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## Alton voters will decide on \$18 million school budget

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ALTON — Voters will decide on a school budget of around \$18 million with school officials managing declining enrollment numbers and trying to keep costs down.

Alton's school deliberative session took place on Feb. 1 at Prospect Mountain High School. The business portion of the meeting lasted less than half an hour. All proposed warrant articles will go on the warrant as is with no one making any comment.

Alton's proposed school operating budget for the coming school year is \$18,096,405, an increase of around 1.8 percent from the year before. Of this amount, \$4,934,204 is the net appropriation for PMHS. If the school budget fails, the default budget will be \$18,046,784.

Superintendent Tim Broadrick said the biggest issue facing Alton schools is enrollment. He said enrollment has been steadily declining at PMHS, going down 23 percent in the past 10 years and more in years prior. Broadrick

said Alton students will account for less than 50 percent of the population at PMHS next year. While Alton students have made up less than 52 percent of the student population, that amount will likely be closer to under 48 percent next year. He said this will impact apportionment with Barnstead taking on some more costs.

Broadrick said the board has been working to find solutions to the enrollment issue and focusing on per pupil cost. He said Alton has been spending more

per pupil than the state average and the district has been working on bringing that down. He said the schools have been working with the

town and engaging the community as well as putting a cap on per pupil costs. Around the 2020-2021 school year, Alton was spending

a little more than 40 percent more than the state average, a number that was brought closer to 17 percent in recent years.

## Gilford school deliberative session this Thursday

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GILFORD — The Gilford School District's deliberative session is this Thursday with voters deciding on a \$31 million budget.

The school deliberative session will take place on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Gilford High School Auditorium.

School officials discussed the proposed budget during the budget hearing on Jan. 16.

This year's proposed school budget is \$31,318,370, an increase of 3.09 percent from last year. If the budget article fails, the default budget will be \$31,171,420.

One of the biggest budget increases this year is salary adjustments. The budget has a \$610,345 increase for salary adjustments for administrators, teachers, and support staff. There is also an increase of \$422,647 in benefit adjustments including health, dental, and the New Hampshire Retirement System.

The budget also factors for a \$282,245 increase in bond payments.

This year's proposed budget also reflects some decreases including \$348,868 savings in electricity after lights in the school building were changed to LED. There was also \$129,174 savings on the roof repair project at the Meadows.

Several building projects are proposed for this school year.

The largest cost is \$136,424 for projects at Gilford Elementary

School including redoing the cupola, café tables, flooring, and gutters.

Another \$113,349 is proposed for projects at Gilford High School including new air conditioning controls, basketball hoops, a new wall panel in the art room, and new tables in the cafeteria.

Gilford Middle School will receive \$92,916 in work including work on the counter tops, café tables, and basketball hoops.

The SAU office will receive around \$36,495 in work including a new mower, gutters, and air conditioning control.

Work will begin on a new phase of the Meadows project with a cost of \$61,526. Work will be done in the roof at Building 3 as well as on the fence and water filter.

Other warrant articles would put money aside into different capital reserve funds with money coming from the surplus fund balance.

Article 3 would put \$300,000 into the School Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund.

Article 4 would put \$100,000 into the School Buildings and Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The next anticipated roof project is replacing the Gilford Middle School roof around 2038 for projected cost of around \$1.7 million.

Article 5 would put \$25,000 into the School Buildings Technology Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund. One project that is coming soon is replacing the host server Web filter.



COURTESY  
Emma of Barnstead is only a first grader, yet she's already read 500 books before Middle School. No wonder she looks so happy! Congrats, Emma. Keep reaching for the sky!

## Alton voters will decide on contested races

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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ALTON — Voters will decide on three contested races while the remainder of town and school offices will be uncontested.

Alton voters will decide on candidates for town and school offices as well as warrant articles during town meeting voting on Tuesday, March 11. Voting will take place at Prospect Mountain High School from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Five candidates have filed for two open three-year seats on the board of selectmen. Current selectmen Paul LaRoche and Andrew Morse are running for reelection against Robert Flannery, Mark Manning, and Brock Mitchell.

Three candidates are running for two open

spots on the Library Trustees, each with a three-year term. Sarah Hill and Kristine Simone are running for reelection against Jason Ray Sank.

The rest of the offices are uncontested.

On the Budget Committee, Jill Houser and incumbent Elizabeth Varney are running for the two three-year positions and Harold Shurtleff is running for the two-year position.

For the two open three-year seats on the Planning Board, Mark Manning and Bill O'Neil are both running for reelection.

Tom Lee and Tim Morgan are seeking reelection to the two open three-year seats on the Zoning Board.

Carole Ingham is run-

ning for town Treasurer with a two-year term.

Thomas Divney is running for another three-year term as Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Valerie Tarbell is running again as Supervisor of the Checklist for a five-year term.

For the Alton School District, three candidates are running for two open three-year positions on the school board. Incumbent Anne Pierce is running as is Jason English and Michael Folan.

Linda Roy is seeking another one-year term as School Clerk.

No candidates filed for the offices of School Moderator and School Treasurer, each carrying a one-year term. Those offices will be decided by write-in votes.

## Golden Eagle boys and girls win giant slalom at Gunstock



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ben Wolpin races in the giant slalom last Friday morning at Gunstock.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford alpine boys and girls both won the giant slalom during Friday's race at Gunstock. The Golden Eagles placed second in the slalom behind Kingwood.

Mckenna Howard led the Gilford girls in the morning giant slalom,

finishing in third place in 57.73 seconds and Riley Couatts skied to fourth in 58.29 seconds. Lily Bishop was fifth overall in 58.78 seconds and Emilia Burlock finished out the scoring with a time of 1:01.02

(Right) Riley Couatts powers through the giant slalom during Gilford's race at Gunstock last Friday.

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Emilia Burlock skis for the Gilford alpine team during last week's race at Gunstock.



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Elliott Warren makes his way through the Gunstock giant slalom course during last week's meet.

for seventh place. Camryn Couatts was 18th in 1:07.96, Ava Lien skied to 20th in 1:08.21, Brook Baron was 22nd in 1:09.1, Josie Arrighi was 32nd in 1:20.52 and Alicia Lyman finished in 35th place in a time of 1:27.09.

In the afternoon slalom it was Howard finishing in second place to again lead the Golden Ea-

gles with a time of 57.78 seconds. Riley Couatts was third overall in 1:03.13 and Burlock skied to eighth place in a time of 1:12.09. Lien finished out the scoring for Gilford with a 14th place finish in a time of 1:19.05.

Baron was 18th in 1:22.8, Arrighi finished in 24th place in a time of

# Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

## Beginner Hatha Yoga with Pamela Mott, 500 YTT certified

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Beginner Hatha Yoga: 5-Part Series with Pamela Mott, 500YTT, on Sundays at 9 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center starting Sunday, Feb. 23. Each class will be 60 minutes with an introduction to basic poses, sequences and meditation. Dress in comfortable clothing. If you have been curious how yoga can fit into your life try this session and bring a friend. Please bring a mat and/or block if you have them. This is a good opportunity for those recovering from injuries or illness to get back into life. \$45 for all 5 classes or drop in for \$10/class. Pre-registration is preferred, text Pamela Mott at 603-393-0595 for further information. Cash and Venmo accepted.

## Skate Night at Mill Pond

Join the fun at Skate Night on Friday, Feb. 7 (weather permitting) from 5-7 p.m. at the Alton Outdoor Ice Rink located on Mill Pond, across from

the Fire and Rescue Department on Route 140. Night time skating under the lights with a warm campfire on land. This event is free for all ages. Sponsored by the Alton Fire Department and Parks and Recreation. Bring your own skates. Skates collected from the Ice Skate Swap will be brought to the event for people to use and/or take home. For more information contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

## Ice Skate Swap

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring an Ice Skate Swap for Alton residents now through Feb. 28. Stop by to see what we have collected and take what you need or donate your ice skates in good condition to the Swap. The Ice Skate Swap is available at the Parks and Recreation office at 328 Main St., 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information contact 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov. Public Ice Skating is available thanks to the Alton Fire and Resue Department at the outdoor skating area on Mill Pond, weather

permitting.

## Alton Bay Winter Carnival-Warming Hut

There will be a Warming Hut on Sunday, Feb. 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center located at 58 Mt. Major Highway, across from Pop's Clam Shell. Stop by during the Winter Carnival and warm up in the cozy space by playing a game or making a craft. This event is free and all ages are welcome. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov. Restrooms during Winter Carnival will be available next to Shibley's Drive In. Parking is available along Mt. Major Highway/Route

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## Holistic Health Workshop Series-Reiki Discussion

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Gilman Library are sponsoring a Holistic Health Workshop Series in 2025, and the first topic is a Reiki Discussion and the natural benefits of energy healing. Join Reiki Master Teacher, Carol Wallace at the Gilman Library on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 1-2 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The discussion will cover an overview of Reiki, and how the energy healing practice can aid in the promotion of physical, emotional and mental well-being. If you are interested in natural remedies and holistic

healthcare, this is a good topic to explore. This program is free. Please RSVP to 603-875-0109 or parkrec@alton.nh.gov by Feb. 18 to reserve your seat. The next topic in the series is March 20 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. featuring a presentation on Holistic Wellness and Nutrition with Wellness Nurse and Functional Nutritionist Sandy Powers, RN.

