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Gilford High School Class of 1986 holding 40th reunion on Old Home Day weekend

GILFORD — Gilford High School’s Class of 1986 will be celebrating its 40th high school reunion with several events planned for Old Home Day weekend on Aug. 28-29. Events are open to the class of ‘86, but also anyone interested in catching up with old GHS friends.

Festivities will begin on Friday, Aug. 28 with a special Holycow! Music Bingo at Patrick’s Pub & Eatery from 7-9pm hosted by Kate Flaherty, GHS Class of ‘86.

“I’m looking forward to seeing classmates and playing some great music,” said Flaherty.

“And I’ll be giving away a lot of great ‘80s themed prizes, including T-shirts, LPs, 45s and cassettes,” said Flaherty, “plus prizes for anyone wearing retro



‘80s outfits.” Saturday’s events include the Gilford Old

Home Day 5K, hosted by the Gunstock Nordic Association at 8am, followed by the Old Home Day parade at 9 a.m., a tour of Gilford Middle High School by GMHS teacher Aaron Witham after the parade, and a day at Gilford Beach.

“The beach is closed for the season,” said Flaherty, “so Gilford Parks & Recreation said there won’t be guards on duty, but it also means no one needs a town sticker to get in.”

Parks & Recreation will be locking the Gilford Beach gates at 7 p.m., leaving plenty of time to make the Old Home Day fireworks at Gilford Village Field later that evening.

To register for the Old

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Dylan Tuttle named head track and field coach at NHTI

CONCORD — NHTI Athletics is excited to announce the addition of five coaches who will join the department for the 2026-27 academic year, including Prospect Mountain graduate Dylan Tuttle as the head track and field coach and former Kingswood assistant softball coach Jilana Lagle as the assistant softball coach. The group brings a wide range of coaching experience, competitive success, and a shared commitment to supporting student-athletes both on and off the field. Four members of the incoming coaching class are also NHTI alumni, returning to help lead the programs that helped shape their own athletic careers.

Tuttle rejoins the Lynx after serving as the head women’s track and field coach at Prospect Mountain High School and as a certi-

fied official with the New Hampshire Track and Field Officials Association. A former NHTI student-athlete, NHIAA Division III pole vault champion, and YSCC All-Conference cross country athlete, Tuttle brings valuable coaching experience, technical expertise, and a passion for helping student-athletes grow both on and off the track.

Lagle joins the Lynx family as an accomplished coach and former standout student-athlete at Becker College. She was named the 2024 Division II Assistant Coach of the Year (at Kingswood) and earned Division IV First Team All-State honors during her playing career. Lagle brings more than a decade of travel softball experience, along with exceptional energy, leadership, and a passion for helping student-athletes reach their full potential.

Prospect Mountain High School honors Class of 2026

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School has recognized the outstanding academic achievements of the Class of 2026, honoring its top 10 students by grade point average while celebrating dozens of graduates who earned distinction through rigorous coursework, leadership, service and the arts.

Leading the Class of 2026 is Aidan Taylor, who earned the highest cumu-

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Gilford and Laconia respond to building fire

GILFORD — On July 27 at 1:20 p.m., Gilford and Laconia companies were toned to a building fire at 19 Carriage Rd. in Gilford. Companies were advised while responding of a fire in a large, detached garage.

Upon arrival, units on scene reported smoke showing from a garage bay in a two-story building. A first alarm was requested. The lone occupant, the owner, was attempting to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. Two hose lines were



stretched – one to extinguish the fire and one as a precaution in case there was extension to the second floor. The fire involved the contents of one garage stall. There was minor smoke damage throughout the rest of the building. The unit was overhauled and materials were removed and fully extinguished. The fire was confined to the one garage stall.

Gilford companies were assisted by Laconia and Gilford Police at the scene. Tilton-Northfield and Meredith EMS handled 2 simultaneous incidents while Gilford companies were at the fire. Sanbornton and Franklin provided coverage at the

Gilford fire station. The fire originated on the exterior of the building and started after the owner had been using a torch to burn weeds in the asphalt.

Chief Stephen Carrier stated, “Conditions are actually very dry right now. It is extremely easy to ignite combustibles and then that fire can spread rapidly. The owner did a great job of keeping the fire confined in the garage by not opening the overhead door.”

He went on to say, “The guys did a great job accessing the fire and knocking it down quickly.”

An Engine, a Tanker, a Utility, and two Command Vehicles responded to the

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Alton Board of Selectmen updates

BY RICHARD SHEA
ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ALTON — The Alton Board of Selectmen’s meeting on July 28th covered several issues, briefly reviewed as follows:

-The board heard a presentation from a group of residents requesting authorization to install a seasonal kayak rack in a town-owned right-of-way off Blueberry Lane. The right-of-way provides public access to Hills Pond. The Board discussed possible issues with parking, littering, appearance and responsibility. Some abutting property owners spoke in opposition. It was learned that an agree-

ment existed between the town and abutters which was negotiated in 2025. The terms of the agreement were not immediately available. The Board elected to review the agreement and continue consideration at a future meeting, likely on Sept. 9.

-The board voted to award the Boston Post Cane to Corinne Greeley-Smith, a longtime Alton resident who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Aug. 27. The award is presented to Alton’s most senior known resident each year that nominations are received.

-At the recommendation of Police Chief Adm Pain-

caud, the Board voted to pay off the remaining \$17,000 balance on the department’s two motorcycles. This will save approximately \$1,000 per year on interest costs. The funds would come from the police detail revolving account, which has a current balance of \$130,000. It was noted that the motorcycles have low mileage and should remain serviceable for 10 years or more.

-The board voted to adjust the rates for police detail charges after a study of rates charged in other Lakes Region towns. These charges are paid by firms which require police coverage during their activities. This most commonly applies to road work by utilities, arborists, paving contractors or other activities requiring traffic control. It also applies to non-town sponsored events, such as concerts. The rate will now be \$120 per hour with a 4-hour minimum, which includes \$75 for officer compensation, \$21 for cruiser use and \$24 for administrative costs. Proceeds go into the police detail revolving fund.

-The board voted to apply for a State Highway Safety Grant for \$10,500. This grant is available each year, and funds traffic safety efforts in several categories.

-The board reviewed the Financial Report on the Budget for 2025, a document required by the New Hampshire Department of

Revenue Administration. It was noted that the town’s unassigned fund balance of over \$5,200,000 was very positive.

-Public Works Director Seth Garland reported that the Roberts Cove Road bridge replacement had gone very well. The project was expected to take 18 working days but was completed in 8 working days and came in under budget.

-Town Administrator Ryan Heath provided an update on the status of the State’s planned drawdown and possible removal of the Alton power dam. The town had inquired about the possibility of gaining ownership of the dam from the state. We were advised that, if agreed to by the state, the dam would have to be purchased for “fair market value.” How such value would be determined was not indicated. The town would also be required to pay a \$3,000 annual dam registration fee and might be responsible for bringing the dam into compliance with current state dam safety standards. The board agreed to continue exploring all avenues to save the dam, including possible independent engineering evaluations and especially assistance from our State Representatives and Executive Councilor.

-The board voted to award the contract for replacement of the town hall

roof to Drews Affordable Steel Roofing of Tilton after receiving acceptable responses to questions raised at the 7/14 Selectman’s meeting. The roofing material will be galvalume steel fabricated to resemble dark gray slate. Total cost will be \$106,469, plus \$7,500 to provide half-inch CDX plywood decking over the entire roof. This price includes 100 snow blocks (placed to prevent snow from sliding off). More snow blocks will likely be needed, the quantity to be determined. The warranty is 30 years for the roofing material (by manufacturer) and 10 years for the labor (by the contractor). Installation time is projected to be two weeks, weather permitting. Starting date is to be determined.

-The board discussed ongoing issues with traffic on Bay Hill Road and decided to schedule a public hearing before implementing any further measures.

