

County delegation to meet on Gunstock Commission



Gunstock Area Commissioners Jade Wood and Doug Lambert meet in front of a packed crowd at Gunstock. PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

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GILFORD — The Belknap County Delegation will hold an emergency meeting to decide on the option of removing Gunstock Area Commissioner David Strang and appointing an interim commissioner, one of the conditions for senior management to come back to their positions.

On July 20, members of Gunstock’s senior management resigned from their positions and the mountain has been closed since. Commissioner Gary Kiedaisch also resigned at that meeting and commission chair Peter Ness resigned earlier this week.

Strang, now the acting chair, posted an emergency meeting at Gunstock on Sunday afternoon with an agenda including motions to rehire former General Manager Tom Day and Operations Manager Pat

McGonagle. During the oftentimes heated meeting in front of a packed audience, commissioners Jade Wood and Doug Lambert along with a few members of the Belknap County Delegation and several in attendance called for Strang’s resignation.

Strang said he wouldn’t resign to maintain a quorum of the commission, but members of the delegation said they could hold an emergency meeting to remove Strang and appoint an interim member.

Following Sunday’s meeting, the delegation announced an emergency meeting would take place on Monday night (after press time).

Strang, who joined the meeting remotely, gave a statement saying he would welcome Day and McGonagle back to ensure that this coming weekend’s SoulFest would still go on. He said

the previous morning Lambert told how he had spoke with Day and gotten a verbal agreement that he and McGonagle would return for SoulFest, though the day before Lambert told him that they were backing out of the agreement.

“I do not have the words to describe how disappointed I am in this refusal to honor their word to return and ensure that this event happens,” Strang said.

Lambert said he had a different recollection of how that conversation went.

He moved to reinstate the senior management team under the terms of the document they signed. Wood read the document signed and submitted by Day, McGonagle, and other members of senior management that they would agree to come back to the resort on the condition that Strang resign or be removed from the com-

mission.

Strang said he was not aware of this document. He said none of the commissioners could resign at that point because it would not be able to maintain a quorum and thus be rendered inert. He said if he resigned at that meeting, they wouldn’t be able to even adjourn or sign any checks.

Lambert said they could speak with members of the delegation about this on possible options. Several members of the delegation were in attendance at that meeting.

“I want people to know David Strang is a personal friend of mine and it is with deep regret that I’m asking for his resignation in light of the fact that the votes are there for his removal if necessary,” said Rep. Harry Bean of Gilford.

“We are tasked with

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Celebrate New Durham Saturday

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NEW DURHAM — Celebrate New Durham this weekend with a whole day of fun during the annual New Durham Day.

A full day of events is scheduled on Saturday, Aug. 6, at the New Durham Ballfield and beyond starting with a 5K and ending with fireworks. This year’s New Durham Day commemorates the town’s 260th anniversary.

Festivities begin at 8 a.m. with the 5K Road Race at the Farmington Fish and Game Club at Club Pond. Registration on the day of the event is \$25 plus donation of a canned good. The race will be followed by a fun run for kids.

From 11-4 the ballfield will be filled with entertainment, activities, and food. Vendors and food trucks will be open as will a craft fair. Attendees can go on the bouncy house, ride horses from Stony Pine Farm, and pan for gold. A cartoonist will also be available for \$5.

Visitors can view a karate demonstration on the fields at noon.

Magic Fred will perform from 1-1:45 p.m.

The K-9 Winnie Wishing Game will go on from 2-2:45 p.m.

Visitors can also see a part of New Durham history with a special display of documents. “A Glimpse of New Durham’s Past Through its Historical Collections” will be on display from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Community Room behind the New Durham Fire Station. The display presented by town historian Catherine Orlowicz will feature the original town charter signed in 1762 as well as early town records, photos, maps, and other items donated to the town. Members of the New Durham Historical Society, the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead, and the 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committees will be helping out at the exhibit. Donations will be accepted at the door that will go to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead and the 1772 meetinghouse Restoration.

The New Durham Meetinghouse will have an open house from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The event will cap off from 6-9 p.m. with music and dancing with DJ Pomeroy at Birch Hill Cabin and finish with a fireworks display.

Photo contest open for upcoming Alton Master Plan

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ALTON — Calling local photographers: the town is looking for the cover of its updated Master Plan and asking residents to submit their best photos.

The Master Plan Committee is hosting a photo contest for the cover of the next Master Plan and seeking entries until Sept. 1.

The committee has been working on updating the town’s Master Plan.

“The Committee has been working hard to ensure that the townspeople have had the opportunity to provide their input with this update, so we’d like to further invite you to submit up to three photos of Alton to appear on the front cover,” read the announcement on the town’s Web site.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest is asked to submit a photograph copy release form that can be found on the town website at <https://www.alton.nh.gov/press-release/photo-contest> that will allow photographers to receive credit.

The release asks for the photographer’s name, address, email, and contact number along with a brief description of the picture and where it was taken. The release will give the town of Master Plan Committee/Planning Board permission to reproduce the photo in the coming Master Plan.

The form can also be picked up at the Planning Department at town hall.

People are asked to submit their photos via email at planner@alton.nh.gov in .jpg, .pdf, or .tif formats. All photos will be reviewed by the Master Plan Committee and considered for the cover of the Master Plan.

Winners will be notified by email.

The deadline to submit is Sept. 1.

“What will the winner receive? Bragging rights until the next update is released,” read the announcement.

Fundraising concert will kickstart Foundation Joy campaign

BY CATHY ALLYN
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ALTON — Joy is the feeling of great pleasure and happiness, and there is not much of it to be found in the lives of drug addicts or their loved ones. It quite often follows hope, and that’s where Alton busi-

ness owner Bernadette Kaszynski comes in.

Kaszynski is a doer; when she sees something that needs to be done, she takes care of it, and she’s found a real challenge this time. She doesn’t think much of how the drug addiction

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Bernadette Kaszynski, founder and CEO of Foundation Joy, stands by an oil painting created in memory of her son, Anthony, represented as a snowman. Artist Peter Kutcher said Anthony appeared to him in a dream in that form. Another of his art pieces will be a raffle item at the foundation’s kick-off fundraiser on Friday, Aug. 19 and Saturday, Aug. 20. Proceeds from the dinner/concert/raffle event at ColdSpring Farm in Alton Bay will go toward drug addiction prevention and treatment.



New Hampshire Boat Museum to host 45th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show

WOLFEBORO — On Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will host the 45th annual Alton Bay Boat Show at the Alton Town Docks. The popular event, which

draws visitors from across New England, features antique wooden or early classic fiberglass boats up to 1975.

"This is an opportunity to see vintage boats you rarely see up close," said NHBM Executive Direc-

tor Martha Cummings.

Docking is first-come, first-served, as pre-registration is not required. Spectators are also encouraged to attend and vote for their favorite boat.



"Votes decide first, second, and third place, so the show is fun for spectators of any age," added Cummings. "The boats that show up at the show

are classics, and there are always surprises."

Part of Alton's Old Home Day festivities, NHBM's 45th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show is sponsored by Gilford Home Center, GWM Finish Carpentry, Naswa, and Tiki Hut Boats of NH.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire's fresh waterways. To learn more about NHBM, or the show, visit nhbm.org.



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Makers Mill granted Certificate of Occupancy for community makerspace and vocation hub



Volunteers have contributed over 700 hours helping with final details, including all of the painting. Left to right - Mark Eiler, Mary Lyon (on ladder) and Diane Cooney.

WOLFEBORO — Almost a year to the day since the renovation construction began, Makers Mill received its certificate of occupancy from the Town of Wolfboro's Planning and Development department for their community makerspace and vocation hub at 23 Bay St.

Anyone who regularly commutes in and around Wolfboro knows that construction on this building has been progressing steadily since last spring. The new facade of the building facing Bay Street is an impressive improvement from that which existed prior, and now complements the surrounding built environment.

Equally substantial upgrades have been made inside the building including new plumbing and electrical, HVAC systems, fire suppression sprinkler system, insulation, concrete slab and floor refinishing, fire egress, windows and dormers, lighting, bathrooms on the first floor, elevator installation, and much more. The result is a fully code-compliant building meeting all life safety and accessibility requirements.

"This building really represents what can be achieved when people collaborate," reflects Steve Hoffman of Simons Architects. "The synergy among the design team, the community, Makers Mill volunteers and leadership, and the builder, is the

reason why a design of this quality was able to be realized. Everyone brought good ideas and a lot of critical thinking to the table, and worked extra hard to get the best outcome possible. I think that's due to the fact that everyone believed in the value of the mission behind the project. We are excited to see how the Makers Mill benefits this region in the future."

There have been many people and companies involved with seeing this project though. Simons Architects and Leslie Benson Designs were engaged in early 2018 to begin the community-led masterplanning and schematic design process. This process informed the construction documents that were sent for public bidding in early 2021.

"This has been such an exciting project to be a part of and we couldn't be happier to see the space ready for use by the community," said Leslie Benson of Leslie Benson Designs. "Through an amazing fundraising effort and years of perseverance we were able to pack a lot of great spaces and design features into Phase 1 of this project and are thrilled with the outcome."

Milestone Engineering and Construction was hired as the project manager to oversee more than twenty different subcontractors and vendors working on the job. Monthly construction meetings were held

throughout the year to address the challenges and curveballs that arose along the way, and there were a few.

"It was a pleasure working with the Makers Mill team," reflects Matt Beaulieu, Milestone's assigned project manager to the job. "Despite the current supply chain issues and labor shortages we were able to work with the group who were completely understanding of the difficult construction climate. This was a great project that will hopefully fulfill the region's makerspace needs for many years to come."