## Weight training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Build strong muscles and bones, increase

flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in.

## Guided meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays: Feb. 13 and 27 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, drop in and give it a try. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

## Lakes Region Chamber invites you to ribbon cutting for Winnepesaukee Self Storage LLC

GILFORD — The Lakes Region Chamber is excited to invite the community to a special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the grand opening of Winnepesaukee Self Storage LLC's brand-new facility, located at 1477 Lake Shore Rd., Gilford, NH 03249. This exciting event will take place on Friday, Feb. 7 from 8:30-10:30 a.m., and admission is free for all attendees.

The event will feature an official ribbon-cutting moment, opportunities to explore the state-of-the-art self-storage facility, and the chance to connect

with local business professionals and community members. Guests will also enjoy light refreshments as they learn more about the services offered by Winnepesaukee Self Storage and how the facility supports the growing needs of the Lakes Region.

"The Lakes Region Chamber is proud to welcome Winnepesaukee Self Storage LLC as a valuable addition to our business community," said Karmen Gifford, President of the Lakes Region Chamber. "This event is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate local business

growth, network with community members, and explore a facility that offers essential services to our region."

Whether you're a local business owner, resident, or just curious to see the new storage facility, we encourage you to join us in celebrating this milestone. Come network, explore, and be part of this special occasion!

For more information, please contact the Lakes Region Chamber at 603.524.5531 or visit LakesRegionChamber.org. Join us for an exciting day of celebration and community connection.

We can't wait to see you there!

## About Winnepesaukee Self Storage LLC

Winnepesaukee Self Storage LLC provides secure, convenient, and modern storage solutions for residents and businesses in the Lakes Region. With a commitment to quality service and customer satisfaction, the facility offers a variety of storage unit sizes and features designed to meet the needs of the growing community. Learn more at WinniSelfStorage.com.

## New Durham Historical Society kicks off 2025 with General Store program

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Historical Society is excited to kick off 2025 with a program to be held Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the New Durham Public Library, 2 Old Bay Rd. The program, entitled "The General Store," features guest speaker and proprietor Darryl Misiaszek, who, along with his family and staff, works tirelessly to provide essential goods and services to our greater community.

We extend our utmost

gratitude to Misiaszek for his willingness to share experiences as a local business owner and provide insights on what it takes to maintain a successful store with multi-generational roots in New Durham. Should you need additional information feel free to contact President Cathy Orlowicz, cathyo@tds.net, or Vice President, Mark McFadden, mcfadden62@hotmail.com. In the event of inclement weather, the program is subject to cancellation.

## University of Rhode Island names area students to Fall 2024 Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that several area students have been named to its Fall 2024 Dean's List. Among them are:

Lindsey McCullough of Alton Bay

Lily Rapoza of Alton Bay

To be included on the Dean's List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Students named to the Dean's List represent

nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

## About the University of Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island is a diverse and dynamic community whose members are connected by a common

quest for knowledge. As a global education leader and the state of Rhode Island's flagship public research institution, URI offers distinctive opportunities designed to meet the global challenges of today's world and the rapidly evolving needs of tomorrow. Founded in 1892, URI now enrolls more than 18,000 students

and offers more than 200 degree programs across nine schools and colleges. As a land- and sea-grant institution, URI is a key driver of economic development in Rhode Island and contributes significantly to the health and vitality of the state, the New England region, and the nation. To learn more, visit: uri.edu.

## Gilford Parks & Rec hosting bus trip to Celtics game

GILFORD — The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Portland Trailblazers on Wednesday, March 5! The cost of the trip is \$130 per person, and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford and your ticket (Section 323 in the Balcony Section) to the game.

Our deluxe motor coach will depart from the Gilford High School at 4 p.m. for the 7 p.m. game. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your own prior to the game. Seats are

limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable. The Registration Form and Flyer for the event can be found on the Parks & Recreation

Department's Web site, www.gilfordrec.com.

For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks & Recreation Department at 603-527-4722.

## New Durham PD welcomes new staff

NEW DURHAM — The Town of New Durham has announced two more additions to its police department this week. Joining Police Chief Eric Millar, who reported to duty on Jan. 27, are Patrol

Officer Michael Volpe and part-time Administrative Assistant Robert Fitzsimmons.

Volpe has worked in Dover, where he received that department's Exceptional Service Award and was honored as Traffic Officer of the Year, and more recently, Middleton.

Fitzsimmons has worked in law enforcement since 1985, including as Deputy Chief with the Boston Transit Police Department and deputy with the Strafford County Sheriff's Office.

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# Gilford Community Church welcomes new members

GILFORD — The Gilford Community Church continues to grow, recently welcoming seven new members, including Tom and Melissa Fullerton, Charlotte “Char” Landow, Charles Kellogg, Linda Farrell, Kathy Killeen and Patty Amora-Pender.

Melissa Fullerton’s parents, Betty and Shel Kennedy, were members of the Gilford Community Church in the 1980’s & 90’s, until their passing in 1998 & 2001.

“Whenever Tom & I (and the kids) were here visiting, we attended GCC with them



COURTESY

Seated left to right: Tom Fullerton and Charlie Kellogg; Standing left to right: Melissa Fullerton, Charlotte “Char” Landow, Linda Farrell, Patty Amora-Pender and Kathy Killeen.

## Injured hiker rescued from Mount Belknap

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GILFORD — A Belmont woman was rescued from Mount Belknap after hurting her ankle while hiking.

According to a statement from NH Fish and Game, 67-year-old Patricia Cole of Belmont was hiking on the Red Trail on Mount Belknap on Jan. 27 with two friends. While descending the trail around two miles from the trailhead she slipped on ice and injured her ankle. Cole tried to continue down the trail on her injured ankle, but was unable to come down on her own and the group

called for help.

NH Fish and Game was notified about the incident around 12:30 p.m. and rescuers from the Gilford and Alton Fire Departments went to the scene along with members of Lakes Region Search and Rescue.

Rescuers reached Cole’s location, stabilizing her injury and putting her in a rescue litter. A side-by-side OHRV carried her down the trail and she arrived at the trailhead around 4 p.m. Cole was then transported by ambulance to Concord Hospital – Laco-  
nia for treatment.

“While Cole and her

hiking partners were well prepared for the conditions including bringing a bivy sac, warm clothes, and a hike safe card, it is important to note that winter conditions including deep snow and ice are present in the mountains,” Fish and Game said in a statement. “Anyone venturing out should be equipped with micro-spikes, snowshoes, and extra layers.”

Fish and Game recognized the work of Lakes Region Search and Rescue.

“Lakes Region Search and Rescue is a highly skilled volunteer search

and rescue organization whose members work hard to maintain the skills and equipment necessary to carry out rescues across the state,” Fish and Game said in their statement.

Lakes Region Search and Rescue is a non-profit organization that is accepting donations through the New Hampshire Outdoor Council at [www.nhoutdoorcouncil.org](http://www.nhoutdoorcouncil.org).

Anyone doing outdoor recreation is also encouraged to purchase a Hike Safe Card to support Fish and Game’s search and rescue operations. Hike Safe Cards can be purchased at <http://www.wildnh.com/safe>. For more information on hiking and equipment tips from NH Fish and Game visit [hikesafe.com](http://hikesafe.com).

if possible. My parents loved the church,” she said.

“When Tom and I decided to move back to New England after we retired, we knew we wanted to find a church and a community to belong to. We read about a few other churches, but GCC stood out to us because of the outward focus & inclusiveness of the church. It is truly a community church that welcomes everyone, and that is very important to us,” add-

ed Fullerton.

“We both look forward to getting to know more people in the church and figuring out how we want to help in the many ministries GCC supports.”

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open community that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Viewable live on Facebook, Sunday service takes place at 10 a.m.

## Alton, New Durham Parks & Rec sponsor February Vacation trip

ALTON — The New Durham and Alton Parks and Recreation Departments are sponsoring a Trip to Lego Discovery Center in Somerville, Mass., followed by a stop at Cowabunga in Manchester on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Explore endless creativity and hands-on fun at LEGO Discovery Cen-

ter then the group is off to Cowabunga-an indoor inflatable playground. Children under 16 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 4:30 p.m. \$23 per person, includes

transportation and admissions. Bring a bag lunch and be ready for a great day. Register online at New Durham Parks and Recreation Web Site or by mail/in person at the Alton Rec Office by Feb. 17. Space is limited, sign up early to guarantee a place. Contact [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) for more information.