-The Town Administrator provided an update on the status of tree removal on Hidden Springs Road. The town had originally sought bids to clear 28.5 acres but subsequently awarded a contract to clear 11. The logging firm proceeded to clear 10 acres more than contracted for. The Board decided to direct the firm to complete the stump removal and grubbing work on the 11 acres. The town reserves

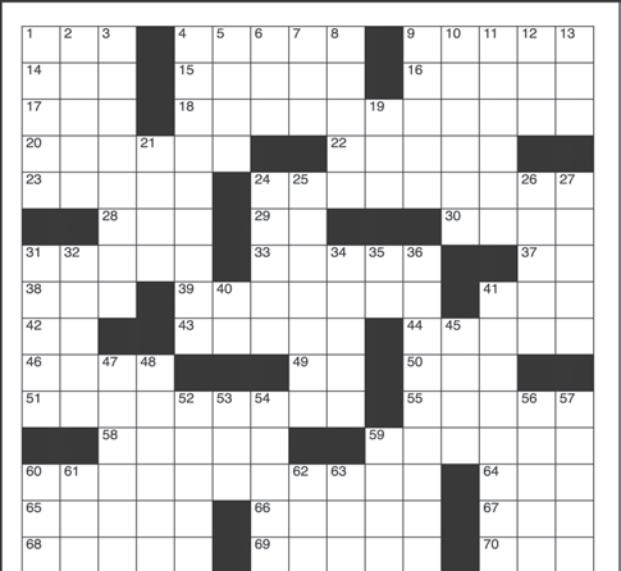
the right to pursue remedies related to the excess clearing. The Board may schedule a site walk at some future date which would be open to public participation.

-The Town Administrator reported that work has been underway on the Mount Washington dock in Alton Bay, and the ship was in the Bay over the weekend. No formal announcement of service restart has been made yet, and the town will continue to inquire.

-E-mails were received from two residents complementing the Recycling Center on beginning to check permit stickers on vehicles using the center. Public Works Director Seth Garland reported that last Sunday (July 26) 140 stickers were purchased. The Board viewed this as quite remarkable and complemented Recycling Center staff on their efforts.

-Due to schedule conflicts for some members, the Board voted to cancel the 8/26 meeting. The Sept. 8 meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Sept. 9 due to the primary election set for 9/8.

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.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Midway between south and southeast
 - 4. Fathers
 - 9. Wine grape
 - 14. Al Bundy’s wife
 - 15. Derived from ammonia
 - 16. Venezuelan state
 - 17. Interest rate
 - 18. Experts
 - 20. Vascular tissues
 - 22. Smooth and glossy
 - 23. Administrative region in S. Korea
 - 24. One from Damascus
 - 28. Special interest group
 - 29. It cools your home
 - 30. Oh, God!
 - 31. Intestinal pouches
 - 33. Men
 - 37. Twelfth star in a constellation
 - 38. Former CIA
 - 39. Arrange in grades of size

- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 42. “The Great Lakes State”
- 43. Having earlike appendages
- 44. Momentarily stop
- 46. Ancient kingdom
- 49. OFI
- 50. White clerical vestment
- 51. Songs to one’s beloved
- 55. Charges
- 58. Computer application originator
- 59. A place to dock a boat
- 60. One guided by reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger
- 67. Screen type
- 68. Country legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you anticipate arriving

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Involuntary muscular contraction
 - 2. Eastern US transit agency
 - 3. Leaves a place
 - 4. Cease to participate
 - 5. Current units
 - 6. Cease to exist
 - 7. General’s assistant (abbr.)
 - 8. Earth vibration
 - 9. Very strong winds
 - 10. For each one
 - 11. A bog
 - 12. The creation of beautiful or significant things
 - 13. Affirmative
 - 19. Pie ___ mode
 - 21. Nonclerical
 - 24. Indonesian island
 - 25. Educational environment
 - 26. Namibian peoples
 - 27. Bring out or develop

- 31. Moves into a place of thought
- 32. Out of the way
- 34. Loads a ship
- 35. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 36. Distinguishes
- 40. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Relating to a wing
- 47. One who gives a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Sweet persons
- 56. Put into play
- 57. Small cattle breed
- 59. Millisecond
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They ___
- 62. Moon crater
- 63. A place to stay the night



Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from July 24-29.

Caitlin Ann McDaniel, age 29, was arrested on July 24 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking.

A 75-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

A 56-year-old male was taken into protec-

tive custody for intoxication on July 24.

A 51-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

Two adult males, ages 52 and 54, were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

A 51-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

Jessica M. Gelinas, age 46, was arrested on July 24 in connection with multiple warrants.

A 22-year-old was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

A 32-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

A 61-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

Two adult males, aged 56 and 66 respectively, were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 24.

Joshua Alan Tassie, age 43, was arrested on July 25 in connection with a warrant.

Brianna Kristine Tassie, age 32, was arrested on July 25 in connection with multiple warrants.

Kevin BH Walker, age 44, was arrested on July 26 in connection with a warrant.

A 24-year-old re-

ceived a summons in lieu of arrest on July 26 for Reckless Operation of a motor vehicle.

Damion Michael Taschereau, age 23, was arrested on July 27 for multiple counts of Theft By Unauthorized Taking.

Alfred Joseph Gosselin II, age 25, was arrested on July 28 for Resisting Arrest or Detention and in connection with multiple warrants.

Michael T. Townsend, age 56, was arrested on July 28 in connection with a warrant.

A 34-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 28.

Ivy Ann Bochinski, age 19, was arrested on July 28 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

Mary Virginia Boudle, age 52, was arrested on July 28 for Resisting Arrest or Detention.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Gilbert!

Gilbert is a handsome gray and white gentleman with the biggest, manliest face you’ve ever seen! This strong, sturdy boy has a calm and observant personality and can often be found taking everything in from his favorite perch. He’s the kind of cat who likes to quietly watch the world around him while enjoying the comforts of a cozy home.

While Gilbert may have a serious-looking face, he has a sweet side too! He enjoys



being pet and loves attention from his favorite people.

Like many cats, he has a few preferences—Gilbert would

appreciate it if you kept your hands away from his chin—but show him some respect and he’ll happily soak up the affection he enjoys.

With his relaxed personality, big cheeks, and charming “little gargoyle” energy, Gilbert is a unique guy who is sure to bring a lot of character into your home. If you’re looking for a calm companion with a strong presence and a soft spot for pets, Gilbert might be your perfect match!



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Compaq Big Band hits Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday

WOLFEBORO — The sounds of the Big Band Era will emanate from the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 8, as the Compaq Big Band makes its return to town to bring to a close to the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concert series.

The Compaq Big Band got its start as the DECbigband, formed in 1975 as one of the many employee clubs at Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) in Massachusetts. At that time, DEC was establishing itself as the premier company in the minicomputer industry and was one of the largest employers in New England.

The company provided a small amount of startup funds for music, stands and uniforms and employees from all sorts of positions at DEC came together for practices each week and performed for free, at first at DEC corporate functions then into community outdoor concerts and benefit dance events in the region.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, the band, like Digital, experienced a membership turnover and as downsizing hit the company, it became clear that the band



JERRY EVERS - COURTESY PHOTO
THE COMPAQ BIG BAND will perform on Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand.

would need to complement its Digital employee ranks with local area musicians and with fewer Digital-sponsored functions, the band's reach moved toward Worcester and southern New Hampshire.

When DEC was absorbed into Compaq in 1998, the band continued to present a positive image of the company by providing high quality, affordable big band music to the New England community and in 2000, the band became the Compaq Big Band.

Compaq was acquired by Hewlett-Packard and received support from the company in the form of a weekly rehearsal venue and storage space for equipment, but in 2008, the band stopped

receiving that support from the company and is no longer affiliated with HP.

However, several current band members are DEC, Compaq or HP alumni who maintain a connection to the company tradition and culture and the band is rounded out by various area musicians who embrace the band's non-profit operating philosophy.

The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand concerts take place each Saturday night in July and August, weather permitting, in the bandstand, located in Cate Park in downtown Wolfeboro on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

If weather should cause the concert to be

Citizens for Belknap announces pre-primary candidate forums for contested county races

REGION — Bipartisan voters' group Citizens for Belknap, partnering with the League of Women Voters NH, announces three pre-primary candidate forums in early September for contested county races for state representative. This includes candidates in Meredith's District 2, Belmont's District 4, and District 6, which includes Gilmanston, Gilford and Laconia Ward 2.

Only Republican seats in those districts are contested, but candidates from both parties are invited to participate. Included in the Belmont District 4 forum will be District 8, a floterial district which is uncontested in the primary, but includes Belmont, Tilton and Sanbornton.

"These candidate forums give voters a rare opportunity to hear directly from the candidates on questions that the voters themselves submit," said Prudy Morin Veysey, Republican co-chair of Citizens for Belknap. "It's hard for voters to judge character, intelligence, and

preparedness for serving the community if you have never met the candidate. These forums give voters that access," she said.

