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REGION — Families across the area can hunt for some eggs and meet the Easter Bunny at several local events starting this weekend.

Easter is on April 20, but several local communities will be celebrating a little earlier with events going on this weekend.

Everyone who registered for the “Bunny Hop Story Walk” will take a special tour in the woods by Gilford Elementary School. The event will take place on Friday, April 11, on the trail by GES. Registration ended on March 27 and those who signed up will meet in the GES parking lot and go down the path by group starting at 3:30 p.m. Kids in grades four



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New Durham will host its Easter Egg Hunt again this Saturday morning. Photo from the New Durham Parks and Recreation Department’s Facebook page.

and below will go on an egg hunt during the story walk.

The Gilford Youth

Center will host a special Easter breakfast this Saturday morning. The GYC and the Gilford Parks and

Recreation Department are teaming up to present “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny” on Saturday, April 12, from 8-10 a.m.

People of all ages can enjoy a pancake breakfast as well as a cookie walk and basket raffles. Kids can meet and get pictures with the Easter Bunny as well as do coloring pages and get face painting.

No reservations are needed, and the event is \$4 for kids and \$6 for adults. All proceeds will help fund future GYC programs.

Barnstead’s Easter Egg Hunt will take place on next weekend on Saturday, April 12, from noon to 2 p.m. Families will meet at the Parks and Recreation Department on 115 South Barnstead Road. Kids ages 12 and under can bring their own baskets to hunt for eggs that are filled with candy with some having a golden ticket for a special prize. Kids will also get a treat bag and can get

their photo taken with the Easter Bunny, Eggs can also be swapped for toddler prizes.

The New Durham Parks and Recreation Department will host a its Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, at the Old Meetinghouse. The event will start with a pancake breakfast from 9-10 a.m. with the egg hunt starting at 10 a.m. The Easter Bunny will also be there to meet with kids.

Kids in Alton can enjoy an egg hunt at the Gilman Library on Saturday, April 19. The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Gilman Library are hosting “Ladybugs, Butterflies, & Easter Eggs” at the library. Kids are asked to bring their own baskets for this egg hunt. Children from infants through age 4 will hunt at 9 a.m. and kids ages 5-10 will look for eggs at 10 a.m. The event will also feature photos with the Easter Bunny, crafts, music, and prizes.

## Alton to keep costs down by leaving positions vacant

BY ERIN PLUMMER  
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ALTON — The town is managing being on a default budget for the second year in a row by leaving certain employee vacancies open.

Alton is on a default budget for the second year in a row. The town’s operating budget of \$10,407,350 in Article 9 narrowly failed with voters, who cast 382 votes against and 367 in favor. The town will now operate under the default budget of \$9,729,012.

During the April 1 selectmen’s meeting, town administrator Ryan Heath updated the board on what measures the town was taking to manage with a default budget.

“I know the board had concerns about what the overall plan would be moving forward, the landscape of the budget,” Heath said.

He said he spoke with the department heads about this issue and said the main approach will be to not automatically fill any vacant positions and review each position as it opens.

“I will say the reason that we made it through last year and the reason we’ll make it through again this year, for everybody to be aware of especially the public is the only way we really make it through the default years is we basically keep vacant positions,” Heath said.

He said not all va-

cant positions can remain unfilled because that can cut into services. The town is prepared to go several months without hiring certain positions. He said the town already started 2025 with several vacant positions and had been waiting on different factors, including economic and political factors at the local and federal level.

“The way we are going to be able to carry some of our existing staff and our existing payrates are by leaving those vacancies open for a significant duration to cover the excess,” Heath said. “We’re in a position right now where if we hired out every single position that we have, we held our position strong, we would not be able to make payroll; we would lay employees off. That is the reality of the situation.”

He said leaving these positions open saves the town the position’s salaries as well as costs of their benefits packages and retirement benefits.

Heath said he hasn’t seen the town lay off any employees in the 25 years he has been working there, but said he also hasn’t seen the town depend on a default budget two years in a row.

“Obviously, it’s something we need to watch closely, but we do have a plan moving forward,” he said.

The town does have the option of

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## Gilford seeking police prosecutor

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GILFORD — The town is now advertising for the position of a police prosecutor after the position was added in this year’s budget.

Previously, the Gilford Police Department had a prosecutor position served by a member of the department. In this year’s budget the department a new position that will be served by a licensed attorney.

The department is seeking someone who is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association who would plan, organize, and direct the activities of the department’s legal division. Under the description the position would provide legal advice to the officers and prosecute

court cases at the District Court level. The position has a salary range of \$88,696 to \$104,150. Visit [https://www.gilfordnh.gov/assets/categories/Gilford\\_Police\\_Department-Police\\_Prosecutor\\_job\\_posting.pdf](https://www.gilfordnh.gov/assets/categories/Gilford_Police_Department-Police_Prosecutor_job_posting.pdf) for the full job description.

The selectmen approved the job description for the prosecutor position during the March 28 meeting.

Police Chief Kris Kelley wrote the job description, and it was reviewed by town administrator Scott Dunn before going to the selectmen.

Selectman Kevin Hayes asked whether this position would result in taking on more cases for prosecution.

“The workload won’t change just based on who’s going to be pros-

ecuting,” said Deputy Chief Dustin Parent. “It its going to alleviate the workload that our current prosecutor has and its going to be done with a licensed attorney, but as far as the workload we’re not going to be soliciting more work just because we have a prosecutor.”

Hayes asked if this was going to result in less work for the county prosecutor. Parent said the country prosecutor handles cases at the felony level whereas the Gilford PD’s prosecutor will handle cases at the level of a misdemeanor or related to town ordinances.

Hayes said he didn’t see in the job description where the prosecutor would provide training to officers to ensure that

arrests and procedures were followed properly to minimize errors and resulting case dismissals.

“I think that’s a given in the relationship between the prosecutor and the officers,” Dunn said. “I’m not overly concerned that it’s not worded here, it will be done.”

Parent said by the time an officer’s case gets to the prosecutor it has already gone through their supervisor and probable cause will already be approved before it reaches the prosecutor.

“If there are deficiencies in the process there are definitely going to be communications between the prosecutor and the officers to correct that,” Dunn said.

## Local hockey players earn All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

REGION — With four boys’ teams making the Division III semifinals and one girls’ team making the quarterfinals, there was plenty of success on the ice this winter and there were plenty of players earning All-State honors.

For the Division III boys, Berlin-Gorham’s Boyd Poulin was named the Division III Player of the Year and earned First Team for defense. He was joined on First Team defense by Kingswood’s Nate Cloos, while the First Team forwards were Kennett’s Adam Lopashanski, Belmont-Gilford’s Evan Guerin and Berlin-Gorham’s Dillon Boucher



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Evan Guerin of Belmont-Gilford was named to the Division III All-State First Team.

and Belmont-Gilford’s Carson McGreevy was the First Team goaltender.

Second Team honors went to forward Richie Vargus of Kennett, de-

fenders Owen Zipf of Kennett and Nate Gerbig of Belmont-Gilford and goaltender Philip Hubacher of Laco-

nian-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes. They were joined by forwards Ryan Podsadowski of John Stark-Hopkinton-Hillsboro-Deering and Brady Gerardi of Pembroke-Campbell.

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# Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

### USTA Spring Tennis Lessons- Youth

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 14-June 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is \$70, includes instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by April 18, class size is limited to seven. Registration forms are available at [altonparksandrecreation.com](mailto:altonparksandrecreation.com) or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main Street to sign up. Contact [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109 for more information. Upcoming Summer Lessons will be held July 8-24 and Aug. 5-21.

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### Ladybugs, Butterflies and Egg Hunt

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the Gilman Library are sponsoring a community event for ages 10 and under on Saturday, April 19 at the Gilman Library. Join the fun as we hunt for colorful plastic eggs hidden throughout the Library, then make a ladybug or butterfly craft to take home. A special guest is also planning to be there for selfies, and family photos so plan to bring your camera. Bring a container to collect your eggs in and arrive at the following times: Ages infant to four years- 9 a.m. start time for Egg Hunt- craft to follow; Ages 5-10- 10

a.m.-start time for Egg Hunt- craft to follow. The event is free to Alton residents. Parking is on Main Street and B&M Park. Please use the rear entrance of the Library to enter for the event. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109, [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov).

