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LRSF announces remarkable scholarship season

GILFORD — Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of its donors, the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is proud to celebrate another successful scholarship season during its 70th anniversary year.

In 2026, LRSF will award more than \$1 million to 401 students, from incoming college freshmen to seniors and graduate students, helping open doors to



Seniors from Gilford High School receiving scholarships from the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, gather for a group photo at their recent Awards Night Ceremony. COURTESY

postsecondary education across the Lakes Region. These awards were made possible by 294 donors whose commitment to local students continues to change lives.

“We are so grateful to all our donors, who deserve the credit for this outpouring of support for our college-bound students,” said Chris Guilmet, Executive Director of LRSF.

At each award presentation ceremony, time was set aside to read the names of the awarding donors and honor the generosity behind every scholarship.

Since the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation was established in 1956, nearly \$12 million has been awarded to more than 6,800 Lakes Region students pursuing postsecondary education. This impact has been made

possible by the generosity of more than 660 donors, along with thousands of additional contributors who have supported specific memorial funds and special fundraisers throughout the Foundation’s 70-year history.

Students were presented with scholarship award packets by Chris Guilmet, Director Karen Switzer, and LRSF Board Trustees during awards night cele-

brations at area high schools throughout the Lakes Region. Prior-year graduates pursuing postsecondary education will receive their award packets by mail.

A complete list of donors and award recipients is available on the LRSF Web site at www.lrscholarship.org.

For more information about becoming a donor, please contact the LRSF office at 603-527-3533.

Oscar Foss Memorial Library offers something for everyone this July

BARNSTEAD — Good to Know Info: We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3 p.m. (July 9). We will be closed Saturday, Jul. 4, for the holiday. Here’s something cool: July is National Ice Cream Month! Looking Ahead: Shirefest is Saturday, Aug. 15 (for more info visit: <https://www.oscarfoss.org/shirefest>).

Our Summer Reading Program (SRP) is going on right now! Register online or at the library to participate and win some fabulous prizes - just for reading books. (Logging ends Saturday, Aug. 1.) The theme this year is, “Plant a Seed, Read!” and we are planning all sorts of activities for you, ending with Shirefest—our SRP finale—on Aug. 15.

Home School Group: Run by group members and takes place at the library meeting room on Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Involves a mix of stories, simple science/learning activities, and a creative art/craft activity that all go along with a theme for the week. The activities are geared towards kids ages 4 and up, and younger siblings are welcome to come along. There will be an event posted ahead of time on the group’s Facebook page (Barnstead NH Library Homeschool Group) for each weekly meet-up, so you’ll always know what to expect and if you need to bring anything.

Music and Movement Storytime, aka Little Love to Learn! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for an in-

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PMHS sophomore on his way to San Antonio

ALTON — The proof is in the presentation, and Prospect Mountain High School sophomore Stockton McNight, Alton, a Future Business Leader of America (FBLA) student, did prove to a panel of four-judges he’s ready to compete, and win the national championship for public speaking.

McNight has already won New Hampshire’s title as the best FBLA speaker. Soon, he’s headed to San Antonio, Texas to compete against many other FBLA state winners.

The mock trial to judge if he’s ready to compete nationally, was hosted by the Alton Centennial Rotary



Prospect Mountain High School sophomore Stockton McNight (center) is congratulated by Alton Centennial Rotary Club President Duane Hammond for his outstanding presentation. It was also judged by a four-member panel. McNight was recently crowned Future Business Leader of America (FBLA) first place winner in New Hampshire. Soon he’s off to San Antonio, Texas to compete for the National championship against other FBLA state winners. A mock trial to judge his chances was held at Gilman Library last week (left to right) is Jennifer Cove, and judges, Stu Morris, Kelly Sullivan, Mark Tilton and Maureen Fadden. COURTESY

Five Golden Eagles earn girls’ lacrosse All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — With the conclusion of the girls’ lacrosse season, coaches from around the state selected All-State honorees

for their work on the field this spring.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Gilford attack Rowan Worthen, midfielder Abigail Watson and defender



Abigail Watson of Gilford was named Division III First Team All-State for the spring season. JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ava Wilson and Belmont goalie Shelby Mason and Second Team honors went to midfielders Brooke Varnum of Gilford and Zevy Donovan of Gilford, attack Madi McClennon of Belmont and defender Mckenna Howard of Gilford.

Also earning First Team honors were attacks

Maeve Owens of Hopkinton, Maddy Paolino of Derryfield, Vita Flagg of Bow, Sam Wylie of Laconia and Zoe Bourque of Campbell, midfielders Addison Moynihan of Trinity, Talula Gregg of St. Thomas, Ava Currier of Laconia, Avery Keefe of Coe-Brown and Ava Burns of Hopkinton,

defenders Audrey Glendon of Bow, Charlotte De Tolla of St. Thomas, Helen Yeaton of Hopkinton, Madelyn Lovely of Laconia and Adalynn Moynihan of Coe-Brown and goalie Gianna Trott of Bow.

Second Team honors went to attacks Eliza-

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Club at Alton’s Gilman Public Library, last week. His presentation focused on what the advantages and benefits are flying Jet Blue airlines. Although hypothetical, his creative power point presentation was based on reality and facts about Jet Blue. The four judges listened and viewed his seven-minute presentation giving him “high marks” and praise for his talk. Only minor suggestions for bolstering his chances to win were offered by them.

This event, and raising funds to pay for McNight’s travel and lodging expenses, was organized by Rotarians Carol Diveny and June McLaughlin, with Prospect High school teacher, FBLA counselor, Jennifer Cove’s assistance. Stockton McNight’s future plans are to become a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon.

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

USTA Summer tennis lessons — Youth

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis in the Parks for Grades 1-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from July 28-August 13. Grades are divided by times: 4:15-5:15 p.m.- Grades 1-4; 6:45-7:45 p.m.- Grades 5-8. Registration is \$65 and includes a brand-new tennis racquet for new players, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught fore-

hand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register now as class size is limited. Registration forms are available at www.alton.nh.gov or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Alton Bay Fireworks

The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in celebration of Independence Day in Alton Bay on Friday, July 3 at 9:20 p.m., rain date is Sunday, July 5.

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2026

Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay
 July 3- Dakota Smart-Alton native and 6x nominee for the New England Music Awards-Folk-County and Pop-Country. Fireworks to follow at 9:20p.m.;
 July 4- Saxx Roxx-Classic Rock with brass;
 July 11- "Thursday Afternoon Band"- Classic and Modern Rock- July 18- The Visitors- Oldies, Classic Rock, Country Rock;
 July 25- Got It Covered Band- Cover Songs;
 August 1- Quint E. Sential Band- Country Rock and popular songs;
 August 8- Bittersweet- Classic Rock;
 August 15- Mutha Hubbard Band- high energy Country Band;
 August 22- Saxx Roxx- back by popular demand and August 29- Cool Beans- 60's and 70's Rock.

July 3 events — Alton Bay

Live Band Concert featuring Dakota Smart, singer-songwriter from Alton and graduate of Prospect Mountain High School. Dakota is bringing his full band playing classic rock, country, and original music and is excited to play for his hometown from 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. Following the band concert, the American Legion will present Taps and patriotic words celebrating the United States 250th

anniversary of Independence. Fireworks will follow at 9:20p.m.

Paint Night on the Land Bandstand with Anne Morrell

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an outdoor Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Wednesday, July 29 from 6-7:30 p.m., rain date is July 30. Scene is a mountain view landscape with soft blues of the lake and green trees on the mountain top. All supplies are included, \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under; pay instructor on site. View the painting example on the Alton Parks and Recreation Face Book Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. All abilities are welcome. Bring a friend or sign up solo. Please RSVP with your name and contact information to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109. Register early as space is limited.

Pick Up Pickleball Games

Pick up Pickleball games are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts. Beginners are welcome, bring your own equipment. Courts are located behind 65 Frank C. Gilman Highway. Parking is across the street next to Mill Pond and by the Water Department. For more information contact

parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays: June 25, July 9 and 16 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, donations accepted to benefit the food pantry. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Dungeons and Dragons

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a weekly Dungeons and Dragons adventure on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6-8 p.m. The program is free for ages 18 and older. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

Boston Aquarium Trip

The New Durham and Alton Parks and Recreation Departments are sponsoring a trip to the Boston Aquarium on Monday, July 27. Explore the wonders of the giant ocean tank, and largest shark and ray touch tank on the East Coast. There is a lot to see at this aquarium. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bus leaves New Durham Elementary School at 8 a.m. sharp, please arrive by 7:45 a.m. to check in. Bus returns to New Durham Elementary School at 4 p.m. \$30 pp, includes aquarium admission and transportation. Bring a bag lunch, snacks and water, and be ready for a great day. Register at www.ndparksandrec.com.

Alton Old Home Days Craft Fair- Aug. 8 & 9

Celebrate Alton Old Home Days by attending a New England Style Craft Fair on Aug. 8 and 9. The fair will take place at Railroad Square Park in picturesque Alton Bay overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. Juried vendors will be located inside the Alton Bay Community Center and throughout the waterfront park. All vendor items are handmade by local artisans and include food items, maple products, bird feeders, jewelry, tote and cosmetic bags, stoneware pottery, wood signs and crafts, journals, greeting cards, paintings, linens, quilts, pillows, dog and cat treats and toys, laser cut and engraved items, seashell designs, children's books, knitted and crocheted items, and much more. Craft Fair items make unique holiday gifts. Craft Fair hours are Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine.