Budgetwise, the project came just within the contracted guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$1,597,981 for construction only. The original renovation scope was much larger and came with a \$2.5 price tag which was made more manageable by breaking down the project into two phases. The recently completed construction is Phase 1.

An additional \$635,783 was spent on a feasibility study and business plan, existing conditions survey, design and engineering, environmental testing and assessments, construction documents, and construction administration. The building

was purchased in 2017 for an additional \$400,000.

As one can imagine, extensive fundraising and grant writing were necessary to meet these budget goals. Approximately 57 percent came from federal sources including the Northern Borders Regional Commission, USDA Rural Development, and Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) Block Grant. The remaining 43 percent of funds came from private and state sources including the CDFA administered business tax credit program, private donor-advised funds and foundations, and more than 230 individual donors. Additionally, an estimated \$120,000 worth of in-kind donations of tools and equipment have been received since the organization put the word out for a "tool raiser" back in 2018.

"Makers Mill leadership and volunteers have, from their beginning to the development of this incredible economic development resource, demonstrated a strong commitment to community and to building a stronger, more resilient local economy," said Katy Easterly Martey, Executive Director of the NH Community Development Finance Authority. "We are proud to be a funding partner of this project and to support the community in the development of this incredible place."

In addition to donating dollars and tools, many people have been donating their time to see this project through. According to Makers Mill's Executive Director, Josh Arnold, more than 700 hours have been logged in 2022 alone toward much of the finish work and workspace build outs.

"The volunteer turnout

has been incredible. In order to cut down on construction costs, we saved nearly all of the interior painting for our team of volunteers, as well as the build-out of the kitchenette, workbenches, greeter's desk, dust collection system, tool restoration, and so much more which is still underway," says Arnold. "Equally impressive has been the amount of time volunteers have spent carefully thinking through the floor plans for each shop, how tools will be stored, organized, and inventoried, and all of the different policies and procedures needed to open in a manner that is welcoming and safe."

Now that their certificate of occupancy has been issued, when can we expect a grand opening? While preparations are still underway, it sounds like we can expect news of a "soft opening" later in August with a series of weekly open-houses and tours. These will spread out the introduction of this new facility to the community, allowing ample space and time for people to have their questions answered while also keeping group sizes small to help mitigate

the lingering covid risk. A larger event will be planned for a later date when the shops are more furnished and the organization can solicit sponsors for entertainment and refreshments.

Classes and workshops, however, are already being put on the calendar for the fall and are expected to be ongoing thereafter. If you or anyone you know is interested in teaching a class, contact Makers Mill's Program Director, Carol Holyoake by emailing carol@makersmill.org or calling the office at 603-569-1500. Membership options will be posted soon for people to learn how to access the forthcoming community workspaces for woodworking, metalworking, fiber arts, fine arts, crafts, electronics, robotics, computer software and media, bicycle and ski tuning, and much more.

Anyone interested in learning more is also encouraged to visit the website at makersmill.org and follow construction and shop build-out progress on social media at @makersmillnh.

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This fundraiser will be held at the Claude R. Batchelder Post 72, 64 Wolfboro Highway (Route 28), Alton. Vendors will be available as well.

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Here’s to the Dog Days

It’s a typical New England summer evening, with a warm breeze blowing through the open windows. the sun is setting with the back drop of dancing leaves hanging on the trees in the distance. Paul Simon, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Led Zeppelin, Edie Brickell and The Doors are taking turns on the five disc CD player recently picked up from a local secondhand shop, and well, here we are, in the dog days of summer. What a great place to be.

But what exactly does that term mean?

The “Dog Days” of summer was coined for the period from July 3 to Aug. 11, typically the hottest days of the season. We found that not many know where the expression comes from. Some thought it simply meant that it’s too hot outside for dogs; however, that is not the case.

The phrase stemmed from Sirius, the Dog Star. During the “Dog Days,” the Sun occupies the same part of the sky as Sirius, the brightest star visible from Earth. Sirius is a part of the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog.

Since the Sirius star is so bright on July 23, the ancient Romans thought it added extra heat to the sun, making this span of time hotter. Of course, we know that the heat is because of the Earth’s tilt.

Speaking of summertime and keeping things light as we should during this season, we wanted to dispel some old myths some of us still carry with us from childhood.

Our parents told us we could catch a cold from air conditioning. The extreme changes in temperature from going outside to inside could wreak havoc on your immune system, especially if people around you are sick. Keep your air conditioner at a moderate level and all will be A-OK.

They also told us you can’t get sunburned on a cloudy day; however, we do recall some of our parents actually telling us that we could! Thick clouds cannot block harmful UV rays, leaving you at risk for a bad burn. One of us had an aunt, who told us that putting butter on a bad burn would soothe the pain. Butter may actually cause an infection and make the healing process take longer, keep it on your popcorn.

The old “Don’t swim after eating” line we’ve all heard from about Kindergarten through high school? Well, it turns out that jumping back into the pool with a freshly full stomach might be a bit uncomfortable, but the notion that you will suffer cramps debilitating enough to drown you is a myth.

Saltwater does not heal wounds faster; in fact, it makes them worse. However, dried beach hair after a dip in the ocean is always a ten.

Eating garlic does not keep the bugs away. For a natural repellant, try placing some lavender behind your ears.

Hopefully, these myths brought you back to your summers as a child where back then, you had to be home before the lights went on, catching lightning bugs and putting them in a jar was a nightly activity and jumping through actual inter tubes where the tire valve had better be faced down was what those days were made of, oh and pogo sticks!

COURTESY

Peachy event

Peach-themed food, raffles, music, and political speakers are on the schedule for Peaches and Politics at the Miller Farm in New Durham on Saturday, Aug. 6. Sponsored by the New Durham Democratic Committee, the fundraiser will feature candidates Dr. Tom Sherman, Mayor Dana Hilliard, Ruth Larsen, Jackie Cilley, and David Wessel. The function is from noon until 4 p.m. and speakers begin at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2022peaches> and at the door.



Letters to the Editor

Let’s talk Gunstock

To the Editor:

In light of what seems to be a disconnect about what is happening with Gunstock, let’s try for some fact based clarity.

1. We can all agree that Gunstock is a county owned asset.
2. We can all agree that Gunstock our beloved, county-owned asset is a benefit to all the communities of Belknap County.
3. One fact that many might not be aware of is the mountain cannot be sold by the delegation or the commissioners. There is an enabling statute from 1959 that is clear on this point.
4. The 1959 enabling statute formed the GAC (Gunstock Area Commissioners) of which there should be five members. The Belknap County Commissioners relegated their duties to the GAC with the enabling statute.
5. Under normal circumstances, each delegation has the duty to appoint two commissioners in an open process in full purview of the public, one each year.

Now that we’ve established and clarified the basic facts, let’s fast forward to today. It has been an unusual year, with lots of discussion that somehow the delegation wanted to “sell or privatize” Gunstock. Nothing could be further from the truth. This narrative came about by a group of people called “Friends of Gunstock” who, from the very beginning, wanted to bully the delegation into appointing only those whom the now former

commissioners wanted on the commission.

During meeting discussions, one of the former commissioners was asked (after having served a five year term) which “cost centers” (departments/events) were profitable. This commissioner stated he “did not think it was important,” and in good faith, I personally could not vote for this commissioner for another five year term. Don’t you think a commissioner who had already served five years should know which aspects of the mountain are profitable and which are not? Wasn’t this commissioner appointed to be a steward of our beloved mountain, and to make sure it would benefit the county taxpayers?

In answer to this, the appointment of Commissioner Wood was made (through the annual process). It was clearly obvious Commissioner Kiedaisch would have none of this. At the first few Gunstock meetings with Commissioner Wood, his tone with her was surprisingly dismissive. As a member of the delegation, I was appalled by his treatment of her, but Commissioner Wood held her own and persevered.

Now we come to the true boondoggle where propaganda began flowing. This is that the delegation wanted to sell or privatize Gunstock. Remember now, this is absolutely untrue, but those who wanted that propaganda out there persisted in spreading this misinformation. Commissioner Gallagh-

er resigned in January 2022, leaving a vacancy. The normal process commenced to fill this vacancy, and three applicants submitted their resumes. The local newspaper was full of articles telling us which person we HAD to put on the commission, supporting only Commissioner Kiedaisch’s choice for this opening.

Now, I don’t know about you, but I do not like to be bullied. I was not elected to cave to bullies but to be thoughtful and introspective, serving my constituents. After interviewing all candidates, the delegation elected Dr. Strang to fill this vacancy. We erroneously thought it would be for a five-year term, but it came to light when a commissioner resigns, we can only fill the position for the remaining term. Therefore, Dr. Strang’s commission will be up in November of this year.

Due to this revelation, it was brought to our attention Commissioner McLear had previously been appointed to fill out a previous commissioner’s term, but that term expired about 16 months prior, so another appointment needed to be made. Again, we had three candidates and Doug Lambert was elected to fill that vacancy. Commissioner McLear chose not to seek another appointment.

So, here we are. The new commissioners were asking important questions and it was crystal clear the current management did not like this at all. Despite management’s less than

informative responses, the new commissioners understood they had the ultimate responsibility of overseeing the mountain for Belknap County taxpayers. Frankly, I was amazed that the management was so upset when an Audit Committee was formed. Apparently, this practice of having no oversight has been going on for several years. No one was looking out for the taxpayers.

