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Alton Centennial Rotary Club welcomes MVSB representative to explore community partnerships

ALTON — The Alton Centennial Rotary Club welcomed Andrew Hernandez, Assistant Vice President/Branch & Business Development Manager for Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB), to its recent member meeting to discuss upcoming service projects, ways to collaborate to strengthen local communities and expand volunteer impact for Alton, New Durham, and Barnstead.

During the meeting, Hernandez learned about the Club's plans for shaping the future of the Alton Rotary Club by welcoming fresh faces, innovative ideas and new energy. All are welcome to join in and/or join up to experience the impact of service in Rotary together through member led projects, community events, and social activities. The Alton Rotary meets on the first and third Monday of each month at the Pearson Road Community/Senior Center. 7 Pearson Rd., Alton. Breakfast is served beginning at 6:30 a.m. Meeting is from 7 a.m.- 8 a.m. To learn more contact us at altoncentrotary@gmail.com.

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(Right) Pictured (left to right): Duane Hammond, Alton Rotary President; June McLaughlin, Board Member; Andrew Hernandez, Assistant Vice President, MVSB; Carol Diveny, Vice President.

About the Alton Centennial Rotary Club

The Alton Centennial Rotary Club serves the communities of Alton, New Durham, and Barnstead through local volunteer service, partnership with local organizations and fundraising that make a difference in the lives of the people in our communities. As part of Rotary International, the Club supports the global mission of promoting peace, fighting disease, protecting the environment, supporting education, saving mothers and children and providing safe access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene.

Gilford High School presents hilarious comedy "The Play That Goes Wrong"

GILFORD — The stage is set for an evening of nonstop laughter as Gilford High School proudly presents "The Play That Goes Wrong: High School Edition," running March 26–28 at 7 p.m. at the Gilford High School auditorium.

This fast-paced comedy follows the fictional Cornley Drama Society as they attempt to stage a classic murder mystery—only to have absolutely everything go wrong. From collapsing sets and misplaced props to missed cues and over-the-top performances, the production turns into a chaotic (and hilarious) disaster that leaves audiences laughing from start to finish.

Rehearsals have been going extremely well, and the talented student cast has been working hard to master the unique challenges of this incredibly physically demanding and high-energy show. Comedy at this level requires precise timing, commitment, and fearless performances, and the Gilford High School cast has risen to the challenge.

Adding to the spectacle is an ambitious technical production led by Scott Piddington and his tech team, who have created a set filled with surprises. As the show progresses, audiences will witness pieces of the set break, collapse, fall over, and come apart in spectacular fashion—all carefully designed to enhance the comedic chaos that makes the show so memorable.

The visual storytelling continues with costumes designed by Karen Madon, whose work perfectly captures the quirky personalities and zany nature of the characters. Her designs help bring the offbeat world of the Cornley Drama Society to life, adding another layer of humor and personality to the production.

The cast of 13 students features some of the strongest comedic performers to take the Gilford High School stage. Their commitment, energy, and timing create a whirlwind of physical comedy, exaggerated characters, and unexpected mishaps that keep the audience engaged every second.

Whether it's a door that refuses to cooperate, a prop that shows up at the worst possible moment, or a performance that spirals hilariously out of control, "The Play That Goes Wrong" delivers a theatrical experience that is both wildly entertaining and impressively executed.

Audiences can expect an evening full of laughter, surprises, and memorable moments as this talented company brings the chaos to life.

Purchase tickets online at https://gilford.ludus.com/200521188.

Come out and support these talented student performers and technicians as they present one of the most entertaining comedies ever staged. If you enjoy laughter, surprises, and a show where absolutely nothing goes according to plan, this is a production you will not want to miss.

Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative announces $7,500 donor matching campaign

NEW DURHAM — The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative is thrilled to share that an anonymous donor has pledged to match all contributions to this fundraising campaign up to $7,500.00, valid through June 1. Any donation made during this period - whether $10.00 or $1,000.00 will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling your impact. Consider asking your employer about matching gift programs to increase your support further.

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative is excited to launch this transformative fundraising effort to support our community and advance the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project into its next vital stage, the pouring of the foundation and installing the state-approved subsurface systems.

Your overwhelming response to the last call for action resulted in achieving another milestone! Thanks to you, we're thrilled to share that the Project's Architect's Schematics are now complete! We are working together to achieve even greater milestones and to meet the need for a larger space for assembly.

The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project is listed as a "Comprehensive Economic Development Priority Project," a five-year strategy driven plan for regional economic development within Stratford County.

Preserving these historic landmarks safeguards our shared heritage. The buildings of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project are rich in historical significance and architectural beauty. They are linked to the lives of people and

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Tilley takes home two Division II titles

Gilford senior wins Nordic freestyle and classical championships

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Maria Tilley powers up the hill during the Division II State Meet classical race at Oak Hill Outdoor Center in Hanover.

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Gunnar Marvel races for Gilford during the Division II State Meet classical race last week in Hanover.

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Alissa O'Brien races during the Division II State Meet last Tuesday afternoon in Hanover.

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Oskar Karlsson skis for Gilford during the Division II State Meet in Hanover last Tuesday afternoon.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

HANOVER — With only four skiers, the Gilford Nordic ski team may have had the best average placement of any team at the Division II State Meet last Tuesday, March 3, at Oak Hill Outdoor Center in Hanover. The Division II State Meet included a morning classical race and an afternoon freestyle race.

Maria Tilley took the win in the morning classical race with a time of 12:53, more than a minute ahead of her closest competition, while teammate Alissa O'Brien was 26th overall in a time of 21:06.

Tilley also won the Division II freestyle race in a time of 11:31, almost a full minute ahead of her closest competition. O'Brien finished in 27th place in the afternoon race in 19:27.

For the Gilford boys in the morning classical race, Gunnar Marvel was eighth overall in 12:58 and Oskar Karlsson was 20th in a time of 15:06.

Marvel finished in 17th place in the afternoon classical race with a time of 12:25 and Karlsson was 29th overall with a time of 13:32.

Tilley and Marvel both earned the right to compete at the Meet of Champions after deadline Wednesday.

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton Egg Hunt

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the Gilman Library are sponsoring a community event for ages 10 years old and younger on Saturday, April 4 at the Gilman Library. Join the fun as we hunt for colorful plastic eggs hidden throughout the Library, then make a ladybug or butterfly craft to take home. A special guest is also planning to be there for selfies, and family photos so plan to bring your camera. Bring a container to collect your eggs in and arrive at the following times: Ages infant to four years- 9 a.m. start time for Egg Hunt- craft to follow; Ages five to 10- 10 a.m.-start time for Egg Hunt- craft to follow. The event is free to Alton residents. Parking is on Main Street and B&M Park. Please use the rear entrance of the Library to enter for the event. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109, parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Hit the Trail! Hiking Programs offered for all levels

Join hiker, Bonnie Dodge, for beginner focused hikes on Fridays starting April 3 or progressive hikes on Wednesdays starting April 15. Hikes start at 10 a.m. at the trail head in Alton and surrounding towns.

Beginner Friday hikes are a great opportunity for hesitant folks to discover the wonderful world of hiking and learn about the best trails in the area — the program is focused on hikes for beginners. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 the Wednesday before the hike day.

Progressive Wednesday hikes are for those that are looking for a hiking challenge. The hikes will gradually increase in difficulty each week- making this a great way to be outside and exercise. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 the Monday before the hike day.

Tinkergarten at B&M Park for ages 1-8 years

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tinkergarten with Miss Kim on Fridays at B&M Park from 10-11 a.m. for children ages one to eight. Try a class for free on March 27. The eight-week session runs April 10-June 5, $150, no meeting on 5/1. Tinkergarten is an outdoor play experience that is interactive, cooperative and creative- let's play outside and explore what nature has to offer. For more information and to register, go to: https://sites.google.com/view/learn-and-grow-with-miss-kim/home.

Indoor Growing with Microgreens — Nutritious Food in a Small Space

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a gardening class with Lisa Hynes, Gardenary Certified Consultant and Kitchen Garden Coach on Saturday, March 21 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center, $35 per person plus $15 materials fee. Join us to discover how to cultivate nourishing food indoors, even during the winter months. Learn about various microgreens and how to grow them using trays, soil and seeds. Cultivate up to four types in a 10-by-10-inch tray to take home with instructions. Register at the Parks and Recreation Department by March 16. For more information and to register, contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109.

