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Treadwell presented Elwin Stillings Vocational Award



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RYAN TREADWELL has received the Elwin Stillings Vocational Award for 2021.

OSSIPEE — The Elwin Stillings Vocational Award board members have announced that the recipient of this award for 2021 is Ryan Treadwell of Barnstead. Treadwell’s interest is in the electrical field. This award is presented each year to a student, chosen by the faculty of Lakes Region Technology, that is entering the building trades. Treadwell has

received high quality tools with an approximate value of \$2,000 for his chosen trade. The board thanks Home Depot in Londonderry for partnering with the non-profit for the purchase of these tools. This award is in memory of Elwin Stillings, who died in 2007 from kidney cancer. Elwin was a self-employed carpenter, handyman and snow re-

moval contractor who loved working near his home in Ossipee. After his death, his friends established this annual award in his memory. The board also extends its thanks to Lakes Regional Technology Center and Construction Trades Instructor Tyler Reed for supporting this award.

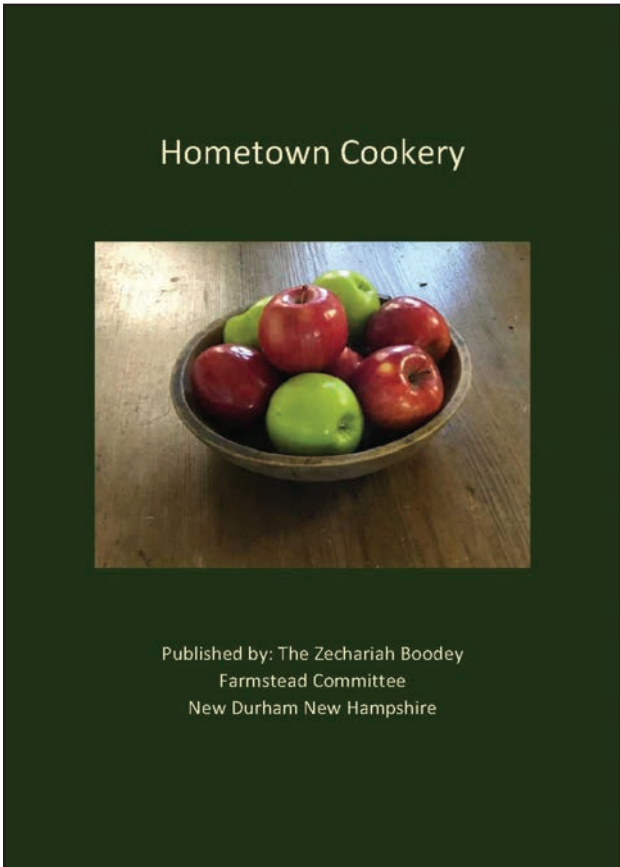
Boodey Farmstead Committee offers sneak peak of cookbook cover

NEW DURHAM — The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee is thrilled to share a sneak peek at the cover design for the cookbook. The cookbook’s title “Hometown Cookery” exemplifies the communities’ “hometown” spirit. This cookbook will be a collection of new as well as tried and true recipes from some of the area’s best cooks.

The deadline for accepting recipes has been extended to July 30. They realize it has been a busy time with special celebration and holiday events and activities.

They are looking for goodies in all categories: appetizers, soups, mains, breads, vegetables, desserts and beverages. They would also like to include some old tried and true recipes used in years past for keeping a household going; soap making, whitening the wash, pest control, herbal remedies, and natural dyes, etc.

The committee is grateful for the wonderful variety of recipes received. Please keep them coming. They are requesting that all recipes be submitted on the Recipe Collection Sheet, provided by the publisher, which includes instructions for writing your recipe(s). These forms are available at New Durham Library or forms can be requested from committee members Crissa Evans, chevansme@gmail.com or P.O. Box 47, New Durham, NH, 03855 or Sherry Cullimore, Waquoit32@yahoo.com or P.O. Box 408, New Durham, NH, 03855.



They hope you will enjoy entering your favorite recipes and join in this community venture.

The committee is working on the restoration and reconstruction of the colonial era home, located in and for the town of New Durham. Zechariah Boodey was an early settler in town and his home was the birthplace of the Free Will Baptist Church. The house was originally constructed in 1769 and is a timber frame colonial style cape that was gifted to New Durham by the Boodey family in 2006. The reconstruction of the English style barn, a gift to the town in 2019 will complete the picture of the Boodey farmstead. Such a barn was part of the original Boodey homestead.

The Farmstead will afford space for demonstrations, i.e., herb gar-

dening, weaving, cider making, cooking over fire, maple sugaring, etc. This property is important to the local community and national history for two reasons. The first is for its architectural features and, secondly, it is the birthplace of the worldwide Free Will Baptist faith movement. Once reconstructed, the buildings will be used as a house museum for educational opportunities and a function hall for meetings and conferences. To sustain the farmstead, rental opportunities by private, public and civic groups for their events and activities will be available. For more information about this project, please visit www.newdurhamnh.us/boodey-farmstead-committee or follow them on Facebook at Zechariah Boodey Farmstead or call Catherine Orlowicz at 859-4643.

Hassan visits Bank of NH Pavilion as shows come back



ERIN PLUMMER

Sen. Maggie Hassan gets a tour of the backstage area at Bank of NH Pavilion from R.J. and Bridget Harding, getting a look at the restaurant and snack bar for performers.

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — Bands are booking again, crews are back to work, and excited fans are back in the seats at Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion after a difficult down year due to the pandemic. US Sen. Maggie Hassan recently took a tour of the pavilion and talked about different ways she is working to help businesses like theirs.

Sen. Hassan paid a visit to Bank of NH Pavilion on Thursday, getting a guided tour from Bank of NH Pavilion general manager R.J. Harding, “Queen of All Things Awesome” Bridget Harding, and other

representatives. After the tour, Hassan and pavilion leadership took seats at a roundtable on-stage and talked about the challenges the venue has faced in the past year and options for getting some federal help.

R.J. Harding said when the pandemic started, they initially thought it would be a three to six-week down period to “flatten the curve.”

“As a few months unfolded we realized that that was we were in for a much longer haul,” Harding said. “Basically our entire industry just stopped for the entirety of 2020.”

He said while statistics showed 95 percent

of the industry was canceled, it meant 95 percent of their revenue was canceled.

Harding said the venue had been run independently for a long time, though in 2018 they created a partnership with the worldwide entertainment company Live Nation. Because of their partnership with Live Nation, they were ineligible for many forms of federal funding, including Paycheck Protection Program funding, because the company had too many employees to qualify.

Hassan said Bank of NH Pavilion and many

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Downing’s Landing boat ramp closing for repairs July 22

ALTON — To better serve the residents and visitors of New Hampshire, the Downing’s Landing public boat access facility in Alton will be closed to all public access starting on Thursday, July 22. During the closure, significant improvements will be made by the department to the parking lot, shorebank protection and stormwater management structures. This season’s closure is expected to last until late October and will curtail all access to the lake associated with the facility.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department purchased the former private marina at the southern tip of Alton Bay in November of 2012, creating the first public boat access facility on Lake Winni-

pesaukee. From July 22 and until further notice, the entire facility will be closed to the public to ensure a safe and effective work site. The ramp will be closed and there will be no opportunity to launch or retrieve motorized boats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, or other self-propelled watercraft during this time period. The parking area for the ramp will be closed to the public as well, and there will be no fishing from the shore.

Please check project status updates by visiting the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department’s Statewide Public Boat Access Program’s webpage at www.fishnh.com/access/index.html.

NH Fish and Game’s Statewide Public Boat Access Program is funded through boat registra-

tion fees, which are combined as match dollars with federal Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration funds to facilitate boat access opportunities in the state. Fish and Game’s Facilities Construction and Lands Division acquires land for public water access sites, refurbishes existing sites, and builds new public boat access areas.

The Town of Alton provides a free public boat launch in Alton Bay in Railroad Square Park on 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.

Arts and Crafts Festival at Brewster this weekend

WOLFEBORO — Don't miss the On The Green 1 Arts and Crafts Festival to be held once again at Brewster Academy July 9-11, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be more than 100 arts and crafts exhibitors with a chain

saw demonstration on Saturday by Buck Ridge. Don't miss his amazing talents. Some of the other exhibitors will include Bling Clothing, soy candles, cedar wood furniture, beautiful leather jewelry, silhouette wooden lake maps, personal care products, soft sculp-

ture dolls and animals, gourmet oils and vinegars, stained glass, kettle corn, amazing metal creations with nuts and bolts, laser engraving, home decor and signs,

Join in summer reading at Oscar Foss

BARNSTEAD — Oscar Foss Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales, has arrived at last and they have lots of fun activities for you. Here's a rundown of upcoming events.

Starting July 7 join Miss Jerissa at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday for Summer Reading at the Library. She'll regale you with ani-

a fun take-home craft to do. Miss Jerissa will also be at the Barnstead Farmers' Market on July 10, telling stories, blowing bubbles and doing a craft. On July 14, she will be holding Story Time at the town beach. Remember to bring a blanket or towel to sit on.

Also on July 7, the library will be having its Cats and Dogs Kick-Off party starting at 3 p.m.

animals, games and ice cream. This event is for babies/toddlers through fifth grade.

On July 4 p.m. they will be hosting the Teen Summer Kick-Off Party. Grades 6-12 are invited to come make tie-dye crafts, 3D printer crafts, summer reading t-shirts, and to sign up to volunteer for community service. You're also welcome to just come hang out. Light refreshments will be served.

