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Alton Rotary, PMHS FBLA unite to support student advancing to National Leadership Conference

ALTON — The Alton Rotary Club has joined with the Prospect Mountain High School (PMHS)

Charges filed in connection with teen's 2025 death at Lake Winnepesaukee

GILFORD — The New Hampshire State Police are providing an update on the investigation into the June 20, 2025 death of a 17-year-old boy at Lake Winnepesaukee.

At 12:48 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, the New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) – Marine Patrol received a 9-1-1 call reporting a person had gone into the water and failed to resurface in Lake Winnepesaukee. The incident occurred in the area known as the "Broads," near Diamond and Rattlesnake Islands.

Marine Patrol officers responded and located a boat with three women on board. They reported that a 17-year-old boy entered the water to recover a bag that had fallen overboard and, due to rough water conditions caused by strong winds, the teen appeared to struggle to swim, eventually submerged, and did not resurface.

An initial search was conducted by members of Marine Patrol, the Gilford Fire Department, and the Alton Fire Department, but efforts to locate the teen were unsuccessful. The New Hampshire Fish & Game Dive Unit was called to assist with the search, and at 7:02 p.m., the dive team found and recovered the teen's body. Marine Patrol was also assisted by members of

the Gilford Police Department.

Following an extensive investigation, on April 17 of this year, Buffy Ann Doyle, 50, of Nashua, was indicted by a Belknap County grand jury in connection with the teen's death. The indictments charged Doyle with felony negligent homicide, two counts of witness tampering, and falsifying physical evidence.

According to the indictments, Doyle is alleged to have caused the teen's death when she acted negligently by providing the teen with alcohol and allowing them to enter Lake Winnepesaukee while knowing the teen was intoxicated.

Doyle waived arraignment on the charges, which had been scheduled for yesterday, Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in Belknap County Superior Court. She has entered a not guilty plea to all four charges and was released on personal recognizance. Doyle is scheduled to appear in court on June 26.

The investigation was conducted by the New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit with assistance from Marine Patrol, the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Gilford Fire-Rescue, Alton Fire Department, and the Nashua Police Department.



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Pictured on right: Stockton McKnight, accepting his award after placing first with distinction at the New Hampshire FBLA Leadership Conference.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter to support PMHS student Stockton McKnight, who earned first place with distinction at the New Hampshire FBLA State Leadership Conference. McKnight received a near perfect

score in the Sales Presentation event, a competitive seven minute demonstration requiring strong business knowledge and professional communication skills.

McKnight's top performance qualifies him to represent New Hamp-

shire at the FBLA National Leadership Conference, taking place June 28–July 2 in San Antonio, Texas.

This year's state conference brought together more than 500 students from 27 chapters across New Hampshire. Only

30 students statewide advanced to the national level. The National Leadership Conference is the largest gathering of FBLA students in the world, drawing tens of thousands of competitors and educators.

To help offset McKnight's travel and conference expenses, Alton Rotary and PMHS FBLA are holding a community raffle featuring a gaming desk and chair as the prize. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20, and will be sold by Rotary members at various Alton locations during May and June and by students at PMHS. The winner will be drawn on Monday, June 22.

Supporting McKnight's journey on the national level aligns with Rotary's focus on education, youth leadership development and community service. The club noted that FBLA's mission—to prepare students for leadership, service, and career success—reflects values shared by Rotary and proven in McKnight's achievements. For more ticket information contact Duane Hamond at 603-569-3745.

Alton Central to host Fourth Annual Education & Enrichment Expo

ALTON — Alton Central School look forward to seeing students, parents and community members for our fourth annual Education & Enrichment Expo on Thursday, May 28 from 5-7 p.m.!

Check out student passion displays and learn more about what our stu-

dents love to do outside of the classroom. Visit our 14 presenters who have turned their personal passions into careers and learn how literacy, math, science, social studies and unified arts have inspired them in their careers. Support the ACS 8th grade class of 2027 trip to Washington, D.C.

by participating in our famous raffle (25 tickets for \$5), sponsored by local businesses you all know and love! Dinner will be available for just \$1 (hot dog, chips, and a cookie). Bottled water will also be provided thanks to Hannaford Supermarket. Canned goods and non-perishable items for

End 68 Hours of Hunger will be collected at the door as the "entry fee."

To all visitors, event parking is available in the back lot of ACS and if needed, along Church Street and Appleyard Lane (beside the ball fields). Don't miss an evening of fun and learning at ACS on May 28!

Golden Eagle boys sweep doubleheader from Spartans



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Dalton Houle returns a backhand shot during his team's game with White Mountains Regional on Thursday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Dustin Gerry returns a shot during action against White Mountains on Thursday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Dom Soucy reaches to return a shot during action against White Mountains Regional last Thursday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — It was a long afternoon of ten-

nis as the Gilford tennis boys welcomed White Mountains Regional to town for a doublehead-

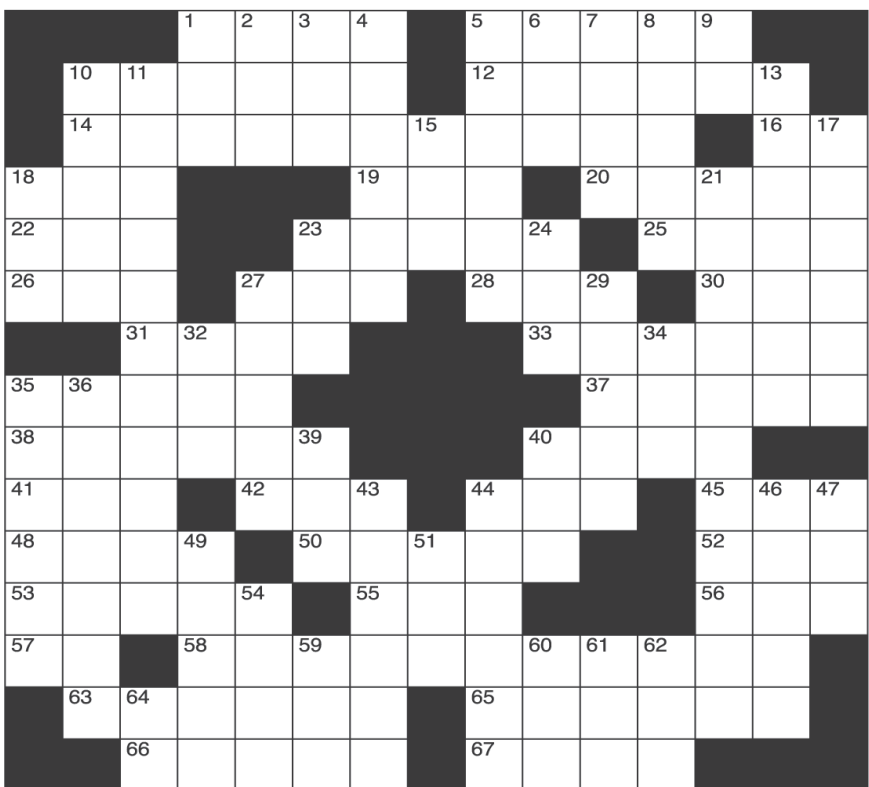
er on Thursday, May 21, with the hosts coming out with the wins in both matches.

The order of play was a little bit different due to AP testing at Gilford, so the first three match-

es on the court were at the bottom of the order. Gilford's Joel Wernig defeated David Merrill