## Prospect Mountain NHS hosting Second Annual “Fishing for Freedom” derby

BARNSTEAD — The Second Annual “Fishing for Freedom” is an ice fishing derby being held by Prospect Mountain High School’s National Honor Society. It is a chance to give back to our community and support our veterans, with all proceeds going to Veterans Count by Easter Seals NH.

We ask you to join us Saturday, Feb. 15 on Suncook Lake between 6 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for a day full of fun fishing with the opportunity to win huge 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes for each target species, for both child and adult brackets. Please come out to support the National Honor Society, our com-

munity, and our Veterans by participating in the derby!

Tickets are \$15 each, all proceeds go to Veterans Count, they will be sold the morning of. Parking at the public beach on Upper Suncook, and some additional parking at the bridge on Narrows Road.





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# Opinion

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## Slow down—technology is stealing your time

We live in a time where technology promises to make life easier, yet somehow, we have less time than ever. Every advancement, faster Internet, instant messaging, smart devices, claims to free up space in our schedules, but instead, we're drowning in notifications, endless emails, and a to-do list that never seems to go away. Life has become a constant cycle of "work, work, work," and the simplicity many of us grew up with feels like a distant memory.

Think about it: technology was supposed to cut down on the time we spend working. Instead of making things easier, it has made us always available, always connected, always doing something. The lines between work and personal time are blurred, and instead of freeing us up to enjoy life, our devices keep us tethered to obligations. We're answering emails at dinner, checking texts before bed, and scrolling through social media when we could be outside, catching up with friends, or just doing nothing for a change.

Somehow, we've been tricked into believing that productivity equals worth, that every spare moment should be filled with checking off tasks. Half the time we spend responding to "urgent" messages, organizing digital clutter, or trying to keep up with the latest trends is time wasted. The hours we lose staring at screens, overthinking schedules, and squeezing in one more thing could be spent actually living.

Remember when life was simpler? When fun wasn't something we had to "schedule," but something that just happened? As kids, we didn't check emails or try to multitask joy. We just had fun riding bikes, playing outside, having actual conversations without checking our phones every five minutes.

It's time to reclaim some of that simplicity. Give yourself permission to step away. Carve out time not just to cross things off your to-do list, but to breathe, to laugh, to enjoy. Be deliberate about setting boundaries with work and technology. Put the phone down. Close the laptop. Go outside. Call a friend instead of sending a text. Spend an afternoon doing something just because it makes you happy.

Life isn't just about being productive. It's about being present. The world won't fall apart if you take a break. And when you do, you might just realize how much time you've been wasting trying to keep up with a pace that was never meant to be sustainable in the first place.



RC GREENWOOD  
**Gilford boys**

Brendan Baldi fires off a shot during Gilford's loss to Belmont last week. The Golden Eagles will be at Conant on Friday, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. and will be at Newfound on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.

## NOTES FROM WINDY HOLLOW

### Watching

At around sunrise this morning, I looked out my bedroom window to see a whole mess of deer tracks in the new snow. They were coming over the stone wall and up to the house to pick anything green that may be left over on my broccoli plants. I knew that's what would happen after the first appreciable snowfall. It's an annual event.

I scoped out the rest of what I could see out back and it was trackless. Then I went out to the front of the house to clean off and move my car. There I saw many more sets of tracks out there. The deeries are certainly roaming around looking for any food that's not hidden under the snow. Late in the afternoon I glanced out back again and there were lots more tracks where there wasn't any this morning.

Looking outside, it looks very winter like. It's all white, but that's pretty deceptive. It's a pretty thin coating that could disappear in a day. Luckily, it's been cold. Hopefully cold enough to interfere with the life cycles of ticks and other invasive species hiding in the grass and trees.

There is lots of nice ice on the lakes and ponds. The only frozen water airport in the lower 48 states in Alton Bay is back in business after a few years off. Pond hockey and ice racing should be back again too, along with all kinds of bob houses. It's nice that at least the cold is back.

I once went down south during the winter season and it was so different from what I was used to, vegetation all died off and cold. There was no skiing or skating, nothing to hamper hiking about. The major issue on the roads was black ice. I watched a couple of vehicles proving Newton's laws of motion as they slid off the sides. Now the news tells me that they got eight inches of snow the other day in Florida. We only got five up here, and we want it!

When I grew up, there were always mountains of snow. Never a shortage on that account. There was a year in the late seventies that we had not much snow all winter, but other than that one, everyone had plenty of winter play time.

I've always loved this

regularly varying pallet of things to play. The only marginal one I can think of is mud season. When I was a boy, it may have been fun damming up imaginary rivers and slopping up mounds of mud, but these days I don't find that to be much fun. One year I remember needing to make a roadway out of lots of planks as our drive ceased to be passable. Everybody got good at knowing where their tires were at all times. A good talent to have. Don't want to slip off a plank.

For me, that has to be the worst season of the year. Lots of places only have four seasons. We have five. Here we have what they call frost, where the ground freezes down deep under the ground during the winter. In the spring, when everything thaws and melts up on top, the frozen layer below the ground seals any water from passing through. Leaving everything top-side to squander in the muck.

I'm watching the lack of snow and the cold temperatures knowing that this foretells of a severe mud season. The only

savior would be having no snow to melt. We usually get clobbered in late March though. Just in time to close the ski season down. The conditions can be spectacular but all the skiers that would come up from down south are looking at trees budding and no longer thinking much about shushing down slopes. If we do get a deep frost, sapping should be good.

Today was a nice day. I went for a walk with a friend out around the ice runway and watched the planes taking off and landing. Cars and trucks, snowmobiles and gators cruised around the area. Scores of humans and their dogs wandered the scene, taking pictures and checking out the bob houses with their tip ups. Are you catching anything other than a winter tan and some fresh air?

There's still enough weeks left in this winter season for it to totally transform into some totally unexpected surprise. I'll enjoy watching it as it develops.

E.Twaste

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## POINT OF LAW

*Is your estate plan current and properly funded?*



BY ATTORNEY ORA SCHWARTZBERG  
Plymouth

Life can change rapidly, sometimes without your noticing. Your Will, Trust or "No Plan" might have been perfect back then, but laws, people and relationships can evolve,

in ways that matter.

People die and people are born. Laws change frequently.

Another thing to take into consideration is how your assets have grown or changed in form. Some of these events could cause you to want to make changes to your estate plan, whether it be, "ever so small" or major reconstructions.



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Most estate plans include the following primary documents: Revocable Living Trust, Pour-over Will, Financial Power of Attorney, Health Care Directives and HIPAA authorizations.

It is important that all your real estate, bank and investment accounts, are either owned by your Trust or name your Trust

as a beneficiary. Retirement Accounts cannot be owned by your Trust but they can name your Trust as the beneficiary.

Once all these primary documents have been signed by you, it is your responsibility to make sure your Trust is properly funded, and that it continues to be properly funded, for the rest of your life.

The purpose of having a properly funded trust is to avoid the expense and inconvenience for your heirs to have to probate your estate.

## Letters to the Editor

**We need your input!**

To the Editor:

Attention all Alton residents! The Friends of Alton, NH Parks & Recreation needs your help and advice. We are working with the Alton Parks & Recreation Department to help support fundraising efforts to improve the health and quality of life of all Alton residents and visitors. Our current project focus is on our parks/playgrounds.

We are very interested in hearing your thoughts such as what playground improvements are important to you and your friends and family. Whether that is enhanced playground equipment for all ages, including fitness equipment and paths for seniors or some other desire, your input is highly valued.

We are currently conducting a community online survey to gather information that will make it easier for us to meet the needs of the community, plan our next steps and have a successful fundraising effort. The survey can be found by following the link on either the Town website, Alton's Gilman Library webpage (in person assistance available by library staff), our website [friendsofaltonnhparksrec.org](http://friendsofaltonnhparksrec.org), or on posts found on our town's Facebook pages. The deadline to complete the survey is Feb. 21... so please don't delay.

Thank you for your attention to this small but important opportunity.

Jill Houser  
Alton

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# The Everywhere Man returns to Gilman Library Feb. 12

ALTON — The Everywhere Man, a.k.a. Philip Reilly, returns to the Gilman Library Preschool Story Time as a guest reader for story hour at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. On this special day, in addition to reading, he will also entertain with some of his magic tricks.

Philip has both performed as the Everywhere Man and has

also taught a children's art class, "Sketch with Phil," at the Gilman Library, and has been very well-received by all ages. He has entertained as the Everywhere Man at several local libraries and senior centers, performing magic tricks, or singing and playing guitar for all ages, from preschoolers up to retirement age.

Perhaps you caught

his interview with Jane Cormier, host of Artful Living, on NH Talk Radio a little over a year ago. You may have heard his performances at one of the Farmer's Markets or heard his street music last summer, in any of the neighboring towns. You might have recently watched his acting on stage in any number of plays in the local small theater

groups. If you have not had the pleasure of seeing his unique style of entertainment, through music, song, dance, art, or magic, join us for Preschool Story Time at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, and meet the Everywhere Man.