On July 1 at 6 p.m., Donald Allen Jr. from New Hampshire's Fish and Wildlife Stewards Program will be giving a presentation on understanding bobcats in New Hampshire. Please call 269-3900 or e-mail Kristina@oscarfoss.org to register.



COURTESY (Right) ON THE GREEN 1 Arts and Crafts Festival will be this weekend in Wolfeboro.

cribbage boards, pottery, handsome leather items - belts/pocketbooks, quilt raffle, fabric creations, NH maple syrups, beautiful wooden spoons and

ladles, hats/tee shirts, fine art paintings, doggie apparel, and lots more. Music, food, free admission and free parking are all featured and the

event will be held rain or shine, with friendly leashed dogs welcome. For more info, call Joyce at 387-1510.

Gilman Library summer reading program returns

ALTON — The Gilman Library is pleased to announce that this year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Tails and Tales." Celebrate summer reading with friends and family by reading together. Don't forget to include your fuzzy buddy friends or family members with tails. This program is sponsored in part by The Friends of the Gilman Library, The NH State Library and the Alton Centennial Rotary Club.

Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate. Fill out your reading log starting Tuesday, July 6, and ending Saturday, Aug. 14. Earn one raffle ticket for every hour you spend reading. Report your reading weekly or as often as you like. Bring in a stuffed animal or a picture of your fuzzy buddy and get an extra raffle ticket to go toward the great prizes.

Winners will be drawn at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17. Submit your reading log (one per person) no later than Saturday, Aug 14, at 1 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Mark your calendars and join in as they celebrate summer reading at the library with two very special guests.

Simon Brooks / storyteller - Wednesday, July 21, at 6 p.m.

Wildlife Encounters - Wednesday, July 28, at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

This year's raffle prizes are centered around the theme, "Tails and Tales." Stop by or visit the library website and check out the prizes being awarded for a wonderful summer centered around reading with friends and family.

To be one of the lucky winners, simply participate in the raffle by reading as much as you can. Reading alone or together counts. Print and electronic format welcome.

Don't forget to check out the guessing games and the joke of the week for more chances to win.

For more information, call at 875-2550, shoot an email to gilmanlibrary@yahoo.com, or stop by during open hours, Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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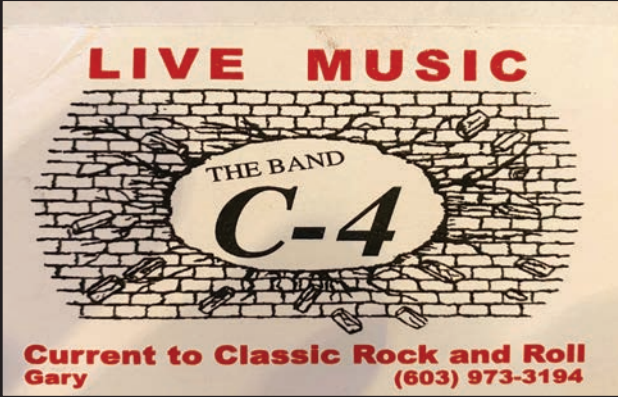
BARNSTEAD — Don't miss out on the fun as Locke Lake Colony will be holding a cruise night on July 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Colony Drive Beach in Barnstead.

The night will feature old cars, hot roads and classics, in addition to a few food vendors to ward off the hunger. Tiede's Smokehouse, Sausage

Express, JR's French Fries and Aunt Dot's caramel apples and popcorn will all be in attendance.

Additionally there will be music, as C-4 is back for another explosion at the beach.

Local residents are invited to come out and meet their neighbors and see some classic cars in Locke Lake Colony. There are plenty



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FOOD VENDORS, classic cars and music will all converge in Barnstead on Saturday.

Sunsetting foundations grants boost Lakes Region

REGION — The Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation has awarded \$600,000 in multi-year grants as it prepares to wind down its grantmaking program in the Lakes Region. Fifteen valedictory grantees were selected to receive an annual grant from the Foundation for each of the next four years in recognition of their vital roles in the community.

"The valedictory grantees share the Pardoe Foundation's long-standing commitment to meeting the needs of Lakes Region residents and protecting the region's environment" said Charles H. Pardoe, President of the Foundation.

The foundation expects to announce additional wind-down

activities, including support for certain capital projects and partial funding for programming at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center, in 2022. A Master Plan for Prescott Farm was recently approved by the City of Laconia.

During the next four to five years, the foundation board will plan for the eventual sunset of the Pardoe Foundation. The foundation's grant application portal is now closed.

Over the past 25 years, the foundation has donated \$11 million in grants for education, human services, and land and resource management to Lakes Region organizations.

The Samuel P. Pardoe Foundation was established in 1989

under the will of Samuel Prescott Pardoe. The foundation moved its operations in 1997 from Washington, D.C. to Laconia, where it focused on supporting a variety of local charities, including Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center on White Oaks Road in Laconia.

Valedictory grants have been awarded to Audubon Society of New Hampshire, Belknap County Conservation District, Granite United Way,

Lake Winnepesaukee Association, Lakes Region Community Services, Lakes Region Conservation Trust, Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Lakes Region Planning Commission, New Beginnings, New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits, New Hampshire Catholic Charities, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Thompson-Ames Historical Society and Waypoint.

of picnic tables and all are welcome to enjoy the music, classic cars and food.

If you have a car that you are interested in showing at the cruise night, call Rick DeMars at 666-0455.

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Independence Day

One of our favorite holidays to write about is Independence Day. We all know the stories of our forefathers, John Adams, Sam Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton to name a few. However, the history is endless. We thought we would shine a light on aspects surrounding Independence Day that aren't commonly known.

The famous painting that depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence isn't exactly an accurate portrayal. All of the delegates were never together at the same time in Philadelphia. The final signing took place roughly a month later on Aug. 2. The Declaration was formally dated and adopted by Congress on July 4, however Congress voted for independence on July 2.

Celebrating their new independence, soldiers along with civilians tore down a statue of King George III and melted it into bullets. In Georgia, people burnt the King in effigy and even held a faux funeral service. In Philadelphia, the King's coat of arms was burned in a bonfire. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4th as a holiday in 1781.

In 1777, fireworks could be seen in the sky and the ringing of bells rang through the night in Philadelphia. Ships were decorated and lined the coast and streamers could be seen flying in celebration everywhere. The oldest annual parade takes place in Bristol, R.I. 2021 will be the town's 235th consecutive celebration, it's start in 1785.

In New England, dining on salmon became tradition. The story behind the popular cuisine, is due to the influx of salmon that summer. Along with the salmon, people had peas and turtle soup.

One common fact, is that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe also died on the fourth of July in 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

Left out of mainstream history was the story of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in the patriot cause. Attucks was a black/native American patriot who was shot, and the first to fall during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Attucks was a runaway slave who was a rope maker and sailor. History says he was shot by two musket balls to the chest. In 1778, it became legal in Rhode Island for free and enslaved blacks to serve the cause, with freedom as part of their payment.

Educated by her owners, Phillis Wheatley was a well-known poet during those times. Wheatley was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to America. At the age of 20, in 1773, she became the first African American and third female to publish a book of poetry. She eventually became free. She also advocated for independence, writing in support for George Washington's Revolutionary War in her poem, "To His Excellency, General Washington." Washington, impressed by her talent, invited her to a meeting.

In 1958, when Alaska and Hawaii were on deck to become states, a history teacher assigned his class to design a flag, depicting the two new states. Sixteen-year-old Robert Heft, received a B- on the project. Unhappy with the mark, Heft sent the flag to Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the flag was chosen, Heft had his grade changed to an A.

Another fun fact is that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration on what was referred to as a laptop. A writing desk that could fit over a person's lap.

In 1778, Washington ordered a double ration of rum for soldiers to celebrate with.

In 1776, there were roughly 2.5 million people living in America. The current population is now 325.7 million.



Back Bay Skippers

Participants in the Sasquatch Footy Regatta at Back Bay pose for a group photo at Back Bay in Wolfeboro. See more information on the next page.

COURTESY

STRATEGIES FOR LIVING

My story

BY LARRY SCOTT

Contributing Writer

[From, The Making of a Model, the book I have been writing for the last four years, now submitted for publication and slated to be available within the next three months].

As my father stepped from his second-floor office in our home one morning in 1949, he could scarcely believe what he was seeing on the floor 12 feet below. Lying face down, bleeding from the left ear, and unconscious, he saw what was left of me following a fall that came perilously close to ending my life.

The stairway that led to the ground floor of our home was sided by a winding, smooth banister that no self-respecting 10-year-old could ignore. The trick was to slide down the banister and reach the first floor in record time. This time I missed. How I survived I do not know but, surprisingly, my injuries were minimal. Despite a broken collarbone and reduced hearing in my left ear, I recovered completely within just a few months.

And now, the rest of the story.

My parents were missionaries, and, at the time of this inci-

dent, we were living in Cusco, Peru. A week or so later, my father received a letter from a lady in the United States he had, to the best of his knowledge, never met. "Could it be," she wrote, "that you had a particularly bad day on Wednesday? As I was working around my home, I felt a special burden to pray for you. I stopped what I was doing, prayed for you and your family until the burden lifted, and I write to let you know of my experience and ask how you and your family are doing."

My father wrote back, thanking her for

her faithfulness, and never heard from her again. But that was the very day our family was in desperate need of divine intervention.