Emmett Wilson of Laconia named to Dean's List at Grove City College

GROVE CITY, Pa. — Emmett Wilson, a senior Mechanical Engineering major at Grove City College from Laconia, has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction for the spring 2026 semester.

Students eligible for the Dean's List have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the Dean's List with Distinction a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84 and for the Dean's List with High Distinction a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Grove City College (gcc.edu) is a highly distinctive, nationally ranked comprehensive Christian liberal arts college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through a Christ-centered, academically excellent, and affordable learning and living experience. The College is grounded in permanent ideas and conservative values, committed to the foundations of free society, and develops leaders of the highest proficiency, purpose, and principles to advance the common good. Established in 1876, the College is a pioneer in independent private education and accepts no federal funds. It offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 70 majors on a picturesque 180-acre campus north of Pittsburgh, Pa. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Grove City College is routinely ranked as one of the country's top colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, and others based on academic quality and superior outcomes.

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Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "Rockets Red Glare" by James Patterson
2. "Whistler" by Ann Patchett
3. "The Things We Never Say" by Elizabeth Strout
4. "The Mother-Daughter Book Club" by Sue Patterson
5. "Ironwood" by Michael Connelly
6. "26 Beauties" by James Robertson
7. "The Final Target" by Nora Roberts
8. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
9. "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir
10. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire burke
11. "The Last Mandarin" by Louise Penny
12. "Hope Rises" by David Baldacci

Mount Washington Cruises announces historic expansion of summer schedule

REGION — Mount Washington Cruises has announced the most significant expansion of its summer schedule in decades, introducing a new vessel deployment strategy, additional daily departures, and enhanced connectivity across Lake Winnepesaukee.

"These are historic changes for our company and for tourism on the lake," said Jared Maraiio, General Manager of Mount Washington Cruises. "We are thrilled to offer our passengers more flexibility and new ways to experience the Big Lake than ever before."

Expanded service on the M/S Mount Washington

For the first time,

the summer schedule has been redesigned to significantly increase connectivity between Wolfeboro and Weirs Beach, two of the lake's most popular destinations.

- New Wolfeboro Departure: Added 1:45 p.m. sailing (in addition to 11:15 a.m.)
- New Weirs Beach Departure: Added 3 p.m. sailing (in addition to 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

The expanded schedule allows passengers more time to explore Wolfeboro's shops, museums, and restaurants, while also introducing new one-way travel options between ports—making it easier

than ever to experience the lake without a car.

Winnepesaukee Spirit moves to Center Harbor

In a major service expansion, the Winnepesaukee Spirit will now operate out of Center Harbor.

- Expanded Weekly Service: Multiple sailings per week throughout the summer
- New Routes: Service connecting Center Harbor and Wolfeboro
- New Experience: Introduction of a Sunset Cocktail Cruise departing from the Wolfeboro Town Docks

Return of the Winnepesaukee Belle

Following an extensive refurbishment, the Winnepesaukee Belle returns to service from Meredith.

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- Daily Cruises: Multiple cocktail cruises from Meredith Town Docks, with additional departures from Weirs Beach
- Themed Experiences: Including Happy Hour Cruises, Sunset Dessert Cruises, and the return of the popular Haunted Winnepesaukee Cruises

Looking Ahead: Alton Bay

Mount Washington Cruises is also actively exploring a return to Alton Bay as part of its long-term service plan. The company expects to provide an update on potential seasonal service in the coming weeks.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Twitch!



Twitch is a rare and radiant orange girl with a personality that's impossible to ignore. She's wonderfully talkative — the kind of cat who believes every moment deserves commentary, especially if snacks might be involved. Whether she's chirping, meowing, or softly narrating her day, Twitch always has

something to say and she fully expects you to listen.

This bright little girl is equal parts sweet and opinionated, with a charming knack for showing up exactly when treats are being considered. She loves food, loves attention, and loves making sure you never forget she exists (as if you could). Her expressive nature makes her feel more like a tiny, furry roommate who keeps the conversation going all day long.

Twitch is looking for a home that appreciates a social, snack-motivated companion with a big heart and even bigger personality. Life with her will never be quiet — but it will definitely be fun.

Meet Dooz!



Dooz is a tiny puppy with a giant personality packed into one ridiculously cute little body. This sweet boy is full of happy energy, curious adventures, and gentle affection. He bounces through life with the confidence of a much larger

dog, even if his little legs occasionally cannot keep up with his enthusiasm.

Dooz loves people, loves attention, and is always ready to turn an ordinary moment into a puppy party. He would happily accept a full-time position as your shadow, cuddle buddy, and household entertainment coordinator. If you are looking for a puppy who will keep you smiling daily while also melting into your lap for naps, Dooz is very prepared to apply for the role.

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Lake Hosts needed to help protect our lakes

WOLFEBORO — For the 25th year, NH LAKES is pleased to offer the Lake Host Program, an aquatic invasive species education and prevention program. Would you be interested in becoming one of the more than 750 Lake Host inspectors staffing approximately 100 of the most highly used boat ramps on New Hampshire lakes and ponds and teaching boaters how to prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals?

The Wentworth Watershed Association and the Town of Wolfeboro are coordinating the NH LAKES Lake Host Program at the public boat launch sites in Wolfeboro. The goal of the program is to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals in New Hampshire's lakes and ponds through public outreach.

Trained Lake Hosts are placed at boat launch sites to:

- Educate all visitors about aquatic invasive species, distribute education materials, and complete a brief survey on boating habits.
- Offer courtesy boat and trailer inspections of all vessels arriving and departing from the ramp and show boaters where to look for hitchhiking aquatic invasive plants and animals.
- Encourage boaters to self-inspect and use the "Clean, Drain & Dry" method each time they use their boat, trailer, and gear.

- Safely remove and dispose of all plants, animals, and other debris.
- Collect photos of plants and animals removed from vessels and confirm identification of suspicious specimens with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

With the "Clean, Drain, and Dry" approach to aquatic invasive species prevention, boaters are encouraged to always do the following—before and after boating—to prevent invasive plants and animals from hitchhiking a ride into our waterways:

Clean off any plants, animals, mud, and other debris from your boat, trailer, and recreational gear.

Drain your boat, trailer, and equipment away from the water. If possible, rinse everything that touched the water with clean water away from waterbodies and storm drains – the hotter and higher the pressure of the water, the better.

Dry anything that came in contact with the water. At least five days of air-drying time is best, but not always possible so towel dry as best you can.

We've been battling milfoil in our lakes for many years now, but there are new threats, many of which are not visible or easily removed. With the recent discovery of the spiny water flea in Lake Winnepesaukee, boaters need to be more diligent

in cleaning their boats and fishing gear.

For more information about becoming a paid or volunteer Lake Host inspector at one of the public launches in Wolfeboro, please contact Susan Goodwin at

603-569-2935 or email sgwolfe66@gmail.com. Schedules are flexible and I'm happy to schedule you for whatever times you might be available.

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Why the Right Team Matters: Choosing Professionals for Your Property Project

BY DONALD CHAPMAN

President & Co-Founder, Strong Tree Engineering

Whether you're building a new home, improving a family property, creating a subdivision, replacing a septic system, or planning a commercial project, one thing is true: successful projects start with the right team. Many property owners begin with a simple idea.

Maybe it's an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) or building a home for a son or daughter on family land. Maybe it's adding a garage, improving a driveway, developing a vacant parcel, or creating additional lots through a subdivision.

What often surprises people is how quickly a seemingly straightforward project can involve multiple disciplines and regulatory requirements.

A property owner may need a boundary survey to confirm property lines, determining what can be built and where. Wetlands may need to be identified and delineated. Septic capacity may need to be evaluated. Drainage and stormwater management requirements may affect site layout. Local zoning regulations, state permits, and conservation concerns may all become part of the discussion. In today's development environment, projects rarely fit neatly into a single category.

That's why we built Strong Tree Engineering around a multidisciplinary approach. Our team includes Professional Land Surveyor (PLS), Professional Engineer (PE), Certified Wetland Scientist (CWS, environmental permitting specialist, and NH-certified Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) designer resources. Working together, these professionals help clients navigate projects from initial feasibility through design, permitting, and ultimately construction.

For property owners, that integrated approach often means fewer surprises, better communication, and a more efficient process. When surveyors, engineers, septic designers, and environmental professionals are working together from the beginning, potential challenges can often be identified before they become costly delays. Just as important as technical expertise is

communication.

One of the frustrations we hear most frequently from clients is that they struggle to get answers. Sometimes a project is entrusted to a single individual ("solo operator") who is overwhelmed with work and difficult to reach. Other times, clients find themselves working with a large organization where smaller projects receive less attention than they deserve.

At Strong Tree Engineering, we strive to provide something different.

We're large enough to bring together the professional resources needed to solve complex challenges, yet small enough to maintain personal relationships with our clients. When someone calls our office, they're working with people who know their project, understand their goals, and genuinely care about helping them succeed. As a locally focused small business, we understand that our reputation is built one client and one project at a time. Every survey completed, every permit secured, every septic system designed, and every site plan approved reflects on our team and our commitment to service.

We believe that technical expertise matters. Professional credentials matter. Experience matters.

But in the end, responsiveness, communication, and accountability matter too.