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursday March 19 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 or 603-875-0109.

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.

USTA Spring Tennis Lessons — Adults

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis in the Parks for adults on Wednesdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from May 6-June 10 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is $75, includes instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by April 17, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Alton Parks and Recreation — Let's Play Basketball Program

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department sponsored a free basketball program this winter for grades K-3 where everyone was invited to play basketball. The program was a success with children learning, playing and having fun. The Parks and Recreation Department would like to acknowledge and thank the people that made the Let's Play Basketball Program possible. A huge thank you to the generous sponsors who provided T-shirts, basketball equipment and drill stations: The Boys Landscaping; Alton Excavation; JHVAC Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning; RBGx2 Trucking and Construction, and Karen's Shirt Barn. Thank you to the helping parent volunteers who shared their love of basketball with the players and a special thank you to head coaches Erick, Andrea and Kathy Bourdeau.

Gilford Public Library

Top Ten requests (plus two)

1. "The Crossroads" by C.J Box
2. "Cross and Sampson" by James Patterson
3. "Jigsaw" by Jonathan Kellerman
4. "Stolen in Death" by J.D. Robb
5. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
6. "The First Time I Saw Him" by Laura Dave
7. "The Storm" by Rachel Hawkins
8. "Private Rome" by James Patterson
9. "My Husband's Wife" by Alice Feeney
10. "Secret of Secrets" by Dan Brown
11. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
12. "The Invisible Woman" by James Patterson

Interactive caregiving: A Comfort Keepers' way of serving

BY MARTHA SWATS
Owner/Administrator
Comfort Keepers

The Comfort Keepers® approach to in-home care is centered around a concept called Interactive Caregiving TM. Study after study demonstrates how the principles behind this active approach to in-home care can help seniors maintain their independence, enhance their wellbeing, maintain their mental and emotional vitality, and help them enjoy a better quality of life at home.

The four main focuses of Interactive Caregiving are physical activity, mental stimulation, social engagement, and emotional wellbeing.

Physical activity keeps seniors active and healthy, contributing to a better state of wellbeing. Exercise makes seniors stronger and less likely to fall, says the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. A study published in 2002 in the British Medical Journal found that exercise is more effective than home hazard modifications and vision correction in preventing seniors' at-home falls. Along with keeping seniors healthier, exercise helps reduce the severity of illness. Let Comfort Keepers motivate you to get up and go. We will gladly provide transportation to your exercise class or we'll help you to keep moving at home.

Social engagement keeps people connected with friends and involved in events and interests. A study published in the British Medical Journal indicated that the less physically active a senior was, the greater the health benefit he reaped from being socially engaged. A Harvard School of Public Health study, found that the most socially active seniors had the slowest rate of memory decline from over a six-year period. Memory loss among the most socially engaged seniors was less than half that of the least engaged. Comfort Keepers favorite thing is providing companionship. We'll help you stay connect with friends, family, and the community.

Mental stimulation ensures minds are active and vital, contributing to better mental and emotional functioning.

The Memory and Aging Project at Rush University Medical Center - a study published in 2007 in Neurology found that a cognitively-active senior was 2.6 times less likely to develop dementia than a cognitively-inactive senior. Our Comfort Keepers' caregivers will challenge you to your favorite card game or work through your crossword puzzle.

Emotional wellbeing helps seniors maintain a positive outlook on life and optimistic view of the future. Studying a group of 884 older adults, University of Michigan psychologists found that the seniors who scored higher on perceived control of important aspects of their lives were more likely to be alive at the study's six- and seven year follow-ups. Having a visit from Comfort Keepers to look forward to helps you to stay positive!

About Comfort Keepers

Comfort Keepers is a trusted provider of both medical and non-medical in-home care services, dedicated to helping seniors and adults live safely, independently, and with dignity. Our comprehensive services include companionship, transportation, housekeeping, meal preparation, personal care, mobility assistance, private duty nursing, and other support services. We also offer Safety Choice Personal Emergency Response Units, providing an added layer of security and peace of mind for clients and families. Proudly serving New Hampshire residents since 2005, Comfort Keepers is committed to thinking outside the box—exploring innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of our community. To learn more, call 603-536-6060 or visit NHComfortKeepers.com.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

March 12 - March 19

Thursday, March 12
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Potato Head Planters, 3-4 p.m.
Take home your very own Mr. Potato Head and watch his "hair" grow!
French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, March 13
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, March 14
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Monday, March 16
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-11 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
St. Patrick's Day Sing-A-Long, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Enjoy some fun and festive St. Patrick's Day songs with Jane! These engaging songs are perfect for celebrating the holiday. Grab a snack, sing a song and don't forget to wear lots of Green.
Homeschool Group, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yo-gaaah!, 10-11 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Science Seeker: Wacky Weather, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Join in on the fun with wacky weather experiments!

Thursday, March 19
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Homeschool Lego Club, 1-2 p.m.
Connect, collaborate, and create with other kids! *Ages 5-12
Guess the Gaelic, 3-4 p.m.
Think you can guess the pronunciation of these Irish words?
French, 3-4 p.m.
Live Free or Dial, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
This presentation will highlight important moments in telephone history, such as the race to the patent office, the switchboard and party lines, and the undertaker who invented the dial system.

Hoop boys, hockey girls fall in opening playoff games

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Wednesday, March 4, was a tough day for the Kingswood sports teams, as the Knight hoop boys and the Kingswood-Prospect Mountain-Plymouth Knightwolves girls' hockey team both opened the postseason and both teams came up short in their first-round competition.

At the Pop Whalen Arena, the Knightwolves welcomed 10th seeded Exeter to town for the opening round of the tournament and threw everything they had at the Exeter goalie in the final few minutes of the game, but they could not get the tying goal in the back of the net and dropped a 3-2 decision to the Blue Hawks, who would go on to lose to Berlin-Gorham-Kennett in the quarterfinals on Friday.

The Knightwolves finished the regular season at 10-7-1 to earn the seventh seed in the Division I girls' hockey tournament.

Not long after the girls finished on the ice, the Knight hoop boys welcomed Souhegan to town for the opening round of the Division II tournament and the Sabers came charging out of the gate, drilling seven three-pointers to take a 34-19 lead to the halftime break and went on to take the 64-42 win over the Knights.

The Knights finished the regular season at 13-5 to earn the sixth seed in the Division II tournament.

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PSU men's basketball to host ID Camp

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University men's basketball head coach Andrew Novick announced that the program will hold a Prospect ID/Elite Camp for high school players this month.

The camp will take place on March 29 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Foley Gymnasium, with the final hour reserved for an informational session and campus tour open to parents, guardians, and attendees. Registration remains open until March 28.

The camp is designed for varsity boys' basketball players in grades 9-12 who aspire to compete at the collegiate level. Participants will receive instruction and feedback from the Plymouth State men's basketball coaching staff and current student-athletes. Attendees will experience what it's like to be a collegiate player by participating in a college-style practice environment that includes team and individual drills.

The cost to attend is $25 per player. To expedite check-in, athletes should also bring printed and signed waivers.

Online registration is required for all Plymouth State Athletics camps and clinics. Registration and waiver links are available at athletics.plymouth.edu/camps.

Gilford Community Church to host next Gals' Night Out

GILFORD — On Friday, March 13 at 6 p.m., the Gilford Community Church (GCC) will host Gals' Night Out with a presentation from Sheryl Faye as she portrays Civil War Nurse and Red Cross Founder, Clara Barton.

Her story ties directly into Civil War studies, community service, and reinforces the importance of reading and getting a good education to achieve your personal goals and dreams. From the time she was old enough to be a nurse within her own family, Clara's life was dedicated to helping others. She accepted no pay as she taught poor children whose parents had no money to send them to school. She raised warehouses full of food, medicine and clothing during the Civil War, and then courageously went to the front to nurse the wounded and dying. Finally, she started the American Red Cross which is her legacy today.

A delicious dinner will be catered by Ellie Murphy, and any interested men are welcome to join this month as well.

Tickets for Gals' Night Out are $25, and may be purchased through Tuesday, March 10 at the GCC Administrative Office. For those with questions, please call (603) 524-6057.