Some will say that my experience was just a fortunate coincidence. It is amazing, however, how often such coincidences follow a request made to our Heavenly Father. God answers prayer. Our Father is a Master Strategist, and He has an uncanny way of controlling events whereby all the pieces fall into place at just the right time.

Skeptics may call it circumstantial; we call it God.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Scorpa

BY EDWIN TWASTE

Contributing Writer

When I was small, there were always these little cinnamon sugar bread things around. We would get them in cardboard boxes with red writing on them at the store, and I used to love them dunked in coffee. That would have been my first taste of coffee.

They were basically twice baked bread. I'm sure originally they came about as a way to not have to throw away moldy bread. If it were getting close to molding, if you dried the moisture out of it in the oven, it would no longer be susceptible to mold growth.

In a similar way they would make rye crisp. Their round loaves of rye if left too long would harden like bricks. So they'd slice them and roll the thin slices with a special rolling pin that imprinted it with a pattern of dimples, punch a hole in the middle and hang it on a pole from the ceiling. If you needed a snack all you needed to do was reach up and break off a hunk.

You can find these

in the stores today from many various brands in the cracker section. Crisp bread they call it. I have it stashed everywhere. It's dry so the mice that have been known to scavenge my vehicles don't seem to be attracted to it. Being GF, these rye crackers are great. Occasionally someone will offer me a sandwich, which I would have to refuse but for the fact that I have some gluten free bread in the car. Since it's already stale, it can't get any staler. They are preserved by drying. Just like spaghetti and noodles.

I used to by my favorite kinds by the case. They discontinued making my favorite Hearty Rye version and every now and then I discover an old piece in a car container and it's wonderful. I think I also have one more package hidden away too.

Teething biscuits are also dried bread. I'm sure that's what I had when I was in the process of cutting my teeth. Give me one of those sweet little scorpa and I'd grind away on it with my gums un-

til it disappeared down my stomach where it was also helping me get accustomed to "real" food.

So I have always loved these things. We used to dunk things in coffee at my house so I started using my mother's cup seeing as I used to sit next to her. It wasn't long before I had my own cup so she didn't have to deal with all my crumbs. All the dried breads softens up real well in coffee. Every morning growing up, I'd finish my breakfast with a cinnamon scorpa dunked in my cup of coffee. That's how I've come to know that my meal is over.

After leaving home, I'd go back and stock up with six or eight boxes when I could. Stash them away and eat one a day after breakfast. I like regularity. One day, the bakery shut down and I could no longer get them. I tried some from the other local Swedish bakery but they weren't the same. I had to get used to breakfast without scorpa.

Years went by. One day I had this idea. I took a piece of lite rye

hardtack, put some butter on it and sprinkled it with cinnamon and sugar and put it into the toaster oven. Out came a very cinamony sweet thing very similar to what I remembered scorpa to be. They were very touchy to make, often times igniting and such, until I switched to the microwave. Thirty seconds works perfect.

My life was once again blessed with my little cinnamon and sugar breakfast finale. Then one day something changed. It was a mystery. I would make them the same way every day. They'd be good for a while, then they'd be kind of blah. It was really strange.

What I finally discovered was, that I had a housemate who was into natural things and would buy salt free butter, and I'd buy salted. That was the difference I would discern from the color, when I needed to add salt, but it soon became the salted butter that tasted blah. So now I just salt it no matter what and they are always wonderful. I always liked salt.

North Country Notebook



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Who pays much attention to light? Landscape painters and photographers, for two, and of course those without any. This makes me think of the now-famous photo-montage of Earth at night, as seen from space. There were places with lots of lights glowing, and places with some, and some places with few or none. The northern two-thirds of New Hampshire and the greater parts of Maine and Vermont had few lights. Well, at least compared with the state's Southern Tier, or greater Boston.

Large parts of Africa and Central Asia were mostly dark. What must life be like? In some ways similar to ours a century or more ago.

I think we take light for granted, the way some of us do heat or air conditioning. The family that gets a load of tree-length or eight-foot wood, and cuts, splits and piles it, and then moves it into shed, cellar or barn in the fall, and then moves it again to stove or furnace, does not take heat for granted, I'd bet.

In a similar vein, people

accustomed to losing their power for a little while, or even a great while, don't seem to mind it much. This is partly because they know it'll come back on.

Then too, many people are not fazed by power outages and are well prepared to take up the slack. Out come the flashlights, candles, and lanterns.

As for water, some never give it a thought. I'll never forget going out for lunch one time with my aunt Cam and uncle Carl in Rumford, Maine. They lived on South Rumford Road, and didn't know all that much about the city (that would be Rumford).

Because the question had come up during the drive over, we asked our waitress where the water came from. "Right over there," she said, pointing to the kitchen sink.

How did people cope with heat before the age of air conditioning?

My grandfather White told about his days down on the family farm in Jonesport, Maine. During haying time, he said, the crew drank switchel. There are many recipes, but generally the ingredients are ginger, water, apple cider vinegar, and molasses. Rum seemed to be a mysterious addendum, especially for barn-raising.

From the summer kitchen, which was typically in the ell of the farmhouse, came a variety of cooling snacks, including cucumbers floating



THE SETTING sun cast a nice glow on a pile of three-foot furnace wood.

Before Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and rural electrification, many farms used blocks of ice for refrigeration. This could keep butter and cream and the like cool enough to take to town.

After electrification reached the countryside, the new often mingled

with the old. One of the tricks for keeping a room cool was to put a block of ice in a pan on a table, and set up an electric fan on the windowsill behind it.

Or, if your house was so situated, you could just catch the wind.

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Thank your lucky stars, I remind myself, to say that you can see the stars. If I turn the lights off and go out and look up, I can see a dark sky at night, and the Milky Way and the great beyond.

I'm mystified and enthralled by what I see. Shooting stars are a frequent treat. The nearest star, Proxima Centauri, is 4.24 light-years away.

How can the mind grasp endless stars in an endless sky, or comprehend how long ago the stars created the light, and how long it took to get here?

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

Back Bay Skippers host Sasquatch Footy Regatta

WOLFEBORO — Since 2008, the New Hampshire Boat Museum's Back Bay Skippers Model Yacht Club has delighted onlookers with races that feature radio-controlled model yachts on Wolfeboro's Back Bay.

"Model yachting is a great way for individuals and families to enjoy the water," said Martha Cummings, executive director of the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM), which helped form the group. "It is a fun, technical and engineering challenge to construct the boats, and they maneuver them with precision via radio controls."

In addition to racing

one another, NHBM Back Bay Skippers has taught model sail kit building classes to students and adults as part of NHBM's STEM curriculum.

"It is low impact and environmentally friendly way to enjoy New Hampshire's small lakes and ponds and provides a wonderful social network for the participants," added Cummings.

Recently, the NHBM Back Bay Skippers hosted an annual Sasquatch Footy Regatta at Back Bay in Wolfeboro after a yearlong hiatus. The Sasquatch Footy Regatta is part of the Nor'easter Footy Series that consists of several other regattas

in the New England Area.

"The event here in Wolfeboro was terrific with a great turnout," said Cummings.

The Sasquatch Footy Regatta also attracted individuals from American Model Yachting Association, (AMYA), which sanctions the Nor'easter Footy Series.

"The national Footy Secretary Brian Mau made the trek from Buffalo, N.Y., a nine-hour trip," explained Cummings, who said he unfortunately could not compete. "His boat did not cooperate, but he admitted to being a guy who saw the glass half full, so he made the most of a beautiful day with its accompanying camaraderie."

To learn more about model yachting, visit nhbm.org, or view model yachts in action on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m., at Bridge Falls Path in downtown Wolfeboro.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire's fresh waterways. NHBM is sponsored this year in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane and Oil, Meredith Village Savings Bank, FL Putnam, Stark Creative, Bank of New Hampshire, and NH Humanities.

Students honored at Kingswood Middle School

WOLFEBORO — The following students were recognized at the awards assembly on June 22 at Kingswood Regional Middle School. All School Award: Sierra Rose, Jenny Baldwin, Liliana Duque.

Sally Stewart Mathematics Award: Jiner Zhuang, Jaylin Loving, Riley Stevens. English Award: Jacob Brown, Will Dumont, Corey Chapman. Social Studies Award: Avery Gregory,

Kylie Ruths, Katherine Haley. Science Award: Spencer Clark, Sam Keniston, Edward Evans. Scholar Leader Award: Emily Brown, Oliver Kolodner, Addison Lawlor.

Perfect Attendance Award: Emily Brown, Jacob Brown, Edward Evans, Katherine Haley, Emma Pinard, Richard Piper, Felix Roberts, Sebastian Roberts, Jiner Zhuang.

Allard named to President's List at Siena College

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. — Samuel Allard was named to the Siena College President's List for the Spring 2021 Semester. Allard is from New Durham.

The President's List requires a 3.9 grade point average or higher.

Founded in 1937, Siena College is a private, Catholic Franciscan, residential, liberal arts college with a student body of about 3,000. Siena College offers 36 degree programs, 80+

minors and certificate programs, and professional curricula in teacher preparation/education, pre-medical, pre-law and social work. A student-to-faculty ratio of 11-to-1, average class size of 21, rigorous academics,

Division I athletics, intramural sports and widespread service and advocacy experiences nurture each student's personal growth while providing the education of a lifetime.

