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Gilford's Amanda Joy tops female field in Granite Man Triathlon

Alton's Josh Flanagan finishes third overall

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The 43rd annual Granite Man Triathlon featured a pair of new winners with plenty of familiar faces in the mix as well.

The annual Wolfeboro

tradition was started as a fundraiser for the Albert Dow III Memorial Scholarship and is run in memory of the former Tuftonboro resident who died during a search and rescue mission in the White Mountains in the



Amanda Joy of Gilford was the top female finisher in the Granite Man Triathlon in Wolfeboro on Saturday and finished second overall.

early 1980s. The triathlon is run by the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department.

The swimming portion takes place at Carry Beach on Forest Road, with athletes swimming out and back into the bay then they hop onto the bikes and head out Forest Road to Route 109 toward Tuftonboro. The bikes turn at Union Wharf Road in Tuftonboro and then on to Route 109A to head back toward Wolfeboro. After a sharp turn onto Waumbek Road, riders return to Route 109 and Forest Road, where

Barnstead-based logger convicted of multiple felonies; ordered to pay more than \$100,000

BARNSTEAD — The N.H. Forest Protection Bureau has announced that Clay Dow, president of CMD Logging of Barnstead, has been convicted of seven deceptive forestry practice violations across two counties resulting in fines and restitution totaling \$107,002.33. He also faces up to 15 years in prison.

Dow was convicted of five felony counts in Belknap County Superior Court, stemming from crimes committed against five separate landowners residing in Barnstead, Gilmanton and Alton. He was also convicted of two felony counts in Strafford County Superior Court stemming from crimes committed against two separate landowners residing in Strafford and Lee. All seven crimes took place in 2022.

The investigation into

Dow's actions began when New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration Timber Appraiser Rick Evans raised concerns about a potential timber tax violation reported to him by a landowner in 2023.

Evans shared his research with the N.H. Forest Protection Bureau, which is responsible for the enforcement of New Hampshire's timber harvesting laws.

As a result of a 20-month investigation, N.H. Forest Rangers uncovered repeated instances in which CMD Logging did not pay landowners for multiple truckloads of timber removed from their properties.

"The success of these investigations was made possible due to assistance provided by the New Hampshire Department

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Volunteers needed to help with weed removal at Gunstock Wetlands Walk

GILFORD — Volunteers are essential for caring for the Wetlands Walk

on Thursday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 22, both 9 a.m.-noon. Volunteers are

welcome for all or part of the time.

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Granite VNA's Annual Hospice Home & Garden Tour raises more than \$40,000 for hospice services

REGION — Nearly 500 attendees explored four exceptional properties in East Alton and Wolfeboro during Granite VNA's annual Hospice Home & Garden Tour on July 15. The tour raised more than \$40,000 to sup-

(Right) Hospice Home & Garden Tour attendees enjoy the patio and lakeside grounds at the boat house at the East Alton property.



port the agency's hospice services.

Guests enjoyed an afternoon experiencing rich history through architecture and thoughtfully designed and renovated interiors and taking in stunning views of Lake Winnepesaukee from three of the properties. Each house presented a unique personality, featuring artistic décor, comfortable inte-

SEE TOUR, PAGE A6

NH Boat Museum to debut boating skills virtual trainer

MOULTONBOROUGH — A new Boating Skills Virtual Trainer at the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will provide visitors with the chance to practice docking, pulling away, and safely handling a recreational powerboat in a controlled environment.

"This is a chance to learn boating skills without getting wet," said NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. "You won't fall off the dock, and your mistakes won't land you in the boatyard. It's a safe way to really understand what it takes to skipper a boat."

Opening in late August, the trainer is built around the Boating Safety VT, the marine industry's premier interactive, simulation-based boating safety program. Rather than a video game, it is an educational tool that introduces students to small watercraft handling and the skills required for the proper and safe operation of a recreational powerboat.

"This isn't just push-



ing buttons and turning a wheel," said Kurtz. "It's about really understanding how to skipper a boat. It's probably best suited for elementary school and up, and we expect it will be a docent-led activity as part of the museum experience."

To make the experi-

ence as authentic as possible, NHBM volunteers are constructing a "boat" around the simulator. The setup features a 49-inch curved HD monitor whose large aspect ratio creates an immersive view of the water, along with a wheel, a Mercury Marine throttle with trim buttons, navi-

gation lights, and a horn.

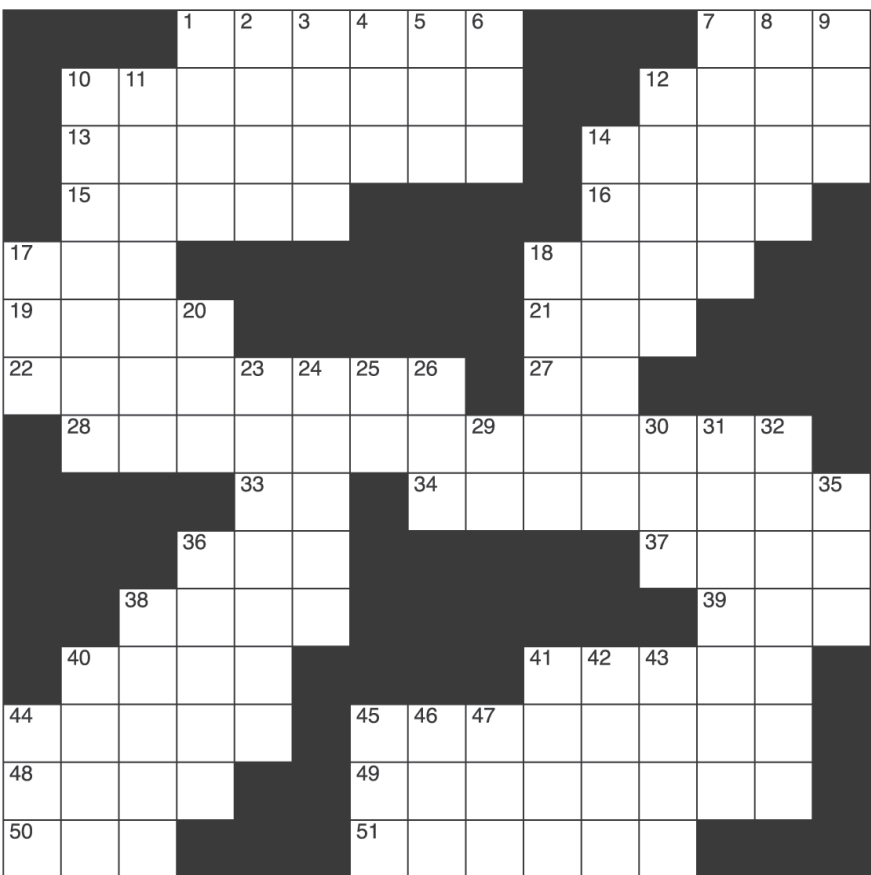
The trainer was made possible through the generosity of several donors. The Mark O'Connell Foundation, whose mission is to promote safety on Lake Winnepesaukee, contributed to the project, as did an anonymous private donor. Eastern Boat Works

provided the seating and console.

Founded in 1992, NHBM is dedicated to preserving and sharing the state's rich fresh-water boating heritage through dynamic exhibits, youth programs like Junior Skippers, and on-the-water experiences. NHBM is supported in

part by Goodhue Boat Company, North Water Marine, Eastern Propane and Oil, Kingswood Press and Design Studio, and KW Lakes and Mountains.

To learn more about the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer or other museum programming, visit nhbm.org.



