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## Gunstock sets sights on next winter

### *\$4.5 million investment in improvements now underway*

GILFORD — As the last of this winter's snow melts away, Gunstock Mountain Resort has already begun working on improvements for the 2026/27 season, and beyond.

As part of a \$9 million, two-year plan introduced in 2025, Gunstock plans to reinvest a total of \$4.5 million into the mountain this offseason. Approximately \$1.4 million will be devoted to snowmaking systems, just over \$2 million for chair-



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Work is ongoing on the Panorama lift at Gunstock Mountain Resort in Gilford as part of the summer improvements.

lifts, and an additional \$1.1 million for various equipment and facility upgrades and maintenance.

"Our focus remains on investing in our infrastructure," shared Robert Drake, President and General Manager. "It's a foundational part of creating a positive experience for our guests."

Efforts to refurbish several key components of the Panorama lift, which provides summit access to guests, began immediately following

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## New Durham Library to host presentation on Fish and Game Commission

NEW DURHAM — As guardians of the state's fish, wildlife, and marine resources, and as collaborators with communities for conservation efforts, the NH Fish and Game Department is a state organization residents have frequent interactions with. But who are the folks behind the department?

That would be the Fish and Game Commission.

A program on the Commission will be held on Monday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at the New Durham Public Library. The 11 Commission members are appointed by the Governor, in consultation with the NH Executive Council, and represent each county and the coastal area.

Stafford County Commission member and current chairperson A.J. DeRosa has served since 2021. He will speak on what the Commission actually does; covering its authorities, how that affects the public, and the public's relationship with those civic processes.

DeRosa is the founder of Project Upland Magazine, an award-winning media platform focused on upland birds, conservation policy, science, history, and hunting education.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Light refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to residents of all communities.

## Alton Rotarians support day of service, partnership, and community spirit

ALTON — The Alton Centennial Rotary Club proudly joined the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (Forest Society) in sponsoring and taking part in the annual Earth Day Trail Clean-Up Challenge at Mt. Major on April 22.

As part of the day's activities, Alton Rotarians staffed the refreshment station, distributing beverages generously donated by Hannaford Supermarkets — Alton and delicious treats baked by Rotarian June McLaughlin.

The event was a re-SEE ROTARY, PAGE A11



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Pictured: Rear (left to right): Rich Leonard (Rotary), Laurel Swope-Brush and Carrie Deegan (Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests), Peter Bolster (Rotary) and Carol Diveny (Rotary). Front row (left to right): June McLaughlin and Duane Hammond (Rotary).

## Cruising in Cooperstown

### *Prospect Mountain baseball rolls past Somersworth at Doubleday Field*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — It was an opportunity for the Prospect Mountain baseball boys to get in a

little bonding time, experience the history of baseball in Cooperstown, N.Y. and work on things midway through the season.

It was also an opportu-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Colby Whitehouse dives headfirst into third base with a triple in action in Cooperstown, N.Y. on Saturday.

nity to come up with a Division III victory and that's exactly what they did at Doubleday Field on Saturday, May 2, as the Timber Wolves used a big fourth inning to pull out an 11-2 win over Somersworth.

"It was a fun experience that turned into a business

trip on the field," said coach Jayson Whitehouse. "It's special, it's a trip that they kids will never forget."

The Timber Wolves struggled a bit out of the gate, as the "Toppers set the side down in order in the first and then got a run in the bottom of the inning, after a

base hit, a walk and an error allowed a run to cross. Colby Whitehouse did manage to strike out the side around that action.

Vinnie Tilton reached on an error in the top of the second inning but he was stranded there and Whitehouse worked around an

error and an infield hit in the bottom of the frame. Mikey Perry had a one-out double in the top of the third inning but again, the Timber Wolves could not get him home and again Whitehouse worked around a leadoff hit in the bottom of the inning, keeping the score at 1-0.

Whitehouse led off the top of the fourth with a double, stole second and came in to score on a base hit from Knyte Neathery to tie the game at one, though the "Toppers gunned down Neathery at second base. Gavin Gorton and Tilton had consecutive base hits and a walk to Charlie Yeaton loaded the bases. Bryce Lounsbury delivered a base hit to plate the second run and a sacrifice fly from Perry drove in another run. Parker O'Brien doubled to drive in another run and Orion Neathery took over on the bases. A Blake Papp-

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# Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

## USTA Summer Tennis Lessons- Youth

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis in the Parks for Grades 1-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from July 28-Aug. 13. Grades are divided by times: 5:30-6:30 p.m.-Grades 1-4; 6:45-7:45 p.m.-Grades 5-8. Registration is \$65 and includes a brand-new

tennis racquet for new players, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught- forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by July 20, class size is limited to seven. Registration forms are available at [www.alton.nh.gov](http://www.alton.nh.gov) or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parks-

rec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

## Learn To Play Pickleball for ages 18+ Free Clinic

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a free Pickleball Clinic led by certified Pickleball coach, Richard Powers, on Saturday, May 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Liberty Tree Park Courts located on Route 140 for ages 18 and up. Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of Pickleball? Register now for a chance to learn all the tips and tricks. Space is limited, bring a paddle and water. Deadline to register is May 13. Contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov to register.

## Line Dancing Lessons

Line dancing lessons with Jane Corbett will be held on Thursdays starting June 4 through mid October from 1-2 p.m. for beginners, and 2:10-3:10 p.m. for experienced dancers at the Alton Bay Community

Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$15/season. Register on site.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:breathepilates1@yahoo.com) or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

## Weight Training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

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

## Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursday, May 14 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Travel Club Trips Cowboy Country and Taste of Italy in 2027

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

Alton Parks and Recreation is also sponsoring a trip with Collette Tours to Italy in 2027. The trip highlights include Rome; Narni-Umbria Region, Chianti Region, Tuscany, and Florence. Explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village; take a walking tour of Assisi and see views of Lake Trasimeno; visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto's frescoes; take a cooking class and visit olive groves; and much more. Trip dates are Oct. 23-Nov. 3, 2027. Includes airfare, 16 meals, hotels and transportation.

These trips are a great way to travel in a group and with a knowledgeable guide. An informational session will be held on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Gilman Library about both trips. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov).

## Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "Hope Rises" by David Baldacci
2. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
3. "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir
4. "Chasing the Clouds Away" by Debbie Macomber
5. "Revenge Prey" by John Sandford
6. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
7. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke
8. "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood
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## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Meet Laci!



A friend, chances are Laci will start to feel the same way too. Watching her gain confidence and come out of her shell is incredibly rewarding, and she forms strong bonds with those she trusts.

This silly girl enjoys getting fresh air and would love a home where she can join you for peaceful walks and little outdoor adventures. She's got a playful side that peeks through once she feels safe, and it's sure to make you smile.

Laci may need some dental work down the line, so her future family should be prepared to keep an eye on her dental health and continue with any care she may need. With the right support, she'll continue to thrive.

If you have a soft spot for the quieter ones and the patience to let her blossom at her own pace, Laci will reward you with a loyal, loving companionship—and maybe a few silly moments along the way.

Laci takes a lot of comfort in her brother Scrapy—she looks up to him and often follows his lead. If Scrapy decides you're

### Meet Scrapy!



Scrapy may have a bit of a "don't mess with me" look at first glance, but don't be fooled—this dachshund mix is a total softie at heart. Beneath that scrappy exterior is a lovable guy who's just waiting to show off his sweet, easygoing side to the right person.

He's a big fan of the simple joys in life: a good squeaky toy, some fresh air on a nice walk, and a cozy spot to relax by your

side. Scrapy would be more than happy to be your daily sidekick—whether you're out and about or just lounging at home, he's happiest just being with his people.