In answer to this, the management decided to resign, leaving Gunstock and Belknap County high and dry. Management was clearly not interested in being accountable to the taxpayers. Political theatre aside, their “mass exodus” was nothing short of disrespectful toward Belknap County citizens. It was totally unnecessary, and obviously a pre-planned and well-thought out political strategy.

As a member of the very first Audit Committee at Gunstock, it is my duty to do due diligence and make sure the taxpayers of Belknap County are being represented in the best light. It was not the delegation who dropped the ball here.

Hopefully, this summary is enlightening to all. The residents of Belknap County deserve to know all the facts, and not slanted misinformation that paints a picture that is not real or true.

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By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Ah, for the coolness of the hardwoods, where at least you're in the shade. Add a ridge or two, where the air's moving up or down anyway, and you've got the perfect place to be on a hot summer day.

Perfect if you just want a break from the heat, but not so if you're a logger, a hot and sweaty job--especially if you're getting off a skidder to hook up choker-chains, and climbing back on again. Add the swamping and limbing, and the deer flies, which are omnipresent this time of year, and you've got a glimmer of a logger's job.

In reflection of the above, and in sympathetic brotherhood with loggers, I think the hardest part of haying (which I do not miss), or with any job for that matter, was getting on and off the tractors. I had three, all now gone on to people who will use them, as tractors are meant to be.

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On further reflection on all of the above, it dawns on me that "choker-chains" and the like might leave some readers clueless.

Loggers of yore used choker-chains to hook onto felled trees, and still do in single-logger operations all over the state.

In days of many a yore ago, when labor was cheap, swamper brushed out around a tree and prepared a bed for it to land on so it wouldn't break. This was especially important with the huge pines and spruce the choppers and cross-cut crews hauled out between the Civil War and the turn of the last century.

A limber, i.e. one whose specialty was cutting the limbs from the trunk, "walked the tree" in the loggers' old parlance, knocking the limbs off as he went. Needless to say, he had to have nimble feet. "Otherwise he'd be slab-footed," the old-timers joked.

This is now the logger's chore, as is everything else, labor no longer being cheap, and this includes attaching several choker-chains before getting back up onto the skidder, a monstrous articulated all-wheel-drive machine with a pusher-blade on its front.

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It doesn't take a



JOHN HARRIGAN

The woods are leafy, dark and cool, shade enough for any fool, even one with mind bereft of those who might be scarcer blessed.

risk-control manager to see why so few logging jobs today feature anyone at all actually on the ground. Managers want everyone in steel-protected seats, even the logger himself.

To make this possible, the industry developed caterpillar-mounted tree harvesters, which feature boom-mounted clamps and a saw. These feller-bunchers, as they're commonly called, can walk up to a tree, clamp it tightly while a saw cuts it, and walk up to another one while holding the first, and so on, until it has a bunch, whereupon it can lay it flat. Later on, a skidder with pincers on the rear can haul the bunches to a yarding area, where the lopped trunks are loaded onto a truck.

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My notes about songbird populations being down 30 percent from 1970 prompted more than a few letters.

In fact, I heard from readers all over the state on this topic, many of them unaware of just how much woodland and former farmland New Hampshire is losing.

New Hampshire is still the second most heavily forested state in the Lower 48, behind Maine, but much of its open land in southern areas is being converted to housing, which is hard for anyone to oppose. Who in this nation wants to talk about over-population? And when it comes to ever-more highways, interchanges, and mini-malls, who wants to argue against convenience?

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"Your column last week about the dwindling bird populations really resonated with me," said a Lakes Region reader. "This growing hush is so sad."

He remembered enjoying summer camp in the '50s in New Hampton, the thrushes singing as everyone gathered under the hemlocks for Sunday services. And he wondered, like other readers, if we could do with fewer pesticides.



This is a feller-buncher, the tank-like treaded rig that has almost, but not quite, replaced the logger. Thanks to the region's steep terrain, smaller land parcels, and rugged individualists who feel safer working alone, there are still a few cable-skidder loggers around the state.

"During the day the fields are quieter," he wrote. "No buzzing background. This year, I've seen only four tiger swallowtail butterflies--four! Remembering what it used to be like is painful."

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Another reader had squirrels on her mind. "Just a note," said her card. "I read your column in the Granite State News. A few weeks ago you wrote about red squirrels."

Squirrels--whether red or gray--are the bane of every bird-feeder, human or not. "I thought you might like to see what this guy does to my bird-feeder," she said. "He not only knocks the top off, but he sits in it till all the sunflower seeds are gone."

Cute but not so cute, she concluded, enclosing a picture of a satisfied-looking squirrel inside her feeder.

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The following, ad-

dressed simply "The Sentinel, Mr. John Harrigan, Colebrook, NH," reached me promptly (thanks, as always, to the postal crew).

"Your Mother's Day remembrance of cow-clips headlined the Editorial page of the Sunday Union Leader today, along with another Harrigan editorial. Thank you.

"Until the shades of green return in June--remembering--A faithful reader."

I searched out her telephone number, and tried to honor my long-ago promise to reply to all mail, but to no great surprise she was having none of it, and didn't answer.

(This column is syndicated in newspapers from Concord to Canada. Please address mail, including phone numbers for questions, to campguyhooligan@gmail.com or 386 South Hill Rd., Colebrook, NH 03576.)

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Battles

I've been given another license to kill. Not that I'm going to be walking around sporting a firearm. I've tried that. I can't find a way to do it comfortably. What an awkward thing to try to achieve. Maybe a new holster will help.

I live in a state that has constitutional carry, which means that everybody has that right until they prove themselves unworthy. I remember a number of years ago, going into the police station and asking to renew my pistol permit. The girl at the desk gave me a look, then explained that we didn't need those anymore. How wonderful; I hadn't heard that. This was before I realized that in order to be well informed, you need to seek many alternate news sources.

A friend of mine used to carry what is called a pocket pistol. I already have too much stuff in my pockets to add anything more. I'd like to carry. It only makes sense. I'd really hate to have to live with myself after a once in a lifetime situation happened where I could have helped someone in need and didn't have the means with me.

I've read of many people being saved by having a gun to defend themselves. It only makes sense. Take my house as an example, it takes about ten minutes to get to the police station. If some situation arose and I was actually able to dial 911, if the cops instantaneously headed to my house at double speed limit, it would take five minutes for them to get here. By that time, the trouble could already be over with, and it only takes three minutes to bleed out. You've got to be prepared to take care of yourself. It's nice to rely on others, but be realistic.

So, my work note today included "go around killing." I know what she means. She means plants. Even though they don't really pose any threats to her home, there is a policy that there be no unspecified things growing. She means, get the roundup sprayer and attack anything undesirable growing around the property.

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Strafford Wind Symphony returns to bandstand



COURTESY PHOTO

THE STRAFFORD WIND SYMPHONY will perform on Aug. 6 in the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concert series.

WOLFEBORO — The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand welcome the Strafford Wind Symphony back to Cate Park on Saturday, Aug. 6, to kick off the second month of the free concert series.

The group returns to the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee and is set to delight the crowd with patriotic numbers as well as a mix of traditional music for wind ensemble.

The Symphony is a 55-member group that meets weekly to rehearse in Rochester. The

group includes musicians from all walks of life, and members travel from Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire to share their passion for music.

The group has performed numerous times at the Boston Festival of Bands, held annually at Faneuil Hall Marketplace each June, and is also a big supporter of National Music in our Schools Month, where the group performs concerts that are specifically geared toward young musicianship and often open up the stage to

share with young musicians.

In that same vein, the ensemble also opens its membership to talented high school students who want to broaden their musical horizons.

The band’s conductor is Wolfeboro’s Jeffrey Smith. He taught in Norwalk, Conn. public schools for 35 years and also taught at West-

ern Connecticut State University. He has also played many Wednesday nights in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand as part of the Cate Park Band. He regularly guest conducts on the middle and high school levels and is an active music arranger and marching band drill and visual designer.

The associate con-

ductor is Kingswood Regional High School Director of Music Robert Burns. Burns is a graduate from the University of New Hampshire and earned his Master of Education from Plymouth State University. In addition to running the Kingswood music program, including band and chorus, he is also active in professional associations such as the New Hampshire Music Educator Association and has conducted and performed with the Cate Park Band.

The ensemble members believe in the power of music and share their commitment to music with the audiences they perform for each and every concert.

The Strafford Wind Symphony will be taking to the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 6.

The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand are committed to bringing quality music to Cate Park each and every Saturday night in July and August, with concerts beginning at 7 p.m. each evening and featuring a wide variety of musical acts.

While the concerts are free, volunteers will “pass the buckets” during intermission to help raise funds to support the concert series, which continues to provide great entertainment at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand. If bad weather threatens, a sign announcing the concert’s cancellation will be placed at the entrance to the park near the bandstand and that information will also be posted at wolfeborobandstand.org and on the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand Facebook page.

New York production in Wolfeboro for two nights only

WOLFEBORO — “ReEntry: Actors Playing Jazz,” directed by Wolfeboro summer native and Academy Award winner Estelle Parsons comes to Wolfeboro for two nights, Wednesday, Aug. 17 and Thursday, Aug. 18, 7:30 pm at The Village Players Theater.

“Thrilling-better than anything on Broadway,” says actor Alec Baldwin about the production.

“It opened my eyes to the depth of the power I know exists in theater but rarely see demonstrated,” states Rick Broussard, editor of New Hampshire Magazine.

“ReEntry: Actors Playing Jazz” is the story of six formerly incarcerated men who have come together after release from prison to start a theater group with a goal to keep them on the right side of the law.