of White Mountains Regional by an 8-1 score at number six in the first

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

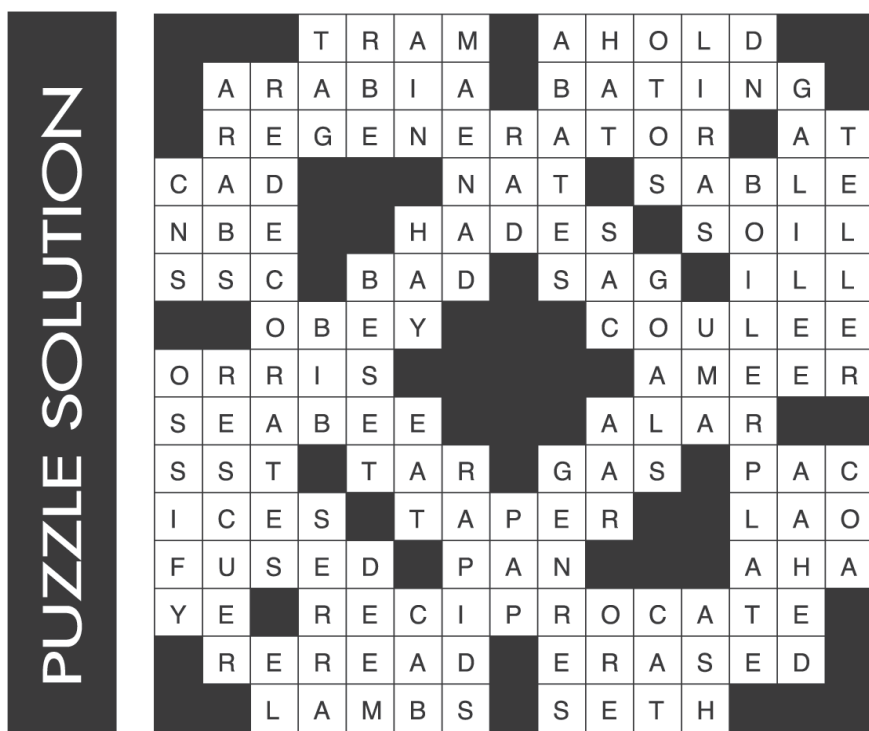


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Streetcar
- 5. Take ___ of it!
- 10. SW Asia peninsula
- 12. Beating wings to escape from a perch
- 14. One who revitalizes
- 16. Indicates position
- 18. Dishonorable man
- 19. Singer King Cole
- 20. Short-tailed marten
- 22. One point east (clockwise) of due north
- 23. The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
- 25. Dirt
- 26. Superconducting super collider
- 27. Not good
- 28. A way to sink
- 30. Unwell
- 31. Follow orders
- 33. Deep ravine
- 35. Perfumery practice
- 37. Indian film director Sultan
- 38. Member of U.S. Navy
- 40. Wing-like
- 41. Very fast airplane
- 42. Slang for cigarette
- 44. Most cars still need it
- 45. Political war chest
- 48. Cools down
- 50. Diminish toward one end
- 52. Indigenous person of Thailand
- 53. Combined
- 55. Container
- 56. Expression of satisfaction
- 57. Thou
- 58. Return a favor
- 63. Go over once more
- 65. Removed
- 66. "Silence of the ___"
- 67. Comedian Rogan

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Children's game
- 2. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 3. Own (Scottish)
- 4. Female follower of Bacchus
- 5. Subsidies
- 6. Protects from weather
- 7. Spanish municipality
- 8. Supermarket chain
- 9. Domain name
- 10. Semitic peoples
- 11. Designs anew
- 13. City associated with Jesus
- 15. Cool!
- 17. Bank employee
- 18. Central nervous system
- 21. Standardized piece of text
- 23. A type of fever
- 24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 27. Threaten persistently
- 29. Aspirations
- 32. Baby's eating accessory
- 34. Actress Thurman
- 35. Turn into bone
- 36. One who saves you
- 39. Consume
- 40. Swiss river
- 43. A part of a river where the current is very fast
- 44. Categories
- 46. Expressed amazement
- 47. It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- 49. Greek war dance
- 51. Bland, semi-liquid food
- 54. Regard in a specified way
- 59. Taxi
- 60. Naturally occurring solid material
- 61. Feline
- 62. Post-burning residue
- 64. Elevated railroad



Line Dancing lessons

Line dancing lessons with Jane Corbett will be held on Thursdays starting June 4 through mid-October from 1-2 p.m. for beginners, and 2:10-3:10 p.m. for experienced dancers at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$15/season. Register on site.

ation Department kiosk (328 Main St.) and on the Town of Alton Web site.

Pick Up Pickleball Games

Pick up Pickleball games are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts. Beginners are welcome, bring your own equipment. Courts are located behind 65 Frank C. Gilman Highway. Parking is across the street next to Mill Pond and by the Water Department. For more information contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

USTA Summer Tennis Lessons- Youth

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis in the Parks for Grades 1-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from July 28-Aug. 13. Grades are divided by times: 5:30-6:30 p.m.- Grades 1-4; 6:45-7:45 p.m.- Grades 5-8. Registration is \$65 and includes a brand-new tennis racquet for new players, and instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught-forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by July 20, class size is limited to 7. Registration forms are available at www.alton.nh.gov or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Pilates classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Alton Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Town Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 6, rain or shine from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Yard Sale maps with over 60 yard sale addresses are available at local banks, at the Parks and Recreation

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays, June 11 and 25 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Ag-

nes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, donations accepted to benefit the food pantry. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Dungeons and Dragons

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a weekly Dungeons and Dragons adventure on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6-8 p.m. The program is free for ages 18 and older. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

Paint Night on the Land Bandstand With Anne Morrell

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an outdoor Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Wednesday, July 29 from 6-7:30 p.m., rain date is July 30. Scene is a mountain view landscape with soft blues of the lake and green trees on the mountain top. All supplies are included, \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under; pay instructor on site. View the painting example on the Alton Parks and Recreation Face Book Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. All abilities are welcome. Bring a friend or sign up solo. Please RSVP with your name and contact information to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109. Register early as space is limited.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

- 1. "26 Beauties" by James Patterson
- 2. "The Mother-Daughter Book Club" by Sue Patterson
- 3. "The Last Mandarin" by Louise Penny
- 4. "The Things We Never Say" by Elizabeth Strout
- 5. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
- 6. "Ironwood" by Michael Connelly
- 7. "Hope Rises" by David Baldacci
- 8. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke
- 9. "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir
- 10. "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans
- 11. "Chasing the Clouds Away" by Debbie Macomber
- 12. "Paradox" by Douglas J. Preston

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Meet Laci - One half of the Dachshund Duo

Laci is a beautiful long-haired dachshund mix with a gentle soul and a touch of shyness that only makes her more endearing. She may take a little time to warm up to new people, but with patience and kindness, her sweet personality truly begins to shine.

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

Meet Scrapy!



Meet Scrapy - One half of the Dachshund Duo

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

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Gilford welcomes new Town Administrator

GILFORD — The Gilford Board of Selectmen is pleased to announce the hiring of Kris Kelley as the new Town Administrator, effective Aug. 16. He will be replacing Scott Dunn, who is retiring as Town Administrator after having served in that role for the past eighteen years.

Kelley is currently the Gilford Police Chief, having been appointed Chief in May of 2022. Kelley began working as a Patrol Officer for the Gilford Police Department in 1999 and has since worked his way up

the ranks while serving as a School Resource Officer, Detective, Corporal, Lieutenant, and Deputy Police Chief. During this time, he also graduated from the FBI National Academy. He is planning to retire as Chief effective June 30.

Kelley was selected from a pool of 16n candidates. The process involved an initial review of all candidates by a citizen search panel that narrowed the field to six finalists, each of whom was then interviewed. The selectmen then met with the top four candidates in the presence of

the Search Committee members. At the conclusion of the second round of interviews, the Selectmen decided unanimously upon Kelley as the new Town Administrator.

Chan Eddy, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, noted the board was pleasantly surprised with Kelley's performance during the selection process, commenting, "We certainly did not anticipate hiring an internal candidate when the process began. Although we were very familiar with Mr. Kelley's leadership abilities, his integrity, work ethic, and the pro-

fessional growth he has shown over the years, we were ultimately sold on his passion for the Gilford community and the people who live here. His knowledge of Gilford projects and procedures gave him a leg up on the competition, and we are optimistic that his potential for doing great things will come to fruition over time."

Kelley resides in Gilmannton with his wife Meredith and has two children still living at home. His oldest son is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. He has one granddaughter and likes

to spend his spare time working on the land on his farm. He also enjoys fishing and hunting but hopes to someday hone his skills on the golf course. In the meantime, however, Kelley is very

excited about this new opportunity and looks forward to hitting the ground running after spending a few weeks in transitional training with the outgoing Town Administrator.

2026 "One Community Project" seeks local volunteers

GILFORD — A joint collaboration between Gilford Community Church (GCC) and Gilford Youth Center (GYC) that began in 2011, One Community Project (OCP) is currently accepting volunteers for its next community project, June 20-22.

Open to adults and youth, the OCP projects will take place at 306 Darby Drive, Laconia, on Saturday, June 20th from 9:00-1:00 pm. Sunday and Monday, June 21 & 22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 40 Varney Point Rd., Gilford (Ice Skating Rink/Pickleball Courts). (Rain Date: June 23, Tuesday) The types of work will include painting, scraping, landscaping, window cleaning, mulching, and more.

"Making a difference through a community project can foster real change, build stronger bonds, and create lasting impact. OCP is

about making a difference in the community. Each year this event is such a rewarding experience. I am so grateful to be a part of it," said Amber McLane, director of GCC's Children and Youth Program.

To register as a participant or sponsor, please contact Amber McLane at gccyouthprogram@gmail.com or sign up on the Web site, www.gilfordcommunitychurch.org/onecommunityproject.

