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Diamond improvements

Gilford Youth Baseball making key improvements to Francoeur Field



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Aaron T. Francoeur Field in Gilford Village has recently received a significant upgrade, with new drainage installed underneath new sod and more improvements are scheduled.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

GILFORD — Cal Ripken changing their bases for 12U from 60 feet to 70 feet prompted the Gilford Youth Baseball organization to take a look at what they want out of their fields and in the end, what they have is a completely renovated field with even more plans for the future.

“We had to make adjustments on the field,

but the field hadn’t been really touched in 20-plus years,” said Mike Giovanditto of Gilford Youth Baseball. “We’ve had issues with ponding and drainage and we said, if we’re going to adjust the base paths, what do we really want to do.

“We said, let’s go for broke,” Giovanditto continued. “We have so many awesome people that live here, have businesses here and have resources here.”

The organization set out to ultimately raise \$200,000 with the idea of putting in a turf infield surface on Aaron T. Francoeur Field, which is located in the heart of Gilford Village.

“We’ve done so many different little things over the years,” Giovanditto noted, but said it was time to tackle some big picture items. “Better, better, better.”

The dugouts were repainted, the concession

stand was set to receive new siding, in addition to a new window that allows people working in the concession stand to see the game for the first time, new fences were installed and the entire drainage system was replaced. The field was dug up in the process and the grass was replaced by sod, with the idea that once the fundraising is complete, the infield can be converted to the turf surface.

Giovanditto, who also serves as Gilford’s varsity baseball coach, noted that the fundraising began in winter and a ton of businesses signed up to have banners on the new outfield fence, which is higher than the old fence, allowing for the Gilford banner in addition to banners honoring local businesses.

With turf on their mind, the group also

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School to
host second
Education &
Enrichment
Expo
May 23*

ALTON — The Enrichment Department at Alton Central School is proud to host its second Education & Enrichment Expo on Thursday, May 23 from 5-8 p.m. Let’s celebrate the individuality of students in the Alton community. If you’re looking for teacher-assigned projects and classwork, then you’re in the wrong place. Students will be sharing their personal hobbies and passions. Yes, Alton Central School offers a wide variety of differentiated content for our learners. However, the projects on display will allow students to share their own personal interests and strengths with friends, family, and staff in the community.

In addition to sharing projects, all students will have the opportunity to learn from professionals in and around our community.

If students are interested in art, they will want to speak with some of the artists. Leo C. Reinhard has been soldering with copper ever since he was introduced to it. Marble sculptures have always been the heart of his work. His sculptures delight the child in him and everyone else. He is a newly juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. Leo hopes to continue to make the world a better place for bees and marbles. For more of Leo’s art, check his site at lcrart.com. Syllas Kenerson, former graduate of PMHS and ACS, will be sharing his growth from a young doodler to an aspiring artist. He has created posters for the Pittsfield Players and Gilford Cinema 8. Joining him will be artist Emma Blake, an inspiring student at NHTI. Her work is sure to influence the young sketchers of ACS.

Students that are fascinated by science may want to join Paul Winalski and members of NHASTRO for some solar viewing located on the basketball court. Looking for something closer to home? Lindsay Webb from NH Fish & Game will give a brief history of wildlife in NH, how NHFG manages wildlife, what you can do for wildlife, and

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Barnstead board approves calendar, last day of school

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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BARNSTEAD — The school board has approved having the school year end on June 19 and the calendar for the next school year.

The Barnstead School Board approved the date for the last day of school as well as the 2024-2025 calendar during the board’s meeting on April 17.

The last day of school will be Wednesday, June 19.

Superintendent Tim Broadrick said to make the required number of hours for the middle school and high school, a few schedule changes were made at the high school. Originally, Tuesday, June 18 was proposed to be the last day of school and an early release day. After discussion they proposed

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Local fire departments responding to forest fire danger



COURTESY — BARNSTEAD FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters battle a second alarm brush fire on Bow Mills Road in Barnstead.

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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REGION — Local firefighters are dealing with and trying to prevent brush fires due to dry conditions.

The state’s forest fire danger has been high for the past few weeks and local departments have had to respond to one

large brush fire and have been working to prevent others.

The Barnstead Fire Department recently battled a second alarm brush fire on Bow Mills Road off Peacham Road.

The Gilford Fire Department recently did three controlled burns of grassy areas, including



COURTESY — GILFORD FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 3517

The Gilford Fire Department recently did three controlled burns of dry grass in different parts of town to prevent spreading fires.

one around Gilford High School.

“As a reminder, fire danger is currently high and permits are required for any outside fires,” Gilford Fire said on a post on its Facebook page.

State and local fire officials are reminding people that permits are now required for any outdoor burning. The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands and local fire departments are now issuing Daily

Fire Danger reports to indicate the likelihood that a wildfire might ignite and how quickly it could spread.

A full list of the state regulations regarding outdoor burning can be found on the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands website at <https://www.nhdf.dncr.nh.gov/forest-protection>.

The New Hampshire Department of Environ-

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May programs at the New Durham Public Library

NEW DURHAM — Container Gardening on May 1 at 5:30 p.m. Come on down to the library to hear Master Gardeners explaining the benefits and drawbacks of gardening in containers, the different types of containers, and the proper care and maintenance of container gardens.

Mind Blowing Matter with the Children's Museum of New Hampshire on May 8 at 3:30 p.m. Calling all kids! Come learn how rocks can change their state of matter and watch other items change right before your eyes! Observe science-filled experiments and make an incredible shrink paper craft to take home. Registration is required.



This program is best for kiddos ages five to nine.

The History of Lake Winnepesaukee on May 14 at 5:30 p.m. Thought

you knew all there was to know about the "Big Lake"? Think again! Lake Winnepesaukee's history goes will beyond the boating and other

recreational-related activities we think of today. These fascinating and enlightening bits of history will change forever how you view New

Hampshire's "Big Lake."

Makerspace on May 15 at 3:30 p.m. Come and build a windmill with our Makerspace! Regis-

tration is required. This event is best for kiddos ages eight and up and a parent is required to stay for the duration.

Homeschool Hangout on May 17 at 10 a.m. This is the last one of the year, and we'll be playing with robots. All homeschool families of all ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.

Join a book club! We have a regular book club, mystery book club, and historical fiction book club. Copies of the book can be picked up at the circulation desk. Book clubs meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and for anyone ages 16 and up.

Join us for Storytime! Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for preschoolers and 10:30am for babies and toddlers.

Introducing new Great Waters' Ride, Dine, and Show collaboration

WOLFEBORO — Ride, dine, and enjoy an evening of wonderful music this summer as part of a new collaboration between Great Waters, the Wolfeboro Trolley Company, and the Birch and Vine Restaurant in Tuftonboro. Delight in having transportation provided for you from Wolfeboro by the iconic Jolly the Trolley, a delicious three-course dinner at the popular Birch and Vine restaurant, and attendance at the concert of your

choice at Concerts in the Clouds at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough.

This long-awaited opportunity is made possible by the generosity of Kathy Fairman of the Wolfeboro Trolley Company, Patti Edson, owner of Birch and Vine, and the Great Waters Music Festival. All three businesses have sharpened their pencils and saved their calendar dates to provide round-trip transportation from Wolfeboro, including

pickup and drop-off at the Kingswood Arts Center and Taylor Retirement Community at Back Bay in Wolfeboro for residents there, a dinner buffet, and under-the-tent seats at Concerts in the Clouds. Of course, after the concert,

the Trolley promises to return to both locations in Wolfeboro at the end of the evening.