Developed at the Actors Studio in New York, it’s directed by Estelle Parsons, a lifelong summer resident of Wolfeboro and Oscar-winning and Tony-nominated actor. She has rehearsed several of her own productions on The Village Players stage, and, in recent years, has been instrumental in bringing shows-in-production to Wolfeboro for shaping, polishing, and performance.

Actors Leland Gantt, Ron Scott, Marcus Naylor, Javier Molina, Erick Betancourt and Ryan Johnson are all members of the Actors Studio and have numerous New York stage, TV and film credits. The production’s creative team includes Peter Larkin as set consultant and Shukun Hue as costume consultant with music created by J.S. Bach.



COURTESY

“ReEntry: Actors Playing Jazz,” developed at New York’s Actors Studio and directed by Estelle Parsons, plays August 17th & 18th at The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

The performance is a benefit for Village Players Theater. Tickets, \$25, will be on sale at www.village-players.com/ and at the door. The theater’s complete COVID policies are on the website and should be reviewed before buying tickets.

The Village Players is a non-profit commu-

nity theater located at 51 Glendon St., Wolfeboro, that welcomes onstage and non-stage members of all ages. Visit www.village-players.com to learn more, including about late August auditions for the fall production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”

ALTON POLICE LOG

ALTON — The Alton Police Department responded to 146 calls for service during the week of July 17-23, including six arrests.

-1 Female Subject was arrested for Driving After Revocation/Suspension.

-1 Female Subject was arrested for Criminal Trespass & Theft/Shoplifting.

-1 Male Subject was taken into Protective Custody of Intoxicated Person.

There were 3 Motor Vehicle Summons Arrests.

There were 5 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

There were 6 Suspicious Person/Activity Reports on Drew Hill Road, Wolfeboro High-

way, Suncook Valley Road, Main Street, Jones Field & Hidden Spring Road.

There were 2 Thefts reported on Main Street & Dollar General.

Police made 30 Motor Vehicle Stops and handled 13 Motor Vehicle Complaint-Incidents.

There were 90 other calls for services that consisted of the following: 1 Town Ordinance, 2 Fraudulent Actions, 4 Fingerprinting, 2 Assist Other Agencies, 1 Pistol Permit Application, 6 Animal Complaints, 2 Juvenile Incidents, 6 General Assistance, 2

Miscellaneous, 3 Alarm Activations, 1 Boat Incident, 4 Lost/Found Properties, 2 Highway/Roadway Hazards, 5 General Information, 1 Vehicle ID Check, 1 Untimely Death, 1 Sex Offender Registration, 1 Criminal Threatening, 1 Civil Standby, 1 Destruction of Property, 1 Wellness Check, 1 Abandoned Motor Vehicle, 1 Community Program, 3 Disabled Motor Vehicles, 13 Directed Patrols, 1 Follow-Up Reporting, 4 Medical Assists, 17 Property Checks, 2 Paperwork Services.

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

The Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Barnstead Town Hall regarding the use of Conservation Funds and contribute funds to the establishment of conservation easements on the properties located at Map 8, Lot 28 and Map 9, Lot 3.

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Nearly \$130,000 raised for non-profits during NASCAR weekend at NHMS



NASCAR Cup Series driver Austin Cindric (white polo in center) joined New England race fans for Track Walk Presented by PPG, one of seven events hosted at New Hampshire Motor Speedway between July 14-17 to benefit the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities.

LOUDON — NA-SCAR weekend at “The Magic Mile” proved to be successful for local non-profits with the dedication of both the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities (SCCNH), the official charity of New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS), and the many volunteer groups who helped fundraise nearly \$130,000 during the July 15-17 NASCAR event weekend.

SCCNH hosted seven events over the course of race week, including traditional favorites Laps for Charity, Sign the Track Wall Banner,

50/50 Raffle Presented by PPG, Track Walk Presented by PPG and Wicked Good Live Auction, plus two new opportunities: Cornhole Tournament Presented by NBT Bank and Hot Laps. These events helped SCCNH raise more than \$98,000 for local children’s charities and groups.

“Once again, New England race fans stepped up in a big way for children in need throughout the region,” said Danielle Cyr, director of the New Hampshire Chapter of Speedway Children’s Charities and marketing for New Hampshire Mo-

tor Speedway. “We are beyond grateful for the generosity displayed by our fans, sponsors and volunteers. I can’t wait to see the magic that happens when we hand out this year’s grants to local non-profits in December.”

Each December, SCCNH distributes grants to local non-profit organizations in the region. In 2021, 23 grants were distributed totaling \$136,500. Since its inception in 2009, SCCNH have distributed more than \$1.9 million supporting more than 882,000 children across New England.

In addition to funds being raised for SCCNH, teams of motivated fundraising groups, many of which are from New Hampshire, also help NHMS over the course of NASCAR weekend to benefit various New England non-profits. From grandstand cleaning to landscaping to parking and concession stands, these volunteers help make the speedway look its best from green flag to checkered flag. In return, these groups are paid as a way to fundraise toward the non-profit organization they represent. This year, 29 volunteer

groups raised nearly \$32,000 during NASCAR weekend to help their chosen non-profits.

SCCNH will host its next fundraising event, Laps for Charity, on Friday, Aug. 19, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact New Hampshire Chapter Director Danielle Cyr at DCyr@NHMS.com.

No injuries in Gilford garage fire

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — A first-alarm fire on Country Club Road resulted in extensive damage to a garage building but no injuries.

According to a statement from the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department, crews in Gilford and Laconia got a call at 12:36 a.m. on July 29 about smoke coming from a garage on the property behind 194 Country Club Rd. One person was living on the second floor and was able to escape with no injuries.

Gilford personnel arrived at the scene around 12:46 a.m. and found smoke coming from the second floor of the garage, which prompted a call for a first alarm.

According to the statement fire crews had a hard time stretching the hoses into the space because of “an unusual, heavy amount of storage in the garage bays.” Once the second floor was located crews were able to knock down the fire quickly. The fire was under control at 1:08 a.m. and crews went back in service around 4 a.m.

The fire caused significant damage to the apartment area of the building. The Gilford Fire Department said the fire spread along the roof and the walls adjacent to the apartment. The contents of the garage also received extensive smoke and water damage.

There were no injuries or damage to any neighboring structures or vehicles. The damage from the fire is estimated at least \$50,000.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

“The occupant was very lucky,” said Gilford Fire Chief Steve Carrier in the statement. “He was living in an illegal, make-shift apartment on the second floor of the garage. The building meets no residential fire codes and has no smoke detectors.”

Gilford crews responded with two engines, a tanker a utility vehicle, and two command vehicles. The Laconia Fire Department sent out an engine, a ladder, and two chief officers. Gilford and Laconia also received assistance from Belmont, Meredith, and Tilton-Northfield with Sanbornton and Franklin covering the Gilford station. Gilford Police also assisted on the scene.

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Gilford Community Church, Youth Center complete One (more) Community Project

GILFORD — Gilford Community Church (GCC) and Gilford Youth Center (GYC) recently completed a renovation project at a home in Gilford as part of One Community Project (OCP), a joint collaboration that began in 2011. In this project, participants of varying ages from GCC, GYC, and the community scraped and painted, performed yard work, and built a small porch in the back of a home.

“We assist people in the local community who

need help,” said Scott Hodsdon, who oversees OCP. “I’m proud of everyone who joined us this year for this 4-day project to make a difference in our community.”

For GCC Pastor Michael Graham, OCP represents a single piece of a philanthropic puzzle, one that entails charitable work both locally and abroad. “Church youth are in Pennsylvania right now offering assistance, and we have raised money for people in Ukraine,” he explained. “It is crit-

ical that the church and the youth center continue to act as globally-minded citizens.”

Located in Gilford, GCC is an inclusive, open community with a broadly ecumenical spirit that welcomes people from all denominational and cultural backgrounds. Viewable live on Sundays at 10 a.m. through a livestream feed on GCC’s website at gilford-communitychurch.org, services take place at 19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford.



Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton Old Home Week 5K Road Race

Let’s get out and have fun- either running or walking at this community race in Alton Bay, all ages are welcome. The 5K Race will be held on Aug. 13 at the Alton Bay Bandstand, 9 a.m. Co-Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. USATF Certified Course through Alton. Computerized timing with bib chip; results posted online. Scenic/ lake and river views, 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/AltonOldHomeWeek-5KRoadRace>.

Alton Bay Old Home Week Craft Fair

The Old Home Week Craft Fair will be held in Alton Bay on Aug. 13 & 14. New England artisans with handmade wares will be displaying their crafts at the Alton Bay Community Cen-

ter 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, fishing lures, table runners, wall hangings, pottery, jams, dips, spices, candles, and more. Saturday, Aug. 13 – 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 14 – 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. 14 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 Bay Concerts at the Bandstand

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

Aug. 6- Got It Covered Band- Cover Songs; August 13- Bittersweet-

Classic Rock-Fireworks to follow at 9 p.m.; Aug. 20- Saxx Roxx- Classic Rock with brass; Aug. 27- Chris Bonoli- Soft Rock, Country and Classic Electric Blues. Concerts are free and a great activity for all ages. Stop by the lake and enjoy the live music.

Men’s Basketball 18 years and over

Men over 18 are playing Basketball pickup games at Prospect Mountain High School on Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m., now through Aug. 25. The program is free, drop in any time. For more information please contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Line Dancing Lessons

Line Dancing with Joan Lightfoot is scheduled on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. now through Aug. 25 at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$3/season. Register on site.