CLUES ACROSS

1. A vast desert in Africa

7. Reciprocal of a sine

10. Type of phone

12. Biblical figure

13. One who renounces a religious belief

14. Warren and Monroe are two

15. Wild ox

16. Dismounted a horse

17. Cave dweller

18. Where infants sleep

19. Popular type of shoe

21. Clumsy large person

22. Evil-like

27. Integrated circuit
28. Austin-based athlete

33. Postscript

34. Follows 18

36. People of Gambia

37. Popular actor Nicolas

38. Platform for a lectern

39. Taxi

40. American songwriter Sammy

41. Iranian city

44. Heavy clubs

45. One who is expelled

48. In bed

49. Lifelessness

50. Former CIA

51. Most slick

CLUES DOWN

1. Slovenly person

2. In addition

3.hovels

4. Pie ___ mode

5. Subway rodent

6. They ___

7. Indigenous S. American people

8. Fine sand

9. Central nervous system

10. Nightclub entertainment

11. The perfect example of something

12. Supreme Islamic leader

14. Pain

17. Binary-coded decimal

18. Projecting corner of an angle

20. "Succession" actor Brian

23. Dinner table decor

24. Ancient settlement in modern Turkey
25. You can call Paul Simon this

26. Opposite of a pro

29. Atomic #28

30. Type of drug (abbr.)

31. Arrives at

32. Nullifies

35. Bird's beak

36. Partner to "ooohd"

38. Ray-finned fishes

40. Taxis

41. Sat on and controlled

42. Sea eagles

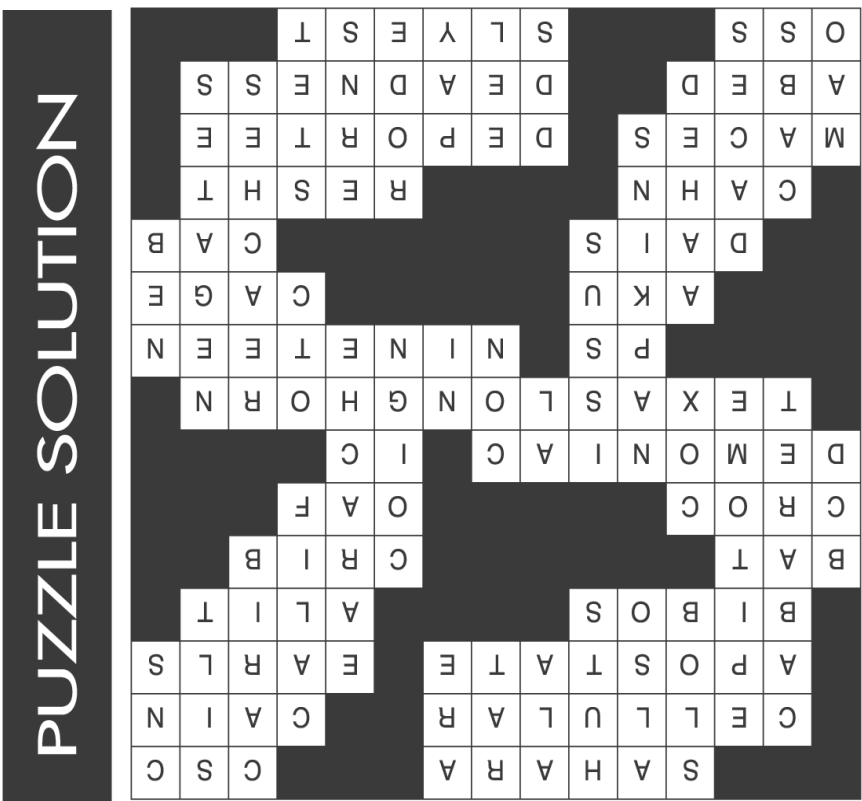
43. Remain as-is

44. Chinese revolutionary

45. Tooth caregiver

46. Snakelike fish

47. Compensate



Alton Board of Selectmen Updates

BY RICHARD SHEA

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Alton Board of Selectmen's meeting on Aug. 11 covered several issues, briefly reviewed as follows:

A public hearing was held to approve acceptance of a premium refund for \$10,500 from our health insurance co-operative. There was no public input and all voted in favor. This money will be returned to the general fund.

A representative from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services presented the most recent plan relating to Alton Power Dam. The plan has been revised to conduct a compete draw-down of the dam over a two-week period commencing on Sept. 2. The water level would then be restored to a depth two and a half feet below the current level. The Board expressed a great deal of concern for several reasons, including downstream silting and pollution, habitat damage, impact on both private and public wells, loss of property values and loss of fire protection water sources. The Board pressed for further study and a delay in the proposed drawdown schedule. More than 30 citizens were present, and their comments made it quite clear that there is a great deal of opposition to the proposed plan. Executive Councilor Joe Kenney addressed the

Board and committed to protect the town's interest to the extent possible.

The Board reviewed an updated proposal for several computers and related accessories. These would replace existing equipment which has an average age approaching seven years. The original low bid was for almost \$60,000. IT director Josh Monaco was successful at reducing the cost by approximately \$10,000 through negotiation and additional quoting. The Board voted to spend up to \$50,000 for the equipment, with funds drawn from the IT capital reserve account.

-Town Administrator Ryan Heath Reported a request from the firm seeking to establish a seaplane base in Alton Bay to apply to the state for a docking permit in the Bay. The Board agreed that such step was very premature and should await a public hearing and likely a warrant article vote before any application would be entertained.

The board voted to enter executive session. Upon completion, the Board returned to public meeting status.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved, instructing the Town Administrator to direct Town Council to seek an injunction prohibiting the state from any further action regarding the Alton Power Dam for at least one year. It was recognized that legal

action against the state can be difficult and costly, but that the town had reasonable grounds for such an action, and a good chance of prevailing.

The Town Administrator reported that our new Building Inspector and Town Planner were making significant progress clearing permit and inspection backlogs and advancing needed work on zoning amendments, Capital Improvement Plan work, file and record organization and revisions on various systems. It was proposed to transfer the Zone Enforcement function to the Planner. Given the evident progress in these departments, the planned hiring of a part-time assistant is no longer required, saving a budgeted \$28,000 annual expense. The Board voted to approve the changes and included a wage adjustment for the Planner and Assistant Planner.

-The regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 25 has been cancelled. The Sept. 8 meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Sept. 9 due to the primary election set for Sept. 8.

Author's note: This article is offered as part of an effort to better inform Alton residents about the activities of town government. I am not authorized to speak for the Board of Selectmen, and this posting represents only my impressions and views.

Gilman Public Library adds 103 children's books through Friends fundraiser, Pilcrow Foundation grant

ALTON — The Gilman Public Library has expanded its children's collection with the addition of 103 new books through a partnership between the Friends of the Gilman Library and the Pilcrow Foundation. The Friends of the Gilman Library raised \$400 to support the purchase of new children's books. Through the Pilcrow Foundation's Children's Book Project, that donation was matched 2:1 with an additional \$800, providing a total of \$1,200 to strengthen the library's collection for young readers.

The funding allowed the library to purchase 103 new children's books, including several bonus titles provided by Pilcrow Foundation donors. Each book purchased

through the grant program includes a commemorative bookplate recognizing the Pilcrow Foundation and its supporters.

"This project demonstrates the impact that community support can have on our library," said Eileen Gilbert, Director of the Gilman Public Library. "We're grateful to the Friends of the Gilman Library for their fundraising efforts and to the Pilcrow Foundation and its donors for making it possible to bring so many wonderful new books to the children and families we serve."

The Pilcrow Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing new, high-quality children's books to public libraries

across the United States through its Children's Book Project. By partnering with local libraries and community donors, the foundation helps expand access to reading materials for young people.

Library staff members say the project has been especially rewarding because it brought together community volunteers, donors, and a national nonprofit with a shared goal of encouraging a lifelong love of reading.

Visitors are invited to stop by the Gilman Public Library to browse the new additions to the children's collection. Look for the special Pilcrow Foundation bookplates inside each of the grant-funded books.

Next Wright Museum lecture explores Federal Reserve's role during WWII

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the Wright Museum will welcome Jonathan Rose. This is the 14th program of the Wright Museum's 2026 Education Series.

The Federal Reserve supported the war ef-

fort in several ways: it helped finance wartime spending, fund our allies, embargo our enemies, stabilize the economy, and plan the return to peacetime activities.

Jonathan Rose serves as a historian for the Federal Reserve System and is a senior economist and economic advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Doors open at 6 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the Wright Museum's DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$8 for members

and \$12 for non-members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at <https://wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series> or by calling 603-569-1212.

The region's leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battlefield. For more information about the 2026 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.



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Jimmy and the Jesters playing bandstand on Saturday night

WOLFEBORO — The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand are excited to welcome Jimmy and the Jesters to the summer concert series in Cate Park to kick off the second month of free concerts on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Jimmy and the Jesters will be taking to the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand in downtown Wolfeboro as part of the free Saturday night concert series after making their debut during last year's summer season.

Jimmy and the Jesters features Jimmy "Mr. Rock and Roll" Merrick on lead



COURTESY PHOTO

Jimmy and the Jesters will be performing in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 22.

vocals and guitar, Peter "The Horn" Groleau on vocals and keyboard, Scotty "WildMan" Previte on sax and Steve "Gio" Giotis on vocals and drums.

