



# Gilford celebrates Old Home Day

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**GILFORD** — The skies stayed clear for another full day of games, races, food, dancing, a big parade, and more community fun at the 103rd annual Old Home Day.

This year's Old Home Day had the theme of "Four Seasons of Fun" with events running all day on Saturday, Aug. 26. Events began around 7 a.m. with the Gilford Rotary's annual Pancake Breakfast and ran into the late evening with a fireworks display followed by DJ dancing. Village Field was the center of activity with music, games, vendors, a craft fair, and more. Belknap Mountain Road was closed off between Gilford Elementary School and Potter Hill Road so people could freely walk around during the day. The town and several local organizations hosted different events all day.

"Today is so great,



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The Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region put an entertaining spell on crowds with their dance routines.

we've had a great turnout," said Parks and Recreation Director Jenny Hancock.

She said they were happy the weather cooperated so they could continue offering something

for everyone.

The weather was a source of concern for organizers as the fore-

cast called for a strong chance of rain into the afternoon. By 1:30 p.m., the skies were just part-

ly cloudy and the weather cooperated overall.

This is Hancock's first year as Parks and Recreation Director and her first year helping organize Old Home Day. She attended Gilford High School and went to Old Home Day with her friends throughout high school. She said taking an organizational role felt like coming full circle.

Hancock said while this has been a little stressful, the members of the Old Home Day Committee have been a huge source of support.

"The committee has taken me under their wings and helped with everything," she said.

Board of selectmen chair Chan Eddy said it was a great day with a huge turnout.

"It's better than I expected it to be," Eddy said. "I think it's great everybody came out. I'm

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# Timber Wolves second in season's opening match

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**FARMINGTON** — The young Prospect Mountain golf team kicked off the season with a match at Farmington Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 24.

The Timber Wolves played host to Farmington, Gilford and Hills-

boro-Deering and came out second on the day with 57 points, with Gilford taking the win.

Spencer Therrien led the way for the Timber Wolves out of the top spot in the lineup, finishing with 19 points, while Joseph Rawnsley finished with 15 points from the fourth spot.

Anthony Zamarripa finished with 12 points in the lineup and Mike Perry earned 11 points in the fifth spot to round out the scoring for the Timber Wolves. Noah Wittenberg had 10 points in the third spot in the lineup and Gavin Gordon finished with six points in the sixth spot in the lineup.

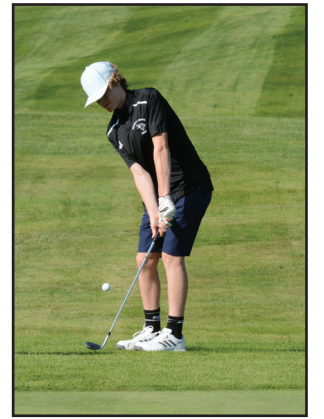
The Timber Wolves will be back in action on

Wednesday, Sept. 6, back at Farmington Country Club and will then be at Passaconaway Country Club on Thursday, Sept. 7, for a match hosted by Campbell, with both matches scheduled for a 3:30 p.m.

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Spencer Therrien tees off on the first hole at Farmington Country Club last week.



Joseph Rawnsley chips onto the green on hole nine at Farmington Country Club in Prospect's opening match of the season.

# Raffle benefits Barnstead Parks and Rec

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**BARNSTEAD** — People could support the Parks and Recreation Department in fun ways this past Saturday by buying hockey gear and entering a raffle for some big prizes.

On Aug. 26, the Barnstead Parks and Recreation Department hosted a morning of activities at its garage including a sale of hockey equipment, a cleanup, and a raffle benefitting Parks and Rec.

The events went on at the Parks and Recreation garage starting around 10:30 a.m.

Visitors could look over a wide selection of hockey gear and buy what they wanted by picking their own price.

There was also a yard cleanup at the garage. Volunteers were sought to pick up trash, trim bushes and trees, and do weed-wacking.

The event culminated with a raffle drawing at 11 a.m. For \$40 per ticket, entrants had the chance at winning one of three big prizes. Tickets were on sale at the Foss Memorial Library and through Parks and Rec.

The first place prize were two Lifetime Ridgeline sit-in kayaks with two oars as well as two \$50 gift cards to Dick's Sporting Goods.

Second place was a Solo Stove Bonfire 2.0, a smokeless portable fire pit.

Third place was a \$100 gas card as well as a \$25 gift card to Fish Tails Bait and Tackle.

Saturday's drawing was livestreamed on the Parks and Recreation Department's Facebook page.

Corrine Cassavaugh was the first place winner of

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# Bondaz hat trick paces Gilford boys past Belmont

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**GILFORD** — A little rain didn't keep the Belmont and Gilford boys' soccer teams from kicking off the new season on Friday, Aug. 25, with the Raiders traveling to Gilford to take on the defending Division III champion Golden Eagles.

Gilford scored twice

in the first half and then doubled the score in the second half to walk off with the 4-0 win to start the new season.

"The kids played a very skillful game with a lot of passing," said veteran Gilford coach Dave Pinkham. "Offensively, we're a work in progress, but hopefully we're going to get things organized."

"We're still learning because we're really young," said veteran Belmont coach Mike Foley. "The way they (Gilford) play, they learned how to play the game last year and they battle for one another."

Gilford got out to a pretty quick start offensively, as they immediately pressured the Belmont defense and keeper Jaxson Embree.

Andrew McDonough and Aiden Bondaz teamed up on a bid that the defense stopped and then Haukur Karlsson had a bid that Embree stopped. Owen Waldron had a nice defensive clear for the Raiders.

Gilford got a couple of corners, with Bondaz heading a bid wide and Wyatt Bamford coming

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# Holiday makes for early deadlines

With the offices of The Baysider closing Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication in that week's edition will be Thursday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Rubere at [brendan@salmonpress.news](mailto:brendan@salmonpress.news).

The staff of The Baysider thanks our readers for their cooperation with this scheduling change, and wishes them a safe and happy holiday weekend.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Aiden Bondaz netted a hat trick in his return to soccer action for Gilford last Friday afternoon.



# Carolyn Ramsay Band closes out summer concert series

WOLFEBORO — A local favorite will take to the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, Sept. 2, as the Carolyn Ramsay Band closes out the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand's summer concert series.

The Carolyn Ramsay Band is a collaboration of musical talent brought to life by Carolyn Ramsay. After knowing one another for years, the group formally formed the band in 2012, which

has its roots in rock and folk music running through the soulful stylings of the songs they cover with their own brush.

Carolyn Ramsay grew up in musical family and began playing guitar and singing in middle school and hasn't stopped since. Her rhythm guitar and finger picking add to the band's sound and she has also developed a vocal style all her own that blends well with her daughter's higher voice.

Jessica Ramsay has been inspired since early childhood, with classic country, blues, folk, pop, R and B and rock music all having influence over her vocal style. She brings an energy that will inspire audience's dancing boots and melt your rock and roll heart.

Chuck Farrell is the band's lead guitar player and brings a smooth guitar style to the band. He comes to the group with 20 years of experience in many diverse styles of music, with roots in rock, R and B and folk.

Tim Archibald plays bass in the band. As a rock bassist from Cleveland, Ohio, he moved to Boston in 1976 and attended Berklee for four years, playing with many greats in the local scene. Forming his own band, Urge, he played for three years with Fly By Night as a jazz migrant worker touring the south and east with Groove Holmes, Dobie Gray, Dizzy Gillespie and others. Played with



COURTESY PHOTO

**THE CAROLYN RAMSAY BAND** performs on Saturday, Sept. 2, in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand.

John Butcher in 1984 on Capitol records, New Man, signed to Epic records in 1985 and quickly joined RTZ with the late, great Brad Delp, Brian Maes and David Stefanelli. Six more years with Peter Wolf from the J. Geils Band. He is a current member of the Who tribute band, 5:15 as well as The Engine Room and American Vinyl All Star band.

The band's drummer is Mike Chatigny, who also comes to the

band with a wide range of playing experience and styles under his belt. He has played with many bands touring up and down the east coast and has recorded hundreds of hours in studios across the northeast.

The Carolyn Ramsay Band will take to the bandstand on Saturday, Sept. 2, for a 7 p.m. concert in Cate Park. The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand concert series is presented free of charge

each Saturday night in the bandstand in Cate Park, with each concert lasting two hours with a short intermission. At intermission, there will be a pass-the-bucket offering collected to help support the free concert series.

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

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## NH Boat Museum to feature art by Helen Fernald in September



Helen Fernald

WOLFEBORO — On Friday, Sept. 1, 5 - 7 p.m., New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host a reception for Helen Fernald, whose work will be featured in the museum's gallery in September.

While Fernald's work will be available for viewing by the public in NHBM's gallery in September, the Artist

Reception is for museum members only. "These receptions provide members with the exclusive opportunity to talk with artists, learn more about their motivation, and possibly consider purchasing some of their work," said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings.

Fernald, an inspirational photographer and writer, expressed enthusiasm for the chance to display her work at NHBM in September.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to share the splendor and varying moods of Lake Winnepesaukee," she said.

For the past five years, Fernald has visit-

ed the lake early in the morning to watch the sunrise.

"I am always astounded by the ever-changing beauty," she added.

Featured around the Lakes Region in many venues, Fernald's work is often shared on WMUR-TV. Her work may also be viewed at helenfernald.com.

To learn more about NHBM, or become a member, visit nhbm.org.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an enduring connection, stewardship, and appreciation of New Hampshire's freshwater boating heritage through compelling exhibits, experiences, and educational programs. NHBM is sponsored in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane & Oil, Stark Creative, KW Lakes and Mountains, Taylor Community, Belletetes, and North Water Marine.



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# Wright museum to host dedication ceremony for new sculpture

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Sept. 5, the Wright Museum of World War II is thrilled to announce the dedication ceremony of “The Homecoming,” a sculpture created by renowned artist Robert Shure of Skylight Studios, Woburn, Mass. The dedication ceremony will take place at 5 p.m. in the Remembrance Garden of the Wright Museum. The dedication will be followed by light refreshments and a talk by Timothy Parker, Graduate Program Director and Associate Professor of History and

Theory of Architecture at Norwich University, which will commence at 7 p.m.

From the smallest village to the largest cities, memorials and monuments abound. Join the Wright Museum of WWII as we dedicate our new outdoor sculpture and hear Timothy Parker discuss the role of monuments and sculpture in our society.

Following the lecture, sculptor Robert Shure will discuss his work, The Homecoming, the Wright Museum’s new-

est outdoor exhibit.

Dr. Timothy Parker regularly teaches survey and elective courses on the history and theory of art and architecture, research methodologies, and a graduate-level thesis research studio. Parker is a licensed architect with a doctorate in architectural history and theory (University of Texas at Austin, 2010), a Master of Arts in philosophy (California State University, Long Beach, 2001), and a Bachelor of Architecture (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, 1990).

Robert Shure attended the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and Tufts University. He received a Master of Fine Arts for sculpture in 1973 and graduated cum laude. In 1990, Shure combined both the Cascieri-di Biccari studio and the Caproni company into a new studio at a new location in Woburn, Massachusetts. Skylight Studios is one of the largest and most active studios of its type in the country. The studio works with a worldwide clientele of committees, museums, institutions,

government bodies, and architects. Continuing the tradition, Shure’s studio, staffed with assistants and artisans, is actively working on many diverse and significant sculpture-related projects.

