town of Alton Fireworks

The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in Alton Bay to celebrate Alton Old Home Week on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 9 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 15 at 9 p.m.

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand

Sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation Department

Listen to the music at the Alton Bay Land Bandstand on Saturday nights in August from 7-9 p.m.

Aug. 7- John Irish Duo- Guitar and Vocals; August 14- Chippy and the Ya Ya's- Cover Rock Band, '60's to Now: Aug.

and Old Home Week 15- Blacklite Band- Classic Rock- Sunday performance- 4-6 p.m.; Aug. 21- Bittersweet- Classic Rock; Aug. 28- Chris Bonoli- Soft Rock, Country and Classic Electric Blues. In the event of inclement weather updated information will be posted on the Town Web site- "Recreation Calendar" and Parks and Recreation Facebook Page after 2 p.m.

Line Dancing Lessons

Line Dancing with Joan Lightfoot is held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. until Aug. 26. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$3/season. Register on site.

#### Adult Pickleball

Join in the fun with free organized play for experienced adults (18 years and older). Experienced players meet Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at the Liberty Tree Park Courts from 8-11 a.m. Program is ongoing through the fall. Register in advance with the link on the Town of Alton Web site or at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4daea82ba0fd0-byinvitation. Please park across the street from the Fire Station.

Yoga Classes with Sheila Marston

All Levels Yoga- with Sheila Marston at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$10 drop in. Creative Flow Yoga with a focus on hip openers, arm strengtheners, chest openers and balance poses. Classes are ongoing. Register on site.

Yoga in the Park -Flow to Yin- Sundays, now-Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. in Railroad Square Park, Alton Bay. All levels welcome. \$10 drop in. No class Aug. 15.

Water Alton Bay Bandstand Summer Concert

The Water Bandstand Committee is sponsoring a concert on Friday, Aug. 20 with the "Thursday Afternoon" Band on the Alton Bay Water Bandstand from 6-8 p.m. Watch by boat or from land along the Alton Bay waterfront park.

Alton Bay Water Ski Show

The Water Bandstand Committee is sponsoring a Water Ski Show with the Main Street Attraction Water Ski Team on Saturday, Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. in Alton Bay. Rain date is Aug. 22.

Thank you Alton Garden Club

The Town of Alton would like to acknowledge and thank the Alton Garden Club for their tremendous work in beautifying the Town of Alton from the village to the bay. The efforts of the Garden Club volunteers, and the colorful flowers and plantings make Alton a beautiful place to be. Thank you Garden Club for sharing your skills, time and vibrant flowers with the Town. Your work is

greatly appreciated.

Downing's Landing Public Boat Launch- rescheduled closure date is Aug. 9

The Fish and Game Department public boat launch and property at Downing's Landing in Alton Bay is expected to be closed for the remainder of the 2021 boating season starting Monday August 9. NHFG web link: https://nhfishgame.com/2021/07/27/ downings-landing-boatramp-closure-rescheduled-to-august-9/. The Town of Alton provides a free public boat launch in Alton Bay in Railroad Square Park, Route 11 that will be open. Free boat trailer parking is available on the Letter S Road, across from the Alton Highway Department. For more information on the Town of Alton boat launch contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

### Bandstand concert series heads to the country on Saturday

WOLFEBORO The next Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concert series will feature some old school country music.

The Seldom Playrights will take to the bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 7, in Cate Park. This marks the fourth year the group has been part of the summer concert series.

The Seldom Playrights are a group of musicians brought together by their love of old school country music, as played by the likes of Merle Haggard, George Jones, Buck Owens, Marty Stuart, Steve Earle, Emmylou Harris and Dwight Yoakam, among

#### others.

Jim Lamond, who has played with Susan Tedeschi, Mark Erelli and Joyce Andersen, is the band's bass player and is one of the band's vocalists. Bruce Derr, who has played with The Molenes and Mainesqueeze, is the band's pedal steel player, while Rob Kneeland, who has been part of High Range, chips in on vocals and also plays drums. Billy Loosigian, who has experience with The Darlings, Willie "Loco" Alexander and The Joneses, plays guitar, specifically the Fender Telecaster, while Kent Allyn, who has appeared with Joyce Andersen, David Surrette and Cormac McCarthy,

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will play acoustic guitar and also chip in with vocals.

The band plays genuine honky-tonk country and American roots music, as inspired by some of their idols. The band has a regular gig at the Blue Mermaid in Portsmouth as part of "Honky Tonk Tuesdays."

The band will be bringing the old school country sound to the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand as part of the summer concert series. which takes place each Saturday in July and August on the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee. The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand present the concerts every summer for free in the bandstand in Cate Park. While there is no charge to



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THE SELDOM PLAYRIGHTS are the next band in the summer concert series in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand.

enjoy the bands, a passthe-bucket collection is taken at intermission to help support the group's mission to continue to bring quality music to the Wolfeboro area each summer.

The Seldom Plavrights will be taking the bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. The concert runs until 9 p.m., with a short intermission. If bad weather is threatened, there will be

a sign posted at the entrance to Cate Park near the town docks and there will be a notice posted on The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand Facebook page.



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### Talk of the town

**New Hampshire Executive** Councilor Cinde Warmington and state Sen. Tom Sherman spoke to a crowd of 60 at the Peaches and Politics event sponsored by the New Durham **Democratic Committee over** the weekend. Warmington, a health care attorney, and Sherman, a physician, updated the audience on state activity in Concord. The fundraiser featured peach-themed food, raffles, music, and other speakers.

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Marty Chabot

WOLFEBORO — When people visit the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, one of the highlights for many is the chance to interact with knowledgeable volunteers, many of whom served the nation.

"I began serving in 1968 and served for 34 years as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, earning the rank of First Sergeant," said Marty Chabot, who has been a



On The Green Arts & Crafts Festival comes to Brewster Academy next weekend

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### Volunteers help make 'The Wright' experience

volunteer at The Wright for eight years. "I loved working in the army because I was able to help young soldiers that were enlisting to channel their careers."

After retiring from his position as a U.S. Passport Specialist, he moved to Wolfeboro at which time he became a volunteer at The Wright.

"I love working at the especially museum. with school groups," Chabot, who said won 'Volunteer of the Year' two years ago.

He said he likes working with school groups because he enjoys meeting new people and teaching students. He particularly enjoys working with students because "more and more of them are interested in World War II."

