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Friends of New Durham Public Library play a pivotal role in wake of budget cuts

NEW DURHAM — The Friends of the New Durham Public Library are at it again! Last week, they celebrated Earth Day with a special Storytime by one of New Durham's newest officers, planted seeds, decorated pots, and handed out trees for families to plant!

Our small town library is a hidden gem that most residents don't realize is frequented by not just our residents, but also people from neighboring communities. (Our homeschool population alone comprises



numerous paying residents from several neighboring towns.) The library has always been supported by the Friends group, but this year, they will play a much more critical role as we've begun to feel the effects of our budget reduction. As we navigate these changes, community support will make a real difference. At the end of the day, the library remains committed to serving the public as fully as possible, and with the help of the Friends group, we're

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Plastics & Styrofoam collection to be held May 2

LACONIA — Weather permitting, members of the Unitarian-Universalist Green Sanctuary & Social Justice Committees, as well as the Laconia/Gilford Lions Club, will be curbside at the little white UU church at 172 Pleasant St. on Saturday, May 2 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to collect soft dry plastics and #6 styrofoam for recycling.

Examples of acceptable soft plastics include bread bags, grocery bags, vegetable bags, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, wood pellet bags, plastic wrap, postal mailers, bubble wrap. No hard plastics, 'crunchy' plastics or pet food bags are acceptable.

Only hard styrofoam products bearing a "#6" symbol will be accepted such as all size coolers, meat & produce trays, egg cartons, food clam shells or trays, plates & cups, coffee cups. For the styro-

foam collection, we cannot accept thin foam wrap or bubble wrap, packing peanuts, soft or squishy or dirty foam, pipe insulation.

Soft plastics will be repurposed into composite decking and furniture. Styrofoam will be delivered to the styrofoam recycling center at the Gilford transfer station.

Soft plastics & styrofoam must all be clean, dry, free of labels. Please keep plastics & styrofoam separate. There is no charge or fee to drop off these items. You do not need to be a resident of Laconia to take part in this effort. It is open to all.

Please screen your items to make sure only what is acceptable is included. If the items are mixed with other things, they will have to be refused or trashed. Help us reduce the amounts of these items in our landfills and lakes.

Precision work wins Savannah Dodier SkillsUSA gold

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Savannah Dodier has been riding dirtbikes since she was seven years old and started racing them last year, winning both of her classes in her first year of competition, competing on tracks all around New England.

Needless to say, she's pretty good at it, but through the Lakes Region Technology Center's precision metal work program, she's also discovered that she's pretty good at wielding a welding torch as well.

And when it came time to work on a project, the high school sophomore brought her passion for dirtbikes to the classroom and decided to craft a sculpture of the dirtbike on which she competes.

"Mr. (Scott) Meserve



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Savannah Dodier shows off her dirtbike sculpture, which won her first place in the SkillsUSA statewide competition and earned her a chance to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership Skills competition in Georgia in June.

(LRTC instructor) suggested it and I felt like it might

be hard, but decided to try it," Dodier said.

She started by looking SEE DODIER, PAGE A8

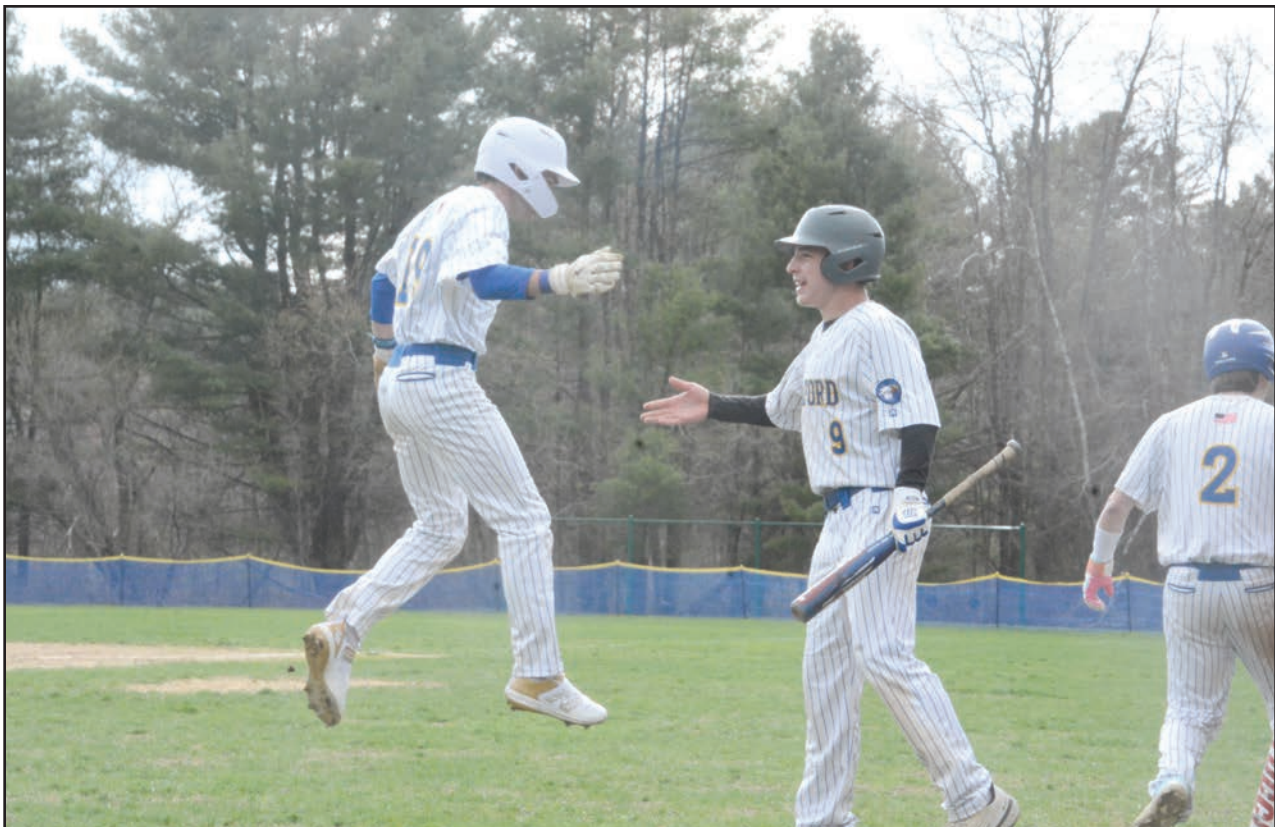
Golden Eagles survive late Prospect rally in chilly battle

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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GILFORD — When the first game of the second week of the season kicked off for the Gilford and Prospect Mountain baseball teams, temperatures were hovering in the 30s and in the early innings, snow began blowing around Gilford's field as the players took their swings.

By the time the game ended, the sun was shining and the Golden Eagles were smiling, as they held off a late rally from the Timber Wolves to pick up the 7-5 win.

The first two innings were dominated by the pitchers, as Gilford's Drew Smith and Prospect Mountain's Colby Whitehouse set down the side in order in each of the first two innings, with Whitehouse



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Andy Taylor (left) celebrates with teammate Sam Kelley after scoring a run in action against Prospect Mountain last Monday.

striking out the side in order in the bottom of the second inning.

Vinnie Tilton led off the top of the third inning with a base hit for the Timber Wolves and one out later, Charlike Yeaton reached on a walk. A base hit from Parker O'Brien loaded the bases and a Blake Pappace-no walk plated the game's first run. Whitehouse also walked to drive in another run and a sacrifice fly to left from Knyte Neathery gave the Timber Wolves a 3-0 lead before Cole Labonte snared a foul pop fly off first to end the inning.

Gilford answered in the bottom of the inning, with Cohen Elliott reaching on an error to start the inning. He moved up on a sacrifice bunt from Labonte and a passed ball and Carson

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Line Dancing lessons
Line dancing lessons with Jane Corbett will be held on Thursdays starting June 4 through mid-October from 1-2

p.m. for beginners, and 2:10-3:10 p.m. for experienced dancers at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are wel-

come, \$15/season. Register on site.

USTA Summer Tennis Lessons- Youth
The Alton Parks and

Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis in the Parks for Grades 1-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from July 28-Aug. 13. Grades are divided by times: 5:30-6:30 p.m.- Grades 1-4; 6:45-7:45 p.m.- Grades 5-8. Registration is \$65 and includes a brand-new tennis racquet for new players, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught- forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by July 20, class size is limited to seven. Registration forms are available at www.alton.nh.gov or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

for a chance to learn all the tips and tricks. Space is limited, bring a paddle and water. Deadline to register is May 13. Contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov to register.

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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.

Save the date — Travel Club trip

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

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

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

Alton Parks and Recreation Department podcasts

For people that want a quick summary of the programs, events and activities going on at the Parks and Recreation Department, check out the Alton Parks and Recreation Department "Community Connection" podcasts which are available on the Town of Alton website: www.alton.nh.gov under Parks and Recreation.

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 breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Weight Training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, with AFAA Certified Instructor Kellie Troendle, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. This program is ongoing. Build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in.

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays May 7 and May 21 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 the food pantry. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov

Alton Town Wide Yard Sale

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

Learn to play Pickleball for ages 18+; free clinic

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a free Pickleball Clinic led by certified Pickleball coach, Richard Powers, on Saturday, May 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Liberty Tree Park Courts located on Route 140 for ages 18 and up. Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of Pickleball? Register now

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events April 30 -May 7

Thursday, April 30
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 3-4 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

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Friday, May 1
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Rooted and Rising, 10-11 a.m.

Monday, May 4
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.
Bits and Bytes, 11 a.m.-noon

Wednesday, May 6
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon

In this brand-new springtime series, we'll move, breathe, and explore powerful goddess archetypes from around the world — fierce protectors, wise elders, creators, healers — and embody their unique wisdom, strength, and spirit in our own bones. Each week connects seasonal energy with grounded, accessible chair yoga and simple meditation and breathing practices that awaken resilience, clarity, creativity, courage, grace, intuition, loveliness, and levity.

This month's topic will be on e-readers, e-books, and personal digital library managers.

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Adult Craft: Pressed Flower Keychain, 1-2 p.m.
Get ready for Spring with a pressed flower key chain - give as a gift or keep for yourself! Sign-up is required.

Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Maypole, 2-3 p.m.
Celebrate the beautiful weather by weaving colorful ribbon around the pole and decorating it with flowers!
Advanced Conversation- al German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.
Writing Wizards, 4-5 p.m.
Mystery Book Group, 5-6 p.m.

Thursday, May 7
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Seed Shakers, 3-4 p.m.

Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Exercise Social, 11 a.m.-noon

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of "Death at the White Hart" by Chris Chibnall. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Stop in and make a Seed Shaker, the best way to plant wildflowers on the go!
Painting and Poetry, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with your favorite work out buddies.
Dungeons and Dragons, 3-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5

Join Miss Linda in a unique special program painting poetry!
French, 3-4 p.m.
Lakes Region Nature, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

John Gill will present a slide program celebrating the nature and beauty within our lakes region of NH. He will offer a variety of images (largely from Gilford) to interpret the area we live in. He is a former member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and the New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association and has had hundreds of photographs published.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Laci!

Meet Laci - One half of the Dachshund Duo
Laci is a gentle long-haired dachshund mix with a beautiful soul and a touch of shyness that only makes her more endearing. She may take a little time to warm up to new people, but with patience and kindness, her sweet personality truly begins to shine.
Laci takes a lot of comfort in her brother Scrapy—she looks up to him and often follows his lead. If Scrapy decides you're

a friend, chances are Laci will start to feel the same way too. Watching her gain confidence and come out of her shell is incredibly rewarding, and she forms strong bonds with those she trusts.
This silly girl enjoys getting fresh air and would love a home where she can join you for peaceful walks and little outdoor adventures. She's got a playful side that peeks through once she feels safe, and it's sure to make you smile.
Laci may need some dental work down the line, so her future family should be prepared to keep an eye on her dental health and continue with any care she may need. With the right support, she'll continue to thrive.
If you have a soft spot for the quieter ones and the patience to let her blossom at her own pace, Laci will reward you with a loyal, loving companionship—and maybe a few silly moments along the way.

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Meet Scrapy!

Meet Scrapy - One half of the Dachshund Duo
Scrapy may have a bit of a "don't mess with me" look at first glance, but don't be fooled—this dachshund mix is a total softie at heart. Beneath that scrappy exterior is a lovable guy who's just waiting to show off his sweet, easygoing side to the right person.
He's a big fan of the simple joys in life: a good squeaky toy, some fresh air on a nice walk, and a cozy spot to relax by your

side. Scrapy would be more than happy to be your daily sidekick—whether you're out and about or just lounging at home, he's happiest just being with his people.
Scrapy and his sister are also working on getting into their best shape, so they'll need a forever home that's committed to helping them stay healthy. A little extra exercise and mindful feeding will go a long way for this pair!
Scrapy does have a seizure disorder that is currently well-managed with medication. Because of this, his future family will need to be comfortable continuing his medication routine and staying on top of his care to keep him feeling his best. He doesn't let it slow him down, and with the right support, he can continue to live a happy, full life.
If you're looking for a loyal companion who's equal parts laid-back and loving, Scrapy just might be your guy. He's ready to drop the tough act and settle into a life full of comfort, care, and companionship.

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Capture what makes your community shine

MVSB launches annual photo contest



COURTESY

The MVSB Community Photo Contest is now open and accepting submissions for the Bank's 2027 community calendar. August 2026 photo: "Backyard Bear" by David LaBar.

MEREDITH — MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) is excited to announce the launch of its annual Community Photo Contest, open to the public from March 30 through June 6. Photographers of all levels are invited to capture the beauty, spirit, and everyday moments that make New Hampshire such a special place to live and explore. Winning images may be showcased in MVSB's complimentary 2027 Community Calendar, or featured on the Bank's website, social media channels, and note cards.

"Our calendar celebrates the remarkable beauty and diversity that

make New Hampshire so special," said Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing & Experience Officer at MVSB. "From breathtaking landscapes to beloved local landmarks and community gatherings, we are inspired by the unique ways people capture life here. We're proud to call this state home and can't wait to see the creativity and passion reflected in this year's submissions."

A maximum of ten photos per photographer may be submitted, and photographers will receive \$100 for each winning photo selected.

The complimentary

2026 community calendar will be available in both wall and desk formats at all MVSB locations in late fall.

To view the official rules, photo entry specifications and to submit your photos, visit mvsb.com/photo-contest. Past winning photos can be viewed at mvsb.com/annual-community-photo-contest.

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ing, one thing has always remained true: caring is at the heart of everything we do. By building and nurturing relationships, we believe that we can cultivate a community where we

all thrive. It all starts with caring about our customers and neighbors. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in New Hampshire in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor,

Exeter, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, North Conway, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rochester or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

Prospect Mountain High School announces honor roll

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

Honors

Grade 9: Lacey Abell, Campbelle Arsenault, Nicholas Boudreau, Nora Brooks, Mason Card, Gabriel Cole, Johanna Foley, Sophie Follansbee, Leah Gard, Jasper Georgius, Skye Greenwood, Damon Harvey, Hope Laflamme, James Lawler, Starlett McCarthy, Brendan McLaughlin, Emmet Inot, Orion Neathery, Nolan O'Brien, Dylan Pelletier, Jackson Proulx, Anna Seibert, Natalie Shea, Koffi Snell, Grace St. Germain, Kaiden Vachon, Charlotte Vasquez, Asher Whitmore, Hunter Witham, Brynn Woods, Bradford Heath, Jacob Brennan, Kendall Higgs, Leah Howard, Brody Koralski, Grace Krukowski

Grade 10: Victoria Allen, Bailey Beck, Bradan Berkins, Charles Bravar, Thaddeous Bruss, Hailey Clark, Natalie Cowser, Meredith Currier, Landen Deane, Amarah Ferland, Evan Fuller, Sabrina Gagnon, Alexandra Goonan, Cole Graves, Kylee Gup-till, Cole Hikel, Levan Kenerson, Chase Lank, Brayden LeBrun, Braylon Lucas, Madison Morrill, Cole Pearce, Tegan Pelham, Ayden Porter, Matthew Whelan, Colby Whitehouse, Lily Lake, Sophia Bowman, Mia Michaud, Zakery Chesley

Grade 11: Dawson Meehan, Xavier Arsenault, Alexis Briggs, Griffin Brown, Connor Chapman, Hannah Colby, Jacob Delgado, Nora DeVito, Makenna Dow, Ava Foster, Emma Foster, Lila Francis, Duncan Glaude, Syd-

ney Grasso, Jaxon Gregg, Magdelana Hart, Leila Hillsgrove, Jillian Kean, Owen Libby-Sprague, Braelyn Lounsbury, Bryce Lounsbury, Cody Manley, Alexa Mountain, Blake Pappaceno, Daniel Pirozzi, Keira Saalfrank, Brayden Silberdick, Blake Snell, Benito Sorrentino, Jaxon Setphens, Ariana Vachon, Lyndi White, Riley Williams, Paityn Glidden, Emma Stanley, Sky Lynn Vorce, Chance Mont-plaisir, Andrew Koralski, Gavin DeWitt, Jude Du-mond, Aiden Parent, Ben-gamin Hardison, Finnegan Brown, Luciano Pecorino, Vincent Tilton

Grade 12: Wyatt Bubar, Genevieve Charity, Joshua Clark, Kytalin Dowling, Heath Dunne, Patricia Engelhardt, Noah Gagnon, Laney Henry, Chase Kir-by, Cameron Biron, Myah Lavoie, Lukas Lord, Ca-leb Luc, Avery Mahanes, Declan McCausland, Rosemarie Morrill, Knye-te Neathery, Gabrielle Petelle, Robert Prescott, Krysten Richardson, Ke-nadi St. Germain, Cody Stockman, Bryce Kiley, Sophie Bellemare, Isabella Gonzalez, Lena Lamotte

High Honors

Grade 9: Camden Batchelder, Lorilei Black, Emma Buris, Cameron Deane, Amelia Gentile, Erin Goyette, Evelyn Holmes, Hayden Holmes,

Hailey Hyslop, Aidyn McGranaghan, Madison Morris, Stephen Rawsley, Eyan Roberge, Ashlynn Roberts, Isaac Taylor, De-lilah Tiede, Olivia Trask, Danica Washburn, Logan DeWitt

Grade 10: Juliana Beaton, Sophie Daniels, MacKenzie Glaude, Pey-ton Irving, Stockton McK-night, Alexander Ransom, Leah Pica, Olivia Aulis, Kaelyn Lemire, Kora MacKenzie, Charlie Yea-ton, Violet Page, Thomas Joy

Grade 11: Madelyn Briggs, Michael Franklin, Brady Glidden, Madelyn Howlett, Dillon Jalbert, Kaitlyn Jones, Brock Lib-by, Brennah McCausland, Jaylyn Wilks, Oliver Kingsbury, Simonne Hynes, Kourtney Kaplan

Grade 12: Zoe-Jane Ransom, Rylan Clifford, Annabell Daniels, Keela Forsythe, Shaelin Forsythe, Jared Gentile, Lily Georgius, Taylor Green-wood, Nina Hann, Paige Hareding, Jenna Hodg-man, Isabelle Jones, Na-talia Kharitonov, Kenneth LaGraize, Eva McCartney, Elizabeth Bishop, Madison Miller, Cameron Morrill, Ava Pelletier, Alyssa Pica, Angel Pla, Kelsi Richard, Jenna Sykes, Aidan Taylor, Lyndsey Tiede, Delaney Troendle, Layla Baker, Porscha Dasaro,

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Laconia Golf Classic supports cancer care in the Lakes Region

LACONIA — Community members, businesses, and supporters are invited to take part in the Laconia Golf Classic on Monday, May 18, for a day of golf, camaraderie, and giving back in support of cancer care in the Lakes Region.

Hosted by Concord Hospital Trust, this year's event holds special significance as it celebrates the return of cancer care services to Laconia. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit infusion and outpatient cancer services at Concord Hospital – Laconia, helping expand access to vital treatments and allowing patients to receive care closer to home.

"The Laconia Golf Classic is a wonderful example of how our community comes together to support one another," said Kimber Carr, Concord Hospital

Trust's director of development and Lakes Region Giving Society manager. "As we continue to expand cancer services in the Lakes Region, events like this play an important role in ensuring patients have access to high-quality care close to where they live."

The event will feature a full day of golf along with raffles, contests, and other activities designed to create a fun and engaging experience for participants of all skill levels.

Daniels Electronic Corporation returns as the Presenting Sponsor for the third consecutive year, continuing its strong support of the event and the mission it advances.

Participants are encouraged to register ear-

ly, as foursome spots are expected to fill quickly. Volunteer opportunities are also available for those interested in supporting the event, both on and off the course.

To reserve a foursome, volunteer, or learn more, please visit <https://birdease.com/LaconiaGolfClassic> or contact Concord Hospital Trust at (603) 227-7162.

The Laconia Golf Classic is a yearly event. This year's Laconia Golf Classic is especially meaningful as we celebrate the return of cancer care to Laconia. Proceeds will benefit Infusion and Outpatient Cancer Services at Concord Hospital - Laconia, expanding access to vital treatments and allowing patients to receive care closer to home.

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Opinion

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A small library with a big reach

In a town like New Durham, it is easy to think of the public library as a quiet place that simply lends books and offers a few children's programs. The recent Earth Day celebration at the New Durham Public Library, where families planted seeds, decorated pots, and even received trees to take home, offered a reminder that the library is something much larger than that.