The dedication ceremony is free and open to the public and begins at 5:00 pm. The lecture program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Res-

ervations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at [www.wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series](http://www.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 2023 Lecture Series, or museum, visit [wrightmuseum.org](http://wrightmuseum.org)

## Friends of Music launches 88th season with ‘Sound Off’ A Cappella,



WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music launches its 88th season with one of America’s great all vocal ensembles, “ ‘Sound Off’ A Cappella, ‘Modern Pop with A Soulful Twist.’” The premiere concert takes place at Anderson Hall, Brewster Academy on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m.

“Sound Off” is an award-winning a cappella group based in Boston, MA. They are unique large format a cappella ensemble. They are a mix of upper and lower voices brought together by an unabashed love for a cappella music and performance. They are a proud member of the ‘Contemporary A Cappella League’ (CAL) and have been finalists for the national champi-

onship at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

Their contemporary pop repertoire is infused with high energy and features acclaimed original arrangements. They aim to leave their hearts on every stage and hope that our Wolfeboro audience feels like ‘they are in the heart’ of the party.

They have been lauded for their recorded music and live performances alike, and are proud to have achieved the following awards:

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Varsity Vocals ‘Aca Open’, Finals at Carnegie Hall;

Boston Harmony Sweepstakes, First Place Champions/ Audience Favorite/ Best Original

Arrangement; Contemporary National ‘A Cappella Recording Awards’, Winners and Nominees in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Original arrangements and compositions (available on iTunes) include:

‘Everglow’ 2023, ‘Never Let Me Go’ 2019, ‘Walk

On Water’ 2018, and ‘Not A Drill’ 2017.

“The Friends of Music” thanks its season sponsor, Paul Zimmerman, again in 2023-24. They thank their concert sponsors, Meredith Village Savings Bank and J Clifton Avery Insurance. They thank all corporate sponsors for their amazing support over the years!

This is the first of eight concert performances comprising the current season running from Sept ’23 to May ’24; 88 years of artistic excellence in service to NH’s Lakes Region!

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## 'Tis the season... for a day at the fair!

The first day of fall is just around the corner, and while we love the summer months, there is no season better than fall. One of the reasons for that is, of course the slew of county fairs taking place all around us.

While entertainment and rides have evolved over the years, there is something so refreshingly simple about a fair that brings everyone down a few notches. When we remember why county fairs came to be, we are reminded of the simplicity that once was the way of life for our ancestors.

Each year, the fair served as a vehicle for farmers to show off their produce and livestock in various categories. As the years progressed, more activities of course took place, however at the core is farm life.

When walking around through the different exhibits, complete with crafts and baked goods, the feeling of down home, old fashioned living welcomes us like a warm morning sunrise. To make things even better, it is the one place where just about the entire community will venture off too, making for a grand reunion of sorts.

And of course, we cannot write about a fair without talking about fair food. Each year, we tell ourselves the same thing — cut down on the fair food this year. Or perhaps you tell yourself something completely different, such as “I cannot wait for fried dough and maple syrup.” But the fact remains, you should not exit the fair gates without eating a caramel apple or a steak bomb. An honorable mention goes out to kettle corn, fresh lemonade, soft pretzels and nachos.

The music scene at the county fair tends to lean towards country. This is just fine with us, as it helps to set the perfect backdrop to our ears for watching a draft horse pull or a demolition derby.

There is never a dull moment at a fair, especially for youngsters. There are petting zoos, contests and plenty of stores selling anything you can think of. Funny thing about the shops — they seem to be selling the same things they had in stock for the past 25 years. Mirrors, with a horse pictured in the middle with the silver or gold trimmed frame, invisible ink, rabbit foot key chains and a plethora of leather goods.

The midway games are a treat. We never really could figure out the basketball hoop, although we know there's a trick to it. The dart game, where you send one, hopefully straight into a balloon is a blast, but again, there's a technique involved.

In the U.S., the first fair took place in nearby Pittsfield, Mass. in 1807 and was organized by Franklin Watson. Eventually, it became known as the Berkshire Country Fair, and ignited a tradition that is still running today.

## Thank you from Barnstead Parks and Recreation

COURTESY

The concert series was a huge success this summer, and we would like to thank everyone that came out to support the musicians, the organizations selling concessions and Barnstead Parks and Recreation. We would also like to thank all of the performers for sharing your talent with us at the Parade Grounds. The amount of positive feedback we have received is astonishing and we are excited to do it again in 2024. Swimming lessons this summer were a bit of a challenge with the storm that came through and created all the flooding. Even though the beach was closed for more than two weeks, we are thankful that we were able to still hold three weeks of lessons and accommodate many of you with the schedule changes. For those that we were not able to accommodate, we apologize and hope that next year we can hold lessons as originally scheduled. We do want to thank each and every one of you that signed up for your patience and kindness while we worked through the issues the beach closure brought on. You were all absolutely amazing to work with through the whole process. We had 36 students over the three-week period, and it was a blast watching them progress and become more comfortable in the water. One last big thank you goes to Madelyn Penfield, Swimming Instructor, for her patience and flexibility in dealing with this year's scheduling issues and for the amazing job she did teaching the children!



## Letters to the Editor

### Women's health depends on your vote

To the Editor:

The word is out. The Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade in 2022 is having a devastating effect on women's health. So-called “pro-life” Republicans have banned (or are expected to ban) abortions in at least 24 states. According to recent reports by Gender Equity Policy Institute and the Commonwealth Fund, since the Dobbs decision, in these states:

Women (disproportionately black women) are 3 times as likely to die during pregnancy, childbirth or right after giving birth;

Babies are 30 percent more likely to die in the first month of life;

Twice as many single mothers are uninsured; and

The teen birth rate is twice as high.

There is a great disparity between these states and the states that support reproductive rights, where the health of women and babies is mostly positive.

Health research organization KFF interviewed OBGYNs nationwide this year. A majority of them reported that the Dobbs decision has worsened:

Racial and ethnic

inequities in maternal health (70 percent);

Management of pregnancy-related medical emergencies (68 percent);

Pregnancy-related mortality (64 percent); and

Attracting new OBGYNs to the field (55 percent).

The US has a much higher maternal mortality rate than other wealthy nations (more than three times higher than most), and that rate is increasing. As citizens of the richest and most powerful nation on earth, we should be appalled at this statistic.

Sixty-nine percent of Americans support legal abortion in the first three months of pregnancy; 85 percent believe it should be legal in at least certain circumstances. Yet a minority of extreme and out-of-touch right-wing Republicans are in control of almost half of our state governments and the Supreme Court.

In 2024, vote as if the health and lives of women (and girls) depend on it — because they do!

Jane Westlake  
Barnstead

### 2023 Alton Old Home Week was a success

To the Editor:

That's a wrap! The Alton Old Home Week came to a close on Sunday, Aug. 20. The Alton Old Home Week Committee hosted and sponsored several family fun events throughout the ten days of Old Home Week, including the Family Block Party, The Fire Department vs. Police Department Softball Game, family karaoke with Kowboys Karaoke, a silent film featuring live accompaniment by NH Composer Jeff Rapsis, a dog show, including both a costume contest and obedience competition led by local grooming studio Shampooles, an ice cream social, our annual Alton Old Home Week Car Show.

Other events included the chili cookoff sponsored by Foster's Tavern and the Alton Business Association, the antique boat show hosted by the

New Hampshire Boat Museum at the Alton Town Docks, a spaghetti supper followed by a hymn sing sponsored by the Community Church of Alton, and a Patriotic Presentation by Camp Constitution. The Town of Alton provided an impressive fireworks display, The Alton Fireman's Association held their annual chicken BBQ, we were treated to a spectacular water-ski show sponsored by the Water Bandstand Committee, the Alton Business Association sponsored the Alton Old Home Week Parade, and Market on Main hosted a kids craft. Alton Parks and Recreation Department provided concert entertainment at the Bandstand, a craft fair in the Bay, and a cribbage tournament in addition to co-sponsoring the annual Old Home Week 5K with Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Due to the heartwarming generosity of our community, as well as the participants and spectators at these events, we were able to raise \$1,063 in donations for the Alton Community Action Program.

The Alton Old Home Week Committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to all the sponsors, volunteers, and local businesses. Their kind donations of time, effort, and financial assistance help us to provide all of these fun events for our

community and we are incredibly grateful for their ongoing support.

As we begin the planning of the 2024 Alton Old Home Week, we are always looking for fresh ideas! Interested in joining the Alton Old Home Week Committee, sharing your ideas, and lending a hand at all of these events? Contact the Town of Alton to fill out a town committee application form.

April Boles  
Old Home Week Committee  
Alton

### An update on the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery

To the Editor:

As many know, due to the hard work of folks from New Durham and Alton, the EPA issued a new discharge permit for the hatchery. This permit requires a large reduction in the pollutants being released from the hatchery. These new limits must be met by Jan. 1, 2025 (it should be noted that the hatchery has already reduced these by a significant amount from a few years ago). NH Fish and Game is now in negotiations with the EPA and the Conservation Law Foundation; a group who has taken the state to court on this issue. It is hoped that these negotiations will be finalized shortly.

There are multiple options for compliance with the new limits:

- 1- Shut down the hatchery
- 2- Reduce the amount of amount of fish being raised
- 3- Install new pollution control equipment, or
- 4- A combination of 2 and 3

I will continue to keep folks posted on this.

Rep. Mike Harrington  
New Durham

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# Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events  
Aug. 31 – Sept. 7

Thursday, Aug. 31  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Cubing Club, 1-2 p.m.  
French Club, 4-5 p.m.  
In Other Words, Leadership, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Join us to hear long-time public radio journalist and New Hampshire native Shannon A. Mullen read from and answer questions about her first book, "In Other Words, Leadership." The book follows the story of Maine's current Governor, Janet Mills, and a young homesteading mother who sent the governor handwritten weekly letters of support through the first pandemic year. The book, drawn from the woman's letters and excerpts

from the governor's personal journals, is an uplifting celebration of civility, empathy and the power of human connection. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Friday, Sept. 1  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon  
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, Sept. 2  
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

Monday, Sept. 4  
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

BOR DAY  
Tuesday, Sept. 5  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

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

Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 6  
Senior Stretch Yoga, 9-10 a.m.

Exercise Social Hour, 10-11 a.m.  
Come on by and socialize with your exercise buddies from Geri-Fit, Senior Sculpt and Yoga. Have some laughs and enjoy light refreshments.

Hand & Foot, 10 a.m.-noon  
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.  
Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.

T(ween Afterschool Club, 3-4 p.m.

T(ween After-School Club is a student-led hour (or so) that lets kids do what they want to do! Build LEGO? Check. Make pizza bites? Sure! Watch a movie? Absolutely! Hayden or Molly will facilitate this weekly fun group.

Science @ the Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us in making a foosball table with recycled materials & playing it when it's finished!

Thursday, Sept. 7  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Spanish Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

T(ween 4-H Cooking Class, 2:45-3:45 p.m.

Join Karen Deighan and 4-H for a hands-on, interactive international cooking class for kids

# Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Lion and Lamb" by James Patterson
2. "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett
3. "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus
4. "Obsessed" by James Patterson
5. "Simply Lies" by David Baldacci
6. "Circle of Death" by James Patterson
7. "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver
8. "Near Miss" by Stuart Woods
9. "Zero Days" by Ruth Ware
10. "Must Love Flowers" by Debbie Macomber

ages 11-18. Sign up is required at the Front Desk for this six-week workshop.