"When the school groups come in, the other docents and I split them up into groups and point out things of interest," he said.

Chabot's favorite place in the museum to take students is the Home Front Gallery, because it teaches them about more than the war, but also the home front and what life was like during it.

"Kids today don't even know what a typewriter is because of computers," he said.

Chabot also expressed enthusiasm for the museum's display of fulfunctional World lv War II era tanks.

"All the vehicles run, and we have volunteers come in once a month to work on the vehicles that need a tune-up," he said.

ite exhibits at the museum is the Time Tunnel, which is a series of rooms that each represent a different year.

"You can see what effects the war had on the economy," said Chabot, who said the museum's Remembrance Garden is also "special."

"People can buy a brick to remember their loved ones," he said. "People like to sit on the benches there and simply reflect."

For Chabot, his biggest hope is that people will learn from their visit.

"I want them to experience the knowledge we have to share with them," he said. "We change the exhibits often, so there is always a reason to come back."

Expressing appreciation One of his other favor- for the contributions of

volunteers like Chabot, museum Executive Director Mike Culver said the best part of the experience at The Wright might be with the volunteers.

"Their first-hand knowledge, enthusiasm and passion breathes life into every visit here," he said. "Visitors come for our displays, of course, but if you see written comments about their visits to the Wright, many always comment about the friendly and knowledgeable volunteer guides."

The region's leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, The Wright features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the homefront and battlefield. To learn more about the museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

### Wright Museum looking to attract students

**WOLFEBORO** Prior to the pandemic, the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro welcomed thousands of middle and high school students for in-person school tours annually, an important part of its education programs staff are eager to offer again.

"We have custom tours with a curriculum we have developed especially for students," explained Mike Culver, executive director, Wright Museum. "It's great for the students because they can see, hear and experience history in our exhibits. These experiential tours are critical to their understanding of American and world history." Recently, the Wright partnered Museum with Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) to offer Free Admission Sundays for history teachers on Aug. 8, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. The opportunity, however, is available to any educator whose subject matter intersects with history.



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Green Arts & Crafts Festival on Aug. 13-15 at Brewster Academy, 80 Academy Dr. in Wolfeboro! Hours will be Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A special feature will be female chainsaw wood carver Elise Ford, who will demonstrate her wonderful talents. Also, Todd Lyon will feature his beautiful aerial photography of the Lakes Region. Some of the exhibits will include beautiful leather jewelry, chainsaw wood carvings by Elise, cedar wood furniture, wildlife photography, fine art paintings & demo, amazing crystalline pottery, beautiful aerial photography of Wolfeboro and the Lakes Region, gourmet foods, memory mats, sweater pocketbooks, ladies clothing, jewelry, scarves, amazing nuts & bolts creations, metal art, kettle corn, & lots more! Rain or shine under canopies. Music. Food. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Located on Route 28 next to downtown Wolfeboro - Free Parking & free admission. For more information, call Joyce at 387-1510. See you there!

The majority of school

tween February and April when the museum is closed to the general public. Schools may call and arrange "winter special а tour" for their classes.

"An art teacher may want their students to see exhibits in our gallery space, an English teacher might be interested in aspects of our collection that cover literature of the World War II era," added Culver.

days take place on Aug. 8, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. Teachers are requested to bring some sort of identification that identifies them as educators. Teachers may also bring one guest at no additional charge.

Upcoming exhibits at The Wright include Shaped by Conflict, sponsored by The Weirs Times and Taylor Community, which provides an in-depth look at common meitems of the WWII era.

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ANNA JORTIKKA and Silas St, James in Laughing Stock at the Village Players. For more information go to village-players. com.

### Laugh along with the Village Players

"Laughing Stock" opens Aug. 14 outrageous auditions, Dr. Richard Neal, DMD

WOLFEBORO - Have you missed theater for the last year? Do you long to laugh, cheer, and applaud local actors? Are you dreaming of giving a standing ovation? Then the Village Players in Wolfeboro have just the thing for you.

Stock," "Laughing the comic play written Charles Morey, is the hilarious tale of a rural New England summer stock company that gets in over its head. When The Playhouse schedules a repertory season of "Dracula," "Hamlet," and "Charley's Aunt," hilarious mayhem ensues. The Village Players will take you through ego-driven rehearsals and a disastrous opening night. You will laugh through the entire show as the hapless company attempts to overcome lack of funding, out of control props and bad acting.

"Laughing Stock" is the first performance by the Village Players since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. They are very happy to welcome back their audience with this wonderfully fun show. Directed by Michaela Andruzzi and Jay Sydow, "Laughing Stock" will run Aug. 14, 15, 19, 20, 21 and is generously sponsored by

The cast includes Village Players veterans Bob Rautenburg, Christian Boudman, Meggin Dail, Garrison Baron, Joshua Spaulding, Max Gehring, Anna Jortikka, Luke Cassidy, Emily Marsh, Rick Tessari, and Beth Marsh. Newcomers include Silas St. James, Molly Gloeckner, and Phillip Reilly.

Audience mem bers are required to wear masks in the theater. Please check village-players.com, for additional COVID mitigation policies.

Tickets are available online at village-players. com or by calling the box office number (569-9656) only. They will assign seats to your party, giving you the best seats available with appropriate social distancing. You will receive a confirmation e-mail or phone call.

Spend an evening with the Village Players and enjoy this hilarious romp through summer stock theater.

Performance dates and times are Saturday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 15, at 2 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.

### Wright Museum to host best-selling author and award-winning filmmaker Rick Beyer

Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m., the Wright Museum welcomes author, historian and filmmaker Rick Beyer as part of its 2021 Lecture Series, presented by Ron Goodgame and Donna Canney. At the lecture, The Ghost Army of World War II: How One Top-Secret Unit Deceived the Enemy with Inflatable Tanks, Sound Affects and Other Audacious Fakery, he will tell the stories of "the Ghost Army."

"I'll discuss how a handpicked group of 1,100 G.I.s -- the Ghost Army -- landed in France in 1944 and staged a traveling road show of decep-

WOLFEBORO — On tion to fool the enemy," explained Beyer. "Every move was top secret and their story was hushed up for decades after the war's end."

> This "deception" included phony convoys, phantom divisions and make-believe headquarters that belied the strength and location of American units.