The band specializes in oldies rock, classic country and musical mayhem and always advises their audience to bring along their dancing shoes.

Jimmy and the Jesters will take to the bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 22, 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.

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of Aug. 5-13.

Beatrice T. Talmage, age 36, was arrested on Aug. 5 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury or Physical Contact and Criminal Mischief.

Beatrice T. Balloch, age 36, was arrested on Aug. 5 for multiple counts of Violation of a Protective Order.

Jacob Adam Jason, age 39, was arrested on Aug. 5 for driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Carmen Marie Deyarmond, age 53, was arrested

ed on Aug. 6 in connection with a warrant.

Kevin Joseph Davis, age 41, was arrested on Aug. 6 for Aggravated DUI with a Passenger Under the age of 16 and multiple counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child.

A 61-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 7.

Cody A. Burnham, age 34, was arrested on Aug. 7 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 34-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 8.

Owen Edward Cusello, age 18, was arrested

on Aug. 9 for DUI-Impairment, Transporting Alcohol or Marijuana, Possession and/or Use of Tobacco Products By a Minor, and driving at a rate of speed 11-15 mph over a posted limited of 55 mph or less.

Orlando A. Crooks, age 22, was arrested on Aug. 9 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license and driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Fredrick Walter Avery, Jr., age 22, was arrested on Aug. 10 in connection with a warrant.

Erin M. Conroy, age 37, was arrested on Aug. 11 for driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration, Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license, Possession of a Controlled Drug, and Contempt.

Jason R. Crossman, age 47, was arrested on Aug. 11 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license due to DUI.

Richard M. Scalia, age 63, was arrested on Aug. 11 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license due to DUI.

Neil Silver, age 61, was arrested on Aug. 12 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking.

Zachary William Tentoni, age 39, was arrested on Aug. 13 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

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Small acts of stewardship keep special places healthy

Some of the most valuable conservation work does not require a massive construction project, a large grant or a complicated government program. Sometimes it requires a pair of work gloves, a few free hours and people willing to pull weeds.

That will be the case at Gunstock this week, where volunteers are being invited to help care for the Wetlands Walk on Thursday, Aug. 20, and Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The work might seem modest. Volunteers will remove invasive plants, clean the boardwalk and identification plates, perform minor carpentry and help maintain features that make the trail accessible. At the Belknap County Conservation District's pollinator garden, there is crabgrass to pull before it produces seed.

Yet these small jobs add up to something much larger.

The Wetlands Walk gives visitors an opportunity to see a natural environment that can easily be overlooked. Wetlands perform important ecological functions, but their value becomes much easier to understand when people can walk through one, see what is growing there and observe the birds, insects and other wildlife that depend upon it.

At this time of year, the rewards are particularly visible. Joe Pye weed, blue vervain, spirea, boneset and goldenrod are among the native plants providing summer color. Sumac offers food for birds. Those plants are also competing against invasive species including purple loosestrife, glossy buckthorn and oriental bittersweet.

Managing invasive plants is rarely a one-day proposition. Pulling a buckthorn plant or removing loosestrife before it goes to seed will not eliminate invasive species from the Lakes Region. It does, however, keep them from gaining additional ground. Repeated year after year, that kind of patient maintenance can make an important difference.

There is also something worthwhile about conservation work that allows ordinary residents to participate directly.

Environmental stewardship can sometimes feel distant from everyday life. Discussions about water quality, habitat protection and invasive species can involve scientific reports, regulations and policy decisions. Those things matter, but so does putting hands in the soil and learning to recognize which plants belong there and which ones threaten the native ecosystem.

A volunteer who spends Saturday morning pulling buckthorn may leave knowing considerably more about the woods than when he or she arrived. A young person earning community service hours might discover an interest in conservation. Someone who has walked the boardwalk many times might gain a new appreciation for the work required to maintain it.

The effort also demonstrates why public spaces depend upon more than the organizations responsible for managing them. Trails, conservation lands, gardens and parks remain inviting because people continue caring for them long after they are created.

There will always be another board that needs cleaning, another invasive plant emerging along the edge of the woods and another repair that cannot wait forever.

That is not a failure of conservation. It is the nature of stewardship.

Gilford and the surrounding Lakes Region are fortunate to have abundant natural places that residents and visitors can explore. Protecting them does not always require doing something dramatic.

Sometimes, it means showing up for a few hours, pulling some weeds and leaving a special place a little better than it was that morning.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN Maintenance

I've been finally getting around to doing some house maintenance work lately. It feels good to be somewhat productive. I've been tending to scraping and painting my windows and trim, something that was long in need of attention. To be honest, I was expecting to find more rot than the minor amount I found. That was pretty easy to deal with.

Working around the house, four ladders at a time, I'm now working around the back corner. Along the way, I'm tending to the cellar windows as I go. When I came around to the back

side, there was a whole mess of plant matter growing up in front of the windows, so I needed to facilitate their extraction.

Going over to the woodshed, I reached up to get a sickle. Wouldn't you know that it was all rusty, sending me to the cellar to find the sharpener. It wasn't there. The nail where it should be hanging only held a paint can opener. That's dangerous. It could be anywhere. It wasn't on the work bench which is the only other place it should be in the cellar.

Finally, an impression of it sitting in the truck toolbox came to

me. And there it was. It had become another one of those little things that gets slipped into that already overloaded toolbox. Thank you, Lord. At least I located it. I got to doing a good sharpening job on the sickle.

Down on my knees, I'm extracting all this growing wildness, holding the weeds with my left hand while slicing them off with my right. The right tool always comes in handy.

All of a sudden, my attention is drawn to my left hand. There was a yellow jacket sitting there stinging and stinging me over and over again. This was an interesting thing to watch, but it wasn't a highly desirable situation, so I took the sickle and just kind of nudged the little bugger and it flew away. There were a whole bunch of others flying around, defending the nest, so I figured that I'd leave that window to some other time.

As I was getting on with the rest of the work I had in progress, I looked down to notice that my left hand was all bloody. Good Lord, I was really gentle with that little wasp. I guess I did a good sharpening job. Giving it a look over, I decided to let it be, it wasn't much of a cut and God makes the best band-aids.

After finishing up, there was still time to do something, and my eye caught my bike, so I squeezed the tires and they were OK, so I hopped on and went for a cruise around the neighborhood. When I got back, I wandered out back and checked to see how the berries were

doing. There were still a fair amount of my favorite dark ones left. I sampled a quick handful. Then I did a handful of the whitish ones. No contest. I went and got my picking can and went around the bush picking enough for one last breakfast with berries.

Being unable to totally put my work aside, I checked out the last cellar window as I left the house, there were some wasps building a hive there. It was still small, so I kicked it off with my toe. In checking it out a little later, there were a couple more small hives starting to be build. My toe was ineffective on these little ones so I grabbed an old ski and sort of sliced them all off. Another one of those proper tool things.

If I wasn't going to be painting it soon, I'd spray some oil up under there because they will be back quickly to rebuild. They don't like to build, or can't attach their nests to an oily surface. I sprayed the inside ceiling of my tractor cab with some wire dry number forty and the wasps seem to no longer be interested in that location.

Sitting on the sauna bench, I watched Mother Bluebird land on the arbor. Then one of the little ones landed next to her. I could tell they were keeping an eye on me. Then Dad landed on a garden post and they all zoomed into the blueberry bush before heading off to the woods to meet with the rest of the family.

E.Twaste

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COURTESY PHOTO

Gov. Kelly Ayotte was on hand last week to help the new owners of the Sandy Point Beach Resort in Alton Bay celebrate the grand reopening of the nearly 100-year-old beachfront landmark.

Letter submission policy

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

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The things we keep meaning to fix

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS

By CHIPPY

There is a loose doorknob in our house that has been loose long enough to qualify as a member of the family.

I know how to fix it. This is important.

I am not being defeated by some complicated piece of machinery involving electronics, hydraulics or an instruction manual translated from another language. It is a doorknob. There are screws involved. I own screwdrivers. And yet, the doorknob remains loose.

Every few days, I grab it, feel the familiar wiggle and think, "I really need to fix that." Then I continue on my way.

Most houses, I suspect, have something like this. Maybe it is a kitchen drawer that sticks. Perhaps there is a cabinet door that doesn't quite close, a screen with a tiny hole in it or a floorboard that squeaks so reliably that everyone knows exactly where to step if they're trying to move quietly.