Whether you're planning a new home, exploring a subdivision, upgrading a septic system, addressing drainage concerns, or pursuing a larger development project, choosing the right team can make the difference between a frustrating process and a successful outcome. At Strong Tree Engineering, we're proud to help property owners throughout New Hampshire navigate those challenges with confidence.

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Investing in futures that strengthen our community

The scholarship announcements published each spring often arrive as lists of names, dollar amounts, and academic plans. They are important, certainly, but it is easy to overlook the deeper story behind them. This year, as the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation marks its 70th anniversary, that larger story deserves attention.

The numbers alone are impressive. More than \$1 million will be awarded to 401 students in 2026. Since its founding in 1956, the organization has distributed nearly \$12 million to more than 6,800 students pursuing education beyond high school. Those figures represent decades of commitment from hundreds of donors who believed that investing in young people strengthens an entire community.

Yet scholarships are about much more than financial assistance.

For many students, a scholarship serves as a vote of confidence at a pivotal moment in life. The transition from high school to college, technical training, apprenticeships, or graduate study can be exciting, but it is also intimidating. Costs continue to rise, and many families face difficult financial decisions. A scholarship eases some of that burden, but it also sends a message: someone believes in your potential.

That message can have a lasting impact.

The Lakes Region has long benefited from a culture of neighbors helping neighbors. We see it in volunteer fire departments, civic organizations, local food pantries, youth sports programs, and countless fundraising efforts. The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation reflects that same tradition. Donors are not investing in abstract institutions. They are investing in local students, many of whom grew up in the same towns, attended the same schools, and participated in the same community events as the donors themselves.

The result is a cycle of opportunity that extends far beyond any single award.

Many scholarship recipients eventually return to the region as teachers, nurses, business owners, engineers, tradespeople, public servants, and community leaders. Others build successful careers elsewhere but maintain strong connections to their hometowns. In either case, the benefits ripple outward. Education creates opportunities not only for individuals but also for families, employers, and entire communities.

The Foundation's model is also noteworthy because it demonstrates the power of local philanthropy. In an era when many challenges seem too large for individuals to influence, the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation offers a reminder that collective generosity still works. Nearly 300 donors contributed to this year's awards. Some scholarships are funded through large endowments. Others come from memorial funds established to honor loved ones. Together, those contributions create opportunities that no single donor could provide alone.

Equally important is the example being set for the next generation. Students receiving scholarships see firsthand what community support looks like. They learn that success is not achieved entirely alone, and that giving back is part of being a member of a community. Many will someday become donors themselves, continuing a tradition that has endured for seven decades.

Seventy years is a remarkable milestone for any organization. Reaching it while expanding support to more than 400 students and surpassing the \$1 million mark in annual awards is even more remarkable. The achievement belongs not only to the Foundation's staff and volunteers but also to the hundreds of donors whose generosity makes the work possible.

At a time when conversations about education often focus on costs, debt, and challenges, the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation offers a different perspective. It reminds us that communities still believe in investing in young people and that those investments continue to pay dividends for generations.

That is something worth celebrating, not only during an anniversary year, but every year.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.



COURTESY PHOTO

Alton town-wide yard sale brings hope and happiness

The annual town-wide yard sale sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation once again brought throngs of people from the local area and out of state to browse the multiple yard sales across the entire town. I was able to spend five-plus hours witnessing avid shoppers finding hidden treasures, increasing their donations when they realized some of the money was going to local charities. Given the large number of sales going on and the shopping list that many were carrying, significant amounts of money were spent locally as shoppers filled up on gas, food, and other products available locally. A special thank you to those who shared their yard sale proceeds with local charities. Those donations will continue to bring hope and happiness throughout the year for some Alton residents in challenging situations. The East Alton Meeting House (pictured above) also matched a neighborhood yard-sale total, donating \$1,400 to Alton Community Services.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Adulation

Today, I wanted to take it easy. Something that's getting very desirable for me lately. There were some things on my "to do list" that entailed doing outside, and since it kept showering, I felt safe to concentrate on inside things.

I threw in a load of laundry and left it in the basket. It's going to be warm and sunny for the next three days. I can hang it out tomorrow, after this rain stops.

I knew just what to do. My old amplifier has been waiting for just such a rainy day. My father was dead set against me playing rock and roll music. Period! So I was totally surprised when after being so glum as my band had a battle of the bands coming up that weekend and my bass amp was totally marginal at best, he took me to a music store to look at amplifiers.

I really wanted a Sunn amp. Their slogan was "the sound you can feel". I liked that. I had recently secured a part time after school job and my father cosigned for a loan with me. I wanted the one that had JBL speakers, but settled for the one with

standard speakers. It was like three hundred bucks less, and it's lighter weight made it easier for me to carry up the three flights of stairs to my bedroom.

They didn't have one in stock, so they loaned me a VOX bass amp in the interim. I know that there are some gray-haired gentry out there who relate. That amp worked wonderfully for years. I replaced it with a more powerful amplifier when they came available, while still using the speaker cabinet.

All them old amps kind of get ill after 30 or 40 years, and mine did too. A few years ago, I realized it's condition and decided to try to bring it back. A major problem with these old tube amps are the capacitors. They just stop working or just kind of fade away. I replaced all the electrolytic caps back then and that didn't completely do the trick. It's been sitting waiting for me ever since.

In order to work, vacuum tubes, or valves (as they say across the pond), need to run at pretty high voltages. The other components

must likewise withstand the stresses of these high voltages. It's only a matter of time before they break down.

I took it apart on the dining room table a couple weeks ago, which is where it's been sitting ever since. So today I went through my old boxes of parts and actually came up with everything I would need to replace it to the next level. I was amazed. Thank you Lord. I didn't have to buy one thing.

I got out a soldering iron and some tools, pulled out the old parts, put in their replacements, which are still old, but at least they have never been used. And then took it down the music room for an audition. I grabbed my old 67 Gibson bass that is intimately familiar with that amp and oh my gosh, it's magnificent. It may only be a 60-watt bass head, which is nothing compared to all the monster solid state offerings out there today, but it has that special tube sound. Wicked nice.

Friday night, there was a music concert at the school.

I had the night free, so I figured that I'd go check it out. I never get to hear these guys all together. Some go off into the practice rooms while others jam on things in the main room that aren't necessarily on the concert repertoire. The chorus hasn't sang to me since October.

I wasn't expecting this, and I think it has something to do with me taking on some middle schoolers in running races last week, but when I walked into the concert and passed in front of the chorus, they all just applauded me, like a standing ovation. I was like, what did I do to deserve this? It's nice to get some adulation once in a while though. An ego boost, for whatever it was I did.

Tomorrow I will be subbing there again. Next Monday and Tuesday too. That's all I know as of now, but I need time to tend to my handyman services too. Subbing is almost over for this year. We'll see what happens come September.

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Letters to the Editor

End 68 Hours of Hunger grateful for community's support

To the Editor:

End 68 Hours of Hunger Alton/Barnstead/Pittsfield received numerous donations from our community during a difficult year for most local families.

End 68 Hours of Hunger would like to recognize the following organizations and individuals who have made a huge impact on our program, which provides local families food bags on the weekend.

- Thank you to the Berk Family Fund for a grant in the amount of \$250.00 through New Hampshire Charitable Trust.

- Thank you to James Sanborn and the Lavoie Foundation for donating \$5000.00 annually for the last several years.

- Thank you to all the volunteers at NH 4H Day of Service/Victory Workers Pittsfield in the amount of \$675.00.

- Thank you to all the friends and Family of Barnstead's resident Mary Ann Nicols who recently passed away for donating in her memory the amount of \$675.00.

Thank you to all our End 68 Friends who continue to make monthly/annual donations and answer our calls for local food drives and our Amazon Wish List. All of these efforts to help support our local families.

Our program is sustained solely by volunteers who

donate their time up to 10 hours a week and is supported through monetary and food donations from our local community. We provide to families, weekly bags of food, consisting of 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners from Friday to Monday morning.

Without all of you, we could not be successful in taking care of our families. Thank you!

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If you would like to volunteer or donate, please contact Lori Mahar, Volunteer Admin for End 68 Hours of Hunger Alton/Barnstead/Pittsfield. Cell: 603-490-5254 or email: barnsteadnh@end68hoursofhunger.org. Thank you so much!

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The sound of summer after supper

There is a particular sound that belongs to summer evenings in New Hampshire. It isn't fireworks. It isn't a boat engine crossing the lake. It isn't even the peepers that begin their chorus after sunset.

It's the sound of people lingering.

For most of the year, life in New England runs on a schedule. We hurry from one obligation to the next. Darkness arrives early. The cold pushes us indoors. We wave at neighbors through a windshield and promise ourselves we'll catch up another time.

Then June arrives.

The sun stretches the day well into the evening, and suddenly nobody seems quite as eager to go inside.

You hear it everywhere. A couple talking on a porch after dinner. Neighbors standing in a driveway discussing everything and nothing. Children inventing one more game before bedtime. Someone laughing across a backyard. A screen door opening and closing.

None of these moments are remarkable on their own. In fact, they are so ordinary that we rarely think about them. Yet they may be among the most important parts of community life.