Tickets for this opportunity are limited to thirty-four people for each concert. The Trolley will pick up passengers in Wolfeboro, leaving at

5 p.m., followed by pickup at Taylor Back Bay, and Great Waters will provide comfy cushions for a satisfying trip. The dinner at Birch and Vine will be a varied buffet each week with options for vegetarians. Cocktails are an added charge at Birch & Vine and the concert. The total price per person for transportation, dinner, and concert is \$120, including tips and gratuities.

This year's performances at the Castle offer a diverse range of musical experiences,

including Foreigners Journey, The Docksidiers Yacht Rock Experience, 20 Ride – A Zac Brown Tribute, Judy Collins, The Greatest Love of All/The Whitney Houston Show, and David Brighton's "Space Oddity." Each performance promises to be a unique and thrilling experience. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact the Great Waters office at 603-569-7710 or www.greatwaters.org.

Arrest made in connection with hit-and-run boating crash

GILFORD — A Pelham man has been arrested in connection to an August 2023 hit-and-run boating crash on Lake Winnepesaukee.

This morning, with the assistance of the Pelham Police Department, Demosthenes Macheras, 69, of Pelham, was taken into custody on misdemeanor charges of Simple Assault and Hindering Apprehension.

On Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at approximately 11 p.m., the Marine Patrol unit of the New Hampshire State Police received a call for a boating crash in Wolfeboro. Marine Patrol and members of the Wolfeboro Police Department immediately responded to the scene. Upon arrival, officers found a 50-foot SeaRay boat that had ended up on rocks in Winter Harbor after it had crashed into a dock and the boat tied up to the dock.

The investigation to date indicates the male operator of the SeaRay left the scene before the arrival of law enforcement. The operator and several passengers onboard the SeaRay were retrieved by, and left the scene in, another boat, a blue 1997 Well Craft, registered out of Pelham. Witnesses reported that the Well Craft removed the former occupants of the SeaRay from the scene and headed toward Tuftonboro, where it was later located docked at a residence.

During the course of the investigation, Macheras was identified as the operator of the 1997 Well Craft that removed the operator and passengers of the SeaRay from the scene prior to the arrival of law enforcement.

Macheras is scheduled to appear June 4 in Ossipee District Court.

Anyone who has information that may assist the ongoing investigation is asked to contact Marine Patrol Sgt. Nicholas Haroutunian at (603) 227-2112 or via email at Nicholas.M.Haroutunian@dos.nh.gov, or call State Police dispatch at (603) 846-3333.

Community dinner to support Old Home Day

GILFORD — A community dinner will be held Thursday, May 30 at the Gilford Community Church at 6:30 p.m., with all proceeds to help support Gilford Old Home Day.

The meal will be prepared by Dan Banhart of the Plate Lunch. Menu includes a Hawaiian Themed Meal with Kalua Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Mac Salad, and Dessert. \$12/per meal.

To-Go - \$15/per meal (To-Go meals are available at 5:45 and 6:15 p.m.).

Tickets are available in the Parks and Recreation Office and must be purchased in advance.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, May 23.

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New Durham housing and land use survey now available

NEW DURHAM — Residents, property owners, and business owners are asked to take part in a survey on housing and land use that will be factored in the town's master plan.

The town's Development Committee has worked with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission to look at the town's housing and land use needs and is working on updates to the Housing and Land Use chapters of the Master Plan.

"Whether you live in New Durham full-time, seasonally, or are a business owner, you are probably aware of the competitive housing market creating challenges across the Seacoast and Lakes Region," reads the introduction to the survey.

A survey is now live for anyone who is a permanent or seasonal resident or business owner to give their thoughts on the housing situation in town.

The New Durham Master Plan Updates 2024 Housing & Land Use Survey can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/zz_ND-NH24MP. The survey takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Hard copies of the survey can also be found at New Durham town hall at 4 Main St.

All responses are confidential, though people can leave contact information at the end if they want more updates on the project.

For more information, contact town hall at 603-859-2091.

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New England Vintage Boat Auction accepting donations and consignments



WOLFEBORO — On Saturday, July 13, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host the annual New England Vintage Boat Auction, an online and in-person event currently accepting donations and consignments.

The annual event, according to NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings, attracts bidders nationwide.

“If you have a vintage wood boat, classic or new fiberglass boat, sail-

boat, kayak, canoe, or any kind of memorabilia you’d like to donate or sell, this is the event for you,” she said. “This is one of the largest events of its kind in New England.”

Boats and cars at this year’s New England Vintage Boat Auction will be displayed online and at the Nicholas J. Pernokas Recreation Park (The Nick) in Wolfeboro at The Nick for the general public to view on July 11 and 12 from noon to 5 p.m. Live bidding begins on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. Bidder registration is free. Online bidding begins on Friday, July 5.

Those interested in donating or consigning an item at NHBM’s Annual New England Vintage Boat Auction are encouraged to contact auction@nhbm.org or call (603) 569-4554.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits and engaging events and programs tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is sponsored in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane and Oil, Stark Creative, KW Lakes and Mountains, Taylor Community, Belletetes, and North Water Marine.

Tri-Town Democrats welcome guest speaker Sarah Robinson Monday

BARNSTEAD — Tri-Town Democrats of Barnstead, Gilmanton, and Alton will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, May 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Barnstead Town Hall, 108 S. Barnstead Rd., Center Barnstead. Come early at 6 p.m. to socialize and enjoy some tasty treats!

After introductions and announcements, NH Rep. Chuck Grassie, Strafford County, District 8, will provide updates on current legislative actions at the State House.

Our Guest Speaker will be Sarah Robinson, Education Justice Campaign Director for Granite State Progress. A graduate of New England College, Robinson helped establish the Concord chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice in



Sarah Robinson

2015. She is an alumni of the 2021 cohort of Leadership NH, a Co-Chair for Manchester’s NAACP Education Committee, and a trained Peacemaker. She also serves on Concord’s school board for Wards 8, 9 and 10. Sarah will discuss how public education is be-

ing attacked by school privatization schemes; how school boards and educators are facing disruptions and threats around book bans, divisive concepts, student health and well-being initiatives; and how students of racial, ethnic, and gender diversity

are bearing much of the brunt of this aggression. After her presentation, there will be time for questions and answers.

A roundtable discussion will follow Sarah’s presentation. In this new segment, all attendees will be able to share their takeaways from Robinson’s presentation, request further information on the topic, and/or give their views on what needs to be done to address the issues discussed. Everyone is welcome to participate.

If you have any questions, email tritowndems@gmail.com.

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Opinion

Unwind and savor

In a world where the pace of life seems to quicken with each passing day, it's becoming crucial to pause and appreciate the beauty in life's simplest moments. We're bombarded with messages that tell us success is synonymous with constant activity and productivity, but in our relentless pursuit, we often overlook the joy that can be found in slowing down and simply chilling out.

Think about it—how often do we rush through our days, barely taking the time to notice the world around us? We grab our morning coffee on the go, scroll through our phones during moments of downtime, and fill our schedules to the brim with commitments and obligations. But what if we took a step back and savored the little things?

There's something incredibly powerful about embracing simplicity in a world that seems to value excess. Whether it's enjoying a quiet moment with a good book, taking a leisurely walk in nature, or sharing a meal with loved ones without the distraction of technology, these small acts can have a profound impact on our well-being.

