

# Gilford Steamer

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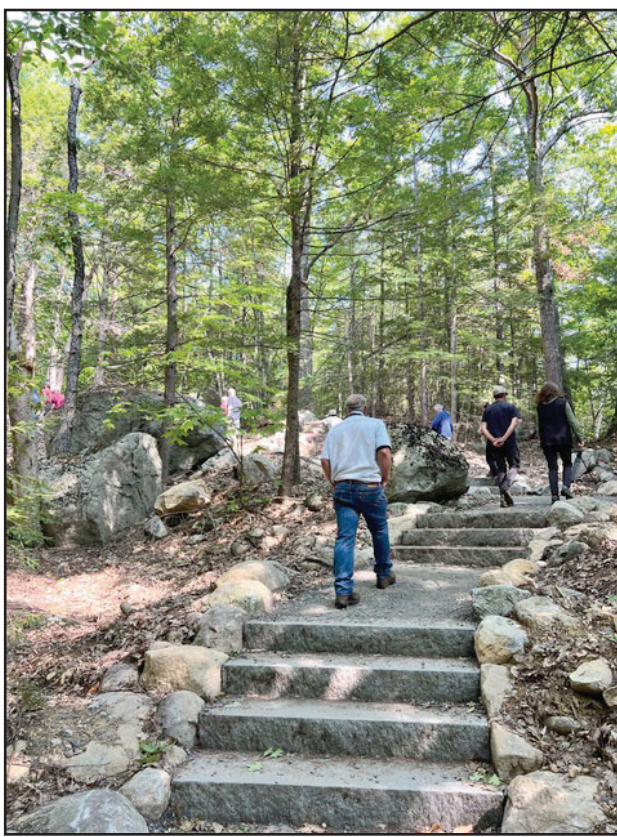
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## Forest Society celebrates Earth Day all month with Mount Major conservation efforts

ALTON — With more than 80,000 annual visitors, Mt. Major is one of New Hampshire's most beloved hiking destinations. However, its pop-

ularity brings significant challenges, including trash, vegetation damage, and trail erosion. To honor Earth Day and protect this iconic landscape on Route



11, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (Forest Society) is launching a month-long series of events to support the mountain's long-term sustainability.

Supported by the Alton Centennial Rotary Club, the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, Aroma Joe's, Hannford, and

Athletic Brewing Co., this year's Earth Day celebration features four distinct ways for the public to get involved:

### 1. Volunteer Trailhead Outreach Program (VTOP) Online Info Session

Tuesday, April 14 | 7-8 p.m. The Forest Society is seeking volunteers for its

summer and fall outreach program. VTOP volunteers stationed at the Mt. Major pavilion interact with hikers to share safety tips and conservation information. Training is provided, and schedules are flexible.

### 2. Trail Trash Challenge (DIY Cleanup)

Wednesday, April 22 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join a community-wide effort to clean the trails, woods, and summit. Forest Society staff will be at the trailhead to provide gloves and bags. Hikers can pick up litter during their trek and return it to the base for proper disposal. No registration is required.

### 3. Trail Stewardship Workday

Wednesday, April 22 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Roll up your sleeves for hands-on maintenance. Projects include removing sand from the parking lot to protect Lake Winnepesaukee from runoff, cleaning drainages on the Main Trail, and removing graffiti on the Boulder Trail.

### 4. Remote Support: Give Back "Above & Beyond"

Those unable to attend in person can support the

ongoing sustainability of Mt. Major's most popular routes by making a financial contribution.

"With so many annual visitors, litter remains a constant challenge," says Carrie Deegan, Vice President for Recreation Management and Public Engagement. "Even small things, like a forgotten dog waste bag or a food wrapper blowing away, add up. We are incredibly grateful to the volunteers who help us care for this mountain and encourage everyone to do their part every time they hike."

Established in 1901, the Forest Society is a private, nonprofit land trust and forestry organization that owns more than 200 forest conservation properties—nearly 67,000 acres in 105 New Hampshire communities—and holds conservation easements that permanently protect an additional 140,000 acres statewide. Forest Society properties are open to the public and draw more than 500,000 visitors annually. To learn more or become a member, please visit [forstsociety.org](http://forstsociety.org).

### Gilford Middle School presents "School of Rock – Young Performers Edition"

GILFORD — Gilford Middle School is proud to announce its upcoming spring production of *School of Rock – Young Performers Edition*, hitting the stage May 28-30 at 7 p.m., with a special matinee performance on May 30 at 2 p.m.

Based on the hit movie that starred Jack Black, this high-energy musical celebrates the power of music, confidence, teamwork, and self-expression through the arts. Packed with unforgettable rock anthems, big laughs, and heartwarming moments, the show promises to be an exciting event for the entire community.

This year's production features 38 incredibly talented Gilford Middle School student performers, whose dedication, creativity, and passion have brought this beloved story to life. Adding to the fun, several Gilford Middle School staff members will also make special onstage appearances, making this a true school-wide celebration of the arts.

The production is directed by Matt Demko, with music direction by Aidan Lamont. The creative team also includes costume design by Karen

Madon and set design by Anthony Eldridge, with valuable support from a number of Gilford High School Theatre students, whose mentorship and behind-the-scenes assistance have helped make this production possible.

More than just a musical, "School of Rock" highlights the lasting impact the arts can have in young people's lives. Through performance, collaboration, and creative risk-taking, students build confidence, discover their voices, and experience the joy of working together toward a common goal. This production is a shining example of how the arts continue to play a major role in student growth, connection, and success.

Audiences can expect great rock music, energetic performances, and an inspiring showcase of student talent that demonstrates what happens when young people are given the opportunity to create, lead, and shine.

Tickets will be on sale soon. Be sure to save the date and come support these amazing young performers as they rock the Gilford Middle School stage this May!

## Timber Wolf girls sweep singles to knock off Spartans

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GORHAM — The White Mountains Regional tennis girls played their first home match of the season on Thursday, April 9, at the Gorham Common tennis courts, welcoming Prospect Mountain to the North Country.

The Timber Wolves swept through the singles on the way to a 7-2 win over

the Spartans.

The first match off the court was at number three, where Prospect Mountain's Peyton McAneny took an 8-0 win over Spartan Hailey Briere and Timber Wolf exchange student Lena Lemotte took an 8-1 win over White Mountains Regional's Kaya Nkwen-Tamo at number one.

In a back and forth battle at number two, Lancy



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Lena Lemotte fires a serve over the net during action last Thursday afternoon in Gorham.

Henry of Prospect Mountain edged past Abby Bovay of White Mountains by a 9-7 score and Prospect Mountain's Maddy Howlett earned her first win with an 8-2 win over Mya Rouillard of the Spartans.

In another long battle in the fifth spot in the lineup, Amelia Gentile of Prospect Mountain slipped past Kiara Koxarakis of White Mountains by a 9-7 score and

Skye Greenwood finished out Prospect Mountain's sweep of the singles with an 8-1 win over Spartan Amber Phinney at number six.

In doubles play, Lemotte and McAneny got the win for Prospect at number one over Bovay and Nkwen-Tamo before the Spartans won the final two doubles matches. Rouillard and Koxarakis got an 8-1 win over Howl-

## Kingswood Theater advances to New England Drama Festival

Encore performance and talk-back scheduled for Monday, April 20



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# Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

## Bucket Drumming — Jam Session

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a free Bucket Drumming Jam Session with Sam Twining on Monday, April 27 at the Gilman Library from 1-2 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome. Bring your own bucket and enter the library using the lower-level rear entrance door. Drumming sticks will be provided. Stop by and join in the fun during school vacation week and learn a little bit about drumming and music. RSVP by April 22 at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

## April Vacation — See Science Center and Chuck E. Cheese Trip

The Alton and New Durham Parks and Recreation Departments are sponsoring a trip to the See Science Center in Manchester on Tuesday, April 28. Alton Students in grades 2-8 are invited to join Alton Parks and Recreation staff in exploring the wonders of the Science Center. Adults of all ages are invited to join in the fun too and explore the Science Center on their own. Bus leaves New Durham Elementary School at 8:30 a.m. sharp, please arrive by 8:15 a.m. to check in. Bus returns to New

Durham Elementary School at approximately 4 p.m. \$23 per person, includes museum admission, pizza and games at Chuck E Cheese, outdoor play time at a local park and student supervision. Register at alton.nh.gov. Space is limited, sign up early to guarantee a place. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov for more information.

## Hit the Trail! Hiking Programs offered for all levels

Join hiker, Bonnie Dodge, for beginner focused hikes on Fridays or progressive hikes on Wednesdays starting in May. Hikes start at 10 a.m. at the trail head in Alton and surrounding Towns.

Beginner Friday hikes are a great opportunity for hesitant folks to discover the wonderful world of hiking and learn about the best trails in the area- the program is focused on hikes for beginners. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 the Wednesday before the hike day.

Progressive Wednesday hikes are for those that are looking for a hiking challenge. The hikes will gradually increase in difficulty each week- making this a great way to be outside and exercise. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 the Monday before the hike day.

## Celebrate Earth Day- April 22

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is celebrating Earth Day with a community park clean up on Wednesday, April 22 from 10 a.m.-noon at Liberty Tree Park. Help beautify the Town park by picking up litter, sticks, sweeping debris off playing courts and more. One person can make a big difference. All are welcome.

Bring gloves and water to drink. For more information contact 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

## Alton Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6, rain or shine from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. If you would like to participate by having a Yard Sale at your house contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov before May 18 with your Yard Sale address location. When signing up please include your name, phone number and complete physical address. Free Yard Sale maps will be available after May 27.

## Alton tennis courts are open for season

The Town Tennis Courts at Liberty Tree Park are now open for the season. Courts are located behind 65 Frank C. Gilman Highway. Parking is across the street next to Mill Pond and by the Water Department. Courts are reserved for organized Pickleball on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 8-11 a.m. and pick up Pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon. If you are interested in playing Pickleball, join the group on Tuesdays and Thursdays- sign up using this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FA8AF2CA5F8554716680-pickup#/>; beginners are welcome, bring your own equipment.