Meredith's forum is scheduled for Sept. 1 at the Meredith Community Center and features former NH Senator and Meredith resident Jeanie Forrester as moderator. Sept. 2, attorney and resident of Belmont, Alvin Nix, has agreed to moderate the District 4 and 8 forum at the Belmont High School cafeteria. Former Gilford Town Moderator Sandy McGonagall moderates the Gilford, Gilmanston and Laconia Ward 2 forum at the Gilford Community Church on Sept. 3.

Doors open for all forums at 6 p.m., giving voters an opportunity to write out their questions and speak with the candidates. The forum begins at 6:30 p.m., and all three will be video recorded for rebroadcast.

Hayden McLaughlin, Democratic co-chair for Citizens for Belknap noted that none of the moderators are asso-

ciated with his group, and that the League of Women Voters' guidelines will be used for the forum.

"We're grateful for the moderators' service to their community, and urge the candidates from both parties to share their vision for Belknap County and the important issues which face us," McLaughlin added.

Candidates will be invited directly and provided guidelines, but are welcome to confirm and seek additional information at C4BChair1@CitizensforBelknap.org.

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Celebrating the ties that endure

High school reunions are often described as opportunities to reconnect with old friends, reminisce about youthful adventures, and marvel at how quickly the years have passed. While all of those things are true, reunions also remind us of something deeper. They reconnect people not only with classmates, but with the communities that helped shape them.

The Gilford High School Class of 1986's 40th reunion is a perfect example. Rather than limiting the celebration to a banquet hall or private gathering, organizers have woven the reunion into Gilford Old Home Day weekend, inviting classmates to participate in events that have long defined the town's identity. Music Bingo at Patrick's Pub, the Old Home Day 5K, the parade, a tour of Gilford Middle High School, a visit to Gilford Beach, and the evening fireworks all become part of the celebration.

That approach says something important. Gilford is not merely the backdrop for these memories. It is an active participant in them.

Many members of the Class of 1986 have built lives far beyond Belknap County. Some stayed close to home. Others moved across New Hampshire or across the country. Yet when they return, familiar roads, school hallways, and landmarks have a remarkable ability to erase decades in an instant. They remember teachers who challenged them, coaches who believed in them, classmates who became lifelong friends, and traditions that helped define their teenage years.

Communities benefit from these reunions as much as the graduates do. Visitors fill restaurants, attend community events, support local businesses, and often rediscover why they were proud to call Gilford home. More importantly, reunions strengthen the ties between generations. Alumni see today's students walking the same halls, participating in the same traditions, and preparing to create memories of their own.

Old Home Day itself is built on that same principle. It is one of those uniquely New England traditions that encourages former residents to return, neighbors to reconnect, and families to celebrate what makes their town special. Pairing a class reunion with Old Home Day creates something larger than either event alone. It becomes a celebration of continuity.

Forty years is long enough for lives to change dramatically. Careers are built, children become adults, and many classmates have likely become grandparents. Some who should be there will be remembered instead of greeted. Time has a way of reminding us that opportunities to gather become more precious with each passing decade.

Perhaps that is why reunions matter more to many people realize. They encourage us to step away from busy schedules and spend time with people who knew us before job titles, mortgages, and responsibilities defined our lives. They remind us that friendships can survive long periods of silence and that shared experiences never truly disappear.

The Class of 1986's celebration is ultimately about more than nostalgia. It is about honoring the connections that continue to bind people to their hometown and to one another. Those connections are part of what keeps communities like Gilford vibrant across generations.

As Old Home Day approaches, there will be plenty of reasons to enjoy the festivities. For the members of the Class of 1986, however, the greatest celebration may simply be coming home.

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.

It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.



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From Aug. 7-9, don't miss the annual On The Green 2 Arts & Crafts Festival at Brewster Academy, 80 Academy Dr., Wolfeboro, with more than 100 amazing artisans, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.! Some of the exhibitors will include awesome cedar wood log furniture, New Hampshire photography, various styles of jewelry, charcuterie boards, metal animation, special tablecloths & decor, chainsaw creations and demonstrations with Buck Ridge, functional and decorative pottery, awesome soy candles, inlaid marketry mirrors and tables, chalkboard mats, 3D animation, New Hampshire maple syrups, gourmet oils & vinegars, custom leather belts, tole painting, handcrafted wooden kitchen utensils, awesome skincare products and lots more! Rain or Shine Under Canopies! Live Music with North River! Friendly, Leashed Pets Welcome! Free Admission and Free Parking! For more information, call Joyce at (603) 387-1510. Presented by: Joyce's Craft Shows. See you there!

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

'Invironment'

Today was one of those days where everything that you thought was going to happen didn't. For starters, what was supposed to happen got switched to tomorrow. I swapped work days, and that turned into another swap fest that sent me home for a little lunch and an internet search for an electronic part.

Now, being at a different location, I adjusted my sights to another job that was dependent upon someone being home who wasn't. It was not for lack of trying, but this day's work just wasn't about to happen, I guess. I was so glad that the sun was shining and just headed down the swimming hole a little earlier than usual.

I extended my swimming much more today. My confidence toward being able to swim across the lake again continues to grow. That's a wicked long distance for me to consider accomplishing this summer, but it doesn't hurt to have unrealistic goals sometimes.

The guy from the new house next door is out disturbing the peace with his leaf blower. Doesn't he have something more import-

ant to be doing? I just can't understand some things. If God wanted a nice, manicured world, wouldn't he do something other than randomly dropping leaves everywhere?

Yes, I do have one myself, no, I actually have two of these loud obnoxious machines. One is electric, I made it out of an old shop vac. It's good for cleaning off work areas, roofs and such. The other one is gas, and it was given to me by a friend who insisted that I needed it. Maybe?

Like it is a free country. But with a yard his size, he could quickly and easily rake the whole thing, but he desires to have the latest labor saving yard maintenance gadget. It's our prerogative here to work for the things we want, and not what some smart expert says we need.

I heard someone say the other day that summer was half over already. I feel like it's only just begun. So the song comes into mind and I'm singing it to myself with, wasn't it Karen Carpenter?, accompanying me in the back of my mind. Most everything morphs into music somehow. There's a

preacher guy I often listen to who is always quoting lyrics from old sixties tunes. He's got the same thing I do, 'musicitis.'

I got the music in me, there it goes again. Sister Sledge? No, it was Kiki Dee. Me and names don't connect very well. So I was quite lucky a few years ago to get a call to come audition for this band that was looking for a bass player. I thought that I was through with that kind of stuff. The two previous attempts to keep my foot in that door didn't work out all to positively. But this one was golden. Wonderful vocals, tight, no personality conflicts. I ought to figure out how many years it's been. But it's been more than a few.

Soon we're going to be disbanding and I'm once again wondering if this will be the grand finale. We all have our own issues, primarily it's physical degradation. We've all been on this planet for quite some time, doing the giggling scene, and all those years are now catching up with us. I've been fighting with back pains and contorting fingers for years now. I do hate to let it go though, it's been

such a total lifestyle thing for me. There's change in the air though. I can feel it.

I almost did it again, that's spill my coffee. I have the coordinates of the tips of all five of my fingertips programmed into my memory. After using this hand for my entire lifetime, my brain knows where each tip should be in relation to it's movement commands. It miraculously works, even without paying close attention. Our minds are so incredible. Thank you, Lord.

As I passed the table to head up stairs, I reached down to snag my mug. Four fingertips followed the prescribed trajectory, the middle finger, the one that's kind of curled up, hung below the plane of those passing over, and caught the rim of the mug sending it into tip over mode. This time I was able to grab it before the spill initiated. Luckily, it wasn't full. It takes constant conscious corrections to comfortably continue within this ever-changing 'invironment.' Crazy.

E.Twaste
Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

The day the power went out—and nobody complained

A brief power outage rolled through our neighborhood recently. Nothing dramatic—just long enough for the clocks to start blinking and for everyone to wonder whether the refrigerator door should stay closed.

At first, I reacted the way most people do these days. I reached for my phone.

Then I realized there wasn't much point. The Wi-Fi was down, the television was dark, and there wasn't anything I could do to speed up the utility crew. So I put the phone back in my pocket and wandered outside.

That's when I noticed something interesting. So had everyone else.

Up and down the street, garage doors were open. People were sitting on steps, leaning against fences or standing in driveways talking to neighbors they hadn't seen in weeks. Someone joked that the outage was the most successful neighborhood social event

of the summer. For an hour or so, we all remembered how to be inconvenienced together.