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b the New Durham Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 22, 2021 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the New Durham Town Hall for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning the acceptance and expenditure of unanticipated revenues from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 assistance for local government.

These funds are to be spent by the Town of New Durham for purposes consistent with the federal ARPA and the U.S. Treasury's Interim Final rule concerning Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

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Granite VNA names Christopher Allen, MD as Chief Medical Officer



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DR. CHRISTOPHER ALLEN has been named Chief Medical Officer for Granite VNA.

CONCORD — Granite VNA, formerly Concord Regional VNA and Central NH VNA and Hospice, has named Christopher Allen, MD, as its first Chief Medical Officer (CMO). In this new role, Dr. Allen will supervise the agency’s provider team, support strategic initiatives and operations, and will collaborate with Capital Region Palliative Care. He will also continue to practice at Epsom Family Medicine and to serve

in various roles at Concord Hospital. In addition to his practice, Dr. Allen, a board-certified family medicine physician, also serves as Medical Director of the Primary Care Department at Concord Hospital where he provides clinical supervision and support for multiple practices and participates in the direction, management, and planning of primary care operations for Concord Hospital Medical Group.

He is President-Elect of Concord Hospital Medical Staff and a board member with the New Hampshire Academy of Family Physicians. “We are pleased to welcome Dr. Allen as our first CMO,” said Beth Slepian, MBA, PT, President and CEO of Granite VNA. “His experience, as well as his already-established working relationship with our provider team, passion and energy, and knowledge of our patients will be a

tremendous asset.” Dr. Allen has served as a per diem physician for Granite VNA’s Hospice Program since 2014. As a per diem physician, he provided hospice care and served as acting Medical Director in the absence of the full-time Hospice Medical Director. Dr. Allen obtained his medical training in New Hampshire. He graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover and completed his

residency with the New Hampshire-Dartmouth Family Medicine Program in Concord. Dr. Allen graduated from The Dartmouth Institute in Lebanon with a Master of Public Health and completed his Leadership Preventive Medicine Residency in Lebanon and Concord. Dr. Allen assumes the Chief Medical Officer role at Granite VNA on Thursday, July 1.

Kingswood announces final honor roll of school year

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School is pleased to announce the following students have met the criteria for honor roll for the fourth marking period ending June 23. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 93 to 100 in all classes will receive Highest Honors recognition. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 84 to 92 or higher in all classes will receive Honors recognition.

Highest Honors
Grade 12: Ethan Anderson, Nia Ashby, Jacqueline Bonnevie, Grace Cardamone, Emily Carpenter, Rosemary Carpenter, Autumn Compagna, Nathan Compagna, Mercedes Covill, Carolyn Day, Robert Doherty, Allison Drew, Gannon Eldridge,

Joshua Fecteau, Joshua Finneron, Matthew Finneron, Elizabeth Fogg, Nia Garland, Jameson Gorski, David Hartley, Robert Henderson, Calvin Kinville, Owen Lehner, Jaden Loveless, Eliza Lucas, Kathryn Mann, Dylan McKay, Hailey McPherson, Paige Moore, Jacob Nelson, Christian Ritchey, Patrick Runnals, Cathryn Shannon, Oleg Sheahan, Alexa Smith, Justin Stirt, Cooper Welch, Makenzie Willett.

Grade 11: Louis Arinello, Jesse Avery, Juliet Bonnevie, Camden Colson, Karla Dureau, Ana Ekstrom, Emilia Galimberti, Marcus Hargy, Samuel Johnson, Emily Mahler, Erin Meyer, Carter Morrissey, Michael Palmer, Emma Scott, Alysa Stanley,

Willow Tibbetts.

Grade 10: Mariah Aikens, Mark Avery, Aislyn Brown, Michelle Chiarkhup, Catie Clegg, Lirael Craycraft, Marcella DeNitto, Annelise Foss, Charlotte Gauthier, Skylar Hammes, Matthew Jacobs, Austin Johnson, Hailey Kelly, Hadley Larson, Malia Lavigne, Lauren MacPhee, David McWhirter, Tyler Olkkola, Ritu Patel, Peyton Seigars, Hannah Swenson, Tristan Tatjes, Aidan Thompson, Michael Wainwright, James Yarling.

Grade 9: Danika Chominski, Brady Clarke, William Crane, Aaron Desmond, Kerri Dureau, Isabella Garry, Elliott Giessler, Adrian-a Guldbrandsen, John Haley, Jackson Hall, Carley Johnson, David

Lehmann, Emily Matos, Cheyanne Morin, Joshua Nelson, Morgyn Stevens, Noah Swenson, Brooke Tasker.

Honors
Grade 12: William April, Andrew Cartier, Pete Chiarakhup, Landon Collins, Andrew Cray, Bailey Dexter, Keegan Donovan-Laviolette, Alyssa Dow, Kyle Eastman, Davis Ekstrom, Ryan Harrington, Kaleb Holmes, Trentin Huffman, Kate Juanillas, Kyle Juanillas, Daniel Keniston, Seanan Logan, Rebecca McConarty, Wesley Mills, Anabelle Nelson, Cannon Newbury, Aidan Ouellette, Irena Pettit, Aidan Phillips, Nicholas Potenza, Jaden Powers, Hayden Robischeau, David Sandoval, Bailey Savage, Brogan Shannon, Maggie Shaw, Cassidy Simpson, Taylor Smith, Dalton Tibbetts, Mark Standard, Candice Stirling, Miranda Swanick, Payden Swidrak, Drew Swinerton, Hannah Taylor, Brody Thomas, Alexis Turner.

Grade 11: Gabriel Arinello, Nicholas Aucoin,

Warren Blaney, Quinn Bouwens, Evelynnn Bunell, Jillian Caravella, Kaysie Currul, Tyler Desjardins, David Gamero, Hadden Gerber, Thomas Giessler, Abigail Kelly, Izabella Kemper, Gage Lamontagne, Colby Lindsay, Quinn Lucas, Steven Moore, Emma-Lee Newhouse, Emma Noble, Joshua Paraskos, Gregory Roark, Marissa Ross, Nolan Schultz, Isaac Sluss, Ethan Sullivan, Tyler Summers, Zachery Summers, Anna Tibbetts.

Grade 10: Lucas Alard, Angel Ames, Alexis Bartlett, Karli Bennett, Amelia Bickford, Gianna Borelli, Allison Brennon, Matthew Burch, Kirstin Chittenden, Emilee Currul, William Danais, Megan Dearborn, Craig Doherty, Amber Dolliver, Lillian Durette, Mary Foeder-mair, Abigail Fournier, Palmer Garry, Jacob Guarino, Tyler Hasty, Abigail Heald, Jonathan Hossack, Kate Jenkins, Leah King, Miriam Lambert, Natalie LoChiatto, Elora Logan, Ashley Long, Timothy Lucia,

Nathan McClain, Rian McNevech, Mason Mills, Deven Mugford, Tegan Perkins-Levasseur, Hannah Petit, Hannah Raifsnider, Dante Santerre, Michael Schwarz, Shaw Swinerton, Heav-en Thibeau, Julia Tremblay, Noah Turner, Nolan Urquhart, Christos Zavas.

Grade 9: Dominic Al-berto, Brayden Barba-risi, Brandon Bergeron, Hailey Bilodeau, Izabelle Brownell, Caitlyn Carroll, Derrick Casse, Gavin Copp, Jean-Claude Cote, Emily Dahl, Isabella Duran, Liam Fahey, Samuel Frazier, Ally Gerber, Addison Healey, Joel Ingle, Darcie Jackson, Keegan Kilkelly, Amelia Kilm-ister, Greyson Kreis, Charlotte Ling, Jaylynn Lizotte, Kallen Malone, Alexandros Morfopulos, Kiera Nason, Megan Ouellette, Norie Jo Perkins-Levasseur, Kolby Place, Emma Prentice, Keegan Quinn, Mariah Rideout, Brityn Roark, Vanessa Rogers, Noah Silva, Audrey Teves, Anaka Waldron.

Drolet inducted into Phi Kappa Phi at Plymouth State

PLYMOUTH — Michael Drolet Jr. of Barnstead was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Drolet was initiated at Plymouth State University. Drolet is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of

the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community

of scholars in service to others.” Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization’s notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. Each year, Phi Kappa Phi awards more than \$1 million to outstanding students and members through graduate and dissertation fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, funding for post-baccalaureate development, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information about Phi Kappa Phi, visit www.phikappaphi.org.

Senior Companion Program to resume community support

REGION — Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc. (CAPBMCI), the sponsor of the Senior Companion Program of New Hampshire, is excited to announce that Senior Companion Program volunteers have resumed community-based services. The mission of the Senior Companion Program and CAPBMCI is to provide the opportunity for meaningful relationships for senior companions and their visitees. Through the Senior Companion Program, talented, active individuals, age 55 and older

serve as volunteers providing companionship to homebound adults. The primary purpose of the Senior Companion Program is to help isolated seniors develop relationships which encourage independence and help improve the quality of their lives. This free, federally funded program is designed for older adults ages 55 and older who may be isolated due to physical or emotional ailments. “You came into our lives at the perfect moment. Not only did you bring sunshine and friendship into Grandma’s life, but you also shed it into my life. You have given such love and kindness to all of us. We have missed you terribly the past few months, and cannot wait to see you again.” The senior companion program is looking for caring, healthy and enthusiastic people to look in on some of the isolated elderly in our neighborhoods. If you are age 55, have a limited income, and can volunteer 10 hours weekly you might want to consider becoming that committed individual who will visit with two to five people in the community each week. In addition to the wonderful feeling you will get from helping

others, the program also provides a non-taxable stipend. The non-taxable stipend means money that cannot be weighed against subsidized housing, food stamps or other government subsidies. Other benefits of being a senior companion volunteer include mileage, training, personal days, secondary insurance coverage, and recognition. Cathy, program participant for over two years, happily exclaimed, “Without Pat (Senior Companion), I would have nobody. She is a good friend and I look forward to her visits each week.” Additionally, Senior Companions give family caregivers peace of mind, and a much-needed break. “He is a Godsend,” says Lorraine receiving respite for her husband. “Richard (Senior Companion) helps me in so many ways.” Lorraine’s husband has had a Senior Companion for over two years. She reports that visits allow her time to get things done, making family visits more enjoyable and less stressful. Becoming a Senior Companion is easy. Just call the offices of the Senior Companion program at 225-3295.