Small-town libraries often work quietly in the background of community life. They host storytimes, lend museum passes, support students and homeschool families, and provide meeting space for neighbors who might not otherwise cross paths. Yet their value becomes most visible when resources tighten and volunteers step forward to fill the gaps.

That is exactly what is happening in New Durham this year. As municipal budgets grow tighter, the Friends of the New Durham Public Library are playing a more important role than ever in keeping programs alive and accessible. Their work helps sustain everything from summer reading activities to concerts at the ballfields and special events that bring residents together across generations. These efforts are not extras. They are part of what makes a town feel connected.

Museum passes alone are a good example. Through partnerships and shared costs with neighboring libraries, residents now have access to destinations such as the Currier Museum, the Mount Washington Observatory, and the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum. For families looking for affordable outings, that kind of access matters.

Programs like Tuesdays at the Park matter as well. A weekly summer concert series may sound simple, but it creates a rhythm for the season. People bring lawn chairs, children run across the grass, and neighbors who may not see each other all winter reconnect. Events like these strengthen the sense that New Durham is not only a place to live but a place to belong.

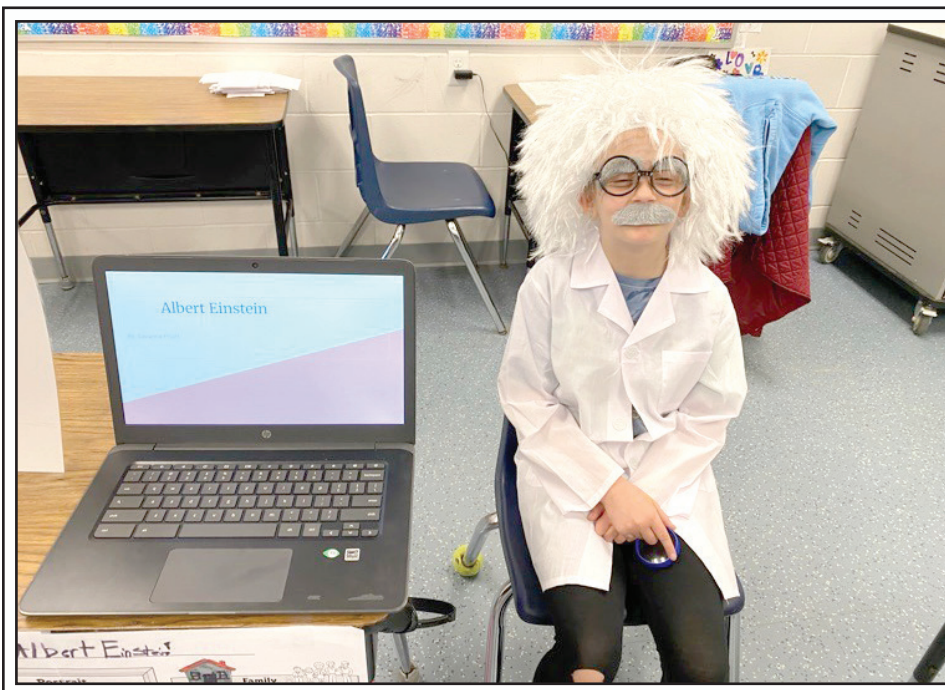
Volunteer-led activities tell a similar story. After-school clubs, Scrabble gatherings, homeschool meetups, and creative workshops all depend on residents who are willing to give their time. These programs do not happen automatically. They happen because people care enough to make them happen.

Membership in the Friends group costs only a small annual fee, yet the impact is far greater than the price suggests. Every dollar raised returns directly to library services. Just as important, every volunteer hour sends a message that the community values what the library provides.

Libraries are among the few places where everyone is welcome without expectation or obligation. Children attend storytime. Adults explore new interests. Seniors meet friends. Students find a quiet place to work. Visitors from neighboring towns discover programs worth traveling for. Few public spaces serve so many roles at once.

Supporting a local library does not always require a large gesture. Sometimes it means attending an event, donating a book, contributing supplies, or simply becoming a member of the Friends group. Each small step helps ensure that programs continue and new ideas take root.

New Durham's library has long been a steady presence in town life. With the continued support of its Friends and its residents, it can remain that way for years to come.



COURTESY

Last week, third graders at Alton Central School brought history to life during their Wax Museum, showcasing their incredible research, creativity, and dedication. From famous leaders to inspiring change-makers, each student embodied their figure with confidence and pride. A huge thank you to our amazing teachers for guiding and supporting our students every step of the way, and to our families and community members who came out to experience this special event. Photo courtesy of the school's Facebook page.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Trajectory

Everything is subject to change. I locked in today's position weeks ago. In addition to getting calls from the robot, I can go online and sign up for teachers who know that they will be out of school on some future date. I did that, so I expected to be high school math today. Upon arrival, I was assigned music for first period and then history for the rest of the day. That's life as a sub.

I actually had music yesterday, and due to the wonderful spring weather, the afternoon chorus class requested that I take them outside. They didn't want to sing, just bask in the sun. They said I could sing though. I've been known to break out into spontaneous song that includes instructions and information pertinent to the present moment. It's more effective than just speaking. Music has special power.

The sun is out again and the temperatures are warm. The chorus girls, seeing me being the music sub again, had their hopes up about getting to go outside today. I let them know that I had talked with the office yesterday and was given a definite no to that sugges-

tion. Knowledge is power. Even though I would love to go enjoy this sunny warm spring day with them, the answer is no.

There were no instructions from the teacher so while I took attendance, I elicited the information that they were all working individually on projects. After checking off their names on the roster, I reminded them that they all had a project to do and that they should not put things off till tomorrow when they can do them today. Something I personally am terribly guilty of. A word to the wise. From experience.

The next class likewise had a project. It's typical these days for students to be assigned projects. Long-term assignments that usually can be accomplished in a fraction of that time, leaving for lots of random screen time and socializing. Some students are actually working on school work while the table next to me are combining computer things and discussion. The back table are playing cards.

We all know that when a sub comes, nothing gets accomplished. Hasn't it always been that way? Losing

a day every once in a while is acceptable, but not for the long term. I missed out on US History due to a psychological breakdown that was remedied with an insurance salesman long term sub that taught us nothing. It may have been better if I had a computer.

Would I have actually done the work? Did I even crack the book? It was so much easier to listen to the teacher tell us his life stories. I learned the history of an insurance salesman's life. None of which do I remember, or has it made any impressions upon me that I am aware of.

Now I find that I like reading and learning about history. I could spend many hours watching the history channel. It's so passive. Reading is actually the best, but as I have said, reading has always been difficult for me. Even still, I have, on my own, read all about the history of our country from inception to present day. Much more than I would have gotten in my high school history class where I'd be lucky to get up to the civil war.

I actually took an American History course while

I was trying to qualify for becoming a teacher. It did make it to the civil war. There is so much more history since. And compounding every day.

We're all witnessing history being made daily. It may look too imperative and troubling at the time, but it's all just pieces of the puzzle that will eventually be assembled into what future students of history will be looking back at. We all think that our point of view will be the agreed upon sentiment of our time, but history usually surprises.

I look at what's happening right now in the world from as many angles as I can fathom. I come up with this crazy mad mess of intersecting causes and effects that weave a pathway that leads directly to where we are today, but has nothing but implications as to how things will be in the future. Every day could bring some new stimulus that would shift our trajectory tremendously. Generally, we can only watch it all transpire.

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The little boxes by the road

Every spring, about the time the snowbanks finally surrender their last gray edges and the mud begins to dry along the shoulders of our back roads, the little wooden boxes start to appear again.

You know the ones I mean.

They sit at the ends of driveways or beside weathered fences, sometimes freshly painted and sometimes leaning a little after a hard winter. A handwritten sign might say "Eggs," or "Maple Syrup," or "Seedlings," or just "Take what you need." And nearby, there is usually a small tin or coffee can with a slot cut into the lid.

No attendant. No camera. No instructions. Just trust.

I have always thought those roadside stands say something important about New Hampshire, though I am not sure we talk about them very often. They are such ordinary things that they almost disappear into the scenery. Yet when you stop to think about it, they are rather remarkable.

In a lot of places, a box of goods left unattended

beside the road would not last long. Around here, it is expected to last all season.

Years ago, when our children were still small enough to ride in the back seat without headphones on, we used to make a habit of pulling over whenever we spotted a stand with fresh eggs. The cartons were rarely identical. Some were stamped with old grocery store logos. Others had been reused so many times the cardboard had softened at the corners. Inside, the eggs were never uniform either. Brown and white mixed together, sometimes a pale blue one tucked in like a surprise.

My daughter used to inspect them as if she were a jeweler studying gemstones.

"Look at this one," she would say. "It's perfect."

I do not think she meant the shape. There is something reassuring about dropping a few dollars into a metal can and driving away with the quiet understanding that both sides of the

KIND HEARTS,
COLD WINTERS
By CHIPPY

exchange have done the right thing. Nobody checks your math.

Nobody asks for a receipt. Nobody hurries you along.

It is a small moment of confidence between neighbors who may never meet.

Over the years, I have noticed that the signs change with the seasons. In early spring it is eggs and maple syrup. By June there are seedlings and herbs. Later come zucchini that seem to multiply overnight, and cucumbers arranged in careful rows, and tomatoes that still smell faintly of warm sunshine.

By October, sometimes there are pumpkins with a hand lettered note that reads "Leave what you can."

That sentence has always stayed with me.

Leave what you can. It does not insist on fairness. It does not demand exactness. It assumes good judgment and good intentions. It assumes that people want to do the right thing even when nobody is watching.

I suppose that is what I admire most about those little roadside stands. They reflect a kind of quiet confidence in each other that feels older than the highways and newer subdivisions that have come along in recent years. They remind me of the New Hampshire I grew up in, where neighbors might not always agree on everything but still trusted one another with the small things that make daily life work.

These days, when so much of the world seems to run on passwords and verification codes and fine print, it is comforting to see a simple wooden box beside the road that asks nothing more complicated than honesty.

I still stop when I can. Sometimes I buy eggs. Sometimes syrup. Once in a while, just a bunch of flowers someone cut that morning and tied together with string.

And every time I slide a few bills into that little tin, I feel like I am participating in something that has been quietly holding our communities together longer than most of us realize.

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SPORTS

Timber Wolves drop another close one, bounce back with win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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ALTON — The Prospect Mountain baseball team has played more than its fair share of close games in the young season and Wednesday, April 22, brought another,

as the Timber Wolves rallied to take the lead in the top of the sixth inning before Raymond came back and scored one in each of the last two innings to take the 7-6 win.

Raymond scored first

on their home field, plating four in the bottom of the third but the Timber Wolves scored two in the fifth to get on the board. The Rams added one in the bottom of the fifth and Prospect came back with four in

the top of the sixth to take the lead. However, one in the bottom of the sixth tied the game and one in the bottom of the seventh gave the hosts the win.