### Paint Night With Anne Morrell- Save the date

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Wednesday, June 25 from 6-7:30 p.m., rain date is June 26. Scene is soft blue skies and mountains with lake and dock, and reflecting yellow sunset in the water. Participants can add a special pet or person in black silhouette sitting on the dock. All supplies are included; \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under. View the painting example on the Alton Parks and Recreation Face Book Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. All abilities are welcome. Bring a friend or sign up solo. Please RSVP with your name and contact information to [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov) or call 603-875-0109. Register early as space is limited.

### Alton Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on

Saturday, June 7, 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](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov) before May 19 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.

### Slow Flow Yoga with Pamela Mott, 500 YTT Certified

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center or choose the online option and practice from home. All levels are welcome and encouraged. Class focus is Sun Salutation A and B; Hatha Yoga and the 8 Limbs. Pre-registration is preferred, text 603-393-0595. Cash and Venmo accepted. Pre-registration and virtual attendance is \$10; Drop in \$15. Classes are ongoing. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov).

### Hit the Trail!- Hiking Program

Join hiker, Bonnie Dodge, for beginner hikes on Fridays at 10 a.m., this program is ongoing. This is a great opportunity for hesitant folks to discover the wonderful world of hiking. Bring water, comfortable walking shoes, and

a snack. A new trail location will be announced each week to the group. Register by the Wednesday before the Friday hike at [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109. Program is free.

### Weight Training Classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in. Class not held April 28 & 30.

### 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/ register contact Donna at [\[hoo.com\]\(mailto:hoo.com\) or \[parksrec@alton.nh.gov\]\(mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov\).](mailto:breathepilates1@ya-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

### Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays: April 17, May 8 and May 22 from 6:30-7:15 p.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 local charities. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109.

### Alton Old Home Week Needs You

The Town of Alton's Annual Old Home Week Celebration is scheduled for Aug. 8-17, and volunteers are needed to organize the event. The Town is seeking committee members to keep the tradition going. This is a great opportunity to do something positive for the Alton community. If an Old Home Week committee is not appointed, then events will be limited to a few days. If you like participating in Alton Old Home Week events please consider being a committee volunteer and contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109 to submit your name to help.

## Humane ways to address uninvited garden guests

A beautiful garden is a wonder to behold. After a homeowner toils in the yard amending the soil and planting, it's imperative that a garden be given the best chance to thrive. However, the natural wildlife that shares the space might see that newly cultivated land as the perfect place to enjoy an easy meal or gather nesting materials.

Every gardener likely has a tale about chipmunks, squirrels, woodchucks, and rabbits making nuisances of themselves in the garden. Many of these animals seem to have a

taste for bulbs and other plants, which can wreak havoc on what gardeners carefully plan and plant. Finding balance so everyone can get along may require patience and some well-crafted deterrents.

· Provide food elsewhere. Try luring the animals away to another area of the yard where the meal is even easier to come by. Squirrels and chipmunks love to dig and bury their caches, so a far-off corner with freshly tilled soil along with some berries, nuts and additional treats might attract them to that area instead of a newly estab-

lished garden.

· Install fencing. While chipmunks and squirrels can scale fences easily, such acrobatics may be more challenging for lumbering groundhogs or rabbits. Make digging more difficult by laying chicken wire fencing on top of the soil and stake it down in some areas.

· Use a scent deterrent. Some animals are put off by the smell of other animals or aromas they find unpleasant. The capsaicin in red pepper and cayenne can be off-putting to these animals, so sprinkling it around the garden may ward off pests but not harm the plants. Just reapply after each rain. Similarly, some people have had luck using peppermint. Plant mint around where you do not want the squirrels and chipmunks. Since mint can grow fast and become invasive, it's best to plant in containers and move accordingly.

· Use water or movement. Animals can be scared away if they are sprayed with water, so a well-aimed water gun can chase away the animals when a gardener is able to stand watch. It may be easier to set up pinwheels that blow in the wind, or hang aluminum pie plates or old compact discs from strings near the garden, which may deter animals from getting too close.

· Build a greenhouse. When dealing with tenacious squirrels and chipmunks, the only solution may be to block off all access. Utilize an enclosed greenhouse for the garden, which will keep animals out and even extend the growing season.

Many animals can become nuisances in a yard, particularly in and around gardens. Some humane solutions could remedy the situation.

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# Laconia-Gilford Lions to hold 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 12, in the Cinemas 8 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 Cinemas 8 parking lot, 9 Old Lakeshore Road in Gilford on Saturday April 12, 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.

Items you may want



Laconia-Gilford Lions Club members (from left to right) Marylin Brown, Matt Soza, Bill Chandler, Lori Chandler and Allyn Bridge working at the last Electronic Waste Collection Day.

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 charitable 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 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Gilford Cinemas 8 parking lot. No matter how large or small, every item adds up!

## Did you know?

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. The Sports & Fitness Industry Association reports the popularity of pickleball has grown by 223.5 percent over the last three years, with participation increasing across all age groups. The average age of a pickleball player is now 35. Pickleball attracts players for a number of reasons. In addition to promoting socialization and serving as a generally entertaining activity, pickleball offers a number of health benefits. Anytime Fitness says that pickleball is a great cardiovascular workout. It is estimated that a pickleball game can burn up to 600 calories per hour.

Pickleball also helps to improve lung function and can strengthen the heart. A 2018 study published in the International Journal of Research in Exercise Physiology found playing pickleball may lower the risk of heart disease by positively modifying risk factors like blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Since pickleball is a fast-paced game, it may help improve cognitive function and memory recall due to the quick thinking the game requires. Also, because pickleball is played on a smaller court than a regulation tennis court, it can be easier on players' joints since it doesn't require covering as much ground.

ALTON — The Alton Business Association (ABA) is pleased to announce the election of Sarah Goodrum as its new Chair. Sarah, who also serves as the Membership Director for the Lakes Region Chamber, brings a wealth of experience in fostering local business connections and supporting community growth.

"As Chair, I look forward to creating more opportunities for local businesses to connect, collaborate, and grow," said Sarah Goodrum. "By working together, we can build a stronger, more connected business community, ensuring that local businesses have the resources they need to succeed and grow."

Erica Golter has been elected Treasurer of the ABA. Erica, Have a Cartoon You!, an active member of the Lakes Region busi-

ness community, will be responsible for overseeing the financial health and operations of the association.

The newly elected Board of Directors also includes:

Vice Chair - Catherine Gesky, L&R Cleaning

Media Director - Heather Dominick, Graphic Designs by HDominick

Membership Director - Sarah Goodrum, Lakes Region Chamber

Secretary - Jennifer McCullough, Island Real Estate of New Hampshire

The ABA would like to thank outgoing Chair, Christy Pain-

chaud, for their leadership and dedication over the past seven years. Her hard work has helped set a solid foundation for the association's continued

success.

For more information about the Alton Business Association and upcoming events, please visit [altonbusinessassociation.com](http://altonbusinessassociation.com).

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## Identity politics is exhausting, and misses the point

Somewhere along the way, we were convinced that being politically aware means picking a side and sticking to it no matter what. Red team, blue team. Us vs. them. You're either all in or you're out. Here's the thing no one wants to admit unless you're an elected official, no one actually cares what "side" you're on.

Your neighbor doesn't care if you vote left or right — they care if you help them dig out after a snowstorm. Your community doesn't benefit from your party loyalty, it benefits when you show up, vote on the issues that matter, and take action that improves real lives.

This performative, party-first mindset we've fallen into is exhausting. Frankly, it's childish. Political parties were never supposed to be tribal identities, they were supposed to be tools. Temporary alliances to move policies forward. Instead, we've turned them into something resembling sports teams, where people root for their side no matter how bad the playbook gets.

What if we stripped away the party labels altogether? What if we voted on the issues themselves instead of accepting whatever bundle of policies a party wraps in its packaging? Most people don't fit neatly into one ideological box and pretending we do has only divided us more.

We should be holding elected officials accountable, not treating them like mascots. We should be debating ideas, not defending party lines like we're in some playground argument. And we should stop letting political branding override personal thinking.

