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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 vocal 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 Barbara 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.

## Eagles solid in final home meet of season



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Will Odell runs past a group of cheering teammates (and a few White Mountains athletes and coaches) on his final lap on the Livingston Oval during the 4X400-meter relay last Tuesday afternoon.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**CONWAY** — For the second time in as many weeks, the Kennett track team welcomed teams to Gary Millen Stadium for a meet, this time bringing White Mountains, Berlin, Souhegan, Merrimack Valley and Newfound to Conway for a vacation week meet on Tuesday, April 28.

Anthony St. Laurence had a great day in the high jump, clearing five feet, nine inches to take the win with Marquis Fils-Twomey in fifth at five feet, two inches and Andy Joubert in seventh at five feet.

Jonah Katz tossed his way to first in the discus with a throw of 118 feet, four inches while in the

javelin, Cadence Kenney was second at 129 feet, six inches, Katz was fifth at 103 feet, eight inches, Mikey Lyons was seventh at 102 feet, four inches and Joubert was 13th at 93 feet, seven inches.

Jayden Duncan ran to the win in the 200 meters in 23.68 seconds with Kenney in second in 25.51 seconds, Lyons in fifth in 26.03 seconds, Clayton Hague in 11th in 27.08 seconds and Nate Johnson in 19th in 28.53 seconds.

Duncan was also second in the 100 meters in 11.79 seconds with Bo Nong in fifth in 12.34 seconds, Kenney in seventh in 12.46 seconds and Johnson in 21st in 13.53 seconds. Kobe Nong took fourth in

the 400 meters in 1:02.36.

Isaac McIndoe finished in second in the 800 meters in a time of 2:15.45 with Will Odell in third in 2:18.1, Ashton Ingham in fourth in 2:21.04 and Charlie Dougherty in fifth in 2:22.78. Johnson was also third in the shot put with a throw of 39 feet, 1.5 inches.

Bo Nong was second in the long jump at 19 feet, .5 inches with Kenney in fourth at 17 feet, 2.25 inches, Kobe Nong in ninth at 15 feet, 11.5 inches, Fils-Twomey in 10th at 15 feet, 9.5 inches and St. Laurence in 11th at 14 feet, 11 inches.

Bo Nong also jumped to second in the triple jump

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## Bernier shines under the hood at LRTC

Senior wins statewide automotive service technology competition

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

**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 out-

side of that career.

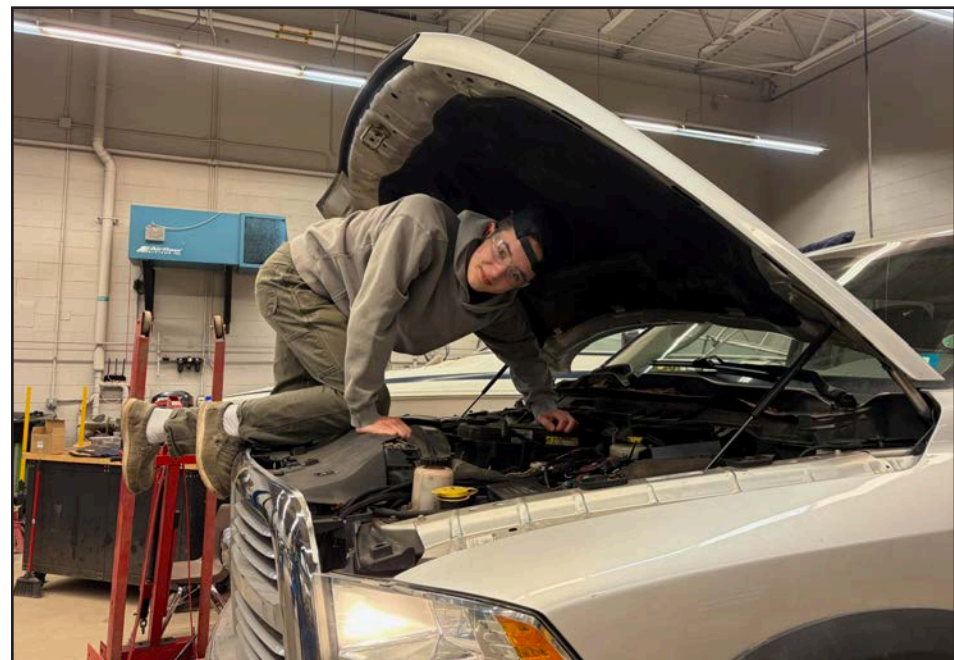
Bernier, who wants to be a cop when he finishes high school, recently took first place in automotive

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

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

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.

## Tuftonboro couple’s deaths ruled a joint suicide

**TUFTONBORO** — Attorney General John M. Formella, New Hampshire State Police Colonel Mark B. Hall, and Tuftonboro Police Chief James C. Hathcock announce additional information regarding the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the discovery of two deceased adults this past weekend.

At approximately 9:24 a.m. on May 2, the Tuftonboro Police Department responded to a single-family summer residence located at 40 Governor Wentworth Highway, in Tuftonboro. The police responded after receiving a call from a neighbor who had discovered two deceased adults outside and behind a camp on the 40 Governor Wentworth Highway property. The two deceased adults have been identified as a married couple, David Warren, age 79, and Rae Lynn Warren, 78, of Tuftonboro. The Warrens are the owners of the 40 Governor Wentworth Highway property.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner conducted autopsies on the Warrens Monday. The Chief Medical Examiner has determined that the cause of their deaths was environmental hypothermia, and the manner of both deaths was suicide.

No further release of information is expected from authorities.

# Makers Mill receives Business Inspiration Award from Lakes Region Chamber

**WOLFEBORO** — Makers Mill is honored to announce its selection as a recipient of the Business Inspiration Award at the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce's Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Breakfast, held earlier this spring at Mill Falls at the Lake in Meredith.

Presented as part of the Chamber's annual gathering - this year, themed "Charting the Course for 2026"—the Business Inspiration Awards recognize organizations and leaders whose work strengthens the region's economic vitality, fosters innovation, and inspires community connection. Makers Mill was recognized alongside a diverse group of businesses and nonprofits that collectively reflect the strength and creativity of the Lakes Region.

Makers Mill, a nonprofit community makerspace, exists to empower individ-

uals of all ages and backgrounds to learn, create, and collaborate. Through access to tools, training, and shared space, the Mill supports workforce development, entrepreneurship, and lifelong learning—key priorities aligned with the Chamber's mission to support, advocate for, and connect local businesses.

"This recognition is a reflection of the incredible community - volunteers, members, donors, staff, partners, and patrons - that makes Makers Mill possible," said Josh Arnold, Makers Mill's Executive Director. "We're honored to contribute to a regional ecosystem where creativity, skill-building, and innovation drive both personal growth and economic opportunity. The Chamber's commitment to fostering a connected and creative business community mirrors our own mission."

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Makers Mill was a recipient of a Business Inspiration Award from the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. Executive Director of Makers Mill, Josh Arnold, is pictured here receiving the award on behalf of the nonprofit at the Chamber's annual meeting. The Business Inspiration Awards recognize organizations and leaders whose work strengthens the region's economic vitality, fosters innovation, and inspires community connection.

bers, the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce plays a vital role in advancing a thriving regional economy. Events like the Annual Meeting bring together business leaders, nonprofits, and community stakeholders to celebrate shared successes and set a collective vision for the future.

Makers Mill's impact spans hands-on education, support for entrepreneurs and solopreneurs, and partnerships that bridge traditional career pathways with a holistic approach to

achieving vocational goals.

The organization has also worked closely with the Lakes Region Planning Commission to align its programming and initiatives with the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), helping ensure that local workforce and innovation efforts are coordinated and forward-looking. By lowering barriers to access for tools and training, the Makers Mill continues to inspire new ideas and partnerships that strengthen the region's workforce pipeline.

"We are deeply grateful to the Lakes Region Chamber for this honor and for their ongoing leadership in bringing the community together," Arnold added. "We look forward to continuing our work

alongside so many inspiring organizations as we help shape what's next for the Lakes Region."

About Makers Mill

Makers Mill is a nonprofit makerspace dedicated to building a vibrant community of makers, learners, and innovators. Located in Wolfboro, New Hampshire, the Mill provides access to tools, classes, and collaborative opportunities that support creativity, entrepreneurship, and workforce development across the Lakes Region. Visitors can explore the building, try new skills, and connect with local makers. Free tours are offered every Friday and the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and to register, visit makers-mill.org.

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

**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 Wolfboro, 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 Tuftonboro, this fundraising 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. Proceeds from the sale will support ongoing community initiatives and programs. FCCW is located at 115 S. Main St., Wolfboro, 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.

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# Cornerstone Christian Academy announces hiring of Dr. Lori Peters as Principal



Dr. Lori Peters

OSSIPEE — Cornerstone Christian Academy is excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Lori Peters as Principal, effective July 1. A passionate Christian leader and experienced educator, Dr. Peters brings a compelling vision for spiritual and academic growth that signals a bright and promising future for

the school.

With more than a decade of leadership experience in Christian education and ministry, Dr. Peters has consistently demonstrated her ability to build strong, faith-centered programs and thriving school communities. Her leadership reflects a deep commitment to Christ, a heart for discipleship, and a strategic mindset focused on growth, excellence, and long-term impact.

Dr. Peters has a proven track record of developing innovative academic programs that integrate biblical truth with rigorous instruction. She designed and implemented a comprehensive four-year worldview curriculum and has equipped teachers to em-

bed faith into every subject area—strengthening both academic excellence and spiritual formation.

In addition to her academic leadership, Dr. Peters brings valuable experience in organizational growth and strategic planning. She has contributed to school improvement initiatives, accreditation success, and long-term vision planning, while also helping guide large-scale operations and budgets. Her ability to unite teams, build positive culture, and move organizations forward positions Cornerstone Christian Academy for continued growth and expanded impact in the years ahead.

Dr. Peters currently serves as Chair of the Merrimack School Board and

has been recognized for her collaborative leadership and forward-thinking approach. She is known as a leader who loves the Lord and is dedicated to helping students and educators flourish both spiritually and academically.

She holds a Ph.D. in Theology and Apologetics, along with advanced degrees in educational leadership in curriculum and instruction, equipping her to lead with both theological depth and academic excellence.

“Dr. Peters brings the kind of visionary, Christ-centered leadership that creates opportunity,” said Karen DeJager, Chairman of the Board. “We believe her passion for discipleship, combined with her

strategic experience, will help Cornerstone grow in both enrollment and impact as we continue to strengthen our mission.”

Dr. Peters shared her excitement about the future: “I am honored to join Cornerstone Christian Academy at such an exciting time. I believe God has great things ahead for this school, and I look forward to partnering with families and faculty to cultivate a community where students are academically challenged, inspired, and equipped to live out their faith boldly.”

As Cornerstone Christian Academy looks to the future, the appointment of Dr. Peters marks the beginning of a new chapter—one marked by

strengthened mission, and a renewed commitment to developing students who are grounded in biblical truth and prepared to make a meaningful impact for Christ.

Cornerstone Christian Academy recently celebrated 40 years of providing a strong educational foundation for hundreds of students in the Lakes Region. The school currently serves students in Pre-K through 8th grade, offering a Christ-centered academic program focused on character, learning, and growth. Enrollment is now open for the 2026–2027 school year. For more information, visit <https://cornerstoneabc.org> or call 603-539-8636.

# 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 education, 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 Sat-

urday, 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 welcomed to attend, included 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 Web site at [www.wrightmuseum.org](http://www.wrightmuseum.org).

# Wright Museum to host State Police Bomb Squad presentation on identifying dangerous war souvenirs

WOLFEBORO — As the nation prepares to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States, many families are revisiting heirlooms passed down through generations. Among these treasured items, some may include military souvenirs—objects that, in rare cases, could still contain explosive materials.

To help the public better understand the risks and appropriate responses, the Wright Museum of WWII will host a special community presentation featuring Neil R. Chapdelaine of the New Hampshire State Police Bomb Squad.

The program will take place on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Wright Museum of WWII, 77 Center St., Wolfboro. There is no cost to attend.

During this informative session, Trooper Chapdelaine—who also serves as an Explosive Detection K9 Handler—will provide insight into the work of the Bomb Squad and offer practical guidance on what to do if you encounter an unfamiliar or potentially hazardous item in your home or on your property. The presentation is designed to raise awareness and promote safety, particularly as interest in historical artifacts grows during this milestone anniversary year.

For safety reasons, attendees are strictly advised not to bring any items to the event. Information will be provided during the program on how to properly contact the Bomb Squad if you have questions or concerns about a specific object.

This event is free to the public and is especially relevant for anyone who owns or has inherited military memorabilia. This program will be presented again on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Lake Winnepesaukee Museum in the Weirs.

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## A quiet tragedy, and a reminder to look out for one another

There are moments in small towns when the news stops people in their tracks. This past weekend in Tuftonboro was one of those moments.

The deaths of David and Rae Lynn Warren, a local couple, are deeply unsettling. Not because of unanswered questions, but because of the answers we now have. Authorities have determined their deaths were the result of environmental hypothermia, ruled a suicide. It is a stark and sobering conclusion, one that leaves a community searching for understanding rather than resolution.

In towns like Tuftonboro, where neighbors often know one another by name, tragedies like this feel personal. A home on Governor Wentworth Highway is not simply an address. It is a place tied to memories, routines, and a sense of familiarity that defines rural life. When something like this happens, it reverberates well beyond a single property line.

It is easy, in the aftermath of such news, to look for explanations that make sense of it. But often, there are none that fully do. What remains instead is a quiet reminder of how much we may not see in the lives of those around us.

One of the defining strengths of communities across the Lakes Region has always been their sense of connection. People check in on one another. They notice when something seems off. They lend a hand when it is needed. Yet even in close-knit places, it is possible for someone to struggle in ways that remain hidden.

This tragedy underscores the importance of staying attentive, not only to our own lives, but to those around us. A conversation on a front porch. A quick phone call. A knock on the door when something does not seem right. These small gestures, often taken for granted, can carry more weight than we realize.

It also highlights the need to continue normalizing conversations about mental health, particularly among older residents who may be less likely to speak openly about their struggles. Pride, independence, and a reluctance to burden others can sometimes create barriers that are difficult to overcome alone.

Communities do not need to have all the answers to make a difference. They simply need to remain engaged. Local churches, senior centers, town services, and volunteer organizations all play a role in maintaining those lines of connection. So do neighbors, friends, and family members who take the time to notice and to care.

There is no easy way to process a loss like this. There is no simple lesson that neatly ties it together. But there is an opportunity, as difficult as it may be, to reflect on how we support one another in both visible and invisible ways.

In the days ahead, the focus will understandably shift. Life will continue, as it always does. But it is worth holding onto the quiet reminder this moment offers.

Look in on a neighbor. Reach out to someone you have not spoken to in a while. Pay attention to the subtle changes that might otherwise go unnoticed.

In small towns, that is how we take care of one another. And sometimes, it matters more than we know.



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Wolfeboro's 44th year as a designated Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation has been marked by tree plantings on several town sites. The Arbor Day and Earth Day plantings by Parks and Recreation staff and tree warden Matt Bishop took place at Foss Field (Sunset Red Maple donated by Bartlett Tree Experts); South Wolfeboro Cemetery and Carry Beach (White Spruces and London Plane donated by the Wolfeboro Conservation Commission); McKinney Park (White Spruce donated by Shand Haughey Lawn and Garden). Coming soon, "Branch Out Wolfeboro" a subcommittee of the conservation commission, to raise private donations aimed at sustaining town tree plantings and maintenance.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Breaking it means a cash cow

To the Editor:

Hurricane Katrina's destruction in 2005 created a unique postdisaster opportunity to rebuild New Orleans' schools from the ground up. With massive federal funding and an urgent need to reopen classrooms, city leaders converted many district schools to charters — independently run schools managed by mainly private organizations/businesses and several nonprofits instead of local districts. That emergency model produced quick, early gains: schools reopened faster and test scores rose in many places.

That transition was deeply disruptive: entire school administrations, educators, and support staffs were fired, and many schools were permanently closed, bringing devastating economic loss to whole communities.

Over time initial advantages faded. Federal recovery dollars dwindled, teacher and principal turnovers rose, and oversight of charter operators weakened, leaving only questions in accountability and transparency. Services for vulnerable students—especially special education were often inconsistent, inadequate or not at all. With communities pushing for more equitable, stable, coordinated public schooling, New Orleans has moved away from privatization and toward public schools.

Since that New Orleans experiment Michigan and Arizona tried that rapid, largescale charter expansion but failed to replicate the same results, producing only short-term gains with weaker oversight, equity problems, and longterm funding issues.