Yoga Sculpt Class with Sheila Marston

A new energetic class that is a combination of

vinyasa, strength training, cardio and core at the Alton Bay Community Center 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Bring two sets of weights, water and a yoga mat. Drop in cost is \$12 or \$40 for four weeks.

Alton Bay Water Bandstand Committee Presents

Land Bandstand Concert on Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 5-7 p.m.

Water Ski Show- Aug. 20- 3 p.m.- Alton Bay; rain date Aug. 21.

Alton Old Home Week Committee Presents

“Life by the Lake” is the theme for the 2022 Old Home Week scheduled for Aug. 12-21. Activity pamphlets with event details are available at the Alton Town Hall, Parks and Recreation office and local businesses. Old Home Week information is also available at www.alton.nh.gov and on the Alton Old Home Week Facebook Page.

Friday, August 12- Family Block Party at B&M Park, 5-8 p.m.;

Saturday, Aug. 13- Old Home Week 5K Race, 9 a.m., Alton Bay; Alton Old Home Week Craft Fair- 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Alton Bay; Antique Boat Show- 9 a.m.-noon, Alton Bay; Old Home Day Parade, 11 a.m. from Alton Village Center to Alton Bay; Bittersweet Concert, 7-9 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand; Fireworks 9 p.m., Alton Bay- rain date is Aug. 14;

Sunday, Aug. 14- Alton Old Home Week Craft Fair- 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Alton Bay; Softball Game Alton Police versus Alton Fire at noon, ACS field; Cribbage Tournament, 1 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand;

Monday, Aug. 15- Kowboy Karaoke, 6-8 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand; Chili Cook-Off, 6 p.m., Bayside Diner, Alton Bay;

Tuesday, Aug. 16- Silent Movie, 8:30 p.m., Alton Bay;

Wednesday, Aug. 17- Spaghetti Supper,

5-7 p.m. and Hymn Sing at 7 p.m., Community Church of Alton; Outdoor Movie featuring “Sing 2,” 8 p.m., Alton Bay- rain location is Alton Bay Christian Retreat Center;

Thursday, Aug. 18- Dog Show, 6 p.m. next to Alton Bay Bandstand; Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand;

Saturday, Aug. 20- Water Ski Show, 3 p.m., Alton Bay; Firemen’s Chicken BBQ, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Alton Central Fire Station; Saxx Roxx Concert, 7-9 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand;

Sunday, Aug. 21- Car Show, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Alton Town Center. For more information or contact with questions: reach out to Old Home Week Committee chairman, Roger Sample at rsample@tds.net or the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at parksrec@alton.nh.gov, 603-875-0109.

Justin Maynard of Alton named to Champlain College Trustees’ List

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Justin Maynard of Alton has been named to a Champlain College Trustees’ List for the Spring 2022 semester.

Students awarded honors based on their academic achievement. Maynard is currently enrolled in the Integrative Professional Studies major.

The honors include: Dean’s List - for achieving a 3.5 grade point average during the spring semester

President’s List - for achieving a 4.0 grade point average during the spring semester.

Trustee’s List - for achieving a 4.0 grade point average for two consecutive semester.

Making an Honors List is a tremendous achievement in any year. Many of the high achievers balance their classes with serious jobs, internships, clubs, and volunteering, as well as a global pandemic. We congratulate you on this great accomplishment and honor.

Founded in 1878, Champlain College is a small, not-for-profit, private college in Burlington, Vermont, with additional campuses in Montreal, Canada, and

Dublin, Ireland. From its beautiful campus overlooking Lake Champlain, the College offers an innovative academic experience and more than 100 residential and online programs, including undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificates. Champlain’s distinctive career-driven approach to higher education embodies the notion that true learning occurs when information and experience come together to create knowledge. For the sixth year in a row, Champlain was named a “Most Innovative School” in the North by U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges” rankings, and was listed among The Princeton Review’s “The Best 387 Colleges” in 2022. Champlain is also featured in the 2021 Fiske Guide to Colleges as one of the “best and most interesting schools” in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain and was recognized as a 2020 College of Distinction for its “Engagement, Teaching, Community, and Outcomes.” For more information, visit champlain.edu.

Barnstead Historical Society participating in Open Farm Day

BARNSTEADD — Join the Barnstead Historical Society in celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! We are excited to be participating in Barnstead’s Open Farm Day, with exhibits and demonstrations at the Town Hall on Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stop by to see photos of Barnstead many years ago, tour the old Lock-up, and to see examples of items found in early homes and businesses in the area. Bring any old photos of Barnstead that you have questions about, one of us may be able to help you. Or if you have a cemetery on your property, you can find out more about who is buried there. Tiede Farms Smokehouse will be on-site selling its fabulous sandwiches! The Historical Society has reprinted the Barnstead 250th Anniversary Recipe Book and it will be available for purchase at \$15 a copy. We also have other books for sale, including the History of Barnstead, Malcom Locke’s Last Stories, the History of the Barnstead Fire Departments and the History and Genealogy of the Barnstead Early Families. Also, you will be able to take a break and enjoy a relaxing chair massage by Zenworks, LLC, no appointment necessary. We look forward to seeing you!

PETS OF THE WEEK



Georgia

Georgia is a sweet older girl who loves to go for walks! She loves treats, spending time with people, and enjoying the outdoors. Georgia is looking for an active family, who is willing to continue positive reinforcement training on her leash skills and walking past other dogs. Georgia is not a fan of other dogs or cats, and does not want to live with them or make new animal friends. She is friendly with new people and may do ok living with teenaged humans



Melody

Melody is a very playful kitten that loves to play and be around people.

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SoulFest moves forward at Gunstock

GILFORD — New Sound Concerts celebrates the 24th annual SoulFest this weekend, Aug. 4-6, featuring multiple Grammy-award-winning Christian artists for its final year at Gunstock Mountain Resort before announcing a big move.

SoulFest, which was started in 1998, has been at Gunstock Mountain since 2004. Already a momentous occasion with saying farewell to a multi-year host site, preparation has become more dynamic with the recent resignation of seven of GMR's senior managers, all of which put in their two weeks' notice

during a Gunstock Area Commission meeting exactly two weeks before the festival's start date. Nonetheless, GMR's middle-management, after a day of meetings to reorganize and plan, have announced that the upcoming festival will carry on as normal. This highly anticipated summer festival gathers more than 8,000 attendees and more than 75 artists and speakers. With four stages of live musical performances plus dynamic speaking sessions, SoulFest chooses an idyllic outdoor location that offers a plethora of options for attendees seeking a

multi-faceted experience for all ages.

SoulFest is proud to feature Grammy and Dove-award Winning Christian artists: Skillet, For King & Country, Zach Williams, Crowder, We The Kingdom, and We Are Messengers. Also part of the 2022 lineup is Colton Dixon, Anne Wilson, Katy Nichole, Derek Minor, 1K Phew, Jon Keith, Seventh Day Slumber, Oh, Sleeper, Gable Price And Friends, Bob McCarthy, John Montgomery, and Billy Martin, OM-53, plus many more listed at thesoulfest.com.

In line with New Sound Concerts' dedication to bringing Music, Love & Action to the forefront of SoulFest, it hosts a speaking series, featuring local and international speakers. The "Soul University" series is designed to converse with and engage the SoulFest audience on topics involving soul care, addiction, the intersection of faith and culture, as well as awareness leading to action in fighting social injustices such as labor and sex trafficking.

Attendees participate in a variety of activities for all ages, such as shopping faith-oriented

and fair-trade vendors and exhibitors, playing on inflatables, outdoor group games like archery tag, cornhole, and giant Jenga. Gunstock offers camping, swimming, and hiking trails. Attendees can also connect with the festival's key Ministry Partners: the D.L. Moody Center, Thrivent Financial, Vision Trust, Love Justice, Make A Change, and Word of Life.

New Sound is honored to once again feature this unique, life-changing event filled with inspirational music from award-winning artists and engaging

workshops by world-renowned speakers. New Sound Concerts invites you to experience it all at once with the beautiful backdrop of New Hampshire's Belknap Mountains for the last time at this location. The new location and 25th year celebration announcement will be made at SoulFest 2022.

To preview the full artist lineup, event schedule, or to purchase SoulFest tickets and upgrades - visit www.TheSoulFest.com. For press credentials to this event, please contact: media@the-soulfest.com.

Kayla Serra from Laconia graduates from Emerson College

BOSTON, Mass. — Emerson College, the nation's premier institution for the arts, communication, and the liberal arts, awarded more than 1,000 undergraduate degrees during its 142nd Commencement at Agganis Arena in Boston, MA on Sunday, May 8,

2022.

Kayla Serra from Laconia received a BA in Media Arts Production. During the ceremony, the College honored three award-winning artists, innovators, and Emersonians for their contributions and efforts to the arts, com-

munication, and greater humanity. Crazy Rich Asians and Raya and the Last Dragon screenwriter Adele Lim '96; composer and singer Toshi Reagon; and Emerson Trustee, founder and chairman of Samuels & Associates, and film producer Steve Samuels

each received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Lim '96 gave the commencement address.

"I admire your sense of community, of social justice, fairness, and your willingness to use your voice in the pursuit of those ideals," said Interim President William Gilligan in the President's Address at the ceremony. "The world needs you now to continue that with all the skills and knowledge you have acquired, the values you have developed and displayed, and that indomitable Emerson spirit that you have shown us often."