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open community that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Sunday service takes place at 10 a.m., is also available on a livestream feed on GCC's Facebook page and later on YouTube.

Governor Wentworth Continuing Education SPRING 2026 Class Schedule

The Governor Wentworth Continuing Education Program is thrilled to bring you an exciting lineup of classes designed to inspire, educate, and connect our community! Whether you're looking to learn something new, sharpen your skills, or explore a favorite hobby, there's something for everyone this spring.
Classes will be held at the Kingswood Regional High School Complex unless otherwise noted. The Spring 2026 schedule is now available on the GWRSD website at GWRSD.gov. You can also find printed flyers at local town offices, libraries, and through our community partners. If you prefer a copy sent directly to you? Email us at adulteducation@sau49nh.gov or call KRHS at 603-569-2055 ext. 1007 for more information.
Registration is required for all classes, and many fill quickly—so don't wait! Secure your spot today by registering online or by mail.

Spring 2026 Course Offerings:

- Home Seller Spring Training
- Intro to Strength Training
- Tying the Crucial Knots
- Drafting and 3D Modeling
- Introductory to Pickleball
- Simple Stress Busters for Stressful Times
- Find Your Joy Through Letter Writing
- Mah Jongg for Beginners
- Lean into Edible Gardening
- Indoor Growing with Microgreens
- Start Your Own Edible Garden Seedings
- Learn about Culinary Herbs: Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, & Thyme
- Beginners Yoga
- Barre Pilates
- Intro to Tai Chi
- Continuation of Tai Chi
- Dance Fitness
- Balance & Stability
- Pilates Sculpt
- Unwind & Restore
- Gentle Chair Yoga
- Pilates Flow
- Core Yoga
- Group Gym Fitness

www.gwrsd.org

Opinion

The importance of caring for the places we share

One of the quiet strengths of small towns is the way people share responsibility for the places everyone uses.

In communities like Alton, Gilford, Barnstead and New Durham, public spaces play a larger role than many people may realize. Town beaches, boat launches, parks, libraries, sidewalks and recreation fields are part of the daily life of residents and visitors alike.

Some are used heavily during the summer months, when the Lakes Region fills with seasonal visitors and activity around Lake Winnipesaukee and the surrounding waters. Others are steady gathering places all year long, where neighbors run into each other during a walk, a trip to the library or an afternoon at a playground.

These shared spaces help shape the sense of community that makes small towns distinctive.

But maintaining them requires consistent attention.

Local governments invest time and resources in maintaining parks, repairing public buildings, clearing trails and ensuring that recreational areas remain safe and accessible. Town departments maintain roads and sidewalks so residents can move safely through their communities. Library staff and volunteers organize programs that bring people together throughout the year.

Behind each of these services is a network of public employees and volunteers who quietly keep things running.

Often the work is easy to overlook because it happens in the background. A park is mowed before a weekend event. A boat launch is inspected and maintained before summer traffic increases. Library shelves are restocked and programs are scheduled so families and seniors have something to look forward to.

Most of the time, residents only notice these efforts when something goes wrong.

That is human nature. When things function smoothly, the effort behind them fades from view.

Yet these shared spaces matter because they create opportunities for people to connect with their neighbors and their community. A town beach becomes a place where families return year after year. A local park becomes the setting for youth sports games and community celebrations. Libraries remain one of the few places where people of all ages can gather freely and learn something new.

The value of those spaces extends well beyond recreation.

They help strengthen the sense that residents are part of something larger than their own households. They remind people that communities thrive when individuals contribute to the common good.

Maintaining those places is not solely the responsibility of town officials or public employees. Residents play an important role as well.

Simple acts can make a difference. Picking up litter after a visit to a park. Respecting posted rules at public beaches and boat launches. Supporting local library programs or recreation initiatives. Treating shared spaces with the same care people would show their own property.

Those habits reflect a simple idea that has guided small-town life for generations.

The places that belong to everyone deserve the attention of everyone.

In the Lakes Region, natural beauty is part of what draws people to live and visit here. But the character of a town is also shaped by how well it cares for its shared spaces and public resources.

When residents take pride in those places, the entire community benefits.

Letter submission policy

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

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COURTESY
The Wolfeboro Lions Operation Kid Sight team visited New Durham Elementary School on Monday, March 2, to screen 124 students for vision health. Pictured from left: OKS coordinator John Adams, Lions Rhoni Harding, school nurse Darlene Eddows, Lion Sharon Waid and school principal Kelly J. Colby Seavey. Next screening will be held at Barnstead Elementary School.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Comfort

I actually knew better. When a new housemate started bringing in wood, I suggested to him that he wear the wood gloves. He kind of squinted me off implying that he didn't need such protection. I retorted, red oak slivers really suck. There is an oil in the wood that makes it sting above and beyond just the piercing piece of wood.

Wouldn't you know that this fall, when I was loading the stove, I grabbed a piece of red oak and felt a sharp stabbing feeling in the middle of my thumb. Of course, I had skipped donning the gloves. I tried to extract it, but there remained a piece way down deep that I wasn't able to get. That'll teach me. Maybe.

That was back in October. Last month a small bit of the sliver broke through the skin that would catch the edge of a fingernail. So far, it's not tweezerable. It really doesn't matter as the sting has long since faded away, and what remains is just a dark bit of wood down under my skin, kind of like a tattoo. It has become easy to see as it slowly makes its way to the surface. Now I remember to use the gloves.

Yesterday, I was passing out skis to rental customers up on the mountain. As one conversation transpired, I asked if they had ever skied before. The mother said yes, they try to come here every year on her birthday to ski. Then she added that about three years ago I had given them a lesson. Oops.

We talked about various things they remembered from the lesson, and they definitely had my number. Even though I couldn't recall them, they had me nailed. It was so nice to have such a conversation. They really appreciated how I encouraged them to push their comfort zone.

Back then, they had stopped grooming the beginner hill, so I found an alternative location to bring my students to. I would take them to the intersection of a novice trail and a gentle intermediate trail. This was in order to let them experience some reasonable incline so they could get a feel for actually skiing. I offered them the guidance, and the opportunity, if they cared to brave it. We laughed about things. They headed off to the beginner trails. No challenges today. Later they came back totally happy and looking forward to next year, if not sooner.

Today, after I worked through all the items on my "to do" list, I looked out at my back yard that was all smooth and white and wondered if it had hardened up enough to be able to not sink far in. I had no desire to break trail through a foot of crunchy stuff. I pushed on it with my shoe. Might be alright. There was only one way to find out.

I slipped into the cellar, took off my work boots, and threw on my back countrys. Soon I was outfitted and climbing out onto the snow. It was supporting my weight pretty well. The poles went down quite far, but that's another reason why I like them extra long.

It wasn't long before I was out in the woods, following the trails that earlier in the year I had trimmed away the overgrowth. Even still, I could have attacked the beeches much more aggressively than I had. They're always reaching out for my eyes. I never had this problem when I wore glasses.

I basically sank only a couple inches while trekking. The exception being when going down a hill. Then I stayed right on top. So the skiing was pretty good out there. I traveled around a number of my trails and didn't throw in the towel until I felt pretty darn tired. The sun felt good so after taking off my skis, I headed over to the ski shed and sat on the sauna bench, basking in its afternoon rays. The cat quickly realized what I was doing and was up on my lap yearning to be petted. I complied. She's got my number too.

It was nice to stay home. I didn't have to go anywhere, so I didn't. Now, after a supper of leftovers, I'm back, sitting in my rocking chair, thinking thoughts of slumber as I fend off nodding out. It's so wonderful to have an easy day, once in a while.

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The unpredictable month we call March

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS

By CHIPPY

If you live in New Hampshire long enough, you learn something about the month of March.

Mostly, you learn not to trust it.

March has a funny way of walking into the room like it owns the place. One day the sun is bright, the snowbanks are shrinking, and you can almost convince yourself winter is loosening its grip. You might even catch yourself thinking about spring. Maybe you leave the house without your heavy coat. Maybe you crack a window for some fresh air.

And then the next morning you wake up to six inches of snow.

That's March for you.

When I was younger, I used to think this was some kind of mistake in the weather system. It seemed unfair. By March, you feel like you've paid your dues. You've shoveled the driveway more times than you can count. You've scraped frost off the windshield in the dark. You've worn the same winter boots so long they practically feel like part of your feet.