We deserve better than recycled ideas that history has already judged as failures.

News flash: Public schools have educated nearly all Americans—from most every tradesperson to professional—since the first taxpayer-funded school was established in Dedham, Massachusetts, in 1644. 382 years—think about that.

What does all of this have to do with New Hampshire?

### If candidates don't show up during elections, will they show up when they win?

To the Editor:

It's disappointing when politicians running for office refuse to attend candidate forums. I've been to recent events at UNH sponsored by the students and the Strafford County Democrats forum in Barrington. Stefany Shaheen did not attend either of those candidate forums. In addition, her campaign has reportedly said that she will only be able to attend the first half of one upcoming forum in Manchester on May 13, and she will not be at one in Hampton on May 27.

Here in New Hampshire, voters value meeting candidates face to face. Candidate forums are an important way for folks to compare the candidates and to ask direct questions. This brand of retail politics has a long and proud history in our state.

As Carleigh Beriont said in an op-ed in the Union Leader, "New Hampshire loves democracy — up close and personal. And we know that democracy means showing up, over and over again, for as long as it takes to get it right... I know the people here expect to meet their candidates in person: in a church basement, at a union hall, on a picnic bench, or after checking out at the grocery store. It's a humbling place to run for office because voters take their responsibility to vet candidates very seriously — and that means answering tough questions and welcoming raised eyebrows and follow-ups about what the last three candidates said on the same topic."

If candidates are not willing to show up during elec-

tion, I have to wonder if they will show up for their constituents after the election. And if they do not listen to concerns from voters, what indication do we have that they will have any understanding of the needs of their constituents once in office?

I'm supporting Carleigh Beriont in the First Congressional District because she shows up and she listens. Carleigh has put over 18,000 miles on her car and gone to over 175 in-person events across the district - all free and open to the public. This is the kind of person I want representing me in the US Congress!

Is limited expertise in education why some legislators keep pushing these failed ideas—that privatizing public schools is better? Are they serving students and communities—or are legislators motivated to expand cash cow business opportunities in education? Who benefits from privatization? As reported in Concord Monitor (April 15, 2025), seven private/Christian schools in New Hampshire have each taken in millions from our Public School Trust Fund to support the wealthy's vouchers system; "choice" is just the final blow.

We cannot afford to mistake experimentation and/or offer big business cash cow opportunities and call that the solution or progress.

We're voting on performance on Nov. 3.

Linda Burnap  
Wolfeboro

Ginger Hankins  
Wolfeboro

### Peternel's pro-life record matches her words

To the Editor:

I have voted pro-life in every election for decades. For years, I have personally helped both the mother her child (children) some through homeschooling, some through housing, one through a Fresh Air program. I have spent years walking alongside new mothers in my community. The phrase "pro-life" has always felt incomplete to me when it stops at birth.

Rep. Katy Peternel is doing something different, and it is overdue. She has said plainly that a vote for life is a vote to protect women — and her record matches her words. She is not asking the movement to soften its convictions. She is asking it to widen them. Honor mothers and you save babies.

If the pro-life movement has a future in New Hampshire, it looks more like Katy Peternel. I will hope her replacement feels the same.

Elaine Ferguson  
Wolfeboro

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# CABIN CHRONICLES

## Haunted by peepers



BY DANIEL W. LAKE  
TUFTONBORO

“By June, our brook’s run out of song and speed. Sought for after that, it will be found, Either to have gone groping underground, And taken with it all the Hyla breed, That shouted in the mist a month ago.”—R. Frost

Well I remember that boyhood spring evening, with the first stars faintly lit as I walked home for supper, bat and glove in hand, when first I noticed a music like sleigh bells in the distance. Ground water had gathered in the wet meadow on the edge of a field where we boys gathered after school to play baseball until it was too dark to see. It was

April and the season of new life and new hope and the spring peepers were in full chorus, advertising their amorous desire. Years later I stood on the edge of an Adirondack pond recently freed from winter’s icy grip and I heard them sing their sweet song of liberation and new life that caught me up in an ecstasy akin to new love. Eventually, we moved onto our Connecticut farm that had abundant wetlands. Come spring, the evenings were full of the sound of peepers from every corner celebrating the joys of new life returned. Their joy resonated because our farm was for me a new life and a new beginning filled with joyful anticipation, just as our move here to the greater Copsps Pond wetlands system has been a birth to a new life filled with endless possibilities.

Every culture down through history has had its rites of

spring and mythologies of eternal life rising from the dead. The Egyptians had their Phoenix, a golden bird reputed to live 500 years then go up in flames of destruction. After a few days, however, it would rise again from the ashes. The sun dies every night and is reborn the next morning. Jesus was laid in a borrowed tomb, but 3-days later walked again among those he loved. Ezekiel prophesied that a valley of dried bones would one day live and breathe again. Perhaps our peepers, bearing the sign of the cross on their backs, declare that life seemingly lost and sunk in the mud can indeed rise up to sing sweetly of far off spring evenings...

Most of us, most of the time, live our lives in that small world that centers on “me” and my conscious purposes. We walk about, somewhat like zombies,

oblivious to the greater universe and its deeper truths, messages that ride on every photon of light. But every once in a while, some experience or exposure breaks our living coma and opens our subconscious mind allowing us to see a multitude of connections to time and the greater systems of which we are a part. These come during dreams, near death experience, through ego-dissolving use of psychedelics, deeply moving religious experiences, and through aesthetic engagement. In all cases, the artificial boundaries between us and the universe dissolve such that we can, even if momentarily, see ourselves as a unified part of a greater whole that reaches beyond Alpha Centura and continues endlessly.

Peepers haunt my mind. Haunting is not necessarily a sinister term associated with ghosts and demons,

but implies a continually habitation, a residency. All those spring evenings and all those sweet songs habituate my amygdala and hippocampus, returning each year to unlock far deeper phylogenetic knowledge that transcends a pathologically limited ego to open the door to a greater truth: That I am part and parcel of all that is and was for all of time, that my true self and the world about are one and the same. As one continues so does the other. As they sing their song of life unending they are speaking a deeper truth that transcends my foolish and myopic fear of death. They affirm what Schiller saw—“Joy, that spark of divinity, Daughter of Elysium... Thy magic power reunites. All that custom has divided; All men become brothers. Under the sway of thy gentle winds.”

Primary processes are those that occupy the greater part

of our brain beyond conscious purpose. They are “processes of the heart,” unconscious, barely accessible to language, and are concerned with relationships and connections. They are religious in that they deal in connections uniting the individual with the greater cosmos.

I think of the peepers’ song as earth’s Hallelujah Chorus celebrating unending life and joy. Each year, they resound with primary processes in a haunted mind saying, “Fear not, embrace the joy, know that we are you and you are us, variants of the one and same substance, continuing on as long as spring returns and stars faintly glow in the evening sky.”

Perhaps peepers are the doormen to an aesthetic response that could be salvation for both man and earth?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Peternel’s agenda is to convert NH’s public schools to charter schools

To the Editor:

Remember last January, when private messages from Rep. Kristin Noble, Chair of the NH House Education and Policy Committee, advocating segregated public schools, were leaked? In her words, “When we have segregated schools we can add all the fun stuff LOL... imagine the scores if we had schools for them and some for us.” She later clarified that she meant political and not racial segregation, as if this makes her remarks less abhorrent.

A fellow user in the chat, Katy Peternel, vice chair of the aforesaid committee, responded with a laughing emoji. (Sources: NH Public Radio, Concord Monitor)

This response should give us great pause and concern, as it shows where Peternel stands. Moreover, she is not qualified to serve on the House Education and Policy Committee, let alone be vice chair. In a cringeworthy segment posted to Facebook from an April 1 official hearing of the aforesaid committee on HB101 (open enrollment) in Concord, Peternel made it clear that she hasn’t any idea how Individualized Education Plans work. IEPs, under federal law, are legal documents for students with disabilities in public schools nationwide which outline the services, goals and accommodations needed to help them succeed in school. These plans are transferable to other school districts to which a student moves. Peternel did not know that, nor the implications. She asked, to paraphrase, does the IEP go away when the child moves? Yikes!

Peternel homeschooled her kids. Her choice, but she hasn’t the experience of parenting a student in public schools. She is imposing her values in a manner that doesn’t support her constituents, not for the first time.

Rep. Jason Osborne, Republican House Majority Leader (a libertarian), who moved to NH in 2010 to advance the Free State Project and is its proclaimed leader, has sponsored HB 1358 which aims to establish a commission devoted to converting all public schools to charter schools. Both Peternel and Noble are involved in this bill.

Connect the dots. There are clear initiatives moving through the legislature to convert New Hampshire public schools to charter schools. They will be under-funded to not meet the needs of students with special needs, also giving charter schools the ability to opt out of accepting these students. Also, open enrollment, SB 101, allow(ed) students to enroll in any district statewide, allegedly with the state providing additional funding to the receiving district. Imagine this placing pressure on receiving school districts as

the former ones are defunded, leading to the demise of public schools statewide.

Fortunately, this legislation “stumbled at the finish line in the NH House” on April 23, as 21 Republicans joined 163 Democrats against this bill (Union Leader), and it has been placed on indefinite hold. Remember, Peternel was involved in trying to advance the bill. We are ecstatic to see democracy function at its best. Huge kudos to the brave Republicans and who stood up with Democrats against this bill!

Similar initiatives in other states have failed dismally. Meanwhile, we need to consider opportunities to adequately fund public education statewide without driving homeowners out of state due to uncontrolled property taxation. This will require voting in new Democratic leadership to the New Hampshire legislature and working in a bipartisan manner with Republicans who likewise support our public schools.

Respectfully,  
Susan Crimp-Marcet  
Wolfeboro

## Almanac

“When you put down the good things you ought to have done, and leave out the bad ones you did do well, that’s memoirs.” — Will Rogers

### WOLFEBORO WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

BY BILL SWAFFIELD

Date	High	Low	Precipitation	Snow
6/23/23	80	50		
6/24/23	76	67	.55"	
6/25/23	83	65	.27"	
6/26/23	72	68	.27"	
6/27/23	75	58	.25"	
6/28/23	76	64	.68"	
6/29/23	75	64		

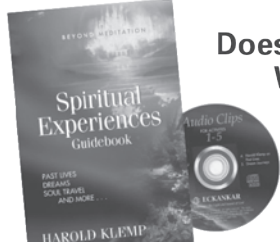
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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Proud to not be a “real man”

To the Editor:

Fox News personality Jesse Waters showed a clip of failed VP candidate Waltz pushing a shopping cart with his wife in a supermarket and proclaimed “real men don’t shop with their wives.”

I shopped with my wife every week for the 44 years I was lucky enough to have her, and would give everything I own to shop with her just one more time. This makes me a big fat sissy by MAGA standards. Please forgive my unmanliness. I am over 70, and was raised by insane standards like admitting when you’re wrong, apologizing, respecting elders, revering veterans even those captured, protecting women and children from rapists and pedo-

philes. What were my parents thinking!

At the No Kings rally Saturday, I watched grey haired drivers express disapproval with a big thumbs down, but when the 20-something drove by, they gave the gaggle of 70- and 80-year-olds the middle finger, some shouting obscenities. How very MAGA. That’s the kind of bravery Trump inspires. It will be interesting to see how these brave young folks are when they get drafted. Auto selected service registrations begin December. Sissy that I am, I’ll pray for them.

Michael Bogart  
Wolfeboro

## Open enrollment bill would create new backdoor donor town system

To the Editor:

I am the Chair of the Governor Wentworth Regional School Board. I am submitting this letter to notify fellow property taxpayers, especially those in Wolfeboro who also desire fiscal prudence in the spending of public funds. There is legislation in New Hampshire that seeks to mandate that all school districts permit open enrollment. Open enrollment is when students can be enrolled in any public school. While well-intentioned, the costs are precipitous, especially for Wolfeboro property taxpayers.

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District (GWRSD) receives about \$3.5 million in revenue each year from other school districts that enroll students in our middle and high schools. At the current time, and depending on whether the state mandates open enrollment, additional school districts are seeking to tuition their students into GWRSD public schools. We have the space and welcome the opportunity. We are hoping to negotiate tuition agreements with 3 more school districts.

If the state mandates open enrollment, GWRSD will lose about \$3.5 million in annual revenue that offsets local property taxes. Even if the state compensates our school district with \$8,000 per out-of-district pupil enrolled under a mandated open

enrollment system, it is still a loss of about \$2.5 million in revenue that would be offset by local property taxes. That’s about \$820,000 for Wolfeboro property taxpayers annually.

Here’s a sincere question: Would you vote for an \$820,000 warrant article every year at town meeting? A warrant article asking you to subsidize the education costs for students who live outside of GWRSD?

Now, let’s compare open enrollment to the state’s Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs). GWRSD saw a de minimis decline in enrollment due to EFAs. Let’s assume 30 students left GWRSD to utilize an EFA (a rough estimate based on my research). That’s an annual loss of revenue for GWRSD of \$135,000, and an annual loss of about \$45,000 to reduce Wolfeboro property taxes. The cost of EFAs is minuscule when compared to open enrollment.

I kindly ask our state representatives and senators to vote against any future legislation that mandates open enrollment. Open enrollment is currently a policy that can be adopted by a local vote. Let the voters determine if they wish to incur the costs of open enrollment. Don’t mandate a new backdoor donor town system in which GWRSD subsidizes public education for students outside its borders.

Brodie Deshaies  
Wolfeboro

## Mother’s Day means supporting mothers

To the Editor:

Mother’s Day is much more than flowers and a dinner. Mother’s Day happens every day we support mothers. Thirty years ago, with the birth of my third child, I was unfortunate enough to experience postpartum depression. For the better part of a year, I cried, was disorganized and confused, and felt like a total failure with three beautiful children. If there had been screening for postpartum depression thirty years ago, my family and myself would have not had to wait a year to find the medical reason I was struggling. Rep. Katy Peternel is one of many mom supporters in Concord Who is changing the narrative.

Now, in NH we have a law supporting screening for postpartum depression. The law, Omnibus 2.0, folded into HB 2 — now requires insurers and Medicaid to cover maternal depression screenings at the one-, two-, four-, and six-month

well-child visits. It also covers home visits for new mothers and gives parents leave hours to actually attend them. It is not a small thing. It is the difference between a mother who is seen and a mother who slips through.

Rep. Peternel is pro-life, and she is not quiet about it. But she also understands something the broader movement has been slow to learn: you do not save babies by leaving their mothers to drown. You save babies by lifting up the women who carry them — with care, with screenings, with a few hours of leave, and with someone at the door who asks how you are.

That is the kind of pro-life leadership New Hampshire needs more of, one that supports families by supporting the health of mothers.

Happy Mother’s Day!  
Sincerely,

Erin Fallon  
Wolfeboro

## Jason Osborne and the Free State Project

To the Editor:

Jason Osborne is the Majority Leader of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. He moved to the state in 2010 through the Free State Project and was elected to the House, becoming Majority Leader in 2020. He is associated with Libertarian and Free State-aligned Republican politics.

Osborne supported several bills related to abortion policy, including SB 66 in 2017, which allows charging someone with murder for causing the death of a fetus, and HB 625 in 2021, which would ban abortion after 24 weeks. He also voted to repeal the state’s buffer zone law and opposed requiring insurance plans that cover maternity care to include abortion services.

He proposed firearms training in every public-school grade and described federal gun-safety efforts as “fruity ideas.”

NHPR has reported that his message emphasizes aligning Free State Project ideals with mainstream conservatism to achieve political influence.

The Free State Project, founded in 2001, aims to bring 20,000 Libertarians to a small state to influence government; New Hampshire was chosen in 2003 due to its large legislature to be that state..

Granite State Matters listed several

bills associated with the Free State Project/Liberty Alliance, including proposals to raise 40 user fees, reduce state funding obligations for public schools, cut Medicaid, subsidize private-school tuition, and exempt certain industries from local regulation.

Property taxes have risen as the Free State/Liberty Alliance legislators, led by Osborne, have opposed restoring state pension contributions and full per-pupil school funding. Business taxes have been cut four times, and the state’s tax on interest and dividends has been repealed. Because property taxes do not account for the ability to pay, towns with limited tax bases face higher rates and reduced services.

Rising costs have made New Hampshire increasingly unaffordable for many residents, leaving families vulnerable and raising concerns about workforce stability, access to affordable housing, and overall economic security. Many observers frame this shift as a move away from policies focused on the “common good” with widening gaps between wealthy and low-income residents.

Know who you are voting for. Is this the New Hampshire you want?