"It was at once absurd, deadly and amazingly effective," added Beyer, who wrote and directed the acclaimed documentary film, 'The Ghost Army,' which premiered on PBS in 2013. "They saved thousands of lives and helped win the war, but their efforts were a military secret until the 1990s and have yet to be officially recognized."

The Ghost Army of WWII lecture begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Those who reserve seats for the lecture are invited to a pre-lecture coffee and cookie gathering at 6 p.m. where they will meet Rick Beyer and see one of the inflatable tanks on display. Admission is \$12 for Wright Museum members, \$15 for others.

Masks are optional for all fully vaccinated audience members. Reservations can be made calling 569-1212. by

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#### **Rick Beyer**

source for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its

collection that are representative of both the homefront and battlefield. For more information about the 2021 Lec-

ture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum. org.

### Great Waters celebrates 50 years of Rock & Roll with Neil Berg

Great Waters welcomes Neil Berg to the Concert in the Clouds stage performing his entertaining look at 50 Years of Rock & Roll. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., and tickets

MOULTONBOR- are available at www. and authentic Broad-OUGH — On Aug. 14, greatwaters.org or call way/Rock & Roll artists 569-7710.

With a mixture of storytelling and performing, Neil Berg walks through decades of American music using the best musicians

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from the 1930s through the 1980s. Neil is an award-winning composer, lyricist, and producer with work including the Broadway-bound musical "THE 12," written with Pulitzer Prize/Tony-winning playwright, Robert Schenkkan. His take on the connection between the culture of America and the historv of rock and roll is not only entertaining but also enlightening for audiences of any age. Doug Kiley, Executive **Director of Great Waters** states "As someone that grew up with the influence of many of the artists Mr. Berg covers in his program, I can't wait to see how our audience responds to his journey through rock history".

For more information on Neil Berg, tickets and upcoming Great Waters events, please visit www.greatwaters.org.

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#### **Neil Berg**

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way, pop, bluegrass, and other forms of enriched entertainment, including comedy. For tickets

and more information, visit www.greatwaters. org.

### Author Gail Naylor to visit Gilman Library

ALTON — The Gilman Library, at 100 Main St., Alton, invites the public on Thursday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. for a special local author visit. Gail Naylor will read her children's book titled "A Visit to Gigi's: Along the Intracoastal Waterway in Florida."

Known as a "storytelling teacher" during her career as a teacher in Lynnfield, Mass. Naylor grew up, and then too raised her family in Wakefield, Mass. and on Lake Winnipesaukee.

She has a passion for water activities and loves science and geography. Being an avid boater, she feels fortunate to have sailed parts of the Intercoastal Waterway. She splits her year by living in Alton Bay and on the Intracoastal Water-



way in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Don't miss this colorful and educational storytelling adventure where you can explore the Intracoastal Waterway in Florida with Gail. Signed copies of this beautiful children's book will be available for purchase at a reduced cost of \$15 during her visit.

Seating is limited. Please visit the library or call 875-2550 to reserve your seat.



### A new kind of Olympic experience Hilary Gehman makes Olympic coaching debut in Tokyo



BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

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HILARY GEHMAN wrapped up her first Olympics as a coach with US Rowing last week in Tokyo.

Sports Editor

TOKYO, Japan — The results may not have been exactly what Hilary Gehman was looking for in her Olympic debut as a coach, but the former Wolfeboro resident walks away from the Tokyo Olympics with plenty of solid experience and a trip she'll surely always remember.

Gehman, the daughter of Wayne and Louise Gehman, is a two-time Olympic athlete, competing in rowing in 2000 in Sydney and in 2004 in Athens and this year she made her Olympic coaching debut with the

US Rowing Team's women's quad scull, which was making its debut in the Olympics.

"It is different, coaching is very different from competing as an athlete," Gehman said last Wednesday morning at the Sea Forest Waterway after her team had wrapped up its Olympic competition. "There's an equal level of intensity, it's just a different intensity."

Gehman's boat kicked off the Olympics the morning of the Opening Ceremonies, finishing fifth in its heat with a time of 6:34.36 for the 2,000 meters. Two days

later the women raced in the repechage and finished in sixth place in 6:50.74, which put them in the B final. That race was moved forward a day from Tuesday to Wednesday due to weather concerns in Tokvo. The US team finished in fourth in the B finals in a time of 6:30.03, finishing with its best time of the Olympics. Gehman's team consists of Cicely Madden, Alison Rusher, Meghan O'Leary and Ellen Tomek.

"Both athletes and coaches are taking ownership of the results and everything that happens," she said. "You always think it's completely on you as an athlete and as a coach."

While this was her first Olympics in a coaching capacity, Gehman is no stranger to coaching rowing. She has coached at Cornell and Georgetown, has coached a couple of U23 teams and a Pan-Am team.

"And I live in Princeton (N.J.) now, where the training center is for the women," Gehman said, noting that her husband also coaches rowing at Princeton. "I've always had my hand in the rowing cookie jar."

In 2019, women's quad sculls was added as an Olympic event and the coaching staff at US Rowing needed some help to cover the coaching load with an added boat. Gehman was close by, had plenty of experience and was willing to step in and help lead the team in the 2019 World Cup season and then that continued on to the Olympics, which became an extra year when the Games were postponed for the first time in history.

"I'm definitely learning from the veteran coaches, just like as an athlete I learned from the veteran athletes," she said. "I'm using their knowledge and experience to help me."

Additionally, she brings a level of respect to the coaching ranks as the athletes can look to her knowing that she has been where they are, rowing the same boat class.

"There's definitely a trust because I've done it before in this boat class." Gehman said. "I'm comfortable with what is required, but it has been a while.

"On some level, I'm probably a little rusty," she added.

And while Gehman has plenty of Olympic experience, albeit about 20 years ago, she notes that this Olympics is certainly unlike anything she has experienced in the past.

First and foremost, coaches were required to wear masks in the Tokvo heat. something that can be frustrating when trying to get the point across, but something Gehman knows had to he done

"Coming here, it's kind of like going back to day one, but we have to be super diligent," she said, noting that the coaches were allowed to essentially go from their hotel, to the venue and back and once a team's contests were finished, they had to head home, instead of staying the extra week or so to soak

up the Olympic atmosphere.

She also noted that the lack of fans is something that is tough to get used to.

"It's different, not having fans is very strange," Gehman said. "That roar from the crowd that you hear. it is missed.

"Studies say that music can help performance, the fans and the roar of the crowd is kind of like that," she continued. "It can build your confidence it can inspire you the same way your favorite song can in the middle of a workout.