None of these things rises to the level of an emergency. That is precisely why they survive.

If a pipe bursts, we respond. If the refrigerator stops working, action is

immediate. If water begins coming through the ceiling, nobody says, "I'll get to that one of these weekends."

The little problems are different. They settle in.

A while back, I mentioned our loose doorknob to my wife.

"I know," she said.

There was something about the way she said it that suggested she also knew exactly how long I had been planning to repair it.

"I'll tighten it," I said.

She nodded.

Long marriages contain conversations like this. Both parties understand that no actual timetable has been established.

The strange thing is that the repair itself would probably take five minutes. Finding the screwdriver might take another 15, depending upon whether I returned it to its proper location the last time I used it. I probably did not.

The screwdriver is likely

sitting next to some other unfinished project, thereby creating a small museum devoted to good intentions. I don't think this tendency is limited to home repairs. We all accumulate little things we intend to get around to.

There is the friend we have been meaning to call. The photograph we planned to put in a frame. The book sitting on the nightstand with a bookmark that hasn't moved since April.

There are recipes clipped out and never tried, roads we keep saying we ought to explore and local places we have driven past hundreds of times without ever stopping.

None of these things is urgent. Urgency is very good at getting our attention. The ordinary things have to wait their turn. Unfortunately, their turn doesn't always come.

The older I get, the more suspicious I become of the phrase "someday." Some-

day is a wonderfully convenient place. You can put almost anything there. I'll organize those old photographs someday. I'll take that scenic drive someday. I'll stop at that little museum someday. Someday apparently has unlimited storage capacity.

The trouble is that our calendars do not contain a day by that name. This doesn't mean I am about to embark upon a grand campaign of personal efficiency. I know myself better than that.

There will always be unfinished jobs around our house. I suspect that is true of most homes that are actually lived in. A perfectly maintained house sounds impressive, but also slightly suspicious. I would be afraid to touch anything.

Still, perhaps there is something worthwhile about occasionally choosing one small thing that has been waiting patiently and finally doing it. Make the call. Frame the picture. Take the drive. Tighten the doorknob.

In fact, after writing this, I think I'll go find that screwdriver. Assuming I can remember where I left it.

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Prospect Mountain grad wins 5K in Concord

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CONCORD — Local runners traveled south to Concord to take part in the Celebrate Tom Walton 5K and 6-Mile Race on Saturday.

Prospect Mountain graduate Cody Symonds of Alexandria took top honors in the 5K race, finishing in 14:53 with Newfound star Colin Foster of New Hampton in second place in 16:10. Recent Kingswood graduate Grady Steele placed fourth overall in 16:42 and Caleb Webb of Belmont finished in sixth place in 17:20. Kingswood runner Jacob Pinard finished in eighth place overall in a time of 17:38, teammate Ben Wright was 14th overall in 18:57 and teammate Zach Dubuc was 18th overall in 19:50.

Former Kingswood star Simon Butka finished in 19th place in 19:58 with current Kingswood runner Kelsie Davis in 20th place overall and second among women in 19:58. Elizabeth Beeson of Holderness was 27th in 21:07, Kingswood runner Jonathan Bronson was 31st in 21:53, Brittany Symonds of Alexandria was 35th in 22:47 and former Kingswood coach Anthony Belisle of Tuftonboro was 37th overall in 23:01. Wolfeboro's Bob Lemaire was 41st overall in 23:49 and Elizabeth Bronson of Wolfeboro was 45th in 24:14.

Corey Caza of Bristol was 48th in 24:58, Grace Olson of Sanbornton was 52nd overall in 25:43, Arthur Viens of Sandwich was 54th in 26:05, Wolfeboro's Judi Lemaire was 57th in 26:36, Heidi Chaney of Canterbury took 60th place in 26:59, David Gilman of



JENNIFER PINARD — COURTESY

Prospect Mountain graduate Cody Symonds crosses the finish line to win the Celebrate Tom Walton 5K on Saturday in Concord.

Sanbornton was 62nd in 27:17, Belmont's Devyn VonKadich was 65th in 27:36, Pat Livingstone of Holderness was 66th in 27:42, Thomas Perlet of Canterbury was 68th in 27:56 and Kim Livingstone of Holderness placed 69th in 28:24.

Karen Robichaud of Canterbury placed 72nd in 29:19, Avery VonKadich of Belmont finished in 29:29 for 74th place, Patti Bernier of Sanbornton was 78th in 29:53, Zoe Perlet of Canterbury was 80th in 30:13, Olivia Brayfield of Holderness placed 83rd in 31:21 and Zack Brayfield of Holderness was 84th in the same time. Barnstead's Mary Kaplan was 95th in 33:39, Richard Chaney of Canterbury finished in 107th place in 40:10, Carol Viens of Sandwich finished in 42:06 for 109th place and Cheryl Adams of Tilton placed 110th in 42:25.

Donations needed for Gilford Community Church Fair & Silent Auction



GILFORD — The Gilford Community Church Old Home Day Summer Fair & Silent Auction is coming up Friday, Aug. 28 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 29 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside and outdoors on Potter Hill Road in Gilford village. Donations are now being accepted for the white elephant sale, silent auction, jewelry nook and bake sale. If you are cleaning out a summer cottage, downsizing or simply have some white elephant items in good, clean condition, you can drop them off in the lobby of the Gilford Community Church on Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford village.

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Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

Aug. 20 – Aug. 27

Thursday, Aug. 20
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.
Murder & Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
In Murder and Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915, veteran author and genealogist Milli Knudsen looks at the shocking history of true crime in New Hampshire.

Friday, Aug. 21
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 22
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 24
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

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Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Cybersecurity Awareness for NH Residents, 4-5:30 p.m.
The NH Municipal Cyber Defense Program, led by The Atom Group in collaboration with US Homeland Security and the NH Department of Information Technology, is designed to protect New Hampshire communities from cyber threats and fraud. This grant-funded initiative aims to bolster the cyber defense capabilities of municipalities, helping to create a safer, more resilient digital infrastructure across the state.
Outdoor Movie Night, 7:30-9 p.m.
Bring a blanket, a chair and some snacks and join us for an outdoor showing of "Goat" (2026)! Rated PG, a small goat with big dreams gets a once-in-a-lifetime shot to join the pros and play roarball. All ages are welcome!

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Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon
Babysitting Training Course, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
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In the six-mile race, Sean McCauley of Canterbury took the win in 32:51 with Nicholas Gosling of Bristol in second in 33:13. Chuck Wise of Moultonborough was 10th in 39:44, Peter Heslam of Belmont finished in 17th place in 48:27, Taylor Livingstone of Holderness was 32nd in 53:14, Nicole Downing of Middleton placed 34th in 54:38, Katja Fox of Wolfeboro was 43rd in 1:00:02 and Gilford's Abigail Teichert was 47th in a time of 1:03:09.

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12 and up. By the end of the course, attendees will walk away with all the knowledge they need and a certificate to prove it.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett
2. "Regime Change" by Maggie Haberman
3. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
4. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke
5. "Whistler" by Ann Patchett
6. "Country Road Murders" by James Patterson
7. "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans
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they transition to the run at Carry Beach. The run takes runners out to the old Wolfeboro airport and returns to the finish line in the front yard of the Cain family.

The overall winner was Jason McGowan of Waterville Valley, who finished in a time of 1:37:46 and he was followed closely by the first woman finisher, Amanda Joy of Gilford, with a time of 1:37:57. Joy had the fastest swim time of any swimmer in any division.

The second overall man was Josh Flanagan of Alton in 1:38:15 in third place with Andrew Shiffler of Wolfeboro in fourth place in 1:40:29 as the



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alton's Josh Flanagan finished third overall in the Granite Man Triathlon in Wolfeboro on Saturday morning.

third overall man. Prospect Mountain assistant soccer coach Tucker Kierstead of Alton finished as the fourth man and fifth overall in a time of 1:43:38 and Stuart Mueller of Wolfeboro rounded



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Amy Daley heads out on the bike portion of the Granite Man Triathlon on Saturday in Wolfeboro.

out the top five men in 1:43:55.

Emilie Soisson of Wolfeboro was the second woman, finishing in 1:53:21 with Fiona Wallace of Black Hawk, Colo. in a time of 1:55:04



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alton's Tucker Kierstead finishes up the Granite Man Triathlon in Wolfeboro on Saturday morning.

for third among women. Lindsay MacLellan of Wolfeboro was the fourth woman in 1:57:58 and Charlotte Balentine of Wolfeboro finished in 1:58:20 to round out the top five for women.