Carolyn Sundquist  
Melvin Village

## Peternel has provided the pro-life leadership New Hampshire needs

To the Editor:

Sunday is Mother’s Day, where we celebrate the women who gave us birth. For the majority of us, that birth came into a traditional family with other siblings; for some of us, we were adopted or fostered. No matter the how, we all had a mother.

I have voted pro-life in every election for decades, and I am grateful for the work that Rep. Katy Peternel has accomplished for life in her short tenure as our State Rep. She has said plainly that a vote for life is a vote to protect women — mothers. For too long, the pro-life message has been

pitched almost entirely at the unborn child, with not much talk or help for the women — mothers. There is no baby to save without a mother to support.

I am thankful for her support of Omnibus 2.0, which would provide some much needed support for the women — mothers — in this debate. That is the kind of pro-life leadership that New Hampshire needs, and Rep. Peternel has demonstrated her support for women.

Happy Mother’s Day to you all.

Debbie Strodel  
Wolfeboro

## Some have lost perspective on peaceful protests

To the Editor:

Some citizens seem to have lost perspective on the Wolfeboro Area Peaceful Protests.

The gathering in question happens for about one hour each week. The idea that it is harming Wolfeboro’s businesses or defining our town’s image is, frankly, overstated. Many passing drivers show support, honking and waving—suggesting that, if anything, the visibility may be drawing engagement rather than discouraging it.

In this country, the First Amendment guarantees people the right to express

their views. The signs individuals hold reflect their personal beliefs, not a unified message. Heck, we have even seen people hold pro-Trump signs a time or two! I’ve attended myself and, like many, don’t agree with every sign I see. That’s part of living in a free society.

We can disagree without alarm. We can coexist without exaggeration.

And to those concerned enough to write in—thank you for helping amplify the conversation.

Emily James  
Tuftonboro

## Protestors will stop when democracy is restored

To the Editor:

As national opinion polls show nearly two-thirds of Americans disapprove of Donald Trump’s performance, and fiery new politicians like Graham Platner surge next door in Maine, it’s not surprising that an anxious local GOP would launch a letter-writing campaign in area newspapers disparaging the Saturday protests at Wolfeboro’s Pickering Corner. Three such letters appear in last week’s edition.

Max Ledoux, in particular, teeters on the brink of defamation when he alleges that the “Wolfeboro Tuftonboro Democrats...regularly display pro-assassination signs at their partisan anti-Trump rallies each week in Wolfeboro.”

This is false and dishonest. These Saturday rallies display many signs, most of them ironic, none of them threatening. The 70 to 100 weekly participants uniformly condemn political violence and focus on the current administration — not on Republican voters, many of whom share the nation’s dismay.

Mr. Ledoux also has the group’s name wrong. It is Wolfeboro Area Peaceful Protests. It’s nonpartisan, draws from a half dozen neighboring towns and includes Democrats, independents and Republicans (of the old fashioned kind).

What about the April 25 sign Mr. Ledoux cites as threatening, which named Noem, Bondi, Patel, RFK Jr. and Hegseth with the declaration, “You’re next?”

The clear context, before the attack on President Trump later that day, was hope that since the first two had just been fired, the last three would soon be next. Period.

Do some signs suggest fascist behavior

in the current administration? Definitely. Start with the conduct of ICE. And the Justice Department’s vindictive prosecutions of people Trump considers his enemies.

Is it wrong to compare President Trump to Hitler? In certain ways, he more closely resembles Benito Mussolini, the all-powerful Italian fascist who lacked Hitler’s obsession with genocide. But no less a political figure than J.D. Vance, before he underwent a political conversion, once called Trump “America’s Hitler.”

What are these protesters protesting every Saturday at noon?

Erosion of the rule of law in America. The cruelty and randomness of Trump’s mass deportations that were supposed to remove the “worst of the worst.” Contempt for America’s allies and Trump’s affinity for authoritarians from Russia’s Putin to Hungary’s (now defeated) Viktor Orban.

Failure to release all Epstein files. Trump’s senseless global tariffs, rising prices at home and the recklessness of his war on Iran risking more American lives and a global recession. And more.

What does the local public really think about these weekly, one-hour protests? Dozens of passing drivers register their support in multiple honks and friendly waves. A few signal disapproval with negative gestures or angry shouts. The score last Saturday was 141 in support and nine opposed.

When, Mr. Ledoux asks, will the protesters rest?

When democracy is fully restored in America. Not until then.

Robert Gillette  
Ossipee

## Iran

To the Editor:

Imagine an enemy of the United States refusing to negotiate peace because they believe a possible November political shift in Washington may be beneficial to them!

Some pundits have put forth this as a viable reason for Iran’s refusal to negotiate in good faith. Is this truly plausible?

Older Americans might remember that the current Iranian leadership seized power in 1979. They overran our embassy, took Americans hostage, and made the United States of America their enemy. They also forcefully subjugated the Iranian people to their brutal and radical religious rule.

Today, the majority of the Iranian people long for the freedoms they once enjoyed prior to the 1979 takeover of their country. This longing for change is clearly evident by the thousands of Iranian people taking to the streets to demand that change. Unfortunately, the result has been the mass murder, imprisonment and disappearance of thousands of these brave, unarmed, innocent patriots.

This is clearly an attempt by the current leadership to silence the people and retain their control over the population.

The Iranian people are not our enemy. The leadership themselves declared that the United States of America was their enemy in 1979. Since that time, they and their proxies have been attacking and killing Americans, while repeatedly chanting their desire to destroy America, a.k.a. the Great Satan. Make no mistake, the diligent and all consuming desire they have to acquire a nuclear weapon is the means to that end. Should we wait for them to announce their success with a mushroom cloud over a US or allied target, or should we be proactive in our defense?

One of our Presidents sent Iran planes full of cash, another President sent them planes full of bombs. One President strengthened their nuclear ambitions, another President weakened their nuclear ambitions.

Too many Americans show up to protest our country with signs they can’t ex-

plain, repeating chants they don’t understand and flying flags of countries whose history they know little about. I believe that these people generally mean well, but unfortunately they “can’t see the forest for the trees.”

Yes, the Iranian people are our friends, but their leaders are not. Yes, in America we can protest the decisions our leaders make, but in Iran they cannot.

Yes, in America, we can vote to change our leadership, but in Iran they cannot.

Yes, in America, we have the right to keep and bear arms, but in Iran they do not.

Our wise Founding Fathers knew that there was, and always will be, evil in the world.

They also knew that the only way for good to overcome evil is by fighting it.

Our forefathers were the original “No Kings” protesters. In fact, they actually had to fight and defeat a real King in order to create our great country.

Yes, the same great country, where unlike Iran, we still enjoy the freedom to speak, protest, complain, hate or love whoever or whatever we want, without disappearing.

So please remember, as you exercise these freedoms, that no real king or mullah would ever allow you to do any of those things.

So before we cast our votes this November, we might want to consider formulating an honest answer to this question:

Why would a foreign country, whose leadership wants us all dead, be cheering for a change in our political balance of power?

Are there really enough Americans, who hate our country and our President so much, that they would elect a congress who would side with the Iranian mullahs?

God Bless America and all those who defend her.

Michael Petruzzello  
Wolfeboro

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## “Keep your eye on the doughnut, not ‘The Hole’ — or both?”

To the Editor:  
The quote “keep your eye on the doughnut, not the hole” was coined in 1904, which emphasizes a positive attitude, and it still lives on! But along the way, creative people found out that even the “holes” could be brought to life resulting in the favorite “doughnut holes.” Can an analogy be used today to address the current dilemma of rapidly appearing “holes” because of today’s steady genocide of democracy, institutions and services? Can those “holes” (losses) be realigned or re-fashioned somehow with citizen power?

It’s increasingly difficult to receive many viable well thought out answers from some elected officials. Perhaps the current power struggle responses vary because of varying maturity levels. A system of leadership was voted into place to do a fair, even handed job of managing our democratic government of 350 million people...a huge task. However, what we seem to be experiencing is a free- wheeling “sandbox fight” approach to decision making. Resulting actions are mirroring, at a minimum, a two- or four-year-old to perhaps a fifth grade level of developmental maturity. These maturity levels are not normal for adults, and 60 to 70 years behind functionally.

Children grow through necessary stages of development, navigating new challenges to their psychological and emotional development every six months or so. At age two, when a baby learns the word “no,” it’s often interpreted as “talk back” stubbornness when in reality, it is their first and important experience using a word that gives them power in the conversation. Parents sometimes take this personally and miss this teachable moment of self-control. Temper tantrums often are accompanied by a myriad of “scowling” pouty, angry faces if their “no” doesn’t work. Sound familiar in your memory and more strikingly in this administration congressional moment? What is maturity? “Maturity is the ability to respond to situations with reason rather than emotion. It’s about behaving, speaking, and interacting in a manner that suits the context and the people involved. It means knowing when to talk, and what to say. It requires knowing when to listen and more importantly, when to stay silent. Immature power struggle tantrums used in Congress with grown adults (?) and especially at the top “parental” patriarchal seat/s are considered normal when one is two, but not when one is pushing 80! As Lucy would have said, “Good grief Charlie Brown!”

Speaking of grief, it seems as though we may also be experiencing a grief and loss and change process in this current human crisis and feeling shock, anger, and difficulty seeking answers and resolution. The losses have created voids, loss and holes. Can we respond rather than react and find ways to reframe the “donut holes” with new vision, new clarity of values, restore inclusion, and realign the efforts. In reality, today is not worse than the past because most of us were not present then and didn’t experience the many historic horrific past behaviors and errors in judgment. But we are in the present now; it is our responsibility. Do a “self check” on one’s own maturity behavior level and move forward. We are not two-year olds! We

can be alive and stay in this moment... no looking back or fearing ahead. Mature grownups can make mature choices, and choose again if they err. Hang out with non-complainer (for the most part) grown- ups. read critical thinking writers who challenge our thinking, listen to fair minded knowledgeable speakers who speak truth to power, volunteer and build community, find aspiring candidate leaders who appear to be of strong authentic “real” character and integrity. Stay curious and learn...the older I get the more I know I don’t know! Surgery replacement of my left shoulder will slow me down a little in the next few weeks, but not completely. The substance of the donut remains good, but keep working the positive ingredients of persistence, creativity, resilience together to recreate the finest yummiest most potent “doughnut “ holes ever !

Nancy Glowacki  
Wolfeboro

### LET’S MEET AT THE WISDOM WELL

(An ongoing informal discussion about our very important personal event, our leavetaking of the planet in due time. We are a curious learning open minded group of loving people and were formerly called The Death Café)

MAY 11, MONDAY FROM 3-4:30  
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Currently Some quotes from Wisdom Will we are discussing and will continue to choose from.

Step up to your fears and speak to them and they will generally fade away

Ask yourself why would you purposefully avoid discussing the final and most important event of your life? We all are born, we die and in between we garden. Muir Are you nurturing your growth by denial or avoidance? Check yourself.

It’s more than making arrangements... much more. That part is easy, but still one you could be designing for yourself.

Think about what you have been taught about death by family. Personal loss, events...important perceptions and patterns were set up

Don’t give up your power to the shadow of old patterns that don’t serve you... step into the light you really are and shine your way out of here!

Surgery May 4, but Wisdom Well will be in full session May 11 and Anne and I will be there... It’s a “drop in” group of the best people ever...do join us. I bring cookies, you bring your own tea or coffee !

## Obfuscation

To the Editor:

Two weeks ago, Karen Burnett-Kurie penned a letter entitled “Evil.” In the letter she takes a person to task for posting on Facebook “Democrats are Evil.” In the first paragraph, she states, “While I’m a registered independent, I’m frequently referred to as a Democrat.” Let me refresh Karen’s memory; two years ago you ran for State Rep as a Democrat. Additionally, virtually all your letters espouse policy positions favored by Democrats. (If it walks like a duck . . .) I do agree with Karen’s point that calling all Democrats “evil” is neither productive nor accurate, however, like many Democrats who write in, she is quick to call out conservative writers while remaining mum about the liberals parading around on Saturdays at Pickering Corner. Perhaps frequent picketer and self-appointed arbiter of decency in debate Brian Hennessey could make an effort to curb signs such as “Remove Piggy” or signs comparing Trump to Hitler. (What’s sauce for the goose . . .)

Last week, Karen penned another letter which outlined her plan to increase a variety of taxes, some of them broad-based, like Rooms and Meals or Dividends and Interest, in order to increase funding to public schools and public charter schools. She ends by claiming “when any plan for state funding of education is announced, it immediately receives the same knee-jerk reaction by naysayers who repeat long standing fears, distortions and disinformation.” It is unclear exactly what distortions she is accusing me of. All of this is dancing around the point I made in my letter and the pointed questions I asked of Karen. The simple fact is this:

here in Governor Wentworth School District, we have well-funded schools operating in beautiful new buildings with well-paid educators drawing competitive salaries and outstanding benefits and pensions. The recent school levy, (supported by me publicly), was passed with good margins. I’m not sure exactly what problem Karen is trying to solve for local taxpayers by raising all these taxes. Karen still has not answered my questions, so let me repeat them. First, are you running for office this fall? Second, as our representative, would you support or vote for a state income tax? When Maggie Hassan ran for Governor, she signed the pledge to oppose and/or veto new broad-based taxes. Would you sign such a pledge?

Susan Crimp-Marcet wrote a letter last week ask-

ing me not to label her a “liberal,” saying “classification diminishes people.” I find this an odd request coming from a frequent writer who consistently espouses positions held by people on the far left end of the political spectrum. Susan is also a frequent picketer at Pickering Corner, yet she has never written word about the name-calling contained on many of the signs displayed by folks congregating there every Saturday. Is it more demeaning to call someone a “liberal” versus referring to someone as “piggy” or “Hitler”? Still, I will try not to offend Susan by calling her a liberal going forward. Susan’s letter contains a number of unsubstantiated claims about how much better Maine is than NH, then she says, “Let’s get real. Rather than suggest moving, what options are there to address unsustainable property tax increases in New Hampshire?” That one is simple: if you want to reduce your property taxes, vote against spending increases every March. I have penned numerous letters over several years delineating ways in which Wolfeboro spending and taxes are out of line. Just this past March voters approved virtually every spending request put forward by the Select Board, so we can expect another “unsustainable increase” in our taxes this year. I have no idea how Susan voted on the warrant, but if she supported the warrant, she is part of the problem. I would also suggest that by moving into a similarly-priced home in Tuftonboro or Moultonborough, she could also dramatically reduce her tax, bill, but I have been warned against suggesting a move.

Carl Lehmann  
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# OBITUARIES

## Edith "Edy" O'Brien, 89

Edith "Edy" O'Brien, 89, of Tuftonboro, NH and Fort Meyers, FL, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026. Edy is the daughter of the late Joseph A. and Edith M. (Smith) McAvinnue.

She grew up in Lowell Massachusetts with her 3 sisters and graduated from Lowell High School. She went on to work as a draftsman for Ace Electronics until she married.

Edy could be described as "spirited" and passionate when it came to politics or The Red Sox. She loved a good debate, a competitive game of cribbage and hosting family and friends at the cottage. Edy spent a lifetime serving others. Early in her life Edy volunteered at The Danvers State Hospital, Citizens for Adequate Housing in Peabody, St. Mary's of the An-



nunciation School in Danvers and the Tuftonboro Central School in NH.

She was actively involved in supporting The Democratic Party. She proudly shook the hands of 3 Presidents, took part in many protests including The ADA and Seabrook. She was an avid golfer, loved road trips and had a great sense of humor. Edy spent her later years in Florida as a "snowbird" where she and Tom were

actively involved in the Catholic church and volunteered in the after-school program. Edy was also an active member of St. Katherine Drexel's Church in Alton, NH. She also had a talent for writing down her travels and adventures with a humorous twist.

Edy is predeceased by her husband Tom O'Brien and her son John O'Brien. She is survived by her granddaughter Fallyn O'Brien, her brother-in-law Jim O'Brien, her nephew Brian McEvoy and wife Melissa, her niece Ellen Berlin and her husband Bob, Stephen McEvoy and his wife Uli John McEvoy as well as many grand nieces and nephews.

A Catholic Mass will be held on Monday May 18, 2026 at St. Katherine Drexel's Church at 11:00 a.m.

## Thomas Edward Clark, 74

Our family is deeply saddened to announce Thomas Edward Clark passed away at age 74 on April 24, 2026 in Alton, NH. Tom touched the hearts of all he met with his quirky humor, warm conversation, playful spirit, and an Irish smile that lit up the room.

Tom was born on February 4, 1952, in Long Branch, New Jersey, and made New Hampshire his home in 1986. In 1978, he married the love of his life, Ruth, and together they



shared 48 fun-filled years.