## USTA Spring tennis lessons — Adults

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis in the Parks for adults on Wednesdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis

Courts from May 6-June 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is \$75, includes instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhead and volley. Register by April 17, class size is limited to seven. Registration forms are available at [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

## Pilates classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/to register, contact Donna at [breathepilates1@yahoo.com](mailto:breathepilates1@yahoo.com) or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

## Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays April 16, May 7 and May 21 from 6:30p.m.-7:15p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Meditation is helpful for reducing stress and slowing our bodies down to breathe. The program is free, donations accepted to benefit the food pantry. For more information contact Alton Parks and

Recreation at [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109.

## Dungeons and Dragons

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a weekly Dungeons and Dragons adventure on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. The program is free for ages 18+. Sign up at [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

## Save the Date- Travel Club Trip

Cowboy Country- Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park and more in 2027

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip with Collette Tours in 2027 to Cowboy Country. Trip highlights include Grand Teton National Park; Badlands National Park; Crazy Horse Memorial; Mt. Rushmore and much more. The trip includes a visit to Yellowstone National Park which is famous for its geysers, hot springs and herds of bison. Witness the impressive Old Faithful, travel over the Sylvan Pass and see Yellowstone Lake. Trip dates are June 8-15, 2027 and include airport transportation from Alton, airfare, 10 meals, hotels, and guided transportation through Cowboy Country, including walking, bus, and covered wagon tours.

The Travel Club trips are a great way to travel in a group and with a knowledgeable guide. An informational session with trip details will be held on September 21, 2026 at 11:00a.m. at the Gilman Library. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov).

# Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of April 3-9.

Jacob Alexander Neveu, age 33, was arrested on April 3 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Michael Costa, age 51, was arrested on April 3 for multiple counts of Cruelty to Animals-Negligence.

Joshua J. Dunlop, age 32, was arrested on April 4 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license and operating a motor vehicle after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Dylan E. Landry, age 34, was arrested on April 6 for DUI-Impairment, Possession of Marijuana and/or Hash, being a Felon in Possession of a Dangerous Weapon, and Aggravated DUI-crossing a Divided Way.

Michael J. Carter, age 38, was arrested on April 6 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury, Criminal Threatening by Conduct, and Criminal Mischief.

Denice Marie Trombley, age 65, was arrested on April 8 in connection with a warrant.

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
2. "Judge Stone" by Viola Davis
3. "More Than Enough" by Anna Quindlen
4. "Mule Boy" by Andrew Krivak
5. "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir
6. "The Crossroads" by C.J Box
7. "Cross and Sampson" by James Patterson
8. "Life: A Love Story" by Elizabeth Berg
9. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
10. "Saoirse" by Charleen Hurtubise
11. "The Irish Goodbye" by Heather Aimee O'Neill
12. "Bloodlust" by Sandra Brown

## Alton Community Services seeks community's support

ALTON — Spring is working hard to come to Alton, and Alton Community Services continues to work hard for their clients, to provide assistance as needed to assure a good quality of life.

To that end, the Food Pantry needs personal

health care products, specifically shampoo and conditioner as well as deodorant for men and women. Other item requests include cleaning supplies, condiments and sugar. Please check the expiration dates before bringing food to the drop

off box located outside the Food Pantry (in the building next to BunNBowl). Expiration dates beyond six months cannot be used, and it is time-consuming and costly for the volunteers to rid the pantry of expired items. Your help in this area is much

appreciated.

ACS continues to thank everyone for their support. Visit the Web site ([altoncommunityservices.org](http://altoncommunityservices.org)) and use the QR code for financial donations. Without you, Alton Community Services would not be successful.



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# Clearlakes Chorale invites all music lovers to enjoy “Songs from the Stage”

WOLFEBORO — From the soaring drama of opera to the unforgettable melodies of Broadway, Clearlakes Chorale is inviting audiences of all ages to enjoy music, memories, and community at its spring concert, “Songs from the Stage.”

The performances will take place Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 115 South Main St. in Wolfeboro.

Featuring more than 40 singers from communities throughout the Lakes Region, Clearlakes Chorale will present a lively and wide-ranging program from Mozart, Donizetti, Verdi, Offenbach, Weber, and Gilbert and Sullivan, including the stirring “Va, pensiero” from Nabucco, the jubilant wedding chorus from “Lucia di Lammermoor,” the famous “Huntsmen’s Chorus” from “Der Freischütz,” and Offenbach’s exuberant “Can-Can Chorus.”

After intermission, the concert shifts to Broadway with favorites from “West Side Story,” “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Oklahoma!”

“The Lion King,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Les Misérables,” and more. Audiences can look forward to spirited performances of “Gee, Officer Krupke,” the lush spectacle of “Masquerade,” the nostalgia of “Sunrise, Sunset,” and the rousing finale “Do You Hear the People Sing?”

The concert will also feature a special Clearlakes Chorale twist: “Cell Block Tangle,” the Chorale’s own playful take on “Chicago”’s “Cell Block Tango,” written especially for the sopranos and altos and filled with tongue-in-cheek observations about the quirks of choir life. The sassy number is soprano section leader and Board member at large Carrie Kinzmaier’s favorite: “We have taken a great but intense song and made it our own. We have fun together as women and friends, teasing each other and being a bit spicy in a family friendly way.”

One of the most challenging selections this season? “Pray, Observe the Magnanimity.”

“We sing tongue-twisting lyrics

at breakneck speed!” Kinzmaier says. “Luckily, it’s a funny song and a joy to sing...if I don’t trip over phrases like ‘give up the felicity of unbounded domesticity.’”

Tenor Mike Lymburner said he has too many personal favorites to name just one, adding, “I can tell you that the most challenging for me has been ‘Huntsmen’s Chorus (‘Was gleicht wohl auf Erden’) from ‘Der Freischütz.’ Just the tenors and basses sing it and it is in German, so it has not been easy! Not only is the German hard for me but the song moves along at quite a pace. Wish me luck!”

“I hope people come to the shows and make a special evening or a day of it,” says Clearlakes Board secretary Suzanne Morrissey, a soprano. “Enjoy dinner or coffee in Wolfeboro, meet up with friends or family, and share in the excitement of live performance.”

Clearlakes Chorale is an un auditioned ensemble whose members come together from across the community

because of a shared love of singing. The Chorale welcomes singers of varying abilities and works to bring memorable musical experiences to the region.

Lymburner, who has sung with Clearlakes Chorale since 2017, says that spirit of camaraderie and joy is what has kept him coming back year after year.

“Clearlakes Chorale has been one of the most satisfying groups I have ever sung in,” Lymburner says. “It is really a great group of people who are all dedicated to the art form and sing with joy in their hearts. Our director, Andy Campbell, is one of the most talented directors I have ever sung under as well. He pursues excellence but does so in a very non-stressful manner.”

Tickets to the May performances are \$20 and are available at the door, at Black’s Paper Shop in Wolfeboro, or online at [www.clearlakeschorale.org](http://www.clearlakeschorale.org). Students and children are invited to attend free of charge, making it easier for families to enjoy the concert together.

For anyone looking for a reason to get out after a long winter, reconnect with neighbors, and hear music that

will make their hearts sing, “Songs from the Stage” promises a joyful springtime celebration.

## Summer theater for children returns to Kingswood Arts Center

WOLFEBORO — The Governor Wentworth Regional School District is thrilled to announce Kingswood Theater Summer Camp! This summer, Kingswood Theater Summer Camp will provide a quality theater summer camp experience in the Kingswood Arts Center in Wolfeboro for children who are rising second graders through rising seventh graders.

The program will run for two weeks, starting on Monday, July 6 and running to Saturday, July 18, with public performances on Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m. Rehearsals will be weekdays, from 8 a.m. until noon. Performances will be Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m.

While Kingswood Theater Summer Camp is not prepared to reveal its show yet, an announcement is coming soon.

The show will be staffed with youth and summer theater veterans

from around the district. Long-time GWRSD music and theater teachers, Lisa Goodwin and Julie Carbone will Direct and Music Direct, respectively. Long-time community costumer, Deb Jones, will costume the show and Kingswood Theater’s Scott Giessler and Carrie Kinzmaier will produce and liaise with the families and staff. Members of the high school theater program will ably staff the much needed camp counselors.

Registration is now open at [kingswoodtheater.org](http://kingswoodtheater.org). Registration and tuition payment are both due by June 19. For this summer, slots are limited to 30 campers.

While this offering is not currently the same scope as the beloved Kingswood Children’s Summer Theatre, the hope is that a successful first summer of this program will lead to growth and expanded offerings for the summer of 2027.

For more information, people should visit [kingswoodtheater.org](http://kingswoodtheater.org).

## Alton Roadside Clean-Up set for Sunday, April 19

ALTON — Local groups, families, businesses and individuals are asked to join in a town-wide roadside cleanup on Sunday, April 19, 1 to 4 p.m.

The event starts with sign-in, road assignment and bag distribution beginning at 12:45 p.m., followed by instructions, a safety briefing, and a group picture at 1 p.m. Volunteers will then disperse to their assigned roads and neighborhoods. Bring a water bottle, work gloves, and wear bright-colored clothing or a safety vest.

Pre-registration is highly recommended to assist with road assignments and logistics. Families and groups

with younger children will be assigned in lower traffic areas, and organizers will attempt to accommodate requests to pick up specific roads or neighborhoods.

The Town of Alton Department of Public Works will pick up the filled blue bags on April 20, so it’s essential that volunteers check in with organizers to pick up on an alternate day.

Brian Beihl, organizer of the nonpartisan event for the Alton Democrats, emphasized that littering continues to be a problem in areas of Alton.