In the 18-29 age group for women, MacLellan and Balentine finished second and third, respectively, with Carli Krebs of Freedom in fourth in 1:58:26, Elizabeth Richardson of Tuftonboro in seventh in 2:03:02 and Giovanna Komst of Tuftonboro in sixth in 2:02:10.

For men in the same age group, Shiffler's time topped the field with Kierstead in second and TJ O'Keefe of Wolfeboro in third in 1:50:22. Hunter Krebs of Freedom was sixth in 1:57:54, Adam Richardson of Wolfeboro survived a bike crash in the transition area to place eighth in 1:58:33, Owen Richard of Wolfeboro was 10th in 1:59:48, Charlie Leverone of Moultonborough was 12th in 2:01:04, Wolfeboro's Brady Clarke followed in the footsteps of his late grandfather, Larry Kimball, by competing in his first Granite Man and finished in 16th in 2:05:35, Ben Everett-Wilson of Sandwich was 20th in 2:07:12, Joshua DeBeer of Wolfeboro was 23rd in 2:16:11, Seth Richardson



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Suzanne Logan of Gilford charges to the finish line of the Granite Man Triathlon in Wolfeboro on Saturday.

of Wolfeboro was 25th in 2:26:47 and Samuel DeBeer of Wolfeboro placed 26th in 2:29:12.

In the 30-39 age group for women, Lucia Roth of Alton finished in third overall with a time of 2:07:20 and Britty Barrett of Wolfeboro was sixth in 2:13:16.

In the same age group for the men, Corey Robinson of Wolfeboro was tops in 1:44:27 with Wolfeboro's Torin Stegemeyer in second in 1:47:07. Kurt Richardson of Wolfeboro placed seventh in 2:13:56 and Thomas Lira of Wolfeboro was 16th in 2:38.

Soisson's time topped the field in the 40-49 age group for women with Patricia Blasdell of Barnstead in fourth place in a time of 2:15:14.

Flanagan and Mueller had the top two times in the same age group for men with Ronald Meise of Wolfeboro in seventh in 2:11.

In the 50-59 age group for the women, Amy Daley of Gilford was fifth in 2:38:55, Suzanne Logan of Gilford was sixth in 2:45:28 and Jessica Elliott of Wolfeboro was seventh in 3:29.

Ryan Twomey of Plymouth was tops in the 50-59 age group for men with a time of 1:48:38 with Paul Conway of Tuftonboro in second in 1:54:13 and

John Krebs of Freedom in fourth place in 2:14:21. Joe McEachern of Wolfeboro placed eighth in 2:25:19.

In the 60-69 age group for women, Granite Man stalwart Fran O'Donoghue of Tuftonboro took the win in 2:00:33 and Kathryn Amyotte Micou of Wolfeboro was second in 2:22:11.

Waterville Valley's Archi McGowan finished in fifth in the same age group for men in a time of 2:14:53 with Stephen Fetter of Wolfeboro in sixth in 2:19:22 and Tripp Micou of Wolfeboro in eighth place in 2:47:08.

Pedro Arriagada of Wolfeboro won the 70 and older age group for the men with a time of 2:24:16.

Teams

Athletes could also compete in teams of two and three to cover the three legs and there were many different classes for teams.

In the family team division, the Maughan team of Tuftonboro placed second in 1:47:11, the Willscher, Haggerty and Willscher team of Wolfeboro finished in 2:02:47, the Van Arsdale team of Wolfeboro finished in 2:04:46, the Leverone team of Moultonborough finished in 2:09:41 and the Bilis-Gruson, Arsdale team of Wolfeboro finished in 2:23:43.

For the male teams, the Borelli, DeBeer and Borelli team of Wolfeboro placed third overall in 1:55:30 and the Menzel team of Wolfeboro finished in 2:29:31.

In the female team division, the team of Logan, Nash-Boucher and Logan finished in 2:52:05 and in the coed team division, the Lord team of Gilman-ton finished in 2:49:20.

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DOW

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of Revenue Administration, the many hours of investigation by the New Hampshire Forest Protection Bureau's forest rangers, and the incredible support provided by both the Strafford County and Belknap County Attorneys' offices," said Chief Michael Matson of the NH Forest Protection Bureau.

"Furthermore, the Forest Protection Bureau wishes to thank the many sawmills that cooperated with the State of New Hampshire's requests to provide critical evidence necessary to prove the State's case," he continued. "The landowners victimized by CMD Logging in these cases could not have been made whole without their assistance."

Belknap County Superior Court has ordered the following relief, based on

the five felony convictions in that county:

- Dow will pay \$72,410.37 restitution to the Belknap County victims
 - Dow will pay \$10,000 in fines to the State of New Hampshire
 - Dow will pay \$2,400 Penalty assessment to Belknap County Superior Court
 - Dow will serve one-and-a-half to three years in prison for each felony conviction, with the prison sentence suspended for five years good behavior.
- Strafford County Superior Court has ordered the following relief, based on the two convictions in that county:
- Dow will pay \$17,231.96 restitution to the Strafford County victims
 - Dow will pay \$4,000 in fines to the State of New Hampshire
 - Dow will pay \$960

Penalty assessment to Strafford County Superior Court

- Dow will serve one-and-a-half to three years in prison for each felony conviction, with the prison sentence suspended for five years good behavior.

In addition to the Belknap and Strafford County convictions, felony indictments against Dow are awaiting trial in Hillsborough and Merrimack counties.

The NH Forest Protection Bureau is part of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Division of Forests and Lands, which protects and promotes the value provided by trees, forests, and natural communities. For more information about the Division of Forests and Lands and the work of its Forest Protection Bureau, visit nhdf.dncr.nh.gov or call 603-271-2214.



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WETLANDS

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Removing invasive weeds such as purple loosestrife, glossy buckthorn and oriental bittersweet are helping to manage them. There are only a few loosestrife plants to dig out, buckthorn is pulled along damp woods edges and bittersweet vines are tucked into the sumac. The red flowering sumac helps feed the birds healthy food. Keeping the invasive plants from producing seed is part of the goal. From May to October there are native wildflowers blooming at the Wetlands Walk, currently Joe Pye weed (tall pink), blue vervain (purple), spirea (pink or white), boneset (white), golden rod (yellow) and others brighten



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Invasive loosestrife at left is flowering now, BCCD encourages digging it out. Native wildflowers are vervain (purple) in center and boneset (white) at right. All are at the Wetlands Walk. the area.

Other volunteer tasks include cleaning the boardwalk surface and the name plates, minor carpentry for leveling and new posts, sanding and priming/painting the bumper for the visually impaired.

Belknap County Conservation District has a pollinator garden that will need some crabgrass (non-native variety) pulled before it goes to seed. Snacks, water and beverages provided.

Please email bccdvolunteer@gmail.com for gate access information. Helpers under 18 must bring a parent or guardian adult with them, Community Service Certificates are available, groups welcome. At any time, visitors can walk a quarter mile from the parking lot just off Route 11A. If the weather is severe, the day is cancelled, showers are okay. For more information, call the BCCD office at 603-527-5880 or Jan, volunteer, at 603-707-9760 or send an email.

TOUR

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"This year's Home and Garden Tour was our most successful to date, and all funds raised help Granite VNA provide critical hospice services to people across the region," said Hospice Home and Garden Tour volunteer Co-Chairperson Karen Haskell of Wolfeboro.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who attended, to our Lakes Region neighbors who welcomed us to explore their properties, and to the army of dedicated volunteers who make this cherished event possible each year. Everyone in-



COURTESY

Hospice Home & Garden Tour attendees admire the East Alton homeowners' collections.

volved made our first year as Co-chairs incredibly special, and we are already looking forward to next year," added Co-Chair Leigh Hesler also of Wolfeboro.

Planning for the 2027 Hospice Home & Garden Tour, currently set for July 14, 2027, is already underway. The planning committee is seeking Lakes Region homeowners who are



COURTESY

Vintage speedboats docked in the East Alton boathouse. The homeowner has raced speedboats in Canada and the U.S., including the annual Wolfeboro Regatta.

willing to open their homes and properties for the tour. For more information about the 2027 Hospice Home & Garden Tour, or to offer or recommend a home, please contact Development Associate Lee Laughlin, at Lee. Laughlin@granitevna.org or (603) 410-9938.