Orion Neathery had a homer, drove in two runs

and scored a run to lead the Timber Wolves while Knyte Neathery had a double and scored a run, Blake Pappaceno had a double, Mikey Perry had a double, scored two runs and drove in a run, Bryce Lounsbury had a hit and scored a run, Parker O'Brien had a hit and drove in two runs and Vinnie Tilton added a hit.

Lounsbury pitched the first five innings, giving up six earned runs and striking out five while Perry pitched the final innings, striking out one.

The Timber Wolves scored six runs in the bottom of the third against Campbell on Friday, April 24, and that was enough, as Gorton dominated on the hill and Prospect took the 6-0 win.

Whitehouse had two hits and scored a run, O'Brien had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Pappaceno had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Knyte Neathery had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run and Gorton had a hit and scored a run.

Gorton went the distance on the mound, giving up just two hits and striking out six.

The Timber Wolves are slated to be in action at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y. on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. and return to New Hampshire on Wednesday, May 6, visiting Berlin for a 4 p.m. game.

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Timber Wolves bounce back from first loss

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — After suffering a tough loss to open the second week of the season, the Prospect Mountain softball team bounced back with a hard-fought 4-2 win over Raymond on Wednesday, April 22.

After three scoreless innings, Prospect got on the board with three in the top of the fourth and added another in the top of the fifth. The Rams scored two in the bottom of the sixth but couldn't get any closer and the Timber Wolves took the 4-2 win.

Sophia Bowman had

a homer, drove in two runs and scored a run to lead the Timber Wolves while Kylee Guptill had a triple and a single and drove in a run, Taylor Greenwood had a hit and scored a run, Paige Harding had two hits and Kora MacKenzie and Paityn Glidden each added a hit.

Bowman went all seven innings in the circle for the Timber Wolves, giving up five hits and two earned runs while striking out 11.

Prospect Mountain finished the week with a 15-1 win over Trinity on Friday, April 24. The Timber Wolves scored

twice in the first, once in the second and three times in the third before breaking things open with nine in the sixth. Trinity scored their lone run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Guptill had a homer, a double and a single, drove in four runs and scored a run, MacKenzie had a triple and a double, drove in a run and scored two runs, Harding had two hits, drove in a run and scored two runs, Glidden had a double and a single, drove in a run and scored a run, Bowman had two hits, Leila Hillsgrove had a double

and scored a run, Chloe Bill-Petersen had a hit, scored a run and drove in a run and Kourtney Kaplan had two hits, drove in four runs and scored a run.

Bowman pitched all six innings, giving up one hit and striking out 13.

Prospect Mountain will be at Somersworth on Monday, May 4, and at Berlin on Wednesday, May 6, both at 4 p.m.

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Big bats keep on swinging for Gilford girls

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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SOMERSWORTH — The Gilford softball team continued its strong early-season run, putting up 10 runs on the way to a 10-0 win over Somersworth on Wednesday, April 22.

The Golden Eagles scored three times in the

top of the third after two scoreless innings and then plated five in the fifth and two in the seventh to wrap up the win.

The bats continued to shine and the Golden Eagles got their fifth homer in two games with Mia Macaione drilling a homer to go along with a single, driving in three runs and

scoring one run. Belle Dow had a double and two singles and scored two runs, Leah Scudder had a hit and scored a run, Sydney Halligan had a double, Lucy Akerstrom had two hits and scored a run, Kate Taylor had three hits and scored two runs, Madi Metz had three hits and Taylor Marsh added a hit.

Akerstrom toed the rubber for the Golden Eagles, going all seven innings, giving up just three hits and striking out 10.

Gilford is slated to be at home against Belmont on Monday, May 4, at 4 p.m.

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BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

SOMERSWORTH — The Gilford baseball team hit the road to Somersworth on Wednesday, May 22, rolling to a 15-2 win over the 'Toppers for their fourth win of the season.

Gilford charged out of the gate with six runs in the top of the first inning and added four more in the top of the second inning. The Golden Eagles added another run in the top of the fourth and the 'Toppers plated two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Gilford scored four times in the top of the seventh to finish out the 15-2 win.

Cohen Elliott had a double and a single and drove in three runs, Owen Wolpin had a double and two singles and scored two runs, Ryan Folan had a pair of hits, drove in a run and scored two runs, Drew Smith had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Sam Kelley had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two

runs, Danny Fournier had a hit and scored two runs, Mark Uicker had a hit and drove in a run and Zack Laurent had a hit and scored a run.

Carson Anthony took the mound for the Golden Eagles, going six innings and allowing six hits and no earned runs, striking out nine.

Gilford is scheduled to be in action on Monday, May 4, at home against Belmont and Wednesday, May 6, at Inter-Lakes, both at 4 p.m.

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Powerhouse announces auditions for "Shrek the Musical!"

LACONIA — The next opportunity for community members to get onto the Colonial Theatre stage is coming soon! Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre in Laconia, announces auditions for its big summer musical production — "Shrek!"

Each summer Powerhouse tries to do a large scale musical with roles for all ages (six to 60!) that provides an opportunity to work together on an exciting musical to share with the community. This year's production will take place Aug. 7-9, and will feature all your favorite characters from the hit Dreamworks movie Shrek including Shrek, Donkey, Fiona, Lord Farquaad, Gingy, Pinocchio and many, many more!

All the information on how to register and prepare for auditions can be found at <https://www.powerhouse.org/auditions>. Auditions will be held at the

Colonial on Tuesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 7, with callbacks on Sunday, May 10 if needed.

Most rehearsals will take place in June and July on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays in Laconia. Powerhouse is looking for talented actors, singers and dancers of all ages to come join the summer fun! The musical will be directed by Bryan Halperin and Courtney Palmer, with Vocal Direction by Alex Hunton and Choreography by Meg King. Emma Molly is the Stage Manager

Says Halperin, "This

year we decided to do all shows that would be loads of fun, and what's more fun than a gassy, grouchy ogre learning the meaning of friendship and love. This will be a dynamic and high energy show with colorful costumes and great dancing. We can't wait to find our cast!"

Tickets for Shrek are already on sale at coloniallaconia.com and powerhouse.org/1776 - buyers should make sure they are only buying tickets from the correct links, as third-party sites inflate the ticket prices.

For all the details on Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, auditions, and other events in the 2026 season, check out powerhouse.org or email info@powerhouse.org. Powerhouse is still looking for business sponsors to support the costs of this and other productions in the 2026 season - contact the email above with questions or interest.

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SPORTS

Sawyer, Marvel get wins in Belmont

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Gilford track team traveled to Belmont on Tuesday, April 21, and came home with some solid results.

For the Gilford girls, Macy Sawyer ran to the win in the 300-meter hurdles in 46.07 seconds with Emily Aguiar in second in 50.19 seconds and Grace Southworth in fifth in 53.16 seconds. Aguiar was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.99 seconds and Southworth was sixth in 18.74 seconds.

Pearl Marvel won the long jump at 16 feet, 9.5 inches and Amanda Schaffnit was 15th at nine feet, 4.75 inches. Marvel was also fourth in the 100 meters in 13.95 seconds and Schaffnit was fifth in the 400 meters in 1:21.67.

Alissa O'Brien ran to fourth in the 800 meters in a time of 2:57.92 while in the javelin, Kylie Kelly was fifth at 64 feet, one inch and Izabella Doten was 16th at 32 feet, three inches. Kelly was also seventh in the shot put at 21 feet, 9.5 inches, Schaffnit was 12th at 14 feet, five inches and Doten was 13th at 14 feet.

Landon Akerstrom was second in the 300-meter hurdles in 49.04 seconds while in the triple jump, John Lavalley was fifth at 30 feet, 8.5 inches.

Eric Warren was second in the javelin at 120 feet, four inches and Brennen Smith-Miller was 14th at 64 feet, five inches. Smith-Miller was 11th in the discus at 62 feet while in the shot put, Gunnar Marvel was third at 38 feet, six



Landon Akerstrom clears a hurdle during Saturday's competition at the Black Bear Invitational.

inches, Lavalley was fourth at 37 feet, 3.5 inches and Warren was 12th at 29 feet, 11.5 inches.

Rylan Paradis was third in the long jump at 17 feet, 7.5 inches and Connor Brough was 13th at 12 feet, 5.25 inches. Paradis was sixth in the 200 meters in 26.08 seconds and Brough was 14th in 28.31 seconds. Paradis was ninth in the 100 meters in 12.88 seconds and Brough was 18th in 13.67 seconds.

William Reinhardt finished in fourth place in the 400 meters in a time of 1:01.88 and in the 1,600 meters, Griffin Greene was ninth in 6:02.35.

Some members of the Golden Eagle squad spent the first Saturday of their vacation at the Black Bear Invitational at Coe-Brown.

The best finish for the Gilford boys was Marvel's fifth place finish in the discus with a toss of 131 feet, seven inches. He was also



Gunnar Marvel fires the shot put during competition in Northwood on Saturday afternoon.

30th in the shot put with a distance of 31 feet, 6.25 inches. Landon Akerstrom finished in 17th place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.24 seconds.



Maria Tilley runs in the 3,200 meters at the start of Saturday's Black Bear Invitational in Northwood.



Amanda Schaffnit runs in the 1,600 meters during action at the Black Bear Invitational at Coe-Brown on Saturday.

Reinhardt finished in sixth place in the unseeded 1,600 meters, finishing in a time of 4:56.94 and in the unseeded 100 meters, Brennen Smith-Miller was 30th in 13.38 seconds and Connor Brough was 32nd in 13.93 seconds.

For the Gilford girls, Maria Tilley placed seventh in the seeded 1,600 meters with a time of 5:44.41 and placed eighth in the 3,200 meters in a time of 11:52.68.

Amanda Schaffnit was 25th in the unseeded 1,600 meters with a time of 7:19.28.

Schaffnit was also 26th in the shot put at 15 feet, six inches and Izabella Doten was 27th at 13 feet, 9.25 inches.

Gilford is scheduled to be back in action on Saturday, May 9, in Bristol.

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BASEBALL

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Anthony worked a walk. Anthony stole second and a throwing error allowed Elliott to race home with the first run of the game. Andy Taylor beat out an infield hit and stole second and a Ryan Folan double drove in two runs to tie the game at three. A Smith base hit kept the inning going and Owen Wolpin singled home another run to give Gilford their first lead of the game. Sam Kelley reached on an error to drive in another run before Whitehouse got a strikeout and fly ball to third to end the inning.

Gorton and Yeaton walked with two outs in the top of the fourth but Smith left them stranded and Whitehouse set the side down in order in the bottom of the inning. Pappaceno had a leadoff walk, but Smith executed a pickoff move to catch him off first. One out later, Neathery singled but he was stranded there and Gilford added to the lead in the bottom of the fifth against reliever Mikey Perry.