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Olympic rower to speak at NH Boat Museum lecture



WOLFEBORO — In partnership with NH Humanities, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host Olympic gold medalist Kathy Keeler, who will speak at a free virtual

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KATHY KEELER will speak as part of the New Hampshire Boat Museum's Lecture and Arts Series on July 22.

lecture, Women in Crew Racing, on Thursday, July 22.
Part of the first women's crew to win gold in US history (1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles), Keeler was a member of four U.S. national rowing teams. Following her competitive rowing career, she was a member of the U.S. national rowing team as a coach and a U.S. Olympic team coach in

1996. Still coaching crew, Keeler will share her personal experience and insights about women in crew racing and the impacts of Title IX.
“We are thrilled to have Kathy as part of our 2021 Lecture and Arts Series, which peels back the complicated layers of rowing as well as lake culture,” explained NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings.
All lectures in the se-

ries are virtual, while the featured art is locally produced and available for viewing at the museum.
This project was made possible with support from New Hampshire Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more at nhhumanities.org.
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sored this year in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane and Oil, Meredith Village Savings Bank, FL Putnam, Stark Creative, Bank of New Hampshire, and NH Humanities.
Women in Crew Racing takes place on Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m. Access to the virtual lecture will be available at nhbm.org.

Wright Museum, LakeTime Clocks teaming up in July

WOLFEBORO — In July, LakeTime Clocks will partner with the Wright Museum as part of its monthly Business Partner program where the museum works with local businesses to enhance their respective offerings and promote one another.
As part of the program, LakeTime Clocks will offer 15 percent off the online purchase of a custom clock with a promotion code prominently displayed in the admissions area of the Wright Museum

through July 31.
In return, The Wright will provide half off admission for up to two people in one party when they mention a special “code word” that can only be found by visiting LakeTime Clock's website.
Mike Culver, executive director of The Wright, said these partnerships are meant “to be fun and encourage business between partners.”
“Anytime we can work together with a local business, it enhances

the experience for locals and visitors to the region,” he said.
According to Marc Stipo, owner and creator of LakeTime Clocks, which features hand-made wooden clocks with outlines of area lakes, working with The Wright is “a wonderful opportunity.”
“It is great to introduce our handcrafted clocks to the visitors of The Wright Museum,” he said. “The museum is such a treasure in the Lakes Region and we are honored to share our

craft with them.”
The region's leading resource 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. To learn more about The Wright, visit wrightmuseum.org.
To learn more about LakeTime Clocks, visit laketimeclocks.com.



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MARC STIPO, owner of LakeTime Clocks will be teaming up with the Wright Museum in July.

Alton Parks and Recreation Connection

ALTON — Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Paint Night, outside overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee, at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Wednesday, July 14, from 6 to 7:30p.m. with instructor Anne Morrell. Let your creativity flow. Paint the 11”x17” canvas with only four colors. All supplies are included. Register by July 12. View the painting example on Alton Parks and Recreation Facebook page or ask for a copy to be e-mailed to you. Hand-made paintings make great gifts. All abilities are welcome. Bring a friend or sign up solo. Registration forms are online. For more information, contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 875-0109.
Alton Bay concerts at the bandstand
Listen to the music at the Alton Bay land bandstand on Saturday nights in July and August from 7 to 9 p.m. July 10- The Visitors - oldies, classic rock, country rock; July 17 - EZ Band - classics and those destined to be;

July 24 - Saxx Roxx- classic rock with brass; July 31 - East Bay Jazz Ensemble - elegant swing, jazz and blues; Aug. 7 - John Irish Duo - guitar and vocals; Aug. 14 - Chippy and the Ya Ya's - cover rock band, 60s to now; Aug. 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.
Kayak paddle trip on the Merrymeeting River
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a kayak trip on Friday, July 9, starting at 10 a.m. meet at the New Durham Boat Launch on Route 11 by Johnson's Dairy Bar. Participants need to provide their own equipment. Including paddle, kayak and life jacket. Check out the wildlife habitats, animals and beautiful scenery of the Merrymeeting River. Paddle trip is approximately 90 minutes. Pre-register at Alton Parks and Recreation, 875-0109 or parksrec@al-

ton.nh.gov.
Adult pickleball
Join in the fun with free organized play for experienced adults (18+years). Experienced players meet Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays at the Liberty Tree Park Courts from 8 to 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/30e0b4dae-a82ba0fd0-byinvitation. Please park across the street from the fire station.
Alton Old Home Week virtual 5K race
Alton Parks and Recreation and Meredith Village Savings Bank are co-sponsoring the Around the World “Alton Old Home Week Virtual 5K Race” from Aug. 1 to 15. Run/walk a 3.1-mile course from any location, and enter your running place on their interactive global map. Run with friends and family from around the world. Let's see how much of the

globe they can fill.
Official time tracking will begin on Aug. 1 at 12 a.m. and 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). Included in the app will be real-time tracking, progress alerts at mile points for current pace and estimated finish, and other interactive features for participants and spectators. The leader board will be updated daily with all participant's times.
The registration cost includes eligibility for raffles, prizes and a long sleeve race shirt. To be guaranteed a shirt, pre-register by Aug. 1, otherwise limited availability. This is a great program to challenge yourself, and connect with other people. Represent your race location on the global map.
Forms and map available at www.alton.nh.gov or register online at https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Alton-Bay/OldHomeWeekVir-

tual5k.
Yoga with Sheila - two different classes
All Levels Yoga with Sheila Marston at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30p.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 July 11 or Aug. 15.
Line dancing lessons
Line dancing with Joan Lightfoot is held at the Alton Bay Community Center on Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. until Aug. 26. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$3/season. Register on site.
Alton Bay water bandstand summer concerts
Watch from land or by boat as bands perform on the Alton Bay water bandstand, surrounded

by Lake Winnepesaukee. Concerts are held 6-8 p.m. July 9 - Key Elements and Aug. 20 - “Thursday Afternoon” Band.
Downing's Landing public boat launch closes July 22
The Fish and Game Department public boat launch and property at Downing's Landing in Alton Bay will be closed for repairs starting Thursday, July 22. The launch is expected to be closed for the remainder of the 2021 boating season. Visit https://nhfishgame.com/2021/06/29/downings-landing-to-close-july-22-for-continued-improvements/.
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.

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Lakes Discovery Family Days set for July 29 and Aug. 5

WOLFEBORO — On Thursdays, July 29 and Aug. 5, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host Lake Discovery Family Days, sponsored by Eastern Propane and Oil at no charge to kids, ages K - grade five.

Held in place of the traditional week-long summer camp, which will return in 2022, Lake Discovery Family Days will provide kids with the opportunity to explore knot-tying, boating-related games, boat-building, arts and crafts, map making, and more. Activities will take place outside and adjacent to the museum, while families can stay within their

own groups.

“There will be fun opportunities to visit model yachting, see some of our sailing classes in session, and even go for a ride on the Millie B with your own group,” said Executive Director Martha Cummings.

Lake Discovery Family Days reflect NHBM’s mission “to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire’s fresh waterways.”

“Our hands-on activities and programs enable people of all ages to discover how our lakes, rivers, and streams connect our past with our fu-

ture,” added Cummings.

“Our Lake Discovery Family Days provide a great entry point into our shared heritage.”

To register for Lake Discovery Family Days, or learn more about NHBM programs or exhibits, visit NHBM.org. Registration is free, courtesy of Eastern Propane and Oil.

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CHILDREN engaging in Lake Discovery Family Days at the NH Boat Museum. COURTESY PHOTO

Mary Doyle joins Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center



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Mary Doyle has joined Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center.

LACONIA — When Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center opened its doors in 1997, the aim of the non-profit was to use hands-on education techniques to teach about the wonders of the natural world. In

the 24 years since, tens of thousands of Lakes Region residents and visitors to Prescott Farm have made meaningful connections to nature and wildlife, food and gardening, as well as New Hampshire crafts and customs.

These programs have all been made possible because of the knowledge and teaching skills of a dedicated group of educators. The most recent addition to this team is Environmental Educator Mary Doyle.

A native of Bay City, Mich., Doyle has studied with Tom Brown’s Tracking, Nature, and Wilderness Survival School; the Wilderness

Awareness School; and 8 Shields. She has a B.A. in English from Alma College; a B.S. in Secondary Education from Central Michigan University; and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Plymouth State University.

Doyle has worked as a classroom teacher and environmental educator in private and public schools as well as non-profit organizations. She is also a NH certified ELA teacher.