Research has shown that practicing mindfulness and engaging in simple activities can help reduce stress, improve focus, and cultivate a greater sense of contentment. By slowing down and being present in the moment, we can find peace amidst the chaos and rediscover the beauty that surrounds us.

Living more simply isn't about depriving ourselves or giving up on our goals—it's about finding balance and prioritizing the things that truly matter. It's about recognizing that true happiness isn't found in material possessions or external achievements, but rather in the connections we form, the experiences we cherish, and the moments of quiet reflection that nourish our souls.



COURTESY

It's in the cards

Players from all over the region take advantage of the weekly Bingo games held at the Farmington Recreation Center on Wednesday mornings and sponsored by the New Durham and Farmington Recreation Departments. The two groups have a long history of combining resources to provide events ranging from Halloween and Christmas programs to the upcoming Spring Fling at the New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse on May 19.

Let's talk: that thing

BY PAMELA MOTT, M.S. LCMHC
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Coming into to blue bird sky days, the sound of all the bird. A spring morning with a chill like no other. These early days of spring begin to bring all the rustling. All the things begin to intermingle and then the drama starts. Allergies and all.

Routines, stifling obligations to meet demands, so big they can't be met. The culture of it all. The pressure. This one's saying that this one is doing that, blah, blah, blah. The adrenaline. Stress. The violence of it all. How else is someone going to entertain themselves around here?

Locals are entertaining. The funny, quick-witted actions are

hilarious. The way that everyone is looking out for everyone else. It's just below the surface in melodic tempo. The spills in the mud. The flooding of basements and the ingenious ways we locals pump it out. The collection of all the bunch of us, in community is a heart bumping kind of vibe. So many laughs. So many local fixes with duct tape. Nice way to expand the lungs and expand your vocabulary. Locals have a way of talking. Taking time to really look around and it is overall pretty good. What a beautiful body of water lay right outside our windows, even if it is a puddle.

The ground soft, humbling. Another season, mud season. out. In the

soft ground lays sinking, that heavy thing in the yard. Yeah, no driving on the soft spring mud. Who has not been pulled out of the mud or the sand? It is Thing that happens. Spring is on the way. Sweet life. Spring leaves just beginning to peek out.

Let talk about, That Thing. Let's talk about life. Life happens and us locals, we know how to have a good time despite the many challenges we all face. Speaking of locals having a good time, That Thing, Aug. 31, Alton Bay is going to be something different and worth a peek. Plan on spending the day with locals in community. The entertainment is going to be something not yet seen in the Bay. Locals around here, we are always clever. Finding un-

expected ways to amuse ourselves. This time will be with a focus on well-being and healthy lifestyle. Be prepared, it is going to be a good time.

Sponsors are coming forward to cover expenses for an amazing special event. For locals, by locals. Locals will not be able to spend money at, That Thing. The buck stops here. No one will give a buck, nor will anyone be chasing a buck.

We all know those people that are accustomed to pulling people out of the mud around here. We all know those people that need to be pulled out of the mud around here. That is what

That Thing is all about. Pulling each other out of the mud. Stay tuned.

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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Amped up

A friend came over a couple of days ago with a problem for me to try to remedy. It wasn't urgent. I like that kind of job. I left it up on the dining room table, the cellar is still too cold for electronics work.

With the thing apart, there were no visual clues as to what might be the problem. It looked like I'd need to do more investigative trou-

ble shooting so I rounded up a multi-meter, a sine wave generator, a speaker and my portable oscilloscope for starters.

Before going to the trouble of searching for its schematic diagram, I started doing tests to see what I could find out. The power in was good. The plus and minus to the output transistors looked good too. The minus fifteen volts

to the preamp was fine but the positive fifteen wasn't there. That's it! That will certainly cause distortion.

Unfortunately, when I disconnected the preamp harness, both fifteens were fine, meaning that the problem was on the preamp board and in order to take it out, I needed to remove all the knobs, nuts and hardware securing it to the

chassis.

I gave the board a quick look over and all the soldering looked fine. Once again, nothing obvious. Seeing as there weren't any three pin voltage regulators in it, I looked for some zener diodes as one could have failed. No such luck, both good.

A couple weeks ago I had another amp

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Letters to the Editor

Win prize packages at May 5 Gift Card Gala

To the Editor:

I am inspired by the remarkable response to support Tagg Team's Eighth Annual Gift Card Gala. I invite everyone to join us on Sunday afternoon, May 5 at the VFW Laconia Hall at 143 Court St. Game players can arrive at 12:30 pm, with games scheduled to begin shortly thereafter. Tagg Team has collected over \$10,000 in gift

cards and items from local businesses and individuals to win. Guests play a game similar to bingo, but with a deck of cards. Cover 3 playing cards on your game card to win prize packages! Yummy snacks will be available, and all beverages will be served by the VFW staff. Event sponsor Joshua Ritson of Coldwell Banker will award a Cinco de Mayo gift basket to a lucky

guest.

We're expecting a record attendance, so I encourage everyone to pre-buy your game card at this link: <https://www.givegab.com/teams/tagg-team-2024>. Your \$60 donation will reserve your game card to play all 30 games. The average value of prize packages is \$226...win for only \$2! Game cards will also be available at the event.

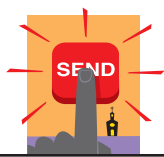
All funds raised will benefit the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. Call me at 603-493-9524 or email tagtem@metrocast.net with any questions.

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Alton Business Association Monthly Member Highlight: Berry's Bait

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sits down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! For March, we spoke with Christy Painchaud, Owner + Founder of Alton Market on Main. We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work that they do in our communities. If you're an ABA Member and would like to be considered for future Monthly Member Highlights, please reach out to us via email at info@altonbusinessassociation.com.

NH Fish and Game Deer, Turkey and Bear Check station. We sell Hunting and Fishing Licenses and issue OHRV registrations.

Q: Tell us about yourself.

A: Lon and I (Dana) both live in New Durham with our 12 year old son. We love to hunt and fish but don't get out as much as we used to since opening the shop but LOVE being able to help folks get into fishing and checking in their deer, turkey and bear.

Q: How did your business get started?

A: Lon has always been an avid hunter and fisherman, when he was having a hard time finding live bait to take our family ice fishing he did some research and paired up with a smelter in Maine to start selling smelt and shiners from

our home. It kind of blew up and we expanded to a larger location in New Durham. When we got the opportunity to expand into our Alton location we jumped at the chance.

Q: What has your relationship with the Alton Business Association done for you or your business?

A: The ABA has put us in front of customers that didn't know what we had to offer and with their events brought in

more customers that don't fish or hunt but have relatives that do so they buy them gifts.

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: That its small and we help each other out even when small things happen.

Q: Why did you want to open your business in this community?

A: The location of our new shop was perfect for what we do but the com-

munity was a bonus.

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: That we've been able to help out local athletics and help start a high school bass team.

Q: What does the future hold for you and your business?

A: We recently added Kayak and Canoe rentals to the business and are looking forward to that.

Q: What is one piece

of advice you wish you had as a new business member?

A: Take your time, no need to rush and you can't always make everyone happy or offer everything to everyone.

Q: How can people who want to learn more about you or your business get in touch with you?

A: BerrysBait@yahoo.com 603-875-0169 or on Facebook.