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., the Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open community that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Viewable live on Facebook and available on YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. To learn more, or virtually attend service, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events May 28 - June 4

Thursday, May 28
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Explode a Watermelon, 3-4 p.m.
How many rubber bands will it take to explode a watermelon? Stop by and enjoy the sweet summer carnage!
Painting and Poetry, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Join Miss Linda in a unique special program painting poetry!
French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, May 29
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Rooted and Rising,

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

Saturday, May 30
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Monday, June 1
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10:10-10:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.

Bits & Bytes, 11 a.m.-noon
This month's session will be on digital video and streaming services.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.
Writing Wizards, 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2
Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Dungeons and Dragons, 3-4:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 10-11 a.m.
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, June 4
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Chocolate Strawberries, 3-4 p.m.
Kick off the summer months with this tasty treat!
Painting and Poetry, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.

Pittsfield woman pleads guilty to role in drug trafficking case

CONCORD — Shannon Halloran, 35, of Pittsfield pleaded guilty last week in federal court to one count of Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance, United States Attorney Erin Creegan announces.

According to court documents and statements, in late 2023, law enforcement agencies began investigating a drug-trafficking organization (DTO) operating in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. During the course of the conspiracy, the DTO trafficked multiple kilograms of methamphetamine. Halloran was a re-distributor for the DTO.

The charging statute provides for a sentence of not less than 10 years and up to life in federal prison, at least five years of supervised release,

and a maximum fine of \$10,000,000. U.S. District Court Judge Joseph N. Laplante scheduled sentencing for Aug. 31.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Major Offender Task Force led the investigation with valuable assistance from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Strafford County Sheriff's Office, and Boston Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Yasir Sadat is prosecuting the case.

This prosecution is part of the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) initiative established by Executive Order 14159, Protecting the American People Against Invasion. The HSTF is a whole-of-government partnership dedicated to eliminating criminal cartels, foreign gangs, transnational criminal

organizations, and human smuggling and trafficking rings operating in the United States and abroad. Through historic interagency collaboration, the HSTF directs the full might of United States law enforcement towards identifying, investigating, and prosecuting the full spectrum of crimes committed by these organizations, which have long fueled violence and instability within our borders. In performing this work, the HSTF places special emphasis on investigating and prosecuting those engaged in child trafficking or other crimes involving children. The HSTF further utilizes all avail-

able tools to prosecute and remove the most violent criminal aliens from the United States. HSTF New Hampshire comprises agents and officers from FBI, HSI, IRS, DEA, ATF, USMS, and DSS with the prosecution being led by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Hampshire.



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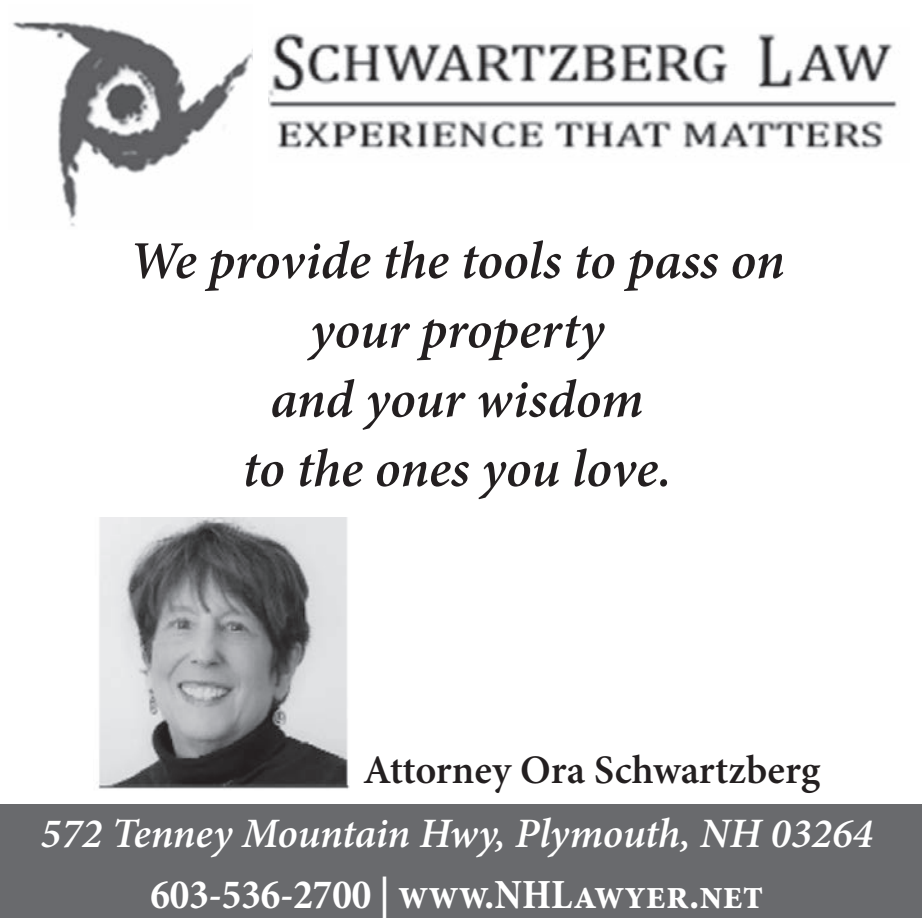


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Opinion

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Helping young people aim higher

There is something especially encouraging about seeing a young person from a small-town community step onto a much larger stage through hard work, talent, and determination. That is exactly what Prospect Mountain High School student Stockton McKnight has done by earning a place at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Texas after an outstanding performance at the state level.

In communities like Alton, achievements such as this matter for reasons far beyond a single competition. They remind us that leadership, ambition, and excellence are growing right here in our local schools. They also remind us that opportunities for young people often depend on the willingness of a community to stand behind them.

McKnight's accomplishment is no small feat. Competing against students from across New Hampshire and earning first place with distinction in a demanding Sales Presentation event speaks not only to his communication skills, but also to his confidence, preparation, and professionalism. Reaching the national conference places him among a very select group of students statewide.

Programs like Future Business Leaders of America do more than build resumes. They teach students how to think clearly under pressure, present ideas effectively, solve problems, and interact professionally with others. These are lifelong skills that serve students whether they go into business, education, healthcare, public service, or skilled trades.

Just as important is the example being set by the Alton Rotary Club and the local FBLA chapter. Their partnership to help raise funds for McKnight's trip reflects the best kind of community support: practical, encouraging, and invested in the next generation. Sometimes people talk about supporting youth in broad terms, but this is what real support looks like. It is neighbors buying raffle tickets. It is local organizations stepping up quietly to help a student pursue an opportunity that might otherwise be financially difficult.

Small towns have always depended on civic organizations, schools, and volunteers working together. Rotary clubs, booster organizations, PTAs, and student groups help create the kind of communities where young people feel seen and encouraged. These efforts may not always generate major headlines, but their long-term impact is significant.

The truth is that many students today face tremendous pressure and uncertainty. Success stories deserve attention because they offer a reminder that dedication still matters and that positive opportunities are still available to students willing to work for them. They also help younger students see what is possible for themselves.

There is also value in recognizing accomplishments that are not athletic championships or academic test scores alone. Public speaking, business leadership, and presentation skills are increasingly important in modern careers, and programs like FBLA help students develop those strengths early.

As McKnight prepares to represent New Hampshire on the national stage, the community has every reason to feel proud. Regardless of the final results in Texas, reaching this point is already an impressive achievement.

The upcoming raffle may seem like a simple fundraiser, but it represents something larger. It reflects a town choosing to invest in one of its young people. Communities grow stronger when they celebrate accomplishment, encourage ambition, and help students reach beyond what they thought possible.

For many young people, support from adults outside their immediate family can make a lasting difference. Sometimes it starts with a teacher, a mentor, a coach, or a civic organization saying, "We believe in you."

That message still matters greatly.