A student of nature, Doyle enjoys helping people of all ages connect with the natural world. She feels fortunate to have the opportunity to contribute to

Prescott Farm’s efforts to promote sustainability, regeneration, and co-operation.

“I hope to share what I have learned and contribute to the Prescott Farm team in whatever ways I can,” she said.

When not at Prescott Farm, Doyle lives on an old farm with her husband John and daughter Joanna. She loves gardening, cross-country skiing, listening to the birds, practicing qigong and “discovering and sharing nature’s stories.”

Jude Hamel, Executive Director, is thrilled to have Doyle join the education staff. “She brings the right expe-

rience and expertise to our already established nature-based programs. And beyond that, Mary has passion and knowledge in areas that will allow us to expand our programs even further.”

For information on Prescott Farm Environmental Educational Center, go to prescottfarm.org.

Prescott Farm is a non-profit 501c3 dedicated to environmental education and preservation. For more than 20 years, Prescott Farm has been a destination for people of all ages to learn about New Hampshire wildlife, ecology, natural history and cultural history through hands-

on public programs and service learning opportunities in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire. It is a designated wildlife viewing area with more than 160 acres of idyllic farmland, forest and pastures open daily, year-round to the public including more than three miles of woodland, pond and field trails, heritage gardens, and a Natural PlayScape, as well as Fledglings Nature-Based Preschool and WildQuest summer and vacation camps. For more information about Prescott Farm and all of its programming and ways to help, please visit www.prescottfarm.org.

Dr. Julien Ayotte to present Code Name Lily at Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, July 20, Dr. Julien Ayotte will present Code Name Lily as part of Wright Museum’s 2021 Lecture Series.

ries, sponsored by Ron Goodgame and Donna Canney. Written by Ayotte, Code Name Lily is an historical fiction novel based on the true story of

Micheline “Michou” Dumon-Ugeux (code name Lily), a legend in the Comet Line escape network in Belgium during World War II.

“World War II certainly had its share of deserving heroes and heroines, many of whom have received their due recognition,” noted Ayotte. “How many civilian women, though, can say they saved the lives of at least 250 downed airmen in just over two years?”

Lily was responsible for helping more than

250 downed British and American airmen escape over the Pyrenees into Spain and freedom. Lily later received the highest honors possible for a civilian from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Belgium.

Ayotte’s Code Name Lily has received many accolades, including its selection as finalist in the Fiction-Military category in the 2019 Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

“This is a fine opportunity to gain a glimpse

into a remarkable aspect of World War II history,” said museum Executive Director Mike Culver, who said Ayotte will also sign his book at the lecture.

Code Name Lily begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, at the Wright Museum, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro in the new DuQuoin Education Center. Admission is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 569-1212.

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DR. JULIEN AYOTTE will speak on July 20 at the Wright Museum.

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Knights, Timber Wolves earn baseball All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Following the conclusion of the 2021 season, the Baseball Coaches Association of New Hampshire has announced the All-State selections.

In Division II, First Team honors went to Cole Paro of Kingswood, Second Team honors were presented to Drew Swinerton of Kingswood and Third Team was presented to Justin Stirt of Kingswood.

Joining Paro on the First Team were Parker Coleman of Kennett, Griffin Wheeler of Merrimack Valley, Austin Hazard and Brady Philibotte of John Stark, Sam Sacerdote and Ben Williams of Hanover, Ethan Clark of Bow, Adam Stewart of St. Thomas, Cole Johnston of Plymouth, Brandon Hsu and Drew Gryniewicz of Hollis-Brookline, Nolan Colby and Kyan Bagshaw of Souhegan, Jake Lammi of Milford, Cameron Haynes of Laconia, Eddy Sauzo Rojas of Manchester West and Foch Lovejoy of Oyster River.

Also earning Second Team honors were Ben Rose of Merrimack Valley, Owen Taylor of Stevens, John Hill of Hanover, Thomas Trumble and Jake Pelletier of Coe-Brown, Braeden Falzarano of Lebanon, Nolan Duquette of Sanborn, Dylan Dufor of Souhegan, Ben O'Connell of Milford, Scott Paquette and

Alex Carroll of Pelham, Logan Dee of Laconia, Alex Moore and Nathan Innerfield of John Stark, Connor Toriello of St. Thomas, Andrew Baxter of Plymouth and Ryan Ardine of Pembroke.

Third Team honors also went to Dylan Chambers of Stevens, Calvin Bates, Jon Carrier and Zach Howland of Lebanon, Jack Lager of Hollis-Brookline, Nick Wilson, David Rieth and Reese Colby of Souhegan, Jacob Plamondon of Manchester West, Jack Poitras of Oyster River, Zack Boyd of Con-Val, Ben McKean of John Stark, Casey Graham of Hanover, Jonny Pelletier of Coe-Brown, Derek Grimes of St. Thomas, Paul Vachon of Hollis-Brookline and Trice Cote of Milford.

In Division III, Nate Holiday of Prospect Mountain earned First Team honors, Caleb Towle earned Second Team and Sam Caldwell was named Third Team.

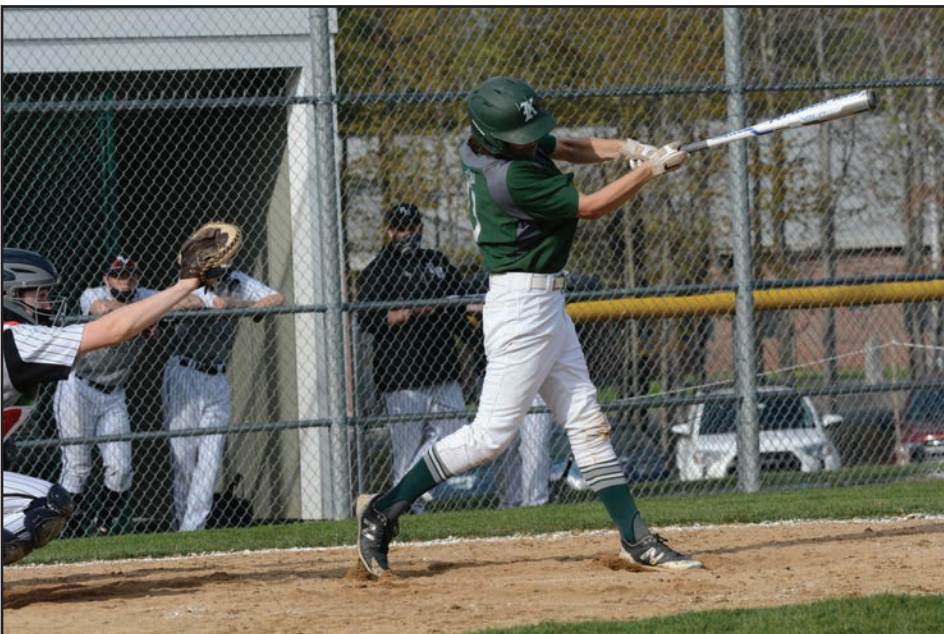
Also earning First Team honors were Nate Sottak of Belmont, Carter Poulin of Berlin, Connor Treybig and Jake Blake of Bishop Brady, Andrew Durfee of Campbell, Colson Seppala of Conant, Mitchell Cormier of Fall Mountain, Peyton Marshall of Hopkinton, Ryan Bousquet of Inter-Lakes, Shea Zina and Sean Agonis of Mascenic, Kevin Putnam of Monadnock, Erik Hanser and Adrian

Ehmann of Newfound, Tahj Robinson of Somersworth, Tyler Hicks of White Mountains and Phil Nichols of Winnisquam.

Second Team honors also went to Jason Gaudette and Liam Waldron of Belmont, Griffin Melanson of Berlin, Michael Thresher of Bishop Brady, Ryan Latsha of Campbell, Dominic Van Laere Nutt of Fall Mountain, Armen Laylagian and Joe Yanzo of Hopkinton, Blaine Krook of Mascenic, Michael Evans and Josh Evans of Mascoma, Ben Dean and Nate Doyle of Monadnock, Luke Gordon of Newfound, Karter Deming and Brody Labounty of White Mountains and Garret Mango of Winnisquam.

Earning Third Team honors were Tyler Rousseau of Berlin, Kolin Melanson of Berlin, Darren Earley of Bishop Brady, Gerard Perry of Campbell, Griffin LaBonte of Conant, Hayden Chandler of Fall Mountain, Jack McLean of Gilford, Jack Morrall of Hopkinton, Alex Potter and TJ Bailey of Inter-Lakes, Noah Gray of Kearsarge, Jackson Cocozella of Mascenic, Alex Shareiko of Mascoma, Com Olivo of Monadnock, Mike Macklin of Newfound and Noah Pearson and Chaz Hibbert of Winnisquam.