In other library news, Theater Thursday begins at 1 p.m. on Feb. 6, the Friends of the Gilman Library meet the same day at 3 p.m. Don't forget that the two Friends Raffles "A Sweet Tooth's Resolution" and "Light Up the New Year," will both be drawn on Fri-

day, Feb. 7. Sit and Stitch meets every Saturday at 11 a.m.

Alton Book Chat is discussing "We Begin at the End" by Chris Whitaker, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and our kids' science club, Sm-Ar-Ti-Es, meets at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12. Please register at least two days in advance to reserve your supplies for the meeting. The Alton Parks and Recreation Third Thursday Event is a Holistic Health Workshop Series Reiki Discussion with Master Teacher Carol Wallace, scheduled from 1

to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20. Please register by Feb. 18.

We have the 2024 Tax Forms at the Gilman Library and a new reference tool, JK Lasser's Income Tax 2025: for preparing your 2024 tax return. You may also use any of our four public access computers to print out special forms from IRS.gov or even do your taxes online. While you are here, be sure to browse our other new books and DVDs and reward yourself with a relaxing evening. See you at the library!

## Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Jan. 13 to Feb. 2.

Cherish McLellan, age 35, was arrested on Jan. 15 for Disobeying an Officer and DUI-Impairment.

Amanda L. Heathcote, age 32, and Robert A. York, age 43, were arrested on Jan. 15 for Criminal Trespassing.

Kyle P. Fugate, age 40, was arrested on Jan. 16 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault causing Bodily Injury, Domestic Violence-Violation of a Protective Order, and multiple counts of Violation of a Protective Order.

Jeremiah M. Aitken, age 27, was arrested on Jan. 16 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

A 42-year-old male was taken into protective custody on drug-related charges on Jan. 17.

Jeremy C. Barton, age 53, was arrested on Jan. 17 for driving after suspension of vehicle registration and driving after

revocation or suspension of license. Janelle D. Moulton, age 37, was arrested during the same incident for Obstructing Government Administration and in connection with a warrant.

Elizabeth A. Maglio, age 38, was arrested on Jan. 18 in connection with a warrant.

James F. Oliver, age 69, was arrested on Jan. 18 for driving after revocation or suspension of license.

Robert Ola Burgess, age 39, was arrested on Jan. 20 for driving after revocation or suspension of license due to DUI.

Tom Alley, age 74, was arrested on Jan. 22 for driving after revocation or suspension of license.

Danny Michael Chasse III, age 22, was arrested on Jan. 23 in connection with a warrant.

Thomas W. Drouin, age 49, was arrested on Jan. 24 for driving after revocation or suspension of license.

Samantha S. O'Brien, age 33, was arrested on Jan. 24 for DUI-Impair-

ment and Possession of a Controlled Drug.

Frederick Avery, age 20, was arrested on Jan. 25 for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, Misuse of Plates, and operating an un-inspected vehicle.

Samantha Sweeney, age 30, was arrested on Jan. 25 in connection with a warrant.

Donald J. Sullivan, age 56, was arrested on Jan. 27 for driving after revocation or suspension of license.

Vincent M. Bitetto II, age 37, was arrested on Jan. 28 for Criminal Mischief.

Francis X. Roche, age 75, was arrested on Jan. 30 for DUI-Impairment.

Amanda L. Heathcote, age 32, was arrested on Feb. 1 for Criminal Trespassing. Robert A. York, age 43, was arrested during the same incident for Criminal Trespassing and in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Garrett Joseph Burns, age 40, was arrested on Feb. 1 for DUI-Impairment.

## Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

Feb. 6 – Feb. 13

**Thursday, Feb. 6**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Tai Chi w/ Joyce, 10 a.m.

Aspiring Artists Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Valentines Adult Craft, 1-2 p.m.

Come join us and create adorable Valentine trees made with foam hearts. They are so cute and easy to make. Sign-up is required.

French Club, 4-5 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 7**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Heart 'n Soul Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 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, Feb. 8**  
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Drop-In Craft: Pastel Heart Art, 10:30-

11:30 a.m.

Drop by and create wonderful colorful heart art!

**Monday, Feb. 10**  
Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 9-10 a.m.

Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.

Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Intermediate Line Dancing, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**  
Senior Stretch Yo-

gaaah!, 9-10 a.m.

Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon

Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.  
T(w)een Early Release, 1-2 p.m.

Early Release: Valentines Gift Making, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Make a one of a kind gift for someone you love!

**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Tai Chi w/ Joyce, 10 a.m.

Aspiring Artists Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Homeschool Club, noon-1:30 p.m.

French Club, 4-5 p.m.

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten requests

1. "The Texas Murders" by James Patterson
2. "Holmes is Missing" by James Patterson
3. "Raised by Wolves" by James Patterson
4. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
5. "Open Season" by Jonathan Kellerman
6. "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters
7. "The Lions of Winter" by Ty Gagne
8. "Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks
9. "The Oligarch's Daughter" by Joseph Finder
10. "The Grey Wolf" by Louise Penny

## Scene One Entertainment acquires Gilford Cinema 8

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. — Scene One Entertainment announced it has acquired Gilford Cinema 8, an eight-screen theater formerly operated by Your Neighborhood Theatre. This will be the first theater for the New York-based Scene One to operate in New Hampshire.

The theater, first opened in the 1990s, will feature first-run Hollywood and independent films. The first day of operation under Scene One will be Friday, Jan. 31.

"We are thrilled to bring Gilford Cinema 8 under the Scene One banner," said Joe Masher, owner and CEO, Scene One Entertainment. "When I was first approached about this theater, it checked off many boxes on what we look for in building successful theater locations in communities. It is our hope that this springboards into more opportunities in New Hampshire and throughout New England."

Masher added, "I'm excited to bring some independent films to this area of the Granite State. In addition to the wide releases 'Dog Man' and 'Companion,' Oscar-nominated hits 'The Brutalist' and 'September 5' will be featured starting Jan. 31. The theater will also work closely with the community and bring in several special events."

Scene One Gilford Cinemas will host the company's "Super Tuesday" program, where tickets all day every Tuesday are \$7 for regular features! The company will also honor Gift Cards from Your Neighborhood Theatre, and the cinema's popular loyalty program will continue under Scene One.

Scene One also has changed the cinema's beverage offerings to Coca-Cola® products. In the coming weeks guests can also look forward to a switch to Real Butter served on the theatre's fresh, hot popcorn.

For more information about Scene One Entertainment, visit [scene1ent.com](http://scene1ent.com).



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SPORTS

# Bulldogs hang on for hard-fought win over Kearsarge-Plymouth

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

LACONIA — Things got a little chippy in the final period, but in the end, a scoreless third period led to a 2-1 win for the Belmont-Gilford hockey team over a scrappy Kearsarge-Plymouth squad at Merrill Fay Arena on Saturday afternoon.

Jaxson Embree and Alex Rowley had early chances for the Bulldogs that were turned aside by Ke-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Kearsarge-Plymouth's Derek Swanson (15) and Nolan Johnson go after the puck with Belmont-Gilford's Aiden Stafford in action on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Jaxen Lien moves the puck in the corner during his team's game with Kearsarge-Plymouth on Saturday.

arsarge-Plymouth Shea Curley and Jake goalie Liam Duchesne. Moreau got in close

for the Cats while Ben Girard made a good defensive stop for the Bulldogs on a Moreau run. Rowley got in close for another chance.

Ryder Francis and Trenton Judkins had shots turned aside by Bulldog goalie Carson McGreevy and Embree sent a shot off the post at the other end. Judkins made another run in that was turned back by Colton Byars and Evan Guerin had a centering pass for the hosts that missed sticks in front. Nathan Gerbig sent a shot wide for the Bulldogs and Duchesne made stops on bids from Sean Ellis and Max Ryder.

With 5:44 to go in the first period, Embree got open in the slot and fired the puck into the net on assists from Rowley and Ryder for the 1-0 lead. Ellis had a bid handled by the defense of Gunnar Benedict before the Cats went on the power play with 5:13 to go. Moreau sent a shot wide of the net and Guerin had a shorthanded bid denied by Duchesne.

Curley sent a shot wide of the net and then had another blocked before the Cats got a penalty and evened things up at four-on-four for 40 seconds. Byars had a shot denied by Dufresne before the Bulldogs went on the power play for 1:20. Guerin had a centering pass in front and then Magnus Nordhausen and William Spanos had good clears. Nolan Johnson made a good defensive stop on Guerin and the penalty was killed off

power play with 1:26 left when the third period began.

Benedict had a chance denied by McGreevy to start the third period but the Bulldogs were able to kill off the power play. Judkins had a chance denied by McGreevy and Gerbig made a nice defensive stop on a Nordhausen bid. Moreau had a couple of chances for the Cats but could not find the back of the net.