“For all of us who live in Alton, we’d like to set an example in keeping our town clean. We’re

also a tourist town, and many of our businesses rely on visitors coming to our area. If our town looks dirty and run-down, tourists will go elsewhere. Let’s all work together to get our town ship-shape for everyone,” Beihl said.

The event is a nonpartisan service project for all citizens of Alton, and residents are urged to pitch in.

More details and registration at the Alton Roadside Clean-Up Day Facebook page, [Facebook.com/altoncleanup](https://www.facebook.com/altoncleanup), or by contacting Brian Beihl at [NHScouterBrianBeihl@gmail.com](mailto:NHScouterBrianBeihl@gmail.com) or call or text 603-620-8300.

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## Bayview Artisan Gallery to host inaugural Intuitive Arts Event

MEREDITH — The Bayview Artisan Gallery will host its first Intuitive Arts Event on Sunday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gallery owner Fabiana Walsh has gathered a talented group of psychic mediums, reiki practitioners, and gifted energy healers for this unique afternoon. Visitors can experience a healing ambiance and positive energy while enjoying the gallery’s collection of original

artwork, award-winning illustrations, fine crafts, and custom furniture. All featured works are created by local and regional New England artists and are available for purchase.

The event offers a serene setting with stunning views of Lake Winnepesaukee at 285 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith. For more information, please contact the gallery at 603-207-3110.

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# Opinion

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## Caring for Mt. Major is a shared responsibility

Few places in the Lakes Region feel as familiar and welcoming as Mt. Major. For generations, it has been a first summit for young hikers, a regular weekend destination for families, and a quiet place to watch the seasons change across Lake Winnepesaukee. With more than 80,000 visitors each year, it is also one of the most heavily used trails in New Hampshire.

That popularity is something to celebrate. It means people value the outdoors. It means families are choosing fresh air over screens. It means visitors are discovering what local residents have long known about the beauty of this corner of the state.

But it also means the mountain needs help.

Trash along trails, worn vegetation near viewpoints, and erosion on steep sections are not signs of neglect. They are signs of success. Mt. Major is being loved by many people at once. The challenge now is making sure that love translates into stewardship.

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests is marking Earth Day with a series of volunteer opportunities that offer practical ways for residents and visitors alike to take part in protecting the mountain. Outreach volunteers will help hikers understand safety and conservation practices. Trail clean-up efforts will remove litter before it spreads into surrounding woods and waterways. Stewardship projects will improve drainage and reduce runoff that can affect Lake Winnepesaukee.

These are not large gestures reserved for experts. They are simple actions that anyone can take part in.

The idea behind programs like the Volunteer Trailhead Outreach Program is especially encouraging. Sometimes protecting a place starts with a conversation. A friendly reminder about staying on marked trails or packing out trash can make a lasting difference. Many hikers want to do the right thing. They simply need the information at the right moment.

Events like the Trail Trash Challenge are another example of how community effort adds up. A single wrapper or abandoned dog waste bag might seem small. Multiplied by thousands of visitors, it becomes a problem that affects everyone who values the mountain.

Local support for these Earth Day activities also says something important about the region. Organizations such as the Alton Centennial Rotary Club and the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, along with local businesses and volunteers, understand that protecting Mt. Major protects more than a trail system. It protects a shared landmark that defines the character of this area.

Mt. Major belongs to all of us in a very real way. It shapes the view along Route 11. It welcomes visitors into town. It offers a place where neighbors and families meet without planning to. It reminds us that living here means living close to something special.

Earth Day is a good moment to reflect on that connection. It is also a reminder that stewardship does not happen once a year. It happens every time someone picks up a piece of litter, stays on the trail, or helps another hiker understand how to care for the landscape.

The mountain has given this community decades of memories. Giving something back is not a burden. It is a privilege.



COURTESY PHOTO

At the Gilford Police Department, our history is important to who we are. We were proud to host our first annual Alumni Breakfast where those who served more than 10 years were invited back to share a meal, stories and a few laughs. Alumni also heard from current staff who introduced advancements in technology and equipment. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful event! Photo courtesy of the department's Facebook page.

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN

### Avoidance

A friend asked me to help him with a big project he had been working on today. I told him that if I got a call to sub that I'd have to do that. Subbing isn't much in the monetary department, but every little bit helps pay the bills. I already have one day off this week due to a doctor's appointment.

Last night, my friend called letting me know that he was going to the hospital to check on some problems he was experiencing, so I figured that today's adventure would probably be postponed. Not receiving a call by six thirty, I figured that I'd be free for the day.

About ten till six, the phone rang and it was the school. I had already switched to casual mode. I read another article in the paper and wasn't rushing through my coffee and other morning regularities. Yes, sure I can come in.

Being on call has its pluses and minuses. I

never know when I'll be called. Even on an open day I need to be prepared to get up and off the school. Tomorrow I can really lay back. My appointment isn't until 10:45. I could even turn off the alarm radio. But I won't. This body of mine wakes up before five every morning no matter what. It's always done that.

Even after a gig, when I get to bed four hours past my normal bed time, the alarm is off, and I'm totally exhausted, I'll open my eyes, see the time across the room, most likely drain the bladder and hop back into bed sporting some blinders as my room has multiple skylights and is never dark during daylight.

Last night, I looked up through them to see that it's soon a full moon. For about a week the whole house will be bright enough at night to not need turning on lights to navigate. Any power saved by not turn-

ing on lights will be lost to slow down. When we get a good snowstorm where the whole roof is covered, the house gets totally sealed up for a few hours and you can feel a reduction in drafts. The escaping warm air soon melts its way through the snow around the roof windows and the drafts return.

After this admission, I should expect to get a note from a skylight salesperson pitching their "better" solution. Ain't nothing going to happen up on that roof till it's new roof time, and I hope to be out of here before that eventuality happens again.

All the critters have taken to scavenge for the smallest of green sprouts that are showing themselves out there in the wild outdoors. I'm constantly needing to slow down for the turkeys and deer crossing the road. Smaller animals too but they're usually easier to avoid and manage to get away pretty quickly.

The mass of the larger animals makes them rather cumbersome, they don't usually change their velocity abruptly, unless they're spooked. Beware. If they are already running, then you need to gauge their trajectory and react accordingly. Hitting one will be disastrous to your vehicle as well as your day. Hitting a moose could kill you. It's totally advantageous

to slow down. While I was skiing the other day, I noticed some swarms of mosquitoes flying around. They were males so they weren't of any concern to us humans. We were going to get a couple of nights with temps in the teens, so these insubstantial critters may already have been terminated. They'll be here in mass soon enough.

I wondered where they may have hatched from, there were no signs of life in my vernal pools. It's still pretty early. Still those sixty degree days managed to totally deflect mud season. I wouldn't have thought so, but my driveway has totally hardened up and the snow piles are practically gone.

Pretty soon the weather will be so nice that I won't want to spend my days inside these halved walls. Like the kids, I'll be itching to get outside. There is usually a brief few days of glorious spring weather before the dreaded black flies show up, turning this splendid time of year into a less likable period of time.

I hope I get to enjoy those few days. Not being one to perfume myself up with fragrant soaps and lotions, the flies are usually attracted to others.

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# Golden Eagle girls have eyes on Final Four again

## *Gilford girls' tennis team wins first three matches of season*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — Last season ended in heartbreaking fashion for the Gilford tennis girls and the championship match loss is serving as a little motivation as the Golden Eagles kick off another season.

"After a disappointing state final last season, we are motivated to work towards getting back to the Final Four and trying to get a little better every day,"

said veteran coach Hermann Defregger. "Our top four have put in the time and work in the offseason outdoors and indoors and that will pay off as the season gets going."

Defregger has a total of 22 players on the roster, so he expects that it will be a competitive battle for players to move up the ladder and with the unpredictable weather and limited court time in the New England spring, challenge match-

es will be a challenge in themselves, but he expects they'll get done.

"It's early in the season and we are still figuring out the rankings," Defregger noted. "Hopefully the weather will cooperate so everyone gets a chance to play, practice, learn and compete for a spot."

Returning from last year's top seven are Jade Nicolas, Ally Onos, Isabelle Walton, Grace Powers and Emmaline Lean-

dro while Elise Graton, Alexis Kulcsar, Kaelyn Madon, Amelia Costea, Maya Spaulding, Emma MacArthur, Danika Rutier, Isabel LaFlamme and Lily Bishop are also back from last year's Division III runners-up.

The Golden Eagles are welcoming newcomers as well, with Willow Harrington, Natalee Magdziasz, Susanna Tilley, Kahlani Brooks, Natalia Irma Villarreal, Miley Metz,

Deanna Rondolet and Alison Nutter all competing to earn time on the courts.

"The goal is to get the team established with the returning players that were in the top six and find the players who will compete for the rankings 7-12," Defregger pointed out.

The Golden Eagles play a schedule that includes three matches with St. Thomas, two matches with Kearsarge and single matches with Trinity, Prospect Mountain, Monadnock, Lebanon, Inter-Lakes, Berlin, Pelham, Bishop Brady and White Mountains.

The Golden Eagles kicked off the season with a 7-2 win over Prospect Mountain on Monday, April 6, and finished the first week with a 9-0 win over St. Thomas on Friday, April 10.

In between, they host-

ed Inter-Lakes and took a 9-0 win over the Lakers. Onos played at number one and got a 9-8 (7-0 in the tiebreaker) win. Nicolas won by an 8-0 score in the second spot and Powers won 8-1 at number three. Walton won 8-0 at number four, Graton got the 8-0 win at number five and Kulcsar won 8-2 at number six.

In doubles play, Onos and Nicolas got the 8-2 win at number one, Powers and Walton won 8-0 in the second spot and Graton and Kulcsar got the 8-2 win in the third spot.

Gilford is slated to be in action on Friday, April 17, at home against White Mountains and will be hosting Berlin on Wednesday, April 22, both at 4 p.m.