Folan singled to open the inning, stole second and Smith reached on an error to put runners on the corners. One out later, Kelley flew out to right, scoring Folan and Smith scored on a single from Danny Fournier to give the Golden Eagles a 7-3 lead.

Both pitchers set the side down in order in the sixth inning before the Timber Wolves rallied in the top of the seventh inning. Michael Boles led off the inning with a walk and O'Brien singled to left. A base hit from Pappaceno loaded the bases and after Smith got a strikeout for the first out of



Parker O'Brien slides home with a run for Prospect Mountain during action last Monday in Gilford.



Prospect Mountain's Vinnie Tilton dives back into first base as Gilford's Cole Labonte takes the throw in action last Monday afternoon.

the inning, Folan took over on the mound and struck out the first batter he faced.

Bryce Lounsbury had a base hit to drive in a run, cutting the lead to three. Perry then worked a walk to force home another run before Folan got a ground-er to short to end the game and give Gilford the 7-5

win.

The Timber Wolves will be in action again on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. against Somersworth at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y. They return to New Hampshire to visit Berlin on Wednesday, May 6, at 4 p.m.

Gilford is scheduled to

be in action on Monday, May 4, at home against Belmont and Wednesday, May 6, at Inter-Lakes, both at 4 p.m.

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GILFORD

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Boys' Lacrosse at Bow; 4
Boys' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4

Softball vs. Belmont; 4
WINNISQUAM
Baseball vs. Monadnock; 4
Softball vs. Monadnock; 4

Tuesday, May 5

BELMONT
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Girls' Tennis vs. Bishop Brady; 4

Winnisquam

Track Home Meet; 4
Wednesday, May 6

BELMONT

Baseball vs. Winnisquam; 4
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Inter-Lakes; 4:30
Softball vs. Winnisquam; 4

GILFORD

Baseball at Inter-Lakes; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Bishop Brady; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Bishop Brady; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Concord; 4
Girls' Tennis at Lebanon; 4

Winnisquam

Baseball at Belmont; 4
Softball at Belmont; 4
Thursday, May 7

BELMONT

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Gilford

Girls' Tennis at Monadnock; 4

All schedules are subject to change.

SPORTS

Gilford blasts four homers, blanks Prospect Mountain

Dow tosses no-hitter a week after recording 500th career strikeout

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford and Prospect Mountain softball teams met in the Division III finals just a few years ago and when they met up again to kick off the second week of the regular season on Monday, April 20, most in attendance were expecting another championship-caliber battle.

However, the host Golden Eagles wasted absolutely no time bringing out the big bats, scoring six runs in the first inning, knocking four homers and rolling to a 12-0 win over the Timber Wolves.

Gilford pitcher Belle Dow, who reached her 500th career strikeout in the opening game of the season a week earlier, struck out the side in the top of the first inning. Addison Hodsdon reached on an error to open the bottom of the inning and she moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Leah Scudder. Prospect pitcher Sophia Bowman intentionally walked Dow and Taylor Marsh launched a homer to left to give the Golden Eagles the 3-0 lead. Taryn Limanni worked a walk and Mia Macai-



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Maddi Metz is all smiles as she heads towards her teammates at home after blasting the game-sealing homer in action against Prospect Mountain last Monday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Prospect shortstop Kora MacKenzie comes up throwing during her team's game in Gilford last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Right) Gilford pitcher Belle Dow fires a pitch during Prospect Mountain last week, a week after recording her 500th career strikeout.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Prospect Mountain's Kourtney Kaplan starts a rundown during action against Gilford last Monday.

ball with two outs and Kora MacKenzie worked a walk before Dow got a strikeout to end the inning.

Macaione led off the bottom of the third inning with a base hit and Lucy Akerstrom blasted Gilford's third homer of the day to up the lead to 9-0. Taylor followed with a base hit and stole second before Bowman got a strikeout. Harding snared a fly ball to center for the second out and quickly fired in to Kourtney Kaplan at third and the Timber Wolves got Taylor in a rundown for the double play.

Dow set the side down in order in the top of the fourth and Bowman did the same in the bottom of the inning. After a pair of strikeouts to open the top of the fifth, Ashlynn Roberts worked a walk but Dow finished out the inning with a strikeout.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Bowman got the first two outs of the inning, Savannah Halligan worked a walk and stole second. Taylor then worked a walk and Maddi Metz launched a three-run homer over the fence to close out the 12-0 win for the Golden Eagles.

Dow struck out 11 in five innings and Bowman struck out six in four and two-thirds innings of work.

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Track Timber Wolves put up solid results in Meredith



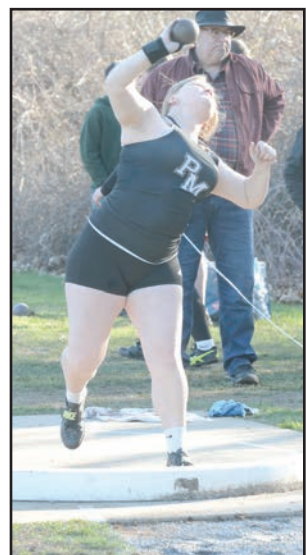
JOSHUA SPAULDING
Robert Prescott fires the shot put during action at Inter-Lakes last Tuesday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Layla Baker runs on the track at Inter-Lakes during last Tuesday afternoon's meet in Meredith.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
DJ Scarpa leaps in the long jump during action last Tuesday at Inter-Lakes.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Jazmine Witham won the shot put at last Tuesday's meet at Inter-Lakes High School.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MEREDITH — The Prospect Mountain track team traveled around Lake Winnepesaukee for a meet hosted by Inter-Lakes High School on Tuesday, April 21.

In the 100 meters, Hayden Holmes ran to second place overall in 11.79 seconds with teammate DJ Scarpa finishing in third place in 11.97 seconds. In the 200 meters, Scarpa finished in second in 23.93 seconds, Holmes was third in 25.32 seconds, Dawson Meehan was sixth in 26.67 seconds and Sean Hardison was 11th in 28.51 seconds.

Hunter Witham was the lone competitor in the 110-meter hurdles, taking top honors in 21 seconds while in the 400 meters, Hardison was fourth in 1:05.06 and Stockton McKnight was sixth in 1:08.57.

also won both relays, with the 4X100-meter team finishing in first in 48.21 seconds and the 4X400-meter team finishing in first in 4:03.34.

Scarpa finished in second in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, five inches while in the 1,600 meters, Witham ran to fourth in 6:26.42 and Trew Reed was sixth in 6:39.03.

Robert Prescott was second in the discus at 126 feet, 10 inches with Dylan Conway in ninth at 66 feet, nine inches, Witham in 11th at 60 feet, five inches and Finn Brown in 12th at 54 feet, three inches. Prescott was third in the shot put at 40 feet, 11 inches, Brown was 13th at 28 feet, 5.5 inches and Conway was 18th at 26 feet, four inches.

For the Timber Wolf girls, Jazmine Witham picked up the win in the javelin with a toss of 79 feet with Kayla Fish finishing in

second place at 75 feet, seven inches. Witham was also second in the shot put at 26 feet, 5.5 inches.

Fish won the discus with a toss of 64 feet, eight inches and Witham placed ninth. Layla Baker placed fifth overall in the 1,600 meters in a time of 7:19.41 while in the 200. Meters, Kira Campanile was seventh in 34.49 seconds and Julie Beaton was 10th at 36.14 seconds.

Campanile ran to second place in the 400 meters in 1:19.35 while in the 100 meters, Natalie Cowser was fourth in 14.65 seconds, Campanile was 10th in 16.6 seconds and Beaton was 13th in 16.78 seconds.

The Timber Wolves are slated to be in action again on May 7, at Laconia.

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Kingswood Regional High School announces honor roll

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School has released its honor roll for the third quarter of the 2025-2026 school year.

High Honor Roll

Grade 9: Abigail Ackerly, Dreya Benton, Reagan Bouse, Paydon Cardinal, Anthony Czamecki, Zachary Dubuc, Charlotte Edwards, Solara Fowler, Ellie Fuller, Hailey Green, Louis Haynes, Yaniellys Maldonado, Lainey Miller, Harrison Moore, Bristol Richards, Alice Shaw, Maddock

Skelley, Carly Weeks, Lily Wheeler

Grade 10: Madeline Amidon, Jonathan Bronson, Camella Cushing, Brielle Dow, Michael Gardiner, Theodore Hall, Eliza Marchand, Kaylee Pellerin, Jacob Pinard, Lauren Reiter, Willow Swenson, Carter Wiltfong

Grade 11: Taylor Allar, Adelyn Arseneault, Lexi Baker, Kyle Beaulieu, Ellie Brown, Kayla Cegielski, Lainey Clarke, Jerilyn Cornwell, Kelsie Davis, Katie DeVito, Isabella Dickey,

Vaeh Dow, Jacob Dubuc, Sophia Dupell, Avery Gilpatrick, Adelle Harrington, Hayden Herbert, Tavin Herget, Megan Nicol, Myles O'Keefe, Zachary Pickle, Gary Porter, Ryan Santerre, Acacia Scott, Jeremy Sellers, Aiden Tully, JayLynne Wallace, Henry Whyte

Grade 12: Timilehin Abere, Thomas Benker, Miley Bentley, William Blake, Ryker Booth, Liam Brown, Graham Burke, Malcolm Clarke, Nathan Cloos, Alexander Cronin, Anissa Desrochers, Kaden Duque,

Isabelle Fournier, Beth Gardiner, Kahlan Gilbert, Madelyn Giunco, Danielle Gray, Emma Komrtved, Riler Leslie, Emma Lyons, Jordyn Martineau, Jacob Moody, Brady Moulton, Taylor Mullen, Oliver Kendal, Anya Pollini, Dean Richards, Joshua Rogers, Bryce Sandlin, Gianna Santangelo, Lilyana Scott, Zoe Scripture, Hayden Sherman, Audrey Wood

Honor Roll

Grade 9: David Avery, Mason Beaulieu, Charles Belanger, Aislyn Bergeron, Connor Biggart, Landon Blair, Alexis Blair, Max Booth, Everett Bowley, Brianna Cann, Dante Caverno, Eire Corbally, Brennan Crawford-Guilford, Olivia Czamecki, Amelia Desrochers, Katarina Duran, Silas Eldridge, Luke Evenson, Drew Feyler, Kahlan Fitch, Stella Friesen, Peter Garner, Nicolas Gerade, Caleb Gillen, Mallory Hayford, Emerson Ingham, Ariel Isabelle, Ethan Johnson, Tadhg Kolodner, Payton LaPierre, Stella Lavigne, Mazelia Little, Silas Marchand, Zoey McGaw, Arianna McPherson, Kaden Meaty, Cecelia Meroski, Lauren Merrin, Louis Morin, Karlee Mosher, Teagan Nelson, Logan Nicoll, Kinsley Orti, Evan Osorio, Jennifer Paquette, Kanya Patel, Jamison Pelletier, Stephen Raynes, Eleyas Rose, Reed Rouleau, Grayson Royal, Joseph Russo, William San-

tulli, Smauel Saxby, Aubrey Stout, Elizabeth Sullivan, Logan Thurber, Laythan Thurlow, Emily Warner, Cadence West, Soraya Wheeler, Abigail Wyckoff