"Everybody's at a high level here, but if you get that one percent more because of the external factor, it's a boost," Gehman noted.

Despite the things that made Tokyo different. Gehman said that Japanese people the provided her with some great memories.

"The Japanese have been amazing, the level of friendliness, it has been really special," she said. "I am so happy to be here and thankful for the Japanese welcoming us."

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### One busy week in the books, one to go



the Ariake Urban Sports Park for the BMX racing event and got the chance to catch up with Dr. Tamara Lovelace of Alton, who is part of US Cycling's medical team. She was busy on that day, as a number of crashes, including one very serious one, marred the racing. After that. I made the trip to the Kasai Canoe Slalom Center, which was a cool venue, but very, very warm and the day finished with another trip to the Yokohama Stadium for the US baseball team's game with Israel. Yesterday was a bit of a slower day, with a trip out to Asaka Shooting Range to catch a little shotgun trap shooting and then a trip to Saitama Super Arena, where the US men's basketball team took on the Czech Republic, featuring Brewster alum Blake Schilb. Today was another trip to Ariake Urban Sports Park for BMX freestyle, which was pretty awesome and the day will finish with a little table tennis action at Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium. It's been a busy week filled with great sports, lots of time on buses and not tons of sleep. But it's still fun. Hopefully week number two brings more of that. Joshua Spaulding is the Sports Editor for the Granite State News, Carroll County Independent, Meredith News, Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Plymouth Record-Enterprise, Littleton Courier, Newfound Landing, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter and The Baysider. He can be reached at josh@salmonpress.news at 279-4516, or PO Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253.

### Fuller and Parision win Kingswood Men's Invitational

WOLFEBORO - The weekend of July 24 and 25, The Kingswood Golf Club hosted the annual Men's Invitational golf tournament. There were 36 Kingswood members and their guests competing for a place on the cov-



JOSHUA SPAULDING HAD A GOOD TIME at the rugby competition at Tokyo Stadium

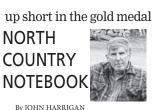
This is being written Sunday afternoon, on Aug. 1, in the Main Press Center at the Tokyo Big Sight. I have now been out of my hotel quarantine for an entire week and have seen a lot of the Olympics in the course of that time.

last week.

Of course, there's also plenty I haven't seen, but I can only be one place at a time and have not found a way to get to more than three events in a day.

I started things off with an early morning trip to the Odaiba Marine Park for triathlon and continued that first day with a trip to the historic Nippon Budokan for judo and finished the night at the swimming heats, where I saw Katie Ledecky dominate the field in the 1,500 meters, an event in which she would go on to win the gold medal.

My second day started with a bus ride to Tokyo Stadium, where I enjoyed four rugby matches, with the United States losing to South Africa in the final match of the morning. From there, I went back to the Tokyo Aquatics Center to see Dover native Jessica Parratto compete in the synchronized 10m platform diving competition. I was definitely glad I made that trip, as she came home with a silver medal. From there, I finished the day at the Yokohama Stadium where the US softball team came



game against Japan.

My third day found me out at the Sea Forest Waterway for rowing, where Wolfeboro's Hilary Gehman coached the US women's quad scull team and Gevvie Stone, a longtime counselor and instructor at Camp Onaway on Newfound Lake, was competing in the women's double sculls. A trip to the Tokyo International Forum was next up to see a little weightlifting. This was one of the most confusing venues to get in and out of, but the building itself was pretty cool. Day three finished with the 3X3 basketball finals, where the US women won gold at Aomi Urban Sports Park.

The next day started with a trip to Shiokaze Park for beach volleyball, however, while I was there, I realized I had left my phone charger back at the hotel, so I had to scrap plans for my second event of the day and kill a few hours by going back to the hotel. I finished out the day with a trip to the Ariake Arena where the US women's volleyball team survived a strong fight from Turkey.

On Friday, I was at

eted Kingswood Men's Invitational Trophy and other prizes.

Saturday was nearly perfect golf weather with three rounds of matches completed. Sunday's weather proved to be a bit of a challenge, with the two rounds final rounds completely with intermittent showers. The skies cleared as the six flight winners contested the final phase of the completion (The Race for The Cup) and the right to hoist the championship trophy. The 2021 Men's Invitational was ultimately won with astonishing consecutive birdies by Kingswood member Jeremy Fuller and his guest Joshua Parison (Wentworth by the Sea). Runners up were Mark Manning and his guest Walker Kimball (Ekwarnok Country Club, Vt.).

Kingswood would like to acknowledge the entire staff for working so diligently to create this premier golf event: especially Kingswood PGA Head Golf Professional Kristy Gleason; Head Grounds Superintendent Alex Graigie; and the Full Belli Bar and Grill and Doug Lamparter.

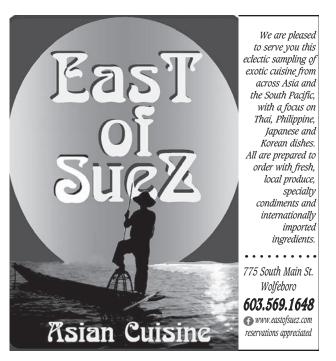
It has been a challenging year for businesses, but the success of this event was made possible through the generosity of community sponsors: Edward Jones Investments, Walsh Landscaping, F.L. Putnam, Dow Realty Group, Full Belli

JEREMY FULLER (right) and guest Joshua Parison won the Kingswood Men's Invitational on July 24 and 25.

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### Schilb shines in Czech Republic's loss to Team USA

#### BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

SAITAMA, Japan — Brewster Academy graduate Blake Schilb did everything in his power to keep his team in the game against the United States men's basketball team on Saturday, July 31.

However, after a great start, the Czech Republic couldn't keep up with the Americans and Team USA got the 119-84 win at Saitama Super Arena.

Schilb was hot from the start, as he drilled the game's first hoop and hit a three-pointer as the Czech team got out to the 9-2 lead out of the gate. Schilb scored 11 points in the first quarter and the Czechs had a 25-18 lead after one quarter of play.

However, Kevin Durant's three-pointer at 6:19 of the second quarter moved him into first on the team's all-time Olympic scoring list and gave the U.S. its first lead of the game at 34-33. He followed it up with another pull-up triple to extend the lead to four. The U.S. wouldn't trail again and headed into halftime up 47-43.