A few nights ago, I stepped outside after supper to take care of a small chore. It should have taken five minutes. Instead, I ended up talking with a neighbor. We discussed the weather, naturally. In New Hampshire, weather remains one of our favorite subjects. We talked about gardens. We talked about road construction. We talked about a local business that had recently changed hands. Eventually, another neighbor wandered over. Then another. Before long, the chore had been forgotten entirely. An hour passed without anyone noticing. There was no agenda. No meeting minutes. No social media post documenting the occasion. Just a handful of people standing outside on a pleasant evening, enjoying each other's company.

It occurred to me later that these casual conversations are becoming harder to find. Modern life has a way of filling every spare minute. Phones buzz. Streaming services wait indoors. Many of us communicate through text messages even when the person we're messaging lives a few streets away. Technology gives us countless ways to connect, yet sometimes it also gives us reasons not to leave the house.

Summer pushes back against that trend. The season invites us outdoors. It places us on porches, sidewalks, docks, ballfields and

town greens. It creates opportunities for the kind of unplanned encounters that have always helped knit communities together.

You learn things during these conversations. You discover who needs a hand with a project. You hear about a local event you might otherwise miss. You find out whose grandchild just graduated or who recently moved into town. More importantly, you remember that you

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are surrounded by people whose lives intersect with your own. That knowledge strengthens a community in ways that are difficult to measure. The truth is that most of what makes a town

special isn't found in a government report or a tourism brochure. It's found in relationships. It's found in familiarity. It's found in the simple comfort of recognizing faces and sharing stories. Summer gives us more opportunities for those moments than any other season.

Before long, the days will begin shortening again. Autumn schedules will return. The pace will quicken. We know how this sto-

ry goes because we've lived it many times before. For now, though, the evenings remain long. The dishes can wait a little while. The television will still be there later.

If you hear voices drifting across the neighborhood after supper, consider stepping outside. You might find that the best part of summer isn't an event on the calendar at all. It may simply be the sound of people lingering.

You win some, you lose some and sometimes it hurts

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sometimes it ends in celebration, sometimes it ends in a heartbreak.

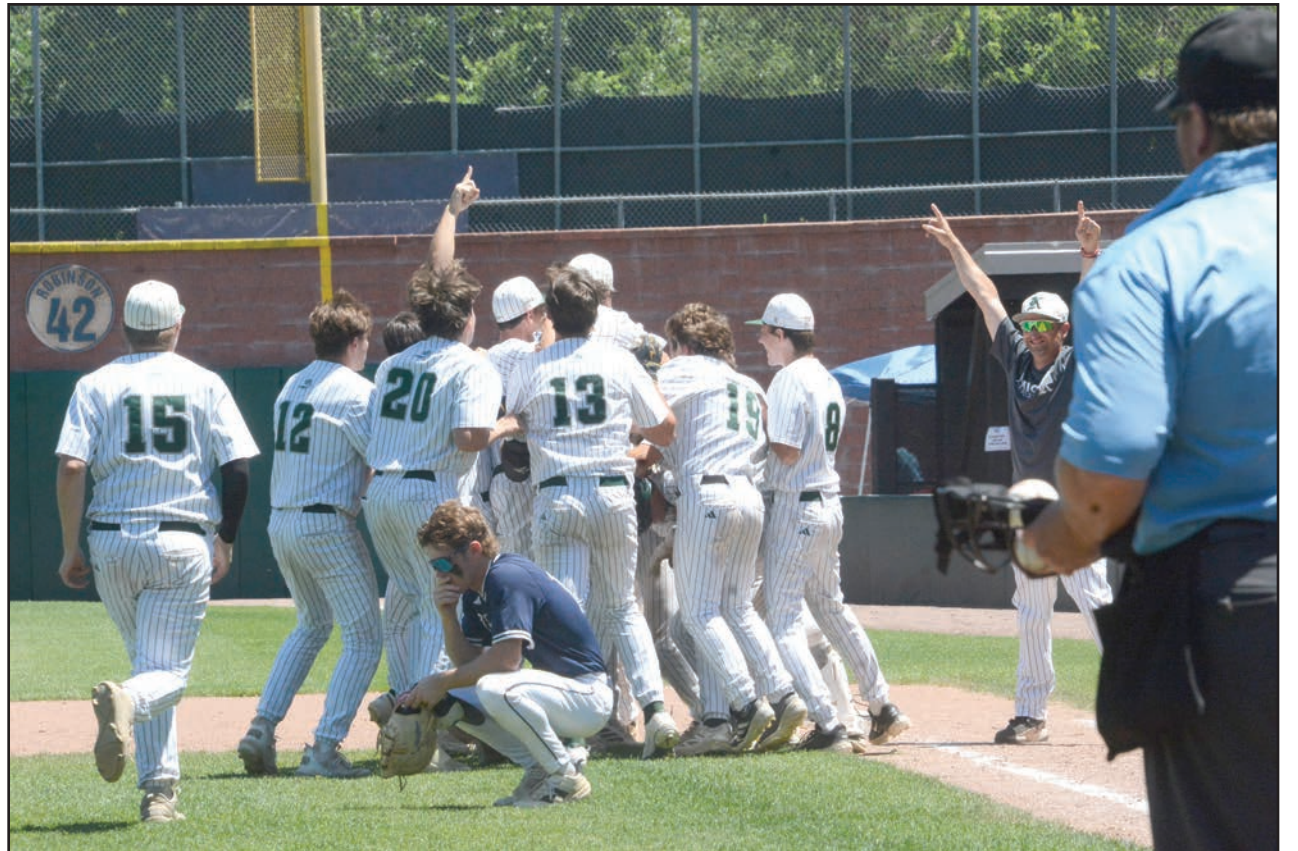
But either way, it always comes to an end and the spring sports season officially came to a close on Saturday, June 13, with a plethora of championship games around the state and four local teams crowned as champions and a couple of other local teams finishing in the heartbreaking spot as the runners-up.

Those championship moments are always fantastic for me as a reporter, getting to capture the jubilation of a team that has reached the pinnacle of high school success. At the same time, it's always tough to watch kids you've covered all season come up short in the end.

Those moments are the ones that I'm a bit more familiar with.

I will always remember the day, mainly because it was the day after I graduated from high school. It was June 4, 1994 and my Groveton baseball team had made the quarterfinals of the Class S tournament. Back then, the quarterfinals were held at a neutral site, which for Class S that year was at Plymouth State College (at the time). We had to travel almost two hours south to play a team that was half an hour up the road in the Colebrook Mohawks. We easily could've traveled up the road 15 minutes and they could've traveled south 15 minutes and played the game in Stratford, which at the time, still had a high school. But that's neither here nor there.

The purple Eagles of Groveton were down to the last out of the season in the seventh inning when I stepped to the plate against Colebrook pitcher Neil Molloy. I had met Neil at a number of different leadership-type events over the past few years so I knew him pretty well. I fouled off what over the years has grown in my mind to be at least



JOSHUA SPAULDING

The Kingswood baseball team celebrates the Division II championship at Delta Dental Stadium on Saturday, June 13, as a St. Thomas player laments the end of his season on the infield.

20 pitches (it was probably five to 10) before I grounded to second, ending my high school career two games short of the championship game and creating a memory that has stuck with me for the last 32 years.

So, as I watched the Kingswood baseball and softball teams, the Belmont baseball team and the Prospect Mountain softball team celebrate their championships on that Saturday in Manchester and Holderness, I felt for the St. Thomas and Derryfield baseball teams and the Gilford and Plymouth softball teams (maybe not as much for the private school teams that shouldn't be playing public schools anyway). I know the feeling of coming up short, even if my tournament experience ended in the quarterfinals instead of the championship.

The season comes to an end quickly, whether it's in the regular season, the first round, the quarterfinals, the semifinals or the championship. It's disappointing for sure and for many of the graduating seniors, it's the end of their athletic career. Some go on to play in college, but the large majority of

them will end their athletic careers when their last high school season comes to a close. They will go on to live their lives with the memories of their high school athletic achievements all ways there.

Congratulations to the Kingswood baseball (first time since 1998) and softball (back to back) teams, the Prospect Mountain softball team (fourth title in five years) and the Belmont

baseball team (first time since 1988) on their championships. It was a pleasure watching you celebrate. And congratulations to the Gilford and Plymouth softball teams on tremendous seasons that came up just a bit short.

Now the time has come for me to take a bit of a break, as is the case every summer. Before you know it, the fall sports preseason will be here.

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Songwriter Round-Up lineup set for June 25

MEREDITH — The partnership between Katie Dobbins Music (Gilford) and Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith) which has brought the monthly music series Songwriter Round-Up to the Lakes Region is set to deliver another great show at the end of this month. Held in the region's premier listening room, The Loft located on the second floor of the Winery, this series has been giving audience members a chance to experience the original music of talented singer-songwriters from the New England area and beyond. At



25, featuring the Lakes Region's own Katie Dobbins, a singer-songwriter who delivers heart-felt lyrics with beautiful vocal tones wrapped in guitar and piano melodies; Michael Suddes, an indie folk singer-songwriter raised in Connecticut known for heartfelt honest songs delivered through a unique musical voicing; and Shannon Davis, a singer-songwriter based in Portland, Maine with thoughtful lyrics and haunting vocals. All of these artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, melodies, and styles to the stage. This will be an evening of great original music and dynamic entertainment that you won't want to miss. Learn more about each of these artists on the Hermit Woods Winery website.

A complimentary wine tasting will begin at 5:30 p.m., the Loft opens at 6pm for seating & dinner orders, and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu of tasty items available from onsite Chef Eric Huckins. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.