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Community Clothing Swap

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is coordinating a free Community Clothing Swap where residents can drop off clothes in good condition to pass along to others. Donated clothes can be dropped off at the Parks and Recreation office- 328 Main St., Monday- Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. before May 20. The Community Clothing Swap will take place at the Pearson Road Community Center on Saturday, June 1 from 8 a.m.-noon. The donated clothes will be displayed and available for people to pick up and reuse. This event is free and is an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Alton Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 1, 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 parks-rec-asst@alton.nh.gov before May 20 with your Yard Sale address location. When calling please include your name, phone number and complete physical address. Free Yard Sale maps will be available after May 28.

USTA Spring Tennis Lessons- Youth

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis Lessons for Grades 1-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from May 14-May 30. Grades are divided by times: 3:15-4:15 p.m.- Grades 6-8; 4:15-5:15 p.m.- Grades 1 & 2; 5:15-6:15 p.m.- Grades 3-5. Registration is \$60 for Alton residents and includes a brand-new tennis racquet, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Non-resident

fee is \$70. Basic tennis skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by April 19, class size is limited to 7. Registration forms are available at altonparksandrecreation.com 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.

USTA Spring Tennis Lessons- Adults

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis Lessons for adults on Wednesdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from May 15-June 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is \$70 for Alton residents and includes a brand new tennis racquet, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Non-resident fee is \$80. Basic tennis skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by April 19, class size is limited to 7. Registration forms are available at altonparksandrecreation.com 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.

Guided Meditation with Instructor Karen Kharitonov

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class on Thursday, May 9 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, donations are greatly appreciated to support local charities. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

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.

Slow Flow Yoga with Pamela Mott, 200 YTT Certified

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

Weight Training Classes- Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department

is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Learn new exercises and 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. Class will not be held May 6 & 8.

Paint Night

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Paint Night on Wednesday, May 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center. Paint a beautiful floral scene with a 3D silk butterfly. For all ages and abilities. Just in time for Mother's Day. \$25 per person. To register, or for more information, contact parks-rec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Q: Tell us about your business.

A: Berry's Bait is a family owned and run bait and tackle shop. We offer Kayak and canoe rentals. We are also a

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that was making a funny noise that was all due to a solder connection that came undone due to vibration. These musical instrument amplifiers are subject to so much vibration they need to be built like space craft. Most aren't.

I once worked troubleshooting circuit boards for missiles. Once, I found the problem and my supervisor just put it back on the shelf. I couldn't be right, I was just a young punk fresh out of school. The module was assembled wrong. The circuit boards inside weren't mated properly to the outer boards. I could see it, why couldn't he. I grabbed another module and went back to work.

Missiles need to be made like aircraft. They need to work flawlessly while resisting lots of vibrations and accelerations. In another job, my first project was to build a power supply testing station. Well, I made it like it was a fighter jet, with nice tight perfectly spaced harnesses giving access to all the parts which were easy to remove if needed. My supervisors jaw dropped. I guess I passed the audition.

I have all these tools around my house. Some that I use all the time. Others I hardly ever use. One might be tempted to group these with that which is more properly called clutter, but that's not the case. Some tools have very specific purposes. I have a little magic box that plugs into an outlet that sends a signal that can be sensed down at the breaker panel to de-

termine which breaker powers that outlet, or light. That does come in handy sometimes.

So here I was, I had this circuit board that had a short circuit somewhere between the plus fifteen volts and ground. With a normal ohm meter, this would be a super tedious endeavor, provided it had enough resolution to search throughout the board to chase down the problem.

For your information, a short means a connection. So many people misuse this word. They use it for any kind of electrical failure. My "any appliance" doesn't work, it has some kind of a short. Well, no, actually, it has an open. If it were a short, something would be smoking or the breaker would blow, and then I'd need to use my little magic box thing.

I have this other test box called a TONE-OHM. What it does is, it emits a tone that changes with the resistance measured. It sounds like a theremin. But as the resistance goes down, the pitch goes up.

I probed out every plus fifteen contact and the tone seemed to be the same. That certainly wasn't what I wanted to hear. But there was one place that I thought seemed a touch higher. Not even a semi tone. Only a couple thousandths of an ohm less. It wasn't the IC. It was a part I never would have suspected, the .01 bypass cap. A 20-cent part. That amp will now play another day.

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Shorthanded Golden Eagles shut down by strong Campbell squad



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Goalie Tim Macaione chases down the ball during action against Campbell last week. Kael Weber looks to fire off a shot in action against Campbell last Monday afternoon.



BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — On a blustery Monday at The Meadows, the Gilford boys' lacrosse team entered its vacation week game with traditional Division III power Campbell under-manned, with eight starters missing, including the team's starting goaltender.

Tim Macaione stepped up to fill in at goalie for the Golden Eagles and made some impressive saves despite the final score of 12-0 in favor of the visitors.

The Cougars had an early shot denied by Macaione and Gilford's Connor Livingston had a shot denied by the Campbell goalie. Campbell got the game's first goal with 9:05 to go in the first quarter and added another goal just more

than 30 seconds later to push the lead to 2-0.

Macaione continued to make saves in the Gilford net while the Cougars also sent a couple of shots wide of the net. With 2:33 to go, the Cougars netted their third goal and then just 11 seconds later, went in off the faceoff and scored again for the 4-0 lead.

After another shot went wide of the net for the Cougars, they scored their final goal of the frame with 1:42 to go and took the 5-0 lead to the second quarter.

Macaione made a couple of early saves in the second quarter and the Cougars also sent a couple of shots wide and high of the net as they continued to pressure. Campbell scored with 6:41 to go in the quarter for the 6-0 lead and then

had a trio of shots denied by Macaione.

With 1:38 to go, Campbell scored their seventh goal and added another goal just 30 seconds later for the 8-0 lead. After a Cougar shot went wide of the net, David Boyajian had a bid for the Golden Eagles that was stopped and the game went to the half with Campbell up 8-0.

The Cougars had an early shot go wide and scored their first goal of the second half with 9:05 to go for the 9-0 lead. Kael Weber had a bid go wide for the Golden Eagles and Lucas Raleigh had a shot denied by Campbell's goalie.

With 4:50 to go, the Cougars added a 10th goal to push the lead to 10-0 and visitors came up with a couple more chances, with Macaione

making a few more saves and another shot going wide of the net. Campbell scored with 1:35 to go in the third quarter to take the 11-0 lead to the final 12 minutes.

Boyajian had a shot go wide early on and Macaione made a stop on a Campbell shot. The Cougars sent a couple of shots wide of the net and Weber made a nice defensive stop for the Golden Eagles. Boyajian sent a shot wide of the net and Raleigh had another shot denied by Campbell's goalie.

The Cougars added their final goal of the game with 1:29 to go for the 12-0 score. Gilford got some solid late chances from Raleigh and Brady Alessandro that were denied and the Cougars held on for the 12-0 win.

Gilford is scheduled

to be in action today, May 2, at Laconia at 4 p.m., will be hosting Lebanon at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 6, and Plymouth on Wednesday, May 8, also at 4 p.m.

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Bernier reaches 500th strikeout as champs move to 3-0

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SWANZEY — The Prospect Mountain softball team allowed its first run of the season in the only game of the vacation week, but still emerged with a 10-1 win on the road against Monadnock and saw pitcher Ella Bernier reach a milestone, as she struck out her 500th career batter.

The Timber Wolves got two runs in the top of the first inning and one in the top of the third before the Huskies got their first run of the game in the bottom of the third. Prospect added two in the fourth and another in the fifth before putting the finishing touches on the game with four in the seventh.