Scrapy and his sister are also working on getting into their best shape, so they'll need a forever home that's committed to helping them stay healthy. A little extra exercise and mindful feeding will go a long way for this pair!

Scrapy does have a seizure disorder that is currently well-managed with medication. Because of this, his future family will need to be comfortable continuing his medication routine and staying on top of his care to keep him feeling his best. He doesn't let it slow him down, and with the right support, he can continue to live a happy, full life.

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# Wright Museum presents special exhibit on Civil Air Patrol

**WOLFEBORO** — The Wright Museum is pleased to present a new special exhibit for its 2026 season, highlighting the vital and historic role of The Civil Air Patrol (CAP). “Always Vigilant: Civil Air Patrol from WWII through Today” will run at the museum from May 1 to Oct. 31.

CAP celebrates its 85th anniversary on December 1, marking its founding just days before the U.S. entered World War II in 1941. As the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, CAP continues to uphold its mission of aerospace ed-

ucation, cadet programs, and emergency services.

As we commemorate America’s 250th birthday, it’s also an opportune moment to reflect on the history of the Civil Air Patrol as a premier volunteer organization in the United States – an organization characterized by profound patriotism and remarkable achievements in service to the nation.

In honor of both historic anniversaries, this special 6-month exhibit examines the role of CAP in civil defense, emergency response, and other missions throughout its history.

Perfect for all ages, the exhibit will feature historic objects, videos and interactives.

A special ceremony to dedicate the exhibit will also take place at the Wright Museum on Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. The ceremony will feature guest speakers including NH Wing Commander Col. Nic Goupil and CAP Northeast Region Historian Lt. Col. Keith Raymond, as well as two color guards and bagpiper Capt. Ethan Cray. The ceremony is free for CAP members and their families, as well as museum members. The public is wel-

comed to attend, including with regular museum admission.

The Wright Museum of World War II, located at 77 Center St., Wolfboro, opens to the public for the 2026 season on May 1 and remains open daily through Oct. 31. Museum hours are Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays noon to 4 p.m. The museum is a private non-profit educational institution focusing on both the American home front and war fronts during World War II.

For more information, contact the museum at 603-569-1212 or

visit the museum’s Website at [www.wrightmuseum.org](http://www.wrightmuseum.org).

## Gilford Community Church invites you to Gals’ Night Out

**GILFORD** — On Friday, May 22 at 6 p.m., the Gilford Community Church (GCC) will host their next Gals’ Night Out event with a presentation of stunning pictures by local photographer, John Gill.

John Gill is a professional photographer dedicated to interpreting the artistry inherent in the natural world. His images are published regularly and have won numerous awards in professional venues. The New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association has honored John twice with the “Photographer of the Year” award as a result of his consistently compelling imagery.

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

Tickets are \$20, and may be purchased through Sunday, May 17 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., and is also available on a livestream feed on GCC’s Facebook page and later on YouTube.

## Gilford police log

**GILFORD** — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from April 20 to May 3.

Bugg Noel Scandalis, age 23, was arrested on April 20 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Jonathan Josue Euceda Fuentes, age 26, was arrested on April 20 for driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration and Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Jason R. Crossman, age 47, was arrested on April 21 for driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration and Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Jose N. Tacuri-Tacuri, age 44, was arrested on April 21 for Conduct After an Accident.

Frederick Walter Avery, Jr., age 21, was arrested on April 21 in

connection with a warrant.

Ryan J. Davis, age 32, was arrested on April 24 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent offense) and Operating after being certified as a Habitual Offender.

Bakari M. Rose, age 25, was arrested on April 25 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Faith A. Francis Niro, age 60, was arrested on April 26 for Conduct After an Accident.

Alex Robert Baker, age 19, was arrested on April 26 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Safet Dinarica, age 36, was arrested on April 27 in connection with a warrant.

Thomas M. McDonald, age 47, was arrested on April 27 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension.

David Eugene Lemay, Jr., age 52, was arrested on April 30 for Theft By Deception.

Christopher Lee Rawlins, age 51, was arrested on April 30 for Disobeying an Officer,

violating a Notice of Order for Stalking, and Breach of Bail.

Kevin B. Walker, age 44, was arrested on April 30 for DUI-Impairment.

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## Investing in the experience that keeps a community thriving

As winter gives way to spring, there is a familiar rhythm to life in the Gilford. The snow melts, the trails soften, and attention slowly turns from ski season to the promise of warmer days ahead. But behind the scenes at one of the region's most visible landmarks, the work never really stops.

Gunstock Mountain Resort's latest round of planned improvements is a reminder that even in a place defined by tradition, standing still is not an option.

A \$9 million, two-year investment plan, with \$4.5 million earmarked for this offseason alone, is not simply about upgrades for the sake of appearances. It is about long-term sustainability, reliability, and the kind of visitor experience that keeps people returning year after year. In a region where tourism plays a central role in the local economy, that matters.

What stands out most about the current work is that much of it will go unnoticed by the casual visitor. A rebuilt drive system on the Panorama lift. A new control system. Structural improvements at both the base and summit. These are not flashy additions designed to grab headlines or social media attention. They are the kinds of foundational improvements that ensure things work the way they are supposed to, day in and day out.

There is something reassuring about that approach.

Too often, investment is equated with expansion or spectacle. Bigger. Faster. Newer. But in a place like Gilford, where the character of the community is closely tied to its natural surroundings and longstanding institutions, thoughtful reinvestment carries a different kind of value. It signals a commitment not only to growth, but to stewardship.

The same can be said for the planned snowmaking upgrades. Installing thousands of feet of new pipe and separating lower and upper mountain systems may sound technical, but the impact is straightforward. More efficient snowmaking means more consistent conditions, a longer season, and a more dependable experience for skiers and riders. In an era of increasingly unpredictable winters, that kind of reliability is no small thing.

It also reflects a broader reality facing outdoor recreation across New Hampshire. Weather patterns are shifting. Seasons are less predictable. The margin for error is shrinking. Investments that improve efficiency and adaptability are not luxuries, they are necessities.

Beyond the slopes, the additional upgrades, from new equipment to improved trail flow and modernized access systems, reinforce the idea that every detail contributes to the overall experience. Visitors may not notice a new haul rope or upgraded lift grips, but they will notice shorter wait times, smoother operations, and a day that feels effortless.

And when visitors have a good experience, they come back. They bring friends. They support local restaurants, shops, and lodging. The ripple effect extends well beyond the mountain itself.

That connection between infrastructure and community impact is easy to overlook, but it is real. Gunstock is not just a recreational asset. It is an economic engine, a source of local pride, and for many residents, a place tied to decades of memories.

Investing in it is, in many ways, investing in the community as a whole.

There is also a quiet lesson here about planning ahead. These improvements are not reactive. They were outlined as part of a multi-year strategy, suggesting a level of foresight that is often talked about but not always practiced. Addressing aging systems before they fail, improving efficiency before it becomes a crisis, and building for the future rather than simply maintaining the present.

That kind of thinking benefits everyone.

As the region looks ahead to another busy summer and eventually another winter season, it is worth recognizing the importance of this kind of behind-the-scenes work. It may not come with immediate fanfare, but it lays the groundwork for everything that follows.

In the end, the success of a place like Gunstock is not defined by any single season. It is built over time, through steady investment, careful planning, and a commitment to getting the fundamentals right.

And sometimes, the most important improvements are the ones you never have to think about at all.

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN

### Dirt

My cat is beginning to forgive me, or maybe it's just that she has started to forget the traumatic experience she had with me the other day. Like, I am the guy that fills up her food bowl twice a day, so there is sufficient reason to let bygones be bygones.

You see, it's springtime again. Last night I found a tick on me! It had swollen to about a quarter inch in diameter sucking on my abdomen. I pulled it off and stuck it in a little plastic box that I have just for such discoveries. I will keep an eye on the spot for any sign of a

bullseye. I never want to get Lyme again.