French Club, 4-5 p.m.  
NH Saves Button Up, 6-7 p.m.

Button Up Workshop is a one and a half hour presentation about improving the energy efficiency of your home. It covers energy saving tips and NH Saves energy efficiency programs. Learn about saving elec-

tricity, insulation and air sealing, energy audit and weatherization programs, rebates on electric and gas appliances, and other incentives from New Hampshire's energy utilities. New Hampshire residents that want to use energy wisely and save money will find the information very useful.

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN

# Patience

It sounds like the guy up the street who comes home after work and shoots off a number of rounds regularly has stopped for tonight. The quietness of the evening is now settling back in. A distant dog just barked. I no longer can hear crickets. Occupational hazard.

I know that if I went down to the swamp, I'd hear lots of singing critters. Even if I went out on my back deck, I'd be able to hear some of the louder voices in the swamp singers chorus. But here in the house, it's mostly just ringing ears and machines that I hear.

I'm finally building the dream stereo system that I have wanted since the seventies. Yes it's all old school components, but they all still work well. The only item that shows its age is the FM tuner which tends to drift a bit. It settles down after it warms

up. This was way before digital tuners came about.

I bought the receiver back in '75, and I thought that I had worn out the section of the volume control where I would always play it, but it was only dirty pots which cleaned out fine with a few squirts of cleaner spray. How nice. Finding replacements at this time would be quite the exercise.

This old receiver has been quite ED-ified. You see, being handy with a soldering iron, I never hesitated to take the cover off of everything and fiddle around with those "no user serviceable parts". Since it only had two sets of tape connections, and I had three tape machines, I added another for convenience. While I had things apart, I added some preamp out and power amp in connections so that some day I could easily add in an

equalizer.

One day last winter I stopped by a friend's house to find that he had a pair of these old 901s that were given to him set up in his living room. He played them for me and they sounded wonderful even without an equalizer. Since he had another "better" pair of speakers, and I liked them, he gave them to me. Now I finally had the speakers. I already had a matching equalizer sitting in a box in my cellar. So almost forty years later, I would finally be able to put together the system.

It took a while to get the speakers hung. These speakers need space around them to reflect the sound. I couldn't conceive of any acoustically suitable floor locations, so they needed to hang out from the roof beams. So now they're up and out of the way. Unable to become another horizontal sur-

face to throw clutter upon, just gather dust.

Another segment of time passed before getting them all wired up. Knowing my tendency to want to listen to music loud, I got out my soldering iron again, grabbed some resistors from my bin, and padded down the level around six db at the equalizer. Even so, it still gets pretty loud.

Once everything was set, I climbed up and took down a favorite Beethoven's seventh symphony album and put it on the turn table. While it was playing, the needle would jump when loud transients happened because the sub-woofer sits right next to the stereo cabinet. I adjusted the tone arm and anti-skate as good as I could and it improved, but after the album, I switched to a CD.

I know that Dark Side of the Moon is a standard test CD,

and I plan to give that a listen, but I chose Heavy Weather and listened to the whole thing before I gave my housemates any sonic relief. I hadn't had such a stereo fit since '86, when my ears gave out.

My ears have been ringing ever since, and they're now ringing a little louder than they had been before this self imposed audio abuse. I know I need to temper my listening desires. But it sounds really nice, and someday the housemates may be out and I

could find myself tempted to do something similar again.

I've already got plans to combat the subs effect on the needle, and I'll need to test it to make sure that it is in fact a successful plan. The design is a work in progress so to speak. I'll get it finalized one of these days.

E.Twaste  
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## ALTON POLICE LOG

ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 102 calls for service during the week of Aug. 13-19, including one arrest.

-1 Female Subject was arrested for Driving Under the Influence.

There were 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

There were 3 Suspicious Person/Activity reports on Mauhaut Shores Road, Alton Mountain Road and Mt. Major Trailhead.

Police made 40 Motor

Vehicle Stops and handled 5 Motor Vehicle Complaint-Incidents.

There were 49 other calls for services that consisted of the following: 3 Neighbor Disputes, 1 Assist Fire Department, 2 Fraudulent Actions, 2 Fingerprinting, 2 Assist Other Agency, 3 Animal Complaints, 1 Juvenile Incident, 2 Wanted Person/Fugitives, 1 Alarm Activation, 2 Noise Complaints, 2 Lost/Found Properties, 2 Highway/

Roadway Hazard Reports, 1 Sexual Assault, 1 General Information, 4 Vehicle ID Checks, 1 Harassment, 1 Unintentionally, 1 Trespass, 2 Sex Offender Registrations, 2 Civil Matters, 1 Wellness Check, 1 Community Program, 1 Dispute, 5 Directed Patrols, 1 Follow-Up Reporting, 1 Medical Assist, 1 Property Check and 2 Paperwork Services.

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**Edward Jones: Financial Focus**

Should you invest... or speculate?

You'll find some big differences between traditional and speculative investments — and knowing these differences can matter a great deal when you're trying to reach your financial goals.

To begin with, let's look at the basic types of traditional and speculative investments. Traditional investments are those with which you're probably already familiar: stocks, bonds, mutual funds, government securities, certificates of deposit (CDs) and so on. Speculative investments include cryptocurrencies, foreign currencies and precious metals such as gold, silver and copper.

Now, consider these three components of investing and how they differ between traditional and speculative investments:

The first issue to consider is risk. When you own stocks or stock-based mutual funds, the value of your investments will fluctuate. And bond prices will also move up and down, largely in response to changing interest rates. However, owning an array of stocks — small-company, large-company, international, etc. — can help reduce the impact of volatility on your stock portfolio. And owning a mix of short- and long-term bonds can help you defend yourself somewhat against interest-rate movements. When interest rates fall, you'll still have your longer-term bonds, which generally — but not always — pay higher rates than short-term ones. And when interest rates rise, you can redeem your maturing short-term bonds at potentially higher rates.

With speculative investments, though, price movements can be extreme as well as rapid. During their short history, cryptocurrencies in particular have shown astonishingly fast moves up and down, resulting in huge gains followed by equally huge, or bigger, losses. The risk factor for crypto is exacerbated by its being largely unregulated, unlike with stocks and bonds, whose transactions are overseen by well-established regulatory agencies. There just isn't much that investors can do to modulate the risk presented by crypto and some other speculative investments.

A second key difference between traditional and speculative investments is the time horizon involved. When you invest in stocks and other traditional investments, you ideally should be in it for the long term — it's not a "get rich quick" strategy. But those who purchase speculative investments want, and expect, quick and sizable returns, despite the considerable risk involved.

A third difference between the two types of investments is the activity required by investors. When you're a long-term investor in traditional investments, you may not have to do all that much, once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your risk tolerance, goals and time horizon. After that point, it's mostly just a matter of monitoring your portfolio and making occasional moves — you're not constantly buying and selling, or at least you shouldn't be. But when you speculate in crypto or other instruments, you are constantly watching prices move — and then making your own moves in response. It's an activity that requires considerable attention and effort.

One final thought: Not all speculative instruments are necessarily bad investments. Precious metals, for instance, are found in some traditional mutual funds, sometimes in the form of shares of mining companies. And even crypto may become more of a stable vehicle once additional regulation comes into play. But if you're investing for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement — rather than speculating for thrills and quick gains, which may disappear just as quickly — you may want to invest carefully thought to the types of investments you pursue.

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# Folan earns medalist honors at Gilford golf sweeps opener



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ryan Folan tees off on the first hole at Farmington Country Club last Thursday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

FARMINGTON — The Gilford golf team brings back a solid core of golfers into the new season and that experience paid off in the opening match of the season, as the Golden Eagles swept a four-team match at Farmington Country Club on Thursday, Aug. 24.

Gilford finished with 82 points to easily outdistance the rest of the field, which included Prospect Mountain, Farmington and Hillsboro-Deering.

Ryan Folan played

out of the number one spot in the lineup and picked up 24 points on the day to earn medalist honors and William Wallace finished with 21 points out of the third spot to finish second for the Golden Eagles.

Brett Skoog played at number two and finished with 20 points and Chris Port rounded out the scoring with 17 points in the fourth spot in the lineup. Colton Byars had 10 points in the sixth spot in the lineup and Brendan Folan finished with eight

points in the fifth spot to round out the field of Gilford golfers.

The Golden Eagles will be back in action on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at Canterbury Woods, will be hosting a match at Pheasant Ridge on Monday, Sept. 11, and will be at Newport on Tuesday, Sept. 12, all with 3:30 p.m. scheduled start times.

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Brett Skoog putts on hole nine last week at Farmington Country Club.

# Defending champs get off to a strong start

*Caldon hat trick leads Gilford soccer girls over Belmont*



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Charlotte Cummings of Gilford and Molly Reposa of Belmont battle during the opening game of the season on Friday.



Lianna Keenan settles the ball during her first regular season game for Gilford on Friday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

GILFORD — The defending champion Gilford girls' soccer team held a slim lead over rival Belmont after a rainy first half on Friday afternoon in the season opener.

The Golden Eagles then turned things up a notch in the second half, scoring six more goals and cruising to a 7-0 win on their home field.

"The girls came out and played a solid game," said Gilford coach Rob Meyers. "We talked all week about controlling the ball, making the easy pass and finishing."

"We really wanted to get this game in with the weather to see how we worked together before going into a tough week with St. Thomas and Hopkinton," he added.

Gilford had an early corner that the Raiders were able to clear from the zone. Maddie McKenna had a bid for Gilford that Belmont keeper Lindsey Peterson stopped. Millie Caldon and Leah Davignon teamed up on a chance that Peterson saved and Anna Coapland had a shot go over the top of the net.

Gracey LeBlanc had a good defensive stop for Gilford on a Darci Stone run and then had a direct kick that was blocked. Gilford had another corner but could not convert and Caldon sent another shot wide of the net. Peterson came out and made a nice sliding grab on a Gilford attack and then made a save on a bid from Ava Wilson, who also had a shot go wide.

Lianna Keenan had a bid go wide on a Gilford corner kick and then Caldon had a shot stopped by Peterson. However, with 11:52 to go in the first half, Davignon was able to finish for the first goal of the game and the

Golden Eagles had their first tally of the season.

Quinn Jewell had a great defensive play with Peterson out of the net and Kendal Heyman had a bid in close for Gilford that Peterson stopped. Caldron also had a shot stopped by Peterson and Gilford had a couple of corner kicks that they could not convert on.

LeBlanc set a shot on net that Peterson grabbed and Ava Lacasse had a good defensive clear for Belmont on another Gilford corner. Keenan had a late shot that was deflected and eventually saved by Peterson as the first half came to close with Gilford up 1-0.

McKenna had an early bid go through the crease in the second half and less than a minute in, Gilford doubled the lead, as Caldron finished a feed from Coapland to make it 2-0. Caldron came in with a bid that was turned away by Belmont's defense and Caldron sent another shot off a post on a feed from Heyman.

Hannah Young made a nice run up the field for Belmont and the Raiders had a corner kick that Gilford keeper Aria Dewar was able to stop.

The Golden Eagles made it 3-0 on an absolute bullet from Coapland on a corner and just a few minutes later, with 30 minutes to go in the game, Caldron picked up her second goal of the game with a strike off the post and into the net for the 4-0 lead.