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## Golden Eagle lacrosse girls poised to make some noise

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford girls' lacrosse team has plenty of potential and fourth-year head coach Jennifer Watson is hoping that the Golden Eagles can seize the opportunity in front of them.

"Our goals this year is to continue to build the program," Watson noted. "We have a lot of potential this year and we're looking to capitalize on it to have a successful season."

"Once again the weather has kept us inside for

longer than we like," she continued. "But we have been lucky to have attended a preseason jamboree that gave the girls some game experience before the season starts."

The Golden Eagles will be looking to senior Abby Watson to lead the way. She is returning as a four-year starter and will be a captain this year and will be asked to continue to be a leader on the field. Classmate Mia Burlock will be returning at the attack for the Golden Eagles while senior Ava Wilson and junior McKenna Howard

will be counted on to lead the way for the Gilford defense.

Watson notes that returning juniors Josie Arrighi, Aubrey Vliet and Catherine Fay will be counted on to make an impact as they get back on the field for Gilford.

As far as newcomers, Watson notes that junior Riley Coutts, sophomore Madi Breton and ninth graders Zevy Donovan, Rowan Worthen, Kierra Walker and Penny Flanders will be expected to make an impact in their first year on the team.

The Golden Eagles will play a schedule that in-

cludes single games with Derryfield, Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough, Plymouth, Lebanon, Belmont, Lebanon, Bow, Trinity, Campbell, Milford, Bishop Brady, St. Thomas, ConVal, Coe-Brown and Kearsarge.

The season kicked off after deadline Monday against Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough and Wednesday against Belmont and continues on Friday, April 17, at Bow at 4 p.m.

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## Gilford tennis boys roll in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford boys' tennis team earned a win in the season opener as they kicked off the new season last week.

Gilford hosted Monadnock on Monday, April 6, and picked up a 9-0 win over the Huskies. Dom Soucy, Jacob Baldi, Cohen Krupnik, Joel Wernig, Dustin Gerry and Easton

St. Cyr all won their singles matches.

In doubles play, Soucy and Krupnik won at number one, Baldi and Wernig won at number two and Carter Cota-Robles and Andrew Prue won at number three to finish off the shutout win.

The Golden Eagles hosted Kearsarge on Thursday, April 9, and dropped a 5-4 decision to the reigning Di-

vision III champions.

Krupnik got a win at number four singles by an 8-3 score, Gerry won 8-3 at number five and Wernig won 8-3 in the sixth spot. Baldi and Wernig teamed up for the 8-2 win at number three doubles.

Gilford fell to St. Thomas to close out the week on Friday, April 10, 6-3. Gerry and Wernig picked up wins in their singles matches

while Wernig and St. Cyr won in their number three doubles by an 8-1 score.

The Golden Eagles wrap up a busy week with a trip to Alton to take on Prospect Mountain today, April 16. The team is then off until after the holiday break.

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## Large contingent back on court for Gilford boys

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — Veteran coach Terry Wilson returns a large group of players to the tennis courts in Gilford this year and notes the kids have been putting in the work in the preseason.

"The players have worked hard, learned a lot and improved," Wilson said prior to the opening match of the season. "The goals are to work hard, learn, improve and qualify for the tournament."

Returning to the court for the Golden Eagles are Jacob Baldi, Carter Cota-Robles, Dustin Gerry, Aidan Hooper, Dalton Houle, Kyle Johnson, Cohen Krupnik, Xavier Morrison, Andrew Prue, Dom Soucy, Jackson Soucy, Easton St. Cyr and Joel Wernig.

Jumping into the mix for the Golden Eagles for the first time are Oliver Bartlett-Brouillard, Finn Butler, Matthew Carsen, Ben Coapland, Austin Cota-Robles, James Gerry,

Declan Hackett and Oskar Karlsson.

The Golden Eagles play a schedule that includes three matches with St. Thomas, two matches each with Monadnock, White Mountains Regional, Bishop Brady and Kearsarge along with single matches against Prospect Mountain and Trinity.

The Golden Eagles have wrapped up the pre-vacation portion of their season with games after deadline Tuesday and Wednesday and will be back to work on May 4.

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## Timber Wolves edged by champs in season opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain boys' tennis team kicked off the Division III season with a chilly battle against the defending champions from Kearsarge on Monday, April 6.

The two teams split the singles matches before the Cougars won two of the three doubles matches to take the 5-4 win over the Timber Wolves.

In singles play, Prospect Mountain got a win from Wyatt Bubar at number three by an 8-6 score, another

from Brock Libby by a 9-8 (7-3 in the tiebreaker) score in the fourth spot and an 8-5 win from Blake Snell in the fifth spot in the lineup. Rylan Clifford fell by an 8-4 score at number one, Cameron Morrill dropped an 8-1 decision in the second spot and Camden Batchelder fell by an 8-0 score at number six.

In doubles play, Prospect's lone win came at number three, where Bubar and Batchelder teamed up for an 8-6 win. Clifford and Libby fell 8-3 at number one and Morrill and Snell dropped an 8-6 decision in

the second spot.

The Timber Wolves played their first home match of the season on Wednesday, April 8, welcoming Bishop Brady to town.

Like in the opener, the Timber Wolves split the singles with their opponent, with Bubar getting the 8-4 win at number three, Libby winning 8-6 in the fifth spot and Ayden Porter taking the 8-4 win in the fifth spot. Clifford fell 8-3 at number one, Morrill lost 8-4 at number two and Snell fell 8-2 at number six.

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

**Thursday, April 16**  
**KENNETT**

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Trinity; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Boys' Tennis vs. Gilford; 4

Track at Berlin; 4

**Friday, April 17**  
**KENNETT**

Baseball vs. John Stark; 4

Boys' Lacrosse at Stevens; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Timberlane; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Pembroke; 4

Softball vs. Milford; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Merrimack Valley; 6

Girls' Lacrosse at Merrimack Valley; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Baseball vs. Berlin; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. Trinity; 4

Girls' Tennis at Berlin; 4

Softball vs. Berlin; 4

**Saturday, April 18**  
**KENNETT**

Track at Winnisquam; 11

**KINGSWOOD**

Track at Sanborn; 10

**Monday, April 20**

**KENNETT**

Baseball at Laconia; 4

Boys' Tennis at ConVal; 4

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Merrimack Valley; 4

Softball at Laconia; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Baseball at Souhegan; 4

Boys' Lacrosse at Pembroke; 4

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Manchester Memorial; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Timberlane; 4

Softball at Souhegan; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Baseball at Gilford; 4

Boys' Tennis at Bishop Brady; 4

Girls' Tennis at Inter-Lakes; 4

Softball at Gilford; 4

**Tuesday, April 21**  
**KENNETT**

Track Home Meet; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Softball vs. Milford; 4

Tack at Kennett; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Track at Inter-Lakes; 4

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**KENNETT**

Baseball at Merrimack Valley; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. Oyster River; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Manchester Memorial; 4:30

Girls' Tennis at Oyster River; 4

Softball at Merrimack Valley; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Baseball vs. Laconia; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Hollis-Brookline; 4

Girls' Tennis at ConVal; 4

Softball vs. Laconia; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Baseball at Raymond; 4

Boys' Tennis at White Mountains; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. White Mountains; 4

Softball at Raymond; 4

**Thursday, April 23**  
**KINGSWOOD**

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Hollis-Brookline; 6

Girls' Lacrosse at Goffstown; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Boys' Tennis at Trinity; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Trinity; 4

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# Sawyer, Marvel pick up wins in opening meet in Belmont



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Macy Sawyer breaks from the blocks in the 100 meters during opening action in Belmont last Friday.

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**BELMONT** — The Gilford track team

opened up the season on Friday, April 10, taking to the track in Belmont for a meet.

The star of the day for the Gilford girls was junior Macy Sawyer, who picked up a pair of wins



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gunnar Marvel fires the shot put during the opening meet of the season last Friday in Belmont.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Maria Tilley runs for Gilford during her team's opening meet of the season in Belmont.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

William Reinhardt races during the first meet of the season last Friday afternoon in Belmont.

## Golden Eagles, Timber Wolves honored at ceremony in Concord

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**CONCORD** — Over the course of two days last week, scholar-athletes from around New Hampshire descended on the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord for the annual NHIAA/NHADA Scholar Athlete Awards.

These awards are given to senior student-athletes in honor of their performance in the classroom, on athletic teams and in the community. In order to earn the honor, the student-athletes had to maintain a B+ average or higher, letter in at least two NHIAA sports and serve as a positive role model through community service.

All of the high schools throughout the Salmon Press coverage area had scholar-athletes honored at the ceremonies.

The honorees from Belmont High School included Ryan Cribbie, Andrew Cryans, Riley DeGange, Wyatt Divers, Brady Filteau, Brady Fysh, Ava Lacasse, Madison MacDonald, Anna McDonald, Sami O'Connor, Ethan Rivera, Brock Smith, Meg Soucie, Brayden Townsend and Hannah Young.

From Berlin High School, the honorees were Beau Berry, Jake Bynum, Makayla Couture, Chloe Golden, Hudson Goulet, Evan Hill, Amelia Jacques, McKenna Kelley, Kassidy Lefebvre, Hannah Melendy, Danica Patry, Boyd Poulin, Emma Rancloes, Olivia Richard, Kennah Scott, Emily Smith, Garrett Snyder, Cloey Vien and Grant Williams.

The Gilford High School honorees were Landon Akerstrom, Bode Badger, Athena Booth, Payton Brown, Isabelle Dow, Dalton Houle, Emma Horton, Gunnar Marvel, Christen Nunez, Emerson Plourde, Dominic Soucy, Maria Tilley, Abigail Watson and Ava Wilson.

From Gorham Middle High School, honorees were Hallee Albert, Silas Backler, Timothy Chauvette, Maxwell Grondin, Atticus Hamill, Gianna Pizzuto, Mason Roberge and Jacob Warner.