Bernier went the distance in the circle, giving up just five hits and striking out 13, including the 500th career whiff. She also moved within 23 of the school record for strikeouts, set by former Timber Wolf Brianna Burley.

Tori Christie had a double, a triple and a single, scored a run and drove in two runs, Gwen Christie had three hits, drove in a run and scored a run, Moriah Gates had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Paige Harding had a pair of hits and scored a run, Maggie Damon had a pair of doubles, scored twice and drove in a run, Alexis Wilson had a double, scored a run and drove in a run, Bernier had a base hit and scored a run and Paityn Glidden had a hit, drove in two runs and scored a run.

The defending champs moved to 3-0 with the win and will be back in action on at Hillsboro-Deering on Friday, May 3, at Kearsarge on Monday, May 6, and at home against Belmont on Wednesday, May 8, all with 4 p.m. starts.

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Happy Mother's Day
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Getting in the Olympic spirit at Team USA Media Summit

Covering four Olympics over the course of the last 10 years has certainly been one of the biggest highlights of my career. The last two, specifically, with COVID precautions in place and few, if any, fans in the bleachers, have been especially memorable.

One of the things that the pandemic put a pause on was the Team USA Media Summit prior to the Olympics. The last in-person event was held prior to the PyeongChang Olympics in 2018. At that time, it was held in Colorado and for my first two Olympics, I never made the trip out west.

However, as we approach the Paris Olympics this summer, the Team USA Media Summit was moved to New York City and was held April 14-17 at the Marriot Marquis Hotel in Times Square. When it was announced, I thought it might be interesting to attend, even though I knew I would be missing some games in the spring season.

A quick bus trip to Boston and a relatively

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



quick train ride to New York City later, I found myself in the Big Apple on Sunday afternoon, April 14. I walked to the hotel (though it took a bit for me to find the entrance, which wasn't exactly obvious, despite the fact that it was right across the street from where I saw Sweeney Todd last year). For the record, this was the most expensive hotel room I have ever booked, but I went with it, figuring it was good to be in the same place as the Media Summit and I am glad I did it.

The opening reception was held at the Loeb Central Park Boathouse on Sunday night, with plenty of food and drink to go around. It was a beautiful night to be out near the water as the lights of the city illuminated the evening.

The next two days were stuffed full of press conferences, which fea-

tured athletes from multiple different sports discussing multiple different topics, all with an eye toward Paris in about 100 days. We also heard from representatives from the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee and representatives of the Los Angeles 2028 Committee and the Salt Lake City bid committee, who's bid will likely be chosen for the 2034 Winter Olympics when the IOC meets in Paris. There were also numerous coaches and US Olympic and Paralympic Committee officials on hand to provide updates. One of the highlights was the announcement of the new Team USA marketing campaign, "One For All."

The final day, Wednesday, got off to a cool start when a group of athletes made the trip to the Empire State Building to ceremonially light the building up in red, white and blue in celebration of 100 days to go until the Paris Olympics. After a brief ceremony in the lobby of the building



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Team USA athletes pose on the observation deck of the Empire State Building on April 17 as they celebrate 100 days until the Paris Olympics at the Team USA Media Summit.

where the switch was flipped, athletes and the assembled media journeyed to the top of the New York City landmark for some photo opportunities.

There were a few final press conferences on Wednesday before I headed back to New Hampshire so I could be at the Yum Yum Shop on Thursday morning to help pay those Olympic bills that are coming due.

The Olympics almost always contain great stories of people overcom-

ing adversity, battling to the top and making history. I love the Olympics and the stories that go with them, which has made it a ton of fun to see these events in person in 2014, 2018, 2021 and 2022. I am thrilled to get the chance to see another Olympics and the Team USA Media Summit was a great way to gear up for the summer ahead.

On a related note, if you know of any athletes with local connections who will be attending the Paris Olympics, please let us know, we'd

love to tell their story.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, May 2

KENNETT
Boys' Tennis vs. Goffstown; 4
Girls' Tennis at Goffstown; 4
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Tennis vs. Coe-Brown; 4
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Winnacunnet; 5:30
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Tennis at Monadnock; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Sanborn; 4

Friday, May 3

KENNETT
Baseball vs. Sanborn; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Winnacunnet; 4
Boys' Tennis at Kingswood; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Londonderry; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Kingswood; 4
Softball vs. Sanborn; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball at Souhegan; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. St. Thomas; 5:30
Boys Tennis vs. Kennett; 4
Girls' Tennis at Kennett; 4
Softball at Souhegan; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball at Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Moultonborough; 4
Softball at Hillsboro-Deering; 4

Saturday, May 4

KINGSWOOD
Track at Pembroke; 10
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Girls' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 10
Track at Berlin; 4

Monday, May 6

KENNETT
Baseball vs. Kingswood; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Merrimack Valley; 4
Boys' Tennis at Plymouth; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Pembroke; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Plymouth; 4
Softball vs. Kingswood; 4
KINGSWOOD

Baseball at Kennett; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Windham; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Timberlane; 5:30
Girls' Tennis at Manchester West; 4
Softball at Kennett; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball at Kearsarge; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4
Girls' Tennis at Trinity; 4
Softball at Kearsarge; 4

Tuesday, May 7

KENNETT
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Plymouth; 4
Track at Coe-Brown; 4
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Lacrosse at Spaulding; 5:30
Track at Coe-Brown; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Track at Gilford; 4
Girls' Tennis at Berlin; 4
Unified Track at Winnacunnet; 3

Wednesday, May 8

KENNETT
Baseball vs. Laconia; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Portsmouth; 6:30
Boys' Tennis at Bow; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Manchester West; 4
Softball vs. Laconia; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball vs. Plymouth; 4
Boys' Tennis at Coe-Brown; 4
Softball vs. Plymouth; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball vs. Belmont; 4
Softball vs. Belmont; 4

Thursday, May 9

KENNETT
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Winnacunnet; 4
KINGSWOOD
Girls' Lacrosse at Spaulding; 5:30
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Girls' Tennis at White Mountains; 4

All schedules are subject to change.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, May 2

BELMONT
Baseball at Newfound; 4
GILFORD
Baseball vs. Monadnock; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Laconia; 4
Boys' Tennis at Littleton; 4
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Laconia; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4
Softball vs. Monadnock; 4

Friday, May 3

BELMONT
Softball vs. Hopkinton; 4
Track Home Meet; 4
WINNISQUAM
Baseball at Berlin; 4
Softball at Berlin; 4

Saturday, May 4

GILFORD
Track at Inter-Lakes; 10
WINNISQUAM
Track Home Meet; 10

Monday, May 6

BELMONT
Baseball vs. Winnisquam; 4
Softball vs. Winnisquam; 4
GILFORD
Baseball vs. Newfound; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Lebanon; 4
Boys' Tennis at Inter-Lakes; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Lebanon; 4
Girls' Tennis at Moultonborough; 4
Softball vs. Newfound; 4
WINNISQUAM
Baseball at Belmont; 4
Softball at Belmont; 4

Tuesday, May 7

BELMONT
Track Home Meet; 4
GILFORD
Track Home Meet; 4

Wednesday, May 8

BELMONT
Baseball at Prospect Mountain; 4
Softball at Prospect Mountain; 4
GILFORD

Baseball at Winnisquam; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Plymouth; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Plymouth; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Plymouth; 4
Girls' Tennis at Berlin; 4
Softball at Winnisquam; 4

WINNISQUAM
Baseball vs. Gilford; 4
Softball vs. Gilford; 4

Thursday, May 9

GILFORD
Girls' Tennis vs. Inter-Lakes; 4
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*Charles Leslie Lord III
(AKA Chucka), 60*



Charles Leslie Lord III (AKA Chucka), 60, of New Durham passed away on April 14, 2024, at Wentworth Douglas Hospital, surrounded by his loved ones and family. Youngest son of Charles and Natalie Lord (Alton, NH), he was born in Wolfeboro, NH on September 5, 1963. He is survived by his daughter Sydney, of Rochester, NH, brothers and sisters, Mike (Tami) Lord of Gilmanton, Shari (Mark) Romprey of Belmont, NH, Bob (Tess) Lord of Nevada, Brian Lord of Alton, and

Jeanie (Larry) Storey of Alton, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was proud of his service in the US Navy (13 years), his work at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and more importantly, his daughter Sydney!