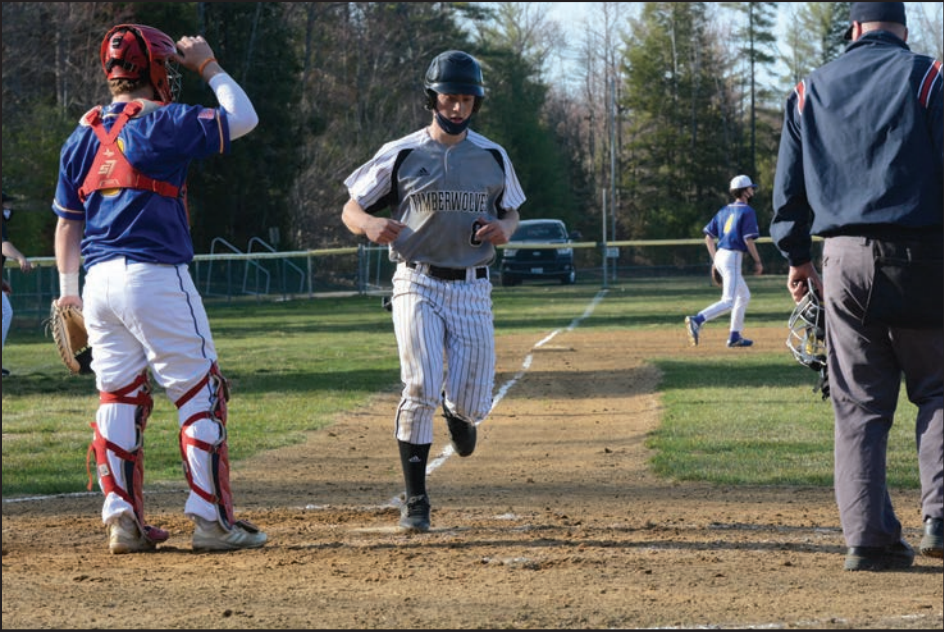
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COLE PARO of Kingswood was named Division II First Team All-State.

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NATE HOLIDAY of Prospect Mountain earned All-State First Team honors.

Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 marks NHMS's 50th NASCAR Cup Series race

LOUDON — The July 18 Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) will mark the 50th time the track will host the NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) for an event at the 1.058-mile oval.

Twenty-four different drivers have won Cup Series events at NHMS over the first 49 events at the track dating back to July 1993. Let's take a look at 10 of the most memorable moments through the years:

July 11, 1993
In the early 1990s, the NASCAR Cup Series was beginning to take hold as the most popular form of motorsports in the country, but missing from the series schedule was a visit to New England. In walked legendary New England track owner Bob Bahre, who had transformed the former Bryar Motorsports Park in Loudon to one of the country's newest major speedways. The 1.058-mile oval, then known as New Hampshire International Speedway, hosted its first Cup Series event on July 11, 1993, and one of NASCAR's biggest names was standing in victory lane at the end of the day as Rusty Wallace celebrated victory in the inaugural Slick 50 300.

July 9, 1995
By 1995, NASCAR's meteoric rise was in fast forward mode, and it was a young driver from California by way of the sprint car ranks who was capturing the attention of everyone across motorsports. The legend of Jeff Gordon was taking shape that year, and New England fans got a firsthand glimpse of it in victory lane as Gordon won the Slick 50 300. It was the seventh Cup Series victory in Gordon's Hall of Fame career, which saw him win 93 events overall. He would go on to win seven races in 1995 and capture the first of four Cup Series championships. Gordon would shine in Loudon over his career, and to this day, hold tracks records for Cup Series starts (42), top-five finishes (16), top-10 finishes (24), laps led (1,373) and



laps completed (12,267).

July 14, 1996
With 12 wins from 1990-1994, Ernie Irvan was a star on the rise in the Cup Series, and in August 1994, he was in a fierce battle with Dale Earnhardt Sr. for the Cup Series championship. But his career – and life – were nearly cut short in a gruesome crash at Michigan International Speedway. Irvan suffered a traumatic brain injury in the crash, and doctors did not expect him to survive. He returned to racing full-time in 1996, and on July 14 of that year, his comeback was completed when he held off his Robert Yates Racing teammate Dale Jarrett to win the Jiffy Lube 300 at Loudon.

Sept. 19, 1999
Joe Nemechek was considered a journeyman racer, but hardly a threat to win in the Cup Series when he arrived in Loudon in September 1999. Before that weekend, Nemechek had made 179 starts in the Cup Series with only three top-five finishes. But everything changed on Sept. 19, 1999 when Nemechek led 72 of 300 laps to get his first career Cup Series victory in the Dura Lube/Kmart 300 at Loudon. Nemechek became the first of five drivers since 1993 to record their first Cup Series win at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Sept. 17, 2000
New Hampshire Motor Speedway has plenty of special meaning

for Jeff Burton. The first Cup Series event at Loudon in 1993 was also his first event with the series. Burton found plenty of success at the track over his career, but was never more dominating than on Sept. 17, 2000 in the Dura Lube 300. Burton took the lead from the pole winner Bobby Labonte on the first lap and went on to lead all 300 laps for his record-setting fourth Cup Series victory at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. It marked only the third time in NASCAR's modern era that a driver led every lap in an event. Cale Yarborough had accomplished the feat in 1973 and 1978. No driver has done it since Burton at Loudon in 2000. Burton's four Cup Series victories at Loudon has only been matched by Kevin Harvick.

November 23, 2001
The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001 forced NASCAR to postpone the New Hampshire 300, which had been scheduled to take place on Sept. 16 of that year. The event was pushed back to become the final event of the Cup Series schedule that season and was run the day after Thanksgiving. Teams and drivers were welcomed to the track by freezing temperatures on the morning of the race, but ultimately were treated to a beautiful fall day at the facility that saw Robby Gordon lead 17 laps to earn his first career Cup Series victory, becoming the second driver to accomplish that feat at

Loudon. Jeff Gordon had a 15th place finish that day to clinch his fourth Cup Series championship.

Sept. 15, 2002
By the 2000 season, Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart had paved the way for midwestern-based sprint car drivers to find a home in the Cup Series, and it was Ryan Newman who used that similar path to find his way to NASCAR. Newman arrived in the Cup Series with high expectations but went winless through his first 34 starts. His breakthrough came on Sept. 15, 2002 when he scored his first Cup Series win in the rain-shortened New Hampshire 300. Newman, who remains active in the series, has gone on to 17 more Cup Series wins.

Sept. 16, 2007
Clint Bowyer was quickly becoming a fan-favorite in the Cup Series when he arrived at New Hampshire Motor Speedway for the Sylvania 300 in September 2007, but the then Richard Childress Racing driver was still searching for consistent success in his second full-time season with the series. Coming into the Sylvania 300 that year, Bowyer had just seven top-five finishes in Cup races over his first 63 starts. At New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sept. 16, 2007, he showed he knew how to dominate an event, leading 222 of 300 laps that day to record his first Cup Series win, becoming the fourth driver in series history to accomplish that feat at Loudon.

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June 28, 2009
The racing world had high expectations for Middletown, Conn. native Joey Logano, who replaced Tony Stewart in the Joe Gibbs Racing No. 20 car for the 2009 season, but Logano was struggling through his rookie year by the time he arrived at Loudon for the June 28, 2009 Lenox Industrial Tools 301. Ultimately, Logano would find a way to win in one of the strangest fashions ever seen in a Cup Series event at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Logano ran far from the leaders for most of the race, and his own wreck brought out a caution on lap 191 of the event. The crash put him off pit sequence with the rest of the field and with most of the top-running cars pitting, Logano cycled through to grab the race lead on lap 264. Rain began falling not long after, and the caution flew on lap 268 with Logano out front. After running to lap 273 under caution, the race was stopped, making Logano the fifth driver in Cup Series history to get his first series win at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Logano has since gone on to 27 more series wins – including the 2015 Daytona 500 – and was the 2018 Cup Series champion for Team Penske.

July 21, 2019
In one of the most dramatic finishes to a Cup Series event at Loudon, Kevin Harvick and

Denny Hamlin put on a full-contact duel over the final lap. Harvick led at the white flag with Hamlin bumping him up the track in turn one. The pair went side-by-side through turn two with Harvick edging out front down the backstretch. Hamlin went to Harvick's outside in turn three, and the pair made contact again through the final turn with Harvick winning the drag race to the checkered flag for victory at the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301. After the race, Harvick said, "We were leaving on a tow truck or winning today." It was Harvick's fourth Cup Series victory at Loudon, matching him with Jeff Burton for the track record.

Race weekend action gets underway on Doubleheader Saturday, July 17, with practice and qualifying sessions scheduled for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour (NWMT). The green flag drops for the Whelen 100 NWMT race at 12:45 p.m. followed by the Ambetter Get Vaccinated 200 NASCAR Xfinity Series race at 3 p.m. The NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 will run at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 18, marking the 50th NCS race at "The Magic Mile."

For a NASCAR race weekend schedule, visit NHMS.com/Events/Foxwoods-Resort-Casino-301/Schedule/. Log on to NHMS.com for tickets, schedules and more information on the weekend's lineup of action-packed racing. Doubleheader Saturday tickets start at just \$35 while kids 12 and under are free. Sunday's Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 tickets start at just \$59 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under.

Keep track of all of New Hampshire Motor Speedway's events by following on Facebook (@NHMotorSpeedway), Twitter (@NHMS) and Instagram (@NHMS). Keep up with all the latest information on the speedway website (NHMS.com) and mobile app.

Stacey Kelleher performing in bandstand Saturday night



COURTESY PHOTO
STACEY KELLEHER will be performing at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, July 10.