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Jenn Bouchard, the award-winning author of "Palms on the Cape," "Considering Us," and "First Course," as well as several published short stories, will appear at the Country Bookseller Wednesday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to sign copies of her latest book, "Palms on the Cape." "Palms on the Cape" has been described by author Meredith Schorr as "a page turning, delicious escape with a main character you can't help but root for." Bouchard has been a high school teacher for more than two decades who also finds time to teach short story classes to adults in her community. An avid cook and volunteer for good causes, she is a devoted Red Sox fan. A graduate of Bates College and Tufts University, she lives in the Boston suburbs with her husband and two teenage children. Copies of all of her books will be available at The Country Bookseller.

each show three artists share their songs and stories in a unique in-the-round style performance. Presented on the last Thursday of each month, this intimate series features two different songwriters each month alongside host performer Katie Dobbins.

The series offers area residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the show "magic" that each new lineup creates. Winery co-founder and owner Bob Manley is thrilled to have his establishment be home to the monthly Songwriter

Round-Up Series.

Remarking on the success of the series, Manley reaffirms the valued partnership the Winery has developed with Katie Dobbins Music expressing "Working alongside Katie Dobbins and her Songwriter Round-Up Series has been an absolute delight. Katie brings an engaging presence to the stage, effortlessly connecting with our audiences and showcasing incredible talent with each performance."

The next Songwriter Round-Up show takes place on Thursday, June

Connor Macknight named to Dean's List at University of Maryland Global Campus

ADELPHI, Md. — Connor Macknight of New Durham was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2026 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintain a

cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland

and continues its global tradition with online and hybrid courses, more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide, and more than 100 degrees and certificates backed by the reputation of a state university and the University System of Maryland. For more information, visit umgc.edu.



Rowan Worthen of Gilford earned First Team All-State honors for Division III.



Mckenna Howard was named Division III All-State Second Team for her spring season.



Defender Ava Wilson of Gilford earned First Team All-State honors for Division III girls' lacrosse.



Ninth grader Zevy Donovan of Gilford was named to the Division III Second Team All-State in her first varsity lacrosse season.

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beth Holden and Annita Parmalee of St. Thomas, Keegan O'Meara of Bow, Emma Pelletier of Hopkinton and Jillian Bistany of Pelham, midfielders Julia Bryan of St. Thomas, Josie Johnson of Bow, Autumn Meier of Hopkinton and Lili Wilson of Campbell and defenders Breanne Peters

of Coe-Brown, Makayla Keegan of Laconia, Lena Sheehan of St. Thomas, Olivia Sikare of Milford and Hannah Boucher of Trinity and goalies Kiera Deloria of ConVal and Noelanni Hunter of Derbyfield.

In Division II, Kingswood defenders Addy Ingham and Avery Gilpatrick and goalie Ady Arsenault and Kennett attack Emma Dziedzic and

midfielder Myra Johnston all earned Second Team honors.

Division II First Team honors went to attacks Lila Fitzgerald of Timberlane, Elle Emery and McKinley Fowler of Winnacunnet, Sydney Lavoie and Trinity Lunn of Goffstown and Lilly Jones of Merrimack Valley, midfielders Rylee Donahue of Timberlane, Cadence Bice of Alvirne, Mia Brissette

of Goffstown, Ella Frink of Merrimack Valley and Jackie Hayes and Riley Taylor of Merrimack, defenders Jillian Boncore of Alvirne, Taylor Burness of Winnacunnet, Jenna Shannon and Thea Soucy of Goffstown, Izzy Tucker of Merrimack Valley and Caroline DeSantis of Oyster River-Newmarket and goalies Benten Lyford of Winnacunnet and Eliza Farwell of Oyster Riv-

er-Newmarket.

Joining the five local girls in earning Division II Second Team were attacks Joia Collis of Hanover, Abbey Thompson of Merrimack Valley, Ashlyn Szelog of Oyster River-Newmarket, Lyla Carls of Merrimack and CeCe Dufoe of Hollis-Brookline, midfielders Reese Gandt of Winnacunnet, Maeve Bradley of Hanover, Ella Collette of

Goffstown, Grace Royal of Oyster River-Newmarket and Liv Mitchell of Merrimack, defenders Kalli Snow of Merrimack Valley, Kyleigh Perrella of Merrimack and Anna Kinney of Hollis-Brookline and goalie Sophia Richard of Merrimack.

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Learning from a legend

Longtime local mentor Joan Forge publishes book on coaching

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — If there's any situation in coaching, it's a safe bet that Joan Forge has been through it.

For 50 years Forge has patrolled the sidelines of the Lakes Region, from her early student-teaching days at Inter-Lakes to her first jobs in Ashland, through a massively successful run at Gilford High School and now as the head coach of the Plymouth State University volleyball program. Over that time, she's learned from countless mentors and herself has served as a mentor to countless other coaches.

And now, with the publication of her book, "Forging a Positive Team Culture: A Coach's Guide to Building a Healthy Athletic Environment," Forge is passing along tips and wisdom to help other coaches have the same kind of impact she's had over the years.

And she's using the book to benefit her alma mater and the place that she calls home now, as proceeds from the sale of the book are going toward the renovation project at Foley Gymnasium on the campus of Plymouth State, the place that her volleyball team plays its home games.

"For me, it's just another way of giving back to the college that gave so much to me," she said. "We're a state university, a lot of our funding comes from donations."

For someone who started out coaching sport she had never played (JV field hockey at Inter-Lakes), she's always found a way to make coaching a true community affair, involving parents in their child's sports and keeping kids grounded.

"As a successful coach in Gilford, coaches asked me all the time, 'when are you going to write a book about how you seem to just reload instead of rebuild,'" Forge said. "But I had a lot of coaches that inspired me 20 or 30 years ago."

She notes that she always tries to include parents in the process and though not every parent will agree with her style, by including them in the team family she's earned a lot of trust with parents and athletes.

"It's just a big happy family," Forge said. "But sometimes, you have to be the bad guy, you have to hold everyone accountable."

And she points out that her book is a great read for parents who are watching their kids from the sidelines.

"Every parent should read this book, youth coaches should read it," Forge noted. "As a coach, you're teaching about being a good person."

"And kids have to have fun," she added. "We win or we learn. Success comes from teams who have fun."

After graduating from Plymouth State, Forge got a job nearby in Ashland, which at the time was a K-12 school and she taught physical education to all age groups and coached varsity girls' basketball and softball, eventually winning a softball championship in 1983 and finishing as the runners-up the next year before she left to coach in Gilford.

Originally, when she was hired in Gilford, Forge was going to be the softball and girls' soccer coach, but a change of plans at the high school saw her move to the volleyball court in the fall, where she inherited a team that had not won a set in three years.

"We won six games and the next year we made the semifinals and then it just took off," Forge said. Her vaulted career at Gilford included a stretch winning nine championships in a row before she returned to the school where she studied as an undergrad in 2018 to take over the volleyball program.

As a fan of the book "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff," Forge saw an opportunity to write a book with 100 short chapters with 100 different subjects pertaining to coaching. She started throwing out chapter ideas and came up with 120 right out of the gate (the book was winnowed down a bit), but not being a writer, she enlisted the help of Sandy McLaughlin, an administrator at Gilford and they worked together on chapters and for a couple of years that idea sat on the computer.

Then COVID came along and with no sports to coach, Forge and McLaughlin started meeting regularly and more progress was made until sports came back and the idea got set aside again.

Then, on the other side of the spectrum from the COVID pandemic, the Panthers won the Little East Championship this past fall and Forge was ecstatic and realized this was the right time, with a little time off in the middle of winter, to get back to the book.

"I was higher than a kite, I was so excited, I said 'I have to write that book now,'" she said. "So, I wrote and I wrote and I wrote."

McLaughlin helped her edit the copy and eventually the pieces fell right into place and the thing that she's always been great at was out there in the open for everyone to see.

"I am an open book, I'll help any time coaches need help," Forge said. "I asked for help back in the day and got it from some great coaches, so I'll always give help."

Anyone who has ever watched a Gilford volleyball game, even to this day, will notice that when the ball is



COURTESY PHOTO

Longtime Gilford coach and current Plymouth State volleyball coach Joan Forge has published a book about coaching that is now available for purchase with proceeds benefitting the Plymouth State University Foley Gymnasium renovation. heading back toward the person serving after a point, it is always intercepted by a teammate, who then passes it to the server. While this is not a coaching philosophy, it is something that started when Forge was there as

a bit of a superstition and continues to this day, so much so that when Forge had a former Gilford player on her college team, the player insisted upon doing that every single serve.

Superstitions like that are a part of sports at every level, but so is finding whatever works for the group of kids you have in front of you and making that part of the process. Sometimes that involves a superstition, sometimes that involves loosening or tightening the reins. Every player, every team and every situation is different. A good coach will find a way to make it work no matter who is on the court or the field.

"If I knew then what I know now, it would've been really helpful," Forge said. "I just want to help new coaches, this is the chance to help coaches get that insight."

As one of (she estimates) only a few female

coaches around the country who've been at it for more than 50 years, she's proud to have survived through various eras of coaching and philosophies that have come and gone.

"If there is a situation, I have probably gone through it," she said. "It's important to never stop learning."