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Pemi Chorus welcomes singers to join for December holiday concerts

PLYMOUTH — The Penigewasset Choral Society (“Pemi Chorus”) will soon begin weekly rehearsals at Plymouth State University for its upcoming December concert series. New singers are welcome. Singers must be able to sing in tune, match pitch, and blend with the chorus in terms of volume and vocal quality. The first rehearsal is Monday, Aug. 31, at the Silver Center for Performing Arts, with registration and music distribution beginning at 6:15 p.m.

Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., with optional sectional rehearsals that start at 6:30 p.m. (starting in September). The first three rehearsals may be attended without obligation to determine if the chorus is a good fit. Semester dues, which help cover music purchases, are \$50 per singer, payable at registration or no later than the third rehearsal. (Note: There is no rehearsal on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.) The December 2026 concert performances take place on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. (Gilford Community Church); Friday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. (Inter-Lakes



Middle/High School in Meredith); and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. (Plymouth State University).

The December concert series will include Benjamin Britten’s “A Ceremony of Carols” as well as other traditional holiday-themed selections.

The chorus is directed by award-winning music teacher and choral director Will Gunn and accompanied by collaborative pianist Abigail Charbeneau. Gunn’s most recent engagement was as guest conductor at the New Hampshire Music Festival in a July performance of *Illuminare* by Elaine Hagenberg.

The Pemi Chorus, now in its 53rd year, is a regional community chorus based in Plymouth with a wide-ranging musical repertoire. Members come from more than 30 communities throughout the Lakes Re-

gion and White Mountains. Membership is currently

over 90 members with a diverse range of ages from high school students to age 80 and up. The chorus performs concerts in December and May and welcomes new participants at the start of each semester (late August and late January). For more information, visit pemichoral.org, and find us on Facebook.



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OBITUARY

Van Edward Hertel, 81



On June 5, 2026, Van Edward Hertel of Nokomis, FL passed peacefully into eternity at the age of 81. Van was born in Newton, Massachusetts to Frederick Ernest Hertel Jr. and Dorothy Elizabeth Hertel. He loved the outdoors and fondly recounted summers spent growing up at his family's Lake Winnepesaukee home.

Van graduated from Manchester West High School in 1962, and the University of New Hampshire in 1966 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He loved his country and served as a Second Lieutenant in the Vietnam War.

In 1984, Van married his beloved wife, Constance (Connie) Ander-

son. Through 42 years of marriage, they raised three wonderful children together: Van Hertel Jr, (Lora), Erika Gray (Larry), and Heidi Faulkner (Jon).

Van was a tireless worker and well known throughout New Hampshire and Maine for his work in the land business. He possessed a deep appreciation of the outdoors and was never happier than when walking a boundary line and cruising timber in the woods. He was blessed to turn his love for the outdoors and land into his life's work.

Van's faith in Christ was the foundation of his life. He loved the Lord deeply and found his strength and direction in the Word of God. He was a firm believer in Christian education, and supported many Christian schools in the New England area over the years. The Wilds Christian Camp in Deering, NH held a very special place in his heart, and he found joy in funding many scholarships for young people to attend.

Time spent with family was most meaningful to Van, and he loved sharing



stories, laughter, and guidance with his grandchildren. Though he loved pursuing real estate ventures and pouring his heart into work, he found his greatest joy more recently in being called "G-Pops" by his great grandchildren.

Van is survived by his wife, Connie; his children; 11 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; sister Dodie Houle (Larry); sister-in-law Mary-Beth Hertel; and a community of loved ones who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick and Dorothy, and his brother, Fred.

A celebration of Van's life will be held at 1:30 pm on August 31, 2026, at Wolfboro Bible Church in Wolfboro, NH.

NASCAR winner Steve Park to serve as pace car driver at NHMS

LOUDON — On Sunday, Aug. 23, Steve Park, a winner in all three of NASCAR's top series and one of the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour's (NWMT) 40 Greatest Drivers, will get behind the wheel of the official Toyota Camry XSE pace car as he leads 36 of NASCAR's best to the green flag for the Dollar Tree 301 NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS).

"I can't tell you how excited I am to be given the opportunity to be the Honorary Pace Car Driver at what I have always considered one of my home tracks in New England," said Park, an East Northport, N.Y. native. "New Hampshire Motor Speedway has given so many racers the opportunity to showcase talent from the New England area to many in the NASCAR world, and let drivers like myself live their dream to make a career in NASCAR."

In addition to serving as the Honorary Pace Car Driver for Sunday's Dollar Tree 301, Park will participate in a variety of appearances throughout New En-



TODD WARSHAW — GETTY IMAGES

Steve Park will serve as the honorary pace car driver at New Hampshire Motor Speedway this weekend.

gland's only NCS weekend: **Saturday, Aug. 22**

12-1 p.m. — Autograph session with a number eight Sunoco modified on display 6-7 p.m. — Guest on "The Magic Mile" Happy Hour Show with Dick Berggren, hosted by NASCAR personality Jose Castillo and New Englanders Mamba Smith and Alan Cavanna at The Groove

Sunday, Aug. 23

11:45 a.m. — 12 p.m. — Guest on Trackside Live with Mark Martin, hosted by Kenny Wallace and John Roberts on the Cracker Barrel Stage

"We're so proud to have Steve Park, a four-time modified winner at New

Hampshire Motor Speedway, lead the Cup Series field to green," said New Hampshire Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath. "It's great to have one of the local guys who built an illustrious career by working all the way up to the Cup Series from the modifieds return to 'The Magic Mile' in this special role."

Throughout his career, Park achieved six wins across NASCAR's top three series and 16 wins in the NWMT, four of which came at NHMS. In August 2025, he was named one of the NWMT's 40 Greatest Drivers.

From 1997 to 2011, Park made 183 NCS starts, earned two wins, 12 top-fives, 35 top-10s and four poles and led 1,017 laps. From 1990 to 2006, he made 56 NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series starts, earned three wins, 15 top-fives, 29 top-10s and one pole and led 542 laps. From 1996 to 2010, he made 65 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (NCTS) starts, earned one win, eight top-fives, 16 top-10s and one pole and led 131 laps. From 1986 to 2013, he made 187 NWMT starts, earned 16 wins, 56 top-fives, 86 top-10s and 23 poles and led 2,675 laps.

New England's only NCS weekend is Aug. 21-23 at NHMS. On-track action kicks off Friday with practice and qualifying for the NWMT and NCTS plus Sig Sauer Academy Dirt Duels at The Flat Track. The action continues on Doubleheader Saturday with the Team EJP 175 NCTS race and the Mohegan Sun 100 NWMT race following NCS practice and qualifying. The on-track action culminates Sunday with the Dollar Tree 301 NCS race. Don't miss all of the exciting off-track entertainment including the "The Magic Mile" Happy Hour Show, Trackside Live, The Groove fan hangout, concerts from Everybody Wants Some and Tim Dugger, Family Movie Night featuring "Zootopia 2," driver appearances, fireworks and much more.

For a full NASCAR weekend schedule, visit [NHMS.com/Events/NASCAR-Cup-Series/Schedule/](https://www.nhms.com/Events/NASCAR-Cup-Series/Schedule/).

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

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2026

Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay Aug. 22- Saxx Roxx-back by popular demand and Aug. 29- Cool Beans-'60's and '70's Rock.

Alton Bay-Water Ski Show

The Water Bandstand Committee is sponsoring the "Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team" on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. in Alton Bay. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 23.

Learn To Play Pickleball Clinic for ages 18+

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Pickleball Clinic led by certified Pickleball coach, Richard Powers, on Monday, Aug. 24 (rain date Aug. 25) from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts located on Rte. 140 for ages 18 and up. Cost is \$10 per person. Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of Pickleball? Register now for a chance to learn all the tips and tricks. This is a great program for people new to the sport of Pickleball. Space is limited, bring a paddle and water. To regis-

ter contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay- Tuesdays and Thursdays- Starts Aug. 25

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. Classes start on Aug. 25. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. \$10 per class, cash or Venmo. Bring a mat, water and hand weights. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepi-lates1@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, Aug. 20 & 27 and Sept. 10 & 24, from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meet-

ing Room. The program is free, do-nations accepted to benefit the food pantry. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Pick Up Pickleball Games

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

Dungeons and Dragons

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

ing new people.