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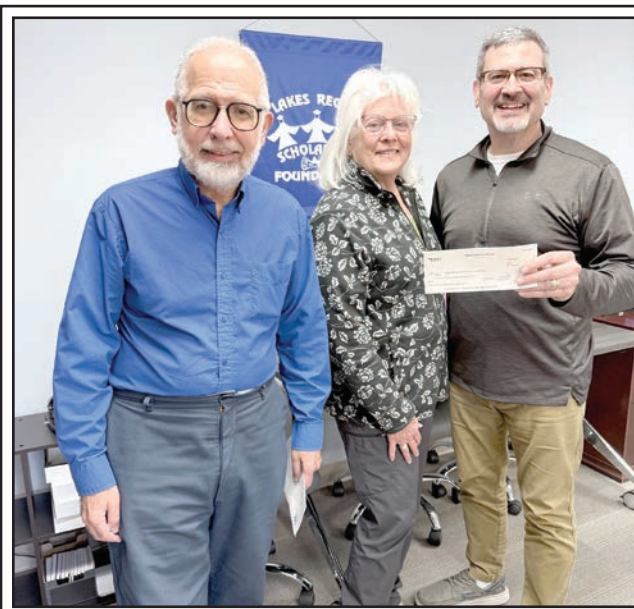
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Lions fund scholarships

The Laconia/Gilford Lions Club continued their annual tradition of donating funds to the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. "Our 2026 donation assists mostly the same students as last year, except for one who graduated & was replaced with a new recipient," explained Club President Matt Soza. "We congratulate the graduate & wish him well in his career. And we salute our current recipients as they pursue their goals." "The Scholarship Foundation greatly appreciates (the Club's) commitment to our mission," stated Tara Columb, LRSF Administrative Assistant. Pictured from left, Lions Matt Soza and Diane Lockwood present check from the Laconia/Gilford Lions Club to LRSF Executive Director Chris Guilmett.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Limitations

I'm once again sitting down at my local auto mechanic's shop while he analyzes the problem with my dragging front brake. I figured that it was probably a stuck caliper, but he informed me that it could be the flex line fraying on the inside, causing a one-way valve type of action. Not knowing this, I, being the home mechanic that I used to be, would have just replaced the caliper, and after going through all that wonderful expenditure of time and materials, would find that the problem persisted, like the others he mentioned. I'm glad I've retired from being a back yard grease monkey.

I still do things like change my own oil. I actually did it on one of my vehicles this morning. I intended to do another, but the rain came early. That's what happens when you don't have a garage. Now I'll have to get all the oil changing stuff out and risk getting all oily again some other day.

I actually brought four five-gallon jugs of used engine oil with me for him to dump into the oil tank for

his garage heat next winter. For me, it's a little less under the porch house clutter. With the price of heating oil today, I should get a discount.

The first time I changed my oil was when I was in college. Kids with cars would just dump it in the lower part of the parking lot. It would run through the underbrush down to the river. It seemed like a nasty thing to do so I never did it again. But that was my introduction to being a home mechanic. I'm sure that the statute if limitations is up for any consequences from the environmental protection agency for this act I committed in 1973.

I'm sorry for not thinking of the environment, but have you ever seen what it's like in places where there are congested collections of boats? It seems like every boat leaks something. It all adds up. And add to that all the stuff that comes out of all the supposed non-existent pipes that dump stuff into the water from every town, city, or large home that is lucky enough to have access to the water. It's pret-

ty disgusting all that we discharge into our environment for it to take care of. All they seem to ever complain about is carbon dioxide, which is at almost the lowest level necessary for plants to grow. They want us to reduce it!? More CO2, happier plant life. Go figure.

They are starting to understand the repercussions of plastic. For years the only problem I've heard about has been sea creatures getting caught up in it. Now they're finding tiny bits of it everywhere. We're inundated with the stuff.

The ultraviolet light from the sun seems to be the only thing that breaks it down. Outside of burning it that is. But it's a very slow process. Leave a plastic grocery bag in a sunny spot and it will tear apart when you go to use it. But it will still be bagish. It takes a lot more sun to break it down into the fine powder we're talking about.

I was thinking the other day, when I was scraping my peanut butter out of its plastic container, that I was scratching little bits of plastic onto my sandwich

along with the spread. That was for certain. People have warned me for years that it was dangerous for me to be using recycled pancake syrup containers as water bottles. I never scrape them,

I had retired one of my very old pull top water bottles because I had worn out the top, it no longer held itself down, resulting in probable leaks. I figured that somewhere in my house had to be a spare top. Last week going through the bottom of the kitchen junk drawer, I found one. I put it somewhere where I knew it was while I located the bottle. After I found the bottle, I couldn't remember where I put the top. It's an endless dilemma.

Today was my first day bringing my new, old, pull top water bottle with me to school. This one doesn't have a visible sell by date, but I know that these went out sometime in the nineties. It's so nice to once again be able to shoot water into my mouth.

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The men who wave from tractors

I was driving through a back road the other day when an older fellow on a tractor lifted two fingers from the steering wheel and gave me the sort of small wave that seems to exist only in rural places.

Not a full enthusiastic greeting. Not a dramatic arm swing. Just two fingers raised for half a second as if to say: "Yep. I see you there."

Naturally, I waved back. And it got me thinking about how many different kinds of waves there are in New Hampshire.

There's the snowblower wave, usually performed one-handed while the other hand hangs onto the machine like a sailor riding out a storm. There's the lake wave, where two passing boats acknowledge each other with the quiet dignity of old naval vessels. There's the pickup-truck steering-wheel lift, which somehow communicates an entire conversation without anybody slowing down.

Then there's the tractor wave.

That one might be my favorite.

Partly because tractors move at a speed where a man still has time to notice the world around him.

You don't see many angry people on tractors.

Sunburned? Certainly. Exhausted? Frequently. Concerned about weather? Constantly. But rarely angry.

Maybe because tractors force patience onto a person. Nothing happens quickly on

one. You can't rush haying season. You can't hurry muddy ground. You can't bully a New Hampshire spring into cooperating before it's good and ready.

A tractor teaches acceptance whether you want the lesson or not.

I think that's why the men and women who spend time on them often seem calmer than the rest of us.

Now, I should be clear here: I am not a farmer. The closest I've ever come to agricultural greatness was unsuccessfully attempting tomatoes one summer that ended with exactly three edible vegetables and a squirrel looking extremely satisfied with himself.

Still, I admire people who work the land.

Especially in New Hampshire.

This isn't Iowa. Nobody's making life easy on farmers around here. Our fields are rocky, our growing season is short, and half the state appears to sit at a forty-five-degree angle. Yet every year people still climb onto tractors before sunrise and somehow coax food out of stubborn ground.

There's something noble about that.

And something steadying.

A lot of modern life feels temporary now. Businesses appear and disappear overnight. Restaurants come and

go. Entire industries seem to change every six months. One minute everybody's

excited about some new app and the next minute nobody remembers it existed.

But tractors remain wonderfully unconcerned with trends.

A tractor from 1974 still does exactly what it did in 1974.

It starts eventually.

It rattles alarmingly.

It smells faintly of gasoline, dirt, and old coffee.

And it gets the job done.

I respect that.

My son laughs at me because I always slow down when I pass old barns or farm fields. "Dad," he says, "you're looking at dirt."

But it's not dirt I'm admiring.

It's continuity.

There's comfort in seeing people still doing practical things with their hands in a world increasingly dominated by screens and passwords and mysterious software updates nobody understands.

I sometimes think younger generations have inherited a strange burden. They're expected to live enormous portions of life online while also somehow remaining grounded in the real world. That can't be easy.

Meanwhile, a person on a tractor remains entirely tethered to reality.

The weather matters. The soil matters. The machine matters. The work matters.

No amount of arguing on the internet can change whether rain is coming.

Maybe that's why those little tractor waves feel meaningful to me. They remind me there are still people out there quietly doing necessary things without demanding applause for it.

People mowing fields.

Fixing fences.

Planting crops.

Pulling stones out of the ground for the nine-thousandth time since the Eisenhower administration.

There's a humility to it.

And New Hampshire has always done humility pretty well.

We're not much for showing off around here. The wealthiest fellow in town may still buy coffee wearing an old sweatshirt with duct tape on the sleeves. A person can own three hundred acres and still apologize for "not having much."

That's part of the culture I hope never disappears.

Not the modesty itself, necessarily. Just the understanding that a person's value usually comes from usefulness rather than attention.

The men and women on tractors seem to understand that instinctively.

They don't need to announce themselves.

They simply wave as they pass by.

And somehow that small gesture still says quite a lot.

June events at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — Good to Know Info: We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3 p.m. (June 11). Juneteenth, June 19, is a federal holiday to commemorate the emancipation of slaves in America. We'll have a special display at the library! Looking Ahead: Shirefest is Saturday, Aug. 15 (for more information, visit <https://www.oscar-foss.org/shirefest>).

Our Summer Reading Program (SRP) is coming! Starting Tuesday, June 23, you can register online or at the library to participate and win some fabulous prizes - just for reading books. (Patrons can start logging books Tuesday, Jun. 30, and logging ends Saturday, Aug. 1.) The theme this year is, "Plant a Seed, Read!" and we are planning all sorts of activities for you, ending with Shirefest—our SRP finale—on Aug. 15.

Home School Group: Run by group members and takes place at the library meeting room on Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Involves a mix of stories, simple science/learning activities, and a creative art/craft activity that all go along with a theme for the week. The activities are geared towards kids ages four and up, and younger siblings are welcome to come along. There will be an event posted ahead of time on the group's Facebook page (Barnstead NH Library Homeschool Group) for each weekly meet-up, so you'll always know what to expect and if you need to bring anything.