The Americans maintained their high defensive intensity in the third quarter and found their three-point stroke. The Czechs kept it close early in the third before a 10-2 U.S. run pushed the lead to 11 midway through the quarter.

Durant scored seven of his 10 third-quarter points, including a three as the quarter ended, in the final five minutes to help the U.S. build an 82-60 advantage heading into the fourth. Jayson Tatum's red-hot shooting kept the game out of reach. The Celtic star scored 21 of his gamehigh 27 points in the second half.

Schilb was the leading scorer for the Czech Republic, as he poured

in 17 points, 14 of which came in the first half. Fifteen of those points came on three-pointers, as he drained five from beyond the arc.

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### New Hampshire's Parratto makes US diving history

Dover native part of synchronized 10m duo that wins silver

#### BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

TOKYO, Japan — It's not how you start, it's how you finish.

Jessica Parratto and Delaney Schnell proved that is indeed the case on Tuesday, July 27, at the Tokyo Aquatics Center.

The American duo sat in seventh place (out of eight teams) after their first dive in the women's synchronized 10m platform finals. The women dug down, moved up to sixth after their second dive, then moved to fourth after the third dive then moved into silver medal position after their fourth dive.

Parratto, who grew up in Dover, and Schnell saved their best for last, putting up a 78.72 in their final dive of the afternoon to hold off a charging Mexican duo and capture the silver medal, the first medal of any kind for the United States in synchronized 10m platform diving. China took the gold medal. It marked the first medal for the United States women in the event since it made its Olympic debut.

"I honestly will say I have never woken up for a meet feeling so calm and ready to go," Parratto said. "I didn't even wake up having the nerves until kind of the nervousness happened right before we started competing but that was a good sign honestly to me knowing that I felt as confident as I did that we knew we could hit our dives.

"I feel like this event is always so close," she added. "There's always that team almost fighting to get a bronze so that was kind of what my mindset was, but to come away with a silver is just mind-blowing honestly and it just goes to show that if you stay focused and confident, any-

thing can happen. I just couldn't be more pleased with today."

With their first dive, Parratto and Schnell got 45 points but moved up to 46.8 points with their second dive. They took a big leap forward to 70.2 points on the third dive, then scored 70.08 on the fourth dive and finished things out with the big score of 78.72.

"I'm not a scoreboard watcher, but I knew that we were a little behind after the vols [voluntary dives], but I almost feel like that's what kind of lit my fire under me," Parratto said of being behind after the first two dives. "I knew that we could do really good optionals, so I wasn't concerned about it, and I think I just tried to keep going dive-by-dive not letting anything affect me that was in the past and I honestly feel like that is what propelled us forward.'

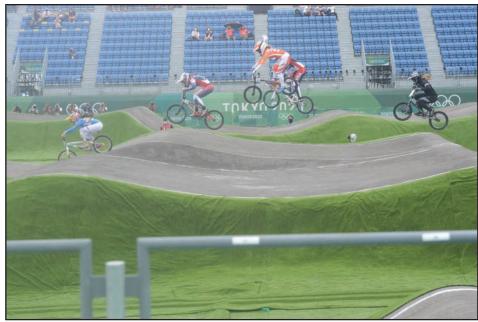
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THE AMERICAN FLAG is raised in the silver medal spot for Dover's Jessica Parratto and Delaney Schnell after their performance in the synchronized 10m platform diving event in Tokyo last week.

The road to Tokyo was actually a fairly short one for Parratto and Schnell. Parratto, who also competed in the Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016 and Schnell only decided to dive together a few weeks before the Olympic trials and earned their spot in Tokyo after training together for just two weeks.

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### One day, two unique sports





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CHECKED OUT the BMX racing course at Ariake Urban Sports Park in Tokyo on Friday.

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TOKYO, Japan — Getting to experience unique sports is part of the fun of the Olympics and Friday, July 30, was a day to get in a couple of sports that we don't get to experience every day.

The day kicked off with a morning trip to the Ariake Urban Sports Park, where the BMX races were taking place. The Tokyo weather had other ideas, as Mother Nature brought in some rain and the start was delayed by 45 minutes.

Having watched BMX racing in previous Summer Olympics, I knew what to expect, but I walked away having a greater appreciation for the sport, as it was a ton of fun to watch the cyclists powering themselves over the bumps and dips and ripping through the turns. The races were marred by a couple of hard crashes by American riders, including one that sent the defending Olympic champion, Connor Fields, to the hospital. One of the main reasons for checking out BMX was the fact that Dr. Tamara Lovelace of Alton is on the medical staff for the US Cycling Team and was there to take care of the athletes. As it turned out, she had a pretty busy day, as she was pressed into duty by a couple of the crashes. including the Fields crash. Dr. Lovelace, who owns Seacoast Spine and Sports Injury Clinic, serves as a team doctor for the Kingswood and Prospect Mountain programs.

From there, after a

THE KASAI CANOE SLALOM COURSE provided the action on Friday afternoon.

couple of bus rides, I arrived at the Kasai Canoe Slalom Center to watch the whitewater action. This is a sport that always has intrigued me and it was a lot of fun to see the paddlers making their way through the course.

There was also a bit of local interest in this event. A few months back, I went and did a story on the new whitewater park being constructed on the Winnipesaukee River in Franklin. This ambitious project is sure to be a boon to the local econo-

my and takes advantage of the great natural water source that the river provides. However, I found out during that interview that the plans for this started back when Boston was looking at hosting the Olympics and they would need a whitewater facility.

The facility in Tokyo is nothing like what Franklin will have in one way, since it is entirely man-made. It is a beautiful facility, but it is tucked away next to an industrial area and seems a bit out of place. However, it was blazing hot. Part of the problem was that this was the first day since I've been in Japan that all the events that I covered were outside (I finished the day at US-Israel baseball). No doubt it was a long day in the heat, but a chance to check out two unique sports is always appreciated.

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Owl's Nest to bost Special Olympics Cup Golf Tournament

THORNTON — After training and remaining active on their own during the nearly 16 months of COVID-necessitated isolation, more than 3,000 Special Olympics athletes in New Hampshire are now returning to in-person training. Returning more than 65 local programs across the state to in-person activities is a massive effort being undertaken by the thousands of volunteers who are the true engine of SONH.

