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Camp Invention wraps up at New Durham School

On Friday, June 30, New Durham School wrapped up their week long Camp Invention with 38 students in grades 2-6. This was the seventh year of the program at NDS. The theme was “Wonder.” Students created their own pop-up businesses, engineered their own mimic-bot, had next level celebrations, and learned about the physics of skateboarding.

Gilford collecting waste for Household Hazardous Waste Day July 29

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — The town will have a collection site open for Household Hazardous Waste Day on July 29.

Household Hazardous Waste Day are coming up at the end of the month and the beginning of August and residents of 24 different communities are encouraged to drop off their materials at different collection stations. Gilford will be collecting household hazardous waste on July 29 at the DPW building.

The Lakes Region Planning Commission hosts Household Hazardous Waste Collections every year. This year 24 different communities will be participating in Household Hazardous Waste Day with seven regional sites collecting waste on Saturday, July 29, and Saturday, Aug. 5.

Gilford will collect household hazardous waste on Saturday, July 29 from 8:30 a.m.-noon, at the DPW garage at 55 Cherry Valley Rd.

That day Belmont, Franklin, and Meredith will also have collection sites open that day. On Aug 5 collection sites will be open in Bristol, Laconia, and Moultonborough.

Residents and taxpayers may bring up to 50 pounds or 10 gallons of material to the regional collection sites.

Accepted materials include pool chemicals; herbicides and weed killer; pesticides; coal tar-based driveway sealer; toxic art supplies; roofing tar; cleaning fluids; anti-freeze; gasoline and diesel fuel; car wax polish; carburetor cleaners, and new, used and mixed oil; oil-based paint; stains and varnishes, and paint stripper.

Items that will not be accepted include ammunition and fireworks; asbestos; electronics; fluorescent tubes, ballasts, and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL); latex paint; propane tanks; radioactive materials; rechargeable batteries; smoke detectors; and thermostats, thermometers, and any device containing mercury; tires.

People participating in Household Hazardous Waste Day are asked to put their materials in a cardboard box and place them in an open car trunk or truck bed. People should pull up and stay in their vehicle for their items to be collected.

For more information on Household Hazardous Waste Day contact the LRPC at 603-279-5342, visit lakesrpc.org/serviceshhw.asp, or visit the LRPC on Facebook and Instagram.

Mother-daughter duo promote sustainability at Rayne Refillery

BY CATHY ALLYN
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ALTON — Business partners should share the same goals and dedication. An Alton business has partners who share even more — Ronnie Hanson and Gracie Hanson share the same family, as they are mother and daughter.

There is no denying they also hold the same passion and commitment to their store Rayne Refillery.

The business opened its doors in September of 2022 with what most shoppers would find an unusual concept. Rayne Refillery is a low waste refill store, founded to bring sustainable, eco-friendly, and less

waste products to consumers.

With a store designed to reduce single-use plastic and unnecessary packaging, customers can reuse and refill their own containers with the store’s bulk items.

“Remember when the slogan ‘Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle’ came out?” Ronnie asked. “Now we say, ‘Reduce, Reuse, and Refill’ because recycling isn’t working.”

Awareness is growing that separating our plastic and putting it in the recycling bin at transfer stations is not actually ensuring the containers don’t wind up in landfills or the ocean.

“Less than five

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CATHY ALLYN

Ronnie Hanson, one half of the mother and daughter team that operates Rayne Refillery in Alton, mans their tent at the New Durham Farmers’ Market while her business partner Gracie Hanson holds down the fort at the shop at 20 Homestead Place, suite B. The business opened in September of 2021 and its goal is to “reduce our plastic footprint, one plastic bottle at a time.”

Patrick Gandini shares Eagle Scout project with Gilford Rotary



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Patrick Gandini, Gretchen Gandini, Keith Gandini, and Lt. Col. Kurt Webber, US Army (Retired) & Assistant Scout Master for Gilford Boy Scout Troop 243.

GILFORD — Patrick Gandini, an Eagle Scout and member of Boy Scout Troop 243 in Gilford, recently attended the Gilford Rotary Club meeting to thank the club for their support of his Eagle Scout Project and present a slide show detailing his project.

Gandini’s Eagle Scout project involved a complete renovation of the Gilford School District’s Track & Field Shed, including replacing the roof, adding an additional enclosure for

hurdle storage, adding new shelving, adding rain gutters, and adding a brick walkway. During his presentation, he thanked all donors to the project, including: Arbortech, Belknap Landscape Corporation, Bigfoot Maple, Bonnette, Page, and Stone Corporation, Daniels Electric Corporation, Gilford Home Center, Hammer Down Farm, The Aldridge Family, and The Goegel Family.

A recent graduate of Gilford High School,

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Edward Albee’s ‘Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?’ opens July 28 at the Village Players



GEORGE (Bob Rautenberg) and Martha (Michaela Andruzzi) share a laugh in “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” coming to the Village Players Theater in July.

WOLFEBORO — The Village Players are excited to present the American classic “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” to a new generation of theatergoers this summer. Actors are deep into rehearsals for this summer’s production, which opens July 28 in Wolfeboro.

“Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” first produced in 1962, went on to win the Tony Award

and the New York Drama Critics’ Circle award for best play, launching playwright Edward Albee into the forefront of American theater. This intensely compelling work delves into human relationships and the masks people wear before others-- the stories we tell other people and that we tell ourselves. George and Martha seem like a fun-loving couple when they invite

Nick and Honey over for drinks, but the evening of fun and games turns into verbal sparring, cruelty, and betrayal. What follows is an intense and psychologically gripping battle of wits and emotions that exposes the fragile nature of their own lives.

Director Jay Sydow points out that this play has been an amazing departure from the fun, light-hearted,



THE ATMOSPHERE gets tense as Nick (Robby Sturtevant) reacts to George’s (Bob Rautenberg) taunts in “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” opening July 28.

no-thinking-required productions he is used to bringing to the stage. “Everything I learned in American Literature in high school came flooding back to me. This production has been a great deal of work for all involved, and I am extremely grateful for their dedication and conviction to bring this play to life.”

George is played by Bob Rautenberg; Martha, his wife, is played by Michaela Andruzzi.

Young marrieds, Nick and Honey, are played by Robby Sturtevant and Amanda Wagner. Sydow is directing, assisted by Joshua Spaulding. Carol Bense is acting as advisor. Cathy Fraser is producing the show, taking care of the many details that surround a community theater production. Special thanks go out to show sponsors Linda Penney and Keith Lion.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, July 28 and 29, Aug. 4 and 5,

at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday Aug. 6, at 2 p.m., at the Village Players Theater, 51 Glendon St., Wolfeboro. Tickets, \$20, are available at village-players.com, Black’s Paper Store in Wolfeboro, and at the door.

Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf? is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection. (www.dramatists.com)

Stacey Kelleher performing in bandstand Saturday night



STACEY KELLEHER will be performing at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, July 15.

WOLFEBORO — Stacey Kelleher is no stranger to Wolfeboro and on Saturday, July 15, she will be returning to the town where she cut her musical teeth to perform as part of the

Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concert series.

Kelleher, who graduated from Kingswood Regional High School and went on to study music at Berklee College

of Music, is now based in Nashville, Tenn., but will be home to perform in the Lakes Region as the third concert in the free Saturday night series. Kelleher takes the stage at 7 p.m.

Kelleher brings a pop and rock combination to her songwriting and is unafraid to be blunt. She blends electronic elements and driving guitars together to create her own unique sound and her signature raspy vocal tone makes her a force to be reckoned with.

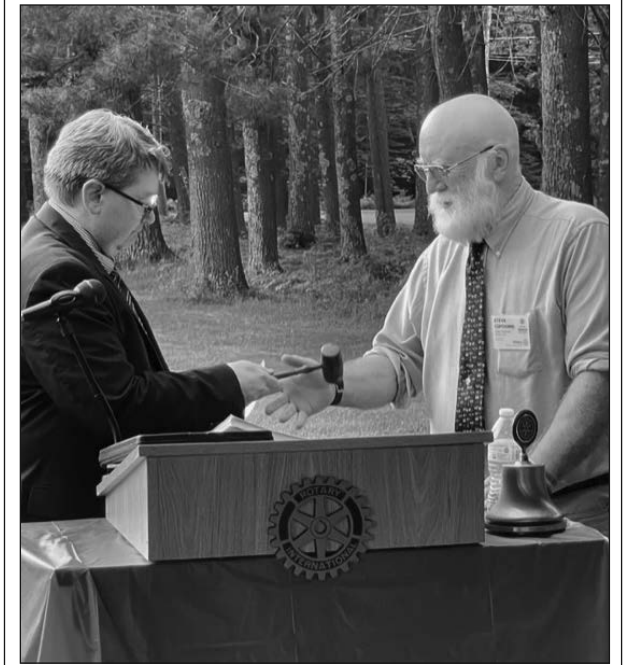
Kelleher has received numerous musical honors and accolades, including songwriting awards from Berklee. She is also an avid touring musician performing all over New England and beyond. She has performed at legendary venues including the Hotel Café in Los Angeles, Calif. and the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

Her melodies and emotive lyrics blended with indie-pop production has cultivated a unique sound, a sound of a young woman who is working hard and keeping it clear. Her debut EP “Songs So Far” has garnered more than 125,000 streams on Spotify alone

among the many other successful singles she released last year.

The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concerts take place each Saturday night in July and August in the bandstand, which is located in Cate Park in downtown Wolfeboro. The concerts start at 7 p.m. and run for two hours, with a short intermission. The concerts are free, but a pass-the-bucket collection is taken at intermission to help support the concert series.

In the event of bad weather, check the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand Facebook page and signs will also be posted at the entrance to the park.



Passing the torch

Guests and members of the Alton Centennial Rotary Club enjoyed an outdoor dinner at the “Changing of the Gavel” ceremony held at the Miller Farm in New Durham on July 6. Here, outgoing President Terrence Small (left) hands the symbol of club leadership, the gavel, to new President Stephen Copithorne. The group serves the communities of Alton, Barnstead, and New Durham, and meets Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at the Alton Community Center on Pearson Road.

Alton Dance Academy announces summer camps

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy is pleased to announce summer camps for 2023. Princess and Encanto themed camps for ages three and above. We encourage your dancer to explore the art of dance while doing fun crafts, class, activities, games and more. No experience needed to enjoy our fun for those two camps! Next up we have two intensives that vary by age group for dancers of different levels. We have guest artists, classes and more. For requirements, more info and cost please head to our website www.altondanceacademy.com. We look forward to have a super fun summer! 603-875- 3623 or ashley@altondanceacademy.com. Adult classes in Zumba and Pilates are available too!