Tinkergarten Program — Free class Sept. 11

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tinkergarten with Miss Kim on Fridays at B&M Park from 10-11 a.m. for children ages eight and under. Try a class for free on Sept. 11. The eight-week session runs Sept. 18 to Nov. 13 (no meeting Oct. 30), \$150. Tinkergarten is an outdoor play experience that is interactive, cooperative and creative- let's play outside and explore what nature has to offer. For more information and to register, go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/learn-and-grow-with-miss-kim/home>.

Travel Club Trips Cowboy Country and Taste of Italy in 2027

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips with Collette Tours to Italy in 2027. The trip highlights include Rome; Narni- Umbria Region, Chianti Region, Tuscany, and Florence. Explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village; take a walking tour of Assisi and see views of Lake Trasimeno; visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto's frescoes; take a cooking class and visit olive groves; and much more. Trip dates are Oct. 23 to Nov. 3, 2027. Includes airfare, 16 meals, hotels and transportation.

These trips are a great way to travel in a group and with a knowledgeable guide. An informational session will be held on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Gilman Library about both trips. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

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Honoring Loss Gathering

Alton Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a special gathering on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., led by facilitators Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron. Honoring Loss is a gentle conversation created for anyone navigating grief, change, or life's many transitions. Together, we will honor our journeys, remember those we love, and find comfort in discussion, understanding, and hope. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, personal or shared, you are welcome here. Please RSVP to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

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ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH
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Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit abundantharvestnh.org or e-mail ahfc@faith.com.

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Sundays throughout the summer 10am & 7pm 875-6161.

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Alton-9:30a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, www.befreechurch.net.

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Worship Service 10:00am Bible Study 11:15am Rte 126 next to Town Hall Call or Text (603)269-8831 centerbarnsteadcc.org

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Keller smashes Bicycle Hillclimb record

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PINKHAM NOTCH — The annual Mount Washington Bicycle Hillclimb once again tested riders on Saturday, with proceeds benefitting the Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Riders made their way up the Mount Washington Auto Road from the base in Pinkham Notch to the summit of the highest mountain in the Northeast.

John Keller of Boulder, Colo. came through with the overall win in a new course record time of 47:19 with Peter Stetina of Santa Rosa, Calif. in second place in 50:47 and Cameron Cogburn of Delmar, N.Y. in third in 52:03.

Kristen Kulchinsky of Dix Hills, N.Y. was the top female finisher with a time of 1:04:03 with Amber Ferreira of Concord in second



MOUNT WASHINGTON AUTO ROAD — COURTESY

John Keller broke the Mt. Washington Bicycle Hillclimb course record on Saturday, in 1:09:32 and Charlotte Lellman of Jamaica Plain, Mass. in third in a time of 1:11:38.

Among local riders, Thomas Rabon of Jefferson took 33rd overall in a time of 1:09:40 with Jonah Thompson of Jackson in 93rd place in 1:19:40. Macklin Hebert of Madison finished in 153rd place overall in a time of 1:27:52, Thomas Hicks of Madison was 173rd overall in 1:30:38 and Kyle Bergevine of Woodstock in 203rd place with a time of

1:34:53.

Roger Jutz of New Durham was 206th overall in a time of 1:35:09, Jonah Fernald of Alton pedaled to 210th place overall in 1:35:29, Ben Halcyon was 228th overall in 1:37:08 and Torin LaLiberte of Madison finished in 293rd place overall in 1:47:42.

Elizabeth Cooley of Whitefield finished in 296th place overall in 1:48:30, Mark Rabon of Jefferson finished in 297th place in a time of 1:48:39, Kris Dob-



MOUNT WASHINGTON AUTO ROAD — COURTESY

Bicyclists climb above the tree line during the Mt. Washington Bicycle Hillclimb on Saturday.

bins of Easton was 310th overall in 1:51:34, Doug Demars of Tamworth placed 334th in 1:56:54 and Ryan Blais of New Hampton was 352nd overall in 1:59:38.

Nick Tichich of Gilford finished in 396th place overall in a time of 2:26:18 and Scott Mantie of Bristol placed 412th overall in 2:47:35.

The Mt. Washington

Auto Road was opened in August 1861, a little more than 100 years before the first official Mt. Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb race starting cannon was fired. Built by hand, the road climbs over 4,000 feet of elevation in 7.6 miles from the base. Since 1973, cyclists have challenged themselves by riding up the road in a race against their peers or sometimes, just the clock.

In the early 1990s, Tin Mountain Conservation Center was approached by the Mt. Washington Auto Road to organize the Bicy-

cle Hillclimb race. The Auto Road gives visitors from around the globe the opportunity to experience being above tree line and educates them about the natural and cultural history and traditions of the mountain.

Tin Mountain Conservation Center promotes an appreciation of the natural environment to children, adults and families and demonstrates responsible stewardship of natural resources. TMCC works closely with the Auto Road to give cyclists the opportunity to experience all that is Mt. Washington on the only day that the road is open exclusively to bicycles.

The route is 7.6 miles in length, has an average grade of 12 percent with extended sections of 18 percent and the last 50 yards is an amazing 22 percent.

For more information visit mwarbh.org or tinmountain.org.

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

NASCAR Weekend offers fun ways to support kids in need

LOUDON — Every year, race fans attending New England's only NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) weekend at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) come together, not only to cheer on their favorite drivers, but to support local children in need. The New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities (SCCNH), the official charity of NHMS, will once again offer lots of fun ways for fans to make unforgettable memories with their friends and family while also making a difference.

Customized bricks | on sale now and ongoing

Race fans can cement their legacy as a NHMS fan for years to come by purchasing an engraved brick that can be customized with names, family names or even a special message. A 4" x 8" brick is \$200 and an 8" x 8" brick is \$350. Bricks can be purchased online or in person in the Fan Zone at NHMS from Aug. 21-23. The bricks that have been customized so far will be on display in the Fan Zone all weekend and will soon be used to build a beautiful walkway on NHMS property.

Online auction | closes at 12 p.m. on Aug. 20

Race fans have the opportunity to bid on once-in-a-lifetime NASCAR weekend experiences in the online auction, which is open through 12 p.m. on

Aug. 20. Experiences and items up for bid include:

Wave the green flag for NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour (NWMT) qualifying (Friday, Aug. 21)

Wave the green flag for NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (NCTS) qualifying (Friday, Aug. 21)

Wave the green flag for NCS qualifying (Saturday, Aug. 22)

Two NASCAR Garage and Pit Road Access passes and two suite passes (Saturday, Aug. 22)

NCTS Team EJP 175 victory lane experience (Saturday, Aug. 22)

NWMT Mohegan Sun 100 victory lane experience (Saturday, Aug. 22)

Hot laps with NCS driver Chase Briscoe (Sunday, Aug. 23)

Two NASCAR Garage and Pit Road Access passes (Sunday, Aug. 23)

Laps for Charity (oval) | Aug. 20

Experience the thrill of driving a personal vehicle or riding in the Official Toyota Camry XSE pace car on the historic 1.058-mile oval known as "The Magic Mile." Group laps only are available, and everyone will get a photo taken in victory lane after their laps. Limited spots are available and advanced registration is suggested.

Cornhole tournament | Aug. 21

The fifth annual cornhole tournament will come with a first-place prize of

two VIP suite seats for Sunday's Dollar Tree 301 NCS race. Advance registration for two-person teams will be available at a discounted rate, while day-of registrations will be full price.

Sign the track wall banner | Aug. 21-22

Race fans can make their mark on the Dollar Tree 301 NCS race at NHMS. For just \$5, fans can sign the track wall banner at the Track Treasures Shop. The banner will be placed on the racetrack wall Sunday morning for the Dollar Tree 301.

Track Treasures Shop | Aug. 21-23

Race fans can purchase various mementos, NASCAR collectibles, one-of-a-kind autographed items, clothing, advertising banners and more at the Track Treasures Shop.

50/50 raffle presented by Dollar Tree | Aug. 21-23

Don't miss your chance to win big this year with the sixth annual 50/50 raffle presented by Dollar Tree. Tickets will be sold during Sig Sauer Academy Dirt Duels at The Flat Track on Friday and at the Track Treasures Shop Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will also be available for

purchase online. All ticket sales will end once the checkered flag flies for Sunday's Dollar Tree 301 NCS race. The winner of half the jackpot will be announced on Monday, Aug. 24. The other half goes directly to SCCNH.

Track walk presented by LeMay Family Goodworks | Aug. 22

Enjoy an evening stroll around "The Magic Mile" with family and friends led by NCS driver Tyler Reddick, driver of the number 45 23XI Racing Toyota. Advanced registration is required for \$25 per person. Children 12 and under are free with a paid adult.