Want to be a true patriot? Read up, show up and stop picking sides as though we're all choosing a dodgeball team. Vote like it's about the issues. Because it is. And like your own future, and that of the generations that will follow you, depends on it. Because it does.

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### Another weekend in Escanaba

The Village Players will be finishing out their spring show, "Escanaba in da Moonlight," this weekend with performances on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at [village-players.com](http://village-players.com). The Jeff Daniels hunting comedy stars (l to r), Christian Boudman, Bob Rautenberg, Jim Bomersbach, Jeremy Hardin and AJ O'Neil.

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN

### Functions

After the grueling assault of two weeks of spring type weather, all the ski trails have disappeared from not only my house, but at the Nordic center too. This makes sense because my house is at the same altitude above sea level, separated by only 21 miles. The only white stuff remains in piles pushed by plows or fallen from metal roofs. It's now officially mud season.

Driving out the driveway this morning, there was that characteristic "drag" as your wheels were squishing their way through slop instead of rolling easily across a hard surface. It's still not very deep yet, but we all know what's coming. The frost that lies insulated beneath the surface is thawing up from the bottom as well as down from the top. Until it's gone, no water will penetrate through. I can expect a much greater drag when arriving home tonight after today's rain.

Needless to say, I've probably skied my last for this season. Friday after work, I headed out onto what was left up on the mountain and made it up to the higher country that still had some reasonable coverage, but it

too was showing thin spots. The end was near. I was supposed to work there today, but it's closed for the season.

Wishing I could sleep another hour, I got up after a 20-minute snooze knowing that I wouldn't have to light the wood stove. A springtime luxury. The phone rang and it was the robot inviting me to come and sub, so here I am, sitting behind a teacher's desk as the kids hide their cell phones and not even attempting to be studious. Summer vacation is already in the air.

First period, I went over to the front of the class, gave the teachers instructions for the day, took attendance, and spouted my desire not to see any cell phones. Sitting right in front of my desk, there sat a student who obviously was so distracted on his cell phone to not have heard anything I just said. I walked over to him and glanced down at what he was doing, he didn't even notice my presents. I switched on some hysterical laughter and surprised the heck out of him. Made him jump. He put it away. At least till the end of class. These kids nev-

er know what to expect from Mr. T.

On the way home, I stopped to do a little repair and as I turned around, my tires sank down into the lawn next to their driveway. It's definitely time to switch to mud season mode. Stay on pavement if you can, and when in mud, keep going.

Growing up in a city, I never had the opportunity to experience this phenomenon. Almost fifty years ago I moved to a New Hampshire farmhouse that was a quarter mile away from the nearest pavement. The first spring was an eye opener. That nice dirt driveway transformed into an obstacle course. This was true country living. Picture images of wagon trains crossing the great plains in the rain. Endless tire ruts.

Another day, another mechanical communication with the robot. I'm now handing out Geometry study sheets. They're working on congruent triangles. I remember those. They informed me that they are actually required to do proofs. Something that some teachers totally disregard. My teacher was totally into proofs.

It all just clicked with me. How to construct a logical argument. That class was probably my only A+ grade ever.

After passing out the Algebra work sheets, one of the students asked me to go to the little treat store where the kids purchase their caffeine, sweets, and other desirable goodies. I said yes but that he needed to work on the sheets when he got back. He informed me that this was just busy work as they had a test on this stuff last week. What's a sub to do?

The last period class lucked out. They had a quiz. It was on functions. I believe that the math standards require everyone to know about such things, but seriously, this group would be better off learning about balancing check books, understanding loans and mortgages, and how compounding interest can work for you or against you. How about running a business, or life's finances. Investing? I may be pessimistic, but I can't see any of these kids ever needing to use algebra.

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Correspondence welcome at [edwintwaste@gmail.com](mailto:edwintwaste@gmail.com)

## Letters to the Editor

### Final goodbye to a longtime friend

To the Editor:

It was with great sadness that I bid my friend of over 20 years good-bye.

Sarah Silk touched so many lives, which was revealed at her celebration of life.

All of us knew of our own relationship with her, but when we got together we found out that she was so much more than we each knew.

Sarah and I worked on many projects together. I helped her at the street fair barn in Wolfboro, and she helped me sort & roll fabric for the Belknap Quilters in Laconia.

Our biggest project was teaching 4th -6th graders to sew. Ossipee Elementary has an after school program that is open to all students.

Teachers work with students on homework assignments. The students get a healthy snack, and then they join a club of their choosing. Sarah's club was "Sew Sleepy" teaching students to sew. I worked with Sarah for over 10 years at this club. We spent many hours outside of the time we worked with the kids. It is a great option for students who would otherwise be unsupervised after school. Even without Sew Sleepy I hope this program continues to thrive, and be a great help to many working parents.

I miss my quilting friend. RIP, Sarah.

Linda Monasky  
Alton



# April programs at the Gilman Library

ALTON — Going on right now: The Friends of the Gilman Library have a new fundraiser: a Spring Flowers Raffle Basket. The basket contains a gardener's kneeling pad, an 18-pot large seed starter, parsley, thyme, chive, and cucumber seeds, a hand rake & shovel, watering can, and 2 pairs of gardening

gloves, and two plastic ponchos. Also included are a frog planter, an "I Will Survive" planter, a handblown glass solar ball, a mushroom birdhouse, Gardening Magazine, crystal pens, magnetic plant bookmarks, a plant-themed mug, and a jar of strawberry rhubarb jam. Tickets are 1 for \$1 and 6 tick-

ets for \$5. All proceeds directly benefit the Gilman Library. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a small donation to the Gilman Library, and if you win, that is a bonus. The lucky winner will be drawn on May 24. APRIL 10, 7-8 p.m.: HOME BUYER WORKSHOP: Patrick and Kirstin Fleming of

Woods & Water Realty, will present a Home Buyer Workshop on the lower level. Learn about the home buying process, Earnest Money Deposits, available financing options and how to qualify, preparing for home ownership, the closing process, and much more. APRIL 15, 6 p.m., ALTON HISTORI-

CAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE: Come in and learn about the mission and purpose of the Alton Historical Society and browse the museum on the lower level of the Gilman Library. Please consider joining this non-profit organization. APRIL 19, EASTER EGG HUNT UPDATE AND CLARIFICATION: Alton Parks and Recreation and the Friends of the Gilman Library are teaming up to sponsor two separate "Ladybugs, Butterflies and Easter Eggs" Hunts at the Gilman Library, on Saturday. The first hunt, for Infants through age four, starts promptly at 9 a.m., with activities to follow. The second hunt, for ages five through ten, starts promptly at 10 a.m., with activities to fol-

low. Participants must bring their own baskets for collecting eggs. Following the hunt, there will be crafts, music, prizes, and photos with the Easter Bunny! Please use the lower level entrance from the parking lot at the back of the building. APRIL 24 SWAP SHOP TRAINING, from 5-6 p.m. Open to the public.

Please visit our Web site at [gilmanlibrary.org](http://gilmanlibrary.org), for information on our regular programs and important public notices, and to learn how Federal decisions and Executive orders may impact the services provided by the Gilman Library. Better still, visit the library, at 100 Main Street, and get the scoop in person. See you at the library!

## The secret of Socrates

Picture this: a man in a suit, contracts in hand, marching down a hallway like he's heading into battle.

He swings open the office door, eyes locked on his business partner. He's angry. He's certain. He's ready to set the record straight.

"This is outrageous," he says, slamming the folder on the desk. "You agreed to these terms. You're backing out now?"

The partner, calm but resolute, folds his hands. "No, I didn't agree to that."

"Yes, you did," the man in the suit snapped.

"No, I didn't," his partner replied, calm as ever.

The conversation spirals. The angrier the businessman gets, the firmer his partner digs in. No progress. No compromise. A Stalemate; nowhere to go. And that was it—just one word, over and over: No.

When the man walks out, nothing changes except his blood pressure.

Now pause here. Let's talk about what just happened.

The problem wasn't the disagreement. The problem was the approach. He came in swinging—accusation first, challenge second. He backed the other person into a corner. And people don't make deals when they feel cornered. They defend themselves. They harden.

The second someone

says "no," it's like concrete drying. Fast. Solid. Tough to crack.