Alton Garden Club looks forward to July events

ALTON — Summer feels like it is finally here, and members of Alton Garden Club are looking forward to two events during the month of July.

On July 18, we will gather for an informal tour of the Brick House Farm perennial gardens. Then on Tuesday, July 25, we will be heading to the home and gardens of one of our members for our regular meeting.

Our guest speaker for the topic of Floral Arrangements will be Sharon Lalibarte, owner of Alton Florist, located at 64 Chamberlain Rd., Alton. She will share her expertise during her demonstration, offering tips to help us make the most of bouquets taken from our own gardens. If you’d be interested in attending either of these events and are not a member, call Peggy McKinney at 603-776-6032 for details and directions.

For additional Garden Club information, visit our Web site at altongardenclub.com.

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Peaches and Politics fundraiser returns July 22

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NEW DURHAM — People always look forward to annual events, and the events themselves often grow bigger and more encompassing.

That's the case with Peaches and Politics, a yearly fundraiser put on by the New Durham Democratic Committee, that features food, fellowship, speakers, music, and a lovely locale.

It got its start in 2019 and attracted three Presidential primary candidates and a representative of another as speakers. The next year, Covid forced the event into an on-line raffle, but Peaches and Politics bounced back in 2021 with keynote speaker Lawrence Lessig of Harvard University.

Last year, several state-level candidates spoke, including gubernatorial candidate Dr. Tom Sherman.

Monies raised go toward the support of local, state, and national candidates. There is more to the group than that, though. It donates to local non-partisan causes and organizations, and members care for a garden near the New Durham Police Station and email legislators regarding upcoming bills.

Beginning in September, the group will host a series of presentations, virtual and in-person, on non-partisan issues that will benefit the community. The first will be on Social Security, virtually, at noon on Sept. 27. The session will be recorded, so registrants who are unavailable then will be able to watch at their leisure.

Everything begins with the group's big event, though, and it is scheduled this year for Saturday, July 22 at the Miller Farm, 51 Miller Rd., New Durham, from noon until 4 p.m.

Acting as coordinators of all of the volunteers necessary to pull off an event like this are David and Polly Wessel. The husband/wife team employs a spreadsheet to keep track of everything from who's helping with parking to how many tablecloths are needed.

It's no mean feat, and it doesn't start a few

weeks before.

Polly said the best thing about the hard work and time commitment is "just the day itself. The whole day is always a great experience."

She listed all of the positives.

"The farm is beautiful, we have a chance to be with people and catch up with those we haven't seen, the food is great, and the speakers are a valuable part of it. Everything we can do to make that day a success is worth it," she said.

She said people can come and go as they please.

"Some stay the entire time, since we have things going on, but others might stay for just a brief while," she added.

The two also research and engage the speakers for the event.

This year, at press time, gubernatorial candidate Cinde Warmington and Dan MacMillan, whose non-partisan group Save Democracy in America is working to get big money out of elections, will be on the program.

David is always on the look-out for speakers.

"When you come across an interesting person who has something to say and a good voice to present those ideas, that's what we want," he said.

Back in February, he saw MacMillan's op-ed in the "New Hampshire Business Review" and started up a correspondence that resulted in MacMillan speaking at Peaches and Politics at 12:30 p.m.

"He's a marvelous speaker with a great cause," a member who has been at another of his speaking engagements said.

MacMillan, holding a law degree from Fordham University and a PhD from Columbia University, is the author of an acclaimed book for the general public about why the Holocaust happened.

Interestingly, it was his research for a new book on money in politics that spurred him to take direct political action, leading to his latest endeavor.

His talk, "Voter-Owned Elections Can Overcome Big Money and Bring Americans

Together," reflects his thoughts on Democracy Dollars.

This system, used in several cities, including Portland, ME, uses vouchers from a government fund that voters can give to the candidates of their choice, in an effort to keep moneyed interests out of elections.

"It's an American issue," MacMillan wrote in an email to David, "because we're

all fed up with politics as usual, we need a government that serves us instead of campaign donors, and we all believe in government by the people."

He said his proposed reforms have cross-partisan appeal and can help unite the country, "because campaign cash worsens polarization."

Warmington, who will speak at 1:30 p.m., is a lifelong health care

advocate who currently serves on the Executive Council. Prior to becoming an attorney, she worked in health care for two decades.

Along with increasing access to affordable housing, she has vowed to increase mental health resources. She is a recipient of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center's Pete Harris Community Service Award for her advocacy work to raise awareness of mental health issues.

During her tenure on the Council, she voted against defunding Planned Parenthood. She announced her run for governor in June and has indicated her campaign is about freedom for the state's people, including freedom for women to make their own health care decisions, for workers to earn fair wages, for parents to send their kids to school without fear of gun violence, and for everyone to thrive.

In addition to the special guests, the peach-themed food prepared by committee members is a draw. Some recurring favorites are chicken

wings with spicy peach glaze, peach salsa with chips, and peach iced tea.

"We always have all sorts of cobblers," Polly said. "It's fun to make something that utilizes peach jam, too."

She said this year she was contemplating baking savory peach muffins.

Tickets are \$10, with children 12 and under admitted free. They are available at the door or online at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/peaches-2023>.

Chaz Proulx will provide music and a peach themed gift basket will be raffled off.

Richard Leonard said Peaches and Politics is a "connection" and a good opportunity for networking. He was glad to offer the grounds of the Miller Farm for the event.

"I do it to support local Democrats," he said.

The committee can be reached at newdurhamdems@gmail.com for more information or to be added to the group's email list to stay abreast of activities.

St. John's-on-the-Lake welcomes Rev. Carol Asher



Rev. Carol Snow Asher

GILFORD — St. John's-on-the-Lake welcomes the Rev. Carol Snow Asher to its pulpit on July 23. The Rev. Asher, ordained with both the American Baptist church and the United Church of Christ, is the former pastor of the Center Harbor Congregational Church, where she served for eleven years. Previously she served churches in Massachusetts.

The ministry is a third career for the Rev. Asher. She served many years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Northeast Brazil and later taught foreign languages in Providence, R.I., high schools. In her spare time, she loves to nurture the gardens in her yard, even as she nurtures her own "inner garden" and seeks to help others to tend both inner and outer gardens.

Saint John's is a picturesque church built in 1927 of native stone. A wooden tower surrounds a structure that was originally a private lookout tower. The birch altar and the stained glass windows add to its charm. It is an ecumenical chapel whose mission is to serve the summer residents of the island area. Services are held each summer Sunday at 10 a.m.

St. John's is located on the highest point of Bear Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, and it can be reached by a short walk from the church docks in Church Cove (Deep Cove) on the west side of Bear Island, as well as by other marked paths. For "taxi" service from Meredith Neck, email us at bear.island.church.ferry@gmail.com. Sturdy shoes are recommended. All are welcome, as are well-behaved leashed dogs. For more information, check the Web site, www.st-johnsonthelake.com.

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Freedom for all, understanding for one another

In a world where our differences should be celebrated, and progress towards equality has always been the driving force, it is crucial to emphasize the values of acceptance and freedom for every individual. True freedom does not discriminate; it extends its embrace to all, regardless of differences or misunderstandings. We must recognize that just because we may not fully understand someone's experiences, culture, or identity, it does not justify denying them the same rights, respects, and freedoms that we hold dear.

Acceptance means realizing that every person has the right to exist and thrive without facing discrimination or exclusion. It is not a statement that should provoke offense or threaten anyone's beliefs. On the contrary, it is a profound affirmation that we are building a society where everyone feels valued, regardless of their background or individuality.

For too long, certain individuals have been subjected to being stared at, treated differently, or made to feel like they do not belong. But imagine the transformative power of a society where everyone truly feels that they belong, where their unique qualities are celebrated and respected. By embracing acceptance, we create an environment where people are empowered to be their authentic selves and contribute to the rich tapestry of our communities.

It is our responsibility to challenge any biases or preconceived notions we may hold and actively seek understanding. Instead of closing our minds, let us open our hearts and engage in meaningful dialogue. By listening to each other's stories, we can gain valuable insights and bridge the gaps that may divide us.

Acceptance is not a one-sided endeavor; it requires empathy, compassion, and a willingness to learn from one another. As we champion freedom for ourselves, let us extend that same freedom to our fellow human beings. Let us forge a path that affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every individual.

Acceptance and freedom go hand in hand. They are the foundations upon which we can construct a society that truly values and honors each individual. By recognizing that everyone belongs, we empower those who have been marginalized, stigmatized, or misunderstood. Together, let us champion acceptance, nurture understanding, and create a world where freedom is for everyone, unequivocally and unconditionally.

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Story Time

During the last week of June, the Oscar Foss Memorial Library's Wednesday Storytime came with a special and unexpected treat! Barnstead resident, Debbie Keene, knitted and donated these beautiful African dolls to be handed out to the children who attended. Special thanks to Ms. Keene for her generosity!

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Tire'd

Every morning, I get woken up by my friend tapping on my bedroom window. A while ago, I saw him chasing around with his significant other, looking like a couple of love birds. He found out how to grab onto and hang on my window screens and was really impressing her by doing so. I was busy doing yard work but decided to watch for a while.

Their antics continued from window to ladder to porch railing and roof. Back and forth. For a moment I thought that I would witness the consummation of their relationship, but she shied away and the chase went on. I watched the show for a few more moments before they flew off around the house and out of sight.

These days, looking out my bedroom, and others, you will see lots of little white marks. My guess is that it's probably dried up Bluebird saliva that gets deposited there during its constant pecks. I haven't seen her for a number of days, so my guess is that she's probably sitting on eggs

in the little birdhouse. He's outside protecting her by fighting off all the invading Bluebirds that he sees in all my windows.

There's been so much rain lately that it's been hard to keep up with outside my jobs. This woman asked me to bring my tiller over her place and rough up the ground where she wanted to plant new grass. The other day rain wasn't forecast till like three o'clock. I figured that I could easily accomplish that so I set my sights on doing so.

I knew that I could fit the tiller into my truck, but that would mean emptying all my stuff out from it and leaving it exposed to the rain sitting in the yard. I decided not today.

Last year a woman asked me to bring my four wheeler to her place to drag and smooth out her new lawn. When I pulled my seldomly used trailer from its space in the woods, one of the tires came loose from the wheel. I tried to get it to reseal myself unsuccessfully, so I took it off the trailer and brought it down to some tire guys

to repair. When it came back it was holding air.