I already wear my work pants that have insecticide in them. I'm pretty safe if I tuck them in my socks. The ticks crawl up and quickly decide to turn around once they start not feeling well. I'd rather it be them than me.

The problem is, that I've been subbing lately and haven't been wearing my work pants. I was actually checking out work after school wearing my "nice" pants. I now recall that this customer used to have mad amounts of ticks in his yard. I guess he still does.

Last year, I was out at another customer's house, and we were out walking around the place and she noticed that her pants were getting covered with ticks. Brushing them off she noted that my pants were tickless. I told her about how I spray them with "stuff." Thank you, Lord, for "stuff."

So last weekend I replaced her flea and tick collar. She's never liked being man handled, and that's something that has to happen when replacing her collar. I get her cornered between my legs so she can't back out and hold her still while slipping on the new one, snugging it down then cutting off the old one and the excess from the new one. How humiliating. It takes less than a minute, but I pay for it for days.

This morning, when I lit the fire in the stove, she came near to watch the flames as I lit the egg crate with a match and they kind of just grow in the dark of the morning. One day she actually stepped up on the ash fender and got real close in her investigation. I think she felt the heat and it surprised her, so she pulled away quickly. She still seems interested in it though.

Today she let me pet her a little. Not on the head though. She never liked getting touched on the head, that's a recent change.

After breakfast I usually spend a few minutes sitting on the throne. She knows that she has me cornered at this point in time so she comes around and gets friendly. This morning she

even allowed me to scratch her head and actually leaned into it as I went to the sides of her neck. The second I reach for the paper, she knows I'm finished, so she quickly runs off. So yes, I think she's getting over the collar experience, till next year.

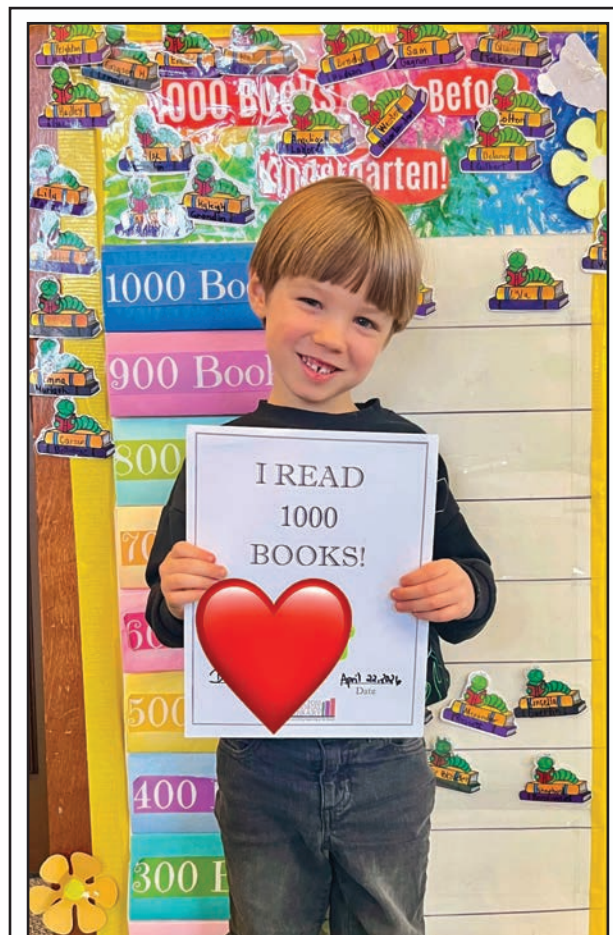
Nights have been cold again lately. I'm happy that I left the winter blanket on the bed. The summer one would be almost useless. When I leave for work, the outside water dish is all froze up and there's frost on the car windows. Still, there are clumps of grass foreshadowing future mowing needs. My pre-mow to do list isn't getting picked away at very much, as every day when I get home from school, I feel more like taking a nap than getting into my grubbies and going to work.

I did get to scooping up all the dirt scrapped up by the snow plow with the tractor. It made me a nice dirt pile. You never know when you'll need some dirt. I parked the tractor where it will next take on the mower deck. I want to take it out into the woods and mow all the tree sprouts before the old stumps get hidden by the new green stuff. That's the only way to get this task accomplished before ski season.

There are also spring car things, house things, and me things waiting to get tended to. I try my best to get to everything. Last year I learned that mowing is optional.

E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com



COURTESY PHOTO  
Congratulations to Dakota from the staff at Oscar Foss Memorial Library for successfully completing the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge!

## Letters to the Editor

### Why the Grit to Grow Summit matters for New Hampshire's teens - and for us

To the Editor:

Every generation faces the same question: Are we preparing our young people for the lives they hope to build? In New Hampshire, where our communities depend on home-grown talent and our workforce shortages grow more urgent each year, this question feels particularly pressing.

That's why the Grit to Grow Summit, coming June 22-24, is more than another youth program. It is a forward-looking investment in our state's future - one that brings together teens, parents, colleges, trades programs, and employers for a hands on, three day experience designed to strengthen both career readiness and personal resilience.

Hosted by New Hampshire 4 H, the Summit offers rising sophomores through 2026 high school graduates a chance to explore career paths, practice essential life skills, and meet the educators and industry leaders who can help them get where they want to go. And importantly, it does all this in a format that speaks to today's teens: experiential, relatable, and driven by authentic connection.

The Summit begins at Lakes Region Community College, where teens choosing the overnight option spend Day 1 focused on "Building Your Future Self." This isn't a lecture series - it's hands on practice in budgeting, leadership, entrepreneurship, and self discovery. That first day ends in a cookout and social time, acknowledging what research consistently shows: teens learn best when they feel supported, included, and connected.

Day 2, held at the Inn at Mill Falls in Meredith, open to both teens and parents, pivots toward "Building Your Career." Students rotate through industry specific workshops, explore training programs, and meet employers at the Future Pathways Expo. Parents are welcome - not as spectators, but as partners. Helping adults understand how best to support a young person's evolving ambitions is part of the curriculum. The final day, also at the Inn at Mill Falls in Meredith,

is geared toward industry and community partners. Professionals come together to share insight, build collaborations, and participate in a public facing career fair. It's not just teens learning from employers, but employers are listening to teens, too.

Programs like that Grit to Grow Summit matter because so many young people today feel unsure about the transition from high school to adulthood. They are entering a world where the boundaries between higher education, trades, and career pathways are changing fast. They're inundated with choices - but offered very few real opportunities to explore them.

By giving teens a chance to try on careers, test their skills, and meet mentors face to face, the Summit helps demystify that transition. It gives them space to ask: What kind of life do I actually want? And: What steps will get me there?

These are not small questions. New Hampshire's economy - like much of rural America's - is strengthened when our young people see a future for themselves here. When teens feel confident and supported as they begin making decisions about education, employment, housing, and adulthood, our communities benefit for decades.

The Summit offers both one day and two day options, with early bird and regular rates -and full scholarships are available at the Belknap County Cooperative Extension office for Belknap youth, ensuring cost is not a barrier. That commitment to accessibility acknowledges something essential: talent is everywhere, even when opportunity is not.

In a moment when so many conversations about young people focus on what they're "lacking," the Grit to Grow Summit flips the narrative. It assumes teens already have potential - what they need is a place to develop it.

Events like this don't happen in a vacuum. They flourish when the community embraces them. Parents can encourage their teens to attend. Employers can engage as partners or exhibitors. Educators and Guidance Counselors can help students identify whether the Summit is a good fit. And all of us can help spread the word.

New Hampshire's young people deserve meaningful opportunities to imagine their futures. The Grit to Grow Summit gives them exactly that - a place to explore, to ask questions, to build connections, and to grow.