Dale Carnegie called this The Secret of Socrates in "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

He wrote: "In talking with people, don't begin by discussing the things on which you differ. Begin by emphasizing—and keep on emphasizing—the things on which you agree... Get the other person saying 'yes, yes' at the outset. Keep your opponent, if possible, from saying 'no.'"

Socrates mastered this. He didn't argue. He asked questions. Obvious ones. Undeniable ones. Questions that showed both sides were aligned. Only differing in the method. One yes, then another. And slowly, the tension faded. The resistance dropped. The conversation shifted. They weren't on opposite sides anymore. They were on the same page.

Let's come back to our world.

Instead of walking into a room with fire and a point to prove, try starting with this: "You want what's best for the team, right?" "You care about this project like I do, right?" "You want this to work."

Get agreement on the big picture before diving into the details. Because once someone's in "yes

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mode," they're far more likely to stay there.

The truth is, "no" is more than a word—it's a wall. And once it's up good luck getting through. But "yes" is a bridge. It connects people. It opens doors.

Now, picture a good salesman talking to a potential customer—not the pushy kind, but the thoughtful, sharp kind.

He doesn't start with, "So, are you ready to buy?" He starts with questions so obvious they're effortless to answer: "You're looking for something reliable, right?" "Yes." "You want to make sure you're getting the best value for your money?" "Yes." "And I'm guessing you don't want to waste time shopping around forever." "Exactly."

Three yeses, right out of the gate!

What just happened? The customer started nodding—not just physically, but mentally. They felt understood. They felt like the salesperson was on their side. And now, the next sentence—"Let me show you what I think is a great fit"—doesn't feel like a pitch. It feels like teamwork.

The beauty of this isn't that it tricks people. It's that it meets them where they are. We don't move forward when we feel forced. We move forward when we feel seen.

## Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of March 31 to April 6.

Tatianna J. Wawrzynski, age 41, was arrested on April 3 for DUI-Impairment.

Joseph E. Morin, age 65, was arrested on April 4 for Suspension of Vehicle Registration and Driving After Revocation or Suspension of License.

Kory B. MacDonald, age 38, was arrested

on April 6 for operating an Uninspected Vehicle, Driving After Revocation or Suspension of License due to DUI, and Obstructing Government Administration.

Christopher Robert Burlock, age 54, was arrested on April 6 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension-Administrative License Suspension.

Nicole A. Hollins, age 38, was arrested on April 6 for Criminal Trespassing.

## La Salle University inducts Gilford's Lily Tierno into Alpha Alpha Alpha first-generation honor society

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — La Salle University inducted Lily Tierno of Gilford into the Alpha Alpha Alpha first-generation honor society on March 6.

Tri-Alpha, or Tri Alpha, is a nationally incorporated society that honors and celebrates first-generation college students who achieve academic greatness.

Tierno is a early education (pre-K-4) undergraduate student.

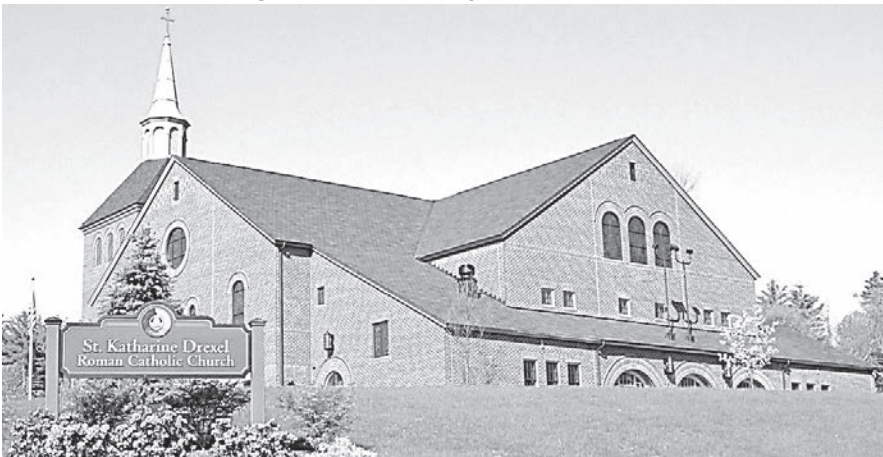
The La Salle Alpha Alpha Alpha chapter, which includes students, alumni, faculty, and staff, was established in 2024.

La Salle University is a comprehensive Lasallian Catholic university located

in Philadelphia. It is rooted in the tradition of the Brothers of the Christian Schools teaching order founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers. Chartered in 1863 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, La Salle prepares students to become known for more through a practical liberal arts

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The high point of the Christian year, Easter brings together all God's children to celebrate His gift of eternal life. It is a time when the light of Christ shines most brightly, freeing us from the shadow of death. You are welcome to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at these beautiful celebrations of hope and faith:

- April 12-13: **Palm Sunday Masses**, 4:00 p.m. Saturday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday
- April 17: **Holy Thursday Mass**, 7:00 p.m.
- April 18: **Good Friday, The Passion of Our Lord**, 7:00 p.m. (Ecumenical Service at All Saints Church in Wolfeboro at Noon)
- April 19: **Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass**, 7:00 p.m.
- April 20: **Easter Sunday Masses**, 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



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# Wolfeboro Friends of Music presents Indie-Roots trailblazers The Mammals

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—

Wolfeboro Friends of Music continues its 89th season with a concert by indie-roots trailblazers The Mammals Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at Anderson Hall on the campus of Brewster Academy.

“The Mammals are the finest young bluegrass/old-timey band in the country, the country-branch house band for the new America. From New York’s storied Hudson Valley, they carry on the work of Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie with a deep original repertoire, searing Americana Roots, and a message of hope for humanity. Known for their jubilant, high-energy



personal reveries are updated with harmonic polish and smart, melodic twists that could equally appeal to a fan of Fleetwood Mac or Bonnie Raitt,” writes the Philadelphia Daily News.

This is the eighth of nine concert performances comprising the current WFOM season running through May, 89 years of artistic excellence in service to NH’s Lakes Region!

Our season sponsors support the Wolfeboro Friends of Music:

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Tickets are available for \$37.50 at the exciting new website: [www.wfriendsofmusic.org](http://www.wfriendsofmusic.org);

Or by email at: [info@wfriendsofmusic.org](mailto:info@wfriendsofmusic.org), and at the door on the day of the concert.

High School students with ID will be admitted free of charge.

Children accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge.

For additional information, visit us at: [www.wfriendsofmusic.org](http://www.wfriendsofmusic.org).

## Alton Garden Club kicks off 2025 season April 22

ALTON — Welcome back to spring and the Alton Garden Club's new season. We have an amazing group and are constantly impressed by the programs found and the experts to present them.

Our first program of the season is called "Indigenous Foodways and Plant Life," presented by Paul and Denise Pouliot. Paul and Denise are the head speakers for the Cowasuck Band of the Penacook-Abenaki People, with extensive knowledge of indigenous history and culture. It will be a meeting of interest to gardeners as well as to those interested in historical cultures of this area. This falls right into the Objective of the Club: to stimulate interest in home gardening and horticulture; to encourage the protection of our native trees, plants and wildlife; and to aid in community

planting.

The meeting will take place at the Gilman Library on Main Street, Alton, on Tuesday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m. Refreshment will be served following the presentation. You are welcome to stay for our business meeting if it peaks your interest. It is open to the public, so "Enter as strangers, and leave as friends."

The members of the Garden Club are already at work preparing plants for sale during the annual Alton Town Wide Yard Sale held in June. We will be stationed on the Gilman Library lawn with donations of plants from our members. This is the only fundraiser for our club, and it supports the Prospect Mountain High School scholarship fund. This year we are excited about adding an additional table of native plants for our area.

If you're interested in learning more about

Alton Garden Club, or would like to attend our meeting, please call Peggy McKinney at 603-776-6032. We welcome the community. For those who choose to join, the

membership fee is just \$10 a year. It not only helps to pay for expenses, but also offers friendships that can last a lifetime. Hope to see you there!