Now knowing from experience that running on a low tire will break the bead, I checked the air before moving it. That very same tire was already off the rim. With my attempts to get it to inflate proving ineffective, I jacked up the trailer and removed the wheel again. Not wanting to bring it back to the same tire guys, I got out my rubber cement and slobbered it into the seam, cranked up the ratchet strap and shot it with air. It inflated and wasn't losing air. So far, a success. By the time I got it back on the trailer it was noon time.

I arrived at my customers place around one and was soon churning up her dirt. It wasn't long before the little occasional showers turned into occasional rain. Seeing the progression, I proceeded to remove my cloths and get into my bathing suit. Soon after, it was a torrential downpour. I didn't care. My boots were getting wet and muddy but what a nice day to be out in such a summer rain. Remember the song? In

68, Johnny Rivers sang "summer rain taps at my window," a sweet song of multidimensional love. They don't seem to write them like that anymore.

That's a song too! By the Greg Kihn band, called the breakup song. We actually cover that one; it's guaranteed to get them up on the dance floor. There are some songs that just seem to get to everybody hopping.

So after all was done, I drove the tiller back onto the trailer and brought it home whereupon driving it down off the trailer I noticed that it's tire too had broken the bead. I drove it over by the cellar door and pulled off the wheel and did my best to clean out all the dirt and tried to blow it back up in the rain. No luck, air leaking out all over the place. Not a good thing to be doing in the pouring rain. I left everything as it was and took the wheel with me, inside to dry off.

The bird is again tapping my window, reminding me to get off to work.

E.Twaste
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Learning to walk again

Take a trip down memory lane to when we were kids. Everything was fresh and new. We watched the world in awe as our older siblings, parents, or other grown-ups seemingly defied gravity, strutting around on two feet while we were stuck crawling. How badly we wanted to walk.

We'd take a couple of steps, only to end up with a mouthful of carpet. But that desire? It fueled us; it made us dust ourselves off and try again. We were relentless, relentless in our pursuit to join the walking crew. And after countless tumbles and stumbles, we did it! How did we do it? By watching others and then trying to do it like them.

As adults, we embark on new adventures and face new challenges. But guess what? The same strategy still applies. What could be more potent than observing and learning from those who came before us if we're seeking success in a particular endeavor?

When I wanted to be a fast swimmer, I was obsessed with the world's top swimmers and their routines. I studied their eating habits, workouts, cross-training, and tech-

niques. If I was to be as fast as they were, I had to do what they did.

My mindset was simple: why waste time creating a new method when a successful one already exists?

Isaac Newton, the renowned physicist, and mathematician, said, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants."

What does it mean to stand on the shoulders of giants? No matter what we seek to achieve, there's a high likelihood someone has already accomplished it or at least something similar. Their experiences, successes, and even failures can provide insight to move you toward achieving your dreams faster.

Would you ever consider climbing Mount Everest without examining the routes and strategies of the climbers who have summited before? You'd be insane not to. I'd only attempt such a feat by doing the same thing other successful climbers have done to get up and down without killing themselves.

You can apply this same principle to anything you set out to accomplish.

Are you looking to write a novel? Identify an author whose style resonates with the type of book you'd like to write. Consider the length of their books and how many words they have. Get into the author's routine: do they write every day? What does their writing schedule look like? Who is their publisher, and what is their submission process?

Want to be the best salesperson in your office? Identify the leading salesperson in your field. How do they generate leads? How many client meetings do they schedule daily? How do they utilize time during the workday? If possible, shadow them, ask questions, emulate their selling style, and adopt their closing strategies.

Ambitious about changing the world or shaking up a particular industry? Seek wisdom from the pioneers. What challenges did they confront, and do those hurdles still stand? Study how they tackled challenges and incorporate their strategies into your approach.

You may want to do it your way, and you can. While that may be true, it's always beneficial to learn from the mistakes

of those who came before us. You can find someone comparable even if they didn't do exactly what you're doing.

Eleanor Roosevelt, the former First Lady of the United States, said, "Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself."

Emulating the habits of successful people is about something other than copying or being unoriginal. It's about intelligent strategy and recognizing proven pathways to success.

Kobe Bryant, recognized as one of the greatest players in NBA history, actively studied and emulated Michael Jordan's moves, mannerisms, and speaking style.

Someone else has faced the same challenges, persevered, and emerged victorious. How did they do it?

Here's my challenge to you. Identify someone who has achieved what you're striving for. Study them. Get to know their story. Understand their journey and, most importantly, draw lessons from their experiences.

Be open, be curious, and reach for the stars. After all, you're just learning to walk again, this time in a new field.

Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events
July 13 - July 20

Thursday, July 13
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
T(w)een: Bad Art Week, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
T(w)eens: We've got all the supplies for you to make your own "disaster-piece". Cobble things together and let your creativity run wild before we open up the Bad Art Gallery and judge the BEST Bad Art. Daily from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Cubing Club, 1-2 p.m.
Come learn basic cubing and speed cubing with special guest teacher YouTuber BenTheCuber with over 157,000 subscribers!
French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, July 14
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
T(w)een: Bad Art Week, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Storytime with Eugene, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Join us for a unique storytime with our guinea pig, Eugene!

Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
T(w)eens: Heat Beaters, 2-3 p.m.
Heat Beaters: cold snacks and cool games. Join Hayden weekly on Fridays to play some outdoor games and have a tasty cold snack to beat the heat!
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, July 15
Squam Lakes Science Center: Be an Earth Hero, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Squam Lakes Science Center naturalists will be bringing three live animals native to NH and share the inspiring stories of three Earth Heroes whose work has helped to ensure their survival.
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 17

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Summer Baby Storytime, 10-11 a.m.
Join a special baby storytime filled with silly songs and groovy rhymes!
T(w)een Escape Rom: The Great Bank Escape, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Your plans were foiled to rob the bank and you all got stuck inside the master vault with some serious lockdown measures. Work together to find a way out and get away before security shows up! Sign up with the front desk!
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Cubing Club, 1-2 p.m.

Tuesday, July 18
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fit While You Sit, 10-11 a.m.
The average American spends between eight to 13 hours a day sitting. Unfortunately, the human body was not made to sit for these extended periods of time. This class will help you

learn new tools to help counteract any significant sitting your body does on a daily basis. Presented by Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropactic.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
T(w)een Escape Rom: The Great Bank Escape, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Create Your Own Board Game, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Create your own original board game to play with friends!
Abstract Watercolor Bookmarks, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Learn basic watercolor techniques with Molly and paint your own watercolor bookmarks! Just what you need to mark your place during Summer Reading... All materials included.
Teen/Adult Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Hiking In NH, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Anyone with an interest in hiking and climbing come listen to Keith Gentili give an honest

and detailed account of hiking in the White Mountains either solo or with a group. He will inspire you to climb your own mountains, whatever they may be!
Wednesday, July 19
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 9-10 a.m.
Hand & Foot, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
T(w)een Escape Rom: The Great Bank Escape, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Storytime @ the Beach, noon-1 p.m.
T(w)een Drop-In Squeegie Art, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, July 20
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
T(w)een Escape Rom: The Great Bank Escape, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cubing Club, 1-2 p.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Book Discussion: The Promise, 5-6 p.m.
Discover Live: Tokyo,

Japan, 6-7 p.m.
Our live, personal, interactive, virtual one-hour tour will take us through Shibuya, one of the busiest areas in Tokyo. Our tour will start at Yoyogi National Stadium. It was built for the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo and repurposed for the games again in Tokyo 2020. The round and curved designs of this stadium are unique and beautiful. Next, we will proceed to the Shibuya area. This vibrant place is especially popular with young people. We will see exciting and exquisite shops, restaurants, and bars that you can only experience in Japan. At the end of the tour, we will walk the famous crosswalk, "Shibuya Scramble Intersection", along with many others, before getting to Shibuya Station. On the way, our guide will share interesting tidbits about Japanese culture, technology and Tokyo's history.

GILFORD POLICE LOG

The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from June 19-28.
Erin O'Connell, age 64, of Laconia was arrested on June 19 for Operating Without a Valid License.
A 39-year-old female from Alton Bay was taken into protective custody on June 20 for Resisting Arrest or Detention.
Tony Huckins, age 33, of Laconia was arrested on June 20 on multiple counts of Theft By Un-

authorized Taking in an amount less than \$1,000.
Jerry L. Graves, age 67, current address unknown, was arrested on June 21 for Criminal Trespassing.
A 42-year-old male from Alton was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 22.
A 38-year-old female from Westford, Mass.; a 65-year-old female from N. Chelmsford, Mass.; A 46-year-old female from Reading, Mass.; and

an 83-year-old female from North Chelmsford, Mass. were taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 22.
A 25-year-old female from Manchester was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 23.
A 43-year-old female from Laconia was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 23.
Jack J. Higgins, age 20, of Laconai was arrested on June 23 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

Christina M. Rowe, age 43, of Laconia was arrested on June 24 for DUI-Impairment.
Corey A. Verrill, age 35, of Meredith was arrested on June 24 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault-Physical Contact.
Anthony M. Smith, age 28, of Nashua was arrested on June 24 for DUI-Impairment.
Anna Christine Agnes Harlow, age 19, of Chichester was arrested on June 25 for Reckless Operation.

LRHHPF hosting hazardous waste collection Saturday

WOLFEBORO — Saturday, July 15, the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) will have its monthly collection from 8:30 a.m.-noon at 404 Beach Pond Rd.
Wolfeboro and Alton folks, please make every effort to obtain a free pass prior to collection day at your home town solid waste facility to turn in at the collection.
All non-member communities may attend by cash or check: \$45 for each increment up to five gallons, counting the cans (pints, quarts, etc., not the ounces within). LRHHPF will accept multiple increments as your budget allows.
As always, for participants' safety, no one may leave their vehicle for any reason after entering the drop off area.
Latex paint is not a hazardous waste. Oil base paints, stains, automotive fluids, pool chemicals, cleaning products, and pesticides are common items collected. Placing containers in a cardboard box will speed up removal and keep your vehicle tidy.
Old boat or mower gas? LRHHPF will drain and return your containers at the Wolfeboro site.

Non-Hazardous Hints: buy only the amount needed, use it all, many less harmful alternatives now are available. To prevent accidental poisonings, store carefully, attend LRHHPF frequent collections.
Call or text 603-651-7530 for assistance with additional questions.