The Groveton High School honorees were Julia Chappell, Taylor Clauss, Gage Collins and Delaney Whiting.

The honorees from Inter-Lakes included Riley Anderson, Emily Doda, Hannah Nesbitt, David Walker, Aiden Price and Thea Wright.

For Kennett, the honorees were Jason Baker, Grier Carrier, Emerson Couture, Lillian Couture, Emma Dziedzic, Jeweliana Gorham, Sebastian Huot, Jack Jarell, Keegan Jay, Myra Johnston, Finn Lajoie, Will



KJ CARDINAL — BALL603

The honorees from Gilford pose with Athletics Director Rick Acquilano at the NHIAA/NHADA Scholar Athlete Awards in Concord last week.



KJ CARDINAL — BALL603

The NHIAA/NHADA Scholar Athlete Award honorees from Prospect Mountain pose with Athletics Director James Christie after last week's ceremony in Concord.

Odell, Owen Robertson, Grace Sanfilippo, Lance Sholik, Abigail Smith, Timmy Sprouse, Lydia Wiggin and Grace Yanelli.

The Kingswood honorees were Serafin Agramonte, Thoams Benker, Makenzie Boisvert, Ryker Booth, Thomas Bronson, Liam Brown, Nate Cloos, Nate Demain, Brynn Demers, Isabelle Fournier, Michael House, Vaega Johnson, Emma Lyons, Brendan MacPhee, Jordyn Martineau, Brady Moulton, Felix Roberts, James Rogers, Bryce Sandlin, Eric Santangelo, Gianna Santangelo, Grady Steele and Evan Thurston.

For Lin-Wood Public School, the honorees were Evan Bujead, Aubrey Caulder and Wyatt Weeden. Honorees from Lisbon Regional School were Bailey Clark, Meredith Barnes and Jacob Houghton.

From Littleton High School, the honorees were Kendall Adams, Mason Allaire, Julieann Bromley, Ashtyn Chadburn, Marcus Hampson, Luke Hennessey, Ella Horsch, Ryan Mahy

and Madison Nelson.

The Moultonborough Academy honorees included Payton Bernow, Evelyn Buy, Molly Cahoon, Cayden Cloutier, Matthew Driscoll, Caroline Elliott, Payton Goren, Kevin Gray, Lauren Grinavic, Alex Gundersen, Madison Hart, Brooke Hoag, Alicia Johnson, Brett Johnson, Matthew Kelley, Eric Larson, Danny McKenna and Beyla Rudolph.

From Newfound Regional High School, the honorees were Addison Alpers, Ethan Avery, Evie Bastarache, Emerald Briggs, Reece Cutting, Bailey Dow, Brady Harker, Ceili Irving, Leah McFarland, Daniel Sherkanowski, Annabel Smolenski and Liliane Whittum.

Honorees from Plymouth included Amanda Ahern, Addison Allain, Michael Aprilliano, Hazel Basingthwaite, Finnian Bellamy, Graeme Burts, Jeffrey Doherty Jr., Caleb Dutile, Sebastian Eisenbarth, Elizabeth Englund, Hailey Garnsey, Tate Hayman, Tegan Her-

shey, Blaine Hiltz, Nolan Johnson, Arianne Lee, Logan Libby, Cooper Mack, Amitai-Noor Metwaly, Turner Oldenburg, Hassan Osseiran, Ellis Pietroniro, Margarette Pitman, Harper Preston, Courtney Sabato, Lucia Sakin, Isabella Son, Trista Strickland, Elliott Sutherland and Benjamin Valenti.

From the Profile School, Adaline Proulx, Adora Fresolone, Addison Koehler, AnnaSophia Wakeham, Ani Griffiths, Avery Weir, Bailey Verret, Belkin Holder, Jett Presby, Marcus Hamilton, Moses Rolfe and Natalie Brantley were the honorees.

The Prospect Mountain honorees included Layla Baker, Chloe Bill-Petersen, Wyatt Bubar, Rylan Clifford, Taylor Greenwood, Paige Harding, Laney Henry, Dylan Krull, Declan McCausland, Madison Miller, Knyte Neathery and Jenna Sykes.

The honorees from White Mountains Regional High School included Hailey Briere, Isabella Ford, Landin Foss, Alexis

Hicks, Addyson Kenison, Kiara Koxarakis, Kaya Nkwen-Tamo, Reese Robinson, Logan Samson and Kayleigh Savage.

From Winnisquam Regional High School, the honorees were Caidyn Carter, Camilla Cote, Anna Drinkwine, Carl Edwardson, Alexis Mingolla, Zariah Moore, Abigail Osmer and Emily Tripple.

From Woodsville, the honorees were Samuel Aldrich, Morgan Crockher, Riley Emmerton, Eyreleigh Hambrick, Katherine Houston, Justin Hutchins, Gabriel Roy, Jillian Roy, Makayla Walker and Ryan Walker.

The NHADA also awarded scholarships to one boy and one girl from each division and Kennett's Will Odell was the male winner in Division II and Aiden Price of Inter-Lakes was the male winner in Division III.

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13.84 seconds and then won the 200 meters with a time of 26.19 seconds with Emily Aguiar in fourth place in 28.51 seconds.

Marvel ran to the win in the 400 meters with a time of 1:02.96 with Aguiar in third place in 1:05.04 and Grace Southworth in seventh place in 1:09.36.

Maria Tilley ran to second place overall in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:32.44 with Amanda Schaffnit in 11th place overall in 7:17.92. In the 800 meters, Alissa O'Brien finished in fourth place in a time of 2:52.55 and Schaffnit was 13th in 3:17.79.

In the shot put, Izabella Doten was 16th overall at 15 feet, one inch and Schaffnit was 17th at 13 feet, one inch. Doten was also 15th in the javelin with a distance of 28 feet, three inches. Southworth added a third place finish in the high jump, clearing four feet, two inches.

For the Gilford boys, John Lavalley was second in the shot put with a toss of 41 feet, three inches with Gunnar Marvel in fourth place at 38 feet, 11 inches and Eric Warren in 16th place at 30 feet, eight inches.

Marvel was also second in the discus with a toss of 138 feet, two inches, Warren was 10th at 86 feet, four inches and Brennen Smith-Miller was 14th at 73 feet, six inches. Smith-Miller was 19th in the javelin at 74 feet, five inches, Warren was 20th at 69 feet, four inches and Cooper Plourde was 24th at 62 feet, two inches.

In the 100 meters, Rylan Paradis was ninth in 12.61 seconds and he ran to fifth place in the 200 meters in 26.29 seconds with Smith-Miller in 15th place in 28.93 seconds.

William Reinhardt ran to fourth in the 1,600 meters in 4:58.87 with Griffyn Greene in 22nd place in 6:09.21 and Plourde in 24th in 6:11.96. Greene was also 14th in the 800 meters in 2:54.04.

The Gilford 4X400-meter relay team finished in fourth place in 4:09.92.

The Gilford track team will be back in action on Saturday, April 18, at Sanborn and will be at Coe-Brown on Thursday, April 23.

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# Laconia-Gilford Lions Club to host electronic waste collection day

GILFORD — Got an old computer collecting dust in your closet, or a broken air conditioner sitting on the back porch? What do you do with such items when you replace them? Everything from laptops, phones and computers to TVs cost a fortune to haul away.

Turn all that junk over to the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club during their Electronic Waste Collection Day fundraising event which will be held on Saturday, April 18, in the Scene One Cinemas parking lot in Gilford (9 Old Lake Shore Rd.) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Note: this is a new location as of a few years ago. For a small disposal fee, not only will we take your old electronic items off your hands, we will recycle them. The disposal charge is almost always less than the prices at local transfer stations. Cash or checks will be accepted but not debit or credit cards.

Just bring your electronics to Scene One Cinemas parking lot, 9 Old Lakeshore Rd. in Gilford on Saturday April 18, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Lions Club members will even help you unload them! You do not have to be a resident of Laconia or Gilford to take advantage of this fundraiser - it is open to everyone. (Rain date May 16 - call for questions 603-998-5549.)

Items you may want to consider dropping off are laptops, PC towers, PC LCD monitors, servers, CD/DVD players, camcorders, AV equipment, VCRs, speakers, copiers, faxes, scanners, printers, phones (land and cell), phone systems, humidifiers and computer accessories (all \$5 unless very large).

In addition, we will also take microwaves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers (all \$10), CRT monitors less than 50 lbs. and TVs less than 25 inches (\$20), TVs 26 inches and larger (\$30). For



TVs needing more than one person to lift or CRT monitors over 50 lbs., the item will be weighed on site and the price determined. Anything with a cord not listed will also be accepted.

We are also now accepting Teflon pots and pans for \$1.

You cannot drop off: smoke detectors, oils, paints, thinners, batteries (except car batteries), tires, items containing mercury such as fluorescent and CFL light bulbs or thermometers, capacitors, ballasts, or any other hazardous waste.

Don't miss this opportunity or you'll be storing these things another year - "Don't throw it out, Recycle it!" You'll not only help the environment by disposing of your unwanted electronics responsibly but also help the Lions, the largest service organization in the world, raise funds to meet pressing needs in our community: eye exams, eye glasses, hearing aids, food pantries, college scholarships, holiday food baskets for needy families, youth sports programs, are just a few of the local chari-

table organizations that we assist. All that for a disposal fee that, in most cases, is less than the cost at local transfer stations.

The Laconia-Gilford Lions Club appreciates your help with their Electronic Waste Collection Day fundraising event and wishes to thank in advance everyone who contributes to making a real difference in our community. This project has been officially sanctioned by the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Laconia.

Look for the yellow Lions' vests on Saturday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Gilford Cinemas 8 parking lot (Rain date May 16 - call for questions 603-998-5549). No matter how large or small, every item adds up!