Music and Movement Storytime, a.k.a. Little's Love to Learn! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for an interactive storytime filled with group singing, dancing, imaginative play, crafts, and stories, all designed specifically for babies and toddlers.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. is Children's Storytime. Visit us at the library for stories, crafts, and singing. Then experience the cozy ambience in the children's area, which has all sorts of neat things to do. Make new friends. Set up playdates. Check out books, movies, and games,

play with the trains, Legos, and puppets. Come for the learning, stay for the fun!

Start your week off with Yoga Monday! Gentle Hatha-Flow runs from 10:15-11:40 a.m., Senior/Beginner/Chair Yoga is noon to 1 p.m., and Intermediate Hatha-Flow lasts from 5:30-6:50 p.m. Classes are by donation (suggested \$8). All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate.

On the first Wednesday of the month (Jun. 3), starting at 3:30 p.m., we are hosting a Young Readers Book Club for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Participants will have the opportunity to share and recommend their favorite books while explaining what makes those stories special to them. They will also be encouraged to ask questions and engage in thoughtful group discussions. We'll wrap up the program with a simple craft activity, and light snacks will be provided.

Our Read the Room Book Club (ages 18 and older) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (Jun. 3), from 6-7:30 p.m. This month's book will be "The World as We Know It" by Joseph Monninger. Next month's book will be "Trail of the Lost" by Andrea Lankford. Books are available at the library. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

Jamming Tuesdays at OFML: 6-8 p.m. (ages 18 and older). Do you play a string instrument? Well then, dust it off and come make music with us! On the first

(June 2) and third (June 16) Tuesdays of the month, join us for jam nights at the library (in the meeting room). No need to be an expert—just bring your instrument and a love of music. Share a few tunes, trade chords, get feedback (if you'd like), and most of all, have fun!

NEW Calling all Mah Jongg fans - come join us at the library! Players meet the first (June 4) and third (June 18) Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. No registration required.

On Thursday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m., join us for a Humanities Talk on Wit & Wisdom: The Forgotten Literary Life of New England Villages. Come learn about how New Englanders before the Civil War used a wide assortment of literary activities to stay engaged with their community and to keep themselves occupied during the long winter nights. Presented by Jo Radner and made possible by NH Humanities. Please call or email the library to register.

On Thursday, June 11, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., we are having a Bingo Night! Bring the whole family for a night of bingo, laughs, a little friendly competition, and prizes! All ages are welcome. Whether you're a bingo master or a first-time player, there's a seat at the table for everyone.

Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., come visit our OFML Craft & Makers Market! This program will be held monthly throughout the summer, and is located in the library parking lot (parking is

down by the P&R area). Come shop for local crafts, gifts, and foods, then stop by the library and have a look around! If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please call or stop by the library to grab an application.

On Thursday, June 18, at 6 p.m., join us for our next Lifelong Learning Series event: High Inflation Money Management. Has high inflation got you down? Join us for a presentation from the experts at Merrimack Savings Bank. In this presentation you will learn skills on income and taxes, budgeting and saving, and smart spending. Please call or email the library to register.

On Friday, June 19, join us at 5:30 p.m. for a special Film-to-Table event! Step into a world of rich chocolate, small-town charm, and a little bit of magic. Enjoy an evening of film, flavor, and a touch of whimsy with a themed dinner served alongside the movie, "Chocolat." Sweet, whimsical, and just a touch indulgent. This is one evening you won't want to miss!

Learn Bike Safety with the Barnstead Police Department on Tuesday, June 23, at 2 p.m. Come join us here at the library for a fun, free, and educational event! Learn the rules of the road, how to check your bike for safety, and tips for riding smart. All ages are welcome—but be sure to bring your bike, helmet, and questions.

On Thursday, June 25, we are having a Shirefest Planning Meeting. Are you vol-

unteering or partnering with us for Shirefest (it's on Aug. 15, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., here at the library)? Join us for a collaborative planning meeting where we'll share updates, brainstorm ideas, and coordinate our magical efforts! Whether you're a returning volunteer or just jumping in, your input is welcome and appreciated as we work together to bring this enchanted event to life.

On Friday, June 26, from 6:30-8 p.m., join us for Books & Banter. This lively book club is open to everyone and invites you to share and explore a wide range of genres. Come ready to discuss up to three books you've recently read, giving a brief synopsis to spark conversation. Don't miss out on the fun—come share your thoughts, learn about new books, and enjoy a cozy evening of discussion.

Let's Write a Novel! Join us in the library's meeting room for a series of structured class-

es on the how-to's of writing a book. This class runs from 6-7:30 p.m. on the last Friday of the month (June 26). Budding writers, 16 and older, ignite your passion for storytelling, discover how to build your hero's journey, and take your novel from concept to can-do!

Our Summer Reading Program (SRP) Kick-Off this year is on Saturday, June 27, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.! Let's kick off our summer reading program with a bang! Join us for live music from local band "No Mango," a visit from Wildlife Encounters at 10:30 a.m., a book sale, a food stand hosted by our friends of the library, a plant swap, and plenty of kids activities out on the library lawn. The library will also be open at this time if you would like to sign up for the SRP.

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SPORTS

Busy penultimate week of regular season for Prospect baseball

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain baseball team kicked off a very busy penultimate week of the season by dropping a 3-1 decision on the road in Litchfield on Monday, May 18.

The Timber Wolves scored the first run of the game in the top of the first inning and the Cougars were able to tie the game in the bottom of the third inning. The game remained tied at one until the eighth inning, when the Cougars scored two runs to take the 3-1 win on a walkoff homer.

Parker O'Brien had three hits at the top of the lineup for the Timber Wolves while Gavin Gorton had a double and drove in a run, Knyte Neathery had a double, Colby Whitehouse had two hits and Vinnie Tilton added a hit.

Whitehouse pitched into the third inning for the Timber Wolves, giving up one hit and no earned runs while striking out six. Gorton



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Parker O'Brien comes up throwing at third base during action against Raymond last Tuesday afternoon.

pitched five innings in relief, giving up just four hits and two earned runs while striking out 11.

The Timber Wolves returned to action the next day for an early afternoon tilt against Raymond and pushed across the game's lone run in the bottom of the fourth inning to take the 1-0 win over the Rams.

In the bottom of the fourth, Orion Neathery reached on an error and after stealing second, came around to score on a base hit from Bryce Lounsbury and that would be the lone run of

the game.

Blake Pappaceno led



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Mikey Perry went the distance on the mound for the Prospect Mountain baseball team last week against Raymond.

offense with two hits while Lounsbury had a hit and drove in a run and O'Brien and Whitehouse each added a hit.

Mikey Perry was solid on the mound, going all seven innings, giving up just two hits and three walks while striking out nine.

Prospect Mountain won another close one on Wednesday, May 20, scoring the game's lone two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning for the 2-0 win.

Perry had a double and

scored a run and Whitehouse had a hit. Whitehouse also went the distance on the hill, giving up just three hits and striking out 14.

The Timber Wolves are scheduled to close out the regular season on Friday, May 29, at home against Hillsboro-Deering. The Division III tournament starts on Wednesday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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Timber Wolf girls roll to the win in Meredith

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MEREDITH — While there was a little confusion about the location of the Prospect Mountain girls' tennis team's match with Inter-Lakes on Monday, May 18, there was not much confusion about the outcome, as the Timber Wolves cruised to

an 8-1 win over the host Lakers at Prescott Park in Meredith to kick off the final week of the regular season.

Lena Lamotte picked (Right) Laney Henry returns a shot for Prospect Mountain during action at Inter-Lakes last Monday afternoon.

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Maddie Miller charges in to return the ball during action at Inter-Lakes last Monday afternoon.

Golden Eagles get revenge for early-season loss to Brady



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Lucy Akerstrom rounds third base during action against Trinity last Thursday afternoon.



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Addison Hodsdon takes a rip during action against Trinity on Thursday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford softball team opened the penultimate week of the regular season with a solid 4-1 win over Bishop Brady on Tuesday, May 19, avenging a loss in the opening game of the season.

The game was scoreless through five innings before the Giants scored a run in the top of the sixth inning to take the 1-0 lead. Gilford responded with four runs in the bottom

of the sixth inning and then kept the visitors off the board in the top of the seventh to take the 4-1 win.

Kate Taylor had a double and drove in a run while Mia Macaione had a hit, drove in two runs and scored a run. Taryn Limanni, Addison Hodsdon and Belle Dow each had a hit.