One neighbor had a battery-powered radio and kept everyone updated. Another offered freezer space from a generator-powered chest freezer if anyone needed it. Someone else handed out popsicles before they had a chance to melt. Nobody seemed particularly bothered.

It reminded me that New Hampshire has always had a practical streak. Around here, when something unexpected happens, people don't spend much time asking whose fault it is. They ask who needs a hand. That's a quality worth hanging onto.

We've become accustomed to expecting everything to work all the

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS

By CHIPPY

time. Flip a switch, and there's light. Turn a faucet, and there's water. Push a button, and dinner heats up in two minutes. Most days, we hardly notice. It takes a small interruption to remind us how remarkable ordinary life really is.

The outage also revealed something else. Conversation doesn't require electricity.

People swapped fishing stories. They compared gardens. One fellow insisted the tomatoes would be better this year because of the weather, while another argued exactly the opposite. A pair of children started an impromptu game of catch in the middle of the yard, and before long an older neighbor wandered over to show them how to throw a proper curveball.

No one had organized

any of it. It simply happened because there wasn't much else to do.

When the lights finally flickered back on, you could almost hear the neighborhood exhale. Air conditioners hummed to life. Garage doors rumbled shut. One by one, people drifted back inside.

Within minutes, the street looked as quiet as ever. I was grateful to have the electricity back. I'm fond of hot coffee in the morning and cold ice cream at night, and I have no desire to return to kerosene lamps. Still, I couldn't help thinking that the outage had given us something we rarely make time for anymore. An unscheduled evening with the people who live just beyond our mailbox. I certainly wouldn't recommend losing power as a community-building strategy. But if it happens again, I think I'll grab a lawn chair before I grab my phone.

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Granite State Adaptive’s Eighth Annual Cowboy Ball a huge success

WOLFEBORO — Granite State Adaptive celebrated a record-breaking evening at its 8th Annual Cowboy Ball, held on June 25 at the Inn on Main in Wolfeboro. The sold-out event welcomed 250 guests and raised the most ever in the event's history—to support adaptive recreation and therapeutic programming for individuals with disabilities throughout the region.

Guests enjoyed an unforgettable evening featuring an exceptional dinner prepared by O'Bistro, live music and dancing with the Eric Grant Band, an unparalleled silent auction featuring more than 100 donated items, and a Giving Tree that inspired additional generosity throughout the night.

The success of the Cowboy Ball was made possible through extraordinary community support. Thirty-six sponsors partnered with Granite State Adaptive to make the event possible, while more than 100 local businesses and artisans generously donated items and experiences to the silent auction.

"The event just gets better every year," said Joanne Walsh, co-chair of the Cowboy Ball. "The energy and the vibe are infectious as attendees kick off their summer while supporting a truly worthwhile cause."

Funds raised during the evening will allow Granite State Adaptive to continue expanding its programs in equine-assisted services, adaptive cycling, and adaptive skiing, creating more opportunities for individuals with disabilities to experience the physical, emotional, and social benefits

of adaptive recreation.

"We are humbled by the outpouring of community support for our organization," said Jen Fraser, Executive Director of Granite State Adaptive. "It takes an entire community to sustain a local nonprofit, and we are truly grateful to our incredible sponsors, donors, volunteers, and everyone who attended this year's Cowboy Ball. Their generosity allows us to continue expanding programs that change lives."

Granite State Adaptive extends its heartfelt appreciation to the following sponsors for their generous support of the 2026 Cowboy Ball:

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The organization also extends sincere thanks to the more than 100 lo-

cal businesses and artisans who donated to the silent auction, O'Bistro for an outstanding dinner, the Eric Grant Band for providing an evening of music and dancing, and the many volunteers and staff members whose dedication made this record-breaking event possible. A big Cowboy Ball shout-out to Twin Barns Brewing Company for creating a special IPA “Giddy Up” for the event, which was a bonus and a huge hit with the attendees.

Looking ahead, Granite State Adaptive is excited to welcome the community to an Open

House this fall, where visitors can tour the organization's newly completed Indoor Equestrian Center in Wolfeboro and learn more about the innovative programs serving individuals with disabilities across the region. Planning is already underway for the 9th Annual Cowboy Ball in 2027, with organizers looking forward to building on this year's record-breaking success.

For more information about Granite State Adaptive, to make a donation, volunteer, or learn more about its programs, visit www.gsadaptivesports.org.

About Granite State Adaptive

Granite State Adaptive is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities through year-round adaptive sports and recreation. Through programs including equine-assisted services, adaptive skiing, adaptive cycling, and other inclusive recreational opportunities, Granite State Adaptive empowers participants to build confidence, independence, health, and lifelong connections within their community, sustained by community support.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events Aug. 6 - Aug. 13

Thursday, Aug. 6
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
LEGO Day with C3Brix, 9-11 a.m.
Nationally famous Cody Wells of his company C3Brix will joining us for lots of Lego fun!
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. 8
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 11
Feel Good Fitness

with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
NH Turtle Rescue, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Did you know that New Hampshire is home to seven different native turtle species? Join Dallas and Drew from New Hampshire Turtle Rescue and discover what makes our wild turtles so special, the challenges they’re facing, how to be a good turtle neighbor, and other ways to help them out. You’ll also get the chance to see some of New Hampshire Turtle Rescue’s turtle ambassadors up close – you won’t want to miss it!

Wednesday, August 12th
Geri Fit, 9am-10am
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 10am-11am
Card Games, 10am-12pm
Check out an Expert, 10am-12pm
Paint Group, 1pm-3pm
Summer Reading Program Finale!, 4pm-5pm
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swering all your questions about their life histories and relation to their human handlers. The program is open to all, including those with disabilities.

Thursday, August 13th
Senior Sculpt, 9am-10am
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10am-11am
French, 4pm-5pm
GPL Book Discussion: Love Forms, 5:30pm-6:30pm
This month's book is Love Forms by Claire Adam. Led by Rhetta; books are available at the front desk.

McQuade Fine Arts brings in-person art classes to Lakes Region Art Gallery starting Aug. 3

TILTON — McQuade Fine Arts is offering a new series of in-person art classes led by juried artist Stephanie C. McQuade at the Lakes Region Art Gallery in Tilton. These welcoming, hands-on courses are ideal for beginners and emerging artists seeking to build skills in watercolor and pastels.

Upcoming five-week classes:
Watercolor for Beginners
Step-by-step instruction for absolute beginners exploring the vibrant world of watercolor.

- Dates: Tuesdays starting Aug. 18
- Time: 10 a.m.–noon
- Cost: \$200

Watercolor Workout
Guided practice class for those with beginner experience who want to build confidence through exercises and feedback.

- Dates: Mondays starting Aug. 3
- Time: 1–3 p.m.
- Cost: \$200

Pastels Beyond Basics

Materials review plus personalized guidance on student projects in soft pastels.

- Dates: Mondays starting Aug. 3
- Time: 10 a.m.–noon
- Cost: \$200

All classes held at Lakes Region Art Gallery, 120 Laconia Rd., Suite #300, Tilton, (Tanger Outlets).

Registration & Details: Visit www.mcquade-finearts.com/art-classes for registration links and additional class information.

“These classes provide a supportive environment where students can unleash their creativity and see real progress,” said instructor Stephanie McQuade.

Madison Brooks named to Spring Dean's List at Emmanuel College

BOSTON, Mass. — Madison Brooks, of Laconia has been named to the Spring 2026 Emmanuel College Dean's List.

To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. “The Calamity Club” by Kathryn Stockett
2. “Regime Change” by Maggie Haberman
3. “Country Road Murders” by James Patterson
4. “Yesteryear” by Caro Claire Burke
5. “Rockets Red Glare” by James Patterson
6. “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi
7. “Whistler” by Ann Patchett
8. “A Dark Path” by Linda Castillo
9. “Ransom” by Daniel Silva
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12. “26 Beauties” by James Patterson

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Fun ways to close out summer

After a few months of fun in the sun, it can be difficult to admit that summer will soon be over. Lazy, hazy days likely filled the calendar, with time spent poolside or at a beach.

Just because summer is winding down doesn't

mean that all the relaxing fun must cease. Families can extend the fun a little longer with these ideas that can help everyone ride the last of the summertime wave.

The fair is in town
The end of summer

tends to be fair season. Fairs and carnivals offer an assortment of entertainment all under one roof (or tent). In fact, many people live a short drive away from a fairgrounds, and residents can check the schedule posted on a municipal

website. Fairs also are commonly advertised in newspapers and on signage.