Surely, by March, winter ought to be finished.

But up here in New Hampshire, winter doesn't take orders from anyone.

The funny thing is, most folks who've lived here a while don't complain about March weather all that much. We might shake our heads when another storm rolls through. We might sigh a little when we see the forecast. But deep down, we understand the deal we made by living here.

You take the good with the cold.

A few days ago, I was out running errands, the sort of routine trip you make a hundred times a year. The sun was out and there was a bit of meltwater running along the edge of the road. Not quite spring, but close enough to remind you it exists.

In the parking lot, I saw a fellow loading groceries into his truck while wearing a sweatshirt instead of a winter coat. That always happens in March. The minute temperatures creep above freezing, New Hampshire residents start dressing like it's May.

Of course, the next morning, we had a hard frost again.

I suppose March weather teaches a certain patience. You stop trying to rush the seasons along. You learn that winter will leave when it's ready, not when you want it to.

That's not such a bad lesson, really.

These days, my wife and I notice the little signs that March brings along with its mood swings. The daylight lasts longer. The sun sits a little higher in the sky. Somewhere along the way, the birds start making more noise in the morning.

You hear a crow calling across the yard or catch the sound of geese flying overhead and suddenly you realize something is changing, even if the snow hasn't quite gotten the message yet.

Our daughter used to love this time of year when she was younger. The snowbanks were high enough for climbing, but the afternoons were warm enough to stay outside longer than you could in January. I can still picture boots and mittens piled by the door.

The house is quieter now, of course. That's how life goes. But March still has a way of stirring up those old memories.

And I've come to appreciate something about the unpredictable weather this month brings. It reminds you not to get too comfortable.

You might wake up to sunshine, or you might wake up to snow. Either way, the day is waiting.

New Hampshire people have a way of rolling with that. We keep the snow shovel handy but start thinking about the garden anyway. We leave the winter coat by the door but notice the sunlight stretching a little farther across the kitchen floor.

March sits right in the middle of winter and spring, not quite belonging to either one. Maybe that's why it keeps us guessing.

I suppose that's part of living in a place like this. The seasons don't rush, and neither do the people.

And if you've made it through another New Hampshire winter, a little March weather isn't going to scare you off now.

W4RP brings electrifying cross-genre chamber music to The Loft at Hermit Woods

MEREDITH — Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery is pleased to welcome the internationally touring ensemble W4RP-to The Loft at Hermit Woods for an evening of genre-bending chamber music that blurs the boundaries between classical, jazz, rock, and tango on Thursday, March 19.

Known for their expertly crafted and mesmerizing performances, W4RP delivers music that makes audiences stop what they're doing and listen. The ensemble combines the precision of Juilliard-trained musicians with the improvisational spirit of artists deeply rooted in jazz and rock traditions. Their performances move seamlessly from classical masterpieces to original compositions that bring unexpected energy and rhythm to the chamber music experience.

"Every chamber music program needs this kind of energy," wrote the Cape Cod Times. "While the beginning and ending compositions by Haydn and Brahms provided expected pleasures, it was the W4RP's own jazz / tango / classical works that gave the concert a kick in the pants."

The ensemble features Mikael Darmanie (piano), Josh Henderson (violin), J.Y. Lee (cello), and Rick Martinez (percussion). Together, they create a powerful and dynamic musical experience that has taken them to prestigious concert halls around the world as well as standing-room-only shows in contemporary music venues. In addition to their performances, the group is widely respected for its innovative educational workshops with students from grade school through university level.

The performance will take place in The Loft at Hermit Woods, the winery's intimate listening room designed for audiences who appreciate music in a quiet, attentive setting.

Guests are invited to arrive early and enjoy the full Hermit Woods experience before the show begins. A complimentary wine tasting will be offered from 5:30–6 p.m., followed by dinner service beginning at 6 p.m. The kitchen will close at 7 p.m., when the performance begins. Drinks and dessert will be served during the show.

Hermit Woods' listening room concerts are designed to provide an up-close and immersive musical experience. Guests are asked to refrain from talking during the performance so both the artists and audience can fully enjoy the music in an attentive environment rarely found in larger venues.

Following the performance, guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists and purchase music or merchandise.

For more information and tickets, visit hermitwoods.com/music.

About Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery

Located in downtown Meredith, New Hampshire, Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery produces award-winning wines crafted from local fruits, berries, and honey. The winery's Loft Listening Room hosts an ongoing series of intimate concerts featuring talented artists from New England and beyond.

LRAA announces February Artists of the Month

TILTON — Lakes Region Art Association members have the opportunity to enter a piece of artwork into the Artist of the Month Program at each monthly Member Meeting. Winners are able to display and sell a single work for a month in various public venues throughout the Lakes Region in participating Banks and Libraries or Local Businesses.

February 2026 Artists of the Month (pictured above, left to right), included — Back Row: Sherwood Frazier, Mike McQuade, James Cryan. Front Row: Gail Brunt, Sally Hibberd, Martha Aucoin

The winning artists' artwork will be on display in locations in the Lakes Region through the third week of March 2026.

Mike McQuade, this month's First Place winner has the distinct honor of displaying several pieces of his artwork at Annie's Cafe & Catering in Laconia. Chill out with some scrumptious homemade soup and sandwiches and enjoy the art while you eat!

The art pieces for the Honorable Mention artist will be on display through the third week of March in the following locations:

Sally Hibberd - Camden Bank, Meredith

Gail Brunt - Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford

Sherwood Frazier - Camden Bank, Tilton

Jim Cryan - Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin

Martha Aucoin - Gilford Public Library

PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Boudreaux!

Meet Boudreaux — your future partner in fun and forever friend

Boudreaux is a lanky, goofy, and oh-so-lovable hound with a personality just as big as his long legs! This spunky young pup is full of life and always ready for his next adventure. Whether he's zooming around the yard, romping with his four-legged friends, or showing off his silly side, Boudreaux brings joy and laughter wherever he goes.

He absolutely loves other dogs and would thrive in a home with a playful companion or an active family who enjoys getting outside. A good game of tug is one of his favorite pastimes, and he's always eager

to show off his playful, puppy energy.

Once the fun winds down, Boudreaux reveals his softer side. He's a total snuggle bug who loves curling up close and soaking in all the love and attention he can get. His loyalty and affectionate nature make him a wonderful companion who just wants to be by your side.

Because he's still a puppy, Boudreaux has plenty of energy and is excited to keep learning and growing with his forever family. With guidance, love, and continued training, he's sure to blossom into the best buddy you could ask for.

If you're looking for a goofy, loyal, and loving dog to share your days (and your couch), Boudreaux might just be your perfect match. Could this sweet hound be your next best pal?

Wolfeboro's Village Players present swashbuckling musical

WOLFEBORO — The Village Players invite audiences of all ages to enjoy the lively musical "The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree," packed with silly songs, sea shanties, and plenty of swordfights across the stage.

When Captain Jennings' ship is overtaken by the fearsome Captain Bree and her crew of lady pirates, the terrified sailors jump ship, leaving the captain behind with an unlikely crew of motley prisoners and Fergus—a sailor who can't swim—to protect his wealthy passengers, the Prescots. As Captain Bree's hearty band of rough-and-tumble pirates takes command (along with a couple of new recruits who keep forgetting to be tough), the adventure quickly turns chaotic.

Among the passengers are the haughty Professor Bidwell and the pretentious Madam Prescot, each demanding special treatment from the pirates; Samuel Prescot, disguised as a girl to avoid becoming shark bait; and Julia Prescot, who secretly longs to join the lady pirates—much to her aunt's horror. But the stakes rise when the cabin boy slips away and returns with a British fleet determined to capture the pirates and bring them to justice.

COURTESY

Captain Bree (Ellie Harrison) and Captain Jennings (Julie Mills) battle on deck in rehearsal for "The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree" at the Village Players in March

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, March 20, 21, 27, and 28 at 7 p.m., and Sundays, March 22 and 29 at 2 p.m., at the Village Players Theater, 51 Glendon Street, Wolfeboro. Tickets are available online at village-players.com.

For the first time, the Village Players will offer tiered ticket pricing with three options: $40 for a sustaining ticket that helps cover the full cost of producing the show and operating the theater; $25 for a standard ticket that supports show expenses; and $10 for a reduced-price ticket to make it easier for families, students, and community members to attend live performances.