Wicked Good Live Auction and Raffle | Aug. 23

Fans can bid on a variety of unique NASCAR memorabilia from many of their favorite drivers during the Wicked Good Live Auction and Raffle. NCS drivers Chase Briscoe, Ryan Preece and Ryan Blaney will make appearances, and there will be items from New England sports teams, local businesses and once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Where does the money go?

Funds raised from these events will be distributed

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Songwriter Round-Up brings an evening of original music to Hermit Woods Aug. 27



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. Presented on

the last Thursday of each month, this intimate series features two different songwriters each month alongside award-winning performer Katie Dobbins.

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

Remarking on the success of the series, Manley reaffirms the valued partnership with the Winery has developed with Katie Dobbins Music, expressing, "Working alongside Katie Dobbins

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City can be a little nervous when meeting new people, so he will need a patient adopter who is willing to



take the time to build a relationship with him. We will require a few meet-and-greets before he goes home to make sure everyone feels comfortable and that a strong bond can begin to form.

This sweet guy is looking for someone who can match his energy, understand that trust takes time, and appreciate the wonderful companion he is. With a little patience and a lot of love, City is ready to become someone's loyal best friend and adventure buddy.



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Alton	37 Bowman Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$650,000	Murtagh Fiscal Trust and Carol A. Murtagh	Jeffrey F. Hertel
Alton	Roberts Cove Road	N/A	\$1,450,000	Gwyneth R. Dejager Trust and Peter Dejager, Jr.	Jdn & Jfn Fiscal Trust and Joseph D. Nickerson
Alton	Roberts Cove Road	N/A	\$1,300,000	Gwyneth R. Dejager Trust and Peter Dejager, Jr.	Jenco RET and Diane Jensen
Alton	Roberts Drive	N/A	\$1,300,000	Jenco RET and Craig P. Jensen, Sr.	Roberts Cove Inc.
Alton	19 Southview Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$209,533	Melissa A. Von-Kahle	Oak Hill Solutionz LLC
Alton	82 Woodlands Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$2,820,000	Van Fiscal Trust and Thomas K. Coates	James V. and Kristine Lemmis
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$1,300,000	Roberts Cove Inc.	Jenco RET and Craig P. Jensen, Sr.
Alton	N/A (Lot 41)	N/A	\$432,533	Cail Fiscal Trust and Randall Q. Cail	156 Big Barn Door Island LLC and Mary Lynn Cutter
Barnstead	Province Road	N/A	\$110,000	Karlene A. Normandin	Town Of Barnstead
Barnstead	17 Winwood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	John Leone and Jacquelyn Nicastro	Holden and Jackson Parker
Gilford	131 Lake St.	N/A	\$184,000	Edba RET and Edward Aucoin	Heather Maria Carter
Gilford	Woodland Ave.	N/A	\$395,000	Stephen C. and Marie S. Dalzell	Robert Silva
Gilford	N/A (Lot 41)	N/A	\$530,000	Christopher L. Kelley and Kelsey R. Middleton	Q Offers-C LLC
Gilford	N/A (Lot 43)	N/A	\$530,000	Christopher L. Kelley and Kelsey R. Middleton	Q Offers-C LLC
Gilmanton	922 White Oak Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$449,000	Mackenzie R. Tetreault	Kyle A. Tubbs and Ashley O. Keenan
New Durham	Marsh Hill Road	N/A	\$950,000	Julia Kristen Gaynor	Kondratenko Fiscal Trust Of 2014 and Valerie Kondratenko

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium. Transactions provided by The Warren Group, Boston Ma., publishers of The Registry Review and Bankers and Tradesman newspapers, Phone: 1-800-356-8805. Website: www.thewarengroup.com

SONGWRITER

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and her Songwriter Round-Up Series has been an absolute delight. Katie brings an engaging presence to the stage, effort-lessly connecting with our audiences and showcasing incredible talent with each performance."

The next Songwriter

Round-Up show takes place on Thursday, Aug. 27, 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; Eli Lev, an indie folk singer-songwriter and storyteller from Silver Spring, Mary-

land, known for heartfelt songs that explore ancestry, presence, and human connection; and Lynne Hanson, an Ottawa-based, Americana songwriter known for her high energy roots guitar driven live performances and engaging stage presence. All of these artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, mel-

odies, and styles to the stage. This is sure to be an evening of great original music and dynamic entertainment that you won't want to miss. Learn more about each of these artists on the Hermit Woods Winery website. A complimentary wine tasting will begin at 5:30 p.m., the Loft opens at 6pm

for seating & dinner orders, and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu of tasty items available from onsite Chef Eric Huckins. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.

NASCAR

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this December in the form of grants to local nonprofits that support children in need. Since 2009, SCCNH has distributed more than \$2.3 million, supporting nearly 1.5 million children throughout the region. For more information, please contact New Hampshire Chapter Director Danielle Cyr at DCyr@NHMS.com.

Tickets

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Follow them

Keep track of all of the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities events on the charity website and by following on Facebook (@SCC.NH), X (@SCCNHMS) and Instagram (@SCCNHMS). To donate directly to SCCNH, please visit Speedway-Charities.org/Donate/#NewHampshire.



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Kalled Gallery hosting Ninth Annual Opal Show followed by live music with Bruce Marshall

WOLFEBORO — The Kalled Gallery is proud to be hosting our ninth annual Opal Show on Aug. 22 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Opals are a cornerstone of owner and jewelry designer Jennifer Kalled’s work, so we love this yearly opportunity to share a behind the scenes look at these beautiful stones. Meet opal miner/lapidary Bill Kasso and see these amazing stones in the rough!

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The fun doesn’t end with the Opal Show! We continue into the evening with live music by Bruce Marshall for 5-8 p.m.! Marshall has been entertaining for five decades with the likes of Toy Caldwell of the Marshall Tucker Band, Charlie Daniels, Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Outlaws. He recently inked a recording and Publishing deal with the Verdict Music label with Sony Distribution and released the Bruce Marshall Group’s “Vintage to Verdict” in 2023, his eighth CD. End your day with great music, art, and light refreshments!

The Kalled Gallery is located at 33 N. Main St., Wolfeboro! There is no cover for either event.

Alton Garden Club meets Tuesday

ALTON — Alton Garden Club's upcoming meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at Gilman Library, with the program beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Member Joan Blackwood will present “Tips and Tricks for Successful Gardening.” This is sure to be of interest to all, whether you're a novice or an advanced gardener. Blackwood will offer tips from her years of successful gardening, answer questions and provide an opportunity for the audience to share their expertise as well. If you are a non-member and interested in this topic, we welcome you to attend as a guest.

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TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL
The Mullen Nominee Trust

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Town Hall. The hearing is regarding a Stormwater Conditional Use Permit within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District, the Steep Slopes Conservation District, and the Shore Front Conservation Area submitted by Thomas W. Varney, of Varney Engineering, LLC., on behalf of the Mullen Nominee Trust for property at Map 113, Lot 077, at 287 South Shore Road, New Durham, New Hampshire.

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

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Alton Garden Club gets a lesson in planters and pruning

ALTON — During its July 21 meeting, the Alton Garden Club had the opportunity to learn from not one, but two programs of interest to us: “DIY Stone-look Planters” presented by member Jane Bradbury, and “Pruning” presented by member and Master Gardener Michelle Hanley. We began our meeting at Hanley’s barn on a drizzly summer day.



Bradbury detailed the materials needed and the techniques used to create stone-look planters and had examples on hand. She explained the trial-and-error process that she used and warned us of mistakes to avoid should we decide to try the process on our own. Following refreshments and social time, Hanley began her presentation. She showed us a variety of pruning implements and explained the difference in uses. There were many questions from the group that Michelle was able to answer. Due to a lucky break in the weather, we were then able to tour her gardens where she demonstrated just where and how to prune with correct technique. A few members added their names to the lists for the Aug. 8 Old Home Day Parade and the Aug. 12 field trip to Pleasant View Gardens. This was a full afternoon of information and enjoyment. If you have an interest in gardening and want to join us as a guest, we welcome you. Watch The Baysider for news of upcoming programs. We have just three more regular programs for the season.

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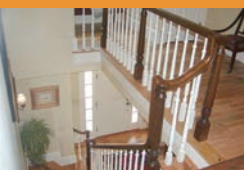
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