For a weekend in June, they get the chance to see the future not as something to fear, but as something they can shape. That is the kind of investment that pays dividends - not just for teens, but for all of us.

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4-H Program Manager, Belknap County

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## The many hats worn by ER nurses

Emergency rooms are fast-paced environments. ER nurses are right in the thick of things, performing a range of tasks that illustrate the value and talent of these highly skilled professionals. Though many things attract people to a career as an ER nurse, the spontaneity of the job undoubtedly merits consideration. No two shifts are the same for ER nurses, whose ability to thrive despite that lack of routine is remarkable. Individuals curious about what a day in the life of an ER nurse might be like should know that the following are just some of the many tasks these invaluable professionals may be asked to perform in a given shift.

ER nurses also routinely administer medication prescribed by a doctor as well as any medications patients were taking prior to being admitted to the ER. Nurses' experience and knowledge is vital when performing this task, as they can consult with physicians about patients' existing medications, which may dictate what the doctor can and cannot prescribe to treat the condition that brought the individual to the ER. When tasked with administering medication, ER nurses may prepare intravenous infusion of medications and may need to contact the patient's family or pharmacist to confirm which medications the patient was taking to treat preexisting conditions.

- **Triage:** ER nurses help with the preliminary assessment of patients in order to determine the urgency of their needs. Often referred to as "triage," this part of the job underscores the depth of medical knowledge ER nurses must have, as assessing a patient's needs often requires quick thinking and recognition of details that patients themselves may not have identified or communicated.

- **Medical procedures:** ER nurses sometimes assist physicians as they perform certain medical procedures. For example, nurses may intubate patients and suture wounds during procedures.

- **Vital signs:** ER nurses are typically tasked with taking and monitoring patients' vital signs. This may include taking and documenting pulse rate, blood pressure and body temperature, among other signs. This information is essential for keeping patients safe and ensuring assessments are accurate.

- **Monitor patients:** ER nurses are often the face of a hospital for patients and their families. Much of these interactions occur while nurses are monitoring patients before they see a physician and after a physician has ordered tests or treatments. In this regard, ER nurses must excel at comforting patients and their families until a diagnosis is delivered or confirmed via testing.

- **Medication adminis-**

There's no shortage of responsibilities for ER nurses, which only underscores how valuable and vital these talented professionals are.



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# Great Waters to hold 30th Anniversary Gala at Brewster

**WOLFEBORO** — Great Waters Summer Concerts is thrilled to announce its 30th-anniversary gala, "Great Waters Got Talent," a dazzling, celebratory evening set for Thursday, July 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Grayson Student Center, located on the Brewster campus.

This sparkle-filled night will proudly spotlight Barbara and Dave Lobdell Scholarship recipients, showcasing spectacular vo-

cal and instrumental performances. Jazz on the Grayson patio during the lakeside cocktail hour will launch the festivities, with intimate musical vignettes delighting guests throughout the evening. A plated dinner by Suzanne Trice of Sweetwater Kitchen, a delicious dessert bar, and exciting silent and live auctions will round out this unforgettable evening of celebration. All proceeds will help power the organization's ongoing musical

performances at Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough and at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro.

This gala is the shining centerpiece of Great Waters' fundraising efforts, celebrating three decades of community musical programming and helping inspire the next generation of regional talent. Performances by scholarship recipients spanning vocal, instrumental, musical theater, and Broadway standards will

surely be among the evening's highlights. Exciting silent and live auctions raising essential funds for youth music programs will feature opening-night theater tickets in Boston, local restaurant and spa gift certificates, exclusive golf outings, artwork by local artists, and much more.

"We're thrilled to celebrate our thirtieth anniversary by showcasing some of our extraordinary scholarship winners," said Bar-



bara Lobdell, Board Chair of Great Waters Summer Concerts. "The evening will be a joyful tribute to our history and a powerful investment in the talented young artists who will carry our communities' love of music forward."

Executive Director Joan Myers added, "This gala is our largest and most inspiring fundraiser of the year. The support we receive at this event directly enables us to bring high-quality

performances to the Lakes Region while also offering meaningful scholarships for aspiring musicians living in the area."

Great Waters Music Festival is a non-profit organization whose mission is to present live concerts of diverse genres for the enjoyment of music lovers throughout the Lakes Region. Tickets will be available soon at [www.GreatWaters.org](http://www.GreatWaters.org) or by calling 603-569-7710.



The Prospect Mountain baseball team poses for a photo in front of the dugout at Doubleday Field on Saturday.



Mike Boles takes a throw at third base during his team's game in Cooperstown, N.Y. on Saturday.



Mikey Perry fires a pitch during action at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y. on Saturday.



Catcher Blake Pappaceno fires a throw to first after fielding the ball on the Doubleday Field infield on Saturday.



Knyte Neathery runs between first and second base in action at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y. on Saturday.

## BASEBALL

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paceno double drove in two more runs and a Whitehouse triple pushed another run across. A wild pitch brought home Whitehouse and Prospect led 8-1 before the third out was recorded.

Whitehouse set the side down in order on strikeouts in the bottom of the fourth and Gorton and Matty Perry worked walks in the bottom of the inning but the Timber Wolves could not get them home.

Mikey Perry took over on the mound in the bottom of the fifth inning and a walk, wild pitch and a stolen base allowed the "Toppers to plate their second run with no more trouble. Pappaceno was hit by a pitch in the top of the sixth, but Prospect was unable to add another run and Lounsbury took over on the mound in the bottom of the sixth and struck out the side.

The Timber Wolves padded their lead in the top of the seventh, starting with a base hit from Landon Deane. Mike Boles reached on an error and one out later, senior Josh Clarke collected

his first varsity hit to drive in another run. Mikey Perry reached on an error to drive in another run and walks to Pappaceno and Whitehouse forced home another run for the 11-2 lead.

Gorton took the mound for the final inning and retired the side in order to seal the win for the Timber Wolves.

"It (slow start) has been a season long thing," Whitehouse said. "I don't think they realize how good they can be.

"We're trying to find our identity and get some wins on board and situate ourselves for the playoffs," the Timber Wolf coach continued. "They've gotten better every single week and if we play defense and don't hurt ourselves, we can compete with anyone in our division."

Whitehouse was also happy he was able to get all 14 guys who made the trip on the field and was especially happy for Clarke, who picked up his first varsity hit on the historic Doubleday Field surface.

Prospect is scheduled to be in action on Monday, May 11, at Newport and Wednesday May 13, at home against Raymond,

both at 4 p.m. at 279-4516, ext. 155 or [josh@salmonpress.news](mailto:josh@salmonpress.news). Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached



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# Robert Dunn to keynote 12th Annual Interfaith Breakfast

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Committee is pleased to announce that this year's event will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall- 31 Gilford Ave., Laconia. Held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer this year's event has adopted the theme: "Faith, Prayer and the Founding Fathers."

Following a buffet breakfast (served from 7:30 to 8:15a.m.) a program will run from 8:15-9:30 a.m., featuring Keynote Speaker Robert Dunn, Director of Public Policy for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester. The program topic will be "The Moral Vision of the Declaration."

Advance Tickets for this year's event are \$15

and may be purchased thru your faith community, at St Andre Bessette Parish office (277 Union St., Laconia) or by contacting Chris Ray at 603-528-2920 or by email at crayjr@gmail.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$20. The event is at St. Andre Bessette Parish Hall- 31 Gilford Ave., Laconia.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to Hands Across the Table (HATT) and NH Catholic Charities.

Keynote Speaker Robert E. Dunn, Jr. is the Director of Public Policy for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester. Previously, he served as Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs for Devine Milimet, Assistant Commissioner of the NH Department of Safety, and



Robert Dunn

as an Assistant Attorney General in the NH Department of Justice.