## HOCKEY

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Honorable Mention was presented to forwards Jaxson Embree of Belmont-Gilford, Hudson Goulet of Berlin-Gorham and Austin Emerson of Kingswood, defender Grayson Gilpatrick of Kingswood and goaltender Jacob Dubuc of Kingswood. They were joined by defender Noah Reed of Pembroke-Campbell.

Kennett’s Mike Lane was named the Division III Coach of the Year.

For the girls, Kingswood-Prospect Mountain forward Cassidy Libby earned All-State Honorable Mention.

First Team honors went to forwards Mady Mann of Exeter, Eliza Farwell of Oyster River-Portsmouth and Brooke Nelson of Concord, defenders Samantha Anderson of Oyster River-Portsmouth and Hannah Gardner of Hanover and goaltender Eleanor Edson of Hanover.

Second Team went to forwards Sephra Parrelli of Keene-Monadnock-Fall Mountain, Nora Bradley of Hanover and Katharine Moseley of Hanover, defenders Julia McGee of Lebanon-Stevens-Kearsarge and Meghan Schmidt of Bishop Brady-Trinity-Bow and goalie Annabel Prochilo of St. Thomas-Winnacunnet-Dover.

Joining Libby in earning Honorable Mention were forwards Ava Gasowski of Oyster River-Portsmouth and Kira Jakobs of Oyster River-Portsmouth, de-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Belmont-Gilford goalie Carson McGreevy earned First Team All-State honors.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Jaxson Embree of Belmont-Gilford was named Division III All-State Honorable Mention.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Philip Hubacher of Laconia-Winnisquam-Inter-Lakes earned Second Team All-State honors.

fenders Meagan Rinko of Oyster River-Portsmouth and Gwen Gukelberger of Bedford and goalie Scar Casey of Bishop Guertin.

Mann was named Player of the year and Daniel McGee of Leba-

non-Stevens-Kearsarge was named the Coach of the Year.

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## Alton Historical Society launches season with open house

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society will begin its 2025 season with an Open House at their museum. The Open House will be held on Tuesday, April 15, beginning at 6 p.m. at the museum, which is located on the lower level of the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., Alton, use the rear entrance.

When was the last time you visited our museum? Or maybe

you never have. We have many Alton artifacts, exhibits, posters, photos and postcard albums from Alton’s past. We are also celebrating our 75th anniversary this year, so stop by, browse our collection and help us celebrate 75 years of collecting and preserving Alton’s history. All are welcome, and light refreshments will be served.

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# Applications now being accepted for Great Waters' 2025 Scholarships

WOLFEBORO — Great Waters, a promoter of outstanding musical performances in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, is now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors and college undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing a career in some facet of musical performance or music education.

The Great Waters Scholarship Program has contributed financial assistance to students in the Lakes Region since its inception twenty-nine years ago. In 2021, the program was renamed the Barbara and Dave Lobdell Scholarship Fund in honor of a couple who have served the organization in various capacities for many years. The program is partly funded through the generosity of donors, including the Nancy P. Marriott Foundation. In addition, each year, one dollar of every ticket sold is donated to the Fund. In 2024, awards went to four high school graduating seniors: Liam Fehey, William Blandini, Elliott Giessler, and Erin Rawnsley. Awards also went to college students Jacob Hamel and Olivia Fanjoy. Kurtis Sheffer, a Kingswood Regional High School student, also received an award to attend the Summer Youth Music School at UNH.

Scholarship recipients are announced in June and honored on stage at the opening concert of the 2025 Great Waters season. Interested students should apply online on the Great Waters Web site, [www.greatwaters.org](http://www.greatwaters.org). On the homepage, click on Community and scroll down to Scholarship Program – Apply Now. In addition to the basic information requested on the application form, students are asked to provide an essay, a letter of reference, an unofficial transcript, and any information about the program they are applying to. Students under 18 must have a parent/guardian sign and submit a consent form. All documentation needs to be submitted either by email to [heidi@greatwaters.org](mailto:heidi@greatwaters.org) with the heading Scholarship by Wednes-



Past scholarship recipients Nick Reed, Olivia Fanjoy, and Austin Johnson.

day, April 30 by 11:59 p.m. or by snail mail to the Great Waters office, PO Box 488, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; ATTN: Scholarship, postmarked by Wednesday, April 30.

Scholarship recipients can also apply for Great Waters' paid summer internship program. This program provides real-world experiences in stage production, audio,

lighting, and music. For more information about summer internships, call 603-569-7710.

The Great Waters Summer Music Series is a non-profit organi-

zation whose mission is to present live concerts of diverse genres for the enjoyment of music lovers throughout the Lakes Region at two locations: the Castle in the Clouds

in Moultonborough, and the Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro. For more information, please visit their Web site at [www.greatwaters.org](http://www.greatwaters.org).

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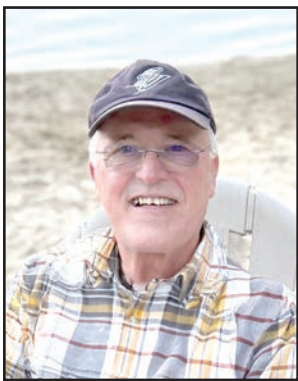


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In Loving Memory of Rick Fogg

Richard "Rick" Fogg passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025, surrounded by his loving wife, his four children, and his devoted sister-in-law. Born on October 17, 1954, in Sanford, Maine, Rick's life was defined by his deep faith, his generous spirit, and the simple joy he found in family.

After serving proudly as an airplane mechanic in the U.S. Air Force and working in lumber sales where he honed his deep knowledge of carpentry and woodworking, Rick's passion for others led him to care for the homeless as a Case Manager at the Boston Rescue Mission. He wanted others to know that they were seen, valued, and loved. After leaving the Mission, Rick returned to carpentry and woodworking. Rick's love of art and drawing continued throughout his



lifetime. Rick was a member of the Befree Alton Community Church for many years. He also was a member of the Alton Rotary Club and President 2011-2012. Rick's greatest happiness came from his family. Spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren was one of the most cherished times in his life. He believed that true fulfillment came in his belief in God, evidenced by care for others. He taught us that a life of service is the most rewarding life of all.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Melissa; his children, Jeremy, Lindsey, Joe, and Ashley; his nine granddaughters; his mother, Shirley; and his brothers, Gary and Keith, along with many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

He is predeceased by his father, George Fogg and sister Denise Svenson.

A Celebration of Life/Memorial will be held in late spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers (T2T.org) in his memory. Rick will be deeply missed, but the legacy of his generosity and the values he instilled in his family will live on in all of us.

Cremation care by Peaslee Alton Funeral Home. To express condolences, please visit: [www.peasleefuneral-home.com](http://www.peasleefuneral-home.com)

New Alton swap shop making progress

ALTON — Work on a new swap shop at the town transfer station is moving along smoothly according to one of the selectmen.

During the April 1 meeting, selectman Dick Shea updated the board on the progress of a new swap shop at the transfer station. In 2024, an outpouring of residents encouraged the selectmen to reopen the swap shop after it closed around the start of the pandemic. In response, Shea has worked with town officials and members of the community to help get a new shop off the ground.

"We are making great progress," Shea said.

The new shop will

be in a prefabricated container that is being set up at the transfer station property.

He said some fine grading might be done as well as some trenching.

"Looks like what was done there in the fall is holding up pretty well through the frost, which is good," Shea said.

Public Works Director Seth Garland has been getting staff to do floor repair on the container and patch up a few leaks. Shea said they are working with a carpenter and an electrician for the project. Fencing is also on progress and several signs are being made.

"We plan a painting party if anybody would like to have a

fun day or weekend," Shea said. "Once the interior of the container is safe to walk on, which it will be once Seth finishes his flooring, we'll have a painting party maybe more than one. They also have materials to build shelves and received a lot of shelving materials from donations."

Shea said they are aiming to have volunteer trainings around the middle of this month. He said by the next selectmen's meeting they hope to have the final list of operational rules that the board can alter.

"I did go down there, had a chance to speak with Seth," said Selectman Paul LaRochelle. "It's all coming along nicely."

Tips for the gardening beginner

Gardening is a popular hobby all over the world. Ruby Home Luxury Real Estate estimates there are 71.5 million gardening households in the United States alone. That translates to around 185.9 million people engaged in some form of gardening, which places the U.S. among other countries where gardening is wildly popular, including Australia and China.