Anyone interested in learning from Forge's successful coaching style, proven on the courts and fields of the Lakes Region for the last 50 years, can purchase "Forging a Positive Team Culture: A Coach's Guide to Building a Healthy Athletic Environment" on Amazon.com and all proceeds will go to benefit the renovation of the Foley Gymnasium on the campus of Plymouth State University.

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Local students earn top honors as Brewster celebrates close of 2025-26 school year

WOLFEBORO — Brewster Academy recently celebrated the close of the 2025-26 school year, and six students from the Lakes Region and Carroll County were among those recognized at the school's year-end ceremonies.

Commencement took place Saturday, May 23, on Brown Field, where Head of School Kristy Kerin conferred diplomas on a Class of 2026 representing 15 countries and 18 states. The ceremony capped a week of traditions that included the Moving Up Day awards ceremony and the Ivy Address.

The Commencement keynote was delivered by Marsha Ivins, a NASA astronaut who flew five Space Shuttle missions and logged more than 1,300 hours in orbit. She urged graduates to persist when told "no" and to remember that a team can accomplish far more than any individual alone.

Graduating honorees

Estelle Good '26 of Meredith received the Burtis F. Vaughan Award at Commencement, presented to the graduate who has most successfully combined scholastic and athletic excellence with the personal qualities of sympathy, sincerity, appreciation, and



awareness.

Spencer Drazek '26 of Bristol received the Faculty Growth Achievement Award at Commencement, recognizing the graduate who has shown the greatest improvement in general record over the junior and senior years.

Underclass honors and new leadership

At Moving Up Day, held May 18 in the Smith Center, faculty presented academic awards and announced student leadership appointments for the coming school year.

Local students featured prominently.

Anelya Caesar '27 of Wolfeboro received the

Myrtle Dodge Award, voted on by the entire faculty, in recognition of three years of summa cum laude and John Brewster Scholar status, participation in three sports, and steady Gold Key tour guide service that has continued through summers and school breaks. She also received the Colby College Book Prize from the History Department, which honors a student who exemplifies what it means to be a genuine stakeholder in humanity. For the coming year, she was named a Gold Key Head Tour Guide and a Senior Class Leader.

Mila Bahr '27 of Ossipee was named Editor-in-Chief of both of Brewster's stu-

dent publications for the coming year: the student newspaper, The Brewster Browser, and the yearbook, the Winnepesaukee.

Gabi Reynolds '27 of Wolfeboro was named Managing Editor of The Brewster Browser and a Senior Class Leader for the coming year.

Audrina Crowell '28 of Sanbornville was named a Junior Class Prefect for the coming year.

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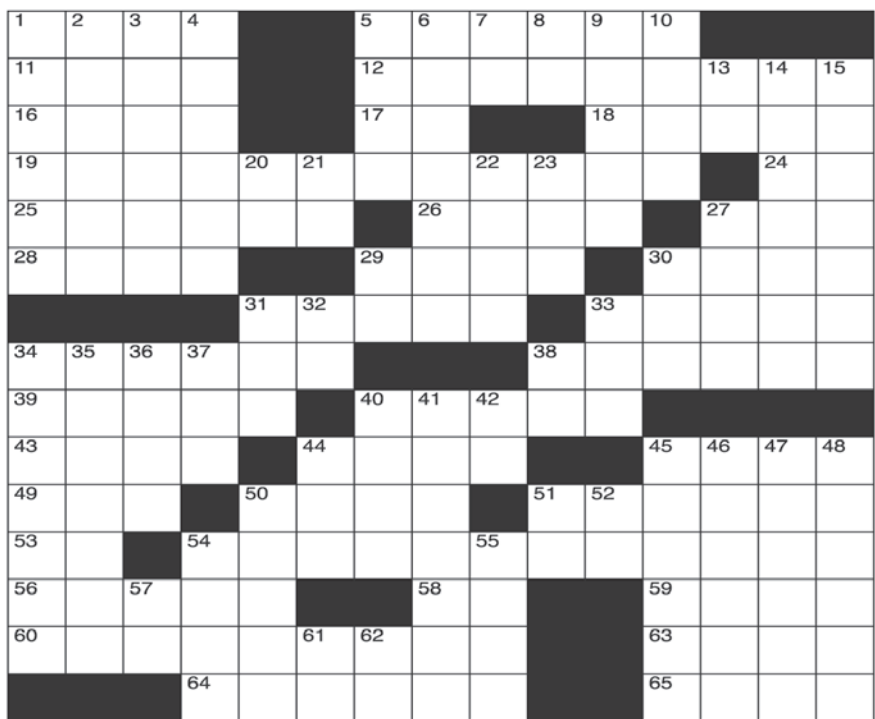
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 5. Requesting
- 11. Give temporarily
- 12. Excitedness
- 16. Armed Forces branch
- 17. Actor Harris
- 18. Middle Eastern capital
- 19. Air hostesses
- 24. Partner to "Pa"
- 25. Percussion instrument
- 26. Popular computers
- 27. Reduce light
- 28. Asian mountain range
- 29. Every one of two or more
- 30. Absence of difficulty
- 31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
- 33. Whittles
- 34. Impact
- 38. Serviceman
- 39. A French river
- 40. Prehistoric people
- 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
- 44. ___ Clapton, musician
- 45. Ancient Greek sophist
- 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 50. Singer Hansard
- 51. A way to disentangle
- 53. Atomic #93
- 54. Manifesting approval
- 56. Indigo bush
- 58. Former AL MVP Vaughn
- 59. Off-Broadway theater award
- 60. Fencers
- 63. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- 64. Relating to passerine birds
- 65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Colorless fluid
- 2. Of a main artery
- 3. Photographer's tool
- 4. Blues Traveler hit "But ___"
- 5. Grew older
- 6. Not the leader
- 7. ___ Lang (country singer)
- 8. A driver's license is one
- 9. Nests of pheasants
- 10. Wildebeests
- 13. Equal to one quintillion bytes
- 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
- 15. Type of cat
- 20. It cools your home
- 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 22. Pouches
- 23. German trigraph
- 27. Form of Persian
- 29. Measurement unit
- 30. Body part
- 31. Bridge building degree
- 32. Indicates position
- 33. Political action committee
- 34. Snack food
- 35. Front part of a quadruped
- 36. Locate
- 37. Pitching statistic
- 38. __, myself and I
- 40. City in Utah
- 41. They play in the trenches
- 42. "Can't Touch This" rapper ___ Hammer
- 44. Type of tree
- 45. Performers
- 46. Slang for mistake
- 47. More open
- 48. Most slick
- 50. Needles
- 51. University of Dayton
- 52. Atomic #11
- 54. Large fish of the mackerel family
- 55. Not any
- 57. ___ and behold
- 61. Popular sports highlight show (abbr.)
- 62. "The Great Lakes State"

LIBRARY

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teractive storytime filled with group singing, dancing, imaginative play, crafts, and stories, all designed specifically for babies and toddlers.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. is Children's Storytime. Visit us at the library for stories, crafts, and singing. Then experience the cozy ambience in the children's area, which has all sorts of neat things to do. Make new friends. Set up playdates. Check out books, movies, and games, play with the trains, Legos, and puppets. Come for the learning, stay for the fun!

Start your week off with Yoga Monday! Gentle Hatha-Flow runs from 10:15-11:40 a.m., Senior/Beginner/Chair Yoga is noon to 1 p.m., and Intermediate Hatha-Flow lasts from 5:30-6:50 p.m. Classes are by donation (suggested \$8). All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate.

Fun Fest Wednesday Afternoons in July: Throughout this month, we will be hosting various fun activities for the K-5 age group on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. These sessions will align with our SRP theme, "Plant a Seed, Read." Please visit our library Facebook page to view more details and to sign up for these events. You can also call or email the library to register.

Our Read the Room Book Club (ages 18 and up) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (Jul. 1), from 6-7:30 p.m. This month's book will be "Trail of the Lost" by Andrea Lankford. Next month's book will be "How the Penguins Saved Veronica" by Hazel Prior. Books are available at the library. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

NEW Calling all Mah Jongg fans - come join us at the library! Players meet the first (July 2) and third (July 16) Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. No registration required.

Jamming Tuesdays at OFML: 6-8 p.m. (ages 18 and up). Do you play a string instrument? Well then, dust it off and come make music with us! On the first (July 7) and third (July 21) Tuesdays of the month, join

us for jam nights at the library (in the meeting room). No need to be an expert—just bring your instrument and a love of music. Share a few tunes, trade chords, get feedback (if you'd like), and most of all, have fun!

Sewing Basics 101 on Wednesday, July 8, from noon to 1 p.m. Learn the skills you need to keep your wardrobe looking fresh, such as: How to fix a button, hem your pants, or hide a tear. Earn a badge towards summer reading!

On Thursday, July 9, at 4:30 p.m., join us for Small Business Basics: A SCORE Workshop for Aspiring Entrepreneurs. Dreaming of starting a business? Learn how to turn your idea into reality with guidance from a SCORE mentor. Open to all ages, with a follow-up session two weeks later (Thursday, July 23, at 4:30 p.m.) for continued support and questions.

On Thursday, July 9, at 6:30 p.m., the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists presents "Three Men and a One Shilling Knife." This engaging program uses a dramatic 1788 tavern killing in New Durham to show how genealogists uncover stories from the past. Through newspapers, court records, military records, petitions, and other original sources, the lecture follows the intertwined lives of three Revolutionary War veterans and reveals how family history research can illuminate the people, events, and communities of New Hampshire's past.