Dunn is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Anselm College and the Board of Directors of

New Hampshire Humanities, the Catholic Community Health Alliance of Greater Manchester, and the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund. He also serves on the State of New Hampshire Commission on Holocaust and Genocide Education. Dunn "Finding Communion" column in Parable Magazine and the podcast of the same name were recognized in 2025 by the Catholic Media Association.

Dunn is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and the College of the Holy Cross. He is a member of the first group of Catholic leaders from around the U.S. to be designated as Mathis Liturgical Lead-

ers by the University of Notre Dame's McGrath Institute for Church Life.

The National Day of Prayer enables us to recall and teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call to us to humbly come before God, seeking God's guidance and God's grace upon us as people.

Lakes Region Interfaith Prayer Breakfast was started as a means of bringing together people of different backgrounds and affiliations to celebrate the blessings of the year and join in inclusive fellowship for the spiritual renewal of community, state and nation.

## Second Annual Nucar Lakes Region 5K For Mental Health set for May 31 at Tanger Outlets

TILTON — Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) and the Nucar Family of Dealerships are proud to announce that the Second Annual Nucar Lakes Region 5K for Mental Health will take place on Sunday, May 31, at the Tanger Outlets in Tilton.

Held during National Mental Health Awareness Month, this event supports the vital mental health programs and services provided by LRMHC. With main offices in Laconia and Plymouth, LRMHC is the state-designated community mental health center that serves up to 4,000 residents of 24 central NH towns and provides up to \$900,000 in charity care each year.

"We are humbled to be the title sponsor of this family-friendly event that brings the community together while supporting LRMHC," said Barbara Lawler of the Nucar Family of Dealerships. "Nucar is committed to giving back to the communities we serve."

LRMHC plays a crucial role in New Hampshire's safety-net mental health system, providing individual and group therapies, 24-hour emergency services, mobile

crisis response, open access, and short-term crisis stabilization.

"We recognize how closely mental and physical health are connected, and this event provides an opportunity to promote both physical activity and mental health awareness within our community," said Maggie Pritchard, President and CEO of LRMHC. "We are grateful for the support of the Nucar Family of Dealerships, Tanger Outlets, and our many other sponsors."

Whether you're a seasoned runner chasing a personal best, a casual walker supporting someone living with mental illness, or a "roller" enjoying fresh air and exercise, this USATF-certified course has something for everyone. The Kids Fun Run is free and kicks off at 8 a.m. and the 5K begins at 8:30 a.m.

You can find more information on the event page: [www.lrmhc.org/nucar5k](http://www.lrmhc.org/nucar5k).

Last year's Nucar 5K had over 200 participants and raised over \$42,000 to support LRMHC's mission. Race participants agreed that the course was fun yet challenging, and they planned to do it again this year.

The Second Annual Nucar Lakes Region 5K for Mental Health is sponsored by the Nucar Family of Dealerships, Tanger Outlets, the Gaudet & Hosmer families, Meredith Village Savings Bank, SymQuest, The Laconia Daily Sun, Stitches NH, Lakes FM, J.Jill, Franklin Savings Bank, HOTWORX, Netsmart, ABA Centers of America, Bank of New Hampshire, Belknap Landscaping, Camden National Bank, Concord Hospital, Melcher & Prescott, NAMI NH, Rockywold Deephaven Camps, Sant Bani School, SecurShred, Taylor Community, The Downtown Gym, and WestBridge.

This event aligns with the LRMHC mission to promote quality, integrated physical and mental health care that improves the overall wellness of our communities.

For questions about the Second Annual Nucar Lakes Region 5K for Mental Health, contact Race Director Jodi Vallee at (603) 619-8939, or [jvallee@lrmhc.org](mailto:jvallee@lrmhc.org).

Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Inc. is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental

health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. A private, non-profit corporation, LRMHC has two campuses in Laconia and Plymouth that serve up to 4,000 children, families, adults and older adults each year. LRMHC provides a comprehensive array of services, including 24/7 Emergency Services, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy; mobile crisis teams in the event a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large; psychiatry; nursing; care management; community-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services for children and their families, including evidence-based treatment practices including EMDR, trauma-focused therapy, and art therapy. Child Impact Programs are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 603-524-1100 or visit the website at [www.lrmhc.org](http://www.lrmhc.org).

## Laconia Golf Classic supports cancer care in the Lakes Region

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

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

"The Laconia Golf Classic is a wonderful example of how our community comes together to support one another," said Kimber Carr, Concord Hospital Trust's director of development and Lakes Region Giving Society manager. "As we continue to expand cancer services in the Lakes Region, events like this play an important role in ensuring patients have access to high-quality care close to where they live."

The event will feature a full day of golf

along with raffles, contests, and other activities designed to create a fun and engaging experience for participants of all skill levels.

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

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

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

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

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# SPORTS

## Scarpa, Witham get multiple wins at Cougar Classic

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

LITCHFIELD — The Prospect Mountain track team competed in a rare Sunday meet on April 26, taking part in the Campbell Cougar Classic at Campbell High School.

DJ Scarpa got the win in the 200 meters with a time of 24.12 seconds while in the 100 meters, Scarpa was third in 11.98 seconds, Evan Fuller was 28th in 13.95 seconds and Declan McCausland was 29th in

14.4 seconds.

Scarpa also won the 400 meters in a time of 53.9 seconds and Sean Hardison was 13th overall in 1:04.02. Hunter Witham took seventh place in the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 21.58 seconds while in the high jump, Hardison was sixth overall at five feet.

Scarpa was third overall in the long jump at 19 feet, four inches and Fuller was 20th at 11 feet, 11.5 inches. McCausland was 21st in the

shot put at 29 feet, five inches and Charles Bravar was 25th at 27 feet, two inches. McCausland was also 11th in the discus at 72 feet, four inches, Bravar was 16th at 66 feet, 10 inches and Witham was 19th at 60 feet, one inch.

For the Prospect girls, Jazmine Witham won the shot put with a toss of 28 feet, five inches and Kayla Fish was ninth overall at 17 feet, nine inches. Fish was also second in the javelin at 75 feet, 8.5 inches

and Witham was third at 74 feet, four inches.

Witham also won the discus with a throw of 92 feet, 11 inches with Fish in second at 71 feet and Natalie Cowser in eighth at 49 feet, two inches. In the 100 meters, Cowser finished in 11th in 14.64 seconds and Kira Campanile was 18th in 16.5 seconds. Campanile was 19th in the 200 meters in 33.57 seconds and 11th in the 400 meters in 1:17.2.

The Timber Wolves are slated to compete

at Laconia today, May 7, at 4 p.m., at the Bristol Lions Invitational at Newfound on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. and at Moultonborough on

Tuesday, May 12, at 4 p.m.

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### Whitehouse spins gem as

### Timber Wolves blank Bears

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain baseball team hosted Newfound on the first day of vacation week and got a stellar pitching performance from Colby Whitehouse on the way to the 10-0 win.

The Timber Wolves scored two runs in each of the first two innings, added one in the fourth and then closed things out with five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Whitehouse went the distance on the mound for the Timber Wolves, striking out six and giving up just three hits while Nate Arnold went the distance on the mound for the Bears, giving up nine hits and striking out five while allowing five earned runs.

Knyte Neathery had a double and a single and drove in four runs to pace the Prospect offense while Whitehouse

had two hits, drove in a run and scored two runs. Blake Pappaceno had a hit and scored four times, Parker O'Brien had a hit and scored a run, Bryce Lounsbury had a hit and scored a run and Vinnie Tilton and Gavin Gorton each had a hit.

For the Bears, Gabin Royea, Abe Furtado and Damien Sherkanowski had the base hits on the day.