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Masons hosting monthly breakfast buffet Sunday

ALTON — On July 16, the Masons of Winnipisaukee Lodge in Alton will be hosting their monthly Breakfast Buffet, open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle. With fresh fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, French toast, coffee and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. So join them for breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. Cost is \$12. They hope to see you there, always on the 3rd Sunday of the month. For more information, contact David Cumming at 603-767-2057.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Obsessed" by James Patterson
2. "Circle of Death" by James Patterson
3. "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese
4. "Must Love Flowers" by Debbie Macomber
5. "Private Moscow" by James Patterson
6. "Dead Man's Wake" by Paul Doiron
7. "Cross Down" by James Patterson
8. "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus
9. "Near Miss" by Stuart Woods
10. "An Evil Heart" by Linda Castillo

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When you're retired, you'll likely have some financial concerns — just like all retirees. However, if you've invested regularly and followed a long-term financial strategy, you should be able to address most issues that come your way. But there's one important action that's sometimes overlooked by retirees: sharing their financial situation with their grown children. And this knowledge can benefit everyone in your family.

You might be surprised by the concern your children have for your financial well-being. Consider these findings from a 2023 study by Age Wave and Edward Jones:

- 66% of millennials (generally defined as ranging from 27 to 42) worry that their parents or in-laws may not have enough money to live comfortably in retirement.
- 83% of millennials would rather know their parents are financially secure in their retirement, even if it means their parents pass on less money to them.

If you have children in this age range or older, or who soon will be, how can you address their concerns and potentially improve your financial outlook? Communication is the key. By openly communicating with your family about your financial status, you can reduce anxieties and misperceptions. If you're in good financial shape, your adult children may be reassured that you won't be needing their assistance. And if you are feeling some financial pressures, you can inform your children of the steps you are taking to improve your situation.

One such step may be to reduce your cost of living — the less you spend day to day, the better your ability to preserve your investment and retirement accounts. You may be able to reduce costs in many small ways, such as ending streaming services you no longer use, but you could

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Before investing in bonds, you should understand the risks involved, including credit risk and market risk. Bond investments are also subject to interest rate risk such that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease, and the investor can lose principal value if the investment is sold prior to maturity.

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make an even bigger impact by downsizing your living arrangements. In fact, 72% of today's retirees have downsized or are willing to downsize to reduce their housing costs, according to the Age Wave/Edward Jones survey. Downsizing isn't for everyone, but if it's a possibility for you, it may be worth considering because the savings could be significant.

You may also be able to reduce or consolidate your debts. Start by understanding how much and what kinds of debt you have. Then, consider ways to lower your payments, such as refinancing. For example, if you're carrying a balance on multiple credit cards, you might be able to transfer the amounts you owe onto a single card with a more favorable interest rate.

Here's another move to consider: Adjust your investment mix to possibly provide you with more income in retirement. During your working years, you may have invested

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primarily for growth — after all, you could be retired for two or more decades, so you'll need to draw on as many financial assets as possible. But once you're retired, your investment focus may need to shift somewhat toward income-producing opportunities. Keep in mind, though, that you'll still need some growth potential to help keep ahead of inflation.

One final suggestion: Let your children know if you already have a strategy in place to meet the potentially high costs of long-term care, such as a nursing home stay. This burden is certainly something you won't want your children to take on.

By informing your children about your financial picture, and how you're trying to improve it, you can ease everyone's minds — so keep the lines of communication open.

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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	77 Ingalls Terrace	N/A	\$675,400	W&W Ralph TLLC	Gregory and Marissa Edmunds
Alton	Kent Locke Circle	N/A	\$110,000	James N. Locke 1988 RET and Natalie J. Locke	Wyatt Stockman
Alton	22 Larry Dr.	N/A	\$368,000	Christopher L. Gagnon	Jonathan Smolin
Alton	19 Wendy Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	Joan M. and Robert J. Ellis	Pamela R. Sampson
Alton	427 Wolfeboro Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$350,000	Terry S. Gilmore	Troy T. and Heather M. Corriveau
Alton	N/A (Lot 136)	N/A	\$115,000	Richard J. Allard and Robin Russell	Md Property Restorations LLC
Alton	N/A (Lot 88)	N/A	\$39,933	Jose Silva	Darren R. and Cheryl A. Parrillo
Barnstead	Beaver Ridge Road	N/A	\$70,000	Whistling Pines Inc.	Michael and Jacquelyn A. Zimmer
Gilford	5 Cumberland Rd., Unit 9	Condo Package-Residential	\$100,000	Avery LT and Steven B. Avery	Walker Fiscal Trust and Steven A. Walker
Gilford	212 Edgewater Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$4,700,000	Christina J. Brady Trust	Victory Marvin 2012 RET and Kim Marvin
Gilford	2724 Lake Shore Rd.	Residential Developed Land	\$190,000	Melissa and James Gaffney	Matthew S. Raymond
Gilford	131 Lake St., Unit 204	Condominium	\$159,000	Christine R. Bell	Christine M. Benoit
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$155,000	Ultimate Rehab LLC	Elizabeth Lisk-Charlwood and Gerald Charlwood
Gilford	N/A (Lot 12)	N/A	\$1,900,000	Polly T. Hernandez Fiscal Trust	Terrace Hill Trust and Sherry A. Raymond
Gilmanton	Copp Road Mixed Use (Commercial/Industrial)		\$350,000	Christopher Hottel 1997 Trust	David and Kristina Duval
New Durham	91 Mountain Dr. Residential Developed Land		\$10,000	Robert Oakes	Robert Keene
New Durham	N/A (Lot 14)	N/A	\$600,000	James E. and Merle L. Taylor	Matthew T. Murphy and Deborah Skeath

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve

additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2023
Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay

July 15- Morgan-Nelson- Mix of Southern Rock, Country, Bluegrass and Original Music; July 22- Chris Bonoli- Soft Rock, Country and Classic Electric Blues; July 29- Saxx Roxx- Classic Rock with brass; Aug. 5- EZ Band- Classic and those destined to be; Aug. 12- Bittersweet-Classic Rock-Fireworks to follow at 9 p.m.; Aug. 19- Got It Covered Band- Cover Songs; Aug. 26- Saxx Roxx is back by popular demand to close out the Concert Series with Classic Rock with brass.

Alton Old Home Week 5K Road Race

Co-Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. Aug. 12 at the Alton Bay Bandstand,

9:00a.m. Sign up by July 14 and receive a long sleeve race shirt. US-ATF Certified Course through Alton. Computerized timing with bib chip; results posted online. Scenic, slight varying course, flat/downhill with one moderate incline, paved. Prizes, refreshments, water stops, traffic control and raffle for racers. Forms and map available at www.alton.nh.gov or register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Alton/AltonOldHomeWeek5KRoadRace>, \$20.

Alton Bay Old Home Week Craft Fair

The Old Home Week Craft Fair will be held in Alton Bay on Aug. 12 & 13. New England artisans with handmade wares will be displaying their crafts at the Alton Bay Community Center and Railroad Square Park. Unique offerings include custom-made

jewelry, fine wood crafts and furniture, maple products, soaps, skin care, honey, fabrics, totes, bags, pet treats and toys, skin care, quilts, baskets, photography, table runners, wall hangings, pottery, jams, dips, spices, candles, and more. Saturday, Aug. 12 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 13 – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free.

Alton Old Home Week Cribbage Tournament

Join in the Old Home Week Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand and play outside by the lake. Register in person at 12:45 p.m. at the Bandstand. Prizes will be awarded to winners. All ages are welcome.

Alton Trails- All Star

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a

get outside and hike program now through Aug. 31. Hike seven local trails, and receive an Alton Trails All Star sticker. All you have to do is take a photo on each trail, and send the photos to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov. Trails include: Mike Burke Trail; Knight’s Pond; Trask Swamp and Fort Point Woods Conservation Area; Gilman Pond; Mt. Major, Pine Mountain and Cotton-Hurd Brook.

Local, Guided Hikes on Fridays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring free Hikes on Fridays: July 14- Knight’s Pond; July 21-Trask Swamp and Fort Point Woods Conservation Area; July 28- Gilman Pond Conservation Area and August 18-Pine Mountain, weather permitting. Hikes will leave from local trail heads in Alton at 1:30 p.m. Hikes will

be approximately 45-70 minutes, round trip. For more information and to pre-register before each date contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Pick Up Play in the Park- Court Sports

Community members 18 years and older interested in playing Basketball, Tennis or Beach Volleyball on Thursday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. and/or Pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. are invited to sign up for Pick Up games at Liberty Tree Park Courts. Visit www.altonparksandrecreation.com to sign up through SignUpGenius. Bring your own equipment and make it a game; try it once or play every week.

Seriously Social Bridge Club

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department

is starting a new Bridge Club in August. If you like card games like Hearts or Whist try the newly formed SS Bridge Club. The group will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center starting August 8. Join in the fun by learning a new game or refreshing your skills. All abilities are welcome. Perfect for singles or couples. Meet new people. Pre-register for your spot by contacting 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov by Aug. 4. Ages 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Alton Bay Fireworks

The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in celebration of Old Home Week on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 p.m., rain date is Sunday, Aug. 13.

Barnstead Parks & Recreation highlights

Summer Swimming Lessons

We are currently taking registrations for summer swimming lessons for ages 18 months – 17 years old. Session 2 is July 31 – Aug. 11 (deadline to sign up is July 21). Registration information and forms are on our website.

Outdoor Family Movie Nights

July 14 – Space Jam:

A New Legacy, PG. We (along with OFML) are excited to hold a free outdoor movie night every Friday in July. The movies will take place at the P&R field next to the old archery targets and will be shown at dusk (around 8:30 p.m.), on a large outdoor screen. Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase. You can find the remaining movie lineup and additional

information on our website and Facebook page. Bring a chair or a blanket to sit on and join us under the stars.

Summer Concert Series

Barnstead Parks & Recreation is pleased to welcome to the Summer Concert Series Stage, Aches & Pains on July 15 and White Dog Duo on July 22.

Aches & Pains, play-

ing on July 15, founded in 2014 by Ray Mahar is right out of our hometown. This five-piece classic rock band will be playing rock and blues tunes from all of your favorite albums from the ‘60’s and ‘70’s. So come on down to support our local Barnstead band and be prepared to dance the night away to all of your favorites.

White Dog Duo, playing on July 22, is a pop-

ular local Acoustic Duo playing your favorite ‘70’s music. They are sure to have you singing along and swaying in your seat to some great tunes.