A greater number of people are showing interest in gardening, which is a rewarding hobby that's good for the mind and the body. Those who are new to gardening may need a crash course to get started. These pointers can help anyone foster a newfound passion for gardening.

Choose the best location

Spend time in the yard and decide where to house a garden. A far-off corner may get the most sun, but will you forget about the garden if it is too far away? Ideally, the garden should be located where it will get at least six to eight hours of sun each day. There also

should be a water source nearby. The spot also should be convenient so that it is easy to go and pick vegetables or prune flowers.

Start small

If you're new to gardening, begin with a small garden footprint so that you can get your feet wet. A raised garden bed can be a good starting point because it is contained and easy to maintain. As your experience (and garden) grows, you can add to the garden size the next time around.

Amend the soil

It's possible but unlikely that the soil in the backyard is the perfect mix to grow healthy plants. It's more likely that the garden will need some soil modification. You can test the soil makeup with do-it-yourself kits or work with a garden center. A garden typically requires a mix of compost to add nutrients to the dirt; peat moss or coconut coir to help with water retention and to make the soil lighter; and vermiculite that helps to retain water. A compost bin set up at the same time as the garden allows gardeners to continually produce nutrient-rich food to add to the garden.

Plant starter guide

It's best to keep a few things in mind when planning the garden.

Think about what will grow well in your climate. Consider how big the garden will be and the size of mature plants. A small garden will not be able to accommodate corn, for example. Also, how would you like the space to look and what will be its function? Is this a purely aesthetic garden or one that will be food-bearing?

Start seeds inside

If you'll be starting a garden from seeds, it's best to start indoors before your region's frost-free date. This way the delicate plants will get the needed care and can establish before they go outdoors in the ground. Keep them humid by covering the seedlings in plastic wrap. You can start the seeds in different containers, even empty egg cartons. Transplant to larger containers after the seedlings grow a second set of leaves. Once you're free from overnight frost, you can place the established, strong seedlings in the ground.

An automatic watering system, such as a timer hooked up to the sprinkler, can keep the garden well watered, which increases the chances of success. Then it will only be a matter of weeks before the garden can be enjoyed throughout the season.

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(continued from Page A1) delaying any larger projects, but Heath said the town tried to avoid budgeting for any larger equipment or projects to keep the budget down. He said the department heads trimmed their budgets and there are no significant new projects this year to avoid the possibility of another default budget. The only projects budgeted this year are general items such as maintenance, daily buildings and grounds operations, and other small tasks.

"There's not a lot of fat in that area, we have to do it through open positions and vacancies," Heath said. "I'm not advocating that we leave every single position open, but we're going to have to obviously discuss that as we move forward."

Any larger maintenance issues or other concerns will be funded through capital re-

serve funds. While the budget and one petition article failed, all other articles passed including deposits into different funds.

"About 98 percent is all funded through some type of revolving account or capital reserves," Heath said.

The town is planning to do more public outreach ahead of next year's budget to inform people about the budget. Town officials said this year's town elections and voting had low turnout.

Heath said they want to work on a voter's guide for next year's warrant. He said having a voter's guide was suggested at the end of last year but there wasn't enough time to put a comprehensive one together. In addition to a voter's guide, Heath said wants to explore other public outreach options including possibly speaking to different community groups.

Selectman Andrew Morse said he remembered standing outside the polling place on election day and many people were asking him questions about the warrant after they had voted.

"A guide, I think, will come in handy so at least they know the information going into the situation instead of coming out going, 'What was this, what was that?'"

Kelly Sullivan said when she volunteered at the polls there was a turnout of around 781 voters, one of the lowest turnouts they've ever had. She said when people do show up to vote many of them are not properly informed about what's on the ballot.

"Maybe presenting would maybe be beneficial to the public," Sullivan said. "They need to do some research on their own; attend a meeting, maybe show a little more support instead of so much negativity to try to turn the town around. The only way we're gonna be able to do that is to work together."

Church Service

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# RE/MAX Innovative announces merger of RE/MAX 360 By the Lake

ALTON — RE/MAX Innovative, the leader in real estate, is excited to announce another great addition to its family of offices. Effective immediately, RE/MAX 360 By the Lake will be known as RE/MAX Innovative By the Lake. This strategic consolidation unites powerhouse teams to better serve clients, streamline operations, and drive innovation in residential and commercial real estate.

This merger reflects RE/MAX Innovative's ongoing commitment to delivering exceptional service, fostering growth with a positive client experience, while positioning the company for continued success in an evolving market.

"By merging our offices, we are creating a stronger, more collaborative team that will enhance our ability to meet the needs of our clients and community," said Josh Naughton, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Innovative. "This is an exciting step forward for our organization, and we look forward to the opportunities this union will bring."

The merger will allow By the Lake to expand service offerings, improve efficiency, and leverage combined expertise, ensuring that clients continue to receive the high-quality support they've come to expect. RE/MAX By the Lake's agents are here to serve your needs!

"I am very excited about the merger of our Agencies. Josh and I have known each other since 2017 when we both started with RE/MAX. I admire what he has achieved over these years and the growth of their Agency with many offices in multiple states. Since then, I have gotten to know the other owners as well as the whole Leadership Team. The training that they offer and what we have received far surpasses any training I've had in my past 22 years in the Real Estate Profession. They truly care about the wellbeing and success of all their Agents. I have the utmost respect for both Josh and the Leadership Team. Looking forward to the future as our growth continues," says Don Roberts, former Broker/Owner and Managing Broker of the Alton Office.

RE/MAX Innovative Properties is a leading provider of real estate services, dedicated to the ultimate client experience. With 12 offices in New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts, we continue to innovate our client's real estate experience. Our closest offices are RE/MAX Innovative Bayside in Laconia and Meredith and RE/MAX Innovative Granite Group in Bristol.

We welcome RE/MAX By the Lake to our Lakes Region offices!

For more information about the merger or to inquire about services, please contact Travis P. Cole, Managing Broker.

## Kingswood hosting New England Drama Festival!

# Barnstead Elementary School announces honor roll

BARNSTEAD — The following students in Grades 6-8 at Barnstead Elementary School have earned High Honors or Honors for the Second Trimester.

Students who have received A's in all of their subjects qualify for High Honors. Those students who have earned A's and B's in all of their subjects qualify for Honors. In addition, students qualifying for High Honors and Honors must have received grades in effort and conduct that are average or above.

**Grade 6**

High Honors: Jasmine Bousquet, Sophie Chagnon, Vera DeVito, Chloe Digiovanni, Anna Doyle, Emerson Hamilton, Makenzi Lord, Kaida Nichols, Bailey Prizio, Veronica Rawnseley, Grayson (John) Savage, Kable Simpson, Daven Suri, Allison Tymula

Honors: Theysha Cole, Addison Cote, Morgan Enright, Rockaya Ferrenberg, Cody Fish, Abigail Giunta, Ruby Montague, Corey Mooney, Emilia Ratto, Aubrey Schultz, Lana Trask

**Grade 7**

High Honors: Olivia Beaton, Briella Billings, Zachary Dyrkacz, Cove Hoballah, Gavin Horr, Rylee Horr, Seamus McGranaghan, Ulitta Paige, Annah Penfield, Molly Rayno,

**Grade 8**

High Honors: Nora Brooks, Mason Card, Cameron Deane, Amelia Gentile, Hope LaFlamme, Aidyn McGranaghan, Emmet Minot, Madison Morris, Dylan Pelletier, Ashlynn Roberts,

Autumn Smith

Honors: Drake Egan, Charlee Ferrenberg, Corra Mountain, Khloe Picott, Issabel Syvinski, Jessica Troy

Grace St. Germain, Issac Taylor, Olivia TraskBrynn Woods

Honors: Lacey Abell, Lorilei Black, Emma Burris, Connor Chadbourne, Gabe Cole, Annika DeRocher, Kayla Fish, Leah Gard, Luchiano Leitner, Mabel Marston, Dragan Pavnick, Stephen Rawnsley, Anna Seibert, Delilah Tiede, Asher Whitmore

WOLFEBORO — The New England Drama Festival is the celebration of the best in high school theater from the six New England states.