Newfound is scheduled to be in action on Monday, May 11, at home against White Mountains and Wednesday, May 13, at home against Mascoma, both at 4 p.m.

Prospect Mountain will be in action on Monday, May 11, at Newport and Wednesday, May 13, at home against Raymond, both at 4 p.m.

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## Dollar Tree signs on as title sponsor for NHMS Cup Series race

LOUDON — Speedway Motorsports and Dollar Tree officials announced Sunday the value retailer has been named entitlement sponsor of the NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) and Official Value Retailer of Speedway Motorsports.

The Dollar Tree 301 will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 23, at NHMS. As the only annual NCS race in New England, the Dollar Tree 301 at "The Magic Mile" will be broadcast worldwide on USA Network, PRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Radio.

"NASCAR fans are some of the most passionate consumers in sports, and partnering with Speedway Motorsports provides a powerful opportunity to connect with them in a meaningful way," said Mike Creedon, Chief Executive Officer, Dollar Tree. "We see this partnership and our race entitlement at New Hampshire Motor Speedway as an invitation for fans to experience the value, convenience and discovery that only Dollar Tree can offer. Just as the sport thrives on teamwork and dedication to deliver for its fans, our more than 150,000 associates across the country

share that same drive to deliver excellence every day for our customers."

In addition to adding their name to New England's only NCS race, Dollar Tree has branded the "More Fun. More Value" pages across all track websites in the Speedway Motorsports family as well as a ticket offer that includes a \$10 Dollar Tree gift card with a purchase of at least two tickets. Dollar Tree will activate in Speedway Motorsports Fan Zones with feature appearances from NCS drivers Erik Jones and John Hunter Nemechek of Legacy Motor Club.

"We're thrilled to put Dollar Tree's name on our NASCAR Cup Series race," said New Hampshire Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath. "Attending a NASCAR race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway is the best value in pro sports, and our team strives to provide a top-notch experience with convenient options for race fans to make memories without breaking the bank. We can't think of a better partner than Dollar Tree to join us in that mission. We look forward to welcoming veteran race fans to the Dollar Tree 301 as well as those discovering

NASCAR for the first time — they're sure to be race fans by the time that checkered flag waves."

Through the partnership, Dollar Tree will activate through a series of NHMS assets, including VIP hospitality throughout race weekend for customers, vendors and associates, venue signage and branding, the opportunity to name the Grand Marshal and Honorary Starter for the race and exclusive promotional rights.

Dollar Tree has proven to be a true supporter of the sport, also serving as a partner of Legacy Motor Club, which is owned by seven-time NCS champion, Hall of Famer and three-time NHMS winner Jimmie Johnson. As a primary partner, Dollar Tree anchors select race weekends with high-impact paint schemes on cars for both Jones and Nemechek, extending its brand from the track to fans nationwide.

"This partnership reflects the momentum we're building with Dollar Tree," said Johnson. "Dollar Tree stepping into an entitlement role at New Hampshire Motor Speedway with Speedway Motorsports speaks to their belief in the sport and the fans — they are committed. Dollar Tree

has been an incredible partner to Legacy Motor Club with their full sponsorship of the numbers 42 and 43 — they want to be in our sport long term, and I'm honored to be in business with them."

This summer's Dollar Tree 301 will be the 55th NCS race at the flat 1.058-mile oval and one of three NASCAR races at "The Magic Mile" from Aug. 21-23. A critical stop on the schedule, the Dollar Tree 301 will be one of the final chances for drivers to earn enough points to secure a spot in The Chase. It will be preceded on Doubleheader Saturday by the Team EJP 175 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (NCTS) race (1:30 p.m.) and the Mohegan Sun 100 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour (NWMT) race (4:30 p.m.).

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

## Craigie wins Panther Award for PSU women's tennis team

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University Department of Athletics held its annual Panther Awards and Senior Reception last Monday night, honoring individual student-athletes from each athletic program.

The Senior Reception was held in Heritage Commons, where graduating athletes were presented with Student-Athlete stoles and gifts from the department.

The Panther Awards were held in Hanaway Theatre and recognized each program's Panther Award winner.

The Panther Award is one

of the department's highest honors, recognizing individuals from each athletic team who best represent Plymouth State Athletics' mission on the field, in the classroom and throughout the community. Each program has the leniency to set its own additional criteria.

Local Panther Award winners included Belmont's Chase Anestis for the wrestling team and Gilford's Alyssa Craigie for the women's tennis program. A full recording of the event will be available on the department's YouTube channel (Plymouth State University Athletics) and website.

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, May 7

**BELMONT**

Baseball vs. White Mountains; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse at Plymouth; 4  
Softball vs. White Mountains; 4

**GILFORD**

Girls' Tennis at Monadnock; 4

Friday, May 8

**GILFORD**

Baseball vs. Somersworth; 4  
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Milford; 4  
Boys' Tennis vs. Prospect Mountain; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse at Kearsarge; 4  
Softball vs. Somersworth; 4

**WINNISQUAM**

Softball at Newfound; 4

Saturday, May 9

**GILFORD**

Track at Newfound; 10

**WINNISQUAM**

Track at Newfound; 10

Monday, May 11

**BELMONT**

Girls' Lacrosse at Pelham; 5  
Softball at Berlin; 4

**GILFORD**

Baseball at Winnisquam; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Coe-Brown; 4  
Softball at Winnisquam; 4

**WINNISQUAM**

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

Tuesday, May 12

**BELMONT**

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Campbell; 4

Track Home Meet; 4

**GILFORD**

Boys' Tennis vs. Trinity; 4

Girls' Tennis at Trinity; 4

Track at Belmont; 4

**WINNISQUAM**

Track at Belmont; 4

Wednesday, May 13

**BELMONT**

Baseball at Winnisquam; 4

Softball at Winnisquam; 4

**GILFORD**

Baseball vs. Inter-Lakes; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Pelham; 4

Boys' Tennis at White Mountains; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at St. Thomas; 4

Softball vs. Berlin; 4

**WINNISQUAM**

Baseball vs. Belmont; 4

Softball vs. Belmont; 4

Thursday, May 14

**BELMONT**

Baseball vs. Inter-Lakes; 4

Track Home Meet; 4

**GILFORD**

Baseball vs. Winnisquam; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Milford; 4

Girls' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4

Softball vs. Winnisquam; 4

**WINNISQUAM**

Baseball at Gilford; 4

Softball at Gilford; 4

Track at Belmont; 4

All schedules are subject to change.

Thursday, May 7

**KINGSWOOD**

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Merrimack; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Track at Laconia; 4

Friday, May 8

**KENNETT**

Baseball vs. St. Thomas; 4

Boys' Lacrosse at Trinity; 3:30

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Hanover; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Berlin; 4

Softball at Berlin; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Baseball vs. Bow; 4

Boys' Lacrosse at St. Thomas; 4

Girls' Tennis at Coe-Brown; 4

Softball vs. Bow; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Boys' Tennis at Gilford; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Lebanon; 4

Softball vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4

Saturday, May 9

**KENNETT**

Track at Newfound; 10

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Track at Newfound; 10

Monday, May 11

**KENNETT**

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Pelham; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Plymouth; 4

Girls' Tennis at Manchester West; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Baseball at Sanborn; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Goffstown; 6

Girls' Tennis vs. Hollis-Brookline; 4

Softball at Sanborn; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Baseball at Newport; 4

Softball at Newport; 4

Tuesday, May 12

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Boys' Tennis at Bishop Brady; 4

Track at Moultonborough; 4

Wednesday, May 13

**KENNETT**

Baseball vs. Bow; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Bishop Brady; 4

Boys' Tennis at Winnacunnet; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Merrimack; 6