Dow had another strong game in the circle for the Gilford girls, going all seven innings and allowing just three hits and one earned run

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BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team rolled to a win on Monday, May 18, easily outdistancing the Trinity Pioneers by a 13-0 score.

Prospect Mountain scored one run in the bottom of the first and added two in the bottom of the third. They broke things open with five in the bottom of the fourth, plated one in the fifth and scored four in the bottom of the sixth, highlighted by a walkoff homer from Taylor Greenwood for the 13-0 win.

Greenwood homer caps off win for Timber Wolves



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Seniors Chloe Bill-Petersen, Paige Harding and Taylor Greenwood were honored prior to last Wednesday's game against Conant.

Greenwood had the homer, a double and two singles, drove in three runs and scored three runs, Kylee Guptill had two doubles and a single and drove in six runs, Kora MacKenzie had a double and a single and scored two runs, Paige Harding had two hits and scored three runs, Leila Hills Grove had two hits, drove in a run and scored a run, Ashlynn Roberts had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Paityn Glidden had a hit and drove in a run and Courtney Kaplan added a hit.

Sophia Bowman toed the rubber for the Timber Wolves, giving up just two hits while striking out 11 in earning the complete game win.

The Timber Wolves took on Conant on Wednesday, May 20, and got the 5-2 win over Conant.

Prospect Mountain came out of the gate with three runs in the bottom of the first inning, added one in the third and one

in the fourth and then held off the Orioles after they scored two in the top of the sixth inning.

Guptill had a homer and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Glidden had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Harding had two hits and scored a run, MacKenzie had a hit and scored a run, Greenwood had a hit and drove in a run and Kaplan added a hit.

Bowman again went the distance in the circle, giving up just five hits and two earned runs while striking out nine.

Prospect Mountain is scheduled to be in action on Friday, May 29, for the regular season finale. The Division III tournament kicks off on Wednesday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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SPORTS

Watson reaches 300 points as Golden Eagles win two

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford girls' lacrosse team picked up a couple of wins last week, winning one on the road and one at home.

The Golden Eagles started the week with a trip to Campbell and they returned home with a 19-4 win over the Cougars.

Zevy Donovan had six goals and one assist, Abby Watson had five goals and three assists, Aubrey Vliet had two goals and two assists, Rowan Worthen had a goal and an assist, Celia Plourde and Riley Coutts each had a goal and an assist and Mia Burlock,

Maya Criscone and Caroline McClare each had a goal.

The defense of Mckenna Howard, Ava Wilson, Catherine Fay and Emerson Plourde were integral in the team's success, causing 10 turnovers and Madi Breton turned away seven shots.

Against Milford at home last Tuesday, the Gilford girls got the 16-4 win.

Watson had six goals

(Right) The Gilford girls' lacrosse team poses with senior Abby Watson after she recorded her 300th career point last week against Milford.



and one assist for seven points, which put her over 300 points for her career. She also had eight draw controls while Donovan had six goals, two assists and five ground balls, Worthen had two goals and three assists and Josie Arrihi and Vliet each added a goal. Breton turned away eight shots in earning the win.

The Golden Eagles are slated to finish the regular season at Derryfield on Friday, May 29, at 4 p.m.

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Building Smarter in the Lakes Region

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Lake Winnepesaukee and the surrounding Lakes Region are among the most special places in New Hampshire. For many families, these lakes, forests, and small towns are woven into generations of memories - summer cottages, boating, hiking, local businesses, and a way of life that feels uniquely New England.

As more people continue to discover the beauty of the region, demand for housing improvements, renovations, additions, septic upgrades, and new development continues to grow. That growth creates opportunity for homeowners, contractors, local businesses, and the regional economy. But it also creates responsibility.

Recent reports regarding increased cyanobacteria blooms in Lake Winnepesaukee have raised understandable concerns about water quality and environmental pressure throughout the region. While there is no single cause, experts point to a combination of factors including stormwater runoff, aging septic systems, fertilizer use, shoreline disturbance, and increasing development density.

The good news is that growth and environmental

protection do not have to be opposing forces.

With proper engineering, planning, permitting, and construction practices, homeowners and developers can improve their properties while still protecting the lakes, wetlands, and natural systems that make this area so valuable in the first place.

At Strong Tree Engineering (STE), we believe responsible development starts with thoughtful design. Whether it's a septic system replacement, a waterfront renovation, drainage improvements, a subdivision in an undeveloped area, or a commercial project, every property exists within a larger environmental ecosystem. Small decisions matter.

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- Designing stormwater systems that properly manage runoff
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- Preserving natural vegetation and shoreline buffers where practical
- Helping clients navigate local and state permitting requirements efficiently and responsibly
- Planning projects with both property value, as well as community and environmental sustainability in mind

As engineers, surveyors,

and environmental professionals, we also understand that regulations can sometimes feel overwhelming for homeowners. Our role is not simply to "check boxes", but to guide clients through the process in a practical, solutions-oriented way that balances project goals with environmental stewardship.

Personally, this mission is deeply meaningful to

me. I spent much of my childhood summers on Lake Winnepesaukee at my Nana's cottage in Moultonborough, and those experiences helped inspire me to co-found Strong Tree Engineering. Protecting the character and health of the Lakes Region is not just professional — it's personal. It's one of the reasons we opened our of-

fice in Ossipee. We believe local presence matters. We believe communities benefit when experienced professionals live, work, and invest in the areas they serve.

New Hampshire can continue to grow and prosper while still preserving the natural beauty that defines it. But doing so requires thoughtful planning, respon-

sible investment, and a commitment to building smarter.

The Lakes Region deserves nothing less.

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SPORTS

Golden Eagles host final regular season meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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GILFORD — The Gilford track team hosted the final meet of the regular season on Tuesday, May 19.

The lone win on the day for the Golden Eagle girls came from Maria Tilley in the 1,600 meters, where she finished in a time of 5:33.9.

Pearl Marvel ran to second in the 100 meters in a time of 13.47 seconds

and in the 300-meter hurdles, Amanda Schaffnit was 10th in 1:03.98. Schaffnit was also 17th in the long jump at eight feet, 1.5 inches.

Kylie Kelly finished in eighth place in the shot put at 23 feet, eight inches with Izabella Doten in 21st at 16 feet and Schaffnit in 24th at 14 feet, 6.25 inches. Doten was also 21st in the shot put at 29 feet,

10 inches.

The Golden Eagle girls were second in the 4X400-meter relay in a time of 4:39.63. The Gilford boys were fourth in the 4X400-meter relay in a time of 4:01.8 and placed sixth in the 4X100-meter relay in 49.15 seconds.

Gunnar Marvel finished in second place in the discus at 126 feet, three inches, Daniel Peron finishes in 13th at 72 feet, seven inches and Brennen Smith-Miller was 18th at 64 feet, one inch. John Lavalley was fourth in the shot put at 40 feet, 8.75 inches,

Marvel was seventh at 37 feet, 5.5 inches, Eric Warren was 15th at 32 feet, 9.75 inches and Wren Reinholz was 19th at 28 feet, six inches.

Connor Brough finished in fourth place in the pole vault at seven feet, six inches while in the long jump, Rylan Paradis was seventh at 16 feet, .5 inches, Brough was 13th at 14 feet, 2.75 inches, Smith-Miller was 15th at 13 feet, 10.75 inches and Cooper Plourde was 20th at 12 feet, seven inches.

Warren finished in third in the javelin with a toss of 123 feet, four

inches with Smith-Miller in 19th place at 72 feet, one inch, Griffyn Greene in 24th at 57 feet and Plourde in 26th at 56 feet, one inch.

William Reinhardt finished second in the 3,200 meters in 11:06.3 while Landon Akerstrom placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles in 47.45 seconds. Greene was 12th in the 1,600 meters in 6:37.77 and Plourde was 13th in 6:40.26.

Marvel was third in the 100 meters in 12.09 seconds with Smith-Miller in 16th in 12.86 seconds and Reinholz in 30th in 13.68

seconds. Brough finished in 11th in the 200 meters in a time of 27.05 seconds.

The Golden Eagles took part in the Wilderness League Championships, which took place after the early holiday deadline on Saturday, May 23, at Inter-Lakes.

The Division III State Meet is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, at Pelham High School at 10 a.m.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

Prospect net boys fall to St. Thomas

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

DOVER — The Prospect Mountain boys' tennis team had its match with St. Thomas postponed a couple of days due to weather and dropped a 7-2 decision to the Saints on Thursday, May 21.

The win for the Timber Wolves in singles came from Ayden Porter in the fifth spot with an 8-5 win. Rylan Clifford lost 8-0 at number one, Cam Morrill lost by an 8-0 score at number two and Wyatt Bubar lost 8-4 at number three. Brock Libby lost 8-1 in the fourth spot and Blake Snell finished out singles with an 8-2 loss at number six.