## Experienced baseball Golden Eagles eyeing long playoff run

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
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### HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

**Thursday, April 16**  
**GILFORD**  
Boys' Tennis at Prospect Mountain; 4

**Friday, April 17**  
**BELMONT**  
Baseball vs. Kearsarge; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Con-Val; 4

**Saturday, April 18**  
**BELMONT**  
Track at Winnisquam; 11

**GILFORD**  
Track at Sanborn; 10

**WINNISQUAM**  
Track Home Meet; 11

**Monday, April 20**  
**BELMONT**  
Baseball at Derryfield; 4  
Softball at St. Thomas; 4

**GILFORD**  
Baseball vs. Prospect Mountain; 4

**Tuesday, April 21**  
**BELMONT**  
Track Home Meet; 4

**WINNISQUAM**  
Track at Kennett; 4

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**BELMONT**  
Baseball vs. Campbell; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Pembroke; 4

**GILFORD**  
Baseball at Somersworth; 4

**WINNISQUAM**  
Baseball vs. Conant; 4  
Softball vs. Conant; 4

**Thursday, April 23**  
**GILFORD**  
Track at Coe-Brown; 4

**All schedules are subject to change.**

GILFORD — With one exception, the Gilford

baseball team returns everyone from last year's squad and that has coach Mike Giovanditto looking for a good playoff run at the end of the Division III season.

"Our whole team is back, minus one player," the fifth-year head coach said. "Our goal is a deep playoff run in Division III.

The team knows each other well and they are really working on the little things that will make them stronger on and off the field," Giovanditto added.

Leading the charge for the Golden Eagles in the new season are returning senior pitcher and third baseman Drew Smith, senior pitcher and shortstop Ryan Folan, junior pitcher and infielder Cohen Elliott, junior catcher Danny Fournier and sophomore centerfielder Andy Taylor.

Adding their talents to the mix this year for the

Gilford boys are junior Cole Labonte, who will play at first base and see time on the mound and junior Owen Wolpin, who will get his reps in the outfield.

Gilford will be playing a schedule that includes two games each with Somersworth, Belmont, Inter-Lakes and Winnisquam and single games with Raymond, Mascoma, Campbell, Berlin, White Mountains, Bishop Brady, Newport and Prospect Mountain.

The season kicked off after deadline Wednesday, April 15, at Mascoma and continues on Friday, April 17, at White Mountains, Monday, April 20, at home against Prospect Mountain and at Somersworth on Wednesday, April 22, all with 4 p.m. scheduled starts.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Maddy Howlett picked up her first career win in Prospect's victory over White Mountains Regional last week.

### TENNIS

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ett and Greenwood in the second spot and Briere and Chloe Gagnon picked up an 8-4 win over Gentile and Tegan Pelham to close out the 7-2 decision.

The two teams will meet again on Wednesday, April 22, at 4 p.m. in Alton.

The Timber Wolves are slated to be in action on Friday, April 17, at Berlin and Monday, April 20, at Inter-Lakes both at 4 p.m.

The Spartans are scheduled to be at Profile today, April 15, and at Gilford on Friday, April 17, both at 4 p.m.

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# Pemi Choral's Spring Concert Series profiles "Echoes of Time" in song

REGION — This spring's concert series by the Pemigewasset Choral Society focuses on the transitions of life throughout the four seasons of the year. The series features a variety of folk songs and other melodies that express the phases of life across time and their resonance through spring, summer, fall, and winter.

The theme for the chorus's 2026 spring program is "Echoes of Time." It's a musical journey exploring parallels between nature's cycles and the human life cycle featuring American folk songs and several other choral compositions. Selections include "The Garden Song" (Dave Mallet) and "The Times They Are A-Changin'" (Bob Dylan), as well as many

inspirational songs that reflect the theme.

This concert is a collaboration with sisters Claire and Molly McCahan who composed or arranged several of the pieces. It is based on their Spiral Songs sequence which they lead at performances in Central New Hampshire.

Choral director for the concert series is William Gunn, the director

of music at Plymouth Regional High School where he conducts the concert band, jazz ensemble, concert choir, and chamber singers and is formerly New Hampshire Choral Director of the Year. The group's collaborating pianist is Laura Belanger.

Concerts begin at Gilford Community Church on Thursday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m., followed by performances at Moultonborough Academy on Friday, May 1 (7:30

p.m.), and Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University on Sunday, May 3 (3 p.m.). All concerts feature free admission with open seating. Patrons who wish to can provide a free-will donation at the door.

The Pemi Choral Society is a 53-year-old regional community chorus based in Plymouth with a wide-ranging musical repertoire. Singers come from nearly communities throughout the Lakes Region, central

New Hampshire, and the White Mountains. The chorus boasts a diverse range of ages from high school students to age 80 and above.

The group performs concerts in December and May and welcomes new members at the beginning of each semester. For more information, please visit pemichoral.org or email an inquiry to pemichoral@society.org.

## Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

### April 16 - April 23

**Thursday, April 16**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.  
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.  
Gilford's Golden Guardians, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Learn all about Gilford's Golden Guardians and what these service dogs can do!

French, 3-4 p.m.  
Egg Carton Pong, 3-4 p.m.

Compete with your friends at this festive game!

Special Historical Storytime, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join us for a special historical storytime including a history themed craft and snack that's presented by a Gilford high school student!

Book Discussion: North Woods, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This month's book is "North Woods" by Daniel Mason. Led by Rhett; books are available at the front desk.

**Friday, April 17**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

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

Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Danc-

ing, 4-5 p.m.

**Saturday, April 18**  
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Drop-In Craft: Spring Bottle Cap Flowers, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Make your own flower art with mixed mediums.

**Monday, April 20**  
National Library Week Magnets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Drop into the Teen Room for a week-long craft to celebrate National Library Week-custom magnets!

Touch a Truck Week: Police, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.

Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 21**  
Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.

National Library Week Magnets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Drop into the Teen Room for a week-long craft to celebrate National Library Week-custom magnets!

Touch a Truck Week: Fire, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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

Homeschool Group, noon to 1:30 p.m.

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

Dungeons and Dragons, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 22**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon

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

National Library Week Magnets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Drop into the Teen Room for a week-long craft to celebrate National Library Week-custom magnets!

Touch a Truck Week: DPW, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Reawaken Your Joy, 4-5:30 p.m.

Joy is not something we earn, it's something we allow. Join Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron for some fun in reconnecting our joy!

**Thursday, April 23**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

National Library Week Magnets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Drop into the Teen Room for a week-long craft to celebrate National Library Week-custom magnets!

Touch a Truck Week: School Bus, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

French, 3-4 p.m.

Springtime Slime, 3-4 p.m.

Celebrate the season with everyone's favorite messy craft- slime!

# Kingswood Middle School students receive Pride Awards

WOLFEBORO — The following Kingswood Regional Middle School seventh grade students received the Pride Award for Trimester 2: Ava Arguin, Cayden Arnold, Hudson Aucoin, Davian Babbitt, Brycen Bailey, Ivy Beaulieu, Jacob Beebe, Aubrey Bennett, Lincoln Bilodeau, Jer'zori Boisvert, Christopher Bradbury, George Bull, Benjamin Cartier, Naomi Clark, Harper Combes, Ben Cooper, Pierre Cote, Summer Creighton, Vincent Crowder, Gianna Cushing, Liam Davies, Oscar De Serano, Vincent Delaney, William Doherty, Annabelle Duchesne, Gunner Dupuis, Haley Ferland, Alaina Fuller, Spencer Gibbons, Owen Hart, Rosabella Hibbard, Sawyer Hills, Amelia Hornsby, Hannah Ivester, Nicole Joly, Merin Kolodner, Charlotte Lane, Olivia LaRochelle, Calan Leonard, Malakai Lotus-Rick-

ards, Ava Madore, Abigail Marcotte, Charlotte Masterson, William Morgan, Oliver Moss, Natalee Nash, Sawyer Nichols, Ciara Nunnally, Henry O'Blenes, Mason Ouellet, Lillian Owen, Elizabeth Perfect, Logan Proulx, Larry Ramsey, Rixon Ranly, Kellan Reed, Nova Reed, Lucas Reeves, Will Roy, Michael Sevigney, Magnus Shaw, Jaxon Smith, Audrey Speikers, Jessica St. Germain, Haley Stansfield, Beau Taylor, Lilyan Thurston, Lilianna Tufts, Aashka Vaidya, Serenity Wallace, Lillian Walsh, Rosalyn Walsh, Riley Walterscheid, Nathan Warner, Brooke White, Danica Wright, Payton Wright, Dallas Wright-Cray, Mackenzie York.

The following eighth grade students received the Pride Award for Trimester 2: Boluwatife Abere, Abigail Ames, Adameus Avery, Maci Barton, Jules Bennet, Greyson Burke, Colby Butler, Makayla Campbell, McKayla Campbell, Parker Chase, Olivia Collopy, Alyssa Cornwell, Joshua Couture, Alexia Davis, Gracie Dawson, Meadow Dearborn, Zoey

Decato, Daniel Devereaux, Caleb Diamond, Charlie DoCarmo, Ayla Doiron, Lincoln Drake, Jackson Ducharme, Everett Dupell, Lexi Eaton, Ashlynn Eldridge, Skylynn Eldridge, Aleah Favorite, Mason Ferguson, Thomas Gardner, Allie George, Gabe Giessler, Zopheya Givetz, Judy Hall, Olivia Hartford, Faith Johnson, Ella Keniston, Eva-Marie Keniston, Joanna Kerin, Grace Keyes, Logan Kline, Jacob Lamontagne, Oliver Leavitt-Carlson, Kenley Legge, Bentley Lemay, Kieran Lemay, Zachary Livie, Autumn Lunt, Emilija Madzar, Seamus McHale, Allyson McKenna, Maverick Milligan, John Murray, Shae Newbegin, Aiden Nisbet, Jacoby Noble, Aubrey Noyes, Lucas Nuzzelillo, Lars Pelletier, Guliani Perez, Cayla Proctor, Isabella Proulx, Skye Robbins, Harmony Royal, Devlyn Sargent, Matthew Sawyer, Harlianna Scully, Reagan Sherman, Maxten Stevens, Rachel Tatarczuk, Isabella Whiting, Tenyson Whyte, Carter Wilber, Ariana, Wilson, Lydia Zavas.