Summer concerts will take place at the Barnstead Parade Grounds every Saturday from June 24 through Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m. This year’s lineup features a wide array of music and can be found at www.barnsteadnhparks-rec.com/

events. Concessions will be offered by local organizations and the concerts are free so grab a chair or a blanket and come on down to enjoy the show!

Commission member openings

We are seeking volunteers for the P&R Commission. We meet the second Thursday of every month. There is no specified time commitment required and you choose what activities/ events you want to be a part of. If you are curious, feel free to contact us for more information or stop by one of our meetings.

Please watch our Web site (barnsteadnhparks-rec.com) and Facebook page (@barnsteadparks) for additional details, date changes, cancellations, and pop-up events. We can also be reached at 802-332-3799 and barnsteadparks@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Bernier named D3 Pitcher of the Year

Timber Wolves, Golden Eagles earn softball All-State honors



Ella Bernier of Prospect Mountain was named Division III Pitcher of the Year for the second year in a row.



Gwen Christie of Prospect Mountain earned First Team All-State honors.



Prospect Mountain's Tori Christie was named to Division III First Team All-State.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire softball coaches have voted and the All-State teams for the 2023 season have been announced, with plenty of local representation.

For the second year in a row, Ella Bernier of Prospect Mountain was named Division III Pitcher of the Year. Maddie Carmichael of Hopkinton was named Player of the Year, McKenzie McGrath of St. Thomas was named Coach of the Year and Tom Lambert of Conant was named JV Coach of the Year.

Locals joining Bernier in earning First Team All-State were teammates Tori and Gwen Christie, Maddie McKenna of Gilford and Ava Bartoli and Makenna Peare of Berlin.

Second Team honors went to Alexis Wilson and Olivia Noyes of Prospect Mountain, Lena Rodriques of Belmont and Maddie Hazelton and Kendal Heyman of Gilford.

Honorable Mention went to Lauren MacDonald of Winnisquam, Jaylin Bennett of White Mountains, Rylie Cotnoir of Belmont and Sadie Lydick of Gilford.

Also earning First Team honors were Tonya Sanchez of Newport, Carmichael and Lizz Holmes of Hopkinton, Ashleigh von der Linden and Abigail Gaynor of St. Thomas, Payton Bryson of Bishop Brady, Rylee Her of Conant, Zoie Stevens of Stevens and Emily Howell of Hillsboro-Deering.

Also earning Second Team honors were Steph Elrick of Hopkinton, Danna Dyer and Gabby Lensky of Somersworth, Elizabeth Flynn of St. Thomas, Cheyenne Hannum and Emma O'Connor of Newport, Abigail Tyrrell and Kimble Rose of Bishop Brady, Grace Kirb of Conant and Cainen Avery of Monadnock.

Honorable Mention also went to Haley Hathorn of Hillsboro-Deer-

ing, Ava Archambault of Bishop Brady, Amelia Anderson of St. Thomas, Peyton Blackinton of Newport, Aby Lambert of Somersworth and Dinkensh Levesque of Raymond.

For Division IV, Woodsville's Mackenzie Griswold was named Player of the Year, while Woodsville head coach Dana Huntington was named Coach of the Year and Cassie Manning of Woodsville was named JV Coach of the Year. Keira Sophakhot of Newmarket was named Pitcher of the Year.

Joining Griswold in earning First Team honors among the local players were Dory Roy of Woodsville, Kylee Lachance of Groveton, Hailee Beane of Littleton and Olivia Tatro of Moultonborough.

Second Team honors went to Abby Crocker of Woodsville, Marissa Kenison of Groveton and Taytum Adams of Little-

ton.

Earning Honorable Mention were Kate Clermont and Mackenna Mack of Lin-Wood, Katherine Bushey of Groveton and Sophia Lafond of Lisbon.

Also earning First Team honors were Abby Dowling of Wilton-Lyndeborough, Alyvia Jaimenes of Pittsburgh-Canaan, Leah St. John of Mascenic, Sierra Riff of Colebrook and Souphakhot.

Second Team honors also went to Amelia D'Aiello of Pittsburg-Canaan, Bri Fish of Wilton-Lyndeborough, Ella Pearson of Mascenic, Emma McNalley of Sunapee, Gia Tilton of Newmarket, Hailey Rossito of Colebrook and Liaha Messier of Portsmouth Christian.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Ella Morris of Wilton-Lyndeborough, Isabella Mendez of Newmarket, Jacqueline Giroux of

Pittsburg-Canaan, Catalina Davis of Mascenic and Lillian Kelleher and Taylor Goodspeed of Sunapee.

In Division II, Kingswood's Morgyn Stevens was named Pitcher of the Year while Mike Shaw was named Coach of the Year. Hannah McGonigle of Bow was named Player of the Year.

Joining Stevens in earning First Team All-State honors was Plymouth's Maggie Boyd, while Avery Gregory and Carley Johnson of Kingswood were named Second Team.

Also earning First Team honors were McGonigle and Emily Kiah of Bow, Madison DeCota of Coe-Brown, Morgan Belmont of Con-Val, Austyn Kump and Kailey Disco of Hollis-Brookline, Olivia Hargreaves and Ava Rivers of John Stark, Livie Lacasse of Merrimack Valley, Brooke Hanson of Sanborn, Gabby Torres of Souhegan, Caileigh Aguiar of Pelham and Eliza Carignan of Pembroke.

Also earning Second Team honors were Abby Delia and Sophia Romano of Campbell, Emma Broadstone and Courtney Thomas of Coe-Brown, Lily Mandel of Con-Val, Kaylee Keyser and Kayla Smith of Merrimack Valley, Kyleigh Burtzell of Pembroke, Macy Swormstedt of Laconia, Gracie Spirito and Kate Michaud of Oyster River, Brooke Slaton of Pelham and Ruby Dykstra of John Stark.

Honorable Mention

went to Jayden Porter of Coe-Brown, Phoebe Hood of Sanborn, Kaydence Stinson of Laconia, Emily Tebbetts of Hollis-Brookline, Addy Veno of Oyster River, Juliana Pinciario and Theresa Ives of Campbell, Hannah Harrington and Alexia Warren of Milford and Avery Moore of Con-Val.

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Kingswood Youth Football and Cheer registration open

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Youth Football and Cheer is a football and cheer program open to youth in local communities ages 12 and under (split up by age levels). Sign up is available through SportsEngine at kingswoodjuniorknights.sportngin.com/register/form/089614324.

You can also follow the program Facebook at Kingswood Youth Football and Cheer and on Instagram at kingswood_jrknights.

Practice starts on Monday, July 31, at 5:30 p.m. at Kingswood Regional High School on the grass field by Crescent Lake School in Wolfeboro.

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Ronald David Kenerson, 65

Ronald David Kenerson, age 65, died unexpectedly on May 22, 2023, at his home in Waterville, Maine.

The youngest of six children, he was born on September 17, 1957, in Weymouth, Massachusetts, to Norman Francis Kenerson and Marion Mae (Pratt) Kenerson. He grew up in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts and later moved to Alton, New Hampshire, before living in Maine.

Ron worked as a truck driver, mechanic and carpenter throughout his life. He was an avid New England sports fan and most of all loved spending time with his family. His greatest



pride in life was his children and grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his daughter Lindsay (Kenerson) O'Connell, his parents and brother Stephen Kenerson. He is survived by his son Derek Kenerson and his wife Marisa of Barnstead, NH, daughter Wendy (Kenerson)

Noyes and her husband Steven of Alton NH. His grandchildren Anna-belle, Ethan, Olivia, Levan, Kaylin, Stevie, and Maximus. And siblings Donna and husband Joe Tibbetts, Donald and wife Kay Kenerson, William and wife Dot-tie Kenerson and Robert and wife MaryEllen Kenerson, also many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of Ron's life will be announced at a later date by his children. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Lindsay O'Connell and/or Marion Kenerson to the American Cancer Society.

Brian Joseph Morrill, 43

Brian Joseph Morrill, a beloved son, brother, and friend, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 28, 2023 at the age of 43 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born on March 3, 1980 at Huggins Hospital in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, growing up in Wolfeboro before moving to NC in 2002.

Brian was a kind and gentle soul who touched the lives of everyone he met. He had a passion for sports and was an accomplished Salesforce Administrator. He also loved spending time outdoors, hiking and camping with his friends and family at the beach. Brian was a 1998 graduate of Kingswood Regional High School and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix. He then went on to work as a Senior Specialist for Advance Auto Parts Corporate in North Carolina. He was known for his hard work and dedication to his job,



always going above and beyond to help his colleagues and clients. Brian is survived by and will be deeply missed by his parents, Jennifer Madden Morrill of Wolfeboro, NH and Joseph Morrill Sr. of Hillsboro, NH; brother Joseph Morrill Jr. (Michelle) and their children of Alton, NH; sister Jaki Smith (Cody) and children of Smithfield, UT; close cousin Command Sgt Maj Michael Morrill (Renee) and their children of Fort Lewis, WA; close cousin Candi McKerley (Josh) and their children of Deering, NH; close cousin Scott Hansen (Sally)

of Pismo Beach, CA; as well as close friends Brian and Jamie Mountain of Raleigh, NC; long-time childhood friend Brian Benson (Jessica) of Wolfeboro, NH, all of whom he had a special bond with. He will also be missed by many loving aunts, uncles, and cousins, as well as countless treasured friends. Although his life was cut short, Brian lived his 43 years to the fullest, always with a smile on his face, a great sense of humor, and with the unique ability to pull off the most memorable practical jokes. Brian will be remembered for all this, along with his kind heart and unwavering love for his family and friends. He will be deeply missed but never, ever forgotten. A Celebration of Life was held in Raleigh, NC.

Donations to the American Heart Association may be made in Brian's Memory.

Dr. Theodore "Ted" Michael Liszczak, 81

Dr. Theodore "Ted" Michael Liszczak, 81, passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2023, after suffering a fall at his home in Gilford, New Hampshire.

Ted was born in Meriden, Connecticut, to the late Sophia and Michael Liszczak.

Education was very important to Ted and he received multiple degrees including an undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut, a Master of Arts from Montclair



State University, Doctor of Philosophy from Tufts University and a Master of Business Administration from Suffolk University.

He was most proud

of his research work at Massachusetts General Hospital and published many collaborative papers in the Journal of Neurosurgery. He also worked at Tufts University as the Administrator of Grants securing funding for other researcher fellows.