He enjoyed bird watching, camping with friends, boating on Merrymeeting Lake, playing cornhole, bon-fires, his dogs, and Sunday dump runs. Chucka was always eager and willing to lend a helping hand.

A Celebration of Life will be held on May 5 (1:00pm-4:00pm) at the American Legion in Alton, NH. A graveside service will be held on May 6th at 10:00am at New Riverside Cemetery in Alton, NH. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Veterans Administration in Concord, NH in honor of Charles Lord.

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wildlife trivia. Expect to see pelts and skulls on display. If you're hoping for some live animals, Derek Small from Wildlife Encounters will help you unplug for a bit and reconnect with nature. Derek is passionate about education, helping others engage in a healthy lifestyle and understanding the natural world, while of course – helping animals in need. For all you rockhounds, Nick Forge, the north-east prospector will be available to answer any questions about rock hunting while showing off some of his impressive collection.

ACS welcomes Peggy Thrasher, a basket weaver. Geometry is beautiful as viewed through her creations! The triaxial weave used in her baskets utilizes three directions of weaving where the strips are aligned at 60 degree angles, rather than the typical two directions using 90 degree angles. The most well known pattern, tumbling blocks, incorporates a three dimension-

al effect caused by an optical illusion. She has won several awards and ribbons for her work.

Perhaps you enjoy writing or reading a good book. Matt Forrest Esenwine, local author and former radio broadcaster, will be here to share his experience as a published award-winning author. For more information, check out his Web site at mattforrest.com.

If drinks and pastries are more of your taste, Emmett Soldati, small business owner of the Teatotaler Cafe in Dover and Concord, will be joining us. Soldati was the 2019 winner of the NH Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

If you're seeking some hands-on fun, there will be a room of Legos for kids to build and play. Everyone can design and construct their own Lego necklace to take home. Directions and materials will be provided to build straw rockets and rubber band cars.

The Alton Central gymnasium will be full of energy with live

demonstrations taking place. Lyndsay Lewin and some of her girls will be demonstrating their skills as part of NH Velocity Cheer, a new competitive program in Belknap County. From ages five to 18, get on the mats for some tumbling and fun. And for a different type of movement and competitive program, members of BOB 319 will be sharing the gymnasium to showcase their programming, mechanical, and electrical skills. Founded in 1999 at Alton Central School, team 319 Big Bad Bob is one of the longest standing FIRST Robotics teams in the nation. They have remained an effective organization led by Lead Mentor, Brian Hikel, and other mentors and recently returned alumni from the school's community. An example of our tremendous success has been shown by traveling to World Championships in 2016. There, the team competed against some of the best robots in the world and made it to the semifinals. The team also won a Judge's Award for the very first time in 2017.

Scott Bickford and Derek Pappaceno are thankful for the local presenters that are participating in this event. The Expo is fortunate to have over 25 sponsors supplying the event with donations. Raffle tickets will be on sale to win many wonderful prize baskets valued at over \$100 each.. All proceeds will benefit the construction of an outdoor classroom at Alton Central School. There is no cost to attend the evening, however, the school will be collecting monetary donations and items for End 68 Hours of Hunger. Let's see if the town can fill the Alton PD Bear-Cat. Dinner tickets will be available for \$1.

This event is for students and families of the ACS community. Parking at ACS will be limited due to reserved parking for presenters and extended handicap parking in the front. If you have any questions, please contact Derek Pappaceno at dpappaceno@say72.org or Scott Bickford at sbickford@sau72.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Education & Enrichment Expo!

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changing the last day to Wednesday June 19, making that Tuesday a full day and the last day an early release day.

Broadrick said they have been trying to avoid having school on June 19 or Juneteenth, which is a federal holiday but has not been adopted as a state holiday.

"We've been trying to avoid it," Broadrick said. "We don't want to have school on the Juneteenth holiday; we're trying not to."

He said looking at the dates it wouldn't go over well to have a full day on June 18, have students off for the holiday on the 19th, and have them come back for the last day of school on the 20th.

"For the future if the New Hampshire legislature should make at some point Juneteenth

a holiday, we would not have the choice, but we do now," Broadrick said.

The board unanimously approved having the last day of school on June 19.

Broadrick also presented a recommended calendar for the 2024-2025 school year which he said is almost identical to the one the district is following this year. Broadrick said he worked with the Prospect Mountain Teacher's organization to help come up with this calendar as their collective bargaining agreement requires association input on the calendar.

The calendar will have no school for the election days so voting can take place at the building. Earlier that meeting Broadrick and board members discussed the possibility

that a building project could create a space accessed separately from the rest of the school that could be used for voting and not result in the school having to be closed for elections.

One of the differences is there is a day of school scheduled the Thursday before Labor Day Weekend, which he said is consistent with the calendar adopted for Alton Central School and freshmen orientation at the high school.

Board member Brandy Pelletier said from a parent's perspective she isn't a fan of starting school before Labor Day, but understands all the considerations.

"I don't love that we're starting before Labor Day like we used to and then the last couple years we were trying to start after Labor Day,"

Pelletier said. "So, from a parent's perspective I don't love it, but I was in part of these conversations so I can appreciate everything that goes into making this work so I trust that this is probably the best option."

Broadrick said going with that start date wasn't a unanimous decision.

Broadrick also said more work has been done on the option of having remote learning or blizzard bag days at the elementary level for snow days. He said he is open to feedback from the board about how they want to handle snow days next year, including if blizzard bags are an option or if they would prefer having traditional snow days.

The board unanimously approved the 2024-2025 calendar.

DANGER
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mental Services also put out a list of items that are acceptable as burning materials and not acceptable for use.

Acceptable items for burning materials include charcoal, campfire wood, clean pellets, brush that is less than five inches in diameter, and clean lumber scraps burned by the homeown-

er at the primary residence. Brush and clean lumber scraps cannot be transported off a property to be burned elsewhere.

Materials that are not acceptable for burning include tires and plastics; construction and demolition debris; plywood; any wood that has been treated in any way including painted, stained, and glued; household trash; hazard-

ous waste and used oil; and any paper products that are coated in plastic or wax including paper, cardboard, and magazines. According to DES, burning any of these prohibited materials can put toxic materials into the air that could impact health.

Burn permits are available online through the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at https://nh.burnsafeamerica.com with a small fee that depends on the municipality.

In Gilford, permits can be obtained at the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department on 39 Cherry Valley Road with a valid ID. Call 603-527-4758 for

more information.