Ethan Ellingson had a shot go wide for the Bulldogs and Isaac Son had a bid go wide at the other end. Landon Custance fired a shot on net that McGreevy stopped and Guerin made a run that was stopped by Johnson. Embree had a bid denied by Duchesne and Tyler Mull sent a shot wide for Belmont-Gilford.

Kearsarge-Plymouth went on the power play with 5:27 to go in the game and Embree had a shorthanded chance stopped while Francis had a chance the other way. Another Belmont-Gilford penalty with 3:31 gave the Cats a short two-player advantage, with one quickly killed off and an Ellis clear did a job helping to keep the Bulldogs ahead.

A Cat penalty with 3:01 to go made it four-on-four for 1:31 and Nordhausen had a shot denied by McGreevy before the penalty was killed off. Guerin and Brayden Mercier had late chances for the Bobcats and McGreevy stopped a shot from Benedict as time ran out on the 2-1 win for the hosts.

The Bulldogs will be at John Stark-Hopkinton on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 8 p.m.

The Cats will be at Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 10:15 a.m. and will host Pembroke-Campbell on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Proctor Academy.

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## Unified Golden Eagles fall to neighboring Laconia

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

GILFORD — In a spirited battle between neighbors on Tuesday, Jan. 28, the Gilford unified hoop team dropped a 60-45 decision to the visiting Laconia Sachems.

Laconia got the first hoop of the game before Lance Markievitz hit a pair of hoops for the Golden Eagles sandwiched around a Teddy Lewis basket to give Gilford the 6-2 lead. Laconia answered back with four hoops in a row to take the 10-6 lead before Alexander Gordon hit a hoop for the Golden Eagles. Laconia got the final basket of the first quarter to take the 12-8 lead after one quarter of play.

Kiley Blanchette hit a pair of buckets sandwiched around a Laconia basket to start the second quarter and then the Sachems added a couple of baskets for the 18-12 lead. Hayley Eldridge connected for a bucket for the Golden Eagles before the Sachems answered again, this time hitting three hoops in a row for the 24-14 lead.

Markievitz got the final two baskets of the first half for the Golden Eagles while the visitors added two baskets of their own and Laconia took the 28-18 lead to the halftime break.

After the Sachems got the first basket of the third quarter, Lewis finished off a steal with a bucket. Laconia came back with a couple of baskets before Gordon added one for the Golden Eagles. The Sachems scored three hoops in a row to



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Lance Markievitz puts up a basket during his team's game with Laconia last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Kiley Blanchette fires off a shot during action last week against Laconia.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

With a little help from teammate Lilly Winward, Bella Guest dribbles the ball up the court in action against Laconia last Tuesday.

open the lead up to 40-22 before Lewis drained a long three-pointer to cut the lead to 15.

Laconia got another hoop before Bella Guest connected on a bucket for Gilford. After two more Laconia hoops, Guest hit another one and after the Sachems answered, Eldridge drained a hoop for the hosts. The Sachems connected on another bucket before Guest and Markievitz hit consecutive baskets to cut the lead to 15.

After Laconia hit another hoop, Markievitz

hit two more baskets sandwiched around a Laconia hoop and Lewis and Markievitz hit back-to-back baskets to cut the lead to 54-43. However, the visitors got three of the final four hoops, the lone Golden Eagle bucket coming from Cody Houle, as the Sachems took the 60-45 win.

Markievitz led the way for the Golden Eagles with 16 points on the afternoon.

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### Lone Wolf

Charles Bravar was the lone Prospect Mountain alpine skier competing last Friday at Gunstock. In the morning giant slalom he finished in 36th place in a time of 1:26.16 and in the afternoon slalom he was 31st overall in a time of 1:53.23. After racing at Sunapee today, Feb. 6, the Timber Wolves are slated to compete in the Division III Boys' State Meet at Gunstock on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

SPORTS

# Knightwolves come up short in battle with Oyster River-Portsmouth

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood-Prospect Mountain girls' hockey team put up a good battle against a very strong Oyster River-Portsmouth team on Saturday at the Pop Whalen Arena, but the visitors were able to score two goals in the final minute of play to pull away for the 5-1 win.

The visitors pulled ahead early, scoring in the first three minutes of the game. The Knightwolves came back with some chances, with Paityn Glidden sending a shot wide and Jenny Baldwin and Jenna Sykes getting in close. Baldwin had another bid denied and Kingswood-Prospect goalie Aliyah Arsenault was able to make three big saves to keep the game at just 1-0.

The Knightwolves went on the power play with 5:30 to go in the first period. Baldwin had a bid in close, as did Emma Ouellette, but the visitors held tight on defense. Arsenault saved a shorthanded bid before the penalty was killed off. Arsenault made another save as Oyster River-Portsmouth attacked.



Aliyah Arsenault was stellar in net for the Kingswood-Prospect Mountain girls on Saturday night against Oyster River-Portsmouth.

The visitors were able to up the lead to 2-0 with a shot from the point. The Knightwolves took a penalty with 1:05 to go and Riley Lamparter and Sykes had good clears while Arsenault made a save to close out the first period with the visitors up 2-0.

Arsenault did a nice job killing off the penalty early in the second period, as the Knightwolves killed off the advantage, with Avery Gilpatrick getting a shorthanded bid that was stopped. Cassidy Libby had a shot go wide and the Knightwolves got the power play chance with 12:44 to go.

Jenny Baldwin sent a shot on net that was de-

nied and Ouellette had a couple of chances, one going wide and the other stopped by the visiting goaltender as the power play was killed off. Oyster River-Portsmouth was able to up the lead to 3-0 with 9:25 to go in the second period. Arsenault made another save and then Adelle Harrington, Gilpatrick and Libby helped their goalie kill off a penalty.

Hadley Aucoin had a bid go wide and Arsenault continued to make the saves in the net. The Knightwolves took another penalty with 4:35 to go and Arsenault did her job keeping the puck out of the net as the penalty



Adelle Harrington looks for an open teammate during action on Saturday night at Pop Whalen Arena.

was killed off. Sykes had a bid blocked and another saved and the game went to the third with the visitors up 3-0.

Kingswood-Prospect took a penalty early in the third period and again it was Arsenault holding down the fort. Another penalty gave the visitors a five-on-three advantage for almost a minute and

the Knightwolves did a good job killing off both penalties.

The hosts pressured offensively as well, as Aucoin and Baldwin had chances that missed the mark. Lamparter had a good clear from the defensive zone and the visitors sent a couple of shots wide of the net.

With 5:57 to go in the

game, the Knightwolves got some good pressure in front of the net and it paid off, as Ouellette put the puck in the net on assists from Rowan Donovan-Lavolette and Harrington.

The highlight of the game for the Knightwolves had to come with 1:05 to go, as Arsenault stoned an Oyster River-Portsmouth penalty shot to keep the deficit at two. However, the visitors scored with 47 seconds to go and then added an empty net goal with 24 seconds left for the 5-1 win.

The Knightwolves are slated to be hosting Exeter on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 5 p.m. and will be hosting Concord on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.

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## PSU women's lacrosse clinics set for March 16

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University women's lacrosse program will host its annual Play Like a Panther spring clinic on March 16, head coach Becky Dale announced last Wednesday.

The program is designed for players in grades 9-12 and will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 16. On-site registration and check-in will begin

at 9:30 a.m.

Designed for players to freshen up their skills in advance of their school seasons, attendees will work closely with the back-to-back Little East Conference (LEC) champions and coaching staff.

The clinic rate is \$50 per player. Athletes should bring lacrosse protective equipment including goggles, mouth guards, sticks, goalie equipment (if neces-

sary), a water bottle, sneakers, and cleats. The clinic will include time in the Bank of New Hampshire Field House and on Panther Field, the team's game turf field.

Online registration and clinic waiver forms are required for all Plymouth State Athletics camps and clinics. Registration and waiver links are available at athletics.plymouth.edu/camps.

## PSU volleyball announces spring and summer clinics

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University women's volleyball program released the dates of its summer camps and announced it will hold two clinics this spring.

### ID-Specialty Clinic

Open to girls in ninth – 12th grades, the ID-Specialty Clinic is an opportunity for players to focus on their specialties (setting, hitting or defense) with focused training from the program's coaches and athletes. The three-hour clinic is scheduled for March 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Foley Gymnasium. Additionally, an optional campus tour and question and answer session with PSU volleyball players and coaches will provide participants with insight into Plymouth State, the volleyball program, the recruiting process, and what it takes to succeed physically, emotionally, and tactically as a collegiate-level athlete. Cost is \$90.

### Middle school spring clinic

Open to girls in sixth – eighth grades, the Middle School Spring Clinic is an opportunity for players to improve their volleyball skills. Players will have the opportunity to train with PSU coaches and athletes as they focus on progressing their fundamental skills. The three-hour session is scheduled for April 5 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Foley Gymnasium. Cost is \$90.

