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## Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation celebrates first recipients of new scholarship

GILFORD — Past and current trustees of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation recently gathered to recognize Carlos Cardona and Ella Poire as the first recipients of the LRSF Legacy Scholarship.

Introduced in celebration of the Foundation's 70th anniversary, the scholarship was created to honor past trustees whose vision established the organization and whose service continues to expand educational opportunity for local students.

The LRSF Legacy Scholarship recognizes the foresight, leadership, and guidance of the Foundation's trustees over the past seven decades. It preserves their story while supporting students who will carry their commitment to education

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## Lakes Region Singers return for Christmas Concert

GILFORD — After a six-year hiatus, The Lakes Region Singers chorale group will once again present Christmas holiday concerts at the First United Methodist Church in Gilford. This year the concerts will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.

direction of Betty Welch more than 20 years ago. When she took a well-deserved retirement, Karen SEE CHRISTMAS CONCERT, PAGE A6

## Sign language offers a new way for local pre-schoolers to communicate their needs

BY CATHY ALLYN  
Contributing Writer

NEW DURHAM — Arms waving. Feet stamping. Jumping up and down. Screaming. Rolling on the SEE SIGN LANGUAGE, PAGE A8

CATHY ALLYN

(Right) At her classroom's Communication Station, New Durham School pre-school teacher Autumn Gaska holds one of the picture boards she created to aid young students. Fluent in American Sign Language and baby signs, Gaska has integrated a variety of different forms of communication into the curriculum.



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## Wood, Paige earn top-10 finishes at Kingswood Invitational



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Ulitta Paige charges toward the finish line of the Kingswood Invitational last Wednesday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Jacob Wood led the way for the Prospect Mountain boys in last week's Kingswood Invitational.



JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Embry Hilton runs for Prospect Mountain during the Kingswood Invitational last week in Wolfeboro.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The

Prospect Mountain cross country team made the short trip up Route 28 to take part

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JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Dawson Meehan runs during the Kingswood Invitational last Wednesday at Abenaki Ski Area in Wolfeboro.

in the annual Kingswood Invitational, hosted by coach Brent Coope's alma mater at the Abenaki Ski Area in Wolfeboro.

The Prospect boys finished in third on the day behind Division II Kennett and Kingswood, beating out Inter-lakes, Bishop Brady,

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CLUES ACROSS

1. "Wicker Man" actor Nic  
5. Protection  
8. Cloth worn over a shoulder  
12. Ceramic jars  
14. Midway between northeast and east  
15. South American hummingbird  
16. Platforms  
18. Taxi  
19. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls  
20. A citizen of Yemen  
21. Military mailbox  
22. Nuclear near reach weapon  
23. Clears  
26. Broken  
30. Actress Lathan  
31. Avid fan  
32. One and only  
33. Proceeding  
34. River in Portugal and Spain  
39. Doctor of Education  
42. Defeat handily  
44. Less complicated  
46. Handyman tools  
47. Written works  
49. Castle dweller's safety net  
50. Honorable title (Turkish)  
51. Greatest  
56. Can do  
57. A place to sleep on the road  
58. Member of U.S. Navy  
59. 24-hour units of time  
60. Actor Horsley  
61. In a way, sounds off  
62. Formerly (archaic)  
63. Eye infection  
64. Plundered

CLUES DOWN

1. William \_\_, Buffalo Bill  
2. Wings  
3. Candle or lantern  
4. Freedom from difficulty  
5. A type of pie  
6. Metrical foot  
7. \_\_ Kerr, actress  
8. Nap  
9. Popular singer Bocelli  
10. Immune responses  
11. "Mad Men" leading man  
13. A citizen of Senegal  
17. Philly basketball player  
24. Not even  
25. Measures wind speed  
26. Insecticide  
27. Jordan glided through it  
28. Bird-like dinosaur genus  
29. Expression of satisfaction  
35. Big Blue  
36. One point east (clockwise) of due north  
37. Of she  
38. Oral rehydration solution  
40. Knocks off course  
41. Popular cop show of yesteryear  
42. Zhou dynasty state  
43. Genus of gulls  
44. Onion flatbreads  
45. Declare as true  
47. Of a lobe  
48. Missouri county  
49. Produced  
52. Volcanic crater  
53. Off-Broadway theater award  
54. KU hoops coach Bill  
55. Check for