Keenan had a bid stopped and Peterson made another save on a Gilford corner. Jewell had a direct kick that was cleared by Gilford's defense and then sent a nice ball ahead that just missed connecting with Nialez up front. Jewell continued her strong play with another good defensive stop on the

goal line and Peterson made another save on Caldron.

Madison Carrier took over momentarily in goal as Peterson had to come out, but a few moments later, Peterson returned to the goal. Stone had a bid go wide for Belmont and Caldron had a cross that was cleared from the zone at the other end. Heyman had a bid stopped by Peterson and Lacasse made a strong defensive stop on a run from Elizabeth Albert.

With 16:33 to go, Caldron finished off her hat trick to make it a 5-0 game and both she and Keenan continued the attack with bids that were denied by Peterson.

LeBlanc finished off a chance for the 6-0 lead with 12:11 to go and less than a minute later, Keenan picked up her first goal as a Golden Eagle to close out the scoring. Gilford had a couple more corners, with Carrier taking over in goal again for Belmont and making the saves.

"We created a lot of chances in the first half and were just not finishing," Meyers said. "The girls were putting shots on target, but right at the goalie."

"We talked at half-time about taking the extra touch and look before shooting and it seemed to pay off," the Golden Eagle coach added.

Belmont returns to action today, Aug. 31, at White Mountains Regional and will be hosting Inter-Lakes on Tuesday, Sept. 5, both at 4 p.m.

Gilford is back at it today, Aug. 31, as well, hosting Hopkinton and then visit Prospect Mountain on Tuesday, Sept. 5, both with 4 p.m. starts.

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# Prospect boys aim to host tournament tilt

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

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ALTON — After a strong first season under new coach Erick Bourdeau last season, the Prospect Mountain boys' soccer team will be looking to take another step forward in the new season.

"We have been practicing a couple times a week since school ended in June," Bourdeau stated. "We played a bunch of scrimmages with local teams over the summer and we just wrapped up the preseason with a scrimmage win over Derryfield."

The Timber Wolves will be returning goaltender Ben Gagnon to

the fold, which will be a key cog in the wheel, while TJ Locke will be returning in the midfield and at forward, Ethan Capsalis will be a key defender and Joseph Deane will be looked at to put the ball in the net from the front line.

Bourdeau notes that newcomers Bryce Watson in the midfield and Isaac Casale on defense will also be players to watch in the new season.

"We have a strong core of juniors this season," Bourdeau said. "We're looking to host a first round playoff game and gain tournament experience."

The Timber Wolves will be playing two

games each with Farmington, Belmont, Berlin, Gilford and St. Thomas and single games with Hopkinton, Inter-Lakes, Raymond, Newfound and Campbell.

The team's opening game at Hopkinton last Friday was postponed until Sept. 21.

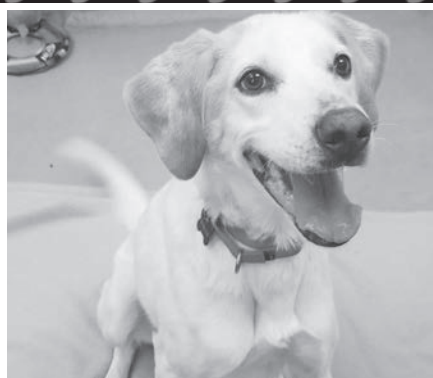
Prospect opened the season after deadline Tuesday at Belmont and will be hosting Berlin on Friday, Sept. 1, and Gilford on Tuesday, Sept. 5, and will be at St. Thomas on Thursday, Sept. 7, all with 4 p.m. starts.

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# Running deer shoots Sundays at Farmington Fish and Game

NEW DURHAM — Farmington Fish and Game Club in New Durham presents the 2023 running deer shoots, which will take place on Sundays from 9 a.m. to noon starting on Sept. 10 and running through Oct. 22. The cost is \$10 per shooter, with three shots per round and no limit on round. The shoots are open to the public.

## PETS OF THE WEEK



Yukon

Meet Yukon! He is very excited about moving to New Hampshire and would thrive in an active home. Yukon would be great for a family that craves more energy in their life. Yukon is very smart and could even do well making some dog friends.



Ariel

Meet Ariel! This beautiful girl is looking for a forever home to thrive. Ariel has a developmental condition known as, Cerebellar Hypoplasia. This primarily impacts her motor functions, making balance and staying still difficult at times.

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# Strong numbers for Gilford cross country

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford cross country team lost one of the most dominant runners in program, if not state, history with the graduation of Patrick Gandini last year.

However, the Golden Eagles return plenty of talent to the trails in the new season and veteran coach Kathy Aldridge is excited to see some large numbers out for the team, with 15 boys and 15 girls donning the blue and gold.

“The vision for the team is to finish in the top five or higher at our

Division Meet and qualify for the Meet of Champions,” Aldridge said. “The biggest surprise is our size, as we now have 15 athletes on each team.”

For the girls, the Golden Eagles will return Georgia Eckhardt, Sydney Eastman, Maria Tilley, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Madeline Burlock, Megan Hughes and Athena Booth. They will be welcoming newcomers Alana Sawyer, Sydney Bartlett, Camryn Coutts, Riley Coutts, Emilia Burlock, Sophia Jarvis and Alissa O'Brien.

The boys' team welcomes back Carter

Forest, Dylan Wright, Gunnar Marvel, Alden Townsend, Benjamin Smith, Malcolm Breton, Kyle Gandini, Brody Testa and Benjamin Wolpin. Newcomers on the boys' team are Borelli Howard-Vlahakis, Benjamin Suranji, Jai-men Sawyer, Noah Sawyer and Ian Lofblad.

“We ran throughout the summer as a team at Gunstock and have continued there with our preseason practices,” Aldridge said. “The athletes have arrived ready to go and we all look forward to a fun, competitive season.”

The Golden Eagles

will again host the opening meet of the season, as they welcome 14 other teams to Gunstock for the Early Bird Invitational today, Aug. 31. The race kicks off at 4 p.m. with the boys running first and the girls following.

The team will also run at Belmont, Manchester, Coe-Brown, Monadnock, Oyster River, Derryfield and Merrimack Valley.

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## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Aug. 31  
BELMONT Boys' Soccer vs. White Mountains; 4  
Cross Country at Gilford; 4  
Girls' Soccer at White Mountains; 4  
GILFORD Boys' Soccer at Hopkinton; 4  
Cross Country at Gunstock; 4  
Girls' Soccer vs. Hopkinton; 4  
Volleyball at Laconia; 6:45  
WINNISQUAM Volleyball vs. Oyster River; 5:45  
Friday, Sept. 1  
BELMONT Volleyball at Conant; 6  
GILFORD Field Hockey at Winnisquam; 4  
WINNISQUAM Boys' Soccer at Newfound; 4  
Field Hockey vs. Gilford; 4  
Saturday, Sept. 2  
GILFORD-BELMONT Football vs. Kennett; 2  
Tuesday, Sept. 5  
BELMONT Boys' Soccer at Inter-Lakes; 4  
Girls' Soccer vs. Inter-Lakes; 4  
Golf Home Match; 3:30  
GILFORD Boys' Soccer at Prospect Mountain; 4  
Girls' Soccer at Prospect Mountain; 4  
Golf at Belmont; 3:30  
WINNISQUAM Boys' Soccer vs. Mascoma; 4  
Wednesday, Sept. 6  
BELMONT Volleyball vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 6:15  
GILFORD Field Hockey vs. Newport; 4:30  
Volleyball vs. Kingswood; 5:45  
WINNISQUAM Field Hockey at Newfound; 4  
Volleyball at Laconia; 5:45  
Thursday, Sept. 7  
BELMONT Golf at Moultonborough; 3:30  
GILFORD Volleyball at Fall Mountain; 5:45  
WINNISQUAM Cross Country at Newfound; 4  
Field Hockey at Kearsarge; 4  
All schedules are subject to change.

## Lakes Region Curling Association accepting registration for fall league

WOLFEBORO — Lakes Region Curling Association is now accepting registrations for its Fall 2023 league.

Running from mid-October to mid-December, the Fall 2023 season offers nine weekly curling matches at Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Arena in Wolfeboro. Matches take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays.

The club is also offering a learn-to-curl clinic for the public on Sunday, Sept. 24. Registration for the event is available on the LRCA web site (lakescurlingnh.org). Experi-

enced LRCA curlers will be on hand to provide instruction in basic rules and game play. No prior experience is required, and all equipment is provided.

LRCA matches put a premium on friendly competition, sportsmanship, and fun. League play is open to men and women aged 14 or over. No previous experience is required, and participants may join as individuals, with a partner, or as part of a complete team. All equipment is provided, and organizers will assist unaffiliated players in finding a

team.

Curling accommodates a variety of playing styles. While some players prefer to use the traditional crouch and slide delivery for the stone, others employ a walking delivery using a “push stick.”

The \$205 registration fee defrays the cost of ice time, equipment, and insurance. Online registration is now available from the LRCA web site at lakescurlingnh.org.

The Fall league will accommodate a maximum of 10 teams, and registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sometimes referred to as “chess on ice,” curling originated on the marshes of Scotland in the early 1500s and came to North America with British colonists in the 18th century. First demonstrated at the 1926 Winter Olympics, it became an official Olympic sport in 1998.

For information about the ancient sport

of curling in general and Lakes Region Curling Association in particular, visit the club's web site.

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Aug. 31  
KENNETT Volleyball vs. Con-Val; 5:30  
KINGSWOOD Boys' Soccer vs. Pembroke; 7  
Girls' Soccer vs. Laconia; 5:30  
Golf at Timberlane; 3  
Volleyball at Plymouth; 5:45  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Cross Country at Gilford; 4  
Friday, Sept. 1  
KENNETT Boys' Soccer at Plymouth; 4  
Girls' Soccer vs. Plymouth; 4  
KINGSWOOD Field Hockey vs. Hanover; 4  
Football vs. Trinity; 7  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Boys' Soccer vs. Berlin; 4  
Girls' Soccer at Berlin; 4  
Volleyball vs. Somersworth; 6:15  
Saturday, Sept. 2  
KENNETT Football at Gilford-Belmont; 2  
Tuesday, Sept. 5  
KENNETT Boys' Soccer at Berlin; 4  
Field Hockey at Plymouth; 4  
Girls' Soccer vs. Berlin; 4  
Golf at Kingswood; 3:30  
KINGSWOOD Boys' Soccer at Lebanon; 4  
Field Hockey at Derryfield; 4  
Girls' Soccer vs. Plymouth; 5:30  
Golf Home Match; 3:30  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Boys' Soccer vs. Gilford; 4  
Cross Country at Portsmouth Christian; 4  
Girls' Soccer vs. Gilford; 4  
Wednesday, Sept. 6  
KENNETT Volleyball at Coe-Brown; 6  
KINGSWOOD Volleyball at Gilford; 5:45  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Golf at Farmington; 3:30  
Volleyball at Newfound; 6:15  
Thursday, Sept. 7  
KINGSWOOD Field Hockey at Hollis-Brookline; 4  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN Boys' Soccer at St. Thomas; 4  
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## GOING OUT OF TOWN

# Metal in the air: a night at the Xfinity Center

By Erin Plummer  
 mnews@salmonpress.news

No matter what genre of music you might be into, there's nothing like the experience of going to a concert. You file in with a hundred or several thousand fellow fans and get the chance to see an artist in real life no matter how far or close your seats are. It is also a fun to set foot in a venue for the first time, get to know its layout, and feel its energy. I've been to several concerts in my lifetime at different venues across New England, but recently I walked through the gates at the Xfinity Center in Mansfield, Mass., and experienced something so much different from the clubs and stadiums that I've been used to. The venue formerly known as Great Woods was a whole outdoor space that was a cross between a park and a concert venue and all of it was just so much fun.