Grade 10: Leah Anderson, Jordan Andre, Hadley Aucoin, Aaron Bartlett, Basil Bennett, Bradan Berkens, Kyle Blaisdell, Liam Blaney, Miley Boisvert, Malcolm Button, Melinda Clark, Gabriella Cronin, Olivia Dixon, Savannah Dodier, Timothy Drake, Eva Duque, Brody Ferguson, Sara Fernandes, Madison Gaouette, David Garner, Peyton Ghent, Maya Gray, Zackary Hidden, Daniel Hunter, Alysa Johnson, Lacey Kline, Alexis Kurtz, Lola Land, Chase Lank, Aerianna Lavalley, Jacob Livie, Clara Lucas, Marsades Melanson, Royce Morin, Sophia Nichols, Paul Noel, Zachary Nuzzelillo, Ella Parent, Vishva Patel, Landon Peaslee, Peter Plachowicz, Colby Proctor, Lily Reeves, Chase Richards, Ella Smith, Damien Soper, Jacob Theriault, Dominic Vachon, Evan Valley, Brody Waldron, Jacicie Weemhoff

Grade 11: Haden Aikens, Mathew Ames, Sarah Beaulieu, Checotah Boisvert, Brady Call, Andrew Cann, Shelby Cheney, Taylor Culverhouse, Kilee Davis, Vincent DeVito, Brady Downing, Tucker Eaton, Arianna Fair, Laura Fernandes, Alexis Fitch, Alexis Fowler, Dakota Goss, Saige Griffin, Brody Hanson, Anna Johnson, Adaline King, Caroline

Kinzlmaier, Avery Kunzler, Anthony LaRosa, Adam Lemay, Rose Lemieux, Cassidy Libby, James Ling, Benjamin Lipson, Paisley McInnis, Cohen McNevech, Nicolas McPhee, Hayden Merron, Abigail Morin, Ewan Nicoll, Maya Nolin, Giselle Nunez, Saylee O'Blenes, Alexis Olkkola, Emma Ouellette, Rebekah Peterson, Hannah Piper, Braden Ross, Jacob Roy, Hayden Russell, Eva Scott, Kurtis Sheffer, Owen Steele, Alyvia Stevens, Noah Tatarczuk, Ava Waldron, Andrew Wilson, Connor Woodbury

Grade 12: Alexandra Ackerly, Samuel (Tucker) Baca, Ayden Bernier, Makenzie Boisvert, Aiden Clause, Dylan Courtney, Andrew Curtis, Soleil Daley, Nathaniel Demain, Brynn Demers, Allison Doherty, Nelson Edwards, Colby Hewitt, Michael House, Andrew Hunt, Vae-ga Johnson, Griffin Karcher, Lilyanna Lowton, Brendan MacPhee, Jack Marks, Adiranna Noel, Benjamin Nuzzelillo, Kellery Peacock, Devin Perkins, Phoenix Piekarz, Bryan Purington, Liam Rauschnot, Maddison Seison, Richard Seigney, Olivia Shea, Alyssa Smith, Kenadi St. Germain, Grady Steele, Beckham Taylor, Evan Thurston, Faith VanAuken, Hailey Vandenhecke, Selena Vergato, Jonah Verryt, Grady Whitcomb, Colvin Williams, Julia Young

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able to continue offering many of the programs and resources that matter most.

"I have been coming to the library for over 30 years, which prompted me to become an active member of the Friends. I'm happy to be able to help continue the worthwhile programs the library offers, through the efforts of the Friends group, particularly those for children," says Friends member Tara Gendron.

Museum passes are back, and this year we've added the Carrier Museum, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, and the Mount Washington Observatory. By sharing passes and costs with the Goodwin Library of Farmington, the

Friends have been able to expand the selection of passes. All museum passes are available to all library card holders as well as New Durham residents. Patrons and residents are welcome to call, email, or stop by to request the use of a museum pass. The Friends have also graciously stepped in to pay for programs for this year's Summer Reading Programs, including collaborating with New Durham Parks and Recreation, the Library Board of Trustees, and others to fund a second year of "Tunesdays at the Park"—a summer concert series held at the ballfields.

"One of my favorite events is 'Tunesdays at the Park'. The Friends of the Library, in collaboration with the Recreation Department, hosted musical performances last summer at the ballfield on Tuesdays throughout the summer. With fundraising and donations, we are able to bring back this event. It is truly heartwarming to witness our community unite and enjoy these occasions," says Friends member Nikki Nash.

Volunteers are a huge part of the library. One of our Friends' members is hosting a regular After-School Adventure Club on Mondays. We're also starting a Scrabble Club thanks to the volunteering of one of our library patrons and trustees. Scrabble Club will be held the first and third Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m., starting May 6. To celebrate spring and Mother's Day, we're hosting a Tea Party Day on Saturday, May 16. Children will be invited to make fairy garden teacups and adults will be tasting different tea flavors. (Everyone is invited to attend the Tea Party, and the library is asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per person to cover the cost of materials.)

A snapshot of a typical month at the library involves several of our recurring programs. Homeschool Hangout is on May 5th at 1pm. Lego Day is from open to close on May 12. "Hack that Painting" is on May 9, so artists need to come in, ready to doctor up an old painting. Adult Coloring is on Wednesday, May 27 at 6 p.m.

We continue into June with a Makerspace Pop-up on Tuesday, June 2 from 2-4 p.m. and (kids will want to see what Mr. Nathan has got up his sleeve!). We're partnering with the Historical Society for a special "True Crime in NH" program on Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

And lastly, right before we head into our summer reading program, we'll be doing a Pringles Day on Saturday, June 13. What is Pringles Day, you ask? A program where we play with Pringles! But don't worry, more details will come.

How else can the community continue to support the library, you may

ask? By coming to our many programs! Can't make a program? We're actively seeking donations. Currently we're looking for donations of books (accepted by appointment), old paintings (the kind you would make at a sip & paint), and Pringles (of course).

Want to go a step further in supporting the library? Become a member of the Friends of the Library! In addition to funding our museum passes, the Friends also hold the annual Book, Bake, and Plant Sale (on June 20 this year), a Book-or-Treat event on the library lawn during the town trick-or-treat night, the annual Holiday Party with Santa, and more.

"A side benefit of a Friends Membership is baking for the Bake Sales knowing that I get to sample, but the library gets the donations and calories!" says one Friends member.

Membership to the Friends group is \$10 per year, and every dollar raised goes directly back into the library. It's a simple, tangible way for community members to support the services they value and help ensure these programs continue. Members can attend as few or many meetings as they wish.

You can donate to the Friends without becoming a member by going to their Web site (tinyurl.com/ndplfriends) to make a donation or to purchase a raffle ticket to their spring raffle basket. Included in the basket are not only fun spring gardening supplies donated by Cameron's Greenhouse, but tokens to Funspot, and gift cards to Johnson's and Hannaford. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$20 for five, and are available for purchase at the library or online at the Friends' Web site.

DODIER

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at her bike and taking the measurements and then reducing the sizes to make a smaller scale model of the machine. She then used her welding tools during her class time to work the metal, cutting and piecing it together to make it the right shapes to construct the sculpture of her bike.

She noted it took her about three months to get the work done and that hard work paid off when she took her sculpture to the statewide SkillsUSA competition at Alvirne High School, where her work was put up against sculptors from around the state and she took home first place, which qualified her to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership Skills competition, held on June 1-5 in Atlanta, Ga.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the premier showcase of America's most highly skilled career and technical education students. It's also one of the

largest hands-on workforce development events in the world. This event features more than 6,700 state champions from across the United States competing head-to-head in 114 skilled and leadership competitions.

The event is held at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, and it covers more than 1.79 million square feet of floor space, the equivalent of 31 football fields. The philosophy of the SkillsUSA Championships is to reward students in directly evaluating student performance and to keep classroom training relevant to employers' needs.

Competitions are created, overseen, and judged by nearly 2,000 industry volunteers, each committed to building the next generation of skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members on which the future depends.

Local winners advance to district or regional competitions, testing their skills against competitors from other schools. Those winners advance to state competitions each spring, and state gold medalists earn the right to compete nationally at the SkillsUSA Championships each June. Along with gold, silver and bronze medallions, competitors may earn scholarships, tools of the trade, and even job

offers right off the competition floor.

At Lakes Region Technology Center, sharing the campus with Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, Precision Manufacturing Technology is a program that teaches the basics of manual and computer machining of metal products. Students concentrate on the basics of precision manual machine operations, machine shop safety, machining processes, blueprint reading, inspection techniques, applied math in the shop, and the materials used in the precision machining industry.

During the first year, most of the lab projects are assigned by the instructor to build common skills expected by machine tool employers and post-secondary schools who train both machinists and engineers. Shop safety and safety around power machines is emphasized throughout the course. Students who desire National Certifications in machining can go through National Institute of Metalworking Skills courses.

Dodier will head to Atlanta in June for the SkillsUSA National Leadership Skills competition, where her sculpture will be put against other students from around the United States.

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Church Service

SCHEDULE

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SPORTS

Gilford baseball comes up short in Belmont

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — Both teams scored a lot of runs early on, but it was the Belmont Raiders that came through with the most runs on Friday, April 24, heading to vacation week with an 11-9 win over rival Gilford.

Gilford scored three times in the top of the first and Belmont added one in the bottom of the frame. Both teams scored two in the second inning and after Gilford scored three in the top of the third, Belmont came back with four in the bottom of the inning and then took the lead with three in the bottom of the fourth. Belmont added one in the sixth and Gilford plated one in the seventh for the 11-9 final.

Ryan Folan worked a one-out walk in the top of the first and Drew Smith followed with a double. Owen Wolpin doubled to drive in both runners for the 2-0 lead and he scored on a sacrifice fly from Sam Kelley for the 3-0 lead.

Brayden Townsend led off with a triple in the bottom of the inning and scored on an error to cut the lead to 3-1 after one.

Cole Labonte singled to open the top of the second and Carson Anthony walked, with both runners moving up on a bunt from Cohen Elliott. Andy Taylor then singled home Labonte and Anthony scored on a sacrifice fly by Folan for the 5-1 lead.

Eddie Rochenski led off the bottom of the inning with a double and two outs later, Townsend homered to center to cut the lead to 5-3.