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# Gilford Public Library

## Classes & Special Events

### Sept. 24 to Oct. 1

**Thursday, Sept. 24**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.  
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.  
Storytime w/ Animals, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
You can't miss this special storytime series with different live animals!  
French, 4-5 p.m.  
History of the Gilford Outing Club, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The Gilford Outing Club was created by a group of men and women, who came together in Gilford, New Hampshire during the immediate post-WWII era. They were part of the "Greatest Generation" that came of age during the Depression. With a powerful "can-do" attitude, they had met the challenges of World War II. Returning from the war they were determined to create a better society for their children, the "baby boomers." The Gilford Outing Club was more than a ski club. It was a social club that produced several Olympic Skiers. In the process the GOC helped lay the foundation for the on-rushing changes in a town that would have to absorb big population increases year round and as well

as 3-fold increases in the summer. The GOC promoted many community activities such as youth hikes, beach outings, old home day parades, fall clean-up, community dances and theatre to raise money for the schools. This program will bring together contemporary images from the early years and as well oral histories from key people. Presented by David Stamps.

**Friday, Sept. 25**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
The Wisdom Keeper - Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.  
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon  
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, Sept. 26**  
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.  
Aging Unspoken: Conversations About Fear, Change & Growing Older, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Participants will: Explore common but rarely discussed fears

about aging, Normalize conversations around change and uncertainty, Learn practical tools for emotional resilience and self-reflection, Build community connection across generations, and Leave with hopeful, realistic perspectives on later life. Presented by Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron.

**Monday, Sept. 28**  
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.  
Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.  
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.  
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 29**  
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.  
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.  
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Joint Journey: Thriving with Arthritis, 10:45-11:45 a.m.  
Learn how to protect your joints for life. In this 30-minute class, we'll cover what arthritis is, why it develops, and evidence-informed lifestyle strategies to help prevent it, manage symptoms, and slow its progression naturally.

Whether you're experiencing joint pain or simply want to stay active as you age, this class will give you practical tools to keep moving with confidence. Presented by Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropractic.

Dungeons and Dragons, 3-4:30 p.m.  
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 10-11 a.m.  
Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon  
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon  
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.  
Science Seekers: Spooktacular Science, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Enjoy these extremely haunting experiments with friends!

**Thursday, Oct. 1**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.  
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.  
Work it Out Wombats, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Support your child's computational thinking with the Work It Out Wombats at the library!  
Middle School Graphic Novel Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Join Miss Rachael at the Gilford Village Store for our middle school graphic novel club! Sign up is required.  
French, 4-5 p.m.  
Geology of New Hampshire, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
The "NH Geology" program discusses basic topics in geology with a focus on the geology of New Hampshire. It begins with a discussion of what geology is, and how to look at rocks and minerals like a scientist would, then moves on to talking about how to identify the most common rocks in New Hampshire, and the geologic history of our state stretching back 623 million years. It includes interactive sections and encourages continuous audience questions and participation.

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

1. "Whistler" by Ann Patchett
2. "The Most Dangerous Games" by James Patterson
3. "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett
4. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
5. "Delusional" by James Patterson
6. "Culpability" by Bruce W. Holsinger
7. "The Shadow Friends" by Tess Gerritsen
8. "Regime Change" by Maggie Haberman
9. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke
10. "The Thoroughbreds" by Elin Hilderbrand
11. "Mad Mabel" by Sally Hepworth
12. "Fury in Death" by J.D. Robb



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He's done well with other dogs here at the shelter and has reportedly lived with cats before. Due to being an hound, an introduction

to any new feline friends should be slow, thoughtful, and supervised.  
Harlan will need to meet any potential canine or human family members here at the shelter to make sure everyone's personalities and energy are a good match.  
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# Wolfeboro Friends of Music’s 91st season rolls on with Mads Tolling & the Mads Men

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music presents Mads Tolling & The Mads Men, celebrating the iconic music of the 1960s, on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at Anderson Hall on the campus of Brewster Academy.

Internationally renowned violinist, composer and two-time Grammy Award-winner Mads Tolling is a former member of the Turtle Island Quartet, The Stanley Clarke Band, and until recently a member of Bob Weir & Wolf Bros/Wolfpack with tours across the US, including Red Rocks, and Radio City Music Hall. He is featured on Weir’s albums contributing several new arrangements of Grateful Dead tunes for the band.

Mads leads his own band Mads Tolling & The Mads Men, celebrating iconic music of the 1960s with his own distinctive style and innovative flair. Mads and his “Mads Men” bring delightful re-imagined 60’s classics from tele-



vision, film and radio. Their diverse and playful repertoire includes “Mission Impossible,” “Meet the Flintstones,” “A Taste of Honey” and “Georgia on my Mind.”

So how did a Danish classical violin student growing up in Copenhagen in the 1980s discover his passion for the 1960s? When Mads was fourteen, his father

gave him a Miles Davis cassette tape that changed his life. Mads was hooked. He found a sense of intimacy and freedom in the 1960s sounds of jazz, soul and early R&B, which inspired him to explore the possibilities of how to get there with his violin. The result is an exhilarating and thrilling musical adventure.