In Alton, burn permits are available at the central fire station at 65 Frank C. Gilman Highway Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information call 603-875-0222.

For permits in Barnstead, visit Station 2 at 106 South Barnstead Rd. or call 603-269-4121.

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David Aldus and Lora James of New Durham are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Alicia Maria James-Aldus. Alicia graduated early from the University of Maine Farmington, with honors, with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Rehabilitation.

IMPROVEMENTS
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purchased a high-level portable mound, which can be moved to different spots, depending on the size of the field needed. Likewise, there are two sets of bases, one for the 10U and younger kids and the other for the 12U teams.

"There are seniors on our (high school) team that started with us as six year olds on this field," said Giovanditto. "It's been a huge undertaking, but we want to make it better for the next group."

The renovation of the field is coming just in

time for a major showcase, as the 10U Cal Ripken state tournament is scheduled to take place in Gilford in early July, using Francoeur Field and Stone Field, the organization's other field, which is also in line for some improvements, including a new concession stand and a new security system.

The high school program over the last few years has also done work on the high school field, which is also located in Gilford Village next to Francoeur Field, including new dugouts and a new mound.

"We have the ability and we have the resources to make it better for

the kids," Giovanditto stated. "These fields are going to be second to none."

Gilford Youth Baseball offered its thanks to GMI, Turf Pro, Gilford Well, Lakes Region Fence, Wes Byers, LaValley Middleton Building Supply, Irwin Automotive, Belknap Landscaping, Nutter Enterprises, Plourde Sand and Gravel, Winter Gates Painting and Alton Aubuchon Hardware for their support of the project.

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

Alton Book Chat to host visit with children's author and illustrator Regina Tranfa

ALTON — Alton Book Chat Group will host an Author Visit at a special time, 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14 at the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., Alton. This event will be held in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room, on the lower level, accessed from the back-parking lot off from Depot Street.

Regina Tranfa is an international award-winning children's book author and illustrator with a background in Graphic Design. Her creation, The Took Me Series, includes two books, "My Dad Took Me to Outer Space, Book 1" and "My Dad Took Me To Dinosaur

Land: The Took Me Series, #2," and two coloring books, "Space Creatures" and "Dinosaur."

Her Web site, thetookmeseries.com, states that "Regina enjoys combining her conceptual thinking skills with the beauty of the drawn line. She never intended to write and illustrate a children's book, until one day the concept of "My Dad Took Me To Outer Space," came into her head."

Her Amazon Author Bio states "She enjoys creating stories that bring parents and children together, while creating a sense of wonder for both."

Come join Alton Book

Chat, at 6:30 p.m., a special time to meet the author, and chat about her writing. She will have copies available for purchase. Unless otherwise noted, regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Call the library at 875-2550 to reserve your copy of the next book discussion title and get in on the fun!

Alton Book Chat, established in 1999, is a library-sponsored book discussion group that meets monthly in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room (lower-level entrance), at Gilman Library on 100 Main St., Alton.

Noah Bolduc named to St. Lawrence University Dean's List

CANTON, N.Y. — Noah Bolduc from Gilman has been named to St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for achieving academic excellence during the Fall 2023 semester.

Bolduc is a member of the Class of 2024 and is majoring in economics and business in the lib-

eral arts. Bolduc attended New Hampton School.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

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Public invited to hear Rebecca Rule speak in Alton

ALTON — New Hampshire's own well-known story teller and author of many books about New England and specifically about New Hampshire, Rebecca Rule, will be the guest speaker at the Alton Centennial Rotary Club's meeting Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m. at Community/Seniors Center, 7 Pearson Rd. Her talk is open to the public.

"We're excited to hear her talk. She has so many wonderful stories, some even humorous, about New Hampshire's folk lore, history and people," said Stephen Copithorne, Rotary Club President.

One of her well know books now available, "I Have a Funny Story to Tell," will soon be followed by her latest book, "NH Trivia."

To reserve a seat, contact Duane Hammond, 569-3745. There's no cost for the public to attend. After Rule's presentation, she'll host a book signing.

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Barnstead	Half Moon Lake	N/A	\$450,000	Francis T. and Marilyn A. Bennett	Masse Enterprise LLC
Barnstead	Locke Lake Colony	N/A	\$25,000	Pat Murphy and Briana Coleman	Thomas Tilton
Gilford	7 Belknap Mountain Rd.	Retail Store	\$800,000	D&R LLC	CKJ Property Group LLC
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Tuesday, May 14, 2024
7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

Eric and Amanda Rabbitt

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM for Case #2024-002. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Andrew St. Godard, Common Cents Construction, LLC, on behalf of Eric and Amanda Rabbitt for property located at 276 Kings Highway, Map 209, Lot 008. The applicants are requesting an Appeal from an Administrative Decision regarding Variances to Article V.E. Flood Hazard Area and Water Body Setbacks, Article XIV. Shorefront Conservation Overlay District, Section C.2. Building Setback a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from reference line, Article XIV. Section C.7.b. Existing Structures may be demolished and rebuilt utilizing the same square footage as the original footprint, and Article XIV. G. Design Standards/Erosion Control 3. Alteration of Existing Uses a. The applicant shall supply a certificate of inspection from a qualified sanitary professional certifying that the existing septic system is adequate for the proposed use and that the system meets current standards of the NH Dept. of Environmental Services.

The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review by appointment by calling (603) 859-2091 ext. 2007. You can also contact via email: ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us

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Gregory J. and Stephanie S. Sullivan

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM for Case #2024-003. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Thomas J. Varney, Varney Engineering, LLC, on behalf of Gregory J. and Stephanie S. Sullivan for property located at Two Sunset Lane, Map 121, Lot 046. The applicants are requesting Variances to Article V.E. Flood Hazard Area and Water Body Setbacks, Article VI. Use Regulations, Section C. 3.a.i. Sewage Disposal and Leach field Setbacks less than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from the edge of a public water body, Article VI. Use Regulations, Section C. 3.a.ii. Sewage Disposal and Leach field Setbacks less than seventy-five (75) feet from any well or other dwelling, Article VI. Use Regulations, Section C. 3.b.i. Sewage Disposal-Leach Field Setbacks, twenty (20) feet from a property line, and Article XIV. C. Dimensional Requirements 2. Building setback: minimum seventy-five (75) feet from reference line.

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Lakes Region Mental Health Center receives donation from Laconia/Gilford Lions Club

LACONIA — Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) recently received a generous donation of \$5,000 from the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club.

“Developmental, emotional, and mental health is as important and necessary as any other form of health care. We are

happy to help support this agency in it's important and necessary work,” said Lori Chandler, Lions Club board officer.

Maggie Pritchard, LRMHC CEO, offered “This generous donation from Laconia-Gilford Lions Club helps us to meet the ever-growing demand for mental health services. Every donation received by Lakes Region Mental Health goes directly toward providing services for people- who are our neighbors- in the Greater Lakes Region. As a nonprofit agency that does not turn away people seeking help due to inability to pay, donations like these are very meaningful.”