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# Zechariah Boodey Farmstead "Italian Benefit Dinner" returns

NEW DURHAM — The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee and the Board Members of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative (ZBFCNH) invite the community to join us for an authentic Italian "Lasagna Dinner" on Saturday, April 25, starting at 5 p.m. The event will be held in the Community Room behind the New Durham Fire Station on Main Street and will serve as a fundraiser. Dinner will be served until 7 p.m., or while supplies last, and to-go boxes will be available.

We're thrilled to share that our menu will include a delicious classic Italian meat lasagna, lovingly prepared from a cherished family recipe by Tatiana and Gino Michelizza, the Innkeepers of Top of the Ridge Farm B&B. The dinner will also feature a fresh Caesar salad, warm bread, a refreshing beverage, and a delightful dessert. For our guests who prefer a vegetarian option, our caring committee member Sherry

Cullimore will craft a tasty vegetarian lasagna. We sincerely appreciate their ongoing support and kindness.

From the intimate strum of an acoustic guitar to the rich keys of a piano and the high-energy bite of an electric lead, Garrett Smith is a musical shapeshifter. Garrett provides an interactive experience, taking requests and tailoring the setlist to the room's energy. No scripts, no static playlists, just the songs you love, played exactly how you want to hear them. Special thanks to an anonymous donor for making this possible.

Suggested donations are \$15 for single adults, \$10 for children ten years old or younger, and \$45 for a family of four.

We are incredibly grateful to announce that an anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative, up to \$7,500, through June 1. This means every donation, whether \$10 or \$1,000,

will be matched dollar for dollar, effectively doubling the impact of your generosity.

Donors will have a unique opportunity to amplify their contributions and directly support our mission. Your support will significantly help fund the installation of the septic system and foundations, a crucial step in advancing our project.

The Committee and Collaborative members are excited to share the latest updates on this project, made possible by our communities' wonderful response to a call to action.

If you cannot attend the dinner, donating is easy. You can visit the ZBFCOL Web site at [www.zbfcnh.org](http://www.zbfcnh.org), contact President Catherine Orłowicz by calling 603-859-4643 for more details, or mail a check to ZBFCOL, PO Box 45, New Durham, NH 03855. Every contribution, regardless of its size, makes a meaningful difference. The challenge runs until June 1!

## THEATER

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students succeeded on all levels at the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild State Festival last weekend.

Kingswood and Salem High School were awarded the top prize - an opportunity to attend and perform at the New England Drama Festival (NEDF). NEDF will be held at the Paramount Theatre in Rutland, Vt. on April 30 through May 2. In Rutland, Kingswood will participate in theater workshops and enjoy the performances of the other top theater programs from Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont. It will also be their final presentation of their one-act show, "The Last Firefly" by Naomi Iizuka.

The Adjudicators piled on the praise during public feedback stating:

"Brave and bold and it paid off."

"The music throughout...wow!"

"Where to begin? Your celebration and absolute commitment to Japanese theatre was such a beautiful risk that every single element truly came together

to create a pure piece of theatre history."

"Amazingly strong opening moments with music, tech, and actors. The visual of the drummers in silhouette was visually and audibly stunning!"

In addition to their top prize for overall production, Kingswood took home the following awards:

- Malcolm Clark received the Sarah P. Bunkley Award for best Technical Element at the State Festival for his composition and conducting of the plays Musical / Taiko Drumming Score.

All-Star Company Awards during this Festival cycle went to:

- Laura Fernandes: Excellence in Acting in the role of Boom.
- Sara Fernandes: Excellence in Acting in the role of Monkey
- Peyton Ghent: Excellence in Acting in the role of Lightning
- Caroline Kinzlmair and Abby Morin: Excellence in Puppetry
- Lorelai Tuttle and Theodore Hall: Excellence in Set Design
- Ace Vergato: Excellence in Technical Direction

"We are thrilled!" said Kingswood Theater

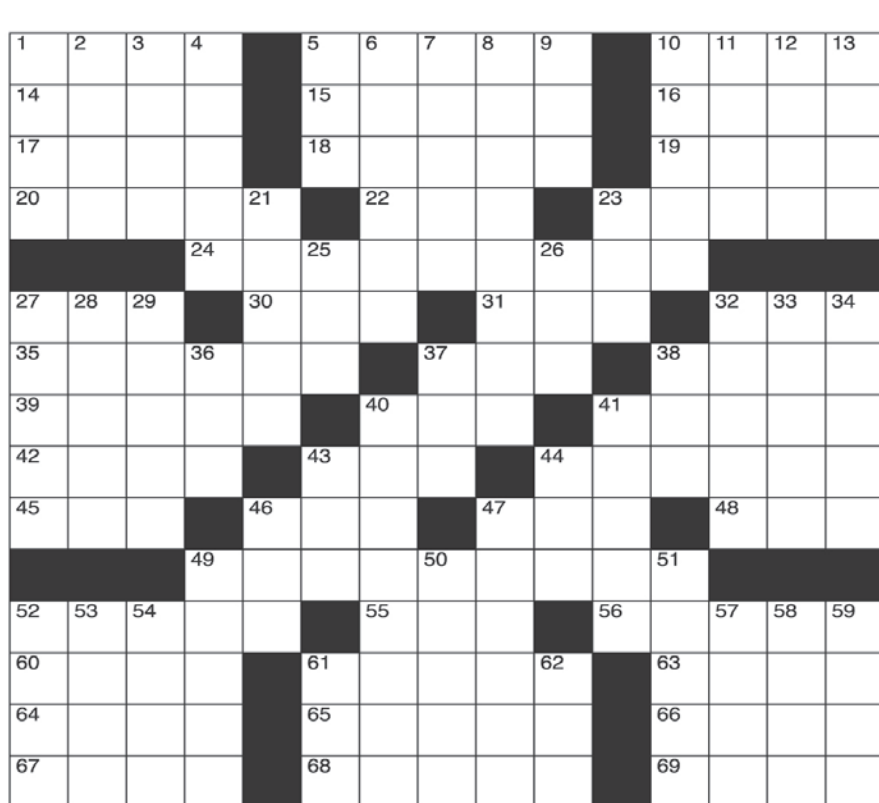
Director, Scott Giessler. "It's such a joy to see the months of hard work pay off in such a big way for the students. Every single one of them made their mark in this show and deserve this honor."

Of course, the honor does not come for free. Transporting, housing, and feeding, the 27 students and staff will cost the program more than \$6,000 and that requires some creative - and quick - fundraising.

To that end, the Kingswood Theatre team will hold an encore fundraising performance and talk back at Kingswood Arts Center on Monday, April 20th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 and additional donations will be gratefully accepted.

The talk back is an opportunity for audience members to ask questions of the production team and performers. Those who wish to stay will be treated with a behind-the-scenes conversation about production and performance choices.

Tickets and opportunities for additional donations are available at [kingswoodtheater.org](http://kingswoodtheater.org).



### CLUES ACROSS

- Greek goddess of marriage
- Tropical American blue jay-like bird
- Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- Dark olive black
- Light, crinkled fabric
- Notre Dame has a golden one
- Leaked blood
- Confronted
- Negligible amount
- Facilitated
- Hill or rocky peak
- Minneapolis suburb
- Songs to one's beloved
- Brake horsepower
- Angry
- Children's game
- Spelling is a type of one
- Obtained in return for labor
- Indicates center
- Chinese dynasty
- Old World buffaloes
- Slang for time off
- Fabric
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Defunct regional economic organization
- Philly footballers
- Female sibling
- Peter Griffin's daughter
- Digital audiotape
- Insecticide
- Scientific instrument
- Pages may be dog-\_\_
- Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- Type of sword
- Middle Eastern military title
- Wise individuals
- French Polynesian island Bora \_\_
- Popular shoe type
- One of 50
- Divulge a secret
- Dish of cooked meat mixed with potatoes
- Actress Zellweger
- Romanian city

### CLUES DOWN

- Greek cupbearer of the Gods
- Ancient Syrian city
- Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- Range of mountains
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- Spoke
- City in Georgia
- Theatrical
- CNN's founder
- Icelandic poems
- Bjorn \_\_, tennis player
- Bowfin genus
- One point north of northeast
- Political divisions in ancient Greece
- Electroencephalograph
- Cool!
- Male parent
- Where some gymnasts work
- Capital of Vietnam
- Sailboats
- Shelter (Scottish)
- Completed
- Discharge
- Arrest
- Partner to cheese
- Coffee receptacle
- Stagnate
- Satisfies
- Snakelike fish
- Consume food
- Type of school
- Erase
- Inform
- Girl's given name
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Every one of two or more things
- Northern India city
- Seventeenth stars in a constellation
- Weapon
- Amounts of time
- Isodor \_\_, American Nobel physicist
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Witness

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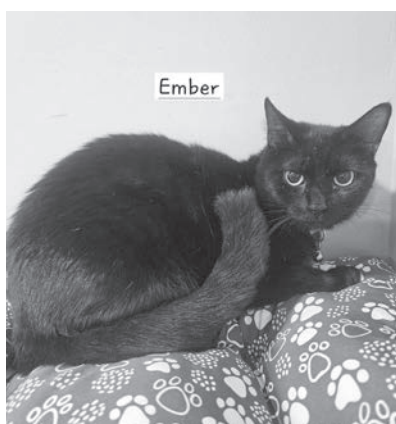
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## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Meet Ember!

Ember is a sleek all-black beauty with glowing orange eyes that seem to shine in the dark. She carries herself with a quiet, calm presence and prefers to observe the world before jumping in.