I have a respect for any genre of music, but there is one particular genre that I lean to the most: anything rock. I am a huge rock and metal fan. I adore the screeching guitars, the pounding drums and bass, the vocalist doing everything from beautiful melodies to guttural screaming, all the black leather and long hair—I love all of it. Rock is an eclectic genre, and the flavors that I gravitate toward include hard rock, classic rock, black metal, death metal, hair metal, the list goes on.

My first ever concert was seeing Bryan Adams at the Orpheum Theater in Boston when I was in college. Into the late 2000's, I was regularly attending metal shows down in Massachusetts with Bill Laforme, my good buddy and my former editor when I worked at the Citizen. We especially followed the calendar of the Palladium in Worcester, Mass., and it was here where I seriously experienced metal shows for the first time.

Metal shows might seem intimidating from an outside perspective, but up close it's a fun time. Metalheads in gen-

eral are a pretty friendly bunch in general: they have their own community that looks out for its own and you can find all walks of life at any metal show.

I have become accustomed to the club environment and have been to few shows at bigger venues. I have been to Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion so many times, seen a couple shows at the SNHU Arena in Manchester, and gone to some concerts at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell, Mass., and the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland, Maine. The latter of which was my last concert before the pandemic: Ghost with opening act Nothing More in October of 2019. It was one of the best shows I've been to, both bands were so great, and the atmosphere was amazing.

When I got the opportunity to see Ghost in concert again, I just had to jump at it. I adore that band and was willing to drive about two and a half hours to Mansfield, Mass to see the show. It would also be my first time experiencing The Xfinity Center and I did do some research on things like parking and the venue layout beforehand. I was expecting another stadium or maybe something like Bank NH Pavilion. It was so much different, which was so great.

The Xfinity Center is located about 40 minutes southwest of Boston and about half an hour northeast of Providence. It is about a two-and-a-half-hour drive from the Lakes Region, but it is a pretty direct route off I-495 just a few minutes after exiting I-95.

After parking in a huge dirt lot, I followed the crowd to the front entrances. I was looking for a large building, but what I saw when I went through the gates looked more like a big park. The front of the venue is wooded with different paths and the vendor stands are in little buildings dotted around the path. Venture further and you will find a wooden patio along with stairs leading down to a pavilion at the bottom lines with trees and



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

Cell phone flashlights go up during Ghost's set at the Xfinity Center in Mansfield, Mass.

more vendor buildings. At night string lights turn on over the pavilion.

This part of the venue reminds me of the layout of King Richard's Faire, the popular Renaissance in Carver, Mass., I wrote about in this column last year. King Richard's is also in a semi-wooded area with a series of small vendor buildings and pavilions. It was honestly a peaceful setting and nothing I had ever seen at another concert venue. It was now that I was reminded of the Xfinity Center's former name: Great Woods.

Great Woods Center for the Performing Arts was opened in 1986 as an outdoor performing arts venue at a capacity of 12,000 seats. It was expanded in 1994 to accommodate around 19,900 seats. It has gone through several name changes, taking its current name in 2014. It is now operated by Live Nation, making it a sister venue to Bank of NH Pavilion.

The amphitheater itself can be accessed by going up a set of stairs. Seats are divided by those in a covered pavilion and outdoor seats as well as lawn seats. I got outdoor seats and while it was a little far from the stage, you could watch the action on large monitors while experiencing the fresh air. Thankfully it was a gorgeous night,



The lower pavilion at the Xfinity Center.

not too warm and getting a little cool after dusk but still extremely comfortable.

The opening act was Amon Amarth, a Swedish metal band I recalled seeing once at the Palladium but it had been a long time since I heard their music. Their songs take a Norse theme with songs about Vikings, glory in battle, and different Norse deities. The drummer was a huge Viking helmet with eyes that projected different images. Adding to that were big inflatable statues of warriors and people dressed as warriors and deities hopping onstage. They put on an amazing set and I was inspired to explore more of their music.

The headline act



Fans hanging around at the front of the Xfinity Center before the concert by Ghost and Amon Amarth.



A view from the Xfinity Center in the daylight during Amon Amarth's set.

was Ghost, which has become one of my current favorite bands. I adore lead singer Tobias Forge's melodic singing backed by chugging guitars and a mix of backing instruments. The band's music and set are theatrical with different characters and plenty of costume changes. There is also plenty of bawdy humor and slapstick inserted as well.

I was absolutely blown away by the whole concert. Both bands were amazing, and it was such a great night out. I also fell in love with the venue and adored the environment. Granted the parking was

a nightmare and it took about an hour to get out of the lot and back onto the road, but that kind of thing is expected for any big concert. I finally got back onto the highway just vibrating with joy. It was one of the best concert experiences I'd had in a while.

I found the Xfinity center in general to be a great venue. I loved the layout and I found the staff to be extremely friendly and cooperative. I will probably scope out more shows at the Xfinity Center, though it had been a while since I had gone to a concert and it made me want to find more.

### 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 abundantharvest.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.</p> <p><b>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER</b>                  Sundays throughout the summer 10 a.m. 6-7 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 Bault, www.befreechurch.net.</p> <p><b>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b>                  Worship Service 10:00am                  Bible Study 11:15am                  Pk. 126 next to Town Hall                  Call or Text (603)269-8831                  centerbarnsteadcc.org</p> <p><b>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF PRAISE C.C.O.P PRAISE GATHERING</b>                  Gathering Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m.                  The Gilmanston Community Church                  1803 NH Route 140, Gilmanston, Ironsides, NH                  ccoppraisegathering@gmail.com</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON</b>                  Prayer Meeting 9:00 am                  Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Haddo, 875-5561.                  Bay service 8:30am Alton Bay Garage, Alton, NH                  10 am Worship Service                  20 Church Street, Alton                  Our services are live streamed on YouTube                  Sundays at 10 am                  www.ccoalton.com</p> <p><b>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD, UCC</b>                  Sunday School and Worship Services                  Rev. Rebecca Werner Maccini                  603-776-1820                  Our services are in person at 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, NH and live-streamed on Zoom, ccnorthernbarnstead.com</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FARMINGTON</b>                  Worship Services 11:00 A.M.                  Sunday School 10:15 AM                  400 Main Street                  Farmington, NH 05855                  Pastor Tom Gardner 755-4816                  www.farmingtonuucc.org</p> <p><b>FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH</b>                  Sun. School 9:30am; Church 10:30am; Evening Service 6pm;                  Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham;                  Pastor James Nasson.</p> <p><b>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H.</b>                  on the Parade in Barnstead                  Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 9:00 a.m.                  Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on                  Wednesday Evenings.                  Pastor Sandy Pierson - 483-2816</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                  www.ststephenspittsfield.com</p> <p><b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b>                  Rt. 171 at Tugboatons Corner                  Sunday services 10:30 a.m. Church 603-539-8058                  All are welcome.</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 • uusd.org</p> <p><b>MAPLE STREET CHURCH</b>                  Sunday Service 11am                  96 Maple Street, Center Barnstead NH 03225</p>
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Alton	6 Beach St.	Single-Family Residence	\$273,000	Robert M. and Cheryl A. Sands	Crystal North
Alton	8 Beach St.	Single-Family Residence	\$165,000	Alan L. and Kathleen Rosemond	Beach Street LLC
Alton	12 Lantana Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$1,460,000	Lois Ann B. Warner Trust	Denna L. Bradley
Alton	193 New Durham Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$345,000	Ronald F. Guile	Ke Jin
Alton	NH Route 11	N/A	\$90,533	State Of New Hampshire	Society for the Protection of NH Forests
Alton	Scott Drive	N/A	\$40,000	Kathryn C. Wilson	Ryan D. McGee
Alton	Smith Point Road	N/A	\$210,000	Marco Sederquist	Joseph L. Kennedy
Alton	39 Water Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$389,000	Nhc RT and Ronald Reed	Paula and Andrew Maylor
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$210,000	Rattlesnake Island Association	Candace K. Sleeman RET
Barnstead	25 Dustin Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$307,600	Beth E. Polio Trust	Michael P. Cragin and Yuan Wang
Barnstead	10 Sampson Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$315,000	Cory M. and Ashley Pratt	Ryan N. Sadezwicz and Courtney M. Keller
Gilford	215 Cotton Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$120,000	Donald A. and Diane E. Reed	Kimberly Balcom
Gilford	9 Davis Rd.	Single-Family Residence	e\$2,525,000	Walter, Jr. and Winnie L. Chicoine	Gray Bae Group LLC
Gilford	13 Foxborough Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$510,000	Daniel L. & Ch Brown Trust and Christopher L. Adams	Carolyn R. Vaccaro
Gilford	41 Glendale Place, Unit 12	Condominium	\$510,000	Toy Box Marine & Storage	Glendale Place LLC
Gilford	Heather Lane	N/A	\$128,800	Kathy A. Dickie	Jonathan D. Evans
Gilford	133 Sleeper Hill Rd.	Residential Developed Land	\$169,000	Gg Re Inv. General Partnership	Kim S. Remick
Gilford	413 Weirs Rd.	Mixed Use (Commercial/Other)	\$135,000	Gregory S. Filmore	Randy Bean
Gilford	N/A (Lot 1-26)	N/A	\$490,000	Michael P. Keefe	Matthew Ford and Jonathan Salvi
Gilmanton	277 Hemlock Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$255,000	Ronnie and Patricia Cates	Peter and Chrystal Paetzold
Gilmanton	952 Middle Route	Single-Family Residence	\$535,000	Mg Holdings LLC	Jevin L. and Alexis M. Franco
New Durham	Meadorboro Road	N/A	\$125,000	Raed Hertel Fiscal Trust and Van Hertel	Amanda Crisp and Andrew Wahl
New Durham	328 Merrymeeting Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$525,000	Jon S. Lester	Jessica L. and Joseph Boyle
New Durham	213 N. Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,655,000	K.A. & Nora J. Tracy RET	Michelle Paison and Andrew Zabel
New Durham	180 Pine Point	Single-Family Residence	\$2,300,000	Beverly D. Grappone Trust	Margarita Medini Trust
New Durham	9 Smittys Way	Single-Family Residence	\$360,000	Philip and Teresa M. Holland	Emily F. and Jeffrey S. Forgy

### 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

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## Pub Mania returns in December

BY ERIN PLUMMER

[mnews@salmonpress.news](mailto:mnews@salmonpress.news)

**GILFORD** — After a three-year hiatus, teams will be back around the bar at Patrick's Pub and Eatery for a renewed, 12-hour version of Pub Mania to raise money for the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.

Pub Mania will be back on Dec. 7, this time for a 12-hour event that will help raise money for the "It's for the Kids Community Challenge."

In its previous incarnation, 30 teams would have a member on a barstool for each hour of the 24-hour event. Pub Mania also featured live music, games, food, and more. The event paused in 2020 with the onset of the pandemic and became the Community Challenge. Patrick's co-owner Allan Beetle said organizers decided to bring Pub Mania back this year in a new form.