Lord Funeral Home of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire is assisting the family with arrangements. A

service and celebration of Tom's life will be held at Lord Funeral Home in Wolfeboro, NH on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Location to be determined. Details (and his full obituary) will be posted on lordfuneralhome.com. If you wish to express a condolence or leave a fond memory please visit, www.lordfuneralhome.com.

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## Freda (Keli) Douglass

1/11/1940 - 11/6/2025

Freda (Keli) Smith Douglass passed away on November 6, 2025 at Mt. View Community in Ossipee, NH. She was 85.

The memorial service is set for May 9, 2026, with visiting hours 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm immediately followed by the service and private family burial.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Stamp Club welcomes community to open house

To the Editor:

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We've been meeting for more than 30 years—trading stamps, discussing philatelic topics, and enjoying good company. Some members are new to the hobby, others are returning after time away, and some have collected continuously. What we share is an appreciation for those small pieces of paper that connect the world—from an oasis in the Sahara to a rocky islet in the South Pacific to an Alaskan village.

This is a special year for stamp collecting. The Boston 2026 World Stamp Expo will be held May 23–30 in Boston. This international exhibition occurs only once every ten years and is part of America's 250th anniversary celebration

## I will always defend the sanctity of every vote

To the Editor:

Wolfeboro being a small town, things get around, true and untrue. It has come to my attention that a town official is said to have recently spoken of me as "the enemy." This begs two questions: Why? And by what right does a town employee or official speak of a citizen as "the enemy?"

Let's unwrap the matter, as I believe I know the answers. First, a warrant article I and nearly 40 neighbors initiated—Article 24, Town Meeting, March 10—was resoundingly approved: 1,540 yea, 580 nay. That's about as clear an expression as one gets from a town meeting. Well, it sent the Selectboard into a panic. At their very next meeting they voted 4-1 to disregard our March 10th vote, by proceeding with a project Article 24's plain language disallows. State law however is clear: the vote of the citizens at their town meeting represents the highest legislative authority, and cannot be subject to interpretation or modification by a body other than themselves. And, contrary to some talk, all warrant articles are binding.

We might have thought that having seen the article fail, the Selectboard would have acknowledged the will of the voters and gone on to other business. But, no, they chose to impose their will, against ours, the voters. Regrettably, this has led to having to ask the intervention of a court, where common sense and respect for the voters ought to have prevailed.

Some will tell us that "this is just about a road." No more. Now it's about supremacy in town affairs: are we the voters supreme, as state law declares, or are town officials supreme, able to veto any vote we make? The Selectboard understands this, or they would never have acted as they have.

Some will remember that in 1996

## Our community deserves better than divisive rhetoric

To the Editor:

The rhetoric on display from the Wolfeboro-Tuftonboro Democrats every week is extreme, divisive, and often invokes violent imagery

Each Saturday in Wolfeboro, signs and chants equate local Republicans with Nazis and fascists. Law enforcement and ICE are called Brown Shirts and Gestapo. President Trump is labeled Hitler, complete with the implication that killing him is a moral imperative. Signs refer to "hit lists," "8647" (86 is slang for "kill" and Trump is the 47th President), gulags, concentration camps, and a desire for "1789 France" (a reference to the French Revolution in which the king was guillotined). They sing of not resting "until every Nazi is dead"—while waving signs that label their Republican neighbors as Nazis. This is not peaceful protest; it is agitation for violence.

Tragically, we have seen where such words lead. President Trump survived an assassin's bullet to the head at a rally in

## Healthcare politicians

To the Editor:

More than three dozen doctors, nurses and medical professionals are running for Congress as Democrats

in the midterms: many were spurred by their anger over the Trump administration's cuts to health programs and its embrace of anti-vaccine theories.

in one of the nation's most historic cities. Admission is free, and more information is available at Boston2026.org. As a warm-up to this event, the Wolfeboro Stamp Club will host an Open House and Membership Drive on Saturday, May 16, from noon to 2:30 p.m. at All Saints Church, 258 South Main St. in Wolfeboro (across from the police station and library). There will be stamps for sale—and some for free. Bring stories about a family collection, explore returning to the hobby, or try it for the first time. Friendly members will be there to answer questions—no pressure, just a fun and welcoming experience.

Please stop by—we look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 603-569-8678.

Sincerely,

Warren Gould  
President  
Wolfeboro Stamp Club

we fought and won adoption of SB2, which essentially doubled the number of regular voters. Why did we have a hard fight to secure SB2 for Wolfeboro, and why did we have to fight again in 2000 against an attempt to rescind it? That on both counts SB2 prevailed tells us what the voters wanted. Who did not want it? A tight-knit group whose interest was in keeping the vote for themselves, away from broader public scrutiny. Is that what we want voting to be?

In the current matter, in which it seems an official considers me an enemy, I think the why can be found here above, as is the explanation for why the Selectboard (4-1) got into a panic and acted precipitously to overturn the clearly expressed will of the voters. It's the same why that provoked a different era's town officials and their extended families and friends to seek to prevent all voters who desired to vote from voting.

I have spoken much about the structure of local government that I believe no longer answers. The attempt by rogue (I think that's the right term as they seek to violate state law, don't you?) officials to overturn our vote speaks to that. I don't want to be anyone's enemy, although I will oppose those who seek to make of Wolfeboro what we in our majority have ever said we do not want. When SB2 was in question, I said I would of course like to see articles voted as I think right, but that above all, I would want votes to reflect our majority will. If that makes of me the enemy, so be it. I shall always fight to keep Wolfeboro ours as we have known it, and to support the sanctity of every vote, respect for every voter.

Claude Roessiger  
Wolfeboro

Butler, Pennsylvania (one rally-goer was killed and two others seriously injured). Two more assassination attempts happened at Mar-a-Lago, and a fourth attempt two weekends ago at the White House Correspondents' Dinner. Charlie Kirk was murdered in cold blood by a deranged left-wing gunman who parroted the same dehumanizing language seen at Pickering Corner. The local Democrats turned down the rhetoric briefly after Kirk was assassinated, but then quickly reverted to calling for President Trump's assassination. Last weekend, the rhetoric was just as extreme as always.

Rep. Bobbi Boudman is a regular fixture at these gatherings, frequently photographed within the throng. The attendees wear her branded hats and carry her signs. Our community deserves better. We can disagree about politics without demonizing one another or romanticizing political murder.

Paul Avard  
Sanbornville

There are currently 16 physicians serving in the House and four in the Senate.

— The New York Times

Rick O'Connor  
Wolfeboro

## We need to take NH's government back from extremists

To the Editor:

It has been an effective strategy. And we've allowed it to infect our politics, our votes and our laws.

At what point do we realize it for what it is? A strategy to garner votes through misrepresentation, misinformation and cover-ups. A strategy to discourage legitimate candidates who will in fact represent us, their constituents, and not just an ideology. Misrepresentation because they aren't really Republicans — they call themselves that because the majority of New Hampshire citizens have traditionally been Republicans. Instead, they are Free Staters, Libertarians, Christian Nationalists and extremists. But don't bother asking them — they won't admit it. That would undermine the strategy. Misinformation because they tell you a bill is for one purpose when in fact they are pushing it for another reason. For example, this bill is to improve public education when in fact it undermines public education. Don't bother to ask them — they won't admit it. That would undermine the strategy. Cover-up because if they get too much public push back on a bill they simply choose a different method to get it passed. 1. By controlling the votes tightly and then punishing legislators who don't vote correctly. (We know this is true — it has happened to two of Wolfeboro's reps.) 2. Hide the action by amending it to another bill. (We saw this several times this session with the Open Enrollment legislation.) 3. Slipping it into the budget. (We know this happens because they did it to achieve universal EFA's, vouchers.) I've asked several engaged capable citizens to run for office and they've all said no. These have included moderate Republicans, Independents and Democrats. What are the common responses? No thank you, these are my neighbors and friends. I don't want them to hate me because of the attacks against me, which include misrepresentations and lies. I don't want them to see me differently because I've been demeaned and vilified in public. I don't want them questioning my suitability even as a fellow citizen as a result of a hate filled campaign. No, thank you, I won't risk my own or my family's health and wellbeing. I've heard of the threats. People actually showing up

in a candidate's driveway taunting them to come out. Mass mailings depicting a candidate as a gangster. Creating fake webpages with lies, including extreme accusations of pedophilia. (We know this is true because all of these have happened to candidates in our own district races.)

No, thank you, there are so many extremists in the legislature, aligned with a strict agenda (e.g. liberty alliance), there is no opportunity for civil discourse or compromise. Under the existing leadership, with its stronghold on the legislative process and legislative body, it is difficult to stop the truly horrible bills — which leaves little room for useful bills. No, thank you, once in the legislature, you're confronted with terrible posts on X by extremists legislators inviting and inciting hate; Racism; antisemitic, anti-immigrant, anti-Trans stereotypes; and hate-filled bills. I do not want to be a part of hateful speech/actions and hateful bills becoming law.

Should this be what civic-minded residents in Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro consider when deciding whether to run? Why have we elected people who perpetrate these strategies? Why has the House GOP leadership failed to impose any kind of meaningful discipline on those who have been blatant in their hateful words and actions? Why do we keep electing people who are not representing us, even when thousands of us speak up, but an extreme ideology? New Hampshire's majority is not extreme; it's our government's policies that are. Is this what we want? If not, we need to encourage our neighbors and friends — even ourselves — to step up. We need to tell potential candidates — we'll reject the lies and misrepresentations — because we know you are a good person and a public minded candidate. We need to tell potential citizens we won't choose simply because of the letter next to a name but based on whether the candidate knows 'us' and will 'represent' us, while treating everyone respectfully and honestly.

We need different candidates to step up. And we need to elect different candidates. This is essential to taking back our New Hampshire government.

Karen Burnett-Kurie  
Wolfeboro

## Tuftonboro Police Chief James Hathcock deserves our support and thanks

To the Editor:

On April 20, Tuftonboro Police Chief James Hathcock spoke to the Tuftonboro selectmen about looking into joining a cooperative agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The program, known as 287(g), for the section of law that authorizes it, would allow Tuftonboro Police Department (TPD) to transport criminal illegal aliens to Strafford County Jail, which also cooperates with ICE. Why would TPD need to take illegal aliens to Strafford County Jail in Dover, instead of Carroll County Jail in Ossipee, just 15 minutes away?

On May 1 of last year, The Conway Daily Sun wrote, "On Monday, Bobbi Boudman of Wolfeboro was on the [Carroll County Commissioner's] agenda to discuss 287(g) and to discourage the county jail and sheriff from signing up for the program." Last September, TPD arrested an illegal alien who was living in Tuftonboro, Martin Mineros, for domestic

assault. TPD transported Mineros to the jail in Ossipee. The circuit court issued a protective order prohibiting Mineros from contacting his victim. ICE informed TPD, the court, and the jail that Mineros was an illegal alien and wanted as a person of interest in a homicide in El Salvador. The jail superintendent, Brian King, apparently followed Boudman's advice, because he let Mineros out the next morning anyway. Mineros immediately violated the protective order, and was rearrested by Ossipee PD. OPD subsequently transported him to Strafford County Jail, where ICE took him into custody. Unlike the county, OPD participates in 287(g). I hope that TPD never has to arrest another violent, criminal illegal alien again, but if it does it will now have the tools to keep Tuftonboro safe — no thanks to the Carroll County Jail or Rep. Boudman, whose district includes Tuftonboro.

Brett Williams  
Tuftonboro

## We're not that scary

To the Editor:

Mr. Bob Eaton and Mr. Brett Williams both wrote letters last week about the Saturday Rally signs. Mr. Eaton is concerned with the image that the rally gives to tourists and newcomers to the region, and Mr. Williams was talking about the incivility of some of the language and presentation. Both letter writers give more credit, I think, than is due to the persuasive powers of our signs and language. The tenor of their letters seems to paint us as "those angry protestors with their terrible signs." (Because apparently, a smiling citizen, waving "Hello!" gives a false impression of... what? ...niceness?)

I'm quick to admit that I disagree with what a number of the signs say, or how they say it. And there are indeed some of us angrier than others, or more blunt than others. But I understand where their anger, fear, and incited passions come from. But we are not a bloodthirsty, unified, raving, rabid horde. We are just your neighbors.

And I'll say that public reaction doesn't seem as if the vast majority of passers-by view our protests as inciting revolution. From passing cars, there are plenty of smiles, waves, and horn-beeps to indicate people's positive reactions. More positive reactions, you might be surprised, than negative, which range from the "y'all are nuts" smiles (I smile and wish them a nice afternoon), thumbs down (I wave again), and (this one is disturbing to me) to the

very-few-but-scarier faces red with sheer hatred, visible malice, and menacing middle fingers. Middle fingers alone don't bother me much at all, but the ones who look at us as if they truly wish to do us harm—yes, that does unsettle me some.

Aside from that, I want to let the complaining letter writers know that in the last several years, I have heard many of my visiting friends register to me their serious discomfort at the, to them, vast number of pro-Trump, pro-MAGA signs in our area. They feel threatened by them. So one person's peaceful sign is apparently another's poison.

There is plenty out there that can upset any person, along the entire human spectrum. But there is FAR more beauty, pleasantness, and community-centered actions, signs, and gatherings of people to be found.

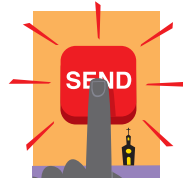
The number of people wanting to come here, visit here, stay here, live here, and be a part of the community we create here does not seem to be affected by our Saturday rallies. Last time I checked, the Lakes Region has no lack of newcomers. I don't think any group of people waving hello, smiling, flying flags, carrying signs, reaching out, and saying "we are here, too" is scary enough to frighten people from coming here.

Have a good afternoon!

Scott Lounsbury  
Wolfeboro

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# 2026 Miss Mount Washington Valley Teen crowned



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2025 Miss Mount Washington Valley Teen, Cheyenne Sheehan, crowns her successor, Morgan Phillips at the 2026 Miss Mount Washington Valley Teen Scholarship Event on May 3.

**INTERVALE** — The 2026 Miss Mount Washington Valley Teen Scholarship Pageant was held on Sunday, May 3rd at Believe In Books Literacy Foundation's Theater in the Wood, in Intervale. Six young ladies from throughout the Valley competed in the 37th year of this scholarship program.

A month of rehearsals led up to the day-long event. During the morning, contestants participated in Interview and Public Speaking competitions. In the early afternoon, they rehearsed. The late afternoon's program, emceed by former Valley Ms. Barbara Theriault, began with a Production number, choreographed by Dominique Cinque. The Formal Wear competition followed, as well as the optional Talent competition. More \$3,000 in scholarships were won by the participants.

When the judges' scores were tallied, 2025 Miss

MWV Teen, Cheyenne K. Sheehan, placed the 2026 crown on the head of 16-year-old Morgan R. Phillips, of North Conway.

Phillips is a sophomore at Kennett High School, and the daughter of Tamara Kleczek and Christopher Phillips. Her school and community involvements include Drama Club, Trailblazes Club, Community Theater and Improv at Conway Scenic Railroad. She also earned a Commitment Certificate, the Contestant's Award and the Dotty Weisberg Talent Award and scholarship. Her Miss title comes with a \$1,500 College Scholarship, crown, sash, portrait session, jewelry, bouquet and gifts from local businesses.

Brittney H. Bossidy, First Runner-Up, is the daughter of Sherri Lindberg of Bartlett and Eric Bossidy of Fryeburg. A Fryeburg Academy 9th grade student, she is 15

years old. In addition to her Runner-up title, she received the Sales Champion Award, and a Commitment Certificate. Bossidy is involved in the Student Council, Drama Club, field hockey and lacrosse, as well as the school's Unified Club. As 1st Runner-Up, Brittney receives a \$700 College Scholarship.

Second Runner-Up, Chloe J. Dupre, lives in Denmark and is the daughter of Tamera Mango. She is 14 years old and a 9th grader at Fryeburg Academy. Her Runner-Up position earns her a \$350 College Scholarship. Dupre also earned the Hostess Award and the Contestant's Award, in addition to a Commitment Certificate. She is active in Dreamcatchers and Rivers & Roads, and participates in Early Act, FFA and is a Junior EMT.

Elisabeth M. Bushey, of Tamworth, received the Personal Growth Award. Ariana L. Dostie and Danielle S. Pelkie also scored well in the event.

A special performance was presented by Miss New Hampshire Teen Volunteer 2026, Isabel Dwyer. Judges for the event were Maryann Eastman, Jana El-Sayed and Pat McCoy, with a separate panel of Talent Judges; Holly Bunnell, Kelly Rogers and Holly Reed.