Girls' Tennis vs. Winnacunnet; 4

Softball vs. Bow; 4

Track at Kingswood; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Baseball at Oyster River; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Derryfield; 6

Softball at Oyster River; 4

Track Home Meet; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Baseball vs. Raymond; 4

Boys' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4

Softball vs. Raymond; 4

Thursday, May 14

**KENNETT**

Baseball at Pembroke; 4

Softball at Pembroke; 4

**KINGSWOOD**

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Spaulding; 4

**PROSPECT MOUNTAIN**

Baseball vs. Somersworth; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. Profile; 4

Girls' Tennis at Profile; 4

Softball vs. Somersworth; 4

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# THE REAL REPORT

## RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	581 E. Side Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$670,000	Ann Marie Ouellette and William A. Morse	George F. and Adrienne McMurdy
Alton	Route 28-A	N/A	\$419,533	Michael A. and Arline M. Flayhan	Cameron and Aimee Lombardi
Alton	Wolfeboro Road	N/A	\$145,000	Thomas E. Murray III	Gerald Bowman
Barnstead	Birchwood Highway	N/A	\$235,000	David A. Moore	Saphire Financial LLC
Barnstead	4 Sandy Point Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$610,000	Linda Regnier Stilwell	Heather Rachel Morin and Philippe Josecrite
Barnstead	9 W. Hill Pl.	Single-Family Residence	\$290,000	Nikolas William Cody and Dana Rhian Stamper	Brittanie and Kevin Holmes
Barnstead	5 Yield Rd.	Municipal Property	\$124,000	Yury Polozov	Jonathan Robert Swett
New Durham	264 Birch Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$580,000	Nathan Walker 2023 RET	Diamond and Brandon May
New Durham	11 Drew Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$75,000	Francis York	Stephen and Kiley York
New Durham	139 Merrymeeting Rd.	Res.-Mtl. Bldg.	\$375,000	Philip L. Canter and Florence F. Keefe	Raymond George and Rebecca Huff

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### GUNSTOCK

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Gunstock's closing day on April 4. The high-speed detachable quad will be the recipient of a new drive, chair-spacing system, and an all-new control system. It will receive new lift structures installed at the base and summit to house the upgraded control system and lift

attendants.

"A large part of this investment in the Pan won't be directly visible to guests," explained Dave Ulbrich, Director of Mountain Operations. "The real payoff we expect to see is the increased reliability of service that comes with installing a brand-new system like this."

Additional lift improvements will include a new haul rope for the Tiger chair, as well as new grips on the Pistol chair and the completion of Pistol's gearbox rebuild.

Gunstock's snowmaking system is also slated to receive major upgrades this off-season, most notably the

installation of 5,000 feet of new pipe and the isolation of Gunstock's lower and upper mountain snowmaking systems. This update will eliminate system inefficiencies that have prevented simultaneous snowmaking in both regions of the mountain, expanding the resort's ability to make snow

top to bottom at once. The new pipe will not only replace aging infrastructure but also be used to create a more direct snowmaking line to the summit.


Other noteworthy investments include a new Prinoth Bison X winch cat, an additional contactless RFID lift access gate at the base

of the Panorama chair, and the continued widening of the Derringer trail to ensure smoother and safer traffic flow onto the Smith trail.

You can follow Gunstock's ongoing improvements this off-season on their social media pages @gunstockmtn or at [gunstock.com](http://gunstock.com).



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# Kingswood Theater's Summer Camp celebrate the circle of life with "The Lion King KIDS"

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Theater Summer Camp announces its production, Disney's "The Lion King KIDS" at the Kingswood Arts Center. The 30-minute musical, designed for elementary school-aged performers, is based on the Broad-

way production directed by Julie Taymor and the 1994 Disney animated film.

Lion King Kids will be directed by summer theater veteran, Lisa Goodwin, and music directed by Crescent Lake and Carpenter School's music teacher,

Julie Carbone. The program will run Monday through Friday, July 6th through 17 from 8 a.m. to noon, with productions of Friday the 17th at 7 p.m. and Saturday the 18 at 2 p.m. in the K.A.C.

Kingswood Theater Summer Camp is a re-

boot of the longstanding and celebrated tradition of Kingswood Children's Summer Theater. The program will restart this summer with 30 students, welcoming kids who are rising second graders through rising seventh graders. The group hopes to expand its offerings to larger numbers and age groups in coming summers.

"We are so glad to be offering a children's summer theater program in the Kingswood Arts Center again," notes producer Scott Giessler. "It has been a tradition in the Arts Center since its opening, and we are

so thrilled to keep it going."

"The Lion King KIDS" tells the story of the epic adventures of a curious cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destiny as king. Along the way, the young lion encounters a colorful cast of characters including spunky lioness Nala, charismatic meerkat Timon, and lovable warthog Pumbaa. To claim his rightful place on the throne and save his beloved Pridelands, Simba must find his inner strength and confront his wicked Un-

cle Scar. The Lion King KIDS features classic songs from the 1994 film such as "Hakuna Matata" and the Academy Award-winning "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" as well as additional songs penned for the Broadway production.

For information or to register your child for this program, please visit [kingswoodtheater.org](http://kingswoodtheater.org), or call 603-832-8250. The deadline for registering is Friday, June 19. However, there is a limit of thirty students this year, with almost half of the spaces already filled.

## Annual Mother's Day plant sale set for May 9 in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — The community is invited to enjoy an easy way to treat your favorite Mom on Mother's Day with a plant or flowers being offered for sale at the First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro, UCC on Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or Sunday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon.

In conjunction with the local producer, Spider Web Gardens of Tuffonboro, this fund-

raising event includes a wide selection of seasonal flowers, garden plants, hanging baskets, perennials, flowering annuals, and other assorted potted plants. No cut flowers are offered. This event offers shoppers the perfect opportunity to find a thoughtful Mother's Day gift or add color to their homes and gardens for the spring season.

Shoppers are encouraged to arrive early for the best selection. Pro-

ceeds from the sale will support ongoing community initiatives and programs. FCCW is located at 115 S. Main St., Wolfeboro, across from the Carpenter School. It is a rain or shine event. In case of bad weather, the sale will be held inside the Church in Fellowship Hall. The plant sale is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend and support the community programs of FCCW.

## Head-on collision leaves one driver deceased

ALTON — One person was killed and another remains hospitalized after a head-on collision last week in Alton.

At approximately 6:30 a.m. on April 28, the Alton Police Department responded to a report of a head-on motor vehicle crash involving serious injuries and entrapment on Henry Wilson Highway (Route 11) near Heron Point Road.

A preliminary on-scene investigation indicated that a 2023 Nissan Altima, operated by Stacey Odette-Bissell, age 40, of Rochester was traveling westbound when it crossed into the eastbound lane for reasons that remained unknown as of our press deadline for this week's edition. The vehicle col-

lided head-on with a 2024 Jeep Compass operated by Jessica Franklin, age 31, of Berwick, Maine.

Both vehicles sustained heavy damage, and both operators were entrapped upon arrival of emergency responders. Jessica Franklin sustained serious, non-life-threatening injuries and was transported from the scene by Alton Fire Rescue. Odette-Bissell was pronounced deceased at the scene.

No other individuals were involved in the crash.

A section of Route 11, from the Alton Traffic Circle to the Depot Street intersection in New Durham, was closed during the investigation and was reopened at approximately 11:30 AM.

All aspects of the crash remain under investigation. Anyone with information regarding this crash is asked to contact Officer Kyle Donahue at 603-875-0757 or [kyle.donahue@alton.nh.gov](mailto:kyle.donahue@alton.nh.gov).

The Alton Police Department would like to thank the Alton Fire Department, New Durham Fire Department, and New Durham Police Department for their assistance at the scene. We also extend our appreciation to the professionals with the Belknap Regional Accident Investigation Team (B.R.A.I.T) for their continued support in this investigation.