Fairs have rides, carnival games, livestock shows and contests, food on a stick, and musical performances. They can be ideal ways for fam-

ilies to find something fun everyone can enjoy.

Late-season vacation
When most families are gearing up to return to school and shopping for supplies and wardrobes, others may want to maximize the end of summer with a vacation. July tends to be a peak month for summer vacations. While August also is popular, prices and crowds tend to drop by late August, meaning families may be able to score good deals the longer they wait.

days still in store. In fact, waiting until the crowds dissipate can make local beach towns and amenities more enjoyable.

Camping out
A movie under the stars followed by an evening of camping out in the backyard or a nearby campsite can be an ideal way to close out summer. Everyone can listen to those late-summer crickets singing their tunes while fireflies light up the sky. While sitting around a campfire or firepit, everyone can take turns sharing what they loved most about the summer and what they're looking forward to doing in the weeks to come.

Local summer
In many beach towns, the crowds thin considerably after the Labor Day holiday. And beach entry fees may be waived after Labor Day. Families needn't say goodbye to seaside adventures just because the calendar flips from August to September. There are plenty of warm



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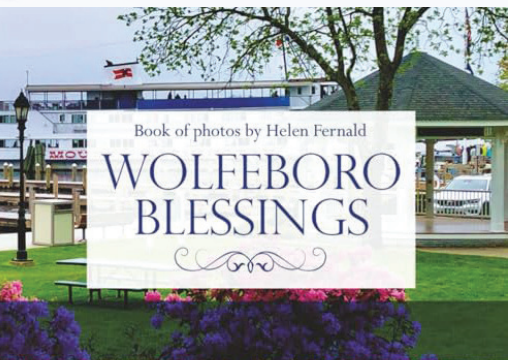
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NH Boat Museum to host 50th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show Aug. 8

ALTON BAY — The New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host the 50th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Alton Bay Town Docks. The free public event marks a half-century of celebrating New Hampshire's freshwater boating heritage and is among the longest-running vintage boat shows in the region.

"What I love about the Alton Bay Boat Show is how it turns the whole waterfront into a living gallery," noted NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. "Every boat carries a story, every owner is eager to share it, and the community leans in with real affection. It's one of the coolest, most heartfelt days on the lake."

At the show, which features classic wooden and early fiberglass vessels



(model year 1975 and earlier), spectators are invited to walk the docks, meet the owners, and cast ballots for the People's Choice Award.

"This is one of the most exciting events of the summer for the whole family," said NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. "It's truly a remarkable collec-

tion of boats, and spectators can get up close and talk with the owners."

Pre-registration is not required, and docking is first-come, first-served.

"Reaching the 50th anniversary is a significant milestone for the museum and for the boating community across New Hampshire," added Kurtz.

The 50th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show is sponsored by The NASWA Re-

sort, Mundial Group, Inc., and Water's Nook Home Decor and Gifts.

Founded in 1992, NHBM is dedicated to preserving and sharing the state's rich freshwater boating heritage. Through dynamic exhibits, youth programs like Junior Skippers, and on-the-water experiences, NHBM brings New Hampshire's boating story to life for visitors from across the state and beyond.

Wright Museum to host lecture, book signing

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Aug. 11, the Wright Museum will welcome Laura Knoy. This is the twelfth program of the Wright Museum's 2026 Education Series.

When WWII comes for her family, Sarah thinks she is ready. She has had training, after all, coming of Age during World War I.

"The Shopkeeper of Alsace" is an uplifting tale of family, love, resilience, and an unstoppable women.

Laura Knoy is an award-winning journalist. She founded New Hampshire's most widely respected and recognized public radio program, "The Exchange," which she hosted for 25 years. Knoy also worked at the national level; newscasting, hosting and reporting for NPR.

Doors open at 6 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11 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 repre-

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Egan brings “fascinating story” home to Plymouth

“Transforming the Beautiful Game: The Clyde Best Story” at Flying Monkey Aug. 8

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

PLYMOUTH — It was a story that needed to be told and as it turns out, New Hampshire filmmaker Dan Egan was the perfect person to tell it.

Egan, who made an international name for himself with his skiing prowess that has been featured in countless Warren Miller films and across multiple platforms over the years and calls the Plymouth area home, is also a filmmaker and when he heard the story of Clyde Best, he knew immediately it was worthy of a film.

He just didn’t know how many connections he had to the soccer legend until he started to tell the story.

“As a filmmaker, it’s always a race to find a story that hasn’t been told,” Egan said. “Nobody knew the whole story, so putting it together was pretty amazing.”

“Transforming the Beautiful Game: The Clyde Best Story,” celebrates the extraordinary life and legacy of Bermudian football legend Clyde Best, the first Black football superstar of England’s modern television era and a pioneering figure whose influence helped shape the growth of professional soccer in the United States.

At just 17 years old, Best signed with West Ham United, where he endured relentless racism while breaking barriers at the highest level of English football. Over his career, he made 218 first-team appearances, scored 58 goals, and became a symbol of courage, perseverance, and change.

Among the film’s defining moments is Easter Sunday 1972, when Best, Clive Charles, and Ade Coker became the first three Black players ever to start together in England’s First Division—a historic milestone that transcended sport and helped change English football forever.

The documentary also chronicles Best’s



COURTESY PHOTO
New Hampshire filmmaker Dan Egan (left) poses with soccer legend Clyde Best (center) and his nephew, Jerry Best, who was Egan’s soccer teammate at Bridgton Academy in Maine in the early 1980s at a filming for “Transforming the Beautiful Game: The Clyde Best Story.”

influential career in the North American Soccer League (NASL), where he helped lead the Tampa Bay Rowdies to the 1975 Soccer Bowl championship before becoming a fan favorite with the Portland Timbers. His professional career also included stops in Cleveland, Toronto, Los Angeles, and indoor soccer, helping establish the sport’s foundation in North America.

As Egan relays it, when Best left Bermuda at 17 years old to play soccer in England, he was on his own without knowing anyone. A stranger took him to the only black family in the neighborhood and as it turned out, that was the Charles family. The aforementioned Clive Charles would become teammates with Best and would go on to be one of the most famous black coaches in America, coaching in the

Olympics and at the college level.

As a soccer player himself, Egan was familiar with Best and had a personal connection, as his teammate at Bridgton Academy in 1983 was Jerry Best, Clyde’s nephew. And as a filmmaker, he has done a lot of work on the America’s Cup sailboat race and has sailed to Bermuda many times and was hanging out after finishing the Warren Miller film in 2019 and was looking for ideas when the Clyde Best story popped up. Best is a legend in the small island country.

Egan called up his Bridgton coach from 1983 looking for some contacts and he noted that there was another Bermudian from the small Maine school and put Egan in touch. As it turns out, that man was the Speaker of the House of Parliament in Bermuda, Dennis Lister and he was quick to point out that the Minister of Sport in the country also went to Bridgton Academy.

“Bridgton is the only one-year all boys prep school in the country and to have all of us there at one point, that’s incredible,” Egan said.

Egan went to work and secured a government grant in Bermuda and followed his nose on other funding opportunities to begin telling the story.

“When he made the First Team in 1968, he was the only black man on UK television,” Egan said. “But he endured all sorts of crap.”

“A 17-year-old had to navigate all that and did it through excellence,” Egan continued. “He just put his head down and scored goals.”

Egan worked on the film for six years and found Best to be a hum-



COURTESY PHOTO
Clyde Best became an American soccer legend while playing for the Portland Timbers, this photo is from his time there in 1977.



COURTESY
Clyde Best starred for West Ham in the late 1960s, becoming an English soccer legend despite enduring horrific racism during that time.

ble human being with an absolutely fascinating story.

“When he left Bermuda, his parents told him to be nice to others and that’s what he did,” Egan said. “He kept saying, ‘I did it for those coming after me.’”

Narrated by acclaimed actor Tony D. Head and featuring an original score and songs by Roy Hay of Culture Club, the film combines never-before-seen archival footage with exclusive interviews featuring football legends including Ian Wright, Sir Geoff Hurst, Harry Redknapp, Les Ferdinand, Viv Anderson, Garth Crooks, Rodney Marsh, Howard Gayle, Carlton Cole, Ade Coker, and U.S. Men’s National Team star Kasey Keller. The documentary also explores Best’s close friendship with teammate Clive Charles.