The 2026 Miss Mount Washington Valley Teen Scholarship Program was sponsored by Mount Washington Valley Promotions, Altrusa International of Carroll County, Settler's Green OVP, Jackson Collection, Lisa DuFault — Photographer, and Believe In Books Literacy Foundation.

Look for the Teen Royalty at numerous events throughout the Valley in the coming year and tune in to Valley Vision Channel 3 to see the program. If you would like to schedule an appearance, email valley-promotions@gmail.com.

order diagnostic tests and manage chronic conditions.

Certified nurse-midwife (CNM)

CNMs provide gynecological and low-risk obstetrical care. These advance practice registered nurses focus their study and practices on gynecology, family planning, prenatal, labor, and postpartum care. In addition to an advanced degree, CNMs must complete an accredited midwifery education program and pass a national certification exam.

Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA)

CRNAs have specialized training in anesthesia. The Cleveland Clinic notes CRNAs can administer anesthesia for procedures and surgeries. These professionals work with surgeons, anesthesiologists, dentists, podiatrists, and other providers. CRNAs often are the sole anesthesia providers in hospitals in rural areas and the U.S. armed forces.

Nursing is an extensive field with many opportunities for individuals to find their niche.

## NURSING

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Certified nurse practitioner (CNP)

A CNP is a health partner of choice for many people. The American Association of Nurse Practitioners® says CNPs are clinicians that blend clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating health conditions with an emphasis on disease prevention and health management. Advanced education, like a master's or doctoral degree, is required to become a CNP. He or she is able to prescribe medications,

# Artist Patti Bradley to speak at Effingham Library's Coffee Hour

**EFFINGHAM** — Patti Bradley is a mixed media artist who will be the featured speaker at the Effingham Public Library's weekly Coffee Hour on Wednesday, May 13 from 10 – 11 a.m. Bradley will share the unique history and resurgence of wool penny rugs. She and fellow fiber artist Nancy Porosky will have multiple antique and current penny rugs to display.

Within the framework of Badger Brook Farm in Gilmanton, Bradley lives a quiet life with a loving assortment of rescue animals and lives to create everyday while extending the offer of friendship and inspiration two days a week through her retail shop. While she is currently focused on wool creations and the art of hand stitching. She offers a specialized assortment of dyed and Australian Wools in her shop along with flannels, stitching fabrics, hundreds of patterns, and walls of samples.

The Effingham Public Library, 30 Town House Rd., is a "community center with books" located in a national register of historic places building. We offer free library cards, monthly art exhibits, craft classes, 3-D printing, Coffee Hour speakers and social activities for all ages. For our calendar of events, or more information, please feel



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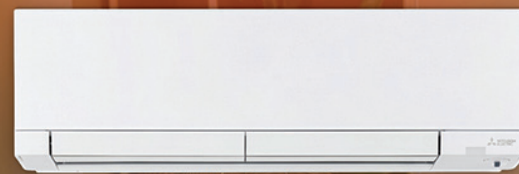
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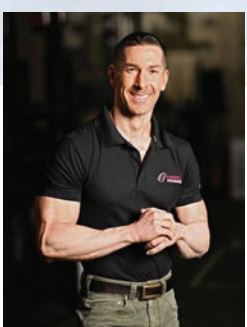
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# BERNIER

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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 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 LRCC, 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 automo-

biles. 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 related 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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# EAGLES

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at 37 feet, four inches with Kobe Noug at 35 feet, one inch for fourth place overall.

The Eagle boys placed second in the 4X100-meter relay in 46.21 seconds and placed second in the 4X400-meter relay in 4:04.05.

Anna Silliman ran to the overall win for the girls in the 1,600 meters, finishing in 5:40.66 with Nia Lajoie in sixth in 6:13.71 and Jenna Burnell in eighth in 6:37.3. Aubrey Grow was 12th in the 200 meters in 33.76 seconds, Sophia Naro was 14th in 34.74 seconds, Abby Johnson was 15th in 35.67 seconds and Penelope Kerls was 17th in 39.03 seconds.

Gabriella Cubero took the overall win in the 400

meters in a time of 1:07.72 and Bailey Light finished in fifth in 1:12.84. Cubero was also second in the 100 meters in 14.01 seconds with Shannon Fay in seventh in 14.46 seconds, Naro in 13th in 15.6 seconds, Grow in 14th in 15.89 seconds, Johnson in 16th in 16.13 seconds, Kerls in 19th in 18.32 seconds and Isabella Sidoti in 20th in 23.33 seconds.

Lorelai Desharnais ran to third overall in the 800 meters in a time of 2:46.87 with Lajoie finishing in eighth in 3:01.01 and Burnell in 10th in 3:02.12. Fay jumped to seventh in the long jump at 10 feet, 9.5 inches.

Reghan Lanum finished second in the shot put with a toss of 23 feet, 2.5 inches with Johnson finishing in 10th at 19 feet, 7.5 inches,

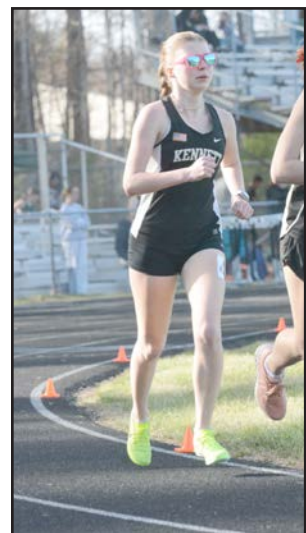
Sidoti in 12th at 16 feet and Naro in 15th at 15 feet, our inches.

Lanum was also fourth in the discus at 62 feet, six inches while in the javelin, Light was ninth at 53 feet, 11 inches and Alyssa Brooks was 14th at 36 feet, one inch.

The Eagle girls finished first overall in the 4X400-meter relay to close out the day, putting up a time of 4:39.4.

The Eagles are slated to compete at the Bristol Lions Invitational on Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. and at Kingswood on Wednesday, May 13, at 4 p.m.

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Lorelai Desharnais runs for Kennett during the team's final home meet of the season last Tuesday afternoon.



Bo Noug jumped to second in the long jump at Kennett's home meet last Tuesday afternoon.



Jenna Burnell circles the track during the 1,600 meters last Tuesday afternoon.

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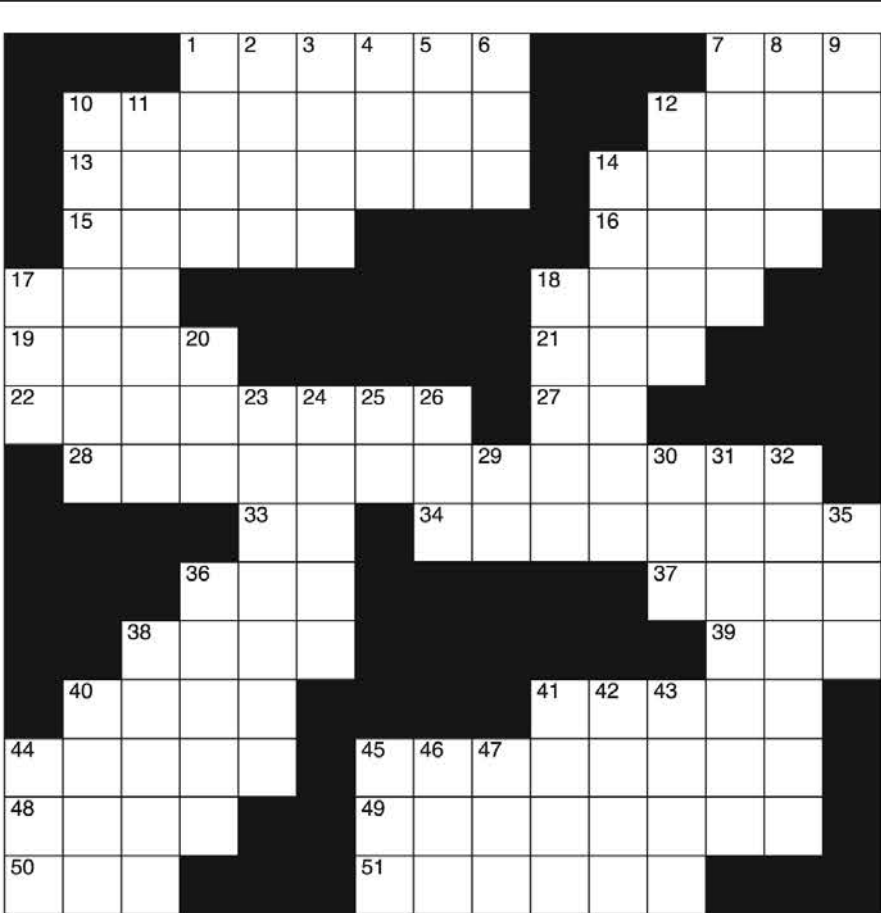


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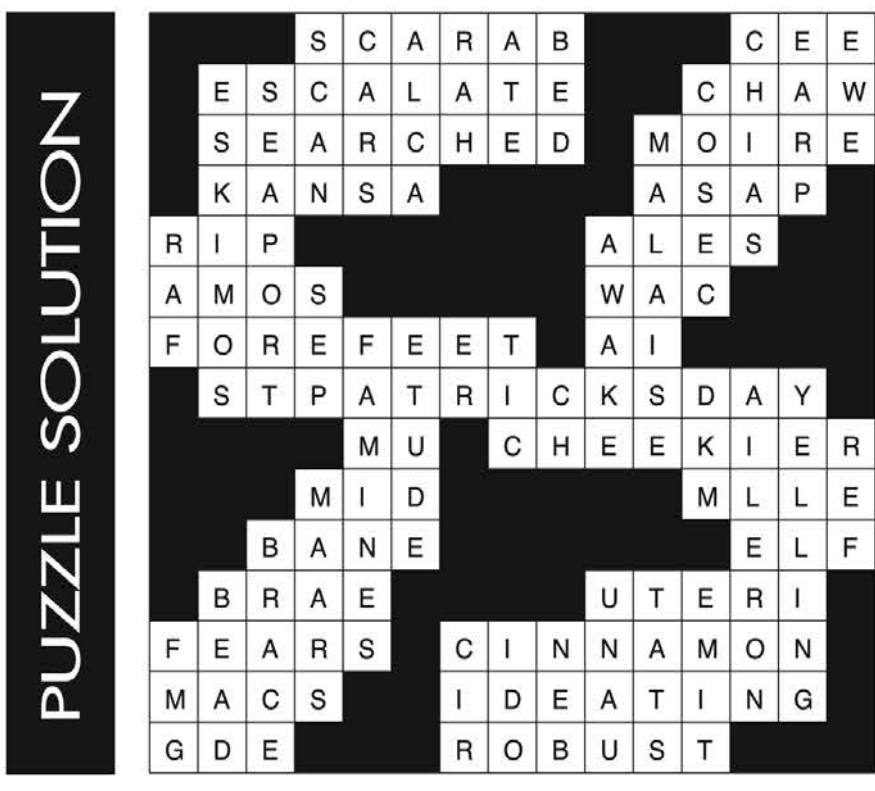


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- 1. Large dung beetle
- 7. Gambling game \_\_\_-lo
- 10. Further along
- 12. Type of tobacco
- 13. Looked for
- 14. Silk fabric
- 15. Computer method to solve equations
- 16. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- 17. Tear
- 18. Brews
- 19. "Famous" cookie baker
- 21. Women's Army Corps
- 22. Front parts of an animal
- 27. It's causing quite a stir
- 28. Beloved March holiday
- 33. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 34. More impudent
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Young woman (French)
- 38. A cause of distress
- 39. Santa's helper
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Many wombs
- 44. Is afraid of
- 45. Popular baked goods ingredient
- 48. Popular computers
- 49. Conceiving of
- 50. Google certification (abbr.)
- 51. Sturdy

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Peruse quickly
- 2. Automobiles
- 3. Razorbill genus
- 4. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 5. Consumed
- 6. A place to sleep
- 7. Small seeds
- 8. Legendary law man Wyatt
- 9. Female sheep
- 10. Indigenous peoples of eastern Siberia
- 11. A place ships dock
- 12. Reciprocal of sine
- 14. Discomfort
- 17. British Air Aces
- 18. Exit sleep
- 20. Solar energetic particle
- 23. Plagues characterized by starvation
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Trauma center
- 26. Habitual twitching
- 29. A place where checks are exchanged (abbr.)
- 30. Decameter
- 31. Hinged surface in a wing
- 32. Shouting
- 35. Sports official
- 36. Volcanic craters
- 38. Supportive device
- 40. It's part of a rosary
- 41. Two-toed sloth
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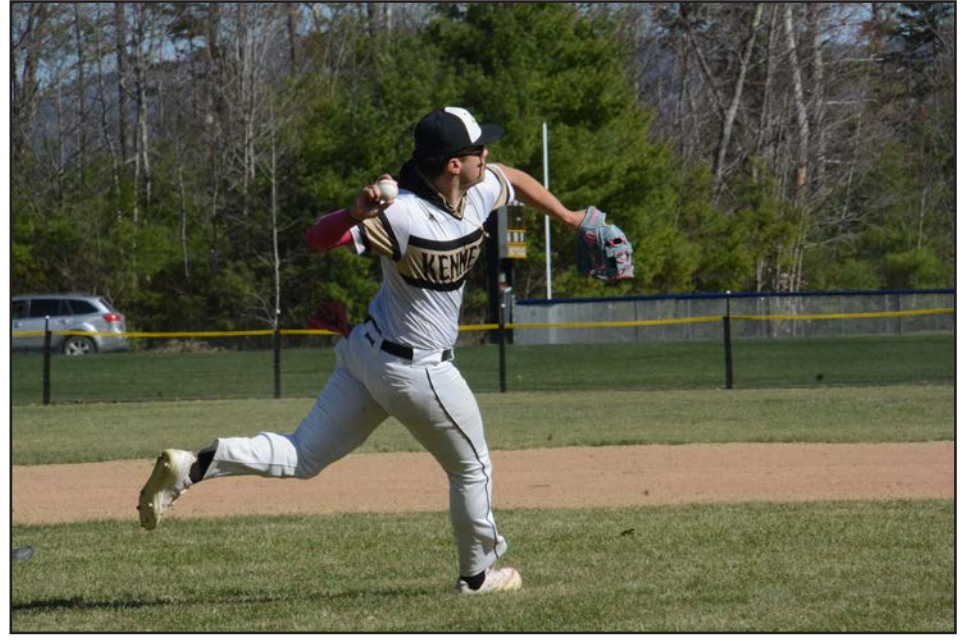
PUZZLE SOLUTION

# Eagles rally past Bobcats in vacation week tilt



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Bowen Brown puts down a sacrifice bunt during action against Plymouth last Monday afternoon.



Guillermo Chavarria Burns fires a throw from third base during his team's game against Plymouth last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

CONWAY — The Kennett and Plymouth baseball teams kicked off vacation week with a rivalry battle in Conway, with the host Eagles scoring three unanswered runs after the third inning on the way to a 7-5 win over the Bobcats.

Plymouth struck first against Kennett starter Bowen Brown in the top of the first inning. With one out, Cavan Sanborn worked a walk and Turner Oldenburg doubled. Sanborn then scampered home on a sacrifice fly from Kaidyn Smith to give the Bobcats the 1-0 lead.

Kennett answered in

the bottom of the first inning against Oldenburg. Cooper Coleman led off with an infield hit and stole second. Serghio Espezua followed with a base hit and both runners moved up on a wild pitch. One out later, Korbin James drove in both runners for the 2-1 lead. Jonah Pepin worked a walk and Brown put down a sacrifice bunt before both runners scored on a base hit from Owen Robertson to give the Eagles the 4-1 lead.

Both pitchers pitched clean second innings with both recording a pair of strikeouts. Mason Hershey reached on an error to open the top of the second in-

ning and Sanborn worked a walk. Oldenburg reached on an error to load the bases and Smith drew a walk to plate Plymouth's second run. Bryson Stone grounded out to second to drive in Sanborn and one out later, Will Custance singled to center to drive in a pair of runs and Plymouth took the 5-4 lead.

Oldenburg worked around a leadoff walk to Guillermo Chavarria Burns in the bottom of the inning and Brown set the side down in order in the top of the fourth.

Connor Hill worked a two-out walk in the bottom of the fourth inning and Coleman reached on an

error. Espezua then drove both runners home with a base hit to left and Kennett took the lead back.

Brown worked around a leadoff walk to Oldenburg and a base hit from Stone in the top of the fifth inning and Oldenburg set the side down in order in the bottom of the inning. Brown worked around a walk to Noah Alexander and a single to Hershey, with James turning a double play at first base to get the Eagles out of the inning.