In doubles, Bubar and

Snell came through with an 8-6 win in the third spot while Clifford and Libby lost 8-0 at number one and Morrill and Porter fell by an 8-6 score in the second spot.

The Timber Wolves wrapped up the regular season after early holiday deadlines on Friday.

The Division III tournament started after deadline Wednesday and continues on Friday, May 29, and Tuesday, June 2, both at the home of the higher seed and the finals are Thursday, June 4, at Memorial Field in Concord.

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Gilford baseball cruises past

Newport and Berlin, slips past Giants

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford baseball team plated half a dozen runs in the bottom of the second inning and rolled to a 10-0 win over visiting Newport on Monday, May 18.

The Golden Eagles scored six times in the bottom of the second, added one more in the fourth and then plated three runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to close out the game.

Cohen Elliott led the Golden Eagles from the top of the lineup, belting two doubles and a single, driving in two runs and scoring three times. Ryan Folan had a double and two singles, drove in three runs and scored a run, Sam Kelley had a hit and drove in two runs, Mark Uicker had a hit and scored a run, Carson Anthony had a hit and scored two runs, Jack Hazelton had a hit, drove in two runs and scored a run and Drew Smith added a hit.

Anthony started on the hill, pitching into the third

inning, striking out six and giving up two hits and Smith, Brent Howard and Folan followed him to the hill, combining to strike out eight and giving up a combined two hits.

The next day, the Golden Eagles hosted Bishop Brady and picked up a 7-4 win over the Giants.

Gilford scored four times in the bottom of the third inning to take the 4-0 lead before Bishop Brady tied the game with four in the top of the sixth inning. The Golden Eagles then plated three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and held off the Giants in the top of the seventh to take the 7-4 win.

Smith had a homer, double and single, drove in three runs and scored two runs to lead the Gilford offense. Andy Taylor had a double and a single and scored a run, Folan had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Kelley had two hits and drove in two runs, Owen Wolpin had a hit and scored a run and Elliott added a hit.

Smith went six innings on the hill, giving up two earned runs on five hits while striking out nine and Folan pitched the final inning without giving up a hit and striking out one.

Gilford made the trek north to Berlin on Wednesday, May 20, and doubled up the Mountaineers by a 16-8 score.

Berlin scored the first five runs of the game, plating a run in the first and two in each of the next two innings before the Golden Eagles scored four times in the top of the fifth. Berlin plated three in the bottom of the third for the 8-4 lead and the Golden Eagles finished strong, plating seven in the sixth and five in the seventh for the 16-8 win.

Kelley had three hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Anthony had three hits, drove in two runs and scored a run, Fo-

lan had a double and two singles, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Taylor had two hits and scored two runs, Smith had a double and a single, drove in three and scored two runs, Cole Labonte had three hits, drove in a run and scored two runs, Danny Fournier had a hit, drove in a run and scored two runs and Uicker had two hits and scored a run.

Anthony went the distance on the hill, striking out 10.

The Golden Eagles will be wrapping up the regular season on Friday, May 29, at Raymond. The Division III tournament starts on Wednesday, June 3, at the home of the higher seed.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, May 28
BELMONT

Girls' Lacrosse at John Stark; 4:30

GILFORD

Boys' Lacrosse at Laconia; 6

WINNISQUAM

Baseball vs. Newfound (Robbie Mills); 7

Friday, May 29

BELMONT

Softball vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4

GILFORD

Baseball at Raymond; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Derryfield; 4

Softball at Raymond; 4

WINNISQUAM

Softball vs. Newfound (Odell Park); 7

Sunday, May 31

BELMONT

Track at Pelham (Division III State Meet); 10

GILFORD

Track at Pelham (Division III State Meet); 10

WINNISQUAM

Track at Pelham (Division III State Meet); 10

All schedules are subject to change.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, May 28
KENNETT

Baseball vs. Bow; 4

Softball vs. Bow; 4

KINGSWOOD

Baseball vs. Plymouth; 4

Softball vs. Plymouth; 4

Friday, May 29

KENNETT

Baseball vs. Berlin; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Alvirne; 4

Softball vs. Berlin; 4

KINGSWOOD

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Portsmouth; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Keene; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4

Saturday, May 30

KENNETT

Track at Londonderry (Division II State Meet); 8

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Track at Londonderry (Division II State Meet); 8

Sunday, May 31

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Track at Pelham (Division III State Meet); 10

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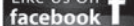
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Alton BOS Update

BY RICHARD SHEA

Alton Board of Selectmen

ALTON — The Alton Board of Selectmen's meeting on May 12 covered a wide range of local issues. Here is a brief review of the major items:

-The board voted to authorize repairs to several monuments in the Old Riverside Cemetery which had toppled over, likely due to harsh winter conditions. Included would be repairs to cracks in the entry area walls.

-A generous donation from the Ginny Douglas family to the Alton Garden Club was accepted. The funds will be used for the purchase of azaleas for Ginny Douglas Park. This should complete the park plantings program.

-The board voted to schedule public hearing for the purpose of accepting the donation from the Alton Youth League of a replacement fence for the "Green Monster" wall at Jones Field. The original wall has been in place for many years and has deteriorated. The proposed replacement is a vinyl wall 150 feet long supported by steel posts. It is manufactured by Sports Netting Systems of Granbury, Texas. The system appears to be well designed using materials which should withstand New Hampshire weather. Installation would be by the manufacturer, with existing wall removal by our Public Works Department. The

total project cost will be \$73,407, paid entirely by the Youth League. This is an extraordinary amount of money raised by a small town and speaks volumes about how Alton supports youth sports.

-It was reported that a regional seaplane owners' group has approached the town about the possibility of establishing a seaplane base in Alton Bay. There had been such a facility years ago, but it was discontinued. This proposal is in the exploratory phase, with the town studying possible locations. The Board of Selectmen was supportive of pursuing the opportunity if a suitable site can be identified, public support is received, and the extensive list of required permits can be addressed.

-The board reviewed and approved the bid document for replacing the town hall roof, with considerable discussion regarding materials, application methods and warranties. It was recognized that final determination of work scope

will depend on the actual condition of the roof once the existing shingles are removed, and that significant effort will be required to ensure the replacement is accomplished per the manufacturer's specifications, with a full 30-year warranty.

-The board decided to award the bid for the second Roberts Cove Road bridge replacement without obtaining three bids. This was justified by the exceptional performance of the proposed contractor on two recent town bridges, both for schedule and cost. Considerable discussion took place, with some Selectmen uncomfortable with the bid waiver. It was decided to proceed given the bridge's condition.

-The town is working with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative to determine pricing for the poles necessary to reinstall the flashing yellow light at the intersection of Rand Hill Road and Route 11 in Alton Bay. In addition to cost, there is an issue with pole location.

Several measures have been discussed with the State DOT, but their only solution is full 4-way stop signs. This could improve safety, but would likely lead to significant traffic issues, especially during the tourist season.

-It was reported that the Mount Washington dock work is more extensive than first thought, and likely will not be completed this season. Mount Washington may be able to dock at the existing pier under

favorable wind conditions, but this has yet to be determined.

-During the public comment period, the board was criticized for failing to make a convincing case for supporting the upcoming budget, particularly during the Deliberative Session on May 5.

-The Town Administrator advised the board that the town now has 18 unfilled positions in the town staff. It is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain services, es-

pecially those involving public safety. The Board agreed that every effort must be made to gain voter support for the special Budget election on June 6.

Author's Note: This article is offered as part of an effort to better inform Alton residents about the activities of town government. I am not authorized to speak for the Board of Selectmen, and this article represents only my impressions and views.

LEGALS

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM COMMUNITY ROOM & ZOOM
Valley Road Storage, Eugene J. Dean, Manager

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM for Case #2026-002. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Varney Engineering, LLC on behalf of Valley Road Storage, Eugene J. Dean, Manager, for property located at 124 Valley Road, Map 257 Lot 001. The applicant is requesting a Variance to **Article IX. Town Center Mixed Use Zoning District. Section C. 1.** Maximum footprint of an individual building or structure: 6,000 feet in the Town Center Mixed Use District.