WOLFEBORO — Stacey Kelleher is no stranger to Wolfeboro and on Saturday, July 10, she will be returning to the town where she cut her musical teeth to perform as part of the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concert series. Kelleher, who graduated from Kingswood Regional High School and went on to study music at Berklee College

of Music, is now based in Nashville, Tenn., but will be home to perform in the Lakes Region as the second concert in the free Saturday night series. Kelleher takes the stage at 7 p.m. Kelleher brings a pop and rock combination to her songwriting and is unafraid to be blunt. She blends electronic elements and driving guitars together to create her own unique sound

and her signature raspy vocal tone makes her a force to be reckoned with. Despite her young age, Kelleher has received numerous musical honors and accolades, including songwriting awards from Berklee. She is also an avid touring musician performing more than 100 shows in 2019 all over New England and beyond. She has performed at legendary venues including the Hotel Café in Los Angeles, Calif. and the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn. Her melodies and emotive lyrics blended with indie-pop production has cultivated a unique sound, a sound of a young woman who is working hard and keeping it clear. And yes, she hasn't figured life out yet, but that's OK. Kelleher continues to be busy writing and recording new music and plans to have new music out this summer and throughout the rest of the year. She'll also have exclusive merchandise for sale at Cate Park. The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concerts take place each Saturday night in July and August in the bandstand, which is located in Cate Park in downtown Wolfeboro. The concerts start at 7 p.m. and run for two hours, with a short intermission. The concerts are free, but a pass-the-bucket collection is taken at intermission to help support the concert series.

In the event of bad weather, check the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand Facebook page and signs will also be posted at the entrance to the park.

Frisone presents The Other Resistance: Hitler's Slaves at Wright Museum



COURTESY PHOTO
DR. GIOVANNI FRISONE and his wife Deborah will be leading a lecture at the Wright Museum July 27.

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, July 27, the Wright Museum will welcome Dr. Giovanni Frisone, who will present *The Other Resistance: Hitler's Slaves* in which he will tell the tale of his father, Ferruccio Francesco Frisone. One of approximately 650,000 Italian soldiers who refused to fight under Fascist command and consequently sent to a German prisoner of war camp, Frisone recorded his observations while there in a diary. In September 1943 when an armistice was signed with the Allies, Italian soldiers thought the war had ended for them. Instead, they were arrested by the Germans and given a choice to disregard the armistice and continue fighting under Fascist or Nazi command or be taken to a German prison camp. "This is a lecture that will present a World War II story that is not widely known," said museum Executive Director Mike Culver. "We are grateful to Ferruccio's son, Giovanni, for sharing this appalling, yet inspiring tale with us." Giovanni R. Frisone, PhD, is a clinical psychologist who with wife, Deborah Smith Frisone, has worked for the past 15 years to tell the little-known story of the Italian Military Internees through his father's diary and drawings. *The Other Resistance: Hitler's Slaves* begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, at the Wright Museum, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro on the first floor of the new DuQuoin Education Center. Admission is \$3 for members and \$8 for non-members. Masks are optional for fully vaccinated audience members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 569-1212. Wright Museum's 2021 Lecture Series is presented by Ron Goodgame and Donna Canney. The region's leading resource 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 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

Locals earn Dean's List honors at Quinnipiac

HAMDEN, Conn. — The following area students were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2021 semester at Quinnipiac University: Ella Roberge of Alton, Lauren McInerney of Bristol, Samantha Coletti of Conway, Macy Prince of Plymouth, Christina Furgal and Elizabeth Johansson of Waterville Valley and Kasey Kelliher of Wolfeboro. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester. Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, nonsectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,715 students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences. Quinnipiac is recognized by U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review's "The Best 386 Colleges." For more information, please visit qu.edu. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter at QuinnipiacU.




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Zephyr

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Gary Groleau presented Norman Marsh Award by Belknap EDC



LACONIA — Belknap EDC was thrilled to host its Annual Meeting in person Thursday, June 24, at the Colonial Theatre in Laconia. The mood was upbeat as Belknap EDC and its guests celebrated a year of accomplishments in the location of one of Belknap EDC's biggest projects, the Colonial Theatre Project, which has been years in the making and achieved completion this year. All attendees were treated to a cocktail hour on the beautiful Colonial Theatre stage followed by a casual and positive annual meeting program hosted by Belknap EDC Chairman of the Board, Chris Walkley and Belknap EDC Executive Director, Justin Slattery. The event was sponsored by gold sponsor: Meredith Village Savings Bank; while Bank of New Hampshire, Franklin Savings Bank, Cross Insurance, and Northway Bank were bronze sponsors. In addition to the business meeting portion of the program, the 2021 Norman Marsh Award was given to outgoing Board member, Gary Groleau (NH Ball Bearings), a retiring member of the Belknap EDC Board of Directors. Groleau has been a leader for Belknap EDC, serving as an Executive Committee member, and a key team leader in the effort to bring the Colonial Theatre back to life. "Gary was an obvious choice to receive this award," says Belknap EDC Executive Director, Justin Slattery. He is a committed leader to both Belknap EDC and the Greater Lakes Region, going above and beyond to assist Belknap EDC in achieving our mission to promote economic growth in the region." For details on Belknap EDC's accomplishments over the last year, visit belknapedc.org to view the 2020 Annual Report.

NORMAN MARSH AWARD recipient Gary Groleau (NH Ball Bearings) makes a few remarks after accepting the award from Belknap EDC Chair, Chris Walkley (Bank of New Hampshire) with Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC Executive Director looking on.

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other businesses can get some help from the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC), a program that provides payroll tax relief and up-front payments to businesses.

Hassan headed up a bipartisan effort to expand the program to more businesses, including entertainment venues like Bank of NH Pavilion. Hassan said expanding this program could provide needed funds for businesses who had additional expenses outside of what as covered by the PPP. It also covered businesses that might have been excluded from programs like the PPP.

"I kept thinking there are all these businesses that started during the pandemic and were not going to help them?" Hassan said.

Harding said this assistance would be greatly appreciated.

He said they were able to "hunker down for a year," but were able to bring back their entire workforce on Jan 1. Harding did say there were worries the 2021 season would have to be canceled as well.

Bank of NH Pavilion organized a number of limited capacity shows going with state guidelines and managed to get some acts to schedule. While state guidelines have relaxed and venues can be at full capacity, Harding said the first 12 shows of the season were scheduled at reduced capacity. Shows will be at full capacity starting with The Black Crowes on July 24.

Like many other businesses, Bank of NH Pavilion has had difficulties getting new staff.

Harding said a lot of people might be blaming the pandemic, but he recalled this being an issue in 2019 that the pandemic exacerbated.

When the pavilion reopened a lot of staff members came back.

"For the most part as shows started coming back I started reaching out to people and they were just as excited as I was," said Backstage Stage Manager and Labor Coordinator Ben Belanger. "They were very eager to get back."

Several employees, however, didn't return. Harding said in many cases the main concern wasn't safety but the availability of childcare and issues with school scheduled.

"They've had to find other jobs, people who work in hospitality and restaurants have had to do other things and they realize it's pretty great being home at night," Bridget Harding said. "You can't really blame them for that."

Belanger said that a few staff members didn't come back because they had found alternate careers or were going back to school. He said a number of them went to school and studied fields related to concert tech, including theater and other technical fields. As things started opening up, he said many of them were just getting their degrees.

Despite the challenges, Harding said they have top keep booking shows and so many artists are itching to get back onstage. While the venue's staff was out of work for a while, the touring crews have also been out of work and want to get back.

Belanger said it was

emotional to be back.

"We're just really here to get back to it and very excited to do our absolute best," Belanger said. "Every show is the biggest show now whether its Dave Matthews or Kids Bop we're just excited to be here."

Hassan said now people are energetic and excited to be out.

"Out here especially you can see it in their faces," Belanger said. "They're very, very excited to see live music again. "Looking at our schedule again we have a lot of really good live shows."

It's gonna be amazing."

Emma Womack, Vice President of Venue Partnerships Sponsorships, said they can feel the enthusiasm from the guests.

"It's not even the smiles, it's the feeling everyone has: the walking around and they're just so happy to be with their families or friends enjoying live music," Womack said.

Hassan said this shows the power of live performances, something she said can't be properly replicated virtually.

"From the perspective of things to take for granted in life, I think people take arts for granted," Hassan said, "and you realize what it means to be with other people sharing an experience that kind of draws out the humanity in everybody which is what I always think of when I think of music and other performing arts in particular and just having missed that for over a year."

Harding said later getting Hassan's help meant a lot.

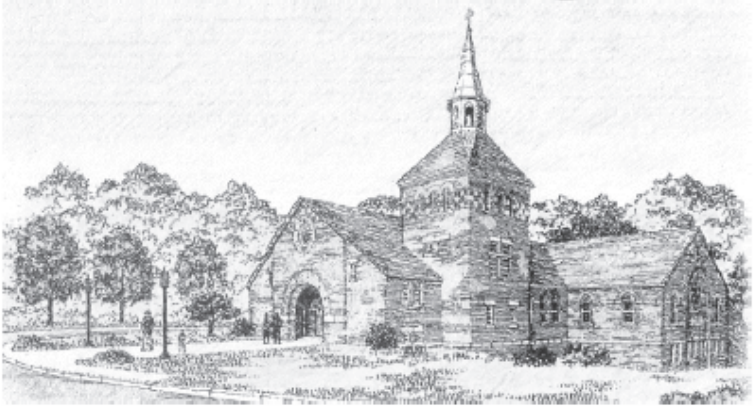


Hassan talks with Bank of NH Pavilion leaders onstage.

"It signifies we're there; it feels like we're almost, almost getting together to celebrate the return of the entire industry," Harding said.

"Feels fantastic and her help in that was crucial here on the local part in New Hampshire and with the corporate off in Beverly Hills. That tax credit they were referencing, who knows what would have happened without the help of those things. It was a long winter."

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