Our thoughts are with the families of those involved during this difficult time.

## Gilford Middle School Theatre presents "School of Rock"

GILFORD — The Gilford Middle School Theatre program is proud to announce its upcoming production of School of Rock: The Musical – Young Actors Edition, with performances taking place at the Gilford High School auditorium on May 28-30 at 7 p.m., with an additional matinee performance on May 30 at 2 p.m.

Rehearsals for this high-energy production have been going exceptionally well, with students demonstrating impressive dedication, focus, and growth. The cast continues to improve with each rehearsal, bringing enthusiasm and commitment to every moment on stage.

Leading the production is 8th grader Ryder McCall as the unforgettable Dewey Finn. Twin sisters Sophia and Victoria Lyman will alternate in the role of Rosalie,

while Colton Kingsley takes on the role of Zack and Maya Amour plays the powerhouse vocalist Tomika. The talented student cast also features Indiana Gault as Summer, Amelia Schroth as Katie, Logan Currier as Freddy, and Kellen Cruz as Lawrence. They are joined by more than 30 additional Gilford Middle School students portraying classmates, teachers, parents, and other dynamic roles that bring the story to life.

Behind the scenes, the production is supported by a dedicated and talented team. Music teacher Aidan Lamont has been working closely with the cast to bring the show's exciting, rock-inspired score to life. Technical Director Anthony Eldridge leads a hardworking crew of 20 student technicians, while Karen Madon returns to oversee costumes, helping to create the vibrant

and authentic look of the production. Additionally, talented 12th grade student Grace Laurent will provide the show's head-banging, hip hop-inspired choreography, adding even more energy and excitement to the production.

School of Rock is more than just a musical—it's a celebration of creativity, confidence, and the transformative power of the arts. With its electrifying music and inspiring message, the show highlights how the arts can have a profound and positive impact on students.

The community is encouraged to come out and support these incredible performers and crew members as they showcase their hard work and talent.

Tickets are available now at [gilford.ludus.com/200528867](http://gilford.ludus.com/200528867).

For more information, please contact Gilford Middle School Theatre.

### ROTARY

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sounding success, reflecting Rotary's mission to Unite for Good and serve as People of Action. Alton Rotarians worked side-by-side with Forest Society staff, the Belknap Range Conservation Coalition, and community volunteers to strengthen community connections, share ideas,

and celebrate the shared responsibility of caring for our environment.

The Alton Rotary now meets on the first and third Monday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community/Senior

Center, Alton. Stop by and learn about our upcoming service projects, share your ideas, and join in the fun. Contact us at [altoncentrotary@gmail.com](mailto:altoncentrotary@gmail.com) or Duane at 603-569-3745.

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# Bernier shines under the hood at LRTC

## Senior wins statewide automotive service technology competition

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
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WOLFEBORO — Kingswood senior Ayden Bernier knows what he wants to do when he graduates in June. But he's also found something he's pretty good at that can help him out along the way outside of that career.

Bernier, who wants to be a cop when he finishes high school, recently took first place in automotive service technology as part of the SkillsUSA state competition at Lakes Region Community College in Laconia. Bernier has been studying for three and a half years in the automotive service technology program at Lakes Region Technical Center (LRTC) and has also been doing a school to work program at Sal's Automotive on Center Street in Wolfeboro.

"My dad got me into cars when I was wicked young so I wanted to be able to work on my own, I want to know what I'm doing so I took 3.5 years of automotive so I can get better at working on my own cars," Bernier said. "The program was accessible, I wanted to take advantage of it and I like it. It's what I like doing."

Bernier noted that at his competition he had 10 different stations in the giant LRCC shop, including doing things like measuring brakes for runout and thickness variation, installing helicoils and other automotive service processes. He also pointed out that the marine program also had its state competition in the same shop.

The Kingswood senior



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Ayden Bernier is pretty comfortable under the hood of a vehicle and his proficiency in automotive service technology earned him the win at the statewide SkillsUSA competition and a chance to compete in the national championships in June.

participated in the same competition last year and finished in third place before returning this year to finish first in the state. His first place finish this year qualified him to compete in the SkillsUSA National Leadership Skills competition, which will be held June 1-5 in Atlanta, Ga.

At LRTC, on the campus of Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro, the two-year automotive technology program is designed for both male and female students interested in developing mechanical and technical skills in repairing and servicing automobiles. Both two and four-cycle engines are studied to include many applications of these systems in modern automobiles. Safe and proper use of many tools and pieces of equipment found in today's

automotive repair shops are stressed and welding equipment is introduced.

Second year activities sharpen and expand skills attained in the first year and also include introduction to automobile diagnostics and tune-up procedures covering

larger internal combustion engines using both gas and diesel fuels. Students study the major components of today's automobile and gain experience with electrical and electronics systems, steering and suspension, power train, brakes, and re-

lated tools and diagnostic equipment.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the premier showcase of America's most highly skilled career and technical education students. It's also one of the largest hands-on workforce development events in the world. This event features more than 6,700 state champions from across the United States competing head-to-head in 114 skilled and leadership competitions.

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

Competitions are created, overseen, and judged by nearly 2,000 industry volunteers, each committed

to building the next generation of skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members on which the future depends.

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

Bernier will head to Atlanta in June for the SkillsUSA National Leadership Skills competition, where his work will be put to the test against other students from around the United States.

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## Touch-a-Plane, Touch-a-Truck at Laconia Airport

GILFORD — Winn Aero, the STEM education non-profit for youth, is pleased to announce that it will again sponsor, with the Laconia Airport Authority, the annual Open House event on Saturday, May 9. The popular family-oriented event, dubbed "Wings, Water & Wheels," will operate in the "touch a plane, touch a truck" format.

"We'll have several aircraft owners displaying



their airplanes and expect a local marina to display their boats, along with Gilford Fire and Police, and Sheriff's vehicles, large excavators and snow-plows," stated Karen Mitchell, WinnAero President.

The Belknap County SWAT vehicle will also be on display. Expected to round out the displays will be a construction crane, an oil truck and other construction vehicles.

"This is an excellent opportunity to speak directly with the pilots, operators, police and fire personnel about their planes, vehicles and careers," Mitchell added.

Kids will be able to "fly" using the WinnAero Flight Simulators, speak to members of the Civil Air Patrol and the ACE Academy Summer Camps. Kids un-

der 18 may also fly free orientation flights at the event thanks to the local chapter of the EAA. The World's largest association of aircraft owners is donating their aircraft and pilots to fly kids, free of charge, on "Young Eagle Flights"; pre-register at [www.eaachapters.org](http://www.eaachapters.org). Pine Tree Helicopters will be offering helo rides for a fee to children and adults.

Laconia Airport gates open at 9 a.m. on May 9, and the event will run until 2 p.m. Wings, Water Wheels is WinnAero's main fundraiser to help deliver aviation and aerospace education to youth throughout New Hampshire. An admission of \$5 per person or \$20 per family is gratefully accepted to support this mission. Youth registered for Young Eagle flights get free admission. There will

also be a 50/50 cash raffle at the Open House. A Food Truck for food and drinks will be available. WinnAero appreciates the financial and in-kind support from the Laconia Airport Authority, The Bank of New Hampshire, the EAA, Granite State Glass, SkyBright Aviation, The Glidden Trust, Pine Tree Helicopters and Emerson Aviation. Besides Wings, Water & Wheels, WinnAero is also gearing up to operate its ACE Academy week-long day camps in July. As of today, 82 campers are enrolled while 30 slots remain open for interested youth. The openings are in Aeromedical Aviation, Air Traffic Control, Girls in Aviation, Pre-Ground School and Search & Rescue. For more information, please visit [www.winn aero.org](http://www.winn aero.org).

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