"There was uncertainty whether we would bring it back, but I feel like we can sustain for another decade (with) a 12-hour event," Beetle said.

Beetle said leading up to the 2019 Pub Mania it was clear the 24-hour event was taxing on the volunteers and the Pat-

rick's staff.

"Over the last few years, I was trying to think about how to transition this event so it wasn't so overwhelming for us because as successful as it was, it was a little overwhelming for us to put on," Beetle said. "It's not just a one-day event, it's year-round. We have 30 teams of people we're supporting, were having events through the year."

Beetle said the organizers were looking at how to bring Pub Mania to another pub or restaurant. Then in 2020 the pandemic changed all discussions. Beetle said it was clear they couldn't have an event with many people packed in one indoor space.

"A good friend of mine, the late Ed Engler, reminded me to not let a good crisis go to waste," Beetle said.

As a result, Pub Mania became the Community Challenge with fundraising going on throughout the year. Many Pub Mania teams were already doing fundraising events through the year and the new event built on that. The regular Pub Mania teams could take part in the challenge and

the event was opened to more teams. Beetle said the event went from a Patrick's event to a Children's Auction event.

"It didn't center or focus around Pub Mania, it centered in different ways of raising money," he said.

For three years the Challenge continued to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Children's Auction. After three years organizers looked at how to bring Pub Mania back.

"With the break after the pandemic and some time to reflect, we decided this would be something we could be excited about, have a lot of fun, and still be the world's greatest barstool challenge and sustain it," Beetle said.

The new Pub Mania can accommodate 30 teams. There are now 25 confirmed teams and they are waiting for confirmation from five other teams.

Beetle said a lot of the Pub Mania teams seem interested in coming back. He said many of the teams seem even more excited that this is a 12-hour event instead of 24-hours.

"Most of the teams are

very excited its not a 24-hour event," Beetle said. "It was just as taxing for a team captain to fill 24 hours including 3 and 4 in the morning and getting people to show up at our restaurant."

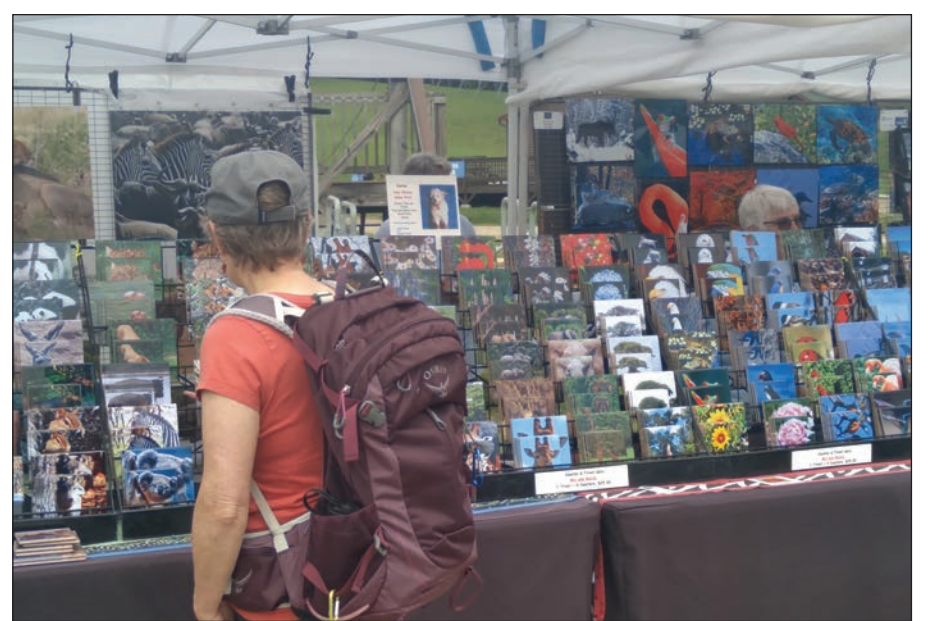
While Pub Mania was Patrick's main fundraising event for the Chil-

dren's Auction, it is now one event that raises money for the Community Challenge. Many of the teams have ways they raise money and this will become more of a focal point.

"It will be a focal point for some of the teams and it'll be a rally-

ing point for many of the teams, it kind of helps," Beetle said.

The new event will run on Dec. 7, starting at 11 a.m. and running until 11 p.m. The new Pub Mania will still feature a roster of bands as well as activities, games, food, and more.



COURTESY

### Craft fair at Gunstock this weekend

Come and celebrate the holiday weekend at the Labor Day Weekend Gunstock Craft Fair at Gunstock Mountain Resort, 719 Cherry Valley Rd., Gilford, on Sept. 2 & 3, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days! There will be more than 100 fabulous arts & crafts exhibitors with a wide range of arts & crafts plus music both days with North River. Some of the exhibits will include cedar wood furniture, leather jewelry & leather pocketbooks, wildlife photography, handsome soy candles, Lake Winnepesaukee aerial photography, hand painted metal/wood/slates/skis, resin art pictures, handcrafted wooden spoons, various jewelry styles, gourmet vinegars & oils, gourmet honey, beautiful Raku pottery, handsome macrame chairs, American wooden flags, laser engraved wood & glassware, dog & cat toys/treats/apparel, CBD products, charcuterie boards, bath & body products, Lake Winnepesaukee signs, kettle corn, & lots more!!! Free Admission!!! Friendly, leashed pets welcome! Food! Rain or shine under canopies! Adventure Park will be open with many amazing activities! For more information about the craft fair, call Joyce (603) 387-1510. Presented by [joycescraftshows.com](http://joycescraftshows.com).



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# NHBM board welcomes Don Smith



Don Smith

WOLFEBORO — New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) recently welcomed Don Smith, at-

torney and partner with Sager & Smith, PLLC in Ossipee, to its board of trustees.

Citing NHBM's eventual expansion to Moultonborough, Smith said he is excited about the opportunity to be involved with something that is "really evolving." "NHBM is in a position to greatly expand its presence in the Lakes Region and become an even greater asset to the communities around the Lakes Region," he said.

NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings agreed and cited Smith's background as "an important asset to the museum's rapidly expanding board.

"I see Don serving as a valuable sounding board for many kinds of business decisions," she said. "All of our new board members bring something unique and beneficial to the organization."

Smith added, "While I won't serve as the at-

torney for the museum, I think the opportunity to raise alternative solutions or point out intended and, in some cases, unintended results of actions will be valuable."

Regarding his interest in NHBM, Smith said he grew up—and primarily lived—in the Lakes Region, citing an affinity for antique wooden boats.

"One of the truly great sights on the lakes in this area is the antique boats we sometimes

see," he said. "This museum provides a perfect opportunity to preserve their history and educate others...I look forward to being part of a place that brings their history to others."

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an enduring connection, stewardship, and appreciation of New Hampshire's freshwater boating heritage through compelling exhibits,

experiences, and educational programs.

NHBM is sponsored in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane & Oil, Stark Creative, KW Lakes and Mountains, Taylor Community, Belletetes, and North Water Marine. To learn more about NHBM, or how to become a volunteer, visit [nhbm.org](http://nhbm.org).

## Bank of New Hampshire partners with NH Housing to offer virtual first-time home buyers class

LACONIA — Are you a first-time home buyer looking to navigate the world of mortgages and home purchasing with confidence? Bank of New Hampshire is excited to announce its collaboration with New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority to bring you a comprehensive virtual class tailored to meet your needs.

Titled "Keys to Success: Navigating the First-Time Home Buyer Journey," this informative session will provide valuable insights and guidance for those taking their first steps into the real estate market. Industry experts from both BNH and New

Hampshire Housing will share their expertise, helping attendees understand the ins and outs of mortgage options, the home buying process, what to expect in the current market and more.

Event Details:

Date: Sept. 6

Time: 6 – 7 p.m.

Where: Zoom (Link to be provided upon registration)

The virtual class will be hosted by Flora Boyce, Mortgage Loan Officer, NMLS #619801, from Bank of New Hampshire, who has a wealth of experience in guiding individuals through the mortgage application process. Additionally, the event will

feature Matthew Gallant, Senior Manager of Business Development at the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, sharing insights and resources for aspiring home buyers.

Whether you're looking to understand mortgage options, decipher the steps involved in home buying or simply seek answers to your questions, this virtual class is tailored to address the unique needs of first-time home buyers.

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## Bank of New Hampshire promotes Jannette Thompson to Laconia Banking Office Manager



Jannette Thompson

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to announce the promotion of Jannette "Janna" Thompson to Assistant Vice President – Laconia Banking Office Manager.

In her role as the Banking Office Manager, Thompson will be responsible for management of the office's deposit portfolio, customer relationship management, new business development and community engagement. She will also oversee all daily operations of the office while becoming a trusted resource for Laconia customers.

Thompson joined Bank of New Hampshire in August 2022 with fifteen years of experience in financial services. Her impressive performance in the Moultonborough office showcased her abilities as a capable leader and motivated decision-maker to entrust her with the management of the Laconia office.

"We are proud to see Janna take the next step in her career with BNH. Her passion, talent, wealth of knowledge, and lifelong commitment to the Laconia community, make her the perfect fit to manage our Main Office in Laconia," said James Glover, Vice President – Retail Banking Regional Man-

ager for Bank of New Hampshire. "Janna is passionate about getting to know her customers and providing expert customer service. She is an absolute pleasure to work with and will provide great support, leadership, and guidance to the Laconia team. We're all very excited to see Janna take on this new opportunity."

Thompson can be reached in the Laconia office located at 62 Pleasant Street, via phone at 603-527-3397 or by e-mail at [janna.thompson@bnh.bank](mailto:janna.thompson@bnh.bank).

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## Belknap EDC awarded 2023 micro-enterprise grant to support small businesses

LACONIA — Belknap EDC will be allocating more than \$100,000 to support small business development in the region. Working with the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Belknap EDC will be able to directly support businesses with accessing technical assistance, business plan development, direct grant, financing, and other resources.

The Community Development Block Grant MicroEnterprise Program, administered by the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) is for low- to moderate-income (LMI) microenterprises (those with fewer than five employees) and start-ups to provide a full range of entrepreneurial training and technical assistance services.

"We are pleased to partner with CDFA, SBDC, and our strategic partners to provide this much needed one on one support to our small business community," said Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC's Executive Director.

A qualifying business must be classified as a for-profit entity with five or fewer employees, be in current operation or in start-up mode, be located within Belknap County and meet specific income requirements. More details can be found at [belknapedc.org](http://belknapedc.org).



COURTESY

## Lakes Region Art Association announces Artists of the Month for July

Congratulations to Lakes Region Art Association's Artists of the Month for July 2023! Back row, standing, left to right: Jim Cryan, Sally Hibberd, Russell Schundler. Front row, seated, left to right: Martha Aucoin, Terry Calder, Barbara McClintock. Visit our Web site for more information about the gallery: [www.LRAANH.org](http://www.LRAANH.org)  
Lakes Region Art Association Gallery, 120 Laconia Rd., Tanger Outlets, Suite 300, Tilton. Hours: Thursday, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 2022 Winner of the "Best in the Lakes Region" and "Best in the 603."