The Eagles added one in the bottom of the sixth inning with Robertson leading off the inning reaching on an error. One out later, Hill walked and one out af-

ter that, Espezua singled to center to drive home Robertson for the 7-5 lead.

Brown then set the side down in order in the top of the seventh inning and the Eagles had the 7-5 win.

Both pitchers went the distance on the mound with Brown striking out five in seven innings of work and Oldenburg striking out seven in six innings of work.

Kennett dropped a 9-2 decision on the road at Oyster River on Tuesday, April 28. The Bobcats scored all nine runs in their final three times to the plate.

Chavarria Burns led the offense for the Eagles with

two hits while James and Brown both had base hits and Owen Dumas had a hit and drove in a run.

The Bobcats are back in action on Monday, May 11, at home against Merrimack Valley and are at Coe-Brown on Wednesday, May 13, both at 4 p.m.

The Eagles are scheduled to be in action on Friday, May 8, at home against St. Thomas and Wednesday, May 13, at home against Bow, both at 4 p.m.

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## Softball Eagles come up short against Plymouth



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Izzy Fitzsimmons makes a throw from shortstop during action against Plymouth last Monday afternoon.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

CONWAY — The Plymouth softball team got contributions up and down the lineup on the way to an 8-3 win over host Kennett to kick off vacation week on Monday, April 27.

Consecutive walks to Peyton Moore, Baylee Newcomb and Emilya Perras loaded the bases out of the gate in the first inning for the Bobcats and one out later, Sydney Dekutoski singled to drive home two runs before Kennett pitcher Makenna Noyes got the final two outs of the inning.

After Perras set the side down in order in the bottom of the first, the Bobcats added to the scoreboard in the top of the second. Trista Strickland reached to open the inning and McKenzi Melanson worked a walk. Moore hit into a force play. A base hit from Newcomb plated two more runs and after walks to Perras and Alyvia Foote, a base hit from Dekutoski pushed across another run for the 5-0 lead.

Kennett got on the board in the bottom of the second inning. Ava Palmer

beat out an infield hit with one out and moved up on a groundout by Alexis Lundblad. Noli Houle beat out an infield hit and Ashlyn Lynch reached on an error to drive in two runs, cutting the lead to 5-2.

Melanson had a one-out double in the top of the third inning and came around to score on a triple from Moore before Noyes struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

Peyton Landers led off the bottom of the third with a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly to right, with Aly-



Kennett's Ava Palmer takes a lead behind Plymouth first baseman McKenzi Melanson during action last Monday afternoon.

via Nardone making a nice grab for the Bobcats. Marlie Liebenow continued the inning with a base hit, but the Bobcats got out of the inning.

Foote was hit by a pitch to open the top of the fourth and stole second, but a nice grab from Landers in right field helped the Eagles get out of the inning. Perras set the side in order in the bottom of the fourth.

Melanson doubled with one out in the top of the fifth inning and Moore reached on an error. One out later, Perras reached on an error to drive in two more runs. Foote contin-

ued the inning with a base hit before Noyes got the final out of the inning. Perras set the side down in order in the bottom of the inning and Noyes got a great grab from Houle in the top of the sixth inning. Palmer had a two-out base hit in the bottom of the sixth.

Houle made another nice grab to start the top of the seventh and Moore ripped a double but she was stranded on the bases and Foote took over in the circle in the bottom of the inning, setting the Eagles down in order to close out the 8-3 win.

The Eagles traveled to

Oyster River the next day and dropped a 12-0 decision to the Bobcats. Landers and Palmer had the lone hits for the Eagles.

The Bobcats will be returning to action on Monday, May 11, at home against Merrimack Valley and Wednesday, May 13, at Coe-Brown, both at 4 p.m.

The Eagles will be back in action on Friday, May 8, at Berlin and will be hosting Bow on Wednesday, May 13, both at 4 p.m.

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## 50 years and still paddling

### Great Smith River Canoe Race returns May 16



WOLFEBORO — Ready, set, paddle! The 50th running of the Great Smith River Canoe and Kayak Race returns Saturday, May 16, at Albee Beach in Wolfboro. Hosted by the Wolfboro Lions Club, this milestone event continues a long-standing tradition and is shaping up to be one you won't want to miss.

The four-mile course features calm stretches, a quarter-mile section of Class 2 rapids, and two portages — offering both challenge and fun for experienced racers and newcomers alike. Done it

before? Time for another run. Never raced? Take the challenge and jump in.

Registration is open now, with over 50 paddlers already signed up. Pre-registration is \$35 per paddler through May 15 at [form.jotform.com/240255158509053](http://form.jotform.com/240255158509053), or \$40 on race day.

New this year — an earlier start time. Registration will be open from 8 am to 10 am, with the race starting promptly at 10:30 a.m. Registration closes at 10 am sharp, so plan to arrive early.

After the race, stick around for a dockside cel-

ebration with awards and a BBQ. All registered paddlers will receive a hamburger or hot dog lunch, and food will be available for purchase for spectators.

All proceeds benefit Wolfboro Lions Club Charitable Fund, supporting local programs and community needs.

The countdown is on — grab your paddle, gather your crew, and be part of 50 years and still paddling.

For more information, contact Race Director Roger Murray at 603-569-4697 or follow the Wolfboro Lions Club on Facebook.

# Local runners take part in 130th annual Boston Marathon



COURTESY PHOTO

Allison Graham, daughter of Richard and Eileen Neal of Wolfeboro, crosses the finish line of the 130th Boston Marathon on April 20.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

BOSTON, Mass. — Amongst the thousands of finishers of the 130th annual Boston Marathon on April 20 were a number of runners from around the Salmon Press coverage area.

The top local runner and the top runner from all of New Hampshire was Conway's Erik Corbett, who finished in a time of 1:28:05. Sean McCauley of Canterbury finished in 2:25:42, Timothy Lindberg of Ashland crossed in 2:45:10 and Andrew Ricchiardelli of Littleton finished in 2:54:14. Wolfeboro's Owen Gwizdala finished in a time of

of Sandwich finished in 3:05:20.

Allison Graham, daughter of Dr. Richard and Eileen Neal of Wolfeboro, finished in a time of 3:05:54 with Melanie Clarke of Littleton in 3:15:34, Ryan Twomey of Plymouth in 3:18:07, Taylor Miller of Gilford finishing in 3:19:29 and Colleen Ryan of Intervale finishing in 3:21:48. Cliff Li of Woodsville put up a time of 3:23:29, Cathy Frankauski of Ashland put up a time of 3:24:55 and Nick Perry of Meredith finished in 3:26:08.

Allison Taylor of Tuftonboro finished in a time of 3:30:45, Abigail

in a time of 3:31:27, Kaylee Boisvert of Gilford finished in a time of 3:38:48 and Richard Fargo of Chatham put up a time of 3:39:56.

Kingswood graduate Terry Stackhouse, now a news reporter for WMTW Channel 8 in Portland, Maine, ran to a time of 3:44:45 with Kimberly Ashworth of Gilford finishing in 3:45:32, Ericka Coutts of Gilford crossing in 4:00:57 and Kera Tasker of Rumney recording a time of 4:13:29.

Linda Parrish of Albany finished in a time of 4:24:19, Stephen Buzzell of Whitefield put up a time of 4:31:24, Helena

to a time of 4:32:48 and Robert Lamb of Holderness crossed in a time of 4:36:14.

Nicole Guarino of Center Harbor finished in a time of 4:48:30, Russell Tanguay of Sugar Hill finished in 4:55:21, James Arico of Berlin finished in 4:55:24 and Matthew Steele of Sugar Hill finished in 5:01:27. Karyssa Lachance of Gorham crossed with a time of 5:02:52, Kristina Bhimineni of Conway finished in a time of 5:15:42, Casey Bayer of Thornton finished in 5:18:05 and Nicole Downing of Middleton finished in a time of 6:39:39.

## Knights pick up pair of wins on vacation week

3:00:01 and Natalie Hattan

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood baseball team stayed busy during vacation week, opening the week with a 16-6 win over host Pembroke on Monday, April 27.

The Knights broke out early, scoring six runs in the bottom of the first inning and after the Spartans got a run in the top of the second, the Knights plated three more in the bottom of the second and both teams scored a run in the third inning. Pembroke plated four in the top of the fourth but Kingswood answered with five in the bottom of the inning and added one more in the fifth to close out the 16-6 win.

Offensively, Brady Moulton led the way with three hits, two runs scored and two runs driven in, Nolan Chominski had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Brendan MacPhee had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Mason Beaulieu had a double, drove in three runs and scored two runs, Aaron Swain had a hit, drove in a run and scored two runs, Kolby Brown had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Nate Cloos had a hit, drove

in a run and scored two runs.

Brown started on the hill, giving up two hits and two earned runs over three innings while striking out five and Chominski and MacPhee each pitched an inning in relief without giving up an earned run.

The week continued with a 7-4 win over Coe-Brown on Wednesday, April 29, to remain undefeated heading to the second part of the season.

Kingswood scored six runs in the bottom of the third inning and added one

Walker of Barnstead ran

in the fifth before the Bears came back and scored one in the sixth and three in the seventh to make it close.

Beaulieu had a double, drove in a run and scored a run, Tavin Herget had a hit, drove in two runs and scored a run, Chominski had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Bryan Purrington had two hits and scored a run, Brady Moulton had a hit and scored a run, Cloos had a hit and scored a run and Ben Eidson had a hit and drove in two runs.

Cloos pitched six in-

nings, giving up four earned runs and striking out 10 and Chominski pitched the final innings without giving up an earned run and allowing just one hit.

Kingswood is scheduled to be at home against Bow on Friday, May 8, at Sanborn on Monday, May 11, and Wednesday, May 13, at Oyster River, both at 4 p.m.

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### Lone Knight

Kingswood's Kelsie Davis was the lone Knight competing in a vacation week track meet at Kennett High School on Tuesday, April 28. She placed fourth overall in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:55.58. The Knights are slated to host their lone home meet of the season on Wednesday, May 13, at 4 p.m. at The Nick.

## Knights keep swinging on vacation week

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

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WOLFEBORO — Vacation week didn't slow down the Kingswood softball team, as the defending Division II champs picked up a 12-0 win over Pembroke on Monday, April 27.

Kingswood scored five runs in the bottom of the first inning, added another in the second inning and then plated six in the bottom of the fourth to close out the win.

Caelynn Blattenberger had a double and two singles, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Anna Johnson had three hits and scored three runs, Ella Smith had a double and a single, scored two runs and drove in a run, Makenzie Boisvert had two hits and scored a run, Cassidy Libby had a hit, drove in a run and scored two runs, Miley Boisvert had a hit, drove in two runs and scored a run and Alexis Fowler had a hit and drove in two runs.

Lexi Maloney went

three innings in the circle, giving up just one hit and striking out three while Hayden Merrow pitched the final two innings without giving up a hit and striking out three.

The Knights had plenty of offense on Wednesday, April 29, but fell short against Coe-Brown, dropping a 15-12 decision to the Bears.

Coe-Brown scored five runs in the top of the first and four in the top of the second for a 9-0 lead before the Knights scored once in the bottom of the second. Each team scored two in the third and after the Bears scored once in the top of the fourth, Kingswood plated two in the bottom of the inning. Coe-Brown scored twice in the fifth, Kingswood added three in the bottom of the inning and one in the bottom of the sixth and after the Bears got a run in their final chance at bat, the Knights plated three runs in the bottom of the seventh for the 15-12 final

score.

Fowler had two doubles and drove in a run, Blattenberger had two doubles and scored two runs, Miley Boisvert had a double, a single, drove in one run and scored two runs, Makenzie Boisvert had two hits, drove in one run and scored two runs, Merrow had two hits, drove in a run and scored two runs, Maloney had two hits, drove in four runs and scored a run, Johnson had a hit and scored a run, Libby had a hit and drove in a run and Smith added a hit.

Maloney went all seven innings allowing just five earned runs.

The Knights are slated to be in action on Friday, May 8, at home against Bow, Monday, May 11, at Sanborn and Wednesday, May 13, at Oyster River.

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STOW, Mass. — Masters Academy International (MAI) announced the hiring of Josh Lee as Assistant Basketball Coach and Physical Therapist, reuniting him with longtime coaching partner Jason Smith.

Lee spent two decades as an assistant coach at Brewster Academy, helping build one of the most dominant programs in the country. The Smith-Lee tandem recorded more than 570 wins, posted 13 seasons with 30 or more victories, and captured seven National Prep Championships (2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020), along with seven NEPSAC AAA Tournament Championships and ten NEPSAC Class AAA Regular Season titles.

Now reunited at Masters Academy International, the pair brings a proven blueprint for sustained success and will establish a program rooted in elite development and long-term player growth.

Widely respected for his role in player development, Lee was a cornerstone of Brewster's championship coaching staff, helping develop 23 NBA players and hundreds of Division I NCAA athletes.

In addition to his coaching resume, Lee is a Doctor of Physical Therapy with more than two decades of experience, bringing a rare and valuable dual perspective to athlete performance, health and longevity.

"We're thrilled to re-

assemble a coaching staff that has the foundation, experience and proven track record to deliver on that vision."

Lee emphasized both the familiarity of the partnership and opportunity ahead.

"The opportunity to reunite with Jason and build something from the ground up is incredibly exciting," said Lee. "There's a shared understanding of what it takes to develop players at the highest level and that includes intentional and deliberate care in terms of recovery, nutrition and rest in order to perform at the very best when it matters most."

Lee joins a rapidly growing basketball program at Masters Academy International, where a nationally recognized staff is being assembled to deliver elite training, academic excellence and a comprehensive student experience.

To that end, Masters Academy International announced the hiring of Naadir Tharpe as Head Coach of its Prep Basketball Team and Co-Director of Player Development, adding a proven leader with experience at every level of the game.

A former standout at the University of Kansas, Tharpe helped the Jayhawks secure three Big 12 titles and reach the NCAA National Championship game in 2012. During his three seasons at Kansas, Tharpe earned Honorable Mention All-Big 12 Honors and was named Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week. He went on to play professionally, spending time in the NBA D League and competing internationally for several seasons.

Prior to college, Tharpe shined at Brewster Academy where he was named

NEPSAC Player of the Year in 2011 and helped lead the Bobcats a New England Prep Championship and a National Prep Championship.

Tharpe arrives at Masters Academy International following a successful first year as the head coach of Brewster Prep where he led the program to a 22-10 record. The Worcester, Mass. native previously served as an assistant coach for Brewster Prep for two seasons.

"Naadir's basketball journey, from elite prep to the NCAA National Championship to the professional ranks gives him a unique perspective that few coaches can offer," said Masters. "Our students won't just benefit from him as a coach, they'll be guided by someone who has lived every step of the path they're trying to take."

In addition to his coaching role, Tharpe has built a reputation as an elite player development coach, working with numerous NBA and high-level collegiate players, including Devin Carter, Tyler Burton and Matas Buzelis.

"What excites me most about joining Masters Academy is that we have the time, structure and resources to truly develop our players and give them a real advantage at the next level," said Tharpe. "At most schools, there are limits. At MAI, we can train, teach and build every day and I'm eager to get started and help our players reach their full potential."

To learn more about the basketball program at Masters Academy International, please visit <https://www.mastersacademyinternational.com/sports/basketball/>.

# Brewster hires new Director of Athletics, Director of Basketball Programs

WOLFEBORO — ences of student life across Brewster Academy is pleased to welcome Dwayne Bryant as its next Director of Athletics, a role that will shape not only the future of athletics, but the daily rhythm and experi-

ence of student life across the country, earning McDonald's All-American honors and going on to a standout career as a four-year starting point guard at Georgetown University. Known for his leadership and poise on the court, he later competed professionally overseas, gaining a global perspective that continues to inform his work with students today.

Yet what defines Bryant's career is not only where he has been, but what he has chosen to do with that experience.

For more than 30 years, he has committed himself to education, mentoring young people, and building programs that reflect both competitive excellence and strong values. His work has spanned independent schools, Catholic schools, and diverse communities, where he has consistently been recognized for his ability to connect, to lead, and to elevate those around him.

"From our very first conversations, it was clear that Dwayne leads with both purpose and perspective," said Head of School Kristy Kerin. "He brings a deep understanding of students and a genuine belief in the role athletics can play in shaping their lives."

Most recently, as Director of Athletics at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, Va., Bryant led a large and dynamic program that included nearly 50 teams and a wide network of coaches and staff. Under his leadership, the program became known not only for its competitiveness but for its culture. He placed a strong emphasis on accountability, communication, and building a sense of belonging for every student involved.