An interesting note: the music for "The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree" was written by Manchester native Bill Francoeur, a prolific composer well known for his work in amateur theater. The book is by Martin A. Follose.

"The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree" is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colo.

KRMS students rise to the challenge in AMC 8 math competition

WOLFEBORO — Earlier this year, 20 students from Kingswood Regional Middle School took on a challenge that most middle schoolers would probably avoid: voluntarily sitting down for a difficult math test. These students participated in the AMC 8, a national mathematics competition designed to push middle school students beyond the typical classroom curriculum and challenge their problem-solving skills.

Each team at KRMS selected five of their strongest problem solvers to represent them in the competition. The AMC 8 is a fast-paced contest consisting of 25 questions that students must solve in just 40 minutes, covering topics such as probability, geometry, estimation, and logical reasoning.

Leading the way this year was Lincoln Drake, who earned first place at KRMS with a score of 16. Close behind was Logan Kline with 15 points. Jacob Lamontagne and Larry Ramsey tied for third place with scores of 14, while Jacob Beebe finished fifth with a score of 12.

The contest was organized and administered at KRMS by eighth grade math teacher Ms. Sarah Christian, who coordinates the event each year. While teachers across the teams help identify students who enjoy tackling challenging problems, Ms. Christian oversees the testing and ensures students have the opportunity to participate in the national competition.

"Seeing so many students challenge themselves and enjoy mathematics is truly rewarding," Christian said. "I'm very proud of their hard work and the spirit they brought to the competition."

Events like the AMC 8 show that academics can be more than just assignments and grades. Through opportunities like this, students see that their hard work in school can lead to real accomplishments. When students willingly sign up to take a challenging math test—just for the thrill of solving tough problems—it's a sign that learning is becoming something more meaningful.

Thanks to the dedication of teachers like Ms. Christian, Kingswood Regional Middle School continues to create opportunities that help students build confidence, celebrate their talents, and recognize how the skills they develop in school connect to challenges they may face in the real world.

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Representing Kingswood

Kingswood juniors Norah Pelletier and Ewan Nicoll qualified to compete in the New England Indoor Track Championships held Feb. 28 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Mass. Pelletier ran the 55-meter hurdles in 8.69 seconds, placing 16th among the 38 elite hurdlers. She also competed in the long jump, finishing with her second best distance ever at 16 feet, six inches. She is the current school record holder in both of these events. Nicoll ran the 300 meters in 36:81, breaking his own KRHS school record and placing 25th among the elite runners. This prestigious event officially closed out one of the most successful indoor track seasons in Kingswood history and the Knights now turn their focus to the opening of outdoor track season this spring.

O'Keefe hat trick sends Knights back to Final Four

JOSHUA SPAULDING

James Rogers brings the puck into the zone during his team's game with Monadnock-Fall Mountain-Conant on Saturday.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ryder Shannon (left) and Keller Peacock celebrate their team's quarterfinal win on Saturday at Pop Whalen Arena.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — There was a few too many penalty minutes for coach Mike Potenza's liking, but the Kingswood hockey boys were able to battle through the troubles and behind a hat trick from Myles O'Keefe took a 6-1 win over Monadnock-Fall Mountain-Conant in the quarterfinal round of the Division III tournament on Saturday at Pop Whalen Arena.

"We challenged Myles to be the kid he has been the last two years and he showed up tonight," said Potenza. "And with that many penalty minutes, Reid (Swinerton) was our number one penalty killer, he's just so smart defensively."

JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ryker Booth moves the puck up the ice during his team's game with Monadnock-Fall Mountain-Conant on Saturday.

The Knights took a few early penalties that resulted in them playing shorthanded for portions of the opening period, though the Mountaineers also took a penalty that had the teams playing four on four. Keller Peacock had a couple of chances denied and James Rogers also had a chance stopped.

The Knights got the game's first goal with 4:53 to go as O'Keefe picked up his first goal of the game on a nice feed from Nate Cloos for the 1-0 lead. The Mountaineers sent a shot wide and a Mountaineer penalty gave the Knights a short power play chance, with Peacock getting a chance that was denied. Goalie Jake Dubuc made a save as the Mountaineers had a chance and on a four-on-four chance, Rogers and Swinerton teamed up on a bid and Aaron Bartlett had a chance denied.

The Knights got another good defensive stop from Ryker Booth and Swinerton and Cloos had late chances that were denied and the first period ended with Kingswood up by the 1-0 score.

O'Keefe had an early shot denied in the second period but then took a five-minute penalty with 14:22 to go. The Knights did a good job killing off the penalty with O'Keefe getting a good clear and Dubuc making a couple of solid saves.

With 10:30 to go, the Knights got a shorthanded tally as Rogers sent a centering pass to O'Keefe, who buried the puck for the 2-0 lead with Cloos getting the secondary assist.

Just 14 seconds later, Swinerton scored another shorthanded goal, snagging a loose puck in front of the net and burying it in the back for the 3-0 lead. Kingswood took a penalty with 9:57 to go and were down two players for just more than 30 seconds and Dubuc made a save and Bartlett had a good clear. Cloos had a shorthanded bid denied before the first penalty was killed off and Swinerton had a good clear for the Knights.

The Mountaineers took a penalty with 8:24 to go and the teams went four-on-four for 30 seconds before the Knights got a power play chance. Cloos and Rogers teamed up on a couple of chances that were stopped and the Mountaineers took multiple penalties in just more than 30 seconds, giving Kingswood an extended five-on-three chance.

Peacock had a bid denied and another shot go wide of the net, Rogers sent a nice pass through the crease and Cloos had a chance denied, with Rogers putting the rebound wide of the net. Swinerton also had a shot go wide before the first penalty was killed and the second one was eventually killed off as well. Bartlett and Atley Rollins teamed up on a chance that was denied, Dubuc stopped a Mountaineer chance and Owen Steele and Cloos both had chances that missed the mark.

With 23 seconds to go in the period, Rogers upped the lead to 4-0 with an assist to Cloos and Kingswood took the 4-0 lead to the final period.

Cloos had an early chance stopped and the Mountaineers sent a shot wide of the net. Ryder Shannon was denied by the Mountaineer goalie and Peacock, Cloos and Cody Bennett all sent shots wide of the net.

Kingswood took a penalty with 10:05 to go in the game and just three seconds later, the Mountaineers took advantage to cut the lead to 4-1. Bartlett had a chance denied and Kingswood went on the power play with 7:42 to go. Rogers sent a shot wide and both Cloos and Peacock had chances denied.

A Knight penalty made it four-on-four for just more than a minute and just 22 seconds later, O'Keefe finished off his hat trick for the 5-1 lead. Bartlett and Cloos both had chances that were denied and both penalties were killed off. Peacock sent a shot over the top and Cloos and Bartlett had chances denied.

Peacock finished off the scoring with 1:54 to go in the game with an assist to Bartlett for the 6-1 lead. The Knights took a couple of late penalties, Dubuc made a couple of saves and the Knights closed out the quarterfinal win.

The win propelled the Knights into the Division III semifinals after deadline on Wednesday against John Stark-Hopkinton.

"I think we can beat them, but we have to stay out of the box, stay focused and stick to the game plan," Potenza said. "We tend to do a little more freestyling when we play some of the top teams and we can't do that."

The Division III finals are set for the SNHU Arena in Manchester on Saturday, March 14. Check nhiaa.org for official start times.

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Audubon announces Cape Horn program by Becky Suomala

MOULTONBOROUGH — On Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Loon Center in Moultonborough, the Lakes Region Chapter of the New Hampshire Audubon Society will present a program called "A Birding Cruise around Cape Horn," by Becky Suomala.

Join Becky on a boat trip from Santiago, Chile around Cape Horn to Buenos Aires. In addition to seabirding for albatross and the other pelagic species in southern waters, there were landbird stops in Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. One of the highlights was a visit to a penguin

colony on the Falkland Islands. See some of the great seabirds, landbirds, and even some mammals like guanacos; as well as the beauty of Cape Horn, the Strait of Magellan, and the Beagle Channel.