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# Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

## Soccer Cleat Swap

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Seriously Social  
Bridge Club

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is starting new Bridge Club in August that is a fun group of people playing Bridge. If you like

card games like Hearts or Whist try the newly formed SS Bridge Club. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Join in the fun by learning a new game or refreshing your skills. All abilities are welcome. Perfect for singles or couples. Meet new people. Pre-register for your spot by contacting 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov. Ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Project Linus Blankets

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a No Sew Blanket night on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Gilman Library. Participation is free. Join us as we make fleece no sew blankets using a simple technique of cutting and tying. A variety of

blanket patterns will be available to make. Our goal is to make twenty-two blankets to donate to Project Linus, a community based program that provides security to those in need through homemade blankets. The materials have been donated, we just need the hands of community members to complete the project. If you have a pair of fabric cutting scissors please bring them for your use. For more information contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. We hope to see you there.

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. Learn new exercises and 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. Free classes will be held Sept. 6, 11, 13, 25 and 27- try for free before the session starts on Oct. 2. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in.

Trivia Night Kahoot!  
Test your Knowledge

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are spon-

soring their second Trivia Night on Oct. 19 at the Gilman Library from 6-7:30 p.m. This interactive Trivia Program is free- bring a smart phone/tablet or laptop per person. Questions are asked on the big screen and participants pick the best multiple choice answers by using their own device. The most correct answers in the fastest time wins. Bring friends and family and compete for first place. Categories include: History; Pop Culture; Entertainment; Art; Science; Sports; Geography; and more. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be

provided. Please RSVP at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov to guarantee your seat in the game by Oct. 16.

## Volunteers Wanted

The Alton Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for volunteers to make a difference. Do you enjoy sharing ideas, helping at community events and planning for the Town's future needs? If so, please contact the Alton Parks and Recreation office, and ask about serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission, parksrec@alton.nh.gov; 875-0109.

# Local projects receive Northern Border Regional Commission grants

CONCORD — Communities and organizations in six rural counties will share \$11 million in federal funds awarded through grants from the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC).

Created by the US Congress in 2008, the NBRC is a federal-state partnership working to alleviate economic challenges in northern counties across New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. In New Hampshire, projects are eligible for the Catalyst program in all, or portions of, Belknap; Carroll; Cheshire; Coös; Grafton, and Sullivan Counties.

This year, the NBRC distributed \$43.6 million across the four-state re-

gion. "Investing in New Hampshire's rural communities is critical to continued success of the region for years to come," said Gov. Chris Sununu. "I look forward to working directly with stakeholders across the region to make sure these dollars are put to use as efficiently and effectively as possible."

The Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) administers the NBRC's programs for New Hampshire, working closely with community leaders and organizations throughout the year providing technical assistance to develop projects.

"Each year it gets harder and harder for

rural communities to access federal resources," said BEA Commissioner Taylor Caswell. "The NBRC has proven its value by reaching corners of New Hampshire that are largely ignored by many other federal programs. The improvements that come from NBRC's investments are aimed at our goals of making these communities attractive places to visit, live, work, and play."

The following projects received awards:

Town of Gilford: Receiving \$54,000 to site New Hampshire's first foam densification unit, which will compact loose foam products for transportation or storage prior to recycling.

# Barnstead Capital Improvement Plan Committee seeks feedback

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Capital Improvement Plan Committee will be meeting Wednesdays, at the Town Hall at 5 p.m. Meeting dates are Sept. 6, 13, and 20.

The committee's initial goal is to collect information for the budget committee so they have a better understanding of department needs for 2024. Its secondary need, which it will try to accomplish after Sept. 30, is to build a continuing long-term financial plan to meet community and department needs for

the future. The current well-organized and developed plan is found at Barnstead.org under «Find It Quick» > CIP. The first 11 pages and the last eight pages of the document are summary pages that help explain the middle pages of charts that prioritize needs. You will see this is a fluid plan, and not all the projects could be completed in the time allotted.

All opinions are valued. These meetings are public. The committee knows the day and time is not convenient for

all residents, so please email Tim at tkeade@tds.net or message him at 603-717-2863. Do not discuss on public social media pages. Updates will be found periodically at Barnstead.org. More information will be available as it becomes available. Best of all, come to the meetings and help us put this together! We are looking for permanent committee members who are willing to spend a few hours each month to solidify the information that each town department provides.



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**Sev & Company returning to Patrick's Pub in September**

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Beginning Sept. 7, musician Don "Sev" Severance will return to Patrick's Pub in Gilford every Thursday as host of Sev & Company, welcoming a diverse mix of new and returning musical talent throughout the year. September's features include Manchester indie folk-rock band Slim Volume, singer-songwriter Will Conroy, local favorite duo The Sweetbloods, and rising Nashville star Senie Hunt, who plays Patrick's whenever he's back visiting his home state of New Hampshire. Patrick's live music calendar is available at www.patrickspub.com/events; dates and details for Sev & Company performances can be found on the Laconia Sun's Event Calendar and at sevhead.com. Pictured lockwise from top left: Senie Hunt, Slim Volume, Don "Sev" Severance, Sweetbloods.



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## BOYS

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through with a nice defensive clear for the visitors. Karlsson and Aidan Burnham had chances that Embree stopped and Waldron had a direct stop that Gilford keeper Caleb Giovanditto was able to grab. Anthony Burnham had a nice cross for the Golden Eagles, but Manny Mahoney cleared the ball out of the zone.

With 31:48 to go in the first half, the Golden Eagles got on the board, as Tanner Keenan took a direct kick and Bondaz headed it in for the 1-0 lead. Keenan had another bid that was turned away by Embree and Adam Ribeiro had a solid defensive play for the Raiders on a Karlsson bid. Henry Stow also had a good cross for the Golden Eagles that was cleared out.

Karlsson had another bid stopped and Waldron made another good clear, while Bondaz had a crossing pass that Sam Slayton cleared out

for the Raiders. Gilford had back-to-back corner kicks, with Aidan Burnham getting a bid stopped by Embree. Brady Thurber had another good clear for Belmont on another corner and Bondaz and Keenan had chances denied by Embree.

Gilford had a couple more corners, with Embree holding tight, while Aidan Burnham had a direct kick that Ribeiro cleared out of the zone.

The Golden Eagles doubled their lead with 12:08 to go, with Bondaz putting home a cross from Keenan to push the lead to 2-0. Bondaz had another shot go high and Karson Genakos also had a shot that was stopped by Embree. Bamford had a bid for the Raiders that Giovanditto stopped, but Gilford came back with shots from Aidan Burnham and Micah Javalgi that Embree stopped.

Bondaz headed another chance on net during a corner, with Embree making the save and Anthony Burnham and

Aidan Burnham both had late chances as the game went to the half with Gilford up 2-0.

Gilford came right out in the second half with the same pressure, with an early corner kick that Embree stopped. McDonough had a bid that was stopped and Karlsson also had a chance that Embree was able to save. Javalgi, Keenan and Aidan Burnham had chances stopped by Embree and McDonough had a bid go over the net. Keenan and Javalgi continued the assault on net, with Embree holding his own through the onslaught.

With 11:34 to go, Bondaz launched a beautiful shot from near the top of the box that curled perfectly into the back of the net, capping off his first soccer appearance for Gilford since the 2021 season with the hat trick.

Just more than a minute later, Keenan ripped a shot to the net for the 4-0 score and they cruised from there, fin-



Gilford's Henry Stow and Belmont's Adam Twamley battle for position in action Friday afternoon in Gilford.

ishing out the win and starting off the title defense with a victory.

**"It puts a smile on our face to have Aidan Bondaz back," Pinkham said. "And Tanner had a beautiful goal as well."**

"Everybody can compare them to last year's team, but this team is going to be a different team," the Golden Eagle coach added. "We have a lot of pieces we've got to put together."

"The fortunate thing is they are all soccer

players and they all work really hard," Pinkham noted.

"We had a couple of decent forward runs and a good bid on net," Foley said. "We've got our work cut out for us, but I am pleased with the resilience of our defense."

"And Jaxson, they could've put 10 up on us if not for him," the Raider coach added. "He was heads and shoulders above."

Gilford will be back

in action today, Aug. 31, at Hopkinton, then visit Prospect Mountain on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 4 p.m.

Belmont is also back in action today, Aug. 31, hosting White Mountains Regional, then visit Inter-Lakes on Tuesday, Sept. 5, both at 4 p.m.

*Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.*

## Partnership for Public Health urges caution against measles

LACONIA — August is National Immunization Awareness Month, making it the perfect time to spread the word about the importance of measles vaccination. Though declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000 thanks to widespread immunization, measles has reemerged in recent years due to declines in vaccination coverage. This August, The Partnership for Public Health (PPH) is proud to join the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) in educating our community about measles prevention through timely vaccination.

Many underestimate the risks posed by measles today. However, measles is one of the most contagious diseases on Earth, able to linger in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves the room. According to NFID, measles can also lead to severe, sometimes permanent complications including

pneumonia, hospitalization, brain swelling and even death. Before the measles vaccine was available, millions contracted the disease each year in the U.S., with 400-500 annual deaths.

Safe and effective measles vaccines have been available for more than 50 years. Two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine are approximately 97 percent effective at preventing measles infection. Thanks to widespread uptake of the MMR vaccine, measles cases declined more than 99 percent in the 20th century. However, due to recent drops in immunization coverage, measles has made a comeback. The U.S. experienced multiple large measles outbreaks in 2019, the highest number of cases reported since 1992.

That's why PPH is proud to join NFID in urging our community to get up to date on measles vaccination, especially before inter-

national travel. Talk to your healthcare provider to ensure you and your family members have received the recommended two MMR vaccine doses. Vaccination remains our most effective tool for preventing the spread of measles.

Learn more about the signs, symptoms and risks of measles at [www.nfid.org/measles](http://www.nfid.org/measles). Help us spread facts not measles this August by sharing NFID's measles resources and using the hashtag #PreventMeasles. Together, we can protect community health through timely vaccination.

About the Partnership for Public Health

Serving the Lakes Region through health and wellness initiatives, the mission of the Partnership for Public Health is to improve the health and wellbeing of the region through inter-organizational collaboration and community and public health improvement activities.

## Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, Hobo Railroad now part of Patriot Rail

MEREDITH/LINCOLN — Patriot Rail Company LLC today announced it has assumed ownership and operations of the Hobo Railroad and the Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad, located in Lincoln and Meredith, respectively. Both scenic railroads operate across 54 miles of historic track which navigates through the beautiful White Mountains and Lakes Region of New Hampshire. The railroads serve Lincoln, Plymouth, Meredith, the famed Weirs Beach on Lake Winnepesaukee, as well as the iconic Laconia Railroad Station located in Laconia. In addition to the two scenic railroads, a vibrant rail bike operation—Rail Bike Adventures—offers patrons visiting Laconia, NH, an opportunity to ride a rail bike alongside the magnificent Lake Winnisquam.

Brenda Clark, Ben Clark, and Jennifer Franz, whose family has operated these beautiful scenic trains over the past 36 years, said in a joint statement, "It has been our passion to sustain the joy that Ed Clark first created in the late

1980s for the thousands of smiling faces who rode our historic trains and enjoyed the White Mountains and the beautiful Lakes Region. Now it is time to pass this extraordinary legacy on to Patriot Rail, which has the experience, commitment and ability to take this wonderful tourist operation to even greater heights."