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Commencement speaker Adele Lim '96, said, "I am far from done, but what I hope for myself, for all of us, for all of you, is what all great stories have: a journey that is authentic and meaningful, and if we're lucky, one that touches the lives of others."

About Emerson College

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

THE READING ROOM AT GILMAN LIBRARY

ALTON## OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES IS WINDING DOWN - The 2022 Summer Reading Contest ends at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 6th. Be sure to get your reading logs in early and fill out your free raffle tickets before the deadline. Late entries cannot be accepted. Remember that the more you read, the more raffle tickets you earn, and the more raffle tickets you earn, the greater your chance of winning the raffle bag. Remember also, it only takes one ticket to win a bag!

MAKING SPACE FOR POLLINATORS - Jerry Schneider also known as "The Butterfly Guy," will be visiting the Gilman Library, Saturday, August 6th from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. He will present his program, Making Space for Pollinators, about bees, butterflies, and bats, the important roles they play in society, and why we should pay more attention to them. After the presentation, there will be a T-shirt tie-dye activity for attendees. Participation in this portion of the program is optional. You may bring your own tee-shirt or purchase one at the

event. The new cotton shirts are available for \$4. There is no other cost for this program and the public is invited.

LET'S GET GROWING - Whether you are a beginner or a Master Gardener, check out our Seed Swap at the library. Please feel free to share unopened seed packages with instruction and expiration dates, and swap the packets for another. We have some new packets of Burpee Seeds already in a basket at the Gardening book display. The cart includes several dozens of our favorite gardening books for you to check out or read in-house, including "The New York Times 1000 Gardening Questions and Answers." The Alton Gardening Club often meets in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room of the Gilman Library and they are the ones to credit for our beautiful library gardens in the courtyard entrance and on the side lawn of the library. They will be holding their next program off-site, at Michelle Hanley's Gardens at Barnstead Parade. The program, entitled "Seed Saving," presented by Master Gardener Ron Trexler,

is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23rd (rain date: August 25th) at 1:30 PM, at 802 Province Road, Eastern Parade.

RESERVE AND RE-NEW ONLINE - Remember that our virtual library at GilmanLibrary.org never closes. You can peruse our online catalog and reserve your selections ahead of time. You may also call during our open hours and reserve over the phone at 875-2550, before your arrival at 100 Main Street. See you soon, at the library! #420

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Complete Bid can be found at:
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Questions can be answered by calling
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529 plans: Underused but valuable

In just a few weeks, students will be heading off to college – and parents will be getting out their checkbooks. Without a college-bound student in your home right now, you might not be thinking much about tuition and other higher education expenses, but if you have young children, these costs may eventually be of concern – so how should you prepare for them? It's never too soon to start saving and investing. Unfortunately, many people think that they have a lot of "catching up" to do. In fact, nearly half of Americans say they don't feel like they're saving enough to cover future education expenses, according to a 2022 survey conducted by financial services firm Edward Jones with Morning Consult, a global research company.

Of course, it's not always easy to set aside money for college when you're already dealing with the high cost of

living, and, at the same time, trying to save and invest for retirement. Still, even if you can only devote relatively modest amounts for your children's education, these contributions can add up over time. But where should you put your money? Personal savings accounts are the top vehicle Americans are using for their education funding strategies, according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult survey. But there are other options, one of which is a 529 plan, which may offer more attractive features, including the following:

- **Possible tax benefits** – If you invest in a 529 education savings plan, your earnings can grow federally income tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses. (Withdrawals not used for these expenses will generally incur taxes and penalties on investment earnings.) If you invest in your own state's 529

plan, you may receive state tax benefits, too, depending on the state.

- **Flexibility in naming the beneficiary** – As the owner of the 529 plan, you can name anyone you want as the beneficiary. You can also change the beneficiary. If your eldest child foregoes college, you can name a younger sibling or another eligible relative.
- **Support for non-college programs** – Even if your children don't want to go to college, it doesn't mean they're uninterested in any type of postsecondary education or training. And a 529 plan can pay for qualified expenses at trade or vocational schools, including apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor.
- **Payment of student loans** – A 529 plan can help pay off federal or private student loans, within limits.

Keep in mind that state-by-state tax treatment varies for different uses of 529 plans, so you'll want to consult with your tax professional before putting a plan in place. Despite these and other benefits, 529 plans are greatly under-utilized. Only about 40% of Americans even recognize the 529 plan as an education savings tool, and only 13% are actually using it, again according to the Edward Jones/Morning Consult study. But as the cost of college and other postsecondary programs continues to rise, it will become even more important for parents to find effective ways to save for their children's future education expenses. So, consider how a 529 plan can help you and your family. And the sooner you get started, the better.



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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.

CAMPAIGN

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problem is being handled, explaining that the system as it stands now is ineffective.

“The government pays for 30 days of detox, and that’s it,” she said. “After that, you’re right back into the world. Ask any clinician; thirty days is not enough time to recover from an opioid addiction. You need years. Long-term is the answer.”

Kaszynski wants to avoid the revolving door she sees happening. Being true to the force of nature she is, she created Foundation Joy, with the belief that those afflicted with drug addiction can find this elusive “feeling of great pleasure and happiness” if they are provided with resources to help them stay in recovery and start a new life.

“Resources” is not a term Foundation Joy takes lightly; it doesn’t mean pamphlets and a phone number to call. All donations to Kaszynski’s foundation will be used to help provide housing, medical, psychiatric, counseling, employment, and educational services for those not financially capable of providing that kind of support on their own.

Action requires funding, and Foundation Joy’s fundraising launch is right around the corner with a dinner/concert/raffle event at ColdSpring Farm in Alton Bay on Aug. 19 and 20.

“This event will benefit the prevention and treatment of drug addiction,” Kaszynski said. “I want people to come to this.”

The proceeds will be donated to non-profit organizations providing long-term recovery services.

She has already formed an alliance with White Horse Recovery, a 501(c)3 non-profit behavioral health center with locations in Ossipee,

North Conway, and Littleton.

The center offers comprehensive substance use disorder programs and mental health services for adults and families, and ongoing recovery support programs for adults.

CEO Mitchell Yeaton said he was excited to work with Kaszynski and Foundation Joy, as vision, faith, and passion followed by work and commitment have helped the center expand.

“I see the same thing in Bernadette,” he said. “Many of our goals align; we both share a vision to make a difference. Bernadette can move vision to become reality, and that’s not easy to find.”

“White Horse Recovery does not have a residential facility now,” Kaszynski said, “and that’s important for a long-term rehabilitation program. Our goal is to get a property in New Hampshire we can support. It won’t be a detox home or a halfway house, but structured housing for after the detox process. We’ll find them jobs and education, and keep them out of the streets and drug free.”

“A tragic event may have led our paths to cross,” Yeaton pointed out, “but faith, hope, and determination to rewrite this story have pulled us together.”

And here we have arrived at the impetus of Kaszynski’s foundation. Like so many people across the country, she has lost someone; her son Anthony, from a fentanyl-laced aspirin. And she and her Foundation Joy are going to do something about it.

The dinner and concert fundraiser is the first step for Foundation Joy, and its origin was serendipitous. In addition to her tax business in Alton, Kaszynski owns a bed and breakfast in Meredith, where she met singer/song-

writer Chelsea Berry. Familiar to audiences in Boston, New York City, Atlanta, and Philadelphia, Berry tours often with Livingston Taylor and also headlines her own shows.

“We got talking,” Kaszynski said, “and I told her about my son. I asked her if she’d write a song for him.”

She assumed she wouldn’t hear from Berry.

“Two weeks later, she emailed me. She’d nailed it; the song was beautiful,” she said.

Berry said Kaszynski’s story resonated with her.

“One of my best friends had recently lost her brother to an overdose,” Berry recalled. “When I met Bernadette she told me about Anthony’s struggles and how responsible and funny and functioning he was. It’s easy writing about things that affect us emotionally. I was honored she wanted me to write a song about him.”

Kaszynski’s response was immediate.

Berry said, “She wrote back and said, ‘This is exactly what I want but it’s not enough; I want a whole album.’”

Always game for a project, Berry replied, “Absolutely,” and got to work.

“I wanted to raise awareness through the album,” Kaszynski said, “and to use music as a way to bring people together to let them know what is going on out there.”

The idea for the concert series followed.

“How cool to be able to perform and reach people to educate and reassure them,” Berry said, “but also, Bernadette has told me how therapeutic this process has been for her. That makes my heart happy.”

Berry voiced an insight: “If you’re depressed, go do something for someone else. People can support the event and allow for more

compassion.”

Kaszynski called the Peace, Love, and Happiness album an “amazing” collection of songs designed for drug awareness.

“We’re marketing Chelsea’s album for that purpose and to raise money for my foundation. All of that money will go to long-term rehabilitation. Chelsea is an amazing woman and I can’t believe what she is doing for me,” she said.

For her part, Berry said, “I think this is such a cool opportunity to use your music for something so important.”

Both have confidence in the capability of changing attitude.

“When I sing this song to my toddler nephew, I cry,” Berry said. “He’s not a drug addict, but he could be because anyone could be.”

She disputed the public’s common response that addicts “are not my problem.”

“This is absolutely everywhere; it could be anyone. The album is about love and change, but there also has to be a conversation about how scary and hard and uncomfortable it is. Addiction is a disease. Usually people just need to be heard and listened to, and be able to say I’m sick and need help without fear of judgment,” she said.

Armed with music and a cause, Foundation Joy’s next step was to schedule a fundraiser. The concert and dinner event will be as big and grand and fun as anyone who knows Kaszynski would expect it to be.