Becky Suomala is an avid birder who birds extensively in New Hampshire and takes birding trips to far flung places. She retired from NH Audubon in 2024 after over 36 years as a biologist. She led research on Common Nighthawks in NH and participated in numerous field projects including Common Tern restoration at the Isles of Shoals. She is a songbird bander at the Appledore Island Migration Station in spring and fall and tends her garden in the summer.

The Loon Center is located on Lee's Mill Road; follow the signs on Blake Road from Route 25 near the Moultonborough Central School, or from Route 109, turn on to Lee Road and turn left on Lee's Mill Road.

McQuade Fine Arts adds new pastel and watercolor classes at Lakes Region Art Gallery

Artwork shown is for inspiration only. Actual class projects may vary

TILTON — McQuade Fine Arts is starting two new 5-week art classes for people with some experience who want to keep improving. Both begin the week of March 24, at the Lakes Region Art Gallery inside Tanger Outlets (120 Laconia Rd., Suite #300, Tilton).

• Pastels Beyond Basics Wednesdays, 10 a.m. – noon. For students who already know the basics of pastels. Work on techniques, build confidence, and develop your own style. Pick one bigger project or try several smaller pieces. Cost: $200.

• Watercolor Workout Tuesdays, 1 – 3 p.m. A hands-on practice class for those who've finished beginner watercolor lessons or self-taught basics. Each week includes a new pre-drawn painting, live demos, tips, and feedback. Small groups (max 10 students). Cost: $200.

Classes are taught by Stephanie C. McQuade in a relaxed, supportive setting. Space is limited, so sign up soon.

For more info and to register, visit: https://www.mcquadefinearts.com/art-classes

About McQuade Fine Arts

McQuade Fine Arts, run by artist Stephanie C. McQuade & photographer Michael McQuade, offers original pastel, watercolor paintings, fine art photography, classes, and prints. The focus is on creating art that brings beauty, calm and joy to everyday spaces.

League of NH Craftsmen Gallery celebrates maple sugaring season

MEREDITH — The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, Meredith Fine Craft Gallery recognizes that as winter slowly gives way to spring, maple sugaring season arrives with one of New England's sweetest traditions. To celebrate this cherished time of year, the Meredith Gallery is delighted to showcase a collection of handmade maple syrup pitchers that are beautiful, functional pieces crafted to bring warmth and artistry to your table.

Each pitcher is thoughtfully handmade by skilled, juried artisans Michael Gibbons, Jennie Blair, and Laurel MacDuffie, featuring rich glazes, comfortable handles, and formed spouts designed for a smooth, steady pour. From rustic earth tones to classic wintery scenes, every piece reflects the natural beauty of the season and the craftsmanship behind it. No two pitchers are exactly alike, making each one as special as the syrup it holds.

Maple syrup time is more than a season — it's a ritual. It's early mornings, stacks of pancakes, and gathering around the table with family and friends. These handcrafted pottery pitchers elevate that experience, transforming a simple breakfast into something memorable. Durable stoneware construction ensures they're made to last for many syrup seasons to come.

Whether you're hosting a weekend brunch, gifting a maple syrup lover, or simply embracing the sweetness of the season, these pitchers are a timeless addition to any kitchen. Celebrate maple syrup season with art you can use, cherish, and pass down one sweet pour at a time.

The Meredith Fine Craft Gallery invites you to come in to find your special maple syrup pitcher. For more information, please call the Gallery at 603-279-7920 or visit our website meredith.nhcrafts.org. The League of NH Craftsmen Gallery is located at 279 DW Highway, Meredith.

The League of NH Craftsmen is a non-profit organization that encourages and promotes the creation, use and preservation of fine contemporary and traditional hand crafts. The League represents the signature of excellence in fine craft, through the work of its juried members and its rigorous standards for self-expression, vision, and quality craftsmanship.

Church Service SCHEDULE

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Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union.
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Formoreinformation,pleasevisitabundantharvestnh.org or e-mail ahfc@faith.com.

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Sundaysthroughoutthesummer10am&7pm;875-6161.

BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON
Alton-9:30a.m.Sun.MeetingatProspectMountainHigh School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, www.befreechurch.net.

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Call or Text (603)269-8831
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Powerhouse announces auditions for "1776 the Musical!"

LACONIA — Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre in Laconia,announces auditions for "1776 the Musical," which will be performed June 27 at the Colonial in collaboration with 20 members of the Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra in honor of America's 250th birthday.

"1776" won the Tony Award for best musical in 1969, and concerns the events leading up to signing of the Declaration of Independence as John Adams fights to convince the Continental Congress to vote for independence from England. The musical looks at the compromises required to get all 13 states on board to sign Thomas Jefferson's historic document, leading up to the powerful final vote.

Auditions will be by video only, and require a one-minute song of your choosing that showcases your vocal range and acting ability and an audition side provided at powerhousenh.org/auditions. Registration and video are due by Sunday, March 29.

Most rehearsals for "1776" will take place in May on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays in Laconia. There will be a few additional rehearsals in June and mandatory rehearsals on Tuesday, June 23 and Friday, June 26. There will be 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. performances at the Colonial on June 27.

Powerhouse is looking for talented actors who sing well as the show contains a lot of dialogue, and only a few group musical numbers. Auditioners should be self motivated, and able to practice at home, as while this is a concert version with minimal staging, the play will be fully memorized and performed without scripts in hand. The staging will be directed by Bryan Halperin, with Music Direction and Conducting by Laura Iwaskiewicz, and Costumes by Emily Nelson. This is Powerhouse's first collaboration with the Symphony!

Says Halperin, "We wanted to do something to commemorate this historic moment in American history despite the admittedly polarized time we find ourselves in. '1776' is a powerful reminder about the way our Founding Fathers found common ground and a common mission to achieve independence and we hope community members can come together and be reminded of our common history as Americans."

Tickets for 1776 are already on sale at coloniallaconia.com and powerhousenh.org/1776 - buyers should make sure they are only buying tickets from the correct links, as third-party sites inflate the ticket prices. This special event is sponsored by Friedman and Bresaw, PLLC.

For all the details on Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, auditions, and other events in the 2026 season, check out powerhousenh.org or email info@powerhousenh.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.

Escape winter's chill with new exhibit at Lakes Region Art Association Gallery

TILTON — Tired of the endless gray skies, snow, and sub-freezing temps that define February in the Lakes Region? The Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) has the perfect antidote: "Art in the Garden – Carved & Cultivated," a vibrant group exhibition bursting with the colors, textures, and life of gardens and nature's beauty. Featuring original works from talented local artists, the show runs Feb. 19 through March 15 at the Lakes Region Art Gallery in Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Rd., Suite 300, Tilton.

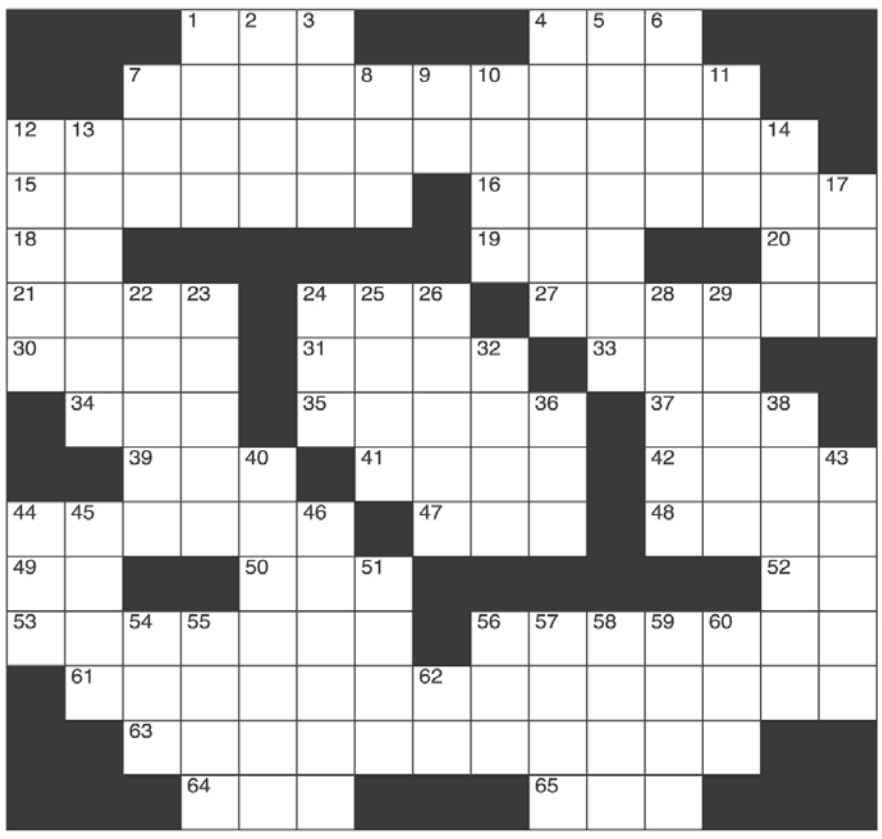
This uplifting collection transports visitors from winter's grip straight into lush, sculpted gardens—think carved elegance, blooming abundance, textured landscapes, and serene organic forms brought to life through pastels, watercolors, mixed media, and more. It's an early glimpse of spring's promise, right when New Hampshire needs it most, celebrating the creative spirit of our community and the enduring allure of cultivated beauty.