"It is a privilege to assume from the Clark family these tremendous Winnepesaukee and Hobo Railroad assets," said Patriot Rail CEO John E. Fenton. "Working in close partnership with the State of New Hampshire, today's announcement ensures that we continue the long tradition of providing a superb tourist rail experience in the region. We welcome the Hobo, Winnepesaukee, and Rail Bike Adventures employees to our Patriot team, and together we aim to further elevate the Clark family's treasured service for rail patrons and riders."

Patriot Rail, the nation's third-largest short line holding company with 32 railroads and supporting operations in 23 states, also operates the Blue Ridge Scenic Rail-

way in Blue Ridge, Georgia, which Southern Living magazine recently recognized as one of the best train rides for spotting fall foliage in the South. Based on building its award-winning Blue Ridge Scenic operation now with over 130,000 patrons a year, Patriot looks forward to introducing new and exciting upgrades to the outstanding Hobo, Lake Winnepesaukee and rail bike service in beautiful New Hampshire.

About Patriot Rail Company LLC

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023  
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Jeffrey and Erinn Gilmore

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Zoom Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM for case #2023-012 regarding an application submitted by Jeffrey and Erinn Gilmore, for property located on Merrymeeting Road, Map 110 Lot 8. The applicants are requesting a variance to the **New Durham Zoning Ordinance (Article XX) Section G – Non-Conforming Setbacks.**

The full application and supplemental information is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review by appointment by calling (603) 859-2091 ext. 2007. You can also contact via email to [ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us](mailto:ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us)

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Peter Rhoades

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Zoom Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM for case #2023-011 regarding an application submitted by John Ratigan, Esquire, of DTC Lawyers, on behalf of Peter Rhoades, for properties located at Bennett Road, Map 264 Lots 17 and 18. The applicant is requesting a variance to Article V Section B.1: Dimensional Requirements for Town of New Durham

The full application and supplemental information is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review by appointment by calling (603) 859-2091 ext. 2007. You can also contact via email to [ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us](mailto:ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us)



# Gilford Old Home Day



Kids take off for a relay race during Gilford Old Home Day.



Dancers with Edgewater Academy of Dance perform in the Entertainment Tent.



The Gilford Public Library took the Grand Prize in the Old Home Day Parade with its tribute to "Winnie the Pooh."<sup>3</sup>



Peter and Monica Sawyer receive a plaque as the Sawyer Family was named this year's grand marshals.



Little kids do their best at the tug-of-war.



Volunteers put out more slices of pie for the Gilford Public Library's Pie and Ice Cream Sale.



Gunstock Nordic Association was the first place winner in the Neighborhood Marchers category in the Old Home Day Parade.



The Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region took first place in the Neighborhood Float category.



Hayden McLaughlin's decorated Mustang took first place in antique cars. The car will have a new owner soon.



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seeing more people than I saw last year.”

Eddy said there was concern about the weather forecast, but they lucked out with warm temperatures and sunny skies. He said it was like someone heard their weather wishes.

During opening ceremonies, Marlene Makowski sang the National Anthem and Bob Pomeroy announced the parade winners and emceed the ceremony.

The Sawyer Family was this year’s grand marshals and were recognized for their generations of community service. The family ran Sawyer’s Dairy Bar for generations and Peter

and Monica Sawyer have served in Gilford schools for decades. Peter and Monica along with children Maxwell, Samuel, Joe, and Shushu have been greatly involved in community service.

“They’ve just been such an instrumental part of the community; we love them to death,” Pomeroy said.

There was also a dedication to Ginny Clifford, who passed away on Dec. 4, 2021. Clifford founded the Cherry Valley 4-H Club and her home on Tannery Hill Road was partially a clubhouse. She was also involved in many other community efforts around Gilford.

Pomeroy announced the winners in the parade.

For Neighborhood Marchers, the Gunstock Nordic Association won first place with participants on roller skis. Second place went to Dancing Feet Studios and third place went to the First United Methodist Church of Gilford and Laconia.

For the Commercial floats, Hannaford took first place with its tiny version of a Hannaford truck. Second place went to Rowell’s Services and third went to Bank of New Hampshire.

For Neighborhood Floats, the Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region won first place with its float with various seasonal themes along with the Witches walking alongside. Second place

went to Lake Shore Park and third place was given to the Gilford Department of Public Works.

For Individual Marchers, first place went to Miss Winnepesaukee Emily Spencer and Miss Winnepesaukee’s Outstanding Teen Kylie Laroche. Second place went to Darren Brown.

In the category of Antique Autos, Hayden McLaughlin won first place with his 1973 Mustang adorned with seasonal decorations. This will be the last year McLaughlin enters the car in the parade because it will soon have a new owner. Second place went to the Foley Oil Truck and third place went to Neil Flaherty.

Emmerich Lewis won

the Children’s Seasons Event. The Salanitro Family won the prize for Oxen. For the Boat category, the Bektash Shriners of New Hampshire took the prize. Katie Dobbins Music won in the Mini Float category.

The Gilford Public Library took the Grand Prize in this year’s parade with its “Winnie the Pooh” themed float. A tree stood at the center of the float with four paper different sections representing the four seasons. Library Assistant Molly Harper said different characters represented the different seasons: Winnie and Piglet were summer, Tigger and Eeyore were spring (especially with how springy Tigger is), Kangaroo and Roo were winter, and Owl and Rabbit were fall.

“It was fun to think of what we could do with each of the characters,” Harper said.

They already have the structure for the tree they use every year.

While a lot of preparation went into the float, they could only put the paper decorations up before the parade. Library Director Katherine Dormody said this process was certainly a sprint

getting everything together in time.

During the parade Harper said they passed out “two massive tote boxes of books” to people watching the parade. Dormody said every year they will pass out books that were donated for the Old Home Day sale.

Harper said a huge amount of work went into the float and after a lot of rushing around that morning it felt great to win the grand prize. A lot of kids helped with the process as well.

“The kids are the most fun part of the parade,” Harper said.

The library also held its annual book sale along with the Pie and Ice Cream sale. Both started on Friday night and ran through Saturday afternoon. Dormody said they had a big turnout both days, especially with the misty weather on Friday. Dormody said they sold half the pies by Friday night and Harper said a lot of people bought bags of books. Proceeds from both sales benefit the Friends of the Gilford Public Library and go toward programs, passes, material purchases, and more.

**RAFFLE**

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the kayaks and the Dick’s gift cards.

Michael Whitten won the second place prize of the stove.

Third place of the two gift cards went to Pam Plante.

Proceeds benefitted Barnstead Parks and Recreation including events and programs as well as helping to grow the recreation area behind the garage and ice rink.



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The raffle drawing took place shortly after a hockey equipment sale where people could choose their own prices.

At right: The Barnstead Parks and Recreation Department held a raffle with prizes including two kayaks, a portable bonfire, and some gift cards.



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# Juggernaut Fitness raises the bar for Children's Auction



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Champions of Community: 2022 Raise the Bar athletes unite after the competition to support the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction.

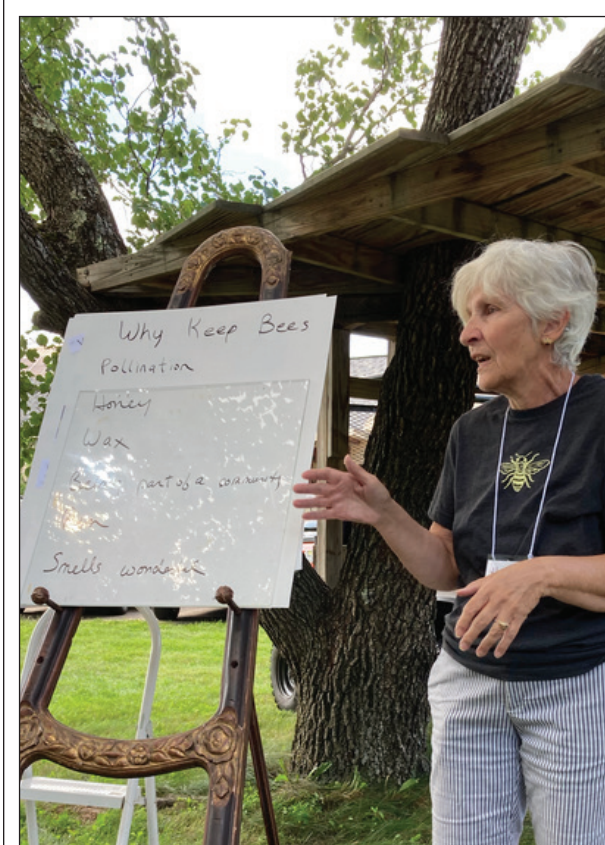
LACONIA — Juggernaut Fitness, a functional fitness gym in Laconia, will hold its 8th Annual Raise the Bar competition on Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 24 Lexington Dr. The event is designed for same-gender partner teams for all skill levels to showcase their abilities, and

all proceeds from the event will go toward the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. Last year's Raise the Bar raised more than \$3,000 for the Auction and collected more than 1,500 nonperishable items for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank.

"We believe in supporting our community wholeheartedly, and events like Raise the Bar allow us to channel our passion for fitness into making a tangible difference in the lives of children and families in need," said Anna Terry, owner of Juggernaut Fit-

ness.

With only 15 team slots available, participants are encouraged to register before Sept. 12. For more information email [info@juggernaut-fitness.com](mailto:info@juggernaut-fitness.com), call 603-527-8021, or register at [competitioncorner.net/events/11132](http://competitioncorner.net/events/11132).



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## Our world survives because of bees

On Aug. 22, Alton Garden Club member Roberta Mank presented on the topic of Beekeeping. Roberta spoke of the unique abilities and behaviors of the amazing honey bee and the fascinating organization of the honey bee social colony. The queen, workers and drones communicate and fulfill their individual roles for the survival of the hive. Roberta brought us into the inner workings of the colony as well as the beekeeper's role in maintaining a healthy hive. Our thanks to Roberta for sharing her expertise as a beekeeper on a beautiful summer afternoon. If you are interested in learning more about Alton Garden Club or are wanting to join our membership, see our Web site: [altongardenclub.com](http://altongardenclub.com).

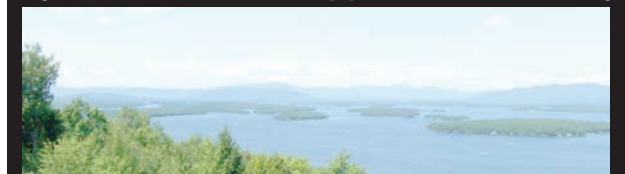
## BNH Wealth Management voted Gold in Best of Lakes Region Awards



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LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire's Wealth Management division was recently voted Gold in the Financial Advisor/Planner category at the fifth annual Best of the Lakes Region awards for 2023. This is the second consecutive year that they earned Gold in this category, after previously winning Silver in 2019.

"We are very pleased to have been recognized in this way. This award is a testament to our Wealth Management team's dedication and commitment to building relationships with clients," said Bob Magan, Senior Vice President - Senior Wealth Management Officer for Bank of New Hampshire. "Helping them navigate through significant life events gives them the peace of mind to confidently enjoy their family, their life and their wealth. Our clients know they've got people taking caring of them."

Bank of New Hampshire is proud to be the presenting sponsor of Best of the Lakes Region, which received more than 230,000 votes in 199 categories this year. For more information on Best of the Lakes region and for a full list of the 2023 winners, visit [BestoftheLakesRegion.com](http://BestoftheLakesRegion.com).



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