The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review by appointment by calling (603) 859-2091 ext. 2007. You can also contact via email to ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us

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Michael Barry and Joseph Antosca

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| Barnstead | 15 Davis Dr. | Single-Family Residence | \$340,000 | Dauntless Path LLC | Morgan Poirier and Alexis Cox |
| Barnstead | 376 White Oak Rd. | Single-Family Residence | \$750,000 | Sean J. and Karen A. Iller | Mark and Colleen Quinn |
| Barnstead | N/A | N/A | \$360,000 | Matthew W. Lake | Garland Farm LLC |
| Gilford | 3 Damson Lane | Single-Family Residence | \$536,000 | Lan Wang and Hullin Zhao | Samuel Truban and Dyllan Chapins |
| Gilford | Gunstock Hill Road | N/A | \$712,000 | David & E. Elwell Fiscal Trust | Richard J. and Joyce Fortunato |
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| Gilford | 17 Mink Is. | Residential-Other | \$450,000 | Jeffrey L. McGarry and Selina J. Makofsky | Nadeau Fiscal Trust Of 2018 and Matthew Nadeau |
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community member who has been searching for a chance to perform on the Kingswood Arts Center

stage—or to work behind the scenes in its incredible production facilities—this is your moment.

Kingswood Theater will hold auditions for “The Guy Who Didn’t Like Musicals” on Sunday, June 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Monday, June 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Note: Auditioners should be advised that this production contains some adult language and content. Audition requirements, preparation materials, and a digital sign-up questionnaire can be found at kingswoodtheater.org. While filling out the questionnaire to indicate your interest is highly encouraged, walk-ins are always welcome!

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, June 14 and run

Sundays 1 – 4 p.m. and Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. in the K.A.C.

For community members eager to work behind the scenes, this production offers unprecedented access to the Arts Center’s top-tier facilities. Come collaborate in our state-of-the-art lighting and sound booths, fully equipped scene shop, costume room, and professional dance studio. Please note that this is an all-volunteer, non-union community production—everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level!

The production will be co-directed by Scott

Giessler and Kathleen Hill, with set design by Norman Adjutant, Costume and Prop Design by Michael Allfrey, and choreography by Julie Mills.

“The Guy Who Didn’t Like Musicals” is the eleventh original online musical sensation from Team StarKid. A clever horror-comedy, the story follows Paul—an ordinary guy who absolutely hates musicals—and his co-workers as they watch the world around them transform into a living, singing stage production. The show originally premiered in 2018 at the Matrix Theatre in Los Angeles.

For more information, visit kingswoodtheater.org, or contact Scott Giessler at 603-832-8250.

Ronald Janowski presents “Waking the Sleeping Giant” at Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, June 2, the Wright Museum will welcome Ronald Janowski. This is the second program of the Wright Museum’s 2026 Education Series.

Japan’s aggression in the Pacific began long before Dec. 7, 1941. Extraordinary growth in the face of Western imperialism and Japan’s own perceived destiny as an imperial force in the Pacific led to the inevitable clash that changed history.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at <https://wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series> or by calling 603-569-1212.

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on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battlefield. For more information about the 2026 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

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up an 8-2 win in the top spot in the lineup while Laney Henry dropped an 8-1 decision in the second spot. Amelia Gentile got an 8-4 win at number three, Maddy Howlett won by an 8-4 score in the fourth spot

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while striking out 14. Gilford came up with an 8-1 win over Trinity on Thursday, May 21, after having their game

and Skye Greenwood got a 9-7 win at number five. Maddie Miller got the win in the sixth spot by an 8-6 score to round out the singles play.

In doubles play, Lamotte and Henry got the 8-2 win in the top spot in the lineup with Gentile and Greenwood getting

the 8-4 win at number two and Miller and Katie Jones came up with the 8-0 win in the third and final spot.

The Division III girls’ tennis tournament kicked off after deadline on Tuesday, continues on Thursday, May 28, and Monday, June 1,

both at the home of the higher seed with the finals on Wednesday, June 3, at Memorial Field in Concord.

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match off the courts. The number four and five matches both finished at the same time with Gilford’s Jacob Baldi defeating Korbyn Keddy of White Mountains by an 8-4 score at number four and Easton St. Cyr of Gilford beating Connor Gross of White Mountains by an 8-2 score.

Dustin Gerry of Gilford defeated Harrison Young of White Mountains by an 8-0 score in the third spot in the lineup and Gilford’s Dalton Houle beat Sam McCormick of White Mountains in the top spot by an 8-1 score. White Mountains Regional’s Josh Ford got his team’s lone singles win with an 8-6 victory over Dom Soucy of Gilford at number two.

In doubles play, McCormick and Ford came up with a hard-fought win over Houle and Soucy at number one by a 9-7 score while Gerry and Baldi won 8-1 over Young and Keddy and St. Cyr and Wernig won 8-1 over Gross and Aidan Proulx-Amaral in the third spot and Gilford had the 7-2 win in the first match.

The second match actually started while some of the first match contests were still competing, with Baldi getting the 8-1 win over Keddy at number four and St. Cyr getting the 8-0 win over Gross in the fifth spot. Wernig got an 8-1 win over Merrill at number six singles and Gerry defeated Young by an 8-2 score at number three.

Houle got an 8-1 win over McCormick in the top spot in the lineup and in probably the best match of the day, Soucy and Ford went to the tiebreaker with Ford pulling out the 9-8 (8-6 in the tiebreaker) at number two.

In doubles, Dustin and James Gerry got the 8-5 win over Young and Keddy at number two and Andrew Prue and Declan Hackett got the 8-3 win in over Gross and Proulx-Amaral in the third spot.

lx-Amaral in the third spot. The number one doubles match was not played as the match had been decided and the Spartans had the long ride north.

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GMS students put finishing touches on “School of Rock — Young Performers Edition”

GILFORD — Get ready to rock as Gilford Middle School proudly presents “School of Rock – Young Performers Edition,” a high-energy musical packed with incredible student talent, unforgettable music, and a powerful message about the importance of the arts in education.

Performances will take place at Gilford High School on May 28–30 at 7 p.m., with an additional matinee performance on May 30 at 2 p.m.

Directed by Matt Demko, the production also features music direction by Aiden Lamont, set design by Anthony Eldridge, costumes by Karen Madon, and choreography by Grace Laurent.

Leading the cast is 8th grader Ryder McCall as Dewey Finn, with twin sisters Sophia Lyman and Victoria Lyman alternating the role of Rosalie Mullins. They are backed by 36 talented Gilford Middle



School students in supporting roles, along with an impressive 25-person technical crew made up of students in grades 5–8.

Filled with humor, heart, and classic rock hits, School of Rock tells the story of a struggling musician who poses as a

substitute teacher and inspires a group of students to discover their confidence, creativity, and passion through music.

Director Demko believes one of the show’s most meaningful themes is the importance of keeping the arts alive and accessible in

schools.

“One of the reasons this show connects so deeply with audiences is because it highlights how important the arts are for students,” said Demko. “For some kids, theatre, music, and art classes are the reason they look forward

to coming to school each day. The arts give students a place to be creative, express themselves, build confidence, and learn in ways that are different from a traditional classroom setting. ‘School of Rock’ celebrates those

students and reminds us why arts education matters so much.”

Audiences can expect energetic performances, live music, big laughs, and a cast of young performers who bring tremendous passion and enthusiasm to the stage. The production showcases not only the students’ musical and acting abilities, but also the teamwork, dedication, and confidence they have developed throughout the rehearsal process.

Whether you are a fan of classic rock music, musical theatre, or simply want to support local student performers, this is a show you will not want to miss.

Tickets are available now at gilford.ludus.com/200528867.

Come support the talented students of Gilford Middle School and experience a musical that is loud, inspiring, heartfelt, and full of rock-and-roll fun!

Wolfeboro Friends of Music presents Shades of Bubl 

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music continues its 90th Anniversary Season with Shades of Bubl , honoring the works of Michael Bubl , Saturday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at Anderson Hall on the campus of Brewster Academy.

Shades of Bubl , with three amazing voices singing immortal Bubl  standards like "Feeling Good," "Moondance," "Sway," "Come Fly with Me," "Home," "Everything," "Fever," "Save the Last Dance for Me" and many more, SHADES OF BUBL  brings the vocal magic of Michael Bubl  to the stage in an unforgettable high-energy concert event. This act consistently wows audiences around the country with exciting harmonies, smooth choreography, and charming good looks, combining big-band standards from the jazz era, classic hits from the American Song Book- Bubl  re-imagines the music of Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennet, Andy Williams, and other Billboard chart toppers in a high-energy show that generates standing ovations from sold-out crowds coast to coast!

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Children accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge.

Community invited to Blessing of the Boats in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — As a new boating season begins, the First Congregational Church Wolfeboro, UCC invites the community to come and receive a blessing for your watercraft.

Join us on the Wolfeboro Town Docks on Saturday, May 30th anytime during the hours of 10 a.m. to noon for a short water blessing given by

FCCW Pastor Dawn Adams. If you can’t bring your boat, canoe, kayak, jet ski etc., feel free to bring a photo or registration to have blessed. All are welcome.

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