A lively Opening Reception welcomes everyone on Friday, Feb. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. Meet the artists, sip and mingle, enjoy light refreshments, and soak in the garden-fresh inspiration in a warm, friendly setting.

Adding extra fun to the evening, a Reverse Paint and Sip – "Forest Stillness" runs concurrently from 5 to 7 p.m. in the gallery. No experience required—guided instruction helps you create your own tranquil forest scene while you unwind (supplies included; $40 per person; register ahead via the gallery Web site).

The Lakes Region Art Gallery continues its long tradition (rooted in the 1940s as the Laconia Art Association) as a welcoming hub for local creativity, with rotating shows of original art in diverse media. Open Thursdays through Sundays—check lakesregionartgallery.org for current hours and details.

For more info on the paint-and-sip registration, contact the Lakes Region Art Association Gallery at (603) 998-0029 or visit www.lakesregionartgallery.org.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Blockchain-based entity
4. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
7. Painted with glue
12. Legendary crooner
15. Structure made with strips of wood
16. Tropical fruits
18. Commercial
19. Comedienne Gasteyer
20. The Ocean State
21. Ancient Scot
24. Basics
27. Stated propositions
30. Scottish island group
31. Expression of annoyance
33. Large tree
34. Engine additive
35. Conspiracy
37. Drunkard
39. Someone who is morally reprehensible
41. Ancient Syrian city
42. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
44. Carry (slang)
47. Sweet potato
48. European river
49. The Golden State
50. Windy City ballplayer
52. New Testament
53. Possess spiritually
56. A treeless grassy plain
61. Popular historical novel
63. In a law-abiding way
64. A place to sleep
65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

1. Impression in a surface
2. Computer language
3. Relating to the ear
4. Occupant
5. Member of Great Plains people
6. Social media firm
7. Digital audiotape
8. Midway between east and southeast
9. Chronic, progressive disease
10. Chinese lute
11. Not wet
12. Moves wings up and down
13. Communication devices
14. Swiss river
17. Female sibling
22. Receive
23. Relating to a type
24. General's assistant (abbr.)
25. Steep bank
26. Taxi driver
28. Moves into without difficulty
29. Bicycle manufacturer
32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
36. Fugitives are on it
38. Bitter-tasting organic substance
40. Die
43. Matched
44. Literary genre __-fi
45. Cannot
46. Pounded
51. British rock group
54. Debt relief order
55. 2006 NL Cy Young winner
56. Green vegetable
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Ailments
60. Famed singer Charles
62. Camper

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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	42 Ingalls Terrace	Single-Family Residence	$620,000	Russell Magliozzi	Steven and Janet Tucker
Barnstead	40 Emerson Dr.	Single-Family Residence	$340,000	Peter H. Lee and Sisa Herr	Grace P. and Tommy Chao Herr
Barnstead	35 New London Dr.	Single-Family Residence	$18,500	Brandon Whelan and Deanna M. Arditi-Cirelli	Brandon Whelan
Gilford	N/A (Lot 1)	N/A	$111,600	Elizabeth Marie Standow and Monica Irene Sawyer	Peter John and Monica Irene Sawyer
New Durham	Berry Road	N/A	$118,000	Van & Constance Hertel	Scott and Denise Gordon
New Durham	N/A (Lot 10)	N/A	$3,347,000	Calvin J. and Megan A. Legge	Daniel Malpica and Peter Oellers

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Feb. 10 to March 5.

Trevor A. Gove, age 39, was arrested on Feb. 10 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Dylan J. Cate, age 30, was arrested on Feb. 11 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Scott D. Sanders, age 39, was arrested on Feb. 13 for DUI-Impairment and Contempt.

Kim Strathdee, age 66, was arrested on Feb. 14 for Disobeying an Officer and Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Michael L. Hoey, Jr., age 28, was arrested on Feb. 14 for Criminal Mischief.

Shemar R. Kirnes, age 25, was arrested on Feb. 14 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault causing Bodily Injury or Physical Contact and Domestic Violence-Obstructing Report of a Crime or Injury.

Chris M. Johnson, age 41, was arrested on Feb. 15 for DUI-Impairment.

Nadine Michele McDonald, age 64, was arrested on Feb. 15 for Receiving Stolen Property valued at less than $1,000.

Gregg N. Sweetser, age 50, was arrested on Feb. 16 for DUI-Impairment and Transporting Alcohol or Marijuana.

Stevie Alexandra McSharry, age 23, was arrested on Feb. 19 for DUI-Impairment.

Travis J. Adams, age 25, was arrested on Feb. 19 for Criminal Threatening Against a Person, Disorderly Conduct, and operating a motor vehicle after suspension of registration.

Jonathan W. Hutchins, age 55, was arrested on Feb. 21 for Falsifying Physical Evidence by Altering, Destroying, or Hiding it, DUI-Impairment, and multiple counts of Possession of a Controlled Drug.

Carla Ann Cockrell, age 44, was arrested on Feb. 23 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license and operating a motor vehicle after suspension of registration.

Amy E. Wentworth, age 51, was arrested on Feb. 23 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent).

Christopher James Greene, age 33, was arrested on Feb. 26 in connection with a warrant.

Derrick M. Dubois, age 32, was arrested on Feb. 26 for Criminal Mischief.

Melanie L. White, age 41, was arrested on Feb. 26 in connection with a warrant.

Frank E. Lord, age 68, was arrested on Feb. 26 for DUI-Impairment and DUI.

Michael J. Carter, age 38, was arrested on Feb. 27 in connection with multiple warrants.

Derek A. Emans, age 38, was arrested on Feb. 27 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

A juvenile, age 17, was arrested on Feb. 28 for Criminal Mischief, Criminal Threatening by Conduct, and Obstructing Government Administration.

Cheyenne Aaally Jade Ayers, age 22, was arrested on March 1 in connection with a warrant.

Alyssa Erika Williams, age 25, was arrested on March 1 for Criminal Mischief.

Kim Strathdee, age 66, was arrested on March 2 for Resisting Arrest or Detention, Disobeying an Officer, speed-basic rule, Possession of Marijuana, Transporting Alcohol or Marijuana, Reckless Operation, and Disobeying an Officer.

Morgan Bedford Alighieri, age 40, was arrested on March 3 for Criminal Mischief.

Jameson T. Brisendine, age 30, was arrested on March 4 for Possession of a Controlled Drug and connection with a warrant.

Kara Lee Holland-Geletka, age 40, was arrested on March 5 for Contempt.

Aviation summer camp takes off

COURTESY

ACE Academy graduate, now licensed pilot, Ethan Seeler, gets ready for take-off. Since attending ACE Academy, Seeler, currently a college student, has earned his private and commercial pilot's license, is rated to fly single and multi-engine aircraft, has his instrument rating and is licensed as an Airframe and Power Point Mechanic.

GILFORD — WinnAero, the STEM aviation/aerospace education non-profit, announces its summer day camp schedule with a new twist. Due to increasing applications, WinnAero has engaged RegPack, a computerized on-line registration and payment software company to expedite the registration process.

"Our increasing enrollments each year dictated we offer an on-line registration and payment option for parents," said WinnAero Education Director Dan Caron.

The new online process will apply to this summer's ACE Academies held at the Laconia Airport.

"Parents can now submit their student's application fully online, reserve a seat early, pay tuition securely and submit required documentation as well," added Caron.