About Lakes Region Mental Health Center
Lakes Region Mental Health Center is the NH-designated community mental health center serving 24 towns in Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. A non-profit, private corporation founded in 1966, LRMHC provides integrated care to children, adults, elders and their families who are

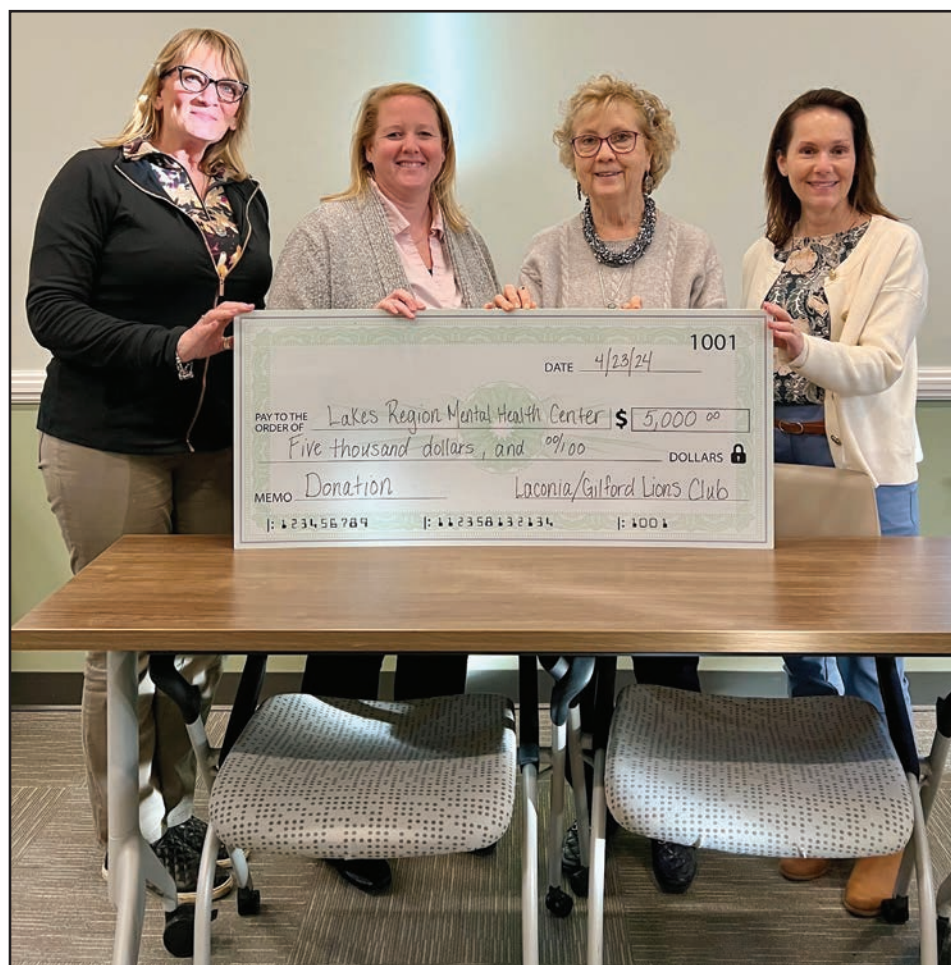
living with- and recovering from- mental illness and/or emotional distress. LRMHC professionals provide the highest quality of care. By working in partnership with other health care providers, hospitals, law enforcement, corrections, courts, school districts, social workers and public health officials, LRMHC is able to provide a continuum of care for patients and improve the quality of life in the

Lakes Region. In Fiscal Year 2023, LRMHC's nearly 200 employees served over 3,600 children, adults, and families. If you would like to learn more about Lakes Region Mental Health Center, go to www.lrmhc.org, or reach out to development@lrmhc.org for more information.

About Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

For more than 64 years the Laconia Gilford Lions have offered people a chance to give

back to their community. Since 1917, Lions clubs have offered people the opportunity to give something back to their communities. From involving members in projects as local as cleaning up an area park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, Lions clubs have always embraced those committed to building a brighter future for their community. Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.35 million members of our volunteer organization in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it. Lions club members strive to make a difference in their local community as well as communities worldwide. Their volunteer efforts go beyond the support of vision care, to addressing unmet health and education needs worldwide.



COURTESY

Left to right: Lakes Region Mental Health Center Board members Deb Pendergast, President Laura LeMien, CEO Maggie Pritchard, and Marsha Bourdon.

Gilford welfare office helping those in need

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — The town's welfare office has been working hard over the past year to assist residents in need including finding housing and helping with utility costs.

During the selectmen's meeting on April 24, Welfare Director Tom Carr gave his first report to the board since taking his position in August of 2023.

“It's a rewarding job at times, frustrating at others, but it's a job that needs to be done and over the course of the year we help a lot of people,” Carr said. “I feel like the town of Gilford does a good job meeting the needs of the residents of Gilford when they are in times of need.”

Many of those that have sought assistance from the town are elderly, disabled, and homeless. Carr said a lot of people who ask for assistance are disabled or have a medical condition that has kept them out of work for an extended period of time.

Last summer, several unhoused people were asking for assistance, including families with children. The town has worked to find temporary housing for those who lost their homes and have paid for people to stay in hotels or sometimes campgrounds.

“There's some people that have real hardships that reach out to us for help, so it's good to be there and be part of that,” Carr said.

Carr said he also went around to the different shelters in the Lakes region and familiarized himself with them. He said he has identified which shelters people can go to if they don't qualify for other shelters for different reasons.

Already the welfare budget has been spent a little more than expected. Carr said there were some cases where residents facing homelessness might not have qualified for shelters and the town put them up in hotels temporarily.

Carr said Gilford doesn't have as many unhoused people as neighboring communities like Belmont and Laconia, but he has been paying attention to the numbers. There is a growing encampment of homeless people on Hounsell Avenue in Laconia close to the Gilford line and the town has been monitoring if those numbers are going across the town line.

Many residents with lower incomes qualify for fuel assistance through the Community Action Program. The program starts Dec. 1 of each year, and each household gets a certain allowance toward heating fuel.

While the allowance might cover a tank of oil for the season, for those who have propane heat with higher fuel costs the amount might not cover the entire season. Carr said there are times when people use up their allotment before the weather warms up and the town will help cover costs. He said the town has a great relationship with CAP and will work with them on these matters. There have also been cases where the town has helped cover the cost of a heating system repair for someone in need.

The town will also work with utility companies to help get restore electricity to residents who have lost it due to nonpayment and will work with them and the utility companies on negotiating payment plans.

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Gilford Community Church hosts Gals' Night Out

GILFORD — The Gilford Community Church is hosting their next "Gals' Night Out" on Friday, May 17 at 6 p.m. This month's program will feature The Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative "Power Chords" singing Broadway hits, along with a delicious dinner catered by Ellie Murphy. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased in the church office.

Powerhouse is a professionally managed community theatre company designed to provide opportunities for New

Hampshire residents to participate in live theatre onstage, behind-the-scenes, and in the audience. They are the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre in Laconia.

Lorraine Barrows, Power Chords Director, is a recently retired music teacher who grew up in the backyard of a summer stock theater. As a teacher and musical theatre director, her greatest pride has been in helping singers and performers reach their greatest potential. She has also directed



award-winning adult barbershop show choruses and for 10 years was the Director of Education for the International Women's Barbershop Organization. As part of her responsibilities there, she traveled North America and New

Zealand conducting a cappella workshops and concerts for high school, college and adult singers. She loves any genre of popular music, but show tunes are her favorite!

We will once again be collecting donations

at the GNO event for New Beginnings Shelter. They are currently in need of the following items: Diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Twin Size Blankets/Comforters, Shampoo/Conditioner, Laundry Soap, Silverware,

Girls Clothing (size 6), Twin Sheets, Boys Clothing (sizes 2T-16) and kid's shoes.

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