Ted was a passionate sailor and for many years lived in Barnstable, Massachusetts where he was often seen sailing his beloved sailboat "Freedom" on Cape Cod Bay. Upon retiring to New Hampshire, he and "Freedom" had one final excursion on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Ted is survived by his wife, Karen Hurst; daughters, Kristin Cutter and Caitlin Aurelio; stepdaughters, Elise Atkinson and Lauren Atkinson; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at a later date.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services/603Cremations.com, Laconia, NH, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit wilkinsonbeane.com.

Bernard Joseph "Bernie" Arsenault, 82

Alton Bay, NH- Bernard Joseph "Bernie" Arsenault, age 82, passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023, at home in Alton Bay.

Born October 22, 1940 in Wilmington, MA, son of Theodore Joseph and Mary Ethel (LeClair) Arsenault, he resided in Stoneham, MA for many years, moved to New Durham, NH where he lived for 12 years and resided in Alton Bay, NH since 1998.

A Veteran of the United States Navy, he served two tours in Vietnam, recipient of several Medals of Honor, in 1990 in Honduras, Amphibious Seabees, and he served 30 years with the Navy Reserves.

He had worked with the Stoneham Public Works in Stoneham, MA



from 1976-1984. In Alton, NH, he had worked as an Equipment Operator with Scott Williams.

Bernie was a retired Volunteer Firefighter, having served in Stoneham, MA, New Durham and Alton, NH.

A member of the American Legion and VFW.

Survived by his wife Ruth E. (Jackson) Arsenault and their 4 children: Scott Arsenault,

Mark Arsenault, Sonja Arsenault Kappes and Ronald Arsenault, 14 grandchildren, also many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by 5 sisters: Theresa, Aldona, Gladys, Jean, and Grace.

A private Graveside Service will be held at New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen, immediate family only.

Family and friends are invited to Bernard's Celebration of Life at the American Legion in Alton on Sunday July 23, 2023 from 1pm- 4pm, military honors.

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Alton Historical Society to visit Town Hall

ALTON — For its July program, the Alton Historical Society will be visiting the 129 year old Alton Town Hall. Designed by well-known architect Alvah T. Ramsdell of Dover and erected by contractor G.H. Proctor and Son also of Dover, our Town Hall was completed at a cost of \$15,098.75 in 1894.

The program will be held on Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium (second floor). Ryan Heath, Town Administrator, will speak about the updating, repairs and renovations that have been addressed at Town Hall over the past year. The project has included the remodel of the old balcony area into an office, repairing roof leaks, rot and brick deterioration, a new HVAC system, repairs and painting to the auditorium and two new ADA compliant bathrooms on the first floor. Other plans include new offices, new flooring throughout, repairs to exterior window frames and exterior brick restoration. The goal is to ensure the building is maintained appropriately to last many more years while also restoring some of the historical characteristics.

The presentation by Mr. Heath will include a tour of the basement, main floor, second floor and third floor. This will be an interesting evening where we can see and enjoy the charm and character in the building's historic architecture. All are welcome to our Society programs and they are always free of charge.

Alton resident named to Dean's List at Dean College

FRANKLIN, Mass. — Dean College is pleased to announce that Janis Walker of Alton has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students named to the Dean's List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

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Gilford Parks and Recreation news

BY JENNY HANCOCK
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

The Gilford Town Beach:
The Concession stand at the Gilford Town Beach, operated by The Plate Lunch, is open for its sixth season serving the residents of Gilford. We look forward to seeing and serving you once again!

Gilford Parks and Recreations is partnering with Renee Cupples, E-RYT500 certified Yoga Instructor, to run a 6-week yoga for all ages program.
Time: Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Thursdays from 6-7 p.m.
Where: The Gilford Town Beach located on Varney Point Rd.
When: Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings from July 11 – Aug. 17 (Session dates may be extended to accommodate for cancellations due to inclement

weather.)
Registration Fees: \$60 for six classes \$15 daily drop-in fee.
Register at the Guard Room down at the Gilford Beach.
Arts and Crafts at the Gilford Beach
Program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm for four weeks June 27 to Aug. 3. This program may be done on a drop-in basis and be paid daily at \$3 per child. \$30 for the full session.
Wicked Cool For Kids Lego BricQ Motion Camp
We are partnering with Wicked Cool for Kids to offer the camp: Lego Engineering! The LEGO BricQ Motion program is an exploration of forces and motion by testing design solutions. Participants modify their designs to get the optimum pull or push needed. Engineer a change in the

speed or direction of an object with a push or a pull. Create an obstacle course for a dog, build a spring launcher for a race car derby and make a Minifigure dance party. Full day participants continue the challenges with LEGO Engineering Olympics as we compete in track and field, bobsled and weight lifting fun.
Who: Children entering grades 1-5 in the fall of 2023
When: Aug. 7 – Aug. 11; Full Day 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., or Half Day 9 a.m. - noon
Where: Gilford Middle School Cafeteria
Cost: Full Day \$385 per participant or Half Day \$275 per participant
Minds in Motion Workshop
Minds in Motion: “6 in 1 Splace Fleet Workshop!” is a two-day program where children are invited to build and take home their very own Solar Space Fleet Ro-

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Location: Gilford Middle School Cafeteria
Dates: Monday, July 31 and Tuesday, Aug. 1
Times: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Ages: Children Ages 7-11
Cost: \$135

Gilford Community Church to host New Hampshire Music Festival



GILFORD — This summer, Gilford Community Church (GCC) will host two concerts as part of the New Hampshire Music Festival with an Orchestra Concert on Friday, July 14 and a Chamber Music Concert on Monday, July 24.
“We are thrilled to have them here,” said

GCC Pastor Michael Graham, who noted the church’s acoustics help to create “the perfect environment” for live music. “It’s a beautiful immersive experience, one many have experienced during our annual Summer Music Series where we have musicians from all over come to play here.”
Regarding why they

selected GCC for two of their concerts, Mary Kay Robinson, Flute and Piccolo said Festival musicians play for church services at GCC’s Summer Music Series.
“We have a long history with this wonderful community, including past board members, Festival Chorus members, audience members, teachers, and friends,” she said. “It seemed a very natural decision as we have such a great history together.”
For those unfamiliar with the New Hampshire Music Festival, Robinson described the group as sharing a “unique esprit des corps.” “We come from around the country to make great music together, hike together, enjoy the lakes and the pancakes together,” she said. “Our children have grown up summering together with the families in the Lakes Region with camps, swim teams, shared meals, and

parties.”
These connections are strengthened by their love of music. “Getting up close and inside the score and experiencing the shaping and architecture of the music for an immersive, engaging experience — we think you will find it rather unique,” added Robinson.
For nearly 20 years, the Festival has been in residence at Plymouth State University at the Silver Center for the Arts. The Festival was founded in 1952 as a small chamber orchestra performing on Melody Island in Lake Winnepesaukee.
Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford Community Church (GCC) welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. To purchase tickets to GCC’s concerts on Friday, July 14 or Monday, July 24, visit nhmf.org.

St. John’s-on-the-Lake welcomes Rev. John Bethell

GILFORD — On July 16, St. John’s-on-the-Lake welcomes the Rev. John Bethell. The Lord’s Supper will be served.
The Rev. John C. Bithell was born and raised in New York City, but like many here, spent summers in New Hampshire and finally made the move permanent a few years ago. He is an Episcopal priest currently serving as the chaplain of the Laconia Fire Department, having spent his caret in a number of chaplaincy positions to include the FDNY and the US Navy. He owns a frame shop in downtown Laconia where he will almost always offer you a glass of Prosecco.
St. John’s is a summer chapel located on Bear Island on Lake Winnepesaukee. It was built in the summer of 1927, and the first service was held the same year. Stained glass windows and a birch communion table add to its rustic charm. It can be reached from the docks in Deep Cove; there is also a boat taxi service from Cattle Landing. Contact bear.island.church.ferry@gmail.com. All are welcome, as are well-behaved dogs. For more information, see our Web site, www.stjohnsonthelake.com.

Visit the 1838 Rowe House in Gilford Village

GILFORD — The 1838 Rowe House in Gilford Village will be open for tours on Saturday mornings from 10-12 on July 8 through July 29, and on Aug. 5. It will be open during Old Home Day on Aug. 26 from 9 a.m.-noon. It is located at 88 Belknap Mountain Rd., beside the elementary school.
This house is unique in New Hampshire as it is the only brick farmhouse with four interior chimneys arranged around a central hallway floor plan. There are four rooms in the brick main house that are set up to resemble an early farmhouse and an ell that was a later addition.
If you bring a child or grandchild, they will be asked many questions, such as “what do you guess this is?” concerning an icebox, glass milk bottles, butter churn, butter molds, all items in the kitchen that will help them to understand how their ancestors lived in the 1800s and early 1900s. Adults will be asked if they know the significance of the Rumford fireplace and its connection to our New Hampshire history.
Do you know the expression “sleep tight and don’t let the bed bugs bite”? Learn the answer when you visit the bedroom and examine the rope bed.
In the ell there is a special exhibit, “Toys From Yesteryear.” In the days before television and videos, how did adults and children entertain themselves? One way was to view slides using a stereoscope. In the 1940s, a child might use a view master to enjoy the story of Alice In Wonderland. Everything in this exhibit is touchable. Children (and adults) are encouraged to try to catch the wooden ball in the hoop and the other old time wooden toys that test your patience and dexterity or to play a game of Chinese checkers.
Visit the 1838 Rowe House, both to view this treasured house in the midst of the Village for yourself and to bring your young ones. They may be amazed at how families lived in the 1800s and even into the 1940s. They may even appreciate our modern life more by learning what their family would have experienced in the earlier days.

Gilford resident named to Dean’s List at Dean College

FRANKLIN, Mass. — Dean College is pleased to announce that Damon Shute of Gilford has earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Spring 2023 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.
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Bentley University names Reece Sadler to President’s List

WALTHAM, Mass. — Bentley University Dean of Business Sanjay Putrevu and Dean of Arts and Sciences Rick Ochse recently announced that Reece Sader of Gilford was honored for their outstanding academic achievement in the Spring 2023 semester.
To be named to the President’s List, a full-time student must have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher with no course grade below 3.0 during the term.
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BES managing staff turnover

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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BARNSTEAD — Officials at Barnstead Elementary School are managing 11 resignations and looking at ways to fill in any gaps while studying the outgoing educator’s biggest concerns.

Superintendent Tim Broadrick discussed the staffing issues during the June 29 Barnstead School Board meeting.