### Panther Volleyball Camp: Middle School

The Panther Volleyball Camp: Middle School is designed for girls who will be entering the sixth – eighth grades in the fall of 2025. Campers will receive individual attention from college and high school coaches and collegiate athletes. The three-day camp will run from July 28 – 30 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Foley Gymnasium. Cost is \$225.

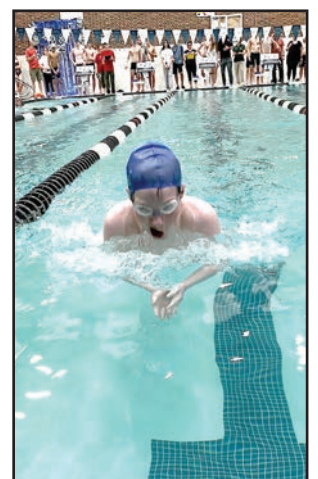
### Panther Volleyball Camp: High School

The Panther Volleyball

Camp: High School is for girls who will be entering the ninth – 12th grades in the fall of 2025. The camp is designed for beginner, intermediate and advanced players who want to play and excel at the high school level. Players will be challenged to improve their fundamental skills and will learn more advanced strategies, position-specific skills, and concepts of team play. The four-day camp will run from July 28 – 31 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Foley Gymnasium. Cost is \$300.

Registration links can be found on the department website at athletics.plymouth.edu/camps.

## Golden Eagle swimmers back in the pool at UNH



COURTESY PHOTOS

Gilford swimmers competed at the University of New Hampshire for the third time this season.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

DURHAM — The Gilford swim team competed at the University of New Hampshire for the third time, heading to Durham on Sunday, Jan. 26. The meet featured 23 other teams and more than 250 swimmers. With no relays, all athletes were allowed to compete in three individual events instead of the normal two events.

The 200-yard freestyle started the day and Audrey Bondaz finished in 3:33.13 and Bailey Juurlink Gagne finished in a tie of 3:33.59.

In the 50-yard freestyle sprint with more than 190 swimmers, Bondaz, Guinevere Freeman, Natalie

Clay, Alyssa McKenna and Elise Graton all competed in the event, with Clay, Freeman and Graton all putting in personal best times. Graton's time of 28.97 qualified her for the state swim meet in February. Nate Correia also swam the 50 free and also achieved a personal best with a time of 28.1.

The 100-yard freestyle were next for the Eagles, with Freeman, McKenna, Juurlink Gagne, Clay and Graton all swimming for Gilford. Graton dropped almost three seconds off her per-

sonal best for a time of 1:04.34 and Correia saw a drop of more than one second for a new personal best of 1:06.61.

In the 100 back, every Eagle that competed dropped time from their seed time. McKenna, Bondaz and Juurlink Gagne all dropped from three to five seconds from their times while Correia swam a time of 1:28.13.

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# OBITUARIES

## Eleanor May Waterman

Alton Bay, NH - Eleanor May (Lamper) Waterman, affectionately known as Ditty, wife of William Waterman (deceased), passed away January 23, 2025, at her Alton Mountain home; after a long battle with cancer.

Born on January 2, 1940 to Robert and Marion Lamper (both deceased). Siblings: Shirley, Gloria, and Rodney (all deceased).

Eleanor's children: Kevin Waterman and wife Julie, Bruce Waterman and wife Sharon, daughter: Sherry Waterman, grandchildren: Heather Waterman, Kevin Bently, Calianne Malo, Steven Waterman and wife Lindsey, Stephanie (Waterman) Serrine and husband Dillon, great grandchildren: Jayden, Keira, Mia, Kaya, Emily,



Sydney, Wyatt, Mason, Russell, and Elinore, stepchildren: William Waterman (deceased) and wife Mary, Rodney Waterman and wife Julie (both deceased), Harry Waterman and wife Marylee, and all of their children. Along with many nieces and nephews.

She always had a ready smile. A witty sense of humor and a

beautiful personality. Eleanor never had a problem making quick friends.

She was a member of the Alton American Legion Auxiliary for 32 years, where she enjoyed participating in various events.

Throughout the years Eleanor enjoyed family events, cookouts, horse-shoes, fishing, camping and singing. She was most happy while with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. At the age of 75, she conquered the Mount Major trail.

A celebration of Eleanor's life will be held on Sunday February 23, 2025, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Alton American Legion Auxiliary.

To express condolences, please visit: [www.peasleefuneralhome.com](http://www.peasleefuneralhome.com)

## Carol L. Pearson, 97



Carol L. Pearson (née Curtis) passed away peacefully on January 20, 2025, at Mountain View Nursing Home in Ossipee, NH, at the age of 97.

Born on April 24, 1927, in Lynn, MA, Carol was the daughter of Austin and Blanche (Girardin) Curtis. She was a graduate of Cushing Academy and attended Simmons College. Her love for New Hampshire began in 1941 when she started summering in Alton Bay, a place she cherished and made her permanent home in 1967.

Carol was a devoted mother to her six children: Robert C. Blackstock of Alton, NH; Carol Chamberlain (husband Carl) of Alton, NH; Suzanne Rief (husband John) of New Durham; Stephanie Ayers (husband Robert) of Ossipee, NH; and Bebe Burt (husband Richard) of Wolfeboro, NH. She was

Daughters of the American Revolution - Winnepesaukee Chapter, the Community Church of Alton, and its Women's Christian Fellowship. For many years, she enjoyed the camaraderie of friends at the Alton Senior Center.

Carol's life was guided by faith, family, and love for her country. She found joy in cooking, knitting, and playing cribbage.

An Order of the Eastern Star funeral service will be held at the Winnepesaukee Masonic Lodge (40 Suncook Valley Road, Alton) on May 17, 2025, at 10:30 AM, followed by a memorial service at the Community Church of Alton (20 Church Street) at 12 PM.

In remembrance of Carol Pearson, contributions to the Alton Senior Center (PO Box 1113, Alton, NH 03809) are welcomed.



COURTESY PHOTO

Superintendent Tim Broadrick and members of the Alton School Board honor outgoing board member Carol Locke at the school deliberative session.

## BUDGET

(continued from Page A1)

For the past two years, PMHS has offered open enrollment to students from other communities with the sending school districts billed for tuition. Broadrick said there are 19 students attending PMHS from communities other than Alton and Barnstead. The district billed other school districts around \$165,000 for open enrollment tuition and has received around \$66,000 of that money.

Legislation passed 15 years ago allowed districts to have open enrollment, though Broadrick said no one has tried to run a program until recently. A case is going through the state Supreme Court where another school district challenged being required to pay tuition for an open enrollment. Broadrick said the district is waiting

to hear the results of that case to get further clarification on the requirements for school districts.

Enrollment has been steadier at Alton Central School, which has seen a four percent decline in the past 10 years. Broadrick said with the declining enrollment they are trying to find efficiencies without taking drastic measures. The district has been looking at any positions that have been vacated due to retirements or resignations and determine if the position should be refilled or if personnel should be moved around.

Increasing health-care costs and premiums have been an ongoing issue for the district. Health premiums across PMHS and ACS are projected to increase around 10 to 12 percent, which Broadrick said is normal. Inflation has been another ongoing issue.

Voters will decide on an article to put \$120,000 into the Boiler Capital Reserve Fund. Broadrick said the district has been doing an ongoing project to replace the five boiler rooms in ACS. One has been done so far and money appropriated this year will do the second one.

Another article will put \$150,000 into the Special Education Capital Reserve Fund. Broadrick and School Board chair Anne Pierce said the state has been changing how it funds special education and more costs have been put on school districts.

Pierce also honored outgoing board member Carol Locke. Pierce said Locke has been in the board since 2020 and served on several committees. She will continue to be part of the Literacy Committee even when she's off the board.

## Endicott College announces local Dean's List students

BEVERLY, Mass. — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2024 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no letter grade below "C," have no with-

drawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

### Barnstead

Hannah Capsalis, Criminal Justice, Kristie Capsalis and Michael Capsalis

### Gilford

Rosabella Lesniak,

Nursing, Jessica Lesniak and Michael Lesniak

### Gilmanton

Abigail Shute, Nursing, Amanda Shute and Bruce Shute

### New Durham

Anaka Waldron, Nursing, Corinne Waldron and Stephen Waldron

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## VTSU congratulates Kathryn Osburn for earning President's List honors!

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont State University is proud to recognize Kathryn Osburn of Gilford for being named to the President's List for the Fall 2024 semester. President's List designation is reserved for the students who maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Vermont State University provides a high-quality, flexible, and affordable education for students seeking associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees, certificates, and in-demand professional credentials. The university builds upon a history of public higher education in Vermont dating back to 1787.