“Transforming the Beautiful Game: The Clyde Best Story,” premiered in London in

March and did a run of 12 sold-out shows in Bermuda. It was Fan Favorite at the Roxbury International Film Festival, sold out the Lincoln Center and was featured at the Woods Hole Film Festival just last week.

Now Egan is bringing the story to his hometown, as the movie will be shown at The Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Doors open at 6 p.m., with the film beginning at 7 p.m. Following the screening, Egan will host a live audience Q and A, sharing the remarkable true story behind football pioneer Clyde Best and the decade-long journey to bring one of soccer’s most important untold stories to the screen.

For ticket information, visit flyingmonkeynh.com.

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SPORTS

Local runners brave heat in annual Center Harbor Footrace

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CENTER HARBOR — The annual Center Harbor Footrace took place on the Fourth of July, attracting runners from all over the region for a five-mile race and a 1.766-mile race.

Alex Karwoski of Boston took the win in the five-mile race with a time of 28:31 with Miles Meijer of Moultonborough in 29:37 and Billy Melone of Moultonborough in 29:50 to round out the top three.

Becky Dunkel of Tampa, Fla. Was the top female finisher in 29:54, which placed her fourth overall with Robyn Stanley of Westford, Mass. in 25:25 and Christie Skubina of Boston, Mass. in 36:06 to finish out the top three for women.

Locals were among the hundreds of runners braving the Lakes Region heat on the Fourth of July.

Mikey Kampmann of Moultonborough was sixth overall in 31:20, Matt Cote of Meredith finished in 35:03 for 13th place, Frankie Karasmeighan of Moultonborough was 16th in 35:17, DJ McDonough of Moultonborough finished in 36:22 for 21st place, Nick Perry of Meredith was 22nd in 36:27 and Jon Farrell of Moultonborough was 24th overall in 36:49.

Matia Whiting of Center Harbor was 25th overall in 36:50, Mason

Ellis of Moultonborough was 26th in 36:53, Knox Lunkenheimer of Moultonborough was 27th in 36:57, James Roche of Moultonborough was 28th in 37:11, Richard Higginbotham of Meredith was 30th in 27:21, Clint Dowd of Moultonborough was 33rd in 38:08, Ryan Erwin of Moultonborough was 34th in 38:11 and Jackson Plyler of Moultonborough was 36th overall in 38:33.

Moultonborough’s Biel Enrich was 39th in 38:45, Andrew Jenkins of Moultonborough was 40th in 38:57, Grady Stabert of Moultonborough was 42nd in 39:00, Moultonborough’s Alex Goulet was 46th in 39:26, Nolan Abronski of Moultonborough placed 47th in 39:46 and Tommy O’Connor of Moultonborough was 48th in 39:47. Moultonborough’s Sam Lagan finished in 49th place in 39:53, Drew Knight of Moultonborough was 51st in 40:03 and Joe Chiliberti of Moultonborough placed 53rd in 40:19.

Brendan Combs of Center Harbor was 54th overall in 40:22, Samuel Robinson of Moultonborough was 55th in 40:25, London Vos Strache of Moultonborough was 59th in 40:44, Chris Meeken of Sandwich was 60th in 40:48, Ben Stanisz of Moultonborough was 61st in 41:03, Sean Kinney of Moul-

tonborough was 65th in 41:30 and Kyle Vengels of Moultonborough crossed in 41:41 for 66th place.

Ryan Pollock of Sandwich was 70th overall in 42:08, Chris Hupfeldt of Moultonborough placed 72nd in 42:11, Julie Furlan of Wentworth was 74th in 42:31, Lucia Roth of Alton was 80th in 42:51, Jeremy Legge of Moultonborough was 82nd in 43:00, Alexandra Legge of Moultonborough was 86th in 43:32, Thomas Raymond of Moultonborough was 91st in 44:17, Leah Metzger of Moultonborough was 94th in 44:36 and Rebecca Dowd of Moultonborough was 96th in 44:50.

Caryle Zipprich of Moultonborough was 102nd in 45:10, Caelan

McFarlane of Moultonborough was 104th in 45:19, Moultonborough’s Jill Knight was 110th in 45:53, Pete Gillin of Moultonborough was 112th in 46:21, Connor Bailey of Center Harbor was 114th in 46:44, Jesse Langley of Moultonborough was 119th in 47:16, Molly Borge of Moultonborough was 122nd in 47:55, Chris Johnson of Center Harbor placed 124th overall with a time of 48:03 and Chip Coraine of Moultonborough finished in 127th in 48:10. Kenny Driscoll led of quintet of Moultonborough runners all in a row, finishing in 135th in 49:06 with Queco Jorba in the same time, Luke Campbell in 49:07 and Red Gray and Truman Thuente in the same time.

Nolan Stabert of Moultonborough was 142nd in 49:29, Guinevere Lacasse of Meredith was 143rd in 49:45, Kay Lacasse of Meredith was 144th in 49:46, Alex Whiting of Center Harbor placed 150th in 50:57, Narri Dowd of Moultonborough finished in 52:19 for 157th place, Madelyn Furlan of Wentworth was 163rd overall in 53:19, Edith Brashares of Bristol was 179th in 54:53, Devyn VonKadich of Belmont was 180th in 55:07, Mathew Peterson of Center Harbor was 186th in 56:20, Maleia Raymond of Moultonborough was 189th in 57:13, Alexandra Michel of Center Harbor was 192nd in 57:44, Brendan Hastings of Sanbornton was 194th in 58:32, Marc Bard of

Holderness was 206th in 1:00:4 and Peter Stropole of Moultonborough was 207th in 1:00:59.

Beatrice Cartier of Center Harbor was 209th in 1:01:18, Colette Clifford of Moultonborough was 210th in 1:01:41, Natale Doten of Meredith was 211th in 1:02:00, Avery VonKadich of Belmont was 212th in 1:02:18, Louisa Cartier of Center Harbor was 213th in 1:02:26, Lauria Patz of Center Harbor was 220th in 1:06:22, Frank Forward of Meredith was 221st in 1:06:37 and Center Harbor’s Liam Daugherty was 222nd in the same time of 1:06:37.

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Prospect Mountain grad wins Woodchuck Classic 5K

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CANTERBURY — Runners headed to Canterbury Elementary School on Saturday, July 25, for the Canterbury Woodchuck Classic 5K. The race is part of the Capital Area Race Series.

Prospect Mountain graduate Cody Symonds of Alexandria took the overall win on the day with a time of 15:39 with Hiroshi Kawakatsu of Greenwich, Conn. in second in 15:53 and Colton Ham of Loudon rounding out the top three in 16:33.

Maya Brochu of Bow was the top female finisher, crossing in 19:36 with Jasmine Syed of Canterbury in 20:40 and Sarah Burdette of Concord finished in a time of 20:55 to round out the top three.

Local runners had some solid finishes across the board.

Prospect Mountain graduate Drew Tuttle of Rochester was sixth overall in 17:25 while Nicholas Gosling of Bristol was right behind in seventh in 17:26. Justin Clark of Canterbury was 17th overall in 19:55 while Syed’s time

put her in 25th place overall. Bill Tidd of Alton was 32nd in a time of 21:36 and Darin Brown of Madison placed 34th in a time of 21:45. Taylor Livingstone of Holderness finished in a time of 22:20 to place 40th overall.

Elizabeth Beeson of Holderness crossed in 22:32 for 45th place, Newfound cross country and track coach Mike LaPlume was 51st overall in 23:22 and Lucia Roth of Alton placed 53rd in a time of 23:59. Nick Daigneault of Canterbury ran to 56th place in a time of 24:06, Brittany Symonds of Alexandria finished in 24:22 for 59th place, Rowan O’Brien of Holderness was 60th in 24:31, Bob Lemaire of Wolfeboro was 61st in 24:37 and Peter Heslam of Belmont was 62nd in 24:39.

Jonathan Sheetz of Ellsworth was 155th in 34:15, Jennifer Leonard of Gifford was 159th in 35:31, Zoe Perlet of Canterbury was 162nd in 36:22, Anabel Perlet of Canterbury was 163rd in 36:23, Mary Kaplan of Barnstead was 164th in 36:29 and Katja Fox of Wolfeboro was 177th in 41:19.