In support of these efforts, the Special Olympics New Hampshire Board of Directors is proud to announce the first-ever Special Olympics Cup Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at the Owl's Nest Resort and Golf Club in Thornton. Funds from the event will assist the programs of SONH as in-person training and competitions come roaring back to life statewide.

Presenting sponsors for the event include Eversource, Maverick Corporation/One Source Power and Quanta Services.

"Special Olympics New Hampshire exemplifies the power of inclusion in the Granite State," said Eversource NH President Joe Pur-

ington. "We're always proud at Eversource to partner with Special Olympics New Hampshire in support of their critical work transforming the lives of countless children and adults."

SONH board member and Chair of the Development Committee Wayne Griffin notes "This event wouldn't be possible without the dedication of staff, volunteers and sponsors who have enthusiastically stepped up."

"It's a true honor for Maverick and One Source Power to support Special Olympics New Hampshire and turn dreams into realities for SONH athletes" according to Michael McNally, CEO, President and Founder of Maverick Corporation.

"We are thrilled with all the interest in the first annual Special Olympics Cup," said SONH VP of Development Carol Cray. "This event's success will support our athletes who are finally returning to activity" she continued.

Jim Tighe is a VP of Business Development with Quanta Services. He commented "Quanta Services would like to thank Eversource and SONH for their leadership on establishing this event which will greatly

benefit the athletes of Special Olympics New Hampshire as they reach towards their dreams."

The event is an 18hole four-person scramble with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. As the tourney name implies, there is a trophy cup for the winning foursome. One for each member of the winning team as well as a larger version for display in the winners' place of business.

In addition to the golf tournament, there will also be a cornhole tournament that is open to the public. Cornhole competition will feature 48 pairs of players and runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration is just \$25 per person and includes lunch. There will be cash prizes for cornhole tournament winners.

Cornhole registration available at https://tinyurl.com/k65sz69u.

More information about Special Olympics New Hampshire is available at www. SONH.org. More information about the Owl's Nest Resort is at www.OwlsNestResort. com. Details about New Hampshire's only Nicklaus-designed golf course can be found there.

### **Olympian shares her love for Camp Onaway** Gevvie Stone wraps up Tokyo Games with fifth place finish

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor TOKYO, Japan Gevvie Stone may have grown up in Massachusetts, but Newfound Lake has a special spot in her heart and even after a week of hard-fought action in the Tokyo heat at the Summer Olympics, Stone gushed about her time in the Newfound area.

A three-time Olympian, Stone raced in Tokyo in the women's double sculls with rowing partner Kristina Wagner. They kicked off their Olympics with a second place finish in their heat the morning of the Opening Ceremonies on July 23, finishing in 6:55.65. That moved them into the semifinals two days later and they finished in third place with a time of 7:11.14 to advance to the finals, which took place on Wednesday, July 28, at Sea Forest Waterway in Tokyo. Stone and Wagner raced their way to fifth place overall with their best time of the Olympics, finishing in 6:52.98. Romania won the gold medal in 6:41.03, New Zealand was second in 6:44.82 and Netherlands took bronze in 6:45.73.

Romania blasted off of the start and took command of the race early.

The Romanian crew built more than a 3.5-second advantage at the midway point and held that margin the rest of the way down the course, leaving the rest of the crews to fight for the silver and bronze medals. The U.S. sat about a length off a medal position through the first half of the race but could never cut into the deficit.

"We raced hard," Stone said. "It was the Olympic final, and we worked hard in the semi to put ourselves there. The goal was to go out and have a great race in the hopes that that would put us on the podium. We attacked it from the first stroke. We didn't give them a head start today, and I really think we fought every stroke. Lithuania and the Dutch took off with 500 to go and we tried to go with them."

And while Stone was preparing to finish up her time in Tokyo (athletes are required to leave Japan as soon as their last event is finished, a COVID protocol measure), she took some time to talk about the time she spent at Camp Onaway on Newfound Lake.

She noted that for 11 summers starting in



Gevvie Stone (right) and partner Kristina Wagner compete in Tokyo last Wednesday morning.

1995, she spent time at Camp Onaway, starting as a camper for five years, spending one year as an OWLE, one year as an aide and three years as a counselor, most recently in 2009.

She now returns each summer she can for a few days to teach rowing in addition to sailing and swimming.

"Onaway, and Newfound Lake, is one of my happy places, one of the places I feel the most my-

self and the most content with who I am," she said. "I remember summer afternoons spent sailing after which my face hurt from smiling so much."

Stone also pointed out that while she teaches rowing and other water sports to campers now, there are lessons far more important than what the kids will learn about those sports.

"I return to teach the physical skill of rowing, but it's the character les-

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sons I learned at camp which are most valuable to me today," Stone stated. "As a camper, Onaway taught me to be myself, as crazy or as vulnerable or as strong as that may be.

"As a counselor, I relearned to treasure the small moments in life and to find a deep satisfaction in helping others," she added.

Even her bio on the US Rowing Team's web site touts her love for

camp. "Gevvie said she can go on talking for too long about ice cream, my dog, Echo, and my summer camp (the old-fashioned, all-girls kind)."

Needless to say, even Olympians have places that they feel right at home and Camp Onaway just might be that place for Gevvie Stone.

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### A morning of rugby is a learning experience

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TOKYO, Japan — One of the good things about the Olympics is getting to experience sports that I don't usually see.

On Tuesday, July 27, after plenty of bus



points, achieved when a player touches the ball ca. to the ground in the opposing team's end zone. Like in American football, after scoring five points with the try, the team can get two more points for a conversion. If a penalty is called, the other team gets a penalty kick chance, if the ball splits the uprights it is worth three points. A team can also get three points for drop kicking the ball through the uprights in open play. Rugby sevens was first introduced as an Olympic sport for the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with Fiji winning the first gold medal, followed by Great

Britain and South Afri-

Also notable on this particular day was that a robot brought the ball to the center line for the start of the game. I am sure that is not the case in normal rugby match-

drama plus an hourlong ride from the Main Transport Mall to Tokyo Stadium, I got to experience a number of rugby sevens men's matches. Four to be exact.

I got there just as Argentina and Korea were getting under way and then saw Australia and New Zealand, Kenya and Ireland and the United States and South Africa.

From the start, the best I could tell was it has some elements of our American football, in that players carry the ball toward the end of the field and the other team tries to bring them down. And at some point, they also kick the ball through a set of uprights.