Gilford kept coming in the top of the third, with Wolpin leading off with a single. Kelley reached on an error and Danny Fournier singled to load the bases. One out later, Anthony doubled to left to drive in two runs and he eventually scored on a passed ball to give Gilford the 8-3 lead.

Max Ryder and Jack Crockford worked back-

to-back walks with one out in the bottom of the third and both scored on an error. Sam Binder singled and Rochenski worked a walk and one out later, Alex Rowley singled them both home to cut the lead to 8-7.

Belmont tied the game in the bottom of the fourth as Wyatt Divers led off with a single, stole second and scored on a single from Wyatt Bamford to make it 8-8. Ryder reached on a fielder's choice and one out later, scored on a base hit from Binder, who stole second and scored on a base hit from Rochenski for the 10-8 lead after four.

In the bottom of the sixth, Ryder worked a one-out walk and stole second. One out later, he scored on a base hit from Binder for the 11-8 lead.

Elliott singled with two outs in the top of the seventh and after stealing second, scored on a single from Taylor to cut the lead to two. However, Rowley was able to get the last out and Belmont had the 11-9 win.

Divers started the game for the Raiders, going three innings, allowing seven hits and striking out one and Rowley pitched the final four innings, giving up just three hits and striking out five.

Smith started for Gilford, going three innings allowing five hits and striking out five. Folan followed him to the mound, pitching into the sixth and allowing four hits and striking out three. Labonte finished the game out on the mound, allowing one hit and striking out two.

The two teams will have a rematch in Gilford on Monday, May 4, as they both return from vacation week.

Belmont will host Winnisquam on Wednesday, May 6, and Gilford will be at Inter-Lakes on the same day.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Friday, May 1
KENNETT

Baseball at ConVal; 4

Saturday, May 2

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball vs. Somersworth (Cooperstown); 10

Monday, May 4

KENNETT

Baseball at Kingswood; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Milford; 4

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Plymouth; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Kingswood; 4

Softball at Kingswood; 4

KINGSWOOD

Baseball vs. Kennett; 4

Boys' Lacrosse at Souhegan; 4

Girls' Tennis at Kennett; 4

Softball vs. Kennett; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Girls' Tennis vs. Berlin; 4

Softball at Somersworth; 4

Tuesday, May 5

KENNETT

Boys' Tennis at Goffstown; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Kingswood; 4

Softball vs. Milford; 4

Track at Coe-Brown; 4

KINGSWOOD

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Kennett; 4

Track at Coe-Brown; 4

Wednesday, May 6

KENNETT

Boys' Lacrosse at Coe-Brown; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. Merrimack; 4

Girls' Tennis at Merrimack; 4

KINGSWOOD

Baseball at St. Thomas; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Hanover; 6

Girls' Lacrosse at Hanover; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Souhegan; 4

Softball at Campbell; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball at Berlin; 4

Girls' Tennis at Sanborn; 4

Softball at Berlin; 4

Thursday, May 7

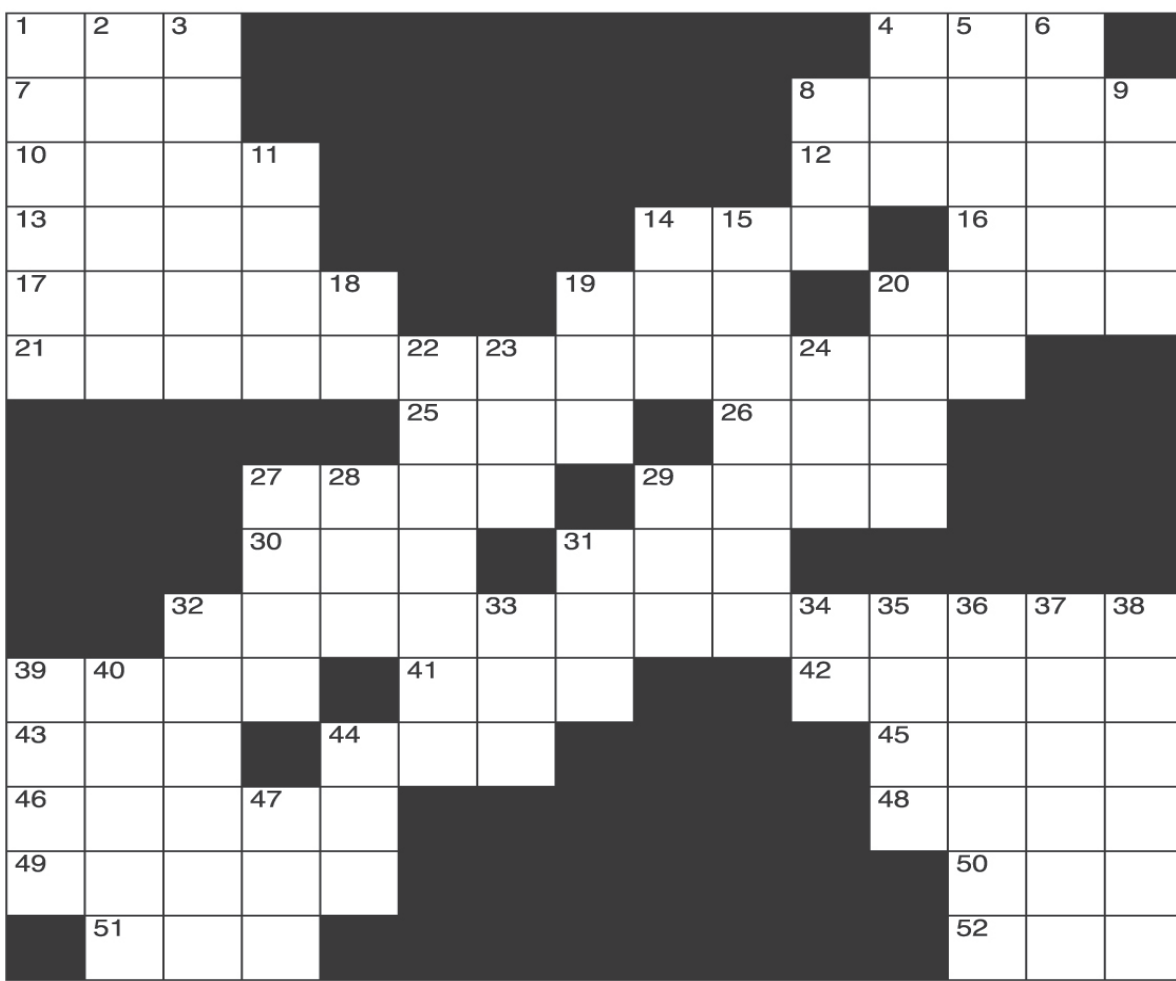
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Girls' Lacrosse vs. Merrimack; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Track at Laconia; 4

All schedules are subject to change.



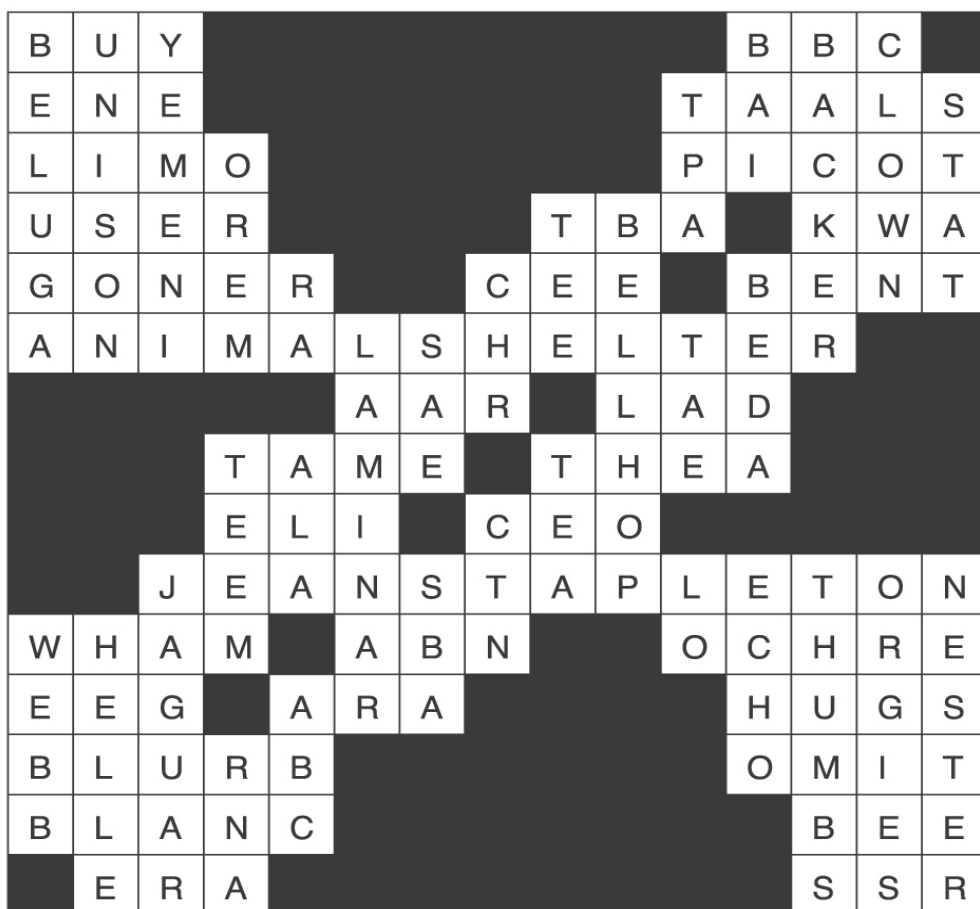
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- 4. British news organization
- 7. Midway between northeast and east
- 8. Language specialist group
- 10. Fancy automobile
- 12. Small loop or series of loops
- 13. Exploiter
- 14. Don't know when yet
- 16. Group of languages
- 17. One who's finished
- 19. After B
- 20. Angled
- 21. A place to adopt pets
- 25. Swiss river
- 26. Young boy
- 27. Unexciting
- 29. American comedian Vidale
- 30. Peyton's little brother
- 31. Corporate higher-up
- 32. "All in the Family" star
- 39. Strike something forcefully
- 41. Up in the air (abbr.)
- 42. Clay earth pigments
- 43. Means to record brain activity
- 44. Small constellation
- 45. Embraces
- 46. Brief description
- 48. Exclude
- 49. White (French)
- 50. Insect
- 51. A major division of geological time
- 52. Soviet Socialist Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of whale
- 2. In tune
- 3. A citizen of Yemen
- 4. Actress Ling
- 5. One who supports
- 6. Circus performer
- 8. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- 9. Quantitative fact
- 11. Utah city
- 14. Where a golfer begins
- 15. Attendant
- 18. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 19. Book of Chronicles (abbr.)
- 20. Benedictine monk
- 22. Not turbulent
- 23. Car mechanics group
- 24. Buffer used in chemistry
- 27. Fall heavily
- 28. Pie ___ mode
- 29. The Brits love it
- 31. Children's TV channel (abbr.)
- 32. Jacksonville footballer
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. ___ and behold
- 35. A way to resemble
- 36. Fingers
- 37. Excessive indulgences
- 38. You might be an "empty" one
- 39. "How the West Was Won" writer
- 40. European river
- 44. They begin the alphabet
- 47. The body's messenger

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Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
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Alton	Stockbridge Corner Road	N/A	\$145,000	Bethal Builders LLC	Emilie and Jay Nesbitt
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$1,168,333	Irwin Of Alton Inc.	RM Irwin Marinas LLC
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$3,011,933	IWI Properties LLC	RM Irwin Marinas LLC
Gilford	336 Intervale Rd., #A4	Condominium	\$375,000	Charles M. Souza	Erik and Megan Kallio
Gilford	Lake Shore Road	N/A	\$495,000	Jarod and Katherine Warsofsky	Fernando Borges Da-Silva and Bruna N. DaSilva
New Durham	27 Grove Rd.	Mobile Home	\$225,000	Virginia Roberts Estate and Eric M. Lambert	Jordan L. and Shannon C. Yelle
New Durham	N. Shore Road	N/A	\$2,100,000	Elise L. and Debra A. Patrick	Mario A. Ranieri Fiscal Trust

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SPORTS

Golden Eagles swing big bats in win over Belmont

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — Offense was aplenty on Friday, April 24, as the Belmont softball team welcomed Gilford to town, with the Golden Eagles leaving town

with a 22-13 win.