Wolfeboro’s Anna Rivard was 181st in 42:07, Shayna Rivard of Wolfeboro was 183rd in 42:14, Althea Sheetz of Campton was 182nd in 42:14, Cheryl Adams of Tilton finished in 43:13 for 186th place, Angie Cummings Knott of Hill was 187th in 43:14, Richard Chaney of Canterbury was 195th in 44:18, Sandra Coito of Canterbury was 197th in 44:31, Elizabeth Todd of Canterbury was 206th in 48:32 and Emily Bragdon of Canterbury finished in 50:34 for 209th place.

Cole Butcher set for special New Hampshire debut

LOUDON — For Cole Butcher, New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) may not technically be his home track, but it has always felt like the closest thing to it.

The Porter’s Lake, Nova Scotia native will make his NHMS debut in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (NCTS) this August, racing in front of family, friends and fans who have followed his career throughout Atlantic Canada and New England. More than a dozen campsites have already been reserved by supporters making the trip south, turning race weekend into a homecoming of its own.

“I’m excited,” Butcher said. “I’ve raced up in New England probably the past 10 years between Oxford and some other racetracks out there, so it’s the closest thing to home. We have a ton of fans there from Nova Scotia and all around the Maritimes, so we’re really looking forward to it.”

For Butcher, NHMS is more than just another stop on the NCTS schedule. It’s a track he grew up visiting, dreaming of one day having the opportunity to race on the big track.

“The track has a lot of history,” Butcher said. “I’ve been going there quite a bit when I was a little kid, so just being on the track and being a part of the event is going to be something special in itself.”

The support waiting for Butcher extends well beyond the grandstands. Friends, family and fans from Nova Scotia, Maine, New Hampshire and throughout the region are expected to create the



COURTESY PHOTO

Cole Butcher will be racing in the Craftsman Truck Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway later in August.

largest cheering section that Butcher has seen all season.

“It’s just great to have that support,” Butcher said. “Whether it be the Maritimes or Maine, New Hampshire, et cetera. I was told we have 12-plus camping sites, so that’s pretty amazing, and I’m sure it’s just going to grow. We’ll get up there, have some Maine lobster and just enjoy the weekend.”

While the atmosphere will certainly be special, Butcher hasn’t lost sight of the main objective — putting together a strong performance for the people who have supported him throughout his racing career.

“Just a good finish,” Butcher said when asked what he’s looking forward to most. “I want to put on a show for my fans and kind of make everybody proud that a kid from Nova Scotia, Canada is racing in one of NASCAR’s top three series. It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

A victory at New Hampshire would rank among the biggest accomplishments of Butcher’s career, adding to a resume that already includes one of New England’s most prestigious short-track victories in the Oxford 250.

“It would be great,” Butcher said. “My biggest win up in New England right now is the Oxford 250, so I’d be able to match that, if not exceed it. New Hampshire has a lot of history. I don’t know if we get to hold the lobster or not if we win. I don’t know if that’s a Cup thing or not, but that’d be pretty cool.”

The Team EJP 175 NCTS race is part of Doubleheader Saturday at NHMS that also features the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour (NWMT) Mohegan Sun 100.

For Butcher, experiencing everything NHMS has to offer is something every race fan should make time for.

“I mean, I’m going

to be there, and all my ThorSport teammates are going to be there, so why wouldn’t you want to be there?” Butcher said. “The Truck Series and the Whelen Modified Tour put on a great show, and it’s two for one.”

For tickets and camping for New England’s only NCS weekend, featuring the Dollar Tree 301 NASCAR Cup Series race, Team EJP 175 NCTS race, Mohegan Sun 100 NWMT race and Sig Sauer Academy Dirt Duels, fans should visit NHMS.com or call 833-4LOUDON. Tickets for kids 12 and under are just \$10 on Sunday, free on Doubleheader Saturday and start at \$10 on Friday.

Keep track of all of 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.

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Alton	19 Church St.	N/A	\$600,000	David D. Birdsey 1995 RET and Robert E. Birdsey	Monia and John Joseph Esposito
Alton	Fort Point Road	N/A	\$422,533	Clough-Morrell Trust and Thomas Diveny	Christian Camps & Conference
Alton	N/A (Lot 42)	N/A	\$105,000	Richard and Janet Jodoin	Kelly Elizabeth and Robert Anthony McManus
Barnstead	6 Davis Dr.	N/A	\$300,000	Maureen V. Hanley Estate and Kristen Dawyskiba	Ethan Scott Riemer and Catrina Marie Jordan
Barnstead	38 Garland Rd.	N/A	\$106,000	Keith and Patti Whittier	Jacob Hunter Whittier
Barnstead	154 Narrows Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$540,000	Shado Acres LLC	Narrows LLC
Barnstead	21 Nutter Circle	Single-Family Residence	\$360,000	Nicole and Jonathan Verderame	William and Alicia Girginis
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$95,000	George P. Kokkinos	Leonard F. Arabia 2026 Trust
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$750,000	Louis H. and Louise Lozy	Gilberto Russo
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 31B)	N/A	\$265,000	David Tamasanis	Grant Fiscal Trust and Catherine Grant
Gilford	667 Gilford Ave.	Farm/Forest	\$2,935,466	Maryanne Baron	Richard Ray RET
Gilford	N/A (Lot 12)	N/A	\$2,225,000	Kim Baron RET and Jeremy K. Baron	Theodore and Marie C. Chestnut
Gilmanton	77 Crystal Lake Rd.	N/A	\$420,000	Teak Ridge RE Solutions LLC and Westcom Holdings LLC	Norman K. Gilbert
New Durham	33 Quaker Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$535,000	Brett A. and Aimee J. Tiede	Robert Brault and Patricia Williams
New Durham	362 S. Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,200,000	Tiralla Fiscal Trust and Paul M. Tiralla	Greghory Berrard and Jennifer Sweeney
New Durham	Valley Road	N/A	\$480,000	Theresa M. Glidden Trust and Paula J. Durand	Allen Germain and Carrie McCloy

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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Kalled Gallery welcomes jewelry designer Ali Dumont

WOLFEBORO — Join us at the Kalled Gallery Saturday, Aug. 15 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for a special meet and greet with jewelry designer Ali Dumont. Dumont's jewelry designs embody a unique

interaction of textures, colors, and shapes, that reflect a playful and joyful mood. A fascination with the creative spirit and its desire to organize the earth's splendor into wearable forms of self-express-

sion inspire her work. She believes "beyond the metal and stones, jewelry holds memories and the personal stories we attach to it." At the gallery, this is a sentiment we share with Dumont, and is

why we feel offering the opportunity to meet the artist adds a special connection to any piece. As Jennifer Kalled's daughter, the personal story with jewelry has continued since childhood for Dumont. For

her, jewelry is "is a symbol of love, accomplishment, a marker of a moment. And all that goodness should be given to oneself. There is no need to wait for someone to give it to you."

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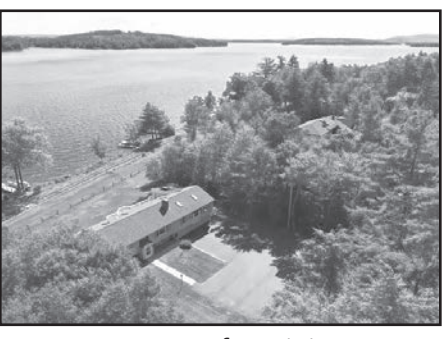
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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton celebrates Old Home Days
Alton Old Home Days are Aug. 8 and 9. Activities include:
Saturday, Aug. 8
Old Home Days Craft Fair- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Railroad Square Park.
Vintage Boat Show- 9 a.m. to noon. Public Boat Docks.
ABA Parade- Hometown USA: 250 Years Strong- 11:30 a.m.- Starts at the Letter S Road and ends in Alton Bay.
Alton Fire Association Chicken BBQ- Central Fire Station- Starts at 4:30p.m. until sold out.
Bittersweet Band Concert, a local favorite, playing classic rock- 7-9 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand.

Sunday, Aug. 9
Old Home Days Craft Fair- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Railroad Square Park.
Alton Fire Department vs Alton Police Department Annual Softball Game- 10 a.m.- Jones Field at Little Fenway.
Cribbage Tournament- 1 p.m.- Alton Bay Bandstand, arrive early to get a seat in the game.