Off to the interwebs I went to learn a little bit more about rugby and as I did, the first game came to a close. As it turns out, rubgy sevens are quick games, with just seven-minute halves, so with a short halftime break, the game is over in about 20 minutes. Rugby sevens (as opposed to the normal 15 players) began as a way to make sure that tournaments could be held in a day or a weekend and it made it especially convenient

TOKYO STADIUM provided the backdrop for rugby sevens at the Tokyo Olympics.

for a reporter who had a few other things to cover and numerous bus rides in between.

Strangely enough, in rugby sevens, there are seven players on each team on the field at one time, three forwards and four backs. Each team also has five subs for a total of 12 players. The scrums are made up of three players from each team, with three forwards bound into the scrum, a scrum-half waiting to retrieve the ball once it exits the scrum, and three backs positioned to receive a pass.

In open play, a typical defensive formation involves a line of six defenders, with one sweeper behind the line. With the attacking team using all seven players against the defending team's six in the line, the attacking team often attempts to move the ball to create an overload. The defensive line can be put under pressure if the defending team makes a tackle and commits players to the ruck; with fewer players in the defending line, it leaves more space for the attacking team to exploit.

Unlike the American football game, throwing the ball forward in rugby is not allowed, the ball can only be moved forward by someone carrying it or kicking it. Also unlike football, if a player is brought down, the play is not over.

As for the scoring, a score is called a try and each one is worth five



LACONIA — The Wolves are pleased to announce the return of Patrick's Pub and Eatery in Gilford as the official Game Day Promotional Sponsor for the 2021-22 season. Patrick's was the sponsor in the 2019-20 season, prior to the pandemic limiting viewing capacity for the Wolves Jr home games. As Game Day Promotional sponsor, Patrick's Gift Cards will be raffled off through drawings, contests, promotions and more, at each of the Wolves home EHL & EHL Premier games.

"Patrick's Pub and its owner Allan Beetle, do a tremendous job of supporting local events and businesses here in the Lakes Region. This promotion was a lot of fun and created a buzz in the building during the 2019-20 season." said Wolves General Manager Andrew Trimble. "We are really looking forward to having this promotion again in Laconia and making our Game Day's the best in the Eastern Hockey League."

"We're delighted to support the NE Wolves hockey program and we hope to add a little extra fun to these exciting hockey games." commented Patricks Pub Owner, Allan Beetle

Make sure to follow the Wolves on Social Media, and come out to the Wolves Junior Games all season long. Great opportunity to see future college stars in action, and support local business!

The Wolves Game Schedule is available on the EHL website and also their own Web site- www.ne-wolveshockey.com.



Many thanks to Wikipedia for some of the information contained here. And many thanks to the eight teams I saw for an enjoyable morning of Olympic action.

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# US offense comes up short in softball gold medal game

#### **BY JOSHUA SPAULDING** Sports Editor

YOKOHAMA, Japan — The dark clouds that gathered over Yokohama Stadium prior to game time seemed destined to dampen the spirits of somebody in the Olympic gold medal softball game on Tuesday, July 27.

While those clouds never materialized as rain, it was the spirits of the United States women that ended up damp, as the US struggled to gain any traction on offense and Japan took advantage, playing small ball and getting great defense and pitching on the way to a 2-0 win to take the Olympic championship.

"The disappointment is only from the end result. it's not from the whole tournament. it's not from the whole game," said pitcher Cat Osterman, who pitched into the third inning and didn't allow a single run.







YOKOHAMA STADIUM played host to the softball gold medal game on July 27.

"Obviously, we're a little bit disappointed," said Osterman. "You get to the gold medal game and you have your eye that prize, and to not accomplish that – it luck, but at the same

stings."

"Our team had tremendous effort tonight," said head coach Ken Eriksen. "It wasn't our day. We had some bad

time I think you have to credit Team Japan for playing a really good game of softball."

By virtue of beating Japan the previous day, the US women were the



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home team and Osterman worked around a leadoff hit. Japan followed with a couple of sacrifices, but shortstop Delaney Spaulding made a strong play on a slow grounder to get the US out of the inning.

Janie Reed had a oneout triple in the bottom of the first inning and tried to race home when Amanda Chidester reached on a dropped third strike, but Reed was cut down at the plate. Chidester moved around the bases on wild pitches but was stranded at third.

Japan threatened again in the top of the second inning with a one-out double. However, right fielder Michelle Moultrie raced to the fence and hauled in a long drive by Japan to end the inning. Spaulding worked a walk in the bottom of the inning, but Japan turned a double play to get out of the inning. After Osterman walked a runner to start the top of the third, Eriksen made the move to Ally Carda in the pitching circle and she got out of the inning with nobody crossing the plate. The United States went quietly in the bottom of the inning and Japan got on the board in the top of the fourth. After a leadoff base hit, a pair of sacrifice grounders moved the runners up and an infield hit plated the first run of the game.

Carda got a strikeout to end the inning, but Japan had all the runs they would need.

The United States went quietly again in the bottom of the fourth and Japan added a little insurance in the top of the fifth inning. After Carda gave up a twoout base hit, Eriksen brought Monica Abbott in to pitch and a base hit drove in the second run of the game.

Ali Aguilar led off the bottom of the fifth inning with a walk and one out later she was moved up to second, but she was stranded there. Japan got a base hit and a sacrifice in the top of the sixth inning, but Abbott kept them from plating a run.

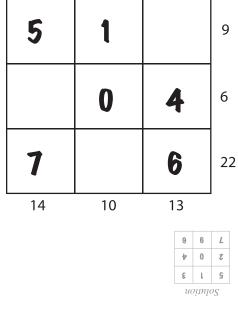
In the bottom of the sixth, the US had a great chance, as Moultrie singled to left to start the inning. One out later, Reed singled up the middle to move Moultrie to second and Chidester stepped to the plate and ripped a shot that appeared destined for left field. The rocket deflected off the glove of Japan's third baseman and right into the glove of the shortstop, who quickly fired to second to turn the 5-6-4 double play, ending the best threat for the United States.

Japan got a leadoff base hit in the top of the seventh but the US had its own defensive play of the game two outs later when a shot appeared headed over the fence in left field that would've doubled the lead. However, Reed made a leaping catch, hauling the ball back in from the other side of the fence and keeping the lead at 2-0.

The US, however

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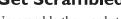
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went down in order in the bottom of the seventh and Japan had the 2-0 win and the gold medal in softball's first turn at the Olympics for the first time since 2008, when Japan also beat the United States in the gold medal game in Beijing.