## Church Service SCHEDULE

<p><b>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH</b> Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit <a href="http://abundant Harvest.org">abundant Harvest.org</a> or e-mail <a href="mailto:ahf@faith.com">ahf@faith.com</a>.</p> <p><b>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER</b> Sundays throughout the summer 10 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. 875-6161.</p> <p><b>BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON</b> Alton 9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, <a href="http://www.befreechurch.net">www.befreechurch.net</a>.</p> <p><b>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> Worship Service 10:00am Bible Study 11:15am Rte 126 next to Town Hall Call or Text (603) 269-8831 <a href="http://centerbarnsteadcc.org">centerbarnsteadcc.org</a></p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF PRAISE C.C.O.P. PRAISE GATHERING</b> Gathering Saturdays at 4:00pm The Gilmanton Community Church 1803 NH Route 140, Gilmanton Ironworks, NH <a href="mailto:ccopraisegathering@gmail.com">ccopraisegathering@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON</b> Pastor Jared Cassidy 10am Worship service Sunday 20 Church St Alton (603) 875-5561 <a href="http://www.ccaalton.com">www.ccaalton.com</a></p> <p><b>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD, UCC</b> Sunday School and Worship Services Rev. Kate Kennedy 603-776-1820 Our services are in person at 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, NH and live-streamed on Zoom, Sundays at 10 a.m. <a href="http://ccnorthernbarnstead.com">ccnorthernbarnstead.com</a></p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FARMINGTON</b> Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday School: 10:15 AM Sept. to June 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 05835 <a href="http://www.farmingtonucc.org">www.farmingtonucc.org</a></p> <p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW DURHAM NH</b> Sun. School 9:30am; Church 10:30am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm; Depot St., New Durham; Pastor Ryan Blackard</p> <p><b>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H.</b> on the Parade in Barnstead Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begins at 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Pastor Sandy Pierson - 483-2846</p> <p><b>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL</b> 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548 Father Robert F. Cole, Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 &amp; 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p> <p><b>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Miriam Acevedo with Rev. Stephen Ekerberg <a href="http://www.ststephenspittsfield.com">www.ststephenspittsfield.com</a></p> <p><b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rt. 171 at Highland Corner Sunday services 10:30 a.m. Church 603-539-8058</p> <p><b>UNITARIAN UNIVERSAL SOCIETY OF LACONIA</b> Sunday services and religious education 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. 172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524 6488 • <a href="http://uus.org">uus.org</a></p> <p><b>MAPLE STREET CHURCH</b> Sunday Service 11am 96 Maple Street, Center Barnstead NH 03225</p>
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SPORTS

# Special Olympics Penguin Plunge is this weekend

HAMPTON — The Special Olympics New Hampshire (SONH) Plunge weekend is this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8 and 9. The Penguin Plunge is the single largest fundraiser for SONH each year. This year's theme is "Alice in Wonderland," so spectators and participants can expect to see plenty of top hats and rabbits checking their watches. The Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom hosts plungers and volunteers for the event with an Alice-themed party. While the "Do-It-Yourself" plunge option that was created during the pandemic still exists, most participants opt for the in-person event that includes costume contests and comfort food following the plunge.

The Saturday High School Plunge will mark the 17th time that students from all over the state will converge on Hampton Beach to raise funds for the athletes and programs of SONH. Competi-

tion among schools for bragging rights about the most fundraising and the best costumes is fierce and fun.

Sunday will bring Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast's Penguin Plunge to Hampton Beach. Now in its 26th year, SONH President and CEO Mary Conroy still marvels at the energy of those involved saying, "This is a huge undertaking for not only our incredible plungers, but for the volunteers and sponsors. During the day on Saturday and Sunday the Ballroom, boulevard and beach are transformed, and hundreds of people will be supporting us by plunging." Traffic on a portion of Ocean Boulevard will be re-routed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. both days this weekend. "We couldn't do this without the support and cooperation that we get from the town of Hampton and the police and fire departments," Conroy continued.

While the Casi-

no Ballroom will be holding plunger-only events before and after plunging, spectators are welcome on Hampton Beach. The plunging is done in several waves that will start promptly at noon each day.

Special Olympics New Hampshire is still in need of volunteers to assist with the weekend festivities. While some volunteer posi-

tions are outside, there are many inside tasks available in both the Ashworth Hotel and the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom. Information about volunteer opportunities can be found here.

Anyone interested in plunging can still sign up here. Most fundraising is done online, and most participants hit their minimums in less than 72

hours.

Those making donations can donate to a specific plunger or group of plungers (called "flocks") with an easy-to-use search function. All proceeds from the High School Plunge and the Penguin Plunge stay in the Granite State and are used to support the 2,700 athletes served by SONH in every region of the state. Donations

can be made here.

The 2025 High School Plunge and Penguin Plunge are presented by Coca-Cola Beverages Northeast and hosted by Eversource. More info about all events can be found at [www.SONH.org](http://www.SONH.org). Media inquiries can be directed to SONH Senior Manager, Multimedia Mark Ericson at [MarkE@sonh.org](mailto:MarkE@sonh.org) or 603-498-5186.

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

**Thursday, Feb. 6**  
**KENNETT**  
 Unified Hoops at Gorham; 3  
**KINGSWOOD**  
 Unified Hoops vs. Plymouth; 3  
**Friday, Feb. 7**  
**KENNETT**  
 Boys' Hoops at Hollis-Brookline; 6  
 Girls' Hoops vs. Hollis-Brookline 6  
**KINGSWOOD**  
 Alpine Skiing at King Pine; 10  
 Boys' Hoops vs. Hanover; 7  
 Girls' Hoops at Hanover; 6:30  
**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Boys' Hoops vs. Newfound; 6  
 Girls' Hoops at Newfound; 6  
**Saturday, Feb. 8**  
**KENNETT**

Boys' Hockey at Kingswood; 7:10  
 Nordic Skiing Home Meet; 10  
**KINGSWOOD**  
 Boys' Hockey vs. Kennett; 7:10  
 Wrestling at Campbell; TBD  
**KINGSWOOD-PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Girls' Hockey vs. Exeter; 5  
**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Wrestling at Plymouth; 9  
**Sunday, Feb. 9**  
**KENNETT**  
 Indoor Track at Plymouth State; 10  
**KINGSWOOD**  
 Indoor Track at Plymouth State; 10  
**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Indoor Track at Plymouth State; 10  
**Monday, Feb. 10**  
**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Girls' Hoops vs. St. Thomas; 6  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11**  
**KENNETT**  
 Boys' Hoops vs. John Stark; 6:30  
 Girls' Hoops at John Stark; 6  
**KINGSWOOD**  
 Boys' Hoops at Hollis-Brookline; 6  
 Girls' Hoops vs. Hollis-Brookline; 6  
**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Boys' Hoops at Berlin; 6  
**Wednesday, Feb. 12**  
**KENNETT**  
 Boys' Hockey at L-W-I; 5  
 Nordic Skiing Home Meet; 2:30  
**KINGSWOOD**  
 Boys' Hockey at Berlin-Gorham; 6  
 Wrestling at Merrimack; 5:30  
**KINGSWOOD-PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Girls' Hockey vs. Concord; 7  
**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Girls' Hoops vs. Berlin; 6  
 Wrestling vs. Mascenic; 6  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**  
 Boys' Hoops vs. White Mountains; 6  
 Girls' Hoops at White Mountains; 6  
**All schedules are subject to change.**

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

**Friday, Feb. 7**  
**BELMONT**  
 Alpine Skiing vs. Gunstock; 10  
 Boys' Hoops at Raymond; 6:30  
 Girls' Hoops vs. Raymond; 5  
**GILFORD**  
 Alpine Skiing at Gunstock; 10  
 Boys' Hoops at Conant; 6  
 Girls' Hoops vs. Conant; 6:30  
**WINNISQUAM**  
 Boys' Hoops vs. Stevens; 7  
 Girls' Hoops at Stevens; 7  
**Saturday, Feb. 8**  
**GILFORD**  
 Nordic Skiing at Kennett; 10  
**WINNISQUAM**  
 Boys' Hockey vs. Kearsarge-Plymouth; 12  
 Wrestling at Exeter; 10  
**Sunday, Feb. 9**  
**BELMONT**  
 Indoor Track at Plymouth State; 10  
**GILFORD**  
 Indoor Track at Plymouth State; 10  
**WINNISQUAM**  
 Indoor Track at Plymouth State; 10  
**Monday, Feb. 10**  
**BELMONT**  
 Alpine Skiing at Gunstock (Girls' State Meet); 10  
**GILFORD**  
 Alpine Skiing at Gunstock (Girls' State Meet); 10  
**Tuesday, Feb. 11**  
**BELMONT**  
 Alpine Skiing at Gunstock (Boys' State Meet); 10  
 Boys' Hoops vs. Winnisquam; 6  
 Girls' Hoops at Winnisquam; 7