The Wolfeboro Friends of Music shares a 91-year commitment to important traditions in American music. This Masters of the American Songbook; an expression of our artistic DNA!

This is the first concert performance comprising the current Friends of Music season, and a launching its

## Young actors invited to audition for “A Charlie Brown Christmas” at the Village Players

WOLFEBORO — Have a young actor who’s ready for a chance to take the stage? Auditions for “A Charlie Brown Christmas” at the Village Players are coming up!

Based on the beloved classic TV special, this 30-minute holiday production is a fun opportunity for children to experience the excitement of live theater. Auditions will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Village Players Theater, 51 Glendon St., Wolfeboro.

Director Helen Rautenberg will be casting children ages six to 10. At auditions, everyone will participate in group singing. Children who would like to may also prepare a solo—but it’s not required. Rehearsals are planned for Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

Come have fun, meet other young performers, and be part of this much-loved holiday classic!

For more information about the show and auditions, visit [village-players.com](http://village-players.com).

## Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

**Trick or Treat Hours**  
The Town of Alton Trick or Treat hours are Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m.

**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, 8:30-9:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. Classes are ongoing. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. \$10 per class, cash or Venmo. Bring a mat, water and hand weights. For more information/register contact Donna at [breathepilates1@yahoo.com](mailto:breathepilates1@yahoo.com) or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov).

**Weight Training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays — starts Oct. 5**  
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, with AFAA Certified Instructor Kellie Troendle, from 1:30-

2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109. \$20 per month, register on site.

**Dungeons and Dragons**  
Alton Parks and Rec-

reation 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](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.



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**The Governor Wentworth Continuing Education Program** is thrilled to bring you an exciting lineup of classes designed to inspire, educate, and connect our community! Whether you are looking to learn something new, sharpen your skills, or explore a favorite hobby, there is something for everyone this fall.

The Fall 2026 schedule is now available on the GWRSD website at [GWRSD.sau49nh.gov](http://GWRSD.sau49nh.gov). You can also find printed flyers at local town offices, libraries, and through our community partners. If you prefer a copy sent directly to you? Email us at [adulteducation@sau49nh.gov](mailto:adulteducation@sau49nh.gov) or call KRHS at 603-569-2055 ext. 1007 for more information.

Ready to get started? Do not miss out! Registration is needed for all classes, and spots can fill up fast. Register today online or by mail to secure your spot!

**Fall 2026 Course Offerings:**

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- Beginners Yoga
- Balance and Stability

- Yin & Restorative Yoga
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- Continuation of Tai Chi
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## Giving every child a way to be heard

For adults, communication can seem almost automatic. We have words for hunger, frustration, fear, discomfort and a thousand other things. We can explain what is bothering us, ask for what we need and, at least most of the time, make ourselves understood.

For a preschooler, it can be a very different world. A young child might know exactly what he or she wants but lack the vocabulary or speech development necessary to explain it. What an adult sees as a tantrum may sometimes be something more basic: a child desperately trying to communicate without having the tools to do so.

That is what makes the work taking place in Autumn Gaska's preschool classroom at New Durham School so interesting.

Gaska, who is fluent in American Sign Language and trained as an interpreter, has incorporated signing and other alternative communication methods into everyday classroom life. Students can use signs for basic needs. They encounter signs while learning colors and objects, reading books and eating snacks. When signing is not enough, they can turn to a Communication Station equipped with pictures and other tools that allow them to express themselves.

Perhaps the most important part of the approach is that these methods are not reserved for children who have difficulty speaking. Everybody learns them.

That matters.

Children notice differences remarkably early. They notice when a classmate does something differently, receives different assistance or communicates in another way. One way to respond is to separate children according to those differences. Another is to make those differences part of the ordinary classroom experience.

New Durham's preschool program is taking the latter approach. When everybody learns a few signs, signing is no longer something unusual that one particular child does. When everybody is comfortable using a picture board, the student who depends upon that board is not singled out. The classroom becomes a place where communication matters more than the particular method used to accomplish it. There is a larger lesson there.

Schools spend considerable time teaching children how to read, write, count and solve problems. Those skills are indispensable. But learning how to communicate with another human being is equally fundamental, and communication involves more than speaking.

It requires listening. It requires paying attention. Sometimes it requires recognizing that the person across from us cannot communicate in precisely the same way we do. Those are lessons worth learning at four years old.