He also worked intentionally across the institution, partnering with admissions, advancement, and school leadership to ensure that athletics played a meaningful role in enrollment, community en-

gagement, and the overall student experience.

"Dwayne has a unique ability to bring people together," said Assistant Head of School James Reilly. "He builds trust quickly, he listens carefully, and he leads in a way that is both steady and inspiring. People want to work with him, and students respond to him."

At Brewster, Bryant will oversee all aspects of the athletics program, from varsity teams to afternoon offerings, helping to ensure that every student finds a place to grow, compete, and belong. In addition, he will serve as head coach of girls' varsity basketball, bringing a thoughtful and experienced presence to a program with strong momentum and potential.

Bryant will join the Brewster community on July 1 and will live on campus with his wife, Jenny, embracing the full residential life of the school. He is the proud father of three adult daughters and three adult stepsons. His deep commitment to family is evident in the way he builds relationships and supports students.

Brewster Academy has also announced the appointment of Luke Rosinski as Director of Basketball Programs and Head Coach of the Boys' National Prep Team, a role that carries the weight of one of the most recognized programs in prep basketball. This appointment reflects both pride in that history and a full commitment to what comes next. Rosinski replaces Jason Smith, who built the program over the last 26 years and has taken a position at Masters Academy International.

Rosinski's connection to the independent school and NEPSAC landscape runs deep. A graduate of Kimball Union Academy, he experienced firsthand the demands, expectations, and opportunities that come with high-level prep basketball. His experience continues to shape his ap-

proach today, particularly his understanding of how athletics, academics, and residential life intersect in meaningful ways.

He went on to play Division I basketball at the University of New Hampshire, where he was part of one of the most successful stretches in program history. As a four-year player, he earned a reputation for his work ethic, leadership, and commitment to team culture, qualities that would later define his coaching career.

"Luke has lived the experience we are asking our student-athletes to step into," said Reilly. "He understands what it takes to succeed, and more importantly, he understands how to guide others through that process."

Following his playing career, Rosinski entered the college coaching ranks as a graduate assistant at UNC Greensboro, gaining exposure to the full demands of Division I basketball, including scouting, player development, and program operations. That foundation led him to Hargrave Military Academy, where he took on a lead coaching role for one of the most established prep programs in the country. Over its history, Hargrave has produced more than 30 NBA players and three current NCAA Division I head coaches.

As Associate Head Coach of the National Prep team, Rosinski was deeply involved in all aspects of the program, overseeing recruiting, player development, game preparation, and college placement. During his tenure, the team consistently competed at a national level, earning top 16 rankings and compiling a record of 109-27, while placing multiple players into Division I programs each year. He developed a reputation as both a skilled evaluator of talent and a relationship-driven recruiter, building connections across the country while helping student-athletes

and their families navigate the college process.

"Brewster Academy sets the gold standard in prep basketball. Growing up in New Hampshire, I watched this program rise on the national stage and had the opportunity to compete against it in the NEPSAC. I have deep respect for the culture and tradition here, and to now lead this program is incredibly meaningful," said Rosinski.

That sense of connection and purpose resonated immediately with Brewster's leadership. "Luke brings both experience and competitive drive to this role," Reilly added. "He has a clear vision for how to build a program and a strong understanding of what families are looking for. He is driven and fully invested in the development of his players."

At Brewster, Rosinski will lead all four boys' basketball teams, creating alignment across the program while coaching the National Prep team as its flagship. Competing in NEPSAC AAA, the program returns to a landscape Rosinski knows well, one where his experience and success are well suited to honoring and advancing what Brewster has already built. His role will extend beyond the court as well, working closely with admissions and college counseling to strengthen recruiting pipelines and ensure strong outcomes for student-athletes.

He will begin on July 1 and will live on campus, immersed in the program from day one.

"Our program will be built on hard work, relationships, accountability, and a relentless drive to improve and win," said Rosinski. "We will create an environment where players are both supported and challenged every day while preparing them to reach the highest levels of college and professional basketball."

## 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

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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  
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Saturday, May 9  
KENNETT  
Track at Newfound; 10  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Track at Newfound; 10  
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KENNETT  
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Girls' Tennis at Manchester West; 4  
KINGSWOOD  
Baseball at Sanborn; 4  
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Goffstown; 6  
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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  
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KENNETT  
Baseball vs. Bow; 4  
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Girls' Lacrosse at Merrimack; 6  
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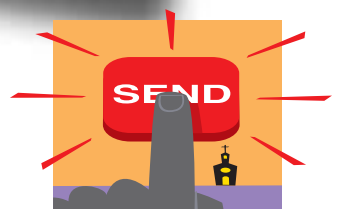
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Baseball vs. Raymond; 4  
Boys' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4  
Girls' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4  
Softball vs. Raymond; 4  
Thursday, May 14  
KENNETT  
Baseball at Pembroke; 4  
Softball at Pembroke; 4  
KINGSWOOD  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Spaulding; 4  
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN  
Baseball vs. Somersworth; 4  
Boys' Tennis vs. Profile; 4  
Girls' Tennis at Profile; 4  
Softball vs. Somersworth; 4  
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Spring is here! Local museums and attractions will be opening soon. Enjoy a day of exploration and save money with a pass for free or reduced admission available to our library cardholders to the following: Castle in the Clouds, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, The Wright Museum, Currier Museum of Art, Bedrock Gardens, Strawberry Bank, Children's Museum of New Hampshire, NH Historical Society Museum, and the Clark House Museum. Call us for more info. This program is made possible by the Friends of the Wolfeboro Library.

**NEW FICTION**  
"Agnes Aubert's Mystical Cat Shelter" by Heather Fawcett, "Revenge Prey" by John Sandford, "The Ending Writes Itself" by Evelyn Clark, "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke, "Go Gentle" by Maria Semple, "Hope Rises" by David Baldacci, "The Girl's Trip" by Allison Condie, "Cat on a Hot Tin Woolf" by Spencer Quinn, "Life: A Love Story" by Elizabeth Berg, "Trust No One" by James Rollins, "Twelve Months" by Jim Butcher, and "No Way Home" by T. C. Boyle.

**NEW NONFICTION**  
"Planet Money" by Alex Mayyasi, "Lonely Planet Ireland."

"Best Road Trips of New England" by Ray Bartlett, "Fodor's Philadelphia," "Frommer's New York City 2026," "Fodor's Essential Spain," "Screen People: How We Entertained Ourselves into a State of Emergency" by Megan Garber, "This Vast Enterprise: A New History of Lewis and Clark" by Craig Fehrman, "This Was Funnier in China" by Jesse Appell, "The New Perimenopause" by Mary Claire Haver and "When the Forest Breathes" by S. Simard.

**YOUTH PROGRAMS**  
**SPRING STORY-TIMES Toddler Time:**  
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Through June 2  
Preschool:  
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Through June 4

**KIDS ART CLASS**  
**PAINTING SPRING TREES**  
Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 p.m.  
Join Miss Jenn in painting with unconventional tools to create an image of the sky and treetops. All materials provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends. For ages seven and up. Registration required.

**ADULT PROGRAMS**  
**THE GALAPAGOS: BIODIVERSITY, BEAUTY, & BALANCE**  
Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m.  
Travel stories and photo-

graphs from Linda Penney & Keith Lion.

**DIGITAL MEDIA**  
Monday, May 11, 10 a.m. - noon  
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**THE DIRIGO MEN OF HENRI-CHAPELLE AMERICAN CEMETERY**  
Wednesday, May 13, 5 p.m.  
Aimee Gagnon Fogg, presenter  
Stories of Maine's WWII service members. Hosted by LRIG.

**VEGETABLE GARDENING**  
Thursday, May 14, 6 p.m.  
with UNH Extension Master Gardener Sherrie Hauff  
Learn all about vegetable gardening from planning to harvest.  
**REDCOATS & REBELS: NEW HAMPSHIRE IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR**  
Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m.  
Mary Adams, presenter  
Hosted by the Library & the Wolfeboro Historical Society  
Funded by NH Humanities.

**FIND YOUR JOY THROUGH LETTER WRITING**  
Thursday, May 21, 11 a.m.  
with Helen Fernald, author of "Love, Helen-Letters to My Mother." All materials provided.

**SCI FI BOOK GROUP**  
Thursday, May 7 at 6 p.m.  
"The Mountain in the Sea" by Ray Nayler.

**2nd TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION**  
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# FREEDOM HAPPENINGS

BY LISA WHEELER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Thank you to the many participants in the roadside clean up. Hundreds of bags of trash were picked up which is both amazing and sad. What makes someone toss their garbage out of their vehicle windows or into the river? Mind boggling. And another thank you to Bobby Sue's for their generous donation of ice cream coupons for all participants.

Freedom's Ellie Stokes turns 100 on May 29. Her family is hoping for birthday cards so they can make a hanging card chain in her room for many months of enjoyment. Her address is: Ellie Stokes, 33 Christian Ave., Concord, NH 03301.

Tin Mountain Conservation Center will showcase Freedom's Terri Brooks on Thursday, May 7 at 5 p.m. Come and meet Terri and enjoy the gallery with fellow nature lovers. The exhibit is on display now through the end of June. Everyone is welcome.

Chalmers Annual Blood Drive is on Tuesday, May 12 at the Center Ossipee gym at the Town Hall from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. There are lots of spots still available. Go to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) and sign up there. If you need more info reach out to Freedom's Rachel Fall at the Chalmers office 539-7444.

The Community Club will host the May dinner featuring an amazing mushroom menu. Dinner will include four different kinds of mushrooms with chicken, potatoes, and vegetables. There is also a dessert that uses mushroom oil. For those who do not like mushrooms, do not despair! Every dish prepared with mushrooms will also be prepared without mushrooms just for you. After dinner the program will also feature mushrooms! Join for mushrooms (or not!) on Wednesday, May 13 at 6 p.m. in Town Hall. Send an email to [communityclubfreedomnh@gmail.com](mailto:communityclubfreedomnh@gmail.com) with the number and names of attendees. All responses must be received by Sunday, May 9.

Elections will take place at the June meeting (June 10). If you are interested in running for a position, please reach out and indicate which position you'd like: president, vice-president, treasurer, co-treasurer, secretary, or representative at large. If you currently hold a position, and you are interested in running again, please reach out as well. Also, if you have collected prizes for the Craft Fair from businesses in the Valley, please bring them with you to the May or June meeting and give them to Jen Ullrich. If you did not get an envelope to help collect prizes, see Jen at the May meeting.

Join in the second annual Friends of Ossipee Lake workshop on Saturday, May 16 at 1 p.m. at Camp Calumet. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. This is an informative workshop designed for everyone who cares about the health and longevity of Ossipee Lake-swimmers, kayakers, boaters, fisherman, bird watchers, property owners, conservation commission members. To learn more, reach out to [friendsofossipeelake@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofossipeelake@gmail.com).

The featured artist at the library is Jane Wilcox Hively with her oil paintings. Stop in to view her work. Our new librarian begins on May 18 so that is another reason to pay a visit to our library this month.

The Freedom Historical Society invites you to The Mammoth Road: New Hampshire Folk Tales as an Avenue to Local History and Culture on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 pm at the Town Hall, presented by historian Erin Moulton. Moulton will dig into tall tales and town history.

Freedom Beach Club applications will be mailed out this week so be on the lookout for those, or you can pick up a copy of the 2026 application at the library.

Freedom Elementary School is looking for support to provide healthy snacks to students. Currently the school is able to supply snacks two days a weeks and their goal is to supply snacks all five days. If you would like to donate, please reach out to the office at 539-2077 to learn more. Additionally, they are looking to create more outdoor spaces for the students and staff to enjoy, specifically comfortable seating areas where classes can take their learning outside or simply enjoy lunch in the fresh air. To help make this happen, they are looking for donations of pressure-treated picnic tables and tree stumps that can be used for natural seating. Please reach out to the school if you are able to contribute or if you have items to donate.

The Lords Hill Meeting House in Effingham has an exciting plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 23 from 9 a.m.-noon, rain or shine. This is their largest selection ever of plants. Reach out to Heidi at 207-205-0987 to learn about pre-ordering plants or to get a list of plants that will be available that day. All proceeds support community programs along with maintenance of the Meeting House, bandstand, and grounds.

## Freedom Historical Society examines local history through folk tales

**FREEDOM** — The Freedom Historical Society continues with its 2026 speaker series on May 20 with a program entitled "The Mammoth Road: New Hampshire Folk Tales as an Avenue to Local History and Culture" by Erin Moulton. It is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities.

Folk tales are passed from one generation to another — often embellished by time and teller. For example, "Ethan Crawford was as tall as Mount Washington. He could carry at least seven men on his back!" Yet, when we look at folk tales, the people who compile them, and the location from which they spring, we can access history in a new and entertaining way. Join us to hear and explore folk tales collected by the New Hampshire Women's Federation (1932) and dig into local resources in search of truths. Was it tall

tale or town history?

Erin Moulton, author and genealogist is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the New Hampshire Historical Society, the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, and serves on the committee for the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire.

The Freedom Historical Society is a non-profit organization that shares and preserves the stories of Freedom's history. The public is invited to Join us on May 20 at 7 p.m. to be part of an evening of shared stories, local history, and community connection. The program is free and will be presented in person at the Freedom Town Hall, 16 Elm St. For more information or questions about the program, please call (603) 491-8347.



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# Local salamander brigades safely escort amphibians during spring "Big Nights"



lived, such as the spotted salamanders, which can live up to 30 years. Also, since many of these salamanders live 95% of their lives underground and other amphibians, like the spring peepers and gray tree frogs, may be hard to find, Big Nights offer a special opportunity for us to observe these animals in the wild. Volunteers find it to be a rewarding experience and a tangible way that they can help with conservation."

In fact, more than half of GMCG and CLC's volunteers were first-time amphibian crossing brigade volunteers this year.

Additional migration nights are expected in the coming weeks. GMCG encourages the public to limit travel on warm, rainy evenings and to use caution if a brigade is in progress. If you are interested in collecting data close to home on your own (within the Saco River Watershed) and sharing that data, you can do so by submitting an online data form at gmcg.org. Important: you must watch the Harris Center for Conservation Education's training recording prior to doing your brigade and submitting your

data to make sure you are trained in amphibian identification, data collection, and safety protocols

(<https://harriscenter.org/programs-and-education/citizen-science/salamander-crossing-brigades/>

volunteer-materials). For more information or to get involved, visit gmcg.org.

**E F F I N G H A M** — The Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) recently held a salamander brigade in collaboration with Chocorua Lake Conservancy (CLC) in Tamworth for one of the region's "Big Nights."

Big Nights are the first warm, rainy nights of spring when the ground is thawed, when amphibians like salamanders, frogs, and toads move en masse from upland forests to wetlands where they breed. These critical nights are essential for species' survival and often require crossing roads where the risk of mortality is high. This was the third year that GMCG and CLC hosted an educational program and brigade to assist amphibians crossing the road and to gather data on species diversity and numbers, as well as mortalities.

On April 14, a group of 17 volunteers helped 306 amphibians safely reach wetlands and the Chocorua River. Species included spotted salamanders, red-backed salamanders, Eastern newts, two-lined salamanders, spring peepers, American toads, gray tree frogs, and a green frog. An additional early brigade effort on March 31 brought the seasonal total to 322 amphibians crossed to date for this site, including some early migrating wood frogs. Volunteers documented 26 road fatalities on April 14, underscoring the continued risk from traffic. A series of public service announcements on WMV and social media have been urging people to try and stay off the roads on these critical nights for the past two springs, and signs on Route 16 and Route 153 have been alerting the public as to when migration nights are expected. Sandwich Conservation Commission held local brigades again this year and Tin Mountain Conservation Center encouraged participants to act as close to their homes as possible.