Of the two sisters, Ember is the more chilled-out one. She moves at her own pace, taking everything in with steady confidence. You'll often find her in cozy, dimly lit spots, keeping watch and minding her very important business.



We're still getting to know Ember, as she tends to keep a little mystery about her — but that just makes earning her trust all the more special. She would thrive in a patient home that appreciates a calm, shadowy companion with mesmerizing eyes and a gentle spirit.

If you're drawn to quiet elegance and midnight magic, Ember may just be your perfect girl.



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# THE REAL REPORT

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Alton	Lindsay Road	Residential Open Land	\$200,000	LCW Fiscal Trust and Scott J. Werner	RM Abbott Builders LLC
Alton	191 Main St.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	Brent Reginald and Kiara April Carter	Alexander and Angela Deraps
Alton	N/A (Lot 3)	N/A	\$1,475,000	Vacanza LLC	Lois A. Day RET 2025
Barnstead	4 N. Shore Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$460,000	IPR Enterprises LLC	Richard Stephen Loftus, Jr. and Katherine Loftus
Barnstead	58 N/A (Lot 14)	N/A	\$380,000	Jameson P. and Kathryn Ann Proko	Melissa Bosteels
Gilford	19 Coach Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$700,000	Egan Craddock Fiscal Trust and James J. Craddock	Jessica Deshaies and Scott Gallagher
Gilford	40 Deer Run Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$575,000	Matthew D. Mowers and Cassandra L. Spodak	Scott Patrick and Melissa Jeanne McDonald
Gilford	113 Woodland Ave.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	Kimberly E. Orr	Kayla Lee Blaisdell
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$263,000	Woods Fiscal Trust and Mari F. Woods	Renay J. Colby RET
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$195,000	Mark Woglom	Daniel T., Jr. and Kimberly C. Reid
Gilmanton	2 Brook Ave.	Single-Family Residence	\$184,000	John F. Sawyer	Brian K. Blackden and Jenny M. Brown
Gilmanton	68 Sawyer Lake Rd.	N/A	\$549,933	M&D Property Development LLC	Sophia Carter and Peter D'Ortona
Gilmanton	N/A (Lot 73S)	N/A	\$200,000	Douglas Dibona	John W. Cotton and Laurie L. McKinnon-Huebner
New Durham	171 Old Bay Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$600,000	D.W. & Joan G. Swenson JRET	James Blauvelt and Lorella Volpe

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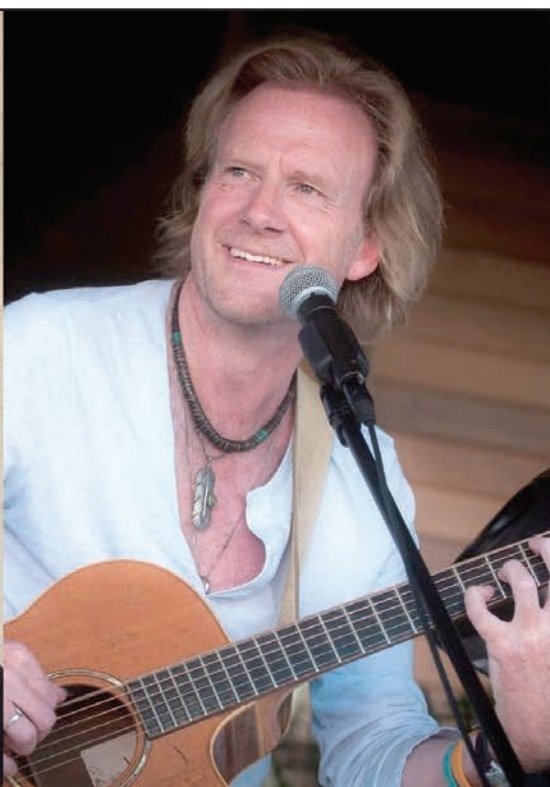
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# Songwriter Round-Up show lineup set for April 23

MEREDITH — The partnership between Katie Dobbins Music (Gilford) and Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith) which has brought the monthly music series Songwriter Round-Up to the Lakes Region is set to deliver another great show at the end of this month.

Held in the region's premier listening room, The Loft located on the second floor of the Winery, this series has been giving audience members a chance to experience the original music of talented singer-songwriters from the New England area and beyond. At each show three artists share their songs and stories in a unique in-the-round style performance. Usually



held on or near the last Thursday of each month, this intimate

series features two different songwriters each month alongside host

performer Katie Dobbins. The series presents

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

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

The next Songwriter Round-Up show takes place on Thursday, April 23, featuring the Lakes Region's own Katie Dobbins, a singer-songwriter who delivers heart-felt lyrics with beautiful vocal tones wrapped in guitar and piano melodies; Rupert Wates, an England-born multi-award winning

artist that infuses his melodic art/folk music with elements of other genres to support his lyrical storytelling; and Lyle Hutchins, a singer-songwriter from rural New Hampshire who blends several musical genres in support of introspective and spirited lyrics which can both move the heart and turn a smile. All of these artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, melodies, and styles to the stage. This will be an evening of great original music and dynamic entertainment that you won't want to miss. Learn more about each of these artists on the Hermit Woods Winery website.

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

## Winnepesaukee Playhouse teens Present award-winning drama

MEREDITH — The Winnepesaukee Playhouse's Education Department continues its 2026 season with the highly-acclaimed drama "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," Simon Stephen's theatrical adaptation of Mark Haddon's popular novel. A huge hit in London prior to transferring to Broadway in 2014, the play has won multiple international awards. It will be performed by local students ages 13-18 at the Playhouse in Meredith from April 23-26.

The story centers around a 15-year-old named Christopher (played by Moultonborough's Madden Bolduc), who has traits associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder, though a diagnosis is never explicitly stated. Armed with his extraordinary brain, Christopher sets out on a mission. After discovering the untimely death of his neighbor's dog, Christopher embarks on



COURTESY

Madden Bolduc plays Christopher in the Winnepesaukee Playhouse's upcoming production of "The Curious Incident of The Dog in the Night-Time."

a journey that tests his unique personality and drives him out of his comfort zone in order to prove his innocence and solve the crime.

The play is directed by Heather Williams. A long-time fan of both the original novel and the play adaptation, Williams says, "At its heart, this play is about a young man who dares to confront the truth, and in doing so discovers

that both his world and his own potential are far greater than he had ever imagined."

Williams has masterfully led a company of 12 talented teen performers from across the Lakes Region.

She states, "it has been a privilege to explore this story with a group of young artists who approached this work with a hungry curiosity, a keen intellect,

and a willingness to grapple with difficult questions. Together, we have spent time not only examining what happens in this play, but why, seeking to understand the choices these characters make and the ways the impact ripples through one another."

Like the original production, the Playhouse's version will feature intricate projections woven into the scenery to immerse the audience into Christopher's world.

"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" is supported by the Playhouse's season sponsor, R&D Paving, the Community Theatre and Education Department sponsors, Bank of New Hampshire and Northeast Mill Services, and the production sponsor, New Hampton School.

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This goes over about as well as the wildfires raging outside Ellen's house, and causes as much destruction as the landslides that prevent everyone from leaving. The passive aggressive husband of a famous playwright, the straight-up aggressive wife of a

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beachy vibes of the set, surf and sand, stay for the acerbic wit, slapstick humor and more people walking into doors than you'd see on an entire season of Scooby Doo.

Tickets are available online at [PittsfieldPlayers.org](http://PittsfieldPlayers.org), and can also be reserved by phone at (603) 435-8852 or purchased at the door.

## Kingswood scholars rise to the challenge in New England Math League contest



WOLFEBORO — Students at Kingswood Regional Middle School (KRMS) recently traded their typical classwork for a high-stakes challenge, participating in the prestigious New England Mathematics League contest this February. The event marked the second major math competition for KRMS this year, offering all students the opportunity to test their problem-solving prowess against peers across the New England region. The contest is designed to go beyond standard curriculum, featuring well-written questions that span a variety of difficulty levels to engage and stimulate students.

The competition was a true test of mental agility, as participants were tasked with solving 30 complex mathematical questions in just 30 minutes. According to the Mathematics League, these contests provide an educationally enriching opportunity for

students to gain recognition for mathematical achievement while promoting the enjoyment of the subject. The goal is to encourage students to view difficult problems as stimulating puzzles rather than just schoolwork, much like the challenge of a complex puzzle book.

While the contest was open to the entire school, the top five scores from each grade level were officially submitted to the Math League organization for regional ranking. In the seventh grade, Larry Ramsey took first place, followed by Logan Proulx in second, Gianna Cushing in third, and Liam Davies in fourth. Rounding out the top performers in a six-way tie for fifth place were Jacob Cutler, Malakai Lotus-Richards, Beau Taylor, Yanuel Maldonado, Dominic Thomas, and Mason Ouellet.

The eighth grade also

saw impressive results, with Nicholas d'Entremont earning 1st place and Vincent Bell taking 2nd. Third place resulted in a three-way tie between Colin Fitzgerald, Thomas Gardner, and Matthew Sawyer, while Parker Chase, Kenley Legge, and Landon Call followed closely, tied for 6th place.

Student participation in the contest was organized by math teacher Sarah Christian.

Her colleague, English teacher Sam Little, noted, "I'm always impressed by how Sarah encourages students to see every difficult problem as a story waiting for a solution. By bringing this contest to KRMS, she has shown that the same curiosity we foster in the Humanities translates perfectly into the world of STEM. It's inspiring to see students embrace these mathematical puzzles with the same discipline they'd bring to a great piece of literature."

## Alton Rotarians join Forest Society to protect Mt. Major for Earth Day



ALTON — Save the date and come join the Alton Rotary Club, a sponsor of the Forest Society's annual Trail Clean up at Mt. Major, Alton, on Wednesday, April 22 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Help us honor Earth Day and support our friends at the Forest Society to protect the natural beauty and ecological integrity of Mount Major and its

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