Alton Old Home Days Craft Fair — Aug. 8 & 9
Celebrate Alton Old Home Days by attending a New England Style Craft

GRADS
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lative grade point average. He is followed by Zoe-Jane Ransom in second, Jenna Sykes in third, Paige Harding in fourth and Delaney Troendle in fifth.
Rounding out the school's top 10 students are Keela Forsythe, Natalia Kharitonov, Shaelin Forsythe, Alyssa Pica and Lily Georgius.
The rankings reflect years of dedication both inside and outside the classroom, with many of the top students also earning recognition through honor societies, advanced academic programs and community service.
Prospect Mountain also recognized 23 graduates as New Hampshire Scholars, a distinction awarded to students who complete a challenging college- and career-ready course of study. Those students are Elizabeth Bishop, Joshua Clark, Rylan Clifford, Liam Conway, Colton Croft, Keela Forsythe, Shaelin Forsythe, Lily Georgius, Jack Griffin,

Fair on Aug. 8 and 9. The fair will take place in Alton Bay on Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine. Vendor items are handmade by local artisans and include food items, maple products, bird feeders, jewelry, tote and cosmetic bags, stoneware pottery, wood signs and crafts, journals, greeting cards, paintings, linens, quilts, pillows, dog and cat treats and toys, laser cut and engraved items, seashell designs, children's books, knitted and crocheted items, and much more. Craft Fair items make unique holiday gifts. Stop by and stroll through the Craft Fair and enjoy the views from the waterfront park.

Old Home Days Firemen's Chicken BBQ
The Alton Firemen's Association is sponsoring their annual (and famous) Chicken BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 8, starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Fire Station. Parking is available at Mill Pond to eat in, or drive through and pick up your meal to go.

Old Home Days Battle of the Badges Softball Game
The Alton Fire and Police Departments are playing their annual Old Home Days Softball Game on Sunday, Aug. 9 at 10 a.m.

Nina Hann, Paige Harding, Isabelle Jones, Owen Joubert, Dylan Krull, Declan McCausland, Knyte Neathery, Ava Pelletier, Alyssa Pica, Angel Pla, Zoe-Jane Ransom, Jenna Sykes, Aidan Taylor and Delaney Troendle.
Eleven graduates were inducted into the National Honor Society, recognizing excellence in scholarship, leadership, service and character. Those students are Elizabeth Bishop, Liam Conway, Jude Dumond, Lily Georgius, Nina Hann, Natalia Kharitonov, Madison Miller, Knyte Neathery, Ava Pelletier, Alyssa Pica and Zoe-Jane Ransom.
Six members of the graduating class earned the New Hampshire Seal of Biliteracy, demonstrating proficiency in English and at least one additional language. Recipients are Elizabeth Bishop, Shaelin Forsythe, Lily Georgius, Natalia Kharitonov, Declan McCausland and Jenna Sykes.
Students also received recognition for achievements in the arts.

at Jones Field Park located on the Letter S Road. Stop by and cheer on your favorite local hero, this is a great event and fun for the whole community.

Old Home Days Cribbage Tournament
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a free Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 9, starting at 1 p.m. at the Alton Bay Land Bandstand, weather permitting. Tournament seating is limited so please arrive early to guarantee a spot. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. A special thank you to Ruth Arsenalault for leading this fun event. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Free Soccer Program for ages four to eight
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a free soccer program for ages four to eight led by Erick Bourdeau, Kingswood Boys Varsity Soccer Coach. The free soccer program will be held on Sundays at Alton Central School from Sept. 13-Oct. 18, 9-10 a.m. Cleats and shin guards are optional, bring your own. Free shirts will be provided to participants that register by Aug. 17. Register in person at the Parks and Rec-

Members of the National Tri-M Music Honor Society include Layla Baker, Kytalin Dowling, Grant Ferraro, Lily Georgius, Nina Hann and Declan McCausland.
The National Art Honor Society recognized Sophie Bellemare, Jude Dumond, Keela Forsythe, Shaelin Forsythe, Rosemarie Morrill, Avery Mahanes and Krysten Richardson for their artistic accomplishments and commitment to the visual arts.
Community involvement was another hallmark of the Class of 2026. Twenty students earned the school's Community Service Distinction after dedicating significant time to volunteer work throughout their high school careers.
Those graduates are Sophie Bellemare, Chloe Bill-Petersen, Genevieve Charity, Joshua Clark, Rylan Clifford, Shaelin Forsythe, Nina Hann, Paige Harding, Laney Henry, Jenna Hodgman, Isabelle Jones, Owen Joubert, Calianne Malo, Declan McCausland, Madison

reaction office or online at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov for more information.

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2026
Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay
Aug. 8- Bittersweet Classic Rock; August 15- Mutha Hubbard Band- high energy Country Band; Aug. 22- Saxx Roxx- back by popular demand and Aug. 29- Cool Beans- '60's and '70's Rock.
The Visitors Band- Sunday, Aug. 16
The Visitors Band, featuring oldies, classic rock and country rock, is scheduled to play at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 3-5 p.m. This free performance is rescheduled from July 18.

Learn To Play Pickleball Clinic for ages 18 and up
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 Courts located on Route 140 for ages 18 and up. Cost is \$10 per person. Are you interested in learning the fundamen-

Miller, Ava Pelletier, Zoe-Jane Ransom and Delaney Troendle.
Several graduates earned multiple honors, reflecting well-rounded accomplishments across academics, leadership, service and extracurricular activities. Among those receiving recognition in several categories were Zoe-Jane Ransom, Jenna Sykes, Delaney Troendle, Lily Georgius, Shaelin Forsythe, Keela Forsythe, Paige Harding, Alyssa Pica, Declan McCausland, Elizabeth Bishop, Nina Hann and Ava Pelletier.
As the graduates prepare for college, military service, careers and other post-secondary opportunities, Prospect Mountain High School's Class of 2026 leaves behind a legacy of academic excellence, artistic achievement and service to their school and communities. Their accomplishments reflect not only individual dedication but also the support of families, teachers and mentors who helped guide them throughout their high school years.

tals 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 register contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@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, August 20 & 27 and September 10 & 24 from 6:30p.m.-7:15p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, donations accepted to benefit the food pantry. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Paint Night on the Alton Bay Bandstand With Anne Morrell
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an outdoor Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19 - rain date Aug. 20. All supplies are included, \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under; pay instructor on site. View painting example on the Alton Parks and Recreation Face Book Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. Please RSVP with your name

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Home Day 5K, go to www.runreg.com/48th-annual-gilford-old-home-day-5k-

FIRE
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scene from Gilford along with an Engine and Ladder from Laconia. Tilton-Northfield responded to a fire alarm activation and Meredith EMS to a medical incident; both additional simultaneous Gilford incidents.

and contact information to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 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 up. 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 meeting new people.

Water Bandstand Committee Presents
Live Music Concert- The Water Bandstand Committee is sponsoring the "Thursday Afternoon Band" on August 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Land Bandstand. The Committee is also sponsoring the "Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team" on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 3:00p.m. in Alton Bay. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 23.

walkrun-road/. To RSVP for the high school tour or for any other Class of '86 reunion questions, please email Kate Flaherty at kfnh57@gmail.com.

Sanbornton and Franklin covered the Gilford Fire Station. The garage unit will need to be repaired, but no other structures or vehicles were damaged.
There was no damage to any other buildings or vehicles. Damage is estimated to be at least \$5,000.

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Rhinestone Cowgirls ride into the clouds

MOULTONBOROUGH — Saddle up for a boot-stompin' good time! Great Waters Summer Concerts is proud to present Rhinestone Cowgirls: Legendary Ladies of Country Music as part of its Concerts in the Clouds series on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 7:30–9 p.m. Set beneath the signature acoustical tent at Castle in the Clouds, this high-energy, open-air performance will bring the spirit of country's most iconic women to life on a breathtaking mountaintop stage.

Rhinestone Cowgirls celebrates the queens of country music with powerhouse vocals, dazzling costumes, and a full live band that delivers hit after hit. From the timeless classics of Dolly Parton and Patsy Cline to the chart-topping anthems of Shania Twain and Faith Hill, audiences can expect a night filled with unforgettable songs, sing-along moments, and plenty of country flair. Whether you're a lifelong country fan or just love a great live show, this performance promises pure joy and nostalgia.

More than just a concert, Rhinestone Cowgirls is a celebration of the music, stories, and trailblazing women who defined a genre—bringing audiences together for an evening of connection, energy, and fun.

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the Clouds offers a truly magical summer evening. Guests are encouraged to arrive early and

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The performance will take place at Concerts in the Clouds at Castle in the Clouds, 483 Ossipee Park Rd., Moultonborough. Tickets are available at www.greatwaters.org, by phone at (603) 569-7710, or at the Great Waters office in Wolfeboro.

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