"It is exciting to see the brigades expand over the past few years to include more sites and more communities that are interested in monitoring these amphibians that play an important role in our local ecosystem," said Tara Schroeder, Education Coordinator at GMCG. "Each amphibian safely guided

across the road supports the long-term health of these populations and provides us with an opportunity to learn about critical migration routes and habitats that need protecting. Not only are these animals an important part of the food web, but they are also indicators of ecosystem health[AB1], as some are dependent on excellent water quality and forest habitat for survival, and some are particularly long-



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Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
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Jonathan T. Rose					
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	Wolfboro Road	N/A	\$145,000	Thomas E. Murray III	Gerald Bowman
Bartlett	Dundee Road	N/A	\$165,000	Maine Community Supporting Foundation	Sarah and Paul Stevens
Bartlett	19 Marsden Dr., Unit 19	Condominium	\$365,000	Pauline H. Rouillard IRT	Stacey and Jeff Jones
Bartlett	Thorn Hill Road	N/A	\$300,000	Ragnar Land Holdings LLC	Michael Blough RET
Bartlett	US Route 302	N/A	\$330,000	John C. McRae	Nicholas and John Mota
Bartlett	N/A	N/A	\$650,000	Daniel Degroot	Lai Yen Chan and Kelly X. Duong
Conway	Eastern Inns Condo E-22	Condominium	\$40,000	Steven H. Cabral	Bonnie Zeena Lincoln
Conway	Eastern Inns Condo W-46	Condominium	\$10,000	Sean and Lisa Williams	Estates General LLC
Conway	74 Garmish Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$550,000	Laila Salvatierra LT	Carl and Jacqueline Osorio
Conway	Route 302	N/A	\$450,000	Jean C. Hamilton Estate and Heather Tower	Marc V. and Heather Tower
Conway	White Mountain Highway	\$450,000	Jean C. Hamilton	Estate and Heather Tower	Marc V. and Heather Tower
Conway	N/A	N/A	\$58,000	Thompson-Guyotte RET and Anthony P. Guyotte	Wanita M. Gadomski
Conway	N/A (Lot 15)	N/A	\$125,000	Robert E. Gillis	Christopher Cronin
Conway	N/A (Lot 418)	N/A	\$15,000	Mary Lou Primmer	Jordan and Ariana Pike
Freedom	N/A (Lot 2)	N/A	\$400,000	Patricia B. Hadley RET and Christopher T. Hadley	Michael T. and Catherine A. Cassidy
Jackson	Carter Notch Road	N/A	\$1,125,000	Nancy Miller and Glen Theodore Nygreen	Elizabeth Seabury RET
Madison	334 Fox Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$565,000	William G. and Carol F. Melanson	Timothy William and Karen Joan Russell
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 Merymeeting Rd.	Res.-Mtl. Bldg.	\$375,000	Philip L. Canter and Florence F. Keefe	Raymond George and Rebecca Huff
Ossipee	76 Moultonville Rd.	Mobile Home	\$290,000	Megan L. Horne	Melanie Ross
Ossipee	496 Route 16	N/A	\$1,020,000	Asset Traders LLC	Dancy Fiscal Trust and Peter M. Dancy
Tamworth	Cleveland Hill Road	N/A	\$275,000	Diana Tilton and Geraldine S. Jackson	Steven Andrews and Ginger Demiranda
Tamworth	Hall Road	N/A	\$225,000	Brianna and Jonathan Rose	Blue Sky Holdings LLC
Tuftonboro	23 Ledge Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$334,000	Linda M. Dalton and Larry L. Dore	Dean Michael Masterson and Sabrina Marie Meriano
Wakefield	N/A (Lot 3)	N/A	\$610,000	Edward F. Brown Trust	Paul and Marcia Tighe
Wolfboro	104 Lehner St.	Commercial Building	\$415,000	104 Lehner Street LLC	Rocketfoods LLC
Wolfboro	N/A (Lot 3)	N/A	\$235,000	Earle and Denise Blatchford	Robert and Claudia Stoecklein

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## Hodges now accepting applications for Harriman Hill III



**WOLFEBORO** — Lakes Region Community Developers (LRCD) is pleased to announce that applications are now open for Harriman Hill III, a brand new 30-unit affordable apartment community currently under construction in Wolfboro, NH. Units are expected to be available Summer 2026. Harriman Hill III is the third and final phase of the Harriman Hill development, representing more than 15 years of work by Lakes Region Community Developers and Eastern Lakes Region Housing Coalition to fully build out affordable housing in the Wolfboro community. Located at Beck Drive, the development will offer one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments to individuals

and families earning between 50% and 120% of Area Median Income. All units include heat and hot water, access to on-site laundry, a community room, and a walking trail. Accessible units are available. The property is pet-friendly with restrictions. Rents range from \$1,017 to \$2,084 per month based on unit type and household income. Actual rent is disclosed upon unit offer. Income limits are based on household size and updated annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). "The Hodges Companies is excited to now be accepting applications for the new apartments at Harriman Hill III. Our goal

is to help individuals and families take the next step into a safe, stable, and affordable new home. As demand is expected to be strong, we encourage anyone who may qualify to apply as soon as possible. These apartments offer a valuable opportunity to become part of the Wolfboro community. I am available to answer questions and assist you through every step of the Harriman Hill III application process," said Dylan Bouffard, Administrative Assistant, Affordable Housing, The Hodges Companies. Applications are open now. How to apply: Online: [hodgescompanies.com/harriman-i/](http://hodgescompanies.com/harriman-i/) Contact: Dylan Bouffard, The Hodges Companies Phone: 603-410-4281 Email: [DBouffard@hodgescompanies.com](mailto:DBouffard@hodgescompanies.com) Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

About Lakes Region Community Developers: Lakes Region Community Developers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating affordable housing opportunities and empowering residents to achieve economic security in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. To learn more, visit [lrcommunitydevelopers.org](http://lrcommunitydevelopers.org).

## Makers Mill hosts "Coffee & Conversation" on smart giving May 15

**WOLFEBORO** — Looking for a meaningful way to make an impact in your community? Makers Mill invites you to start your day with purpose at "Coffee & Conversation: The Art of Smart Giving" on Friday, May 15, from 9 to 10 a.m. at 23 Bay St. Over coffee and muffins, participants will explore smart, tax-efficient ways to support the causes they care about. The session will cover strategies such as donating non-cash assets, including appreciated stock, IRA distributions, and donor-advised funds, and how these approaches can help maximize impact while potentially reducing tax burden. The conversation will also include a look at recent tax law changes and how they may influence charitable giving

decisions. The session will be led by Brian H. Laing, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, who will share insights and be available for questions. Laing takes a thoughtful, personalized approach to financial planning, helping individuals and families align their investments and giving with long-term goals and comfort with risk. "By the nature of our nonprofit work, we have been learning a lot about tax-smart ways to contribute, not just to Makers Mill, but to any organization you might care about - and we feel this information is worth sharing," said Josh Arnold, Executive Director of Makers Mill. "It's about finding smart, thoughtful ways to support the community and the causes you

care about." Following the session, attendees are invited to stay for a free Makers Mill tour at 10:00 a.m., offering a guided look at the spaces, tools, and community that make the Mill such a vibrant hub for creativity and connection. Community members are encouraged to RSVP in advance at: [makersmill.org/tax-smart-giving](http://makersmill.org/tax-smart-giving) Makers Mill is a nonprofit community makerspace in Wolfboro, New Hampshire, offering access to tools, classes, and collaborative opportunities that support creativity, skill building, and community connection. Free tours are offered every Friday and on the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. For more information and to register, visit [makersmill.org](http://makersmill.org).

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## Lake Hosts needed to help protect our waterways

WOLFEBORO — For the 25th year, NH LAKES is pleased to offer the Lake Host Program, an aquatic invasive species education and prevention program. Would you be interested in becoming one of the more than 750 Lake Host inspectors staffing approximately 100 of the most highly used boat ramps on New Hampshire lakes and ponds and teaching boaters how to prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals?

The Wentworth Watershed Association and the Town of Wolfeboro are coordinating the NH LAKES Lake Host Program at the public boat launch sites in Wolfeboro. The goal of the program is to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals in New Hampshire's lakes and ponds through public outreach.

Trained Lake Hosts are placed at boat launch sites to:

- Educate all visitors about aquatic invasive species, distribute education materials, and complete a brief survey on boating habits.

- Offer courtesy boat and trailer inspections of all vessels arriving and departing from the ramp and show boaters where to look for hitchhiking aquatic invasive plants and animals.

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- Encourage boaters to self-inspect and use the "Clean, Drain & Dry" method each time they use their boat, trailer, and gear.

- Safely remove and dispose of all plants, animals, and other debris.

- Collect photos of plants and animals removed from vessels and confirm identification of suspicious specimens with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

With the "Clean, Drain, and Dry" approach to aquatic invasive species prevention, boaters are encouraged to always do the following—before and after boating—to prevent invasive plants and animals from hitchhiking a ride into our waterways:

Clean off any plants, animals, mud, and other debris from your boat, trailer, and recreational gear.

Drain your boat, trailer, and equipment away from the water. If possible, rinse everything that touched the water with clean water away from waterbodies and storm drains—the hotter and higher the pressure

of the water, the better.

Dry anything that came in contact with the water. At least five days of air-drying time is best, but not always possible so towel dry as best you can.

We've been battling milfoil in our lakes for many years now, but there are new threats, many of which are not visible or easily removed. With the recent discovery of the spiny water flea in Lake Winnepesaukee, boaters need to be more diligent in cleaning their boats and fishing gear.

For more information about becoming a paid or volunteer Lake Host inspector at one of the public launches in Wolfeboro, please contact Susan Goodwin at 603-569-2935 or email [sgwolfe66@gmail.com](mailto:sgwolfe66@gmail.com). Schedules are flexible and I'm happy to schedule you for whatever times you might be available.

NH LAKES is the only statewide, member-supported nonprofit organization working to keep New Hampshire's lakes clean and healthy, now and in the future. For more information, visit [www.nhlakes.org](http://www.nhlakes.org), email [info@nhlakes.org](mailto:info@nhlakes.org), or call (603) 226-0299.

## Man indicted for title fraud, other charges

CONCORD — Attorney General John M. Formella and Department of Employment Security Commissioner Richard J. Lavers announce that the Carroll County Grand Jury has returned indictments against Chris M. Lamb, age 51, related to title fraud. The indictments charge Lamb with three class B felonies, Title Fraud and Forgery (two counts).

The title fraud indictment alleges that on or about May 18, 2020, Lamb solicited and aided another in making a false statement in an application for a certificate of title for a 2004 Chevrolet Suburban when Lamb provided a purchaser with false documents and told her to represent that she purchased the vehicle from another person when in fact, she purchased it

from Lamb. According to the forgery indictments Lamb uttered to the purchaser a false bill of sale and a Pennsylvania certificate of title containing a false re-assignment of title for the vehicle.

Lamb is scheduled to be arraigned on May 13 in Carroll County Superior Court. Each Class B felony offense is punishable by up to three and a half to seven years in state prison, a fine, or both.

The investigation was conducted by the Department of Employment Security's Benefit Payment Control Unit, with assistance by New Hampshire State Police Troop G and New Hampshire Department of Justice Investigators. The New Hampshire Department of Employ-

ment Security provides unemployment benefits to eligible individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own and investigates allegations of fraud to protect New Hampshire's unemployment trust fund. The New Hampshire Department of Employment Security receives program funding and grant awards from the U.S. Department of Labor.

To report possible unemployment fraud, call (603) 228-4019, or email the Department of Employment Security at [NHES.BPC@NHES.NH.GOV](mailto:NHES.BPC@NHES.NH.GOV).

The charges and allegations against Mr. Lamb are merely accusations, and he is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

## Hobbs Brewing Company awarded Silver at 2026 World Beer Cup®

OSSIPEE — Hobbs Brewing Company was awarded a silver award in the 2026 World Beer Cup, the most prestigious beer competition in the world. The award ceremony took place on April 22, 2026, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, where awards were given in 114 style categories and five cider categories.

Hobbs was awarded a silver award in the Strong Porter beer style category for Lodge Life, a Baltic Porter. Lodge Life is a smooth and creamy dark lager, characteristic of the style, and boasts notes of milk chocolate and caramel. It is released yearly as a Winter Seasonal and is followed by a Spring/Summer release of Lake Life Pale Ale. It is available for purchase at all Hobbs locations as well as in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maine through their distribution partners.

"This beer builds off of everything we know and love about brewing with dark malts, and my personal passion for dark beers that are smooth, balanced, and drinkable," says Mike Frothingham, Head Brewer at Hobbs Brewing Company.

World Beer Cup, better known as the "Olympics of Beer Competitions," recognizes the best in brewing

from all over the world. This year, a group of 255 discerning beer judges, hailing from 37 countries, carefully evaluated 8,166 entries from 1,644 breweries across 50 countries. Established by the Brewers Association in 1996, the World Beer Cup Competition continues its legacy annually, representing the international brewing elite and celebrating producer craftsmanship. For additional information, visit the World Beer Cup Web site.

Rooted in the Ossipee community, the Hobbs family of brands are built on both a commitment to hospitality and a deep connection to the historic lands they call home. Hobbs Tavern & Brewing Company opened as a Brewpub in April 2014, with on-site beer production that developed into packaging and self-distribution in 2016. National recognition soon followed at the Great American Beer Festival, where they have garnered medals over the years for their One Arm Farmhouse Ale and Sugar Moon Barrel-Aged Wee Heavy. In 2020, Hobbs expanded

with a 9,000-square-foot production facility and Taproom, and in 2024 added Hayloft Pizza to further serve the community. Today, Hobbs Brewing Company operates multiple gathering spaces dedicated to bringing people together through craft beer, food, and shared experiences, honoring both its New Hampshire roots and the Hobbs family legacy.

**LEGAL PROBATE NOTICE**  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
3rd Circuit - Probate Division - Ossipee  
4/10/2026 THRU 4/23/2026  
**APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARIES**  
Notice is hereby given that the following fiduciaries have been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for Carroll County.  
All persons having claims against these decedents are requested to exhibit them for adjustment and all indebted to make payment.

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801, Jackson, NH 03846.

#314-2024-ET-00030

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of Lancaster, NH. James

McMahon, 27 McMahon

Drive, Whitefield, NH

03598.

#314-2026-ET-00074

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Brian Marcoux, P.O. Box

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#314-2026-ET-00081

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Chant PA, 2935 White

Mountain Hwy, North

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#314-2026-ET-00055

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#314-2026-ET-00046

Dated: 4/24/2026

### TOWN OF WAKEFIELD, NH PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the Wakefield Planning Board will conduct a **Public Hearing on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM** at the Wakefield Town Hall, Sanbornville, NH for the following application:

**Minor Site Plan Review:** submitted by Margot MacArthur, Garvin Laundry, LLC on behalf of Margot MacArthur, Garvin Mercantile, LLC for property they own located at 3 High Street, Sanbornville, NH, Tax Map 180, Lot 107, a 0.20-acre lot. The applicant seeks approval of a Minor Site Plan Review to establish a laundromat. The property is located in the Village Residential Zone.

If this application is accepted as complete, it will be on each Planning Board agenda until a decision is rendered.

Copies of the application are available for public review during regular Land Use Department office hours.

Doug Stewart  
Planning Board Chairman

### Town of Wolfeboro Zoning Board of Adjustment PUBLIC NOTICE

**Great Hall at Wolfeboro Town Hall 84 South Main Street  
Monday, May 18, 2026 - 6:00 PM**

**As required by RSA 674:15 and 675:7 the Wolfeboro Zoning Board of Adjustment hereby notices the following project(s).**

#### **New Applications/Public Hearings:**

**Taylor Community, Bay Street,** Tax Map-Lot 203-62, 63, 64, 65, Case # 2026-SE-004. Special Exception under section 175-107 of the Zoning Ordinance for Proposed use of property: elderly housing consisting of 5 residential duplexes for a total of 10 units. Public Hearing and Decision.

**Robin Acres Community, 12 Robin Acres Dr.,** Tax Map-Lot 142-044; Case # 2026-V-004, Variance from section 175-79.A and 175-79.B of the Zoning Ordinance is required to make the lot a buildable dwelling lot. The lot is 0.52 acres in size where 1 acre is required in the residential zone. The lot has 145.53' of road frontage where 150.00' is required in the residential zone. Public Hearing and Decision.

**Christiff Properties, 55 Pine Hill Rd.,** Tax Map-Lot 176-20, Case # 2026-V-005, Variance from section 175-81 of the Zoning Ordinance for expansion of an automobile service station (preexisting-non-conforming use) greater than 25% and development of a new non permitted use of Storage Facility. Applicant proposes to construct a new single-story storage building to be used for part of owner's existing auto-repair business storage needs and will also contain rental storage bays/units available to the general public. Public Hearing and Decision.

Plans and materials related to these applications can be viewed at the Planning and Development Office in Town Hall. Parking is located behind the Town Hall building and accessed from Union Street. If there is anyone with a disability needing any modifications and/or auxiliary aid to access this meeting, please notify the Planning Department at 603-569-5970 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

### PUBLIC HEARING WAKEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT - SAU 101 SANBORNVILLE, NH

The Wakefield School Board will hold a Public Hearing Pursuant to 198:20-c

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026

**Time:** 5:30 PM

**Location:** Wakefield School District SAU 101  
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