Each year, a different New England state hosts this three-day event. Through a series of theater festivals, each state selects their top two high school theater productions to send to the New England Drama Festival. Currently, each state is in the final process of selecting their two schools, with results to be announced soon.

This year, the Drama Festival will be hosted by Kingswood Regional High School on May 1, 2 and 3 in the Kingswood Arts Center in Wolfeboro. This three-day event will feature twelve different one-act plays, as well as theater workshops offered by Plymouth State University, Keene State College, The University of New Hampshire, St. Anselm College, and New England College.

While the workshops are offered exclusively to participating students, all performances are open to the public, with tickets available at the door. Performance schedules will soon be available both at [nhetg.org](http://nhetg.org) as well as [kingswoodtheater.org](http://kingswoodtheater.org).

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Alton	McDuffy Road	N/A	\$150,000	Dan Laurin Construction LLC	John Jeddrey
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$1,477,800	Church Fiscal Trust and Timothy C. Church	Grammys Way 83 LLC
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$275,000	M&M RET and Maureen B. Fadden	Karen and Bryan M. Drum
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Shirley A. Snow and Shirley A. Gavin	RF Downing Homes LLC
Gilford	Gilford East Drive	N/A	\$1,200,000	L. Finethy Real Estate LLC	Pinnacle Sports LLC
Gilford	31 Henderson Rd., Unit 5	Condominium	\$500,000	Edward David French Estate and Stephen French	Thomas and Rose Shevenell
Gilford	155 Morrill St.	Single-Family Residence	\$442,000	Annmarie and Martin Legg	Erick and Melissa Vasquez
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$210,000	Kimberly Foley Trust and Kimberly A. Foley	Mark A. Abare
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$1,381,000	Kimberly Foley Trust and Kimberly A. Foley	William J. and Sharon A. O'Brien
Gilmanton	Old Stage Coach Road	N/A	\$400,000	Jason M. and Kimberly E. Comeiro	Illerex LLC
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$330,000	Van E. Hertel, Sr.	Anne M. Bartlett IRT

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

# Unique graduation gifts

Graduation season is on the horizon. This time of year is often a frenetic time for students and their families, with the promise of celebrations to come. Graduation is preceded by prom for high schoolers, and for those bidding farewell to the hallowed halls of higher education, it may mean last-minute interviews and pre-commencement résumé-building. This whirlwind of activity culminates in a degree or diploma to wrap up years spent in the classroom.

## SPORTS

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

### Friday, April 11

#### KENNETT

Boys' Tennis vs. Plymouth; 4  
Girls' Tennis at Plymouth; 4

#### KINGSWOOD

Boys' Tennis vs. Portsmouth; 4  
Girls' Tennis at Portsmouth; 4:15

#### PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Boys' Tennis at Littleton; 4

### Saturday, April 12

#### KENNETT

Track at Newfound; 10

### Monday, April 14

#### KENNETT

Baseball at Laconia; 4  
Boys' Tennis at Alvirne; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse at Kingswood; 5:30  
Softball at Laconia; 4

#### KINGSWOOD

Boys' Tennis at Bow; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Kennett; 5:30  
Girls' Tennis vs. Bow; 4

#### PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball vs. Belmont; 4  
Boys' Tennis at White Mountains; 4  
Softball vs. Belmont; 4

### Tuesday, April 15

#### PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Boys' Tennis at Profile; 4  
Girls' Tennis vs. Profile; 4

### Wednesday, April 16

#### KENNETT

Baseball at Hollis-Brookline; 4  
Boys' Lacrosse at Gilford; 4  
Boys' Tennis at Portsmouth; 4  
Girls' Tennis vs. Portsmouth; 4

#### KINGSWOOD

Baseball vs. Plymouth; 4  
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Timberlane; 5:30  
Girls' Lacrosse at Timberlane; 4  
Girls' Tennis vs. Pembroke; 4  
Softball vs. Plymouth; 4

#### PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball at Kearsarge; 4  
Boys' Tennis vs. Gilford; 4  
Softball at Kearsarge; 4

### Thursday, April 17

#### KENNETT

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Timberlane; 4

#### PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Boys' Tennis at Trinity; 4

All schedules are subject to change.

Graduates have many things to look forward to this time of year, not the least of which are gifts from close friends and family. Those tasked with coming up with graduation gifts can take inspiration from these ideas that break the mold.

Retirement account funds: Helping a new graduate get started is a popular sentiment among gift givers, but it's also possible to give grads a leg up on the future. Helping them to fund an individual retirement account can be a thoughtful gift. Keep in mind that parameters for IRAs differ between a traditional and a Roth IRA, and it is best to speak with a financial advisor to determine the best fit. Starting a retirement

account early on can provide solid footing for financial security later in life.

Quality luggage: A good set of luggage can often last a person a lifetime if properly cared for. Whether the grad is taking a much-needed trip after graduation or will be traveling for his or her career, the luggage will serve well.

Student loan interest payment: Many students must rely on federal or private loans to offset the costs of attending college or even trade schools. Although a loved one may not be able to pay off the loans in their entirety, a good gift can be to make payments toward the interest on the loans so that the bill is reduced come graduation.

Roadside assistance service: The road may take graduates near and far. A membership to a roadside assistance service can be a practical

gift that ensures grads get from point A to point B with fewer hiccups. These services offer towing, tire changing, gas delivery, and more. Plus, they often come with additional perks, such as discounts on travel services and lodging.


Professional course or tickets to a conference: Help support a graduate's career growth and professional development with a subscription to a course, a book about their industry or tickets to a relevant conference or trade show.

Travel: Grads can be treated to the gift of travel. An overseas adventure or an epic road trip across the country may be the perfect way to unwind after years of schooling.

Graduates are entering an exciting time in their lives when anything is possible. Gift givers can think outside the box when shopping for their favorite cap-and-gown-donning loved ones.



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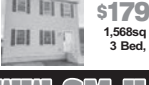
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SPORTS

Champions ready to roll into new softball season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — With three championships in a row and a winning streak that is the longest active streak in the nation for softball, the expectations for the Prospect Mountain softball team are high. As is the pressure to return to the top of Division III for a fourth time in a row.

“The kids are ready for it,” said coach James

Christie, who returns to the helm of the Timber Wolves for the fifth year. “We have been talking every day about boing undefeated, but not in the way most people will think.

“We just want to go undefeated every day at practice, win every day at practice and the games will take care of themselves,” he continued. “The win streak definitely adds pressure and with the players we graduat-

ed, it begs the question of whether or not we can continue it, but we are going to find out.”

The Timber Wolves graduated five seniors from last year’s team, the majority of whom played every game in their high school careers, so there are some big shows to fill.

“Even with the loss of talent and leadership, our goals and expectations are the same as they always are,” Christie said.

Prospect Mountain will be led by a trio of seniors. Tori Christie moves from the outfield to shortstop. She’s coming off a year where she jacked 10 homers and hit more than .650 and is expected to continue that output. Alexis Wilson will get the chance to take the pitcher’s circle for the lion’s share of the innings after working alongside Ella Bernier the last few years. Olivia Noyes is the

team’s catcher and Christie notes she is one of the top two catchers in the division and he expects that with a new infield, she is going to have to anchor the defense from behind the plate.

Juniors Paige Harding and Taylor Greenwood will step into big roles this year as well. Harding moves from the outfield to second base while Greenwood will get starter innings in the outfield after filling in throughout the season last year. Sophomore Paityn Glidden is also expected to make some contributions both offensively and defensively.

need our underclassmen to fill the gaps,” Christie stated. “So far, things look very promising but we have a lot of work to do with a completely new infield group and a handful of freshmen getting a lot of varsity innings.

“The team is up for the challenge, we are looking forward to getting started,” the Timber Wolf coach added.

The Timber Wolves will play a schedule that includes two games each with Berlin, Somersworth, Trinity and Raymond and single games against Belmont, Kearsarge, Gilford, Newfound, Newport, Monadnock, Conant, St. Thomas and Hillsboro-Deering.

Hayward takes over retooled Prospect girls’ tennis team

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — Coming into the season there were a lot of holes to fill in the lineup for the Prospect Mountain tennis girls including in the role as head coach, but with that role filled, the many newcomers on the roster will be looking to fill those holes.