By the end of the school year, 11 people had resigned from BES. Broadrick said surveys were sent out to nine of them, saying the reason why surveys were not given to two of them is an issue best discussed in nonpublic session.

Of the nine surveyed, five responded to the

multiple choice and open-ended questions.

Broadrick said three of the 11 were retiring and two of the five who submitted responses reiterated this. He said all of these retirements were already known to the school.

Respondents were given a list of possible reasons they might have wanted to leave the school and encouraged to choose as many answers as they wanted. Three chose the answers that a factor was the transition in building leadership that year. Two respondents also said they were concerned about district level leadership and the direction of the district.

Two answers were also that comprehensive support and improve-

ment was a concern. Broadrick said part of this concern was how test scores at BES were in the bottom five percent of the state. Now the school is working with a consulting firm and changing curriculum, which might have created some tensions.

Three of the respondents will be going to work at other public schools with two receiving more money at their new jobs.

Broadrick said three volunteered to give exit interviews and those will be scheduled soon.

In the meantime, the school is going through the hiring process for new candidates as well as looking at options if key positions aren’t filled.

Broadrick said alternative measures have been discussed before, including having an art cart that was unpopular with the board.

Right now, it’s looking like there will be no general education classes in the modular buildings. Music classes are already there, and they will likely move the art room. Broadrick said the school hasn’t had a health class in a while and they have used carts for health education, though depending on the hiring process they could put a health class in the modulars.

One option that has been especially gained attention is an idea of having teachers follow students to the next grade and offer a have a

looping system of classes. Broadrick said this is one option that was mentioned that will need to be studied further before it could be implemented on a pilot basis. He said they were mostly discussing having fourth grade teachers move ahead with the coming fifth graders, though they have also talked to the third and fourth grade teachers about this option as well. Under this system the third, fourth, and fifth grade would all be in one wing and taught by the same teachers, even if a few teachers from each of the grades are on board for this system. Instead of a system where so many students in one grade are in separate classrooms, students in

multiple grades could rotate between the same teachers for a few years.

Broadrick said this creates a greater sense of stability and familiarity for the students especially with a turnover of teachers. It could also lead to more focused teaching in certain subjects.

“This is a few steps down the road,” Broadrick said. “Don’t take away that I’m announcing something here, I’m sharing one of the things we’ve talked about.”

Other positions could be created if critical roles are not filled, such as possibly having a classroom assistant to cover multiple grades while one Title I position remains open.

Wright Museum hosting presentation on experience of Black troops in WWII

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, July 18, the Wright Museum will welcome Mathew F. Delmont. This is the sixth program of the Wright Museum’s 2023 Education Series.

More than one million Black men and women served in World War II. Black troops were at Normandy, Iwo Jima, and the Battle of the Bulge, serving in segregated units and performing unheralded but vital support jobs, only to be denied housing and educational opportunities on their return home. Without their crucial contributions to the war effort, the United States could not have won the war. And yet the stories of these Black veterans have long been ignored, cast aside in favor of the

myth of the “Good War” fought by the “Greatest Generation.”

“Half American” is American history as you’ve likely never read it before. In these pages are stories of Black heroes such as Thurgood Marshall, the chief lawyer for the NAACP, who investigated and publicized violence against Black troops and veterans; Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., leader of the Tuskegee Army, who was at the forefront of the years-long fight to open the Air Force to Black pilots; Ella Baker, the civil rights leader who advocated on the home front for Black soldiers, veterans, and their families; James Thompson, the 26-year-old whose letter to a newspaper laying bare the hypocrisy of

fighting against fascism abroad when racism still reigned at home set in motion the Double Victory campaign; and poet Langston Hughes, who worked as a war correspondent for the Black press. Their bravery and patriotism in the face of unfathomable racism is both inspiring and galvanizing. In a time when the questions World War II raised regarding race and democracy in America remain troublingly relevant and still unanswered, this meticulously researched retelling makes for urgently necessary reading.

Dr. Matthew Delmont is the Frank J. Guarini Associate Dean of International Studies and Interdisciplinary Programs and the Sherman Fairchild Distinguished

Professor of History. An expert on African-American History and the history of Civil Rights, his book, *Half American: The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad*, was published by Viking Books in October 2022. He is the author of four previous books: *Black Quotidian: Everyday History in African American Newspapers* (Stanford University Press, 2019); *Making Roots: A Nation Captivated* (University of California Press, 2016); *Why Busing Failed: Race, Media, and the National Resistance to School Desegregation* (UC Press, 2016); and *The Nicest Kids in Town: American Bandstand, Rock ‘n’ Roll, and the Struggle for Civil Rights in 1950s Phila-*

delphia (UC Press, 2012). He was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Public Scholar Award to support this research. In addition to these books, he regularly shares his research with media outlets, including the New York Times, NPR, The Atlantic.com, Washington Post, and The Conversation. Dr. Delmont has spoken and consulted with Fortune 500 companies, universities, colleges, and community organizations regarding civil rights, diversity, and inclusivity, and how to reckon with the history of racism in America.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Educa-

tion Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at www.wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series or by calling 603-569-1212.

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KRMS students receive Pride Awards

WOLFEBORO — The following seventh grade Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the Principal’s Award:

Jonathan Bronson, Clara Lucas, Chloe McLain, Jacob Pinard

The following seventh grade Kingswood Middle School students received the Pride Award for Quarter 4:

Madeline Amidon, Leah Anderson, Jordan Andre, Hadley Aucoin, Stella Babine, Aaron Bartlett-Caufield, Basil Bennet, Liam Blaney, Miley Boisvert, Jonathan Bronson, Joseph Broza, Malcolm Button, Nolan Chominski, Melinda Clark, Cameron Combes, Angelika Cordatos, Victoria Cowper, Gabriella Cronin, Caleb Croteau, Parker Currier-Gondveer, Camella Cushing, Nicholas Dame, Olivia Dixon, Savannah Dodier, Timothy Drake, Eva Duque, Brody Ferguson, Lillian Ferland, Sara Fernandes,

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Taylor Allar, Isabella Bailey, Lexi Baker, Anelisa Caesar, Kayla Cegielski, Jerilyn Cornwell, Kelsie Davis, Jacob Dubuc, Sophia Dupell, Laura Fernandes, Adelle Harrington, Tavin Herget, Daniel Jacobs, Caroline Kinzmaier, Payton LeClair, Cassidy Libby, Megan Nicol, Maya Nolin, Emma Ouellette, Zachary Pickle, Gabriela Reynolds, Ryan Santerre, Ava Waldron

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Hicks, Chloe Houghtaling, Dylan Ivester, Tucker Ivone, Daniel Jacobs, Anna Johnson, Aaron King, Adaline King, Caroline Kinzmaier, Kiernan Kolodner, Avery Kunzler, Lindsey LaPierre, Payton LeClair, Abigail Lemay, Rose Lemieux, Emma Lewis, Morgan Lewis, Cassidy Libby, Cameron Lopes, Jamison Magnell-Lynch, Rinnapa Malika, Ethan Marcoullier, Ava Martin, Paisley McInnis, Cohen McNeivich, Hayden Merrow, Abigail Morin, Evaline Morrison, Megan Nicol, Ciara Noble, Maya Nolin, Giselle Nunez, Saylee O’Blens, Myles O’Keefe, Alexis Olkkola, Emma Ouellette, Allison Peck, Col-

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UMF announces Dean’s List for Spring 2023 semester

FARMINGTON, Maine — The University of Maine at Farmington proudly announces its Dean’s List for the Spring 2023 semester, including Sami Hotchkiss and Alicia James-Aldus of New Durham.

UMF maintains a Dean’s List each semester for those students completing a minimum of 12 credits in courses producing quality points. Students whose grade point average for the semester is equal to or greater than 3.8 are listed with High Honors. Students whose grade point average for the semester is less than 3.8 but equal to or greater than 3.5 are listed with Honors. Any incompletes must be satisfactorily completed before the student is honored with Dean’s List status. Academic achievement awarded at commencement is based on all course work taken at UMF.

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PMHS students learn about “Work, Wealth and Whales: An Abbreviated History of Southern New England”

ALTON — Students from Prospect Mountain Highschool visited some historical sites around Southern New England the first week of their summer vacation during an enrichment trip which allowed them to learn about some of the culture outside of New Hampshire.

During the first day of this adventure the student travelled to Lowell, Mass. and Pawtucket, R.I., visiting the Lowell Mills and Slater Mills where they learned about some of the early history of industrial New England and witnessed some of the difficult working

conditions that people experienced during the 17 and 1800’s. The second day, the students explored Newport, R.I., where they visited the Gilded Mansions where the owners of these mills owned summer homes. as well as visiting, famous Thames Street and Fort Adams the largest

coastal fort on the East Coast which guarded the mouth of Narragansett Harbor. The last day of the adventure the students’ experience led them to New Bedford, Massachusetts to the Whaling Museum, where they learned about the early New England whaling industry and the absolute importance of protecting our natural resources and marine life.

The final leg of their adventure was to Amesbury, Mass. on the bank of the Merrimack River where the kids learned how to make a skiff at the Lowell Boat Shop who has been making boats the same way since 1793, which was an excellent hands on experience where they could appreciate craftsmanship and clever technologies from the past. The most popular comment from

the students at the end of this great experience was that they absolutely love their school and the fantastic opportunities that they provide for us. The students also wanted to send a special thankyou to Superintendent Broadrick for providing this opportunity for them, and makes PMHS the best place to gain an education.



Prospect Mountain students at the Lowell Textile Mills.

Local Students named to President’s List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University recognizes the students who have made the President’s List for the Spring 2023 semester. To be named to the President’s List, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 or better for the Spring 2023 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

The following local students made the list:

Samuel Bonner of Alton is majoring in Business Administration

Taren Brownell of Alton is majoring in Criminal Justice

Taylor Leitao of New Durham is majoring in Elementary Ed & Youth Develop.

Emma Molloy of Barnstead is majoring in Theatre Arts

Nicole Rogers of Alton is majoring in Art Education (K-12)

Hannah Thomas of Alton is majoring in Social Work

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Local students named to Dean’s List at Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University recognizes students who made the Dean’s List for the Spring 2023 semester. To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.69 during the Spring 2023 semester and must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

The following local students made the list:

Amber Fernald of Alton is majoring in Allied Health Sciences

Tyler Newhouse of New Durham is majoring in Undeclared

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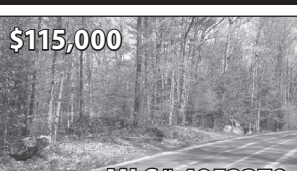
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percent of plastic is actually recycled,” Ronnie said.