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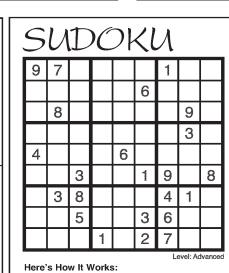
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### **Alton Dance Academy** to hold registration Aug. 15

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy will hold registration at our location (7 School St.) for our 16th year in business on Aug. 15.

ADA offers dance lessons in disciplines for ages three to 18, as well as adult fitness classes. Classes range from ballet to tap and hip hop to modern and so much more. In addition to dance classes, we also have our very own boutique with dance wear, shoes, hair bows and more. We pride ourselves on being able to provide what our dancers need, right here in town! Dance is a wonderful way to learn skills that will last a lifetime! More information is on our Web site at <u>www.altondanceacademy.com</u>. Times to register are 9 a.m.-noon. We look forward to another year of great dance in our wonderful community!

STRATEGIES (continued from Page A5)

man and influential exponent of the Christian faith. Second only to Jesus Christ, Saul, soon known as the Apostle Paul, more than any other set the theology and the direction of the Christian church. But conversion came at a terrible price. Fiercely persecuted from his earliest days as a Christian, he was stoned and left for dead on one occasion, beaten eight different times, spent several years in prison, and fi-

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his extensive knowledge of New Hampshire natural history lore.

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will provide information on invasive species.

For the first time, Kane will be on-hand as a presenter this year in the Heritage Apple Orchard. "I've been involved in conserving old and lost apple varieties for eight years now," he from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Attendees must pre-register online at https:// www.eventbrite.com/e/ woods-water-and-wildlife-festival-tickets-163215641377 for the morning or afternoon session. Arrival windows are 10 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m. Proof

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And his verdict on all

of this? "I will boast all

the more gladly about

my weaknesses, so that

Christ's power may rest

on me." Paul was proud

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the dramatic effect that

takes place in one's life

when Jesus Christ is

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Buddhism, or Hinduism

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It is difficult for most

to be a Christian.

In order to follow Covid safety guidelines, there will be no food or drinks for sale; a picnic area is available, however. as are water stations for refillable water bottles.

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> ence any semblance of a spiritual transformation. Christianity, however, affects a dramatic change, not only in what one believes but also in fundamental qualities of integrity, character, and disposition. I am not over-dramatizing this: the greatest "miracle" I have ever seen has been the change of life that has come to those who have welcomed Jesus as the Lord of their life.

For more thoughts like these, follow me at indefenseoftruth.net.

### HIGHLIGHT

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Q: Tell us about your business?

A: Dockside is a yearround steak and seafood restaurant. We are passionate about food and friendships. Our goal is to be upscale but not uppity. We created an eating establishment that is elegant, yet casual and comfortable where you can come after work for a burger and beer, or get dressed up a bit and have your next date night with us. Dockside is a place where you're

those local Rhode Island dishes that I was making at home to the Lakes Region. The concept of Dockside was to create a casual fun atmosphere that also offered fare you typically couldn't find in the area.

Q: What has your relationship with the Alton Business Association done for you or your business?

A: The ABA has been very supportive of us getting the restaurant open as well as promoting us to the community. They are constantly coming up with ways to not just promote a business but Alton in general as a destination spot in the Lakes Region.

ness. I felt we could add to that and give Lake tourists another reason to come to Alton from the surrounding regions.

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: Having a strong team that has worked hard to manage Dockside throughout the pandemic and contributed, along with the other Alton eateries, to making Alton a destination spot in the Lakes region.

Q: What does the for you future hold and your business?

### (continued from Page A1) paddles hand-crafted by Lee Prescott will be on display and landscaper Jon Batson will share

of a ticket is required.

underwriters D.F. Richard Energy, the Siemon Company, and Branch Hill Farm/Carl Siemon Family Charitable Trust.

For his part, David Richard of D. F. Richard Energy said the company has been involved with MMRG for several years for a specific reason.

"We see the importance of land preservation and the education of individuals to ensure all of this will continue in the future. It makes perfect sense to be a part of the Festival, as we strive to be good stewards of all of the communities we serve." Richard has been an attendee as well as a volunteer at the Festival. "It is well run," he said, "and has an amazing mission of educating the present and future generations so we will not lose these great lands to continued development."

likely to run into old friends and make new ones at the same time.

Q: Tell us about yourself:

A: I'm originally from Rhode Island, and have lived in New Hampshire now for over 30 years. Dockside is my first foray into the restaurant business. I'm a 30-year marketing executive by background and I am founder and owner of a software company based out of Massachusetts. The company makes software for printed circuit board manufacturing. So naturally opening a restaurant was the next logical step.

Q: How did your business get started?

A: I love cooking and I wanted to bring some of

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: We had the misfortune to launch Dockside just a couple of months before the Covid-19 lockdown. One of the things that struck me most was how the community rallied around local Alton businesses and made it a point to support us as well as the other establishments in the area during that very difficult time.

Q: Why did you want to open your business in this community?

A: Alton has a great summer tourism busi-

A: Hopefully a return to normalcy (laughs).

Q: What is one piece of advice you wish you had as a new business owner?

A: While every business owner has their vision for what they want their business to be, it's important to also temper that with your market audience and be willing to change and adapt to their needs.

Q: How can people who want to learn more about you or your business get in touch with you?

A: You can reach us via email at info@docksidenh.com or visit our Web site, www.docksidenh.com.

explained.

That passion led him to the establishment of the four-acre preservation orchard at the farm. "The orchard features rare, antique, and apple/ pear varieties."

There is also a new tree identification station and a visit with sheep.

The Native Fish Coalition, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation, preservation, and restoration of wild native fish, is new to the Festival this year, as well.

On top of everything else, live music will be provided by the Moose Mountaineers Band.

The Festival runs

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 per family for non-members, and are free for MMRG mem-Restrooms and bers. most events are wheelchair accessible. Visit branchhillfarm.org for directions and more information.

All Festival proceeds and business sponsorships go toward MMRG's non-profit land conservation and educational outreach mission.

Eldredge said MMRG is grateful to its festival

Plus, it's a full day of pure, unadulterated fun.

"Our thanks is also due to our many volunteers, committee members, sponsors, and the communities for their support of the WWW Festival," Eldredge said. "They have all made it possible."



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