Tom Hayward steps into the role as the team’s head coach and inherits a roster that includes just one returning player.

“I have absolutely no expectations about wins or losses whatsoever,” Hayward said. “Having never coached in Division III, I have nothing to gauge our ability against

the competition.

“But having had five days of practice, I feel confident that we have the potential to be much better the second half of the season as the kids get more accustomed to playing competitively,” he continued. “The key for all our players is how well they deal with adversity.”

The lone returning player is junior Laney Henry, who Hayward notes will likely be the number one or number two player in singles and doubles and will be counted on for her experience as the rest of the roster is new.

Seniors Jules West, Margaret Dowd, Ava

Tibbs, Avery Thoroughgood and Elena Munoz-Martin, sophomore Katie Jones and ninth graders Peyton McAnaney and Kaelyn Lemire will all be vying for spots in the ladder as the season kicked off.

“The offseason and preseason activities have been great,” Hayward said. “Attendance has been terrific and their level of compete has been consistently high.

“They have a great ability to have fun and take things seriously at the same time,” Hayward continued. “Each day I work with them, I am continually amazed at how well they support and encourage each oth-

er.”

The Timber Wolf schedule includes two matches each with Berlin and Conant and single matches against Gilford, Lebanon, Profile, St. Thomas, Trinity, Sanborn, White Mountains, Lebanon, Inter-Lakes and Moultonborough.

The season kicked off after deadline on Monday, April 7, at Gilford and continued on Wednesday, April 9, at home against Lebanon. Next up, the Timber Wolves will be hosting Profile on Tuesday, April 15, at 4 p.m.

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Young Golden Eagles hungry as new baseball season begins

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — With lots of graduation losses, there were plenty of spots open on the Gilford baseball team as the new season began. And that made for some great competition for fourth-year head coach Mike Giovanditto.

“These young guys are hungry,” Giovanditto said. “Knowing that there were lots of open spots on the varsity roster, the compete level was as high as I’ve ever seen it, they were determined to get better and make an impression.

“The coaching staff was impressed,” the Golden Eagle mentor added. “This preseason has been unlike anything I have seen in years.”

The key returning players include senior Mikey Giovanditto in the middle infield, junior Drew Smith on the mound and at third base and classmate Ryan Folan on the mound and at shortstop.

roster, the talent is undeniable, but how they learn to play with each other and develop chemistry will be our big challenge,” Giovanditto said. “Development during the season both in maturity and skills will ultimately decide which direction we go.

“Pitching and defense will be the calling card of this team,” the Gilford coach continued. “As I said before, the talent is there to make a solid playoff push and then anything can happen in the playoffs.”

A highlight of the season will be the team’s return to Cooperstown, N.Y. for the semi-annual game with Winnisquam. The Bears and Golden Eagles will compete on Doubleday Field on April 30.

“This was an awesome experience for the kids two years ago and I can’t wait for them to experience it this spring,” Giovanditto said.

Timber Wolves have sights set on returning to semifinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — Making a solid playoff run last season turned out to help this year’s Prospect Mountain boys’ tennis team before the first match even took the court.

“We went to the final four last year and we hope to repeat that this year,” said veteran coach Peter Long. “We expect to continue being competitive because our team has depth.

“There are no surprises this year other than attracting some new play-

ers that can have an impact in the bottom of the lineup,” Long continued. “Finishing in the final four is great for team morale and helps recruiting players.”

Prospect will be returning four starters from last year’s team in Shaun McAnaney, Rylan Clifford, Wyatt Varney and Cameron Morrill. While the Timber Wolves lost the two others starters from the top six, returning players Owen Smith, Kaleb Kennedy and Wyatt Bubar will be looked at to compete for

those spots as the new season gets under way.

Senior Travis Locke leads the way amongst the new players and the Timber Wolves will also welcome newcomers Brock Libby and Ayden Porter.

Prospect will feature a schedule that includes two matches each with Moultonborough, White Mountains Regional, Trinity and Bishop Brady along with single matches with Kearsarge, Littleton, Profile, Gilford, St. Thomas and Monadnock.

The season kicked off after deadline on Monday, April 7, at home against Monadnock and continued at Bishop Brady on Wednesday, April 9. The Timber Wolves will be at Littleton on Friday, April 11, at White Mountains on Monday, April 14, at Profile on Tuesday, April 15, and at home against Gilford on Wednesday, April 16, all with 4 p.m. scheduled starts.

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Golden Eagles looking to build on last year’s experience

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
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GILFORD — Last year there were some growing pains for the Gilford tennis boys, as they had a lot of graduation holes to fill.

The good news for longtime coach Terry Wilson this spring is that there are not a ton of graduation losses, so the Golden Eagles will be looking to a group of guys who played a lot of matches last year to take a step forward.

“The team is working very hard and they are good listeners,” Wilson

stated. “Our practices have been inside due to the weather, but I am very happy with the large turnout of players.”

Dustin Gerry, Aidan Hooper, Dalton Houle, Cohen Krupnik, Xavier Morrison and Dominic Soucy will lead the way as the returning players after playing a number of matches last spring.

In addition to all the returning players, the Golden Eagles also have a large crop of newcomers who will be looking to make their mark. The group includes Jacob

Baldi, Cullen Beck, Carter Cota-Robles, Joey Estrada, Cameron Hueber, Kyle Johnson, Ben Lesniak, Andrew Prue, Jackson Soucy, Easton St. Cyr and Joel Wernig.

“They will learn the game and provide competition within the team,” Wilson stated. “The goals are to make our team as strong as possible, to help each player improve their game, to work hard and to be positive, support each other and display good sportsmanship.”

The Golden Eagles will play three matches with

St. Thomas, two matches each with Monadnock, Moultonborough, Kearsarge and Bishop Brady and single matches with Prospect Mountain, Trinity and White Mountains Regional.

The season kicked off after deadline at Monadnock on April 7 and continues on Friday, April 11, at home against St. Thomas, Monday, April 14, at Moultonborough, Tuesday, April 15, at Kearsarge and Wednesday, April 16, at Prospect Mountain, all with 4 p.m. scheduled starts.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

**Friday, April 11**  
**BELMONT**  
Track Home Meet; 4  
**GILFORD**  
Boys’ Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4  
Girls’ Tennis at St. Thomas; 4  
**WINNISQUAM**  
Track at Belmont; 4  
**Saturday, April 12**  
**GILFORD**  
Track at Newfound; 10  
**WINNISQUAM**  
Track at Newfound; 10  
**Monday, April 14**  
**BELMONT**  
Baseball at Prospect Mountain; 4  
Girls’ Lacrosse at Derbyfield; 4  
Softball at Prospect Mountain; 4

**GILFORD**  
Boys’ Lacrosse vs. Plymouth; 4  
Boys’ Tennis at Moultonborough; 4  
Girls’ Lacrosse at Inter-Lakes; 5:15  
Girls’ Tennis at Berlin; 4  
**WINNISQUAM**  
Baseball at Somersworth; 4  
Softball at Somersworth; 4  
**Tuesday, April 15**  
**GILFORD**  
Boys’ Tennis at Kearsarge; 4  
**Wednesday, April 16**  
**BELMONT**  
Baseball vs. Bishop Brady; 4  
Girls’ Lacrosse vs. Gilford; 4

Softball vs. Bishop Brady; 4  
**GILFORD**  
Boys’ Lacrosse vs. Kennett; 4  
Boys’ Tennis at Prospect Mountain; 4  
Girls’ Lacrosse at Belmont; 4  
Girls’ Tennis at Kearsarge; 4  
**WINNISQUAM**  
Baseball vs. Berlin; 4  
Softball vs. Berlin; 4  
**Thursday, April 17**  
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“We are seeking images that capture the heart and soul of New Hampshire – from its breathtaking scenery to vibrant community events and everyday charm,” said Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing & Experience Officer at MVSB. “We accept photos from both amateur and professional photographers, and we are so excited to see the submissions this year.”

A maximum of 10 photos per photographer can be submitted and photographers will be awarded \$100 for each winning photo selected.

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To view the official rules, photo entry specifications and to



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Twelve winning contest photos will be featured in the 2026 MVSB Community Calendar.

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