“It’s all been positive feedback so far,” she said. “I’ve spoken with a lot of people about this who have reserved a ticket or given a donation. Some did not know my son had passed away. We want to fill both of those nights.”

Tickets are available online at www.foundationjoy.org or by calling 603-875-3355.

Located on Alton

Mountain, ColdSpring Farm overlooks Lake Winnepesaukee and is a popular venue. The indoor event includes the concert, hors d’oeuvres, and Mexican buffet. More than a dozen local businesses have donated raffle items, including wooden flags created by Big Barn Wood Crafts. Ticket holders receive a CD of the album, five raffle tickets, and a Foundation Joy t-shirt.

Artist Peter Kutcher will be working on an oil painting during the event and the result will also be a raffle item.

Kaszynski said it is time to do something about drug addiction.

“It’s been a problem for a long time, but with fentanyl on the scene now, you’re not experimenting, you’re dying. Because cartels manufacture them in warehouses, the dosage varies from pill to pill so you can get a lethal one that kills immediately,” she added.

She spoke to the Alton-Barnstead-New Durham Centennial Rotary Club in June and told them nine million fentanyl pills were seized in the US in 2021, double the amount seized in 2020.

“It is bad out there,” she said.

According to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, the most recent figures indicate New Hampshire has more than twice the national death rate due to opioid overdose.

“It’s killing our young people, and we need to get the word out,” she said.

Foundation Joy is her way of taking action.

“I started this foundation after Chelsea wrote that song. It got to my heart and I thought it would get to other people, too. A musician has a lot of followers, so with a musician involved we can really make this awareness happen and raise money for this cause,” she said.

Will Foundation Joy be able to do what it has set out to accomplish?

“It is absolutely achievable,” Kaszynski said. “I visited Isaiah House in Kentucky; it’s successful and working.”

Isaiah House uses a holistic approach for ongoing treatment, education, job skills training, employment, and other services. Along with dorms and a residence, the campus runs a vocational center with a certified welding program. Its objective is to achieve a lifetime of recovery, and it is proving to be effective.

“This is the model we will use in New Hampshire,” Kaszynski said.

Mark LaPalme, founder and CEO of Isaiah House, will attend the launch to speak about his vision and treatment center.

Until her ultimate goal is achieved, Kaszynski said the foundation would provide someone facing addiction with resources and guide them to where they can go.

She said saving addicts is a realistic target.

“Isaiah House is doing it by providing the resources they need on an ongoing basis. We want to take it from after detoxification and go to the next level; providing what they need, whether it be counseling, housing, education, or whatever, in a long-term residential facility,” she said.

The fundraiser at ColdSpring Farm will kick start Foundation Joy’s campaign.

“Right now if someone called me for help, I could point them to Isaiah House. But we want to skip sending them to Kentucky. We want something here in New Hampshire, and we’re getting there, we’re getting close,” Kaszynski said.

“Ladies in Lingerie” opens Friday at Village Players Theater

WOLFEBORO — Opening night is right around the corner as

the Village Players prepare for their summer production of “Ladies in

Lingerie.”

Written by Joe Sim- onelli, who also penned



SAL (Luca Pellegrine), Holly (Anna Jortikka), Georgia (Emily Judkins) and Paula (Toni Urquhart) try to figure out just what’s going on at the Bridgeview Players in “Ladies in Lingerie,” opening at the Village Players Theater on Friday night.



EUGENE (Bob Tuttle) gives a speech as the actresses (Toni Urquhart, Jeannie LeGrow, Anna Jortikka and Emily Judkins) practice their runway walks during rehearsals for “Ladies in Lingerie,” opening at the Village Players Theater on Friday.

“The Ghost in the Meadow” that was performed on the Village Players Theater back in 2019, “Ladies in Lingerie” goes behind the scenes in a small community theater outside of New York City.

Playwright Sal Fatone is struggling to get his new show off the ground at the Bridgeview Players, as he deals with diva actresses, pretentious actors, a harried producer and even a police detective who finds himself involved in the drama.

Producer Georgia Engels is trying to reel in Sal as he tries to brighten up the season at the small community theater. However, actresses Ronnie Roswald, Paula Paterno and Holly Stokes and actor Eugene Fitzrobbins are not making things easy on

anyone. Detective Collins gets involved just to make things interesting.

And making things even more difficult, actors seem to keep passing away. There’s plenty of comedy to go around as the Village Players continue their 2022 season.

The cast includes newcomer Luca Pellegrine as Sal, along with a cast of returning Village Players veterans, both new and old. Jeannie LeGrow, in her second show at the Glendon Street theater, plays Ronnie. Anna Jortikka, who is in her fifth show at the theater, plays Holly and Toni Urquhart, who was last on stage Biloxi Blues, returns to the stage as Paula. Max Gehring, who first appeared on the Village Players stage in 2019, plays Detective Collins and veter-

an Village Players actor Bob Tuttle plays Eugene.

“Ladies in Lingerie” is directed by longtime Village Players director Russ Ellis with assistance from Michaela O’Rourke.

Show dates are slated for Aug. 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. each night as well as a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Aug. 14. Tickets for the show can be purchased online at village-players.com or may be purchased at Black’s Paper and Gifts in downtown Wolfboro. Tickets purchased online will be held at the box office, which opens an hour before the show. The Village Players Theater is located at 51 Glendon Street in downtown Wolfboro.

“Ladies in Lingerie” is generously sponsored by Dr. Richard J. Neal, DMD.

Making Space for Pollinators at Gilman Library

ALTON — Jerry Schneider, also known as “The Butterfly Guy,” will be visiting the Gilman Library, at 100 Main St., Alton, on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. to noon. He will present his program, “Making Space for Pollinators,” about bees, butterflies, and bats, the important roles they play in society, and why we should pay more attention to them. After the presentation, there will be a Tee shirt tie-dye activity for attendees. Participation in this portion of the program is optional. You may bring your own tee shirt or purchase one at the event. Cotton tee shirts are available for \$4. There is no other cost for this program and the public is invited.

THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	Alton Mountain Road	N/A	\$124,000	Robert and Christina Wood	Randy C. and Debra A. Anderson
Alton	43 Barbara Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$340,000	Charles L. II and Marsha G. Bittinger	Kevin Litchfield
Alton	Brynn Lane	N/A	\$27,000	Jeddey RT and John Jeddey	Richard Lundy
Alton	30 Calef Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$740,000	Richard J. Lundy	James J. Barrett V
Alton	Lake Winnepesaukee Lot 84B	N/A	\$565,000	Michael Bolduc and Geoanna Bluebird-Bolduc	Proulx North Investment LLC
Alton	N/A (Lot U)	N/A	\$1,538,533	Glen E. Johnson and Joyce R. Harps	Joseph M. Kiely and Patrici Halford-Kiely
Barnstead	639 Beauty Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$400,000	Janette and Anthony Fiorillo	Sheila L. and Matthew Upshaw
Barnstead	172 Varney Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$525,000	Sharon A. and Wing S. Eng	Ryan W. and Kaitlyn Vaughn
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$95,000	Tarbox Fiscal Trust and Audrey L. Tarcox	Michael W. and Angela M. Franklin

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

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Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE

Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Senior Moment-um Breakfast and Movie – Aug. 8 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Senior Moment-um Program on Monday, Aug. 8. We will meet at the Community Church, Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am for breakfast and a movie! Keeping with the summer spirit, we will be watching the

John Candy comedy, "Summer Rental." We will be serving a breakfast consisting of sausage, egg and cheese croissants served with hash browns. Juice, coffee, tea and water will also be available. Cost of the breakfast will be \$6 per person. Participants must RSVP by Thursday, Aug. 4. To RSVP or for more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Rec. De-

partment at 527-4722.

Senior Moment-um Summer Theater Trip – Aug. 14 (Sunday) The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Senior Moment-um Program on Sunday, August 14th. We will be heading to Meredith to watch the Inter-Lakes Summer Theater's production of the Musical Comedy, "Sister Act." Participants will meet directly

at the theater at 4:30 for the 5 p.m. showing. The cost of the performance is \$30.00 per person and payment must be made to the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at the time of registration. Space is limited and participants will be accepted on a first come basis. The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, Aug. 4. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Rec. De-

partment at 527-4722.

Old Home Day Committee accepting parade applications The Gilford Old Home Day Committee is currently accepting Parade Applications for the Old Home Day Parade to be held on Aug. 27. These forms are available at both Bank of NH locations in Gilford, Meredith Village Savings Bank Gilford Branch, Franklin Savings Bank

Gilford Branch, the Gilford Library, the Gilford Town Hall, the Gilford Recreation Department Office and on the Parks and Recreation Web site at www.gilfordrec.com. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

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BEDC, WEDCO collaborate on Community Navigator Program

REGION — The Belknap Economic Development Council and the Wentworth Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO) have come together and partnered with The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to present New Hampshire's Community Navigator Program.

The Community Navigator Program is designed to reduce barriers to accessing critical

resources for small businesses—with a focus on microenterprises, cooperatives, and businesses in the early stages of development—owned by women, veterans, socially and economically disadvantaged, and underserved entrepreneurs.

This program is funded by a \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. small Business Administration to the CDFA, and provides New Hampshire with a significant opportunity

to better support underserved people and communities by strengthening capacity and coordination within our community economic development ecosystem. This initiative builds on years of dedicated work by small business technical assistance providers throughout the state.

Denise Roy-Palmer, Wentworth Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director says, "We are

excited to partner with BEDC and the CDFA on this project. By creating these partnerships, we are able to help businesses across three counties in New Hampshire, which include Belknap County, Strafford County, and Carroll County."