**GILFORD**  
 Alpine Skiing at Gunstock (Boys' State Meet); 10  
 Boys' Hoops at Newfound; 6  
 Girls' Hoops vs. Newfound; 6  
**WINNISQUAM**  
 Boys' Hoops at Belmont; 6  
 Girls' Hoops vs. Belmont; 7  
**Wednesday, Feb. 12**  
**BELMONT-GILFORD**  
 Hockey at John Stark-Hopkinton; 8  
**GILFORD**  
 Nordic Skiing at Hanover; 3  
**WINNISQUAM**  
 Boys' Hockey vs. Kennett; 5  
 Wrestling at Franklin; 6  
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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	31 Calef Dr.	N/A	\$720,000	Shawn Hillsgrove	Justin and Erin Eichorn
Alton	45 County Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$750,000	Stuart A. Siegler	Shawna D. and David E. Mazotas
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$55,000	Terrence V. Beeker	Mark L. Rollins RET
Barnstead	112 Beaver HI	N/A	\$90,000	William J. Belasko	JML Properties LLC
Barnstead	38 Davis Dr.	N/A	\$385,000	David Pelletier and Deana Urban	Erica Marchant and Mark Violette
Gilford	31 Henderson Rd., Unit 8	Condominium	\$540,000	David B. and Donna M. Plant	Susan E. and Gerald P. Rasmussen
Gilford	Hook Road	N/A	\$2,900,000	Michael R. Gallo	Michael G. Faucher RET
Gilford	25 Sagamore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$389,000	Sarah E. Dawson	Favian and Courtney Stroud
Gilford	Varney Point Road Right	N/A	\$330,000	H. Robert Hawkes 2010 RET and Cindly L. Gotts	Gilford RT and Harold R. Hawkes, Jr.
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$1,000,000	Stone Brook Hills LLC	Glenn T. and Jennifer N. Cooper
Gilmanton	20 Donovan Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$474,000	Shawna D. and David E. Mazotas	Sherry and Andrew Bates
Gilmanton	48 Elm St.	Single-Family Residence	\$388,533	Bertrand and Pennie Spooner	Samuel L. and Nicolas C. Sparks
Gilmanton	388 Loon Pond Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$435,000	Lucas R. and Erin M. Robichaud	Alicia M. and Richard P. Babb
Gilmanton	1818 NH Route 140	Commercial Building	\$1,000,000	Peyton Place Properties LLC	Lord Nilkanth LLC
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$206,000	Ilse Wedel and Rosemary Brown	David P. Wheaton
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$32,000	Lawrence R. Dunn	Caroline Buxton
New Durham	90 Jenkins Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$52,000	Sousa Fiscal Trust and Steven A. Sousa	Joseph T. Costello

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at [www.real-data.com](http://www.real-data.com) or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium.

## Alton Bay resident Evan McCracken named to WPI Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Evan McCracken, a member of the class of 2027 majoring in Mechanical Engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2024 semester.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI

students are named to the Dean's List based on the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and hands-on projects. A total of 2,393 undergraduate students achieved these criteria for WPI's fall 2024 Dean's List.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on real-world, open-ended problems on cam-

pus and in communities around the globe. Far from being simple academic exercises, the projects students complete have genuine and lasting impacts in our partner communities," said Provost Andrew Sears. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering, science, business, and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally

proud of these outstanding students."

### About Worcester Polytechnic Institute


WPI is a top-tier STEM-focused research university and a recognized pioneer and global leader in project-based learning. Founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems,

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offers more than 70 Bachelor's, Master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. To help address ongoing challenges, improve lives, and help create a more sustainable world, WPI faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research in such areas as the life sciences, smart technologies, materials and manufacturing, and global initiatives.



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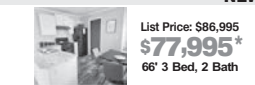



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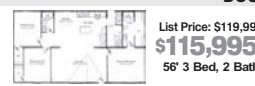

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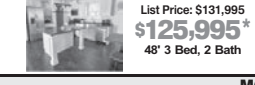

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VTSU congratulates Erin Dougherty for earning Dean's List honors!

RANDOLPH CENTER, Vt. — Vermont State University is proud to recognize Erin Dougherty of Gilmanton for earning Dean's List honors for the Fall 2024 semester. Dean's List designation is reserved for students who maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

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## DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE

# Summer camp scholarships available

GILFORD — WinnAero, the STEM education for youth non-profit, is pleased to announce receipt of a unique grant.

A generous donor company, Watson-Marlow Fluid Technologies of Wilmington, Mass.) has awarded WinnAero several thousand dollars for the express purpose of attracting more young students, especially young women, to study STEM applications in aviation and aerospace. WinnAero's plan to implement the grant requirements is to offer from partial up to full tuition scholarships for girls Middle and High School aged to attend their one week summer day camps called ACE Academies.



COURTESY  
**Midshipman Soleil Lamar, a proud ACE Academy graduate and now enrolled at the US Naval Academy as an Engineering student. Midshipman Lamar is from the US Commonwealth Territory of the Northern Mariana Islands in the Pacific and found WinnAero's ACE Academies while researching STEM summer camps a few years ago.**

The camps will run in the second and third

weeks of July and are held at the Laconia Airport under the sponsorship of the Laconia Airport Authority and the FAA. A full schedule of activities and the themes for the individual sessions are available at the

Web site, [www.winnero.org](http://www.winnero.org), along with contact information for more details.

WinnAero Education Director, Dan Caron, said "This generous grant enables us to offer a unique STEM-learn-

ing experience to young women similar to what we did for Midshipman Lamar a few years ago. We are deeply grateful for Watson-Marlow's corporate vision to increase the number of women pursuing STEM-related

aviation and aerospace careers."

He added that the individual amounts awarded will depend upon how many young women apply so interested girls should download an application soon.

## Area residents named to dean's list at Quinnipiac University

HAMDEN, Conn. — Ashley Sanderson of Gilford has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2024 semester at Quinnipiac University:

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. Names followed by an asterisk denotes with honors.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The university enrolls 9,400

students in 110 degree programs through its Schools of Business, Communications, Education, Computing and 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 388 Colleges." The university is in the midst

of program expansion and renewal for both traditional and adult learners, attraction of diverse communities, development of innovative corporate partnerships and construction of an ambitious set of capital projects. For more information, please visit [qu.edu](http://qu.edu). Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook and follow Quinnipiac on X @QuinnipiacU.

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**UNIT VENTILATOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

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**MANDATORY SITE VISIT**  
**February 12, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**

Bids for the Unit Ventilator Replacement Project will be accepted until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025, at the Business Office, SAU 301, Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH, 03809, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid specifications can be obtained by emailing Heidi Duford, Business Administrator, at [hduford@pmsau.org](mailto:hduford@pmsau.org) or 603-875-3800x2158. Please contact the Facilities Director, Sean Asdot, at 603-875-7500x3109 or [sasdot@pmsau.org](mailto:sasdot@pmsau.org) with any questions or to set a site visit. Responses will only be accepted if sealed and clearly marked:

**BID FOR: "Unit Ventilator Replacement Project", Attn: Heidi Duford, SAU Business Office, Prospect Mountain High School, 242 Suncook Valley Road, Alton, NH 03809**

**DUE DATE: 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

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## LRSF welcomes new Board Trustees

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Houle is an active member of the community and owner and manager of Happy Cow Ice Cream Shop in Laconia. Christopher Banks is a retired combat operations program manager/MQ-9 Sensor Instructor from the USAF and currently a mission program manager at Rogue Space Systems in Gilford.

The board also thanked Rebecca Beane and Joan Frates as retiring Board Trustees, both of whom have been with LRSF for nine years and having reached their term limits. Beane and Frates are both valued members of the team, sharing their knowledge, time, and expertise over the years. Joan also serving as Board President in 2022 & 2023.

These are not the only changes taking place this year. Chris Guilmett will now fill the role of Executive Director. Karen Switzer has retired from the position of Executive Director and will continue with the Foundation on a more part-time basis, as a Director. As with the previous Executive Directors, Joan Cormier and Paulette Loughlin, Switzer will still have an active role with LRSF.

Scholarship Applications for the 2025 – 2026 Academic School Year



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Left to right: Gayle Price, President, Calise House, Trustee, Christopher Banks, Trustee and Chris Guilmett, Executive Director.



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Left to right: Gayle Price, President, Rebecca Beane, Retiring Trustee, Joana Frates, Retiring Trustee, and Chris Guilmett, Executive Director.

are now being accepted and are available on the Foundation's Web site at [www.lrscholarship.org](http://www.lrscholarship.org). The deadline for applications is April 1.



COURTESY

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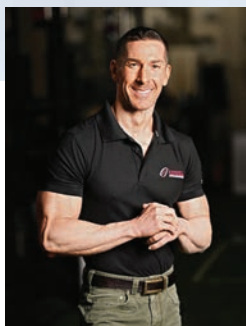


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