OFML presents Home Repair 101 on Friday, July 10, from 5-6 p.m. Ready to tackle life's little repairs? Join us for a hands-on introduction to basic home maintenance skills, perfect for teens, young adults, and first-time renters. Registration is required.

Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., come visit our OFML Craft & Makers Market! This program will be held monthly throughout the summer, and is located in the library parking lot (parking is down by the P&R area). Come shop for local crafts, gifts, and foods, then stop by the library and have a look around! If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please call or stop by the library to grab an application.

Our newest Lifelong Learning Series event: It's never too late to take charge of your brain health! On July 15, at 5 p.m., join us for an AARP NH "Six Pillars of Brain Health" free workshop to discover how living an active life – by learning more, being social, staying fit, eating right, sleeping better, and managing stress – is our best bet for maintaining our brain health. Share your brain-boosting tips and be inspired by others. Please call or email the library to register.

On July 16, at 6:30 p.m., join OFML and The Barnstead Historical Society, to hear Mary Adams present "Redcoats and Rebels." New Hampshire often gets overlooked in the narrative of the American Revolution, overshadowed

by its noisy neighbor to the south. Nowadays, few people know about Paul Revere's first ride, which was to Portsmouth in December 1774 to warn the patriots that the British were coming to reinforce Fort William and Mary, five months before the Redcoats marched on Concord and Lexington. Nor do they know that two-thirds of the troops at the Battle of Bunker Hill were from New Hampshire. Most people are also unaware that New Hampshire's Provincial Congress adopted the first state constitution in January 1776, making no mention of royal authority and essentially declaring independence from Great Britain six months before anyone else. And this is just the beginning of New Hampshire's revolutionary story. This program was made possible by New Hampshire Humanities.

We are hosting a Fused Glass Workshop (18 and up) on Thursday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. Join Truecolors Glassworks in making plant-themed fused glass creations. Please call or email the library to register as spots are very limited.

On Friday, July 24, from 6:30-8 p.m., join us for Books & Banter. This lively book club is open to everyone and invites you to share and explore a wide range of genres. Come ready to discuss up to three books you've recently read, giving a brief synopsis to spark conversation. Don't miss out on the fun—come share your thoughts, learn about new books, and enjoy a cozy evening of discussion.

On Wednesday, July 29, at 6 p.m., join us for a Paint Night (18 and up)! Come paint plant-themed (or whatever you like) watercolor and relax at the library. No skills necessary, and supplies are provided. Please call or email the library to register.

On Thursday, July 30, from 6-8 p.m., join us for Car Maintenance 101. Learn the basics of car care in this hands-on beginner workshop! We'll cover simple maintenance skills like checking fluids, understanding warning lights, and basic upkeep to help you feel more confident behind the wheel.

On Friday, July 31, from 6-7 p.m., join us for Casual to Career: Style 101. Learn the basics of personal style with a professional stylist from Vostra Moda! This beginner-friendly session will cover casual, business casual, and formal dress, plus tips on how to dress for interviews and other real-world situations.

Let's Write a Novel! Join us in the library's meeting room for a series of structured classes on the how-to's of writing a book. This class runs from 6-7:30 p.m. on the last Friday of the month (July 31). Budding writers, 16 and older, ignite your passion for storytelling, discover how to build your hero's journey, and take your novel from concept to can-do!

For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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Wright Museum welcomes Christine Kuehn for lecture and book signing

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, June 30, the Wright Museum will welcome Christine Kuehn. This is the sixth program of the Wright Museum's 2026 Education Series.

It began with a letter from a screenwriter, asking about a story. Your family. World War II. Nazi spies. Christine Kuehn was shocked and confused. When she asked her seventy-year-old father, Eberhard, what this could possibly be about, he stalled, deflected, demurred, and then wept. He knew this day would come.

The Kuehns, a prominent Berlin family, saw the rise of the Nazis as a way out of the hard times that had befallen them. When the daughter of the family,

Eberhard's sister, Ruth, met Nazi leader Joseph Goebbels at a party, the two hit it off, and they had an affair. But Ruth had a secret—she was half Jewish—and Goebbels found out. Rather than having Ruth killed, Goebbels instead sent the entire Kuehn family to Hawaii, to work as spies half a world away. There, Ruth and her parents established an intricate spy operation from their home, just a few miles down the road from Pearl Harbor, shielding Eberhard from the truth. They passed secrets to the Japanese, leading to the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor. After Eberhard's father was arrested and tried for his involvement in planning the assault, Eberhard learned the harsh truth about his

family and faced a decision that would change the path of the Kuehn family forever.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30 at the Wright Museum's DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center Street in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at <https://wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series> or by calling 603-569-1212.

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 home front

and battlefield. For more information about the 2026 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from June 8-18.

Stanley Joseph Pikul III, age 36, was arrested on June 8 for Indecent Exposure/Gross Lewdness, Disorderly Conduct, and multiple counts of Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Xavier Caraballo, age 20, was arrested on June 9 for Possession and/or Use of Tobacco Products by a Minor, Possession of a Marijuana-Infused Product by a person under 21, Unlawful Possession of Alcohol/Intoxication, and in connection with a warrant.

Glenn D. Leclair, age 38, was arrested on June 10 for Breach of Bail, Resisting Arrest or Detention, and in connection with a warrant.

A 44-year-old male and 40-year-old female were taken into protective custody (drug-related) on June 10.

Jason S. Skaling, age 50, was arrested on June 11 for DUI-Impairment.

Sophia Shea Lamothé, age 20, was arrested on June 12 for Transporting Alcohol or

Marijuana.

Joseph R. Huckins, age 41, was arrested on June 12 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking and Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution.

Julianne Marie Vasselian, age 38, was arrested on June 13 on multiple counts of Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury or Physical Contact.

A 57-year-old female and 47-year-old female were taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 13.

A 22-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 13.

Zachery Albert Tenzar, age 23, was arrested on June 13 for Driving Under the Influence. A 26-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

Alyssa Erika Williams, age 26, was arrested on June 13 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury and Contempt. A 25-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication

during the same incident.

Joel M. Cione, age 37, was arrested on June 14 for Disorderly Conduct, Littering, and multiple counts of Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Matthew R. Nason, age 38, was arrested on June 14 for Violation of a Protective Order.

Katie L. Ellis, age 42, was arrested on June 15 for Criminal Trespassing, Theft By Unauthorized Taking, and Contempt.

James Edwin Ayers, Jr., age 25, was arrested on June 15 in connection with a warrant.

Judson A. Sarette, age 56, was arrested on June 16 for Aggravated DUI, Reckless Operation, driving at a rate of speed 26 or more mph over a posted limit of 55 mph or less, Improper Passing, Failure to Use Required Turn Signal, and Improper Turning. A 42-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

Mark W. Degrace, age 68, was arrested on June 18 for DUI-Impairment.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events June 25 - July 2

Thursday, June 25
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, June 26
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Strawberry Solstice Sound Bath, 10-11:30 a.m.

Celebrate the shimmering threshold between the Summer Solstice and the luminous Strawberry Moon with a special seasonal Sound Bath designed to welcome the sweetness, warmth, and wonder of summer in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. This year's Strawberry Moon rises low and golden in the sky - a soft amber "Honey Moon" said to symbolize ripening, reflection, abundance, and the quiet recognition of how far we've come. Paired with the radiant energy of the Solstice, this experience invites you to pause, breathe, release what feels heavy or outdated, and reconnect with joy, vitality, possibility, and the beauty of being fully alive in this season. Through crystal singing bowls, guided meditation, gentle energy awareness, and restorative stillness, you'll be immersed in an experience that is both grounding and expansive - like a deep exhale for the nervous system and a heartfelt celebration of summer's arrival. Created and offered by Lani Voivod - Professional Muse, Reiki Master, Yoga Teacher, and Sound Bath Creator. Preregistration Required • Space is Limited. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, June 27
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Monday, June 29
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.
Garden Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

All week long you can drop into the Teen Room to plant your very own strawberries, but make sure to come back on Thursday from 3pm - 4pm when we will be enjoying some dirt cups!
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.

Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.

Garden Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Summer Camp Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.
Homeschool Group, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Flight of Remembrance Part 2 - Post WWII Immigration,

5:30-6:30 p.m.
The author of Flight of Remembrance, Marina Kirsch, will present Part 2 of her family's story of resilience and new beginnings, covering their postwar experience in Germany, immigration to America, and early years in the U.S. Books will be available for \$20 each (cash or checks).

Wednesday, July 1
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 10-11 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon

Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Garden Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Storytime at the Beach, noon to 1 p.m.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, July 2
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Garden Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dirt Cups, 10-11 a.m.
To celebrate the end of Garden Week come in and enjoy some dirt cups!

Build a Bouquet, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join in on the family fun by picking out your own flowers and building a bouquet!
French, 4-5 p.m.