The program is powered by an ecosystem of experienced small business and microenterprise technical assistance providers across the state. Small busi-

nesses can gain access to resources and services at no charge. The resources include:

Business counseling
Marketing, operations, business planning, and strategy development

Connection to training and skills development resources

Access to capital
Other support as needed

Justin Slattery, Belknap EDC's Executive

Director says, "with the help of the CDFA and WEDCO, we are ready to support you and your business goals with a customized approach that meets your evolving needs." For more information or to access resources, please visit The Community Navigator website at www.nhcommunitynavigator.org or contact The Belknap EDC at info@belknapedc.org or (603) 524-3057.



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GUNSTOCK

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what’s right for the people of Belknap County in getting Gunstock re-opened quickly.”

Bean said there are enough votes in the delegation to call for an emergency meeting. He said they spoke with the county attorney and have enough votes to set an emergency meeting in the next 24 hours. At this meeting someone could be appointed as an interim commissioner for 30 days to create a quorum so Strang can either resign or be removed by the delegation. After the interim appointment is made the county can then notify the public of an opening to field possible new commissioners.

“I will say this if the county delegation can call an emergency meeting to name additional commissioners such that quorum is not jeopardized and the commission can continue to function then I would be happy to tender my resignation at that time,” Strang said. “To do so at this time would cripple this body and that would be the ultimate betrayal

of the oath that I took.”

After conducting other business, the meeting was adjourned and Strang left the call.

Lambert and Wood jointly read a statement from Day later that meeting stating that he and the senior managers who resigned would be willing to return for SoulFest and the opening of the winter season if Strang and Ness were no longer commissioners.

Day said the situation became more urgent with recent developments. He said the mountain’s insurance carrier Safehold Special Risk sent an email to Lambert saying it had reservations about the resort’s liability and property insurance with a lack of leadership and accreditation of different operations. If the mountain continued to have no leadership, the company would cancel its insurance, which wouldn’t allow any employees or operations on the site. This would result in SoulFest not being able to go on at Gunstock and SoulFest’s organizers indicated they would sue the county if this hap-

pened.

Day said the management team tendered a two-week notice to create a transition plan. The statement read that the day after they resigned the GAC called the Belknap County Sheriff’s Department to have all the resigning management members removed from their offices immediately.

“Strang’s continued refusal to do the right thing and resign is now on the verge of shutting down SoulFest as well as imperiling winter operations for the resort,” Day stated. “We want to get back to work this week to protect SoulFest, protect Belknap County against potential lawsuits, and ensure that SoulFest’s final year at Gunstock is acceptable. When Strang resigns we will come back to work to run SoulFest. We’ll get the mountain back on track and open for this winter.”

Mark Petrozzi of Gilford asked if there is a majority of the delegation that can appoint commissioners, “that will fulfill their oath and commit to making Gunstock the best it can.”



The Gunstock Area Commission meeting brought out a crowd, many with signs and giving vocal responses to different developments during the meeting.

Bean said all of his vote would go to someone who is neutral and not on any extremes.

“I want somebody who’s qualified to do the job and not already dug in on one side or the other, that’s where I stand,” Bean said.

Dave Hershey of Alton said this predicament could have resulted from a lack of intervention from the delegation.

“While people are stepping up to the plate now, great, but let’s not forget how we got there and like cancer we may be getting rid of one tumor and perhaps a second tumor, but we have to be careful that it doesn’t come back again,” Hershey said.

Denise Conroy of Alton said the commission needs someone with business experience who can work with management. She said this wasn’t a matter of politics, but one of running a business and working on behalf of the mountain and urged the delegation to consider that.

“Don’t vote in one of your buddies who votes the way you do, okay?” Conroy said. “You need to vote in somebody who you think can serve on a board and do a good job and that may require you to be uncomfortable and that’s okay because this has taught us that this is what we never want again.”

EDWIN

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On the other hand, there are a slew of chipmunks burrowing holes everywhere and causing shifts in the earth behind her retaining walls, but that will never get addressed. You can never hurt a chipmunk. How could you ever harm Chip and Dale? I wonder what this new unlightened Disney Corp. refers to them as today? Do they still even allow them to be streamed?

I’m good with the plant matter. They’re just a bunch

of cells. Not really life, right? In fact, I’ve been battling with these giant ferns for a number of years now. You see, along the road where my mailbox is, there used to be hundreds of day lilies growing. I noticed that they were still there only hiding underneath these ferns that stole all their sunlight. So I accepted the battle call to do away with the ferns so the lilies could grow back.

Almost daily I’d be out there with my brush cutter decapitating all the young fern sprouts. This year

finally, the number of fern plants has started to diminish. The lilies were starting to make a comeback. I knew that it would take a few years for them to regain their former abundance. I was hopeful. It looked like I’d have success with this one.

I don’t remember what we used to do to keep the roadsides from growing in before we got this wonderful tractor machine that has a mower deck mounted on a control arm. It drives up and down the roads, making quite

a mass of destruction along its way. It’s fantastic. There are no longer little trees reaching out into the roads or big bushy things blocking your view of the corners. And one guy can run the thing all summer and get to all the roads in town.

The other day, as I was coming home from work, I saw the sign on my road saying “Mowing Ahead.” I

thought to myself that since I had been keeping the stretch by my mailbox so well trimmed down, that he’d zip right by. No such luck. He mowed it all and mowed it close. Now I know what really happened to the day lilies in the first place. Lilies don’t like to get their tops chopped off. The ferns are much more amenable to such abuse. That’s why all

the roads around here that used to be lined with day lilies are now nothing but ferns.

Next year, I’m going to put up a sawhorse with a “Please don’t mow the day lilies” sign.

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Flag football league adds girls only division

REGION — The Lakes Region Flag Football League has expanded this fall to include a “girls only” division.

While the league will still be offering its traditional 6U, 8U, 10U and 13U coed divisions, the girls only division will be for girls ages 5-13 and will be played in conjunction with the coed games. This division will be open to all girls in the state of New Hampshire, and will consist of two age divisions: Junior (ages 5-8) and senior (ages 9-13). Player’s age is as of Sept. 1.

The league still wants its veteran female players and any rookie girls to play against and with the boys, but they are offering the girls a chance to also show off their skills in an all-girls division. Not only is this being done in an effort to grow female participation in flag football, it is being done to help girls meet and compete with other girls around the state.

The player fee for the Fall 2022 girls only division is \$90, with discounts for siblings. The fee for girls that play in both the coed division and girls division will be \$135. Each player will receive an NFL Flag reversible team jersey and a set of NFL flags to keep. Girls that play in both coed and girls will receive a second NFL Flag jersey. Register online at lrffl.com. Credit card payments are accepted online, Venmo payments at lakesregionflagfl, and checks are also accepted.

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St. John's-on-the-Lake welcomes Father Jack Hurley this Sunday

MEREDITH — Catholic mass will be said by Father Jack Hurley of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Aug. 7, at Saint John's-on-the-Lake on Bear Island.

Father Hurley has strong ties to the Lakes Region, having spent summers on Squam Lake, including a few years as a counselor at Camp Hale in

Sandwich. He grew up in Somerville, Mass., attended Providence College, Harvard Kennedy School, and later received a Ph.D. in politics at Catholic University. After 15 years as a Foreign Service Officer and tours in South Africa, Germany and Vietnam, he entered Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In 1982 he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Washington. He also served parishes in Merrimac and Keene in New Hampshire. At present he is "on active retirement" at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He also lectures part time in the Politics Department at Catholic University.

Father Hurley enjoys vacationing on Lake Winnepesaukee with Barry and Nancy Forbes



Father Jack Hurley

Ephraim and their family, and roots for both the Red Sox and the Keene Swamp Bats.

Founded in 1927, St. John's has as its mission the provision of ecumenical services on Sundays to meet the religious

needs of the island and shoreline population of Lake Winnepesaukee. The tower portion of the chapel encloses a former observation tower and the sanctuary is built of native stone. Regardless of your religious affiliation at home, we hope that you will join us at this community center of worship.

St. John's is offering for sale numbered prints of an original watercolor by local artist Peter Ferber of the interior and exterior of the chapel. To view or purchase, visit our website, www.stjohnsonthelake.com.

The chapel is located on the highest elevation of Bear Island on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith. It can be reached by a short walk from the church docks located in Deep Cove on the west side of the island, or by "taxi" (email bear.island.church.ferry@gmail.com). Services are held at 10 a.m.

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The venue, Coldspring Farm sits upon 100 acres on Alton Mountain, and the barn venue is light and airy with beautiful mountain views. The evening starts at 5:30 p.m.

with hors d'oeuvres followed by a Mexican theme dinner buffet and concert by Chelsea Berry, who will be performing her newest album, Peace, Love & Happiness that is being composed for this concert kickoff event for Foundation Joy.

Foundation Joy is organized as a NH nonprofit corporation dedicated to help fight the war on drugs. It's mission is to bring communities together through music and financial aid to those organizations that provide long term recovery services including medical, psychological, housing, employment and on-going outpatient services.

Proceeds from the concerts will be donated to nonprofit organizations that provide these long term recovery services for those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction.

You can purchase tickets for this event online at our website www.foundationjoy.org or call directly at 603-875-3355. You will also find links on our website for Chelsea and Coldspring Farm. Our office location is 103 Main Street, Alton, NH. Contact information is Bernadette Kaszynski, Executive Director of Foundation Joy.

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