A registered nurse with a focus on risk and patient safety, she said the store came about from a sense of social good.

“Our family recycled and looked to reduce use of plastics for decades because we want to be good to our Earth and do what we can so when our kids are grown, it’s the best place it can be,” she said.

She said when her family realized how little plastic is recycled, they started conversations on how to improve the situation.

Enter business administration major Gracie, who noted refilleries pop-

BES

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lion in state aid and in order to have any chance of receiving it this article had to be approved by the voters. The money for state aid, however, is usually limited and only goes to the top project or projects on the list depending on how much money is available in the biennial budget. As of March the BES project was ranked 10th though had a chance of rising a few places.

During the June 29 school board meeting, Superintendent Tim Broadrick said it was now looking likely the project would not get that funding though nothing was official. He said the state’s proposed budget moving through the legislature had \$50 million in state building aid for the next two years, which Broadrick said was the same amount budgeted during the last biennium. He said nothing was official yet, but it looked at the

ping up in Utah, where she was attending school.

“I wanted to get my mom on board and get something like that going in our community,” she said.

A refillery “is about creating a space where you cannot buy plastic,” Ronnie said. “Our store gives folks a chance to do that.”

They started by developing their values and then searched for vendors that matched them. They then curated products that met those values of sustainability, cruelty-free, eco-friendly, small business, local when possible, plastic free, and ethically sourced.

With the help of another family member, they created a website,

moment like the school would likely move forward with the smaller project in the next few months.

“It’s not completely official yet because it hasn’t gone to the governor for his signature, but that’s the direction we’re going in,” Broadrick said.

If this latest proposed budget was signed by the governor, the school would go to the state’s bond bank in January for the \$1.8 million project all the while working with the school board.

Broadrick said the \$1.8 million was roughly the same amount of debt Barnstead accrued for the high school building project that had recently come offline.

The school also has an additional \$700,000 left from COVID relief funds which also could be used for HVAC possibly in one wing and the hallway.

While the BES expansion might not receive state aid in this budget

advertising all of their products as “good for you and good for the Earth.” When they opened, they were only the third refillery in the state.

Rayne Refillery is located at 20 Homestead Place and carries personal products such as shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, hand soap, lotion, sugar scrub, salt soak, and toothpaste tabs and household items such as laundry and dishwasher soap, candles, and purpose cleaners.

Grab and go items are available in refillable containers. Customers are encouraged to bring in their own clean and dry containers to fill with product. In the store’s first six months, it has given new life to 600 single-use plastic containers

cycle, Broadrick said a bill that was recently signed by the governor proposes to write new rules for the state building aid process that might benefit BES. The exact rules are still being drafted, but Broadrick said one proposal is that the ranking for state aid will no longer be canceled out every two years and require candidates to reapply. Instead, projects that are found eligible for state aid will remain on the list and go through the ranks until they are built or taxpayers in a municipality do not fund any matching costs.

Broadrick said while the BES project will not be funded in the next two years, it can still happen for a future budget cycle. If the project does receive that funding, it will still have to go to voters for approval.

“For us, it’s good news compared to where we were last week,” Broadrick said.

and refilled 7,225 ounces of product.

The mother/daughter team is working out well. Gracie is still in school, and it’s been a bonus to have a business major involved in this enterprise.

“It’s nice to use updated marketing strategies,” she said. “It’s helped me to excel in school because I’m hands-on here, and it helps me excel in business because I’m learning about it in school.”

Ronnie said she has never been nervous about opening the store with Gracie.

“I’ve always had an open mind about it; I just knew we were going to do this. It’s been a lot of late nights but it’s all worth it. We’re doing a lot more talking together than we did before,” she added.

Gracie’s reaction to the venture has been excitement.

“Sometimes, that can be masked by exhaustion,” she pointed out, “or by being nervous about a certain product doing well, but overall the excitement is huge.”

As Ronnie still works full-time as a nurse, Gracie typically mans the store, so she sees upfront what the public’s reaction has been. She reported open arms and acceptance overwhelmingly.

“The surrounding community has been welcoming, although there are some who love their chemical and plastic products, and don’t understand where we are coming from,” Ronnie said.

Ronnie touched on the idea that many people assume they can’t afford prices in a store like theirs.

“We really strive to price our products com-

petitively,” she said, “and many are concentrated, so they last a long time.”

Gracie said she typically hears customers say they thought their purchases would cost more than they actually do.

“In reality, anyone can shop with us,” she said.

“We want to continue to grow and bring this different, but simple, concept of shopping to people,” Ronnie said. “It’s satisfying when people get excited about it. It’s not just about not using plastic; it’s about getting quality natural products.”

The pair never try to convince people to use their products.

“It’s an education, really,” Gracie said. “We show them why these things are good for them, their kids, their home, and the Earth. The products sell themselves.”

Ronnie said sharing returning customers’ feedback with new customers is important, too. “We’re overjoyed, whatever the degree of buy-in.”

In order to get the word out about their shop, Ronnie spends Saturdays at the New Durham Farmers’ Market. The family has lived in New Durham since 2001, so choosing that venue made sense.

Ronnie and Gracie also hit trade shows and do pop-ups at high schools, farms, and bike parks.

“We do local shows as time permits,” Ronnie said. “It’s a great way to network and share with people what we are loving about this.”

She said gatherings such as that are proving

to be a benefit, as some people are unaware of their store and how it functions.

“I get satisfaction when someone understands why we’re doing this and when they’re excited to see what new products we have,” Ronnie said. “That’s what we were hoping for.”

Gracie calls the store “our baby. We built it from nothing and to see others love it is a dream come true.”

She said this is the best part of running the store. “We’re excited about it, so to see someone else feel the same is an insane feeling.”

If working and studying and running a store aren’t enough, the pair is moving forward with opening a second location in Rochester.

“There are a lot of logistics involved,” Ronnie said, “but we know where we’d like to be and we’re in the process.”

An expansion certainly indicates they are working well together.

“I’d be lying if I said there weren’t challenges,” Gracie said, “but I have so much respect for my mother. It allows me to tap into my passion and strive to be the best I can.”

Ronnie said she was “honored” to work with her daughter.

“There are ups and downs,” she acknowledged. “Overall, I’m happy we’re able to be on this journey together. Our passion and commitment connects us.”

“It’s been amazing and frustrating,” Gracie said, “and lots of laughs. I wouldn’t want anybody else as a business partner.”

GANDINI

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where he was a member of the National Honor Society, a decorated student-athlete and leader, Gandini will be attending the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, RI before heading

to Annapolis, where he will also compete as a member of the United States Naval Academy’s Cross-Country and Track & Field teams.

At the close of the Rotary Club Meeting, Gandini completed his oath

of service with Lt. Col. Kurt Webber, US Army (Ret.), who is a member of the Gilford Rotary Club and serves as Assistant Scout Master for Gilford Boy Scout Troop 243.

Kingswood Middle School students earn academic awards

WOLFEBORO —The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the following awards on June 19:

KRMS Scholar Leader Award: Laura Fernandes, Jacob Dubuc
KRMS All School Award: Alexis Olkkola, Adelle Harrington
KRMS Sally Steward Mathematics Award: Daniel Jacobs, Ryan Santerre, Caroline Kinzmaier, Anelya Caesar
KRMS English Award: Aaron King, Payton LeClair, Eva Scott, Trevor Boewe
KRMS Writing Award: Evaline Morrison, Zachary Pickle, Kiernan

Kolodner, Maya Nolin
KRMS Social Studies Award: Brody Hanson, Adaline King, Jerilyn Cornwell, Liza Demain
KRMS Science Award: Isabella Bailey, Emma Ouellette, Gabriela Reynolds, Kayla Cegielski
KRMS Music Director’s Award: Jacob Dubuc
KRMS Chorus Award: Isabella Dickey
KRMS Drama Award: Roxie Hale
KRMS Sportsmanship Award: Tucker Eaton, Adelle Harrington
KRMS Robotics Award: Landon Guay

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Burnt Timber and friends ready to “dunk” for charity



WOLFEBORO — Ed Michno, owner of Burnt Timber Brewing & Tavern, will do almost

anything to give back to the community, which includes allowing himself to “get dunked” at a fundraiser on Sunday, July 23. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit Make-A-Wish New Hampshire.

“We have supported Make-A-Wish before, and I’m happy to support them again,” said Michno, who noted he is one of nearly a dozen people who have volunteered for Burnt Timber’s “Dunk Tank for NH Make-A-Wish.” “I plan on dunking a few of the volunteers more than once—it will be a lot of fun.”

One of these volunteers who have volunteered to “get dunked” at the fundraiser, Burnt Timber Chef Oliver Harston said he will “be aiming” for Michno himself. “He certainly deserves it,” he laughed. “The lines will be long for him.”

As for the timing of the event, Michno said it follows a big weekend for Make-A-Wish NH, whose Rafting for Wishes concludes the prior

day in Meredith Bay and on land at Hesky Park.

At the event, sponsored by Service CU, teams are tasked with the goal to “raft” together over the course of the 24-hour event in Meredith or 10-hour event at their own location.

The goal of Rafting for Wishes is to raise more than \$400,000 to help grant wishes for critically ill children in New Hampshire. “I’m hoping we can meaningfully add to their total,” said Michno.

Scheduled to take place at Burnt Timber on Sunday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., “Dunk Tank for NH Make-A-Wish” is sponsored by several businesses, including major sponsor Eastern Propane and Oil. At the event, Mark-er 21 will serve food and Twin Barns Brewing Company will serve beer.

“It’s a community event, and I am super excited we have some of our friends from area businesses to show their support, too,” said Michno.

Located at 96 Leher St, Wolfboro, Burnt Timber is a family-friendly brewpub that features an extensive rotating beer selection, Sunday Brunch, live music, catering, mocktails, and full cocktail and food menu. To make a donation or purchase tickets to “Dunk Tank for NH Make-A-Wish,” visit burnttimber-tavern.com.



COURTESY

Herbs in a Bucket

On Thursday, June 29, the Alton Garden Club met at Gilman Library for our monthly meeting. The topic, “Herbs in a Bucket,” was presented by long-time member Joan Blackwood. Joan expanded on the day’s subject with general facts about herbs and by introducing the group to hugelkultur, a traditional way of building a layered bed using logs, plant debris and soil. Nancy Malone added to the presentation by sharing her experience of growing herbs for tea. As usual, members actively participated through their questions and through offering further information.

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