Gilford scored two in the first and both teams scored four in the third. Gilford added 10 in the top of the fourth and Belmont answered with four in the bottom of the inning. Gilford scored

once in the fifth and Belmont added another four runs but Gilford salted the game away with five in the sixth while Belmont plated one final run in the bottom of the sixth.

For Gilford, Mia Ma-

caione had two doubles and a single, drove in three runs and scored four times, Taryn Limani had a double and two singles, drove in three runs and scored three times, Taylor Marsh had a double and a single,

drove in three runs and scored four times, Belle Dow had a double and a single, drove in three and scored once, Addison Hodsdon had two hits, drove in a run and scored three times, Madi Metz had two hits, drove in two runs and scored a run and Bristol Weber added a double.

For the Raiders, Lyla McSheffrey had a double and a single, drove in three runs and scored two runs, Natalee Cullen had two hits and drove in three runs, Madi MacDonald had two hits and scored four times, Falyn Sicard had two hits, drove in a run and

scored three times, Molly O'Connell had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Sarah Cribbie had a hit and drove in a run, Bailey Perkins had a hit and drove in a run and Della Liakas had a double and scored a run.

The two teams will meet again in Gilford when they return from vacation week on Monday, May 4.

Belmont will be at Winnisquam on Wednesday, May 6, at 4 p.m.

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Golden Eagle girls fall in battle of the unbeatens

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — In a matchup between the two undefeated teams in Division III girls' tennis, the Gilford girls hosted Berlin on Wednesday, April 22, dropping a 5-4 decision to the Mountaineers in a match that came down to the final match of the afternoon.

In singles play, Gilford got an 8-2 win from Jade Nicolas in the second spot, an 8-1 win from Isabelle Walton at number four and an 8-2 win from Emmaline Leandro in the fifth spot. Ally Onos fell 8-5 at number one, Grace Powers dropped an 8-4 decision at number three and Elise Graton fell at num-

ber six by a 9-7 score.

In doubles, Onos and Nicolas teamed up for an 8-0 win in the top spot and Powers and Walton lost by an 8-5 score in the second spot, with everything coming down to the number three doubles, with Leandro and Graton dropping an 8-5 decision to close out the match.

The Golden Eagles

return from vacation with a home game with St. Thomas on Monday, May 4, will host Bishop Brady on Tuesday, May 5, and will be at Lebanon on Wednesday, May 6, all at 4 p.m.

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Timber Wolves fall to strong

Mountaineer squad

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BERLIN — The Berlin girls' tennis team hosted Prospect Mountain for a battle on Friday, April 17, with the Mountaineers coming away with a 7-2 win over the Timber Wolves.

The number one battle between Berlin's Emma Rancloes and Prospect Mountain's Belgian exchange student Lena Lemotte, was quite the battle. Rancloes got off to a strong start and went up 5-0 before Lemotte came back and won the next three. However, Rancloes closed out the 8-5 win to highlight a Berlin sweep of the singles.

Emily Smith picked up an 8-4 win over Laney Henry, Kennah Scott got an 8-1 win over Peyton McAneney, Cloey Vien beat Maddy Howlett by an 8-6 score, Harmony Horne won

8-3 in the fifth spot and Makayla Couture won 8-4 in the sixth spot.

In doubles play, Lemotte and Henry came out and got the 8-4 win over Rancloes and Scott at number one while McAneney and Greenwood got an 8-5 win over Vien and Smith in the second spot. Couture and Lola Aristegue-Burke picked up the 8-2 win at number three for the 7-2 final score.

The two teams will have a rematch on Monday, May 4, in Alton as they return from vacation week.

The Timber Wolves will also be at Sanborn on Wednesday, May 6, while the Mountaineers will also be at Bishop Brady on Wednesday, May 6.

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Timber Wolf boys cruise past Spartans and Pioneers

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain tennis boys finished the pre-vacation portion of the schedule with a strong showing, cruising in a pair of matches.

On Wednesday, April 22, the Timber Wolves headed north to Gorham to take on White Mountains Regional and got the 9-0 win.

Rylan Clifford won 8-1 at number one, Cam Morrill won by an 8-3 score at number two and

Wyatt Bubar won 8-1 in the third spot. Brock Libby won 8-0 at number four, Ayden Porter won 8-1 at number five and Blake Snell won by the same score in the sixth spot to finish out the singles sweep.

In doubles, Clifford and Libby won by an 8-3 score at number one, Morrill and Porter got the 8-3 win in the second spot and Bubar and Camden Batchelder won by an 8-5 score at number three to finish out the 9-0 win.

The Timber Wolves then visited Trinity in Manchester on Thursday, April 23, and cruised to a 7-2 win over the Pioneers.

Clifford got the 8-1 win at number one singles while Morrill dropped an 8-6 decision in the second spot. Bubar won by an 8-1 score at number three, Libby fell 8-6 at number four, Porter won 8-1 in the fifth spot and Batchelder got the 8-4 win at number six.

Prospect swept the

doubles with Clifford and Libby winning 8-3 at number one and Morrill and Porter winning by the same score at number two. Bubar and Batchelder got the 8-0 win in the third spot to wrap up the 7-2 win.

The Timber Wolves are scheduled to be back in action on Friday, May 8, at Gilford.

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Golden Eagle boys fall to defending champions

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

SUTTON — The Gilford boys' tennis team wrapped up the pre-vacation portion of the schedule with a match against the defending champions from Kearsarge, dropping a 6-3 decision.

Cohen Krupnik won

at number four singles by a 9-8 score (7-5 in the tiebreaker), rallying from a 4-1 deficit to pick up the win. Easton St. Cyr won 8-1 in the fifth singles, playing well to pick up the win.

The other win for the Golden Eagles came at number one doubles, where co-captains Dal-

ton Houle and Dom Soucy teamed up for an outstanding win by a 9-8 score (10-8 in the tiebreaker).

"The team hit many clutch shots in the match," noted veteran coach Terry Wilson.

After taking vacation week off, the Golden Eagles are back in action at

St. Thomas on Monday, May 4, at Bishop Brady on Tuesday, May 5, and at home against Bishop Brady on Wednesday, May 6, all at 4 p.m.

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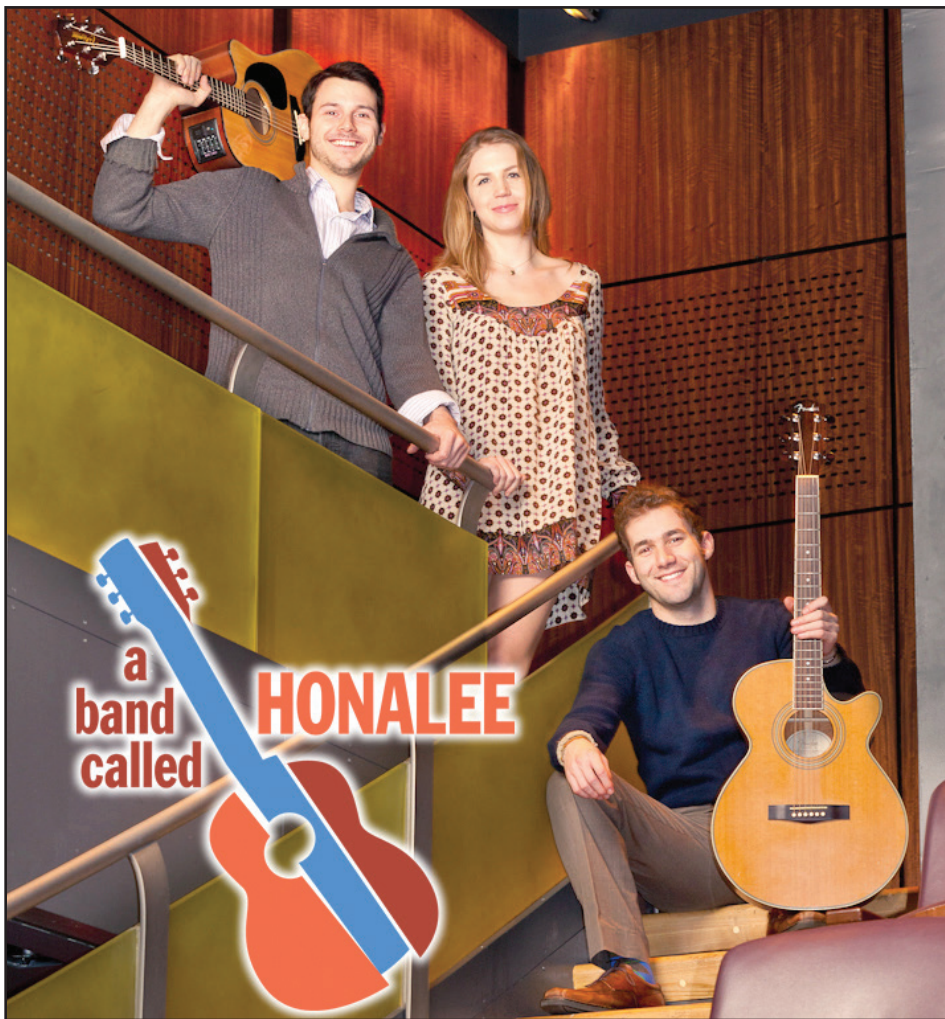
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Orsino is the duke of Illyria who is desperately in love with a local noble, Lady Olivia; Or, at least the idea of her.

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