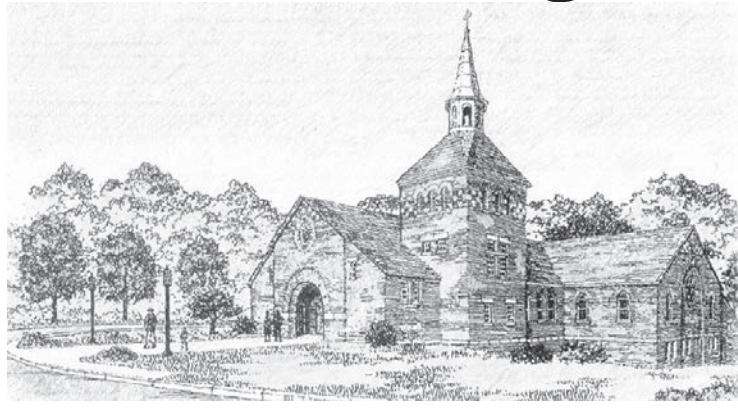
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Saturday afternoons:

Confession at church at 3:00. Mass at church at 4:00.

Sunday mornings:

Mass at church at 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30.

Mass online at 10:30 at stktdrexel.org.

Monday evenings:

"Discovery Group" discussion at church at 7:00 p.m.

Friday mornings:

Eucharistic Adoration in church from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Weekday mornings (except Thursday):

Mass at 8:00.

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Alton	1349 Mount Major Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$460,000	Paul A., Jr. and Michelle Hamilton	Bethany May Hadden and Phillip Mark Kurtis
Alton	21 Sedlari Way	Single-Family Residence	\$665,000	Bergevin Fiscal Trust and Patricia A. Bergevin	Keith E. and Kristy M. Mackenzie
Barnstead	581 S. Barnstead Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$465,000	Thomas Joseph Butchko and Zsanett Szi-Miklos	Adam T. Pease and Jessica J. Pike
Barnstead	630 S. Barnstead Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$420,000	William D. and Alethea N. Carr	Jarod and Kathryn Yarbrough
Barnstead	1 Wentworth Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$346,000	Laura R. Topham	Stephen Babcock, Jr. and Samantha Silva
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$965,000	Howard F. Nichols Trust and Ellen M. Harrington	Sally F. Nichols
Gilford	Collins Heights	N/A	\$560,000	Caleb and Katherine McDonald	Erica D. Perry
Gilford	48 Liberty Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$330,000	Dakota K. and Hannah K. Poole	Aaron and Ashley M. Fleury
Gilford	Mulberry Heights, Unit AC	Condominium	\$540,000	Wooten Fiscal Trust and Allison E. Wooten	James and Jamie Carlen
Gilmanton	140 Province Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$616,000	Nicholas J. Bompastone and Christine Mary Artim	Alec and Gabrielle Atwood
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$112,000	Ernest R. and Linda Hudziec	Revolutionary Home Builders LLC
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$75,000	Illerex LLC	Potter Farms Trust and Robert L. Potter, Jr.
Gilmanton	N/A (Lot 2)	N/A	\$117,533	McKinna Family LLC	Brett A. and Brenda L. Currier
Gilmanton	N/A (Lot 3)	N/A	\$117,533	McKinna Family LLC	Brett A. and Brenda L. Currier
Gilmanton	N/A (Lot A36)	N/A	\$18,000	Glenn and Charlene Froward	On Mtn. Time Rentals LLC
New Durham	N/A (Lot 14)	N/A	\$32,000	Dempsey Fiscal Trust and Emily Dempsey Herlihy	Connor James Hayes

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Kingswood students earn academic awards

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School congratulates the following students who received academic awards for their performance during the 2025-2026 school year.

Principal Award

Thomas Benker, Lilyana Scott

Art

Excellence in Art: Kahlan Gilbert

Most Improved Artist: Madelyn Giunco

Visual Tech

Computer Visual Design Award: Payton LaPierre

Technology Department
Architecture Award: Beth Gardiner

Tech Draw Award: Lilian O'Blenes

Technology Award: Cooper McCourt, Nate Demain

Excellence in Woodworking: Brody Hanson

Most Deserving Student in Health & Wellness

Wellness Award: Kaylee Pellerin, Keira Ryder

Family and Consumer Science Award: Anissa Desrochers

Math

Four Years of Excellence: Malcolm Clark, Beth Gardiner

Most Improved: Faith VanAuken

Robotics Award: Felix Lambert

World Languages

Spanish Honors: Jordyn Martineau

French Honors Award: Thomas Benker, Malcolm Clark

Seal of Bilingual Proficiency Spanish: Serafin Agramonte-Gold; Thomas Bronson-Silver; Graham Burke-Silver; Nate Cloos-Silver; Allison Doherty-Silver; Nicko Gardner (Hammes)-Silver; Madelyn Giunco-Silver;

Michael House-Gold; Vae-ga Johnson-Silver; Avalyn Lambert-Silver; Brendan MacPhee-Silver; Jordyn Martineau-Silver; Cooper McCourt-Gold; Ari-anna (Oliver) Noel-Gold; Kendal Oliver-Siler; Dean Richards-Gold; James Rogers-Gold; Bryce Sandlin-Gold; Gianna Santangelo-Silver; Evan Thurston-Silver; Audrey Wood-Silver; Kahlan Gilbert-Silver.

Seal of Bilingual Proficiency French: Thomas Benker-Gold, Miley Betley-Silver, Liam Brown-Silver,

Malcolm Clark-Gold, Emma Kornved, Silver, Alyssa Smith-Silver, Ben Wright-Silver

Music

Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award: Avalyn Lambert

John Phillip Sousa Award: Jordyn Martineau

National School Choral Award: Ace Vergato

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award: Oliver Noel

Quincy Jones Musician-ship Award: Malcolm Clark

Business

Business Professional Excellence Award: Thomas Benker

Outstanding Business Student: William Blake

English

Excellence in English: Beth Gardiner

St. Michael's Book Award: Jacob Dubuc

Global Perspectives AP Award: Malcolm Clark, Liam Brown

Outstanding Advancement in English: Lilyana Scott, Alexandra Ackerly

Science

Physics Award: Dean Richards

Chemistry Award: Megan Nicol

Biology Award: Jona-

than Bronson

Physical Science Award: Zachary Dubuc

Anatomy & Physiology Award I: Beth Gardiner

Environmental Science Award/St. Lawrence Book Award: Adelle Harrington

Astronomy Award: Ryan Santerre

Overall Science Award: Nelson Edwards

Social Studies

Outstanding Effort in Social Studies: MacKenzie Shea, Blake Smith

World History Award: Kenley Stirling

American Government

Award: Theodore Hall

Excellence in US History: Kayla Cegielski

Outstanding Social Studies Student 4 Years: Thomas Benker

Outstanding AP World History Award: Ryan Santerre

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TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM COMMUNITY ROOM & ZOOM
GMR Holdings of NH, LLC,
d/b/a Green Mountain Communications

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Community Room. The hearing is regarding a Special Use Permit for a Wireless Communication Facility pursuant to Article IV.A. of the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance, Article E. of the Town of New Durham Telecommunications Facility Ordinance, and Site Plan Review pursuant to Section VII.A. of the Site Plan Review Regulations for construction and operation of a wireless telecommunications service facility within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District submitted by Brian S. Grossman, Esquire, of Strang, Scott & Giroux, on behalf of GMR Holdings of NH LLC, d/b/a Green Mountain Communications for property at Map 209, Lot 034, 320 Kings Highway, New Durham, New Hampshire.

The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Administrative Assistant at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov or the Planning Board.

“Dancing Queen” comes to the Clouds: ABBA’s Greatest Hits live in Moultonborough



MOULTONBOROUGH — Great Waters Summer Concerts is proud to present ARRIVAL from Sweden — The Music of ABBA as part of its Concerts in the Clouds series on Saturday, July 11, from 7:30– p.m. Set beneath the signature acoustical tent at Castle in the Clouds, this high-energy, open-air performance promises an unforgettable night of iconic pop hits in one of New Hampshire’s most breathtaking settings.

Founded in 1995 in Gothenburg, Sweden, by Vicky Zetterberg, ARRIVAL from Sweden has grown into one of the world’s most celebrated ABBA tribute productions. Having toured in more than 70 countries and completed over 80 U.S. tours, the group has sold out arenas seating up to 50,000 people and earned an international reputation for authenticity and excellence. Often described as “the closest you will ever get to ABBA,” the production features world-class musicians and vocalists performing 100% live, delivering remarkable renditions of beloved hits including “Dancing Queen,” “Mamma Mia,” “Waterloo,” “Fernando,” “SOS,” and “The Winner Takes It All,” among many others.

Set against sweeping views of Lake Winnepesaukee, the Concerts in the Clouds venue offers a one-of-a-kind summer concert experience. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy a full evening at the mountaintop venue, with food trucks serving a variety of options starting at 5:30 p.m., and continuing throughout the show. The Castle bar is open for drinks starting at 5:30 p.m.

Great Waters Summer Concerts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing world-class music to New Hampshire’s Lakes Region,

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The last time ABBA’s music lit up Concerts in the Clouds, it quickly became one of Great Waters’ biggest modern-day shows, drawing a huge crowd and creating an unforgettable night of music and nostalgia. This time, ARRIVAL from Sweden—widely considered one of the world’s premier ABBA tribute bands—raises the bar even high-

er with an authentic, high-energy performance that captures the true sound and spirit of the original group. If the last show was any indication, tickets will go fast—so do not wait to secure your seats for what promises to be an even bigger and better night.

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The performance will take place at Concerts in the Clouds at Castle in the Clouds, 483 Ossipee Park Rd., Moultonborough. Tickets are available at www.greatwaters.org, by phone at (603) 569-7710, or at the Great Waters office in Wolfeboro.

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