The results have been immediate said Zach Glennon of Meredith. Glennon joined WinnAero as its Technology Consultant responsible for on-boarding the RegPack System. For the previous three years, the ACE Academies have averaged 100 students enrolled. Thus far in 2026, RegPack has already processed 56 applications for the July summer camps.

The dates, times, themes and tuition costs for the ACE Academies summer camps are available at www.winnaero.org or by contacting Camp Director Caron at dan.caron@winnaero.org. The 2026 session themes include Air Traffic Control, Search & Rescue Techniques, Aerospace Engineering, Pre-Ground School for future pilots, a Space Academy, Drone Operations, and Aeromedical Effects of High Altitude Flight. All sessions are taught by current certified N.H. teachers augmented by subject matter experts. The ACE Academies are day camps for grades 3 through 12 students the weeks of July 6-10 and July 13-17. For more information, visit www.winnaero.org.

Britt Connors brings soulful Americana to The Loft at Hermit Woods

MEREDITH — The Loft at Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery welcomes Britt Connors and her band for an evening of heartfelt songwriting, rich harmonies, and genre-blending Americana in an intimate listening room setting Thursday, March 12.

Britt Connors slips nimbly between soulful ballads, pop-rock, folk, and gospel-infused Americana. Backed by an exceptional lineup — Mike Connors (drums), Ed Lucie (bass), and Bethany Weiman (cello) — the band delivers performances that are both powerful and deeply personal.

Raised in a household steeped in folk, rock, jazz, classical, and 80s/90s pop, Britt's music reflects a lifetime of wide-ranging influences. A graduate of Ithaca College with a degree in vocal performance, she moved to Somerville, MA to find her voice as a songwriter and guitarist in the Boston music scene. Since then, she has released three albums — "The Bad Side of Good," "Warmer Season," and "Longitude" — each showcasing her ability to move authentically across genres while remaining unmistakably herself.

Critics have taken notice. Natali Abernathy of Indie Boulevard writes, "Britt doesn't fit into genres, and that's her triumph — she just sounds the way she sounds… sometimes a pause and silence can speak louder than any shout."

This performance takes place in The Loft's signature listening room environment — an up-close and attentive space designed for true musical immersion. Guests are asked to refrain from talking during the featured performance so both artists and audience can fully experience the music.

Make a full evening of it:

• Complimentary Wine Tasting: 5:30–6 p.m.

• Doors Open & Dinner Served: 6 p.m.

• Dinner Service Closes & Show Begins: 7 p.m.

(Drinks and dessert served during the show)

Arrive early to enjoy thoughtfully prepared food alongside our wines, meads, ciders, local craft beer, and cocktails. After the performance, guests are invited to meet the artists and explore available merchandise.

Exceptional music. Delicious food. Fine wine. An evening worth settling in for.

Tickets and details: hermitwoods.com/music.

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events important not only to our community but also to our nation's history. The traditional construction, featuring exposed timber frameworks, wide pine floors, and a central chimney, offers an authentic and inviting charm with an atmosphere rooted in our early colonial past. A family home once served as a gathering place for brave pioneers who dared to lead in their beliefs during a pivotal time in our nation's history. These buildings will once again serve as a gathering spot for future generations, hosting a variety of historical and cultural programs, as well as civic, educational, social, and private events and activities. The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project aims to be a key support for efforts to continue attracting residents and visitors to our village core. It seeks to enhance community vibrancy and promote support for local businesses, active recreation, retail trade, and cultural experiences.

The Town of New Durham is situated at the entrance to the "Lakes Region," an area offering a variety of opportunities for active recreation, tourism, vacation destinations, cultural experiences, and retail trade. Investing in the rehabilitation and preservation of these historic properties reflects not only a love for old architecture but also a growing recognition that such efforts protect local property values and stimulate social and economic growth. This investment represents a significant step in promoting the next level of economic development for New Durham's local and regional businesses.

The Board of Directors is proud to share the return of the Italian Dinner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25, serving from 5 to 7 pm. To learn more, please visit our Web site, www.zbfcnh.org.

Now is the perfect time to leverage your generosity and support the crucial mission of Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative. Together, we're building something significant: preservation of historic landmarks, a true economic centerpiece, and an invaluable asset for our community. Deadline is June 1, 2026! The Collaborative is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Mailing address is ZBF Collaborative, PO Box 45, New Durham, NH 03855. Please make checks payable to ZBF Collaborative. We're excited to shape the future with your help!

Legals

BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT BARNSTEAD ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, March 21, 2026
9:00 A.M.
Barnstead Elementary School Gymnasium

Kingswood Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball prepares for spring season

COURTESY PHOTOS

Registration for Kingswood Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball is now open to all kids in the towns of Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro, Ossipee, New Durham, Effingham and Brookfield.

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Cal Ripken Baseball and Softball League (KCRBL) serving youth from the towns of Wolfeboro, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Effingham, Brookfield and New Durham, is busy preparing for the upcoming spring season.

Early registration for 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U softball, Learn To Play T-Ball (ages 4-6), baseball (ages 6-12) and Babe Ruth Baseball (ages 13-17) closes Thursday, March 12, with late registration closing March 23. The league is happy to offer families a new sibling discount on multiple registrations.

There are a variety of pre-season events upcoming including a baseball/softball gear swap on Saturday, March 14, from 12 to 2 p.m. at The Wolfeboro Town Hall (Great Hall.) A perfect opportunity to donate outgrown equipment and size up for the spring. Donations can also be dropped off ahead with league volunteers at The Nick Pavilion on Thursday, March 12, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Development for players and leadership is a league priority this season with planned upcoming player and coach clinics. Winter warmups for baseball players Rookies - Babe Ruth will be held Sundays, March 15 and March 29, in the KRHS gyms from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Softball is also holding ongoing indoor winter workouts.) Players must be registered for the season to participate. A great opportunity to shake off the winter rust and get together with old teammates, a charge of $5 at the door. Please e-mail pspera.kcrbl@gmail.com to reserve a spot.

Annual evaluations for all KCRBL Majors and Minors will take place on Saturday, March 28, (Majors will be 9 -11 a.m. and Minors 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.) in the KRHS gyms. This process has no cuts, but rather offers coaches the opportunity to keep teams balanced.

On March 22, KCRBL will be hosting a Coaches Clinic in the KRHS gyms. Lead by Ralph Treuel and Andy Theriault, it will focus on pitching and catching mechanics and drills. Theriault is currently the assistant baseball coach of Gordon College and has previously coached at Plymouth State University, Saint Joseph's College and with The Brockton Rox. Treuel is best known for his extensive career with the Boston Red Sox and Detroit Tigers spanning more than 50 years. He has held several high end positions with the Sox including pitching coach, bullpen coach as well as Minor League Coordinator. A right-handed pitcher, he played nine seasons in the Detroit Tigers Minor League system from 1974 to1982. If you'd like to attend, please e-mail jwalshbaseball@gmail.com.

KCRBL is actively seeking sponsors for the upcoming season - both for teams and other field opportunities. Visit KCRBL.com to learn how you can get involved and support local baseball/softball this spring.

Kingswood Theater brings new one-act production to the stage

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Theater is proud to present their spring one-act festival production, "The Last Firefly," by Naomi Iizuka. This incredible, fantastical, 40-minute journey follows our young hero, Boom (Laura Fernandes), on his quest to rescue his mother, Kuroko (Delilah Mills) from his evil step-father, Ax (Miley Bentley & Jaicie Weemhoff). Along the way he'll meet a Sparrow (Caroline Kinzlmaier) Monkeys (Sara Fernandes & Lorelai Tuttle), an eccentric Tree (Ethan Johnson), a Spider (Abby Morin and Kristin Cooper) and even Lighting herself (Peyton Ghent), in hopes to find his real dad, Thunder (Logan Thurber). Don't miss this powerful journey of self-discovery.

Audiences may remember Kingswood's festival production from last year, "She Kills Monsters." This same production team now reunites to bring you a brand new story with even more dazzle than before. Combining the artistry of dance (choreography by Kristin Cooper), Taiko drumming (composed and conducted by Malcolm Clark) and stage combat (London Summers), this production is a feast to the senses.

"The Last Firefly" will be presented on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. in the Kingswood Arts Center in Wolfeboro. Tickets are available at kingswoodtheater.org.