There is also something refreshingly practical about the approach. A child who can signal that he needs a drink or needs to use the bathroom does not have to interrupt the entire classroom. A child overwhelmed by emotion may still be able to point to a picture when words temporarily fail. A teacher who understands what a child is asking for has a better chance of addressing the actual problem rather than reacting only to the resulting behavior.

As Gaska observed, what initially appears to be a behavioral problem can sometimes turn out to be a communication problem. That distinction can make an enormous difference.

No single teaching technique will eliminate every preschool meltdown, nor should anyone expect it to. Four-year-olds will remain 4-year-olds. But giving children additional ways to communicate can remove one source of frustration while teaching the rest of the class patience and adaptability.

It also demonstrates something small schools can do particularly well. Educators who bring specialized knowledge into a classroom can adapt that expertise to the children directly in front of them. Gaska's background in ASL did not remain a line on a résumé. It became another tool available to students.

The goal, after all, is not to teach children that there is only one proper way to make themselves heard. It is to teach them how to understand one another. And that may be among the most valuable lessons any classroom can provide.



COURTESY PHOTO

One of several displays at the Boodey Fall Festival, held in New Durham over the weekend was the 3-D printed model of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead project. It is set on a base that illustrates the surrounding landscape elevations. Committee member Cheryl Cullimore "raises the roof" to expose the 1:10 scale interior space.

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN

### Pianoless

Last weekend, I spent up at the mountain again. I missed last year. The way I've been feeling I thought I'd never get back up there again. But I've been trying to push myself to getting more exercise lately and I figured that working on my hiking legs would be appropriate. I have been out hiking behind my house lately, but there is not a lot of major altitude variation there. That can't be said of the mountain.

The first day, I made it up to the chapel. What an awakening. I used to be able to run up there. I was able to walk it well enough, but my legs ain't nothing like they used to be. That was it for the day, except for my hikes up to the shelter multiple times, one being for siesta, a well deserved after lunch nap. With the rain showers limiting my excursions, my legs preferred the rocking chair.

The second day was rain most of the day, but it cleared up mid-afternoon, so I took the opportunity to head out to the ledges, a bit more of a hike, which, now that I had somewhat

acclimated myself more to the terrain, went well. No one instantly takes on these changes. At least no one who is up in years. The kids seem to be able to quickly transition into anything. Oh to have that capacity again.

The next morning, they scheduled a sunrise polar bear plunge. That hasn't been offered in years and I was tempted, but with the temperature of 44 and raining, I declined. Otherwise the third day was fine, the rain cleared up mid-morning and it was nice and sunny. I made it up to the ledges twice and chapel once.

Having everything packed into the car to head home on Monday, I considered squeezing in one more hike, but decided to hit the road instead to beat the traffic. After the long drive, I was totally ready to recuperate from my long weekend, horizontally.

The short week flew by quickly. On Tuesday I had my truck oil undercoated. He said that it all looks good down under there, but mechanically I question it's longevity. All in all it's been a great work truck.

It's like me, old and getting more temperamental, I guess. At least the truck is.

Driving home from a job on Wednesday I passed a tree that was loaded with chicken mushrooms. I now have another roadside tree to check on. They were small, but I harvested some anyway. Leaving the ones up higher, needing a ladder, to keep growing. I may go over and check them again today but after yesterday's rain, they may be pretty washed out. Besides, I'm not the only one looking at trees this time of year. I often find such conveniently visible roadside fruitings totally annihilated when I come by to check.

While checking out in the woods, I went to a place where the black trumpets usually grow, and found a few where there would usually be hundreds, and they were many days past their pick by date. This hasn't been a good year for finding chanterelles for me. I'm sure that they're mycelium is still growing down in the ground, they're just not finding suitable conditions to fruit. The forests do keep changing.

On Sunday we had a "move the piano" party. It was raining much more than I expected. A lot of rain came down at the time we were expecting the truck to arrive. It showed up a couple hours late, but that just so happened to be when the rain slowed down to a drizzle and everything went smoothly. Soon the U-Haul headed back out the driveway, taking my old piano to it's new home.

There is now this big empty space in the house. It's much brighter now without that dark old piano sitting there. My son was here to help move it and played it a bit before it departed. It's off to a new home where it will be appreciated and played more than it has here for the last few years.

I always liked pianos and wanted to play on them. I never had a piano when I had the time and never had the time once I had the piano. I still do have my electric one if I ever eventually do find the time.

E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at [edwintwaste@gmail.com](mailto:edwintwaste@gmail.com)

## Letters to the Editor

### Got Lunch is grateful for your support

To the Editor:

Gilford Got Lunch would like to thank every single person who gave us a donation during the primary voting day.

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Again, we are so very thankful, and hope to see you on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3 at the Gilford Youth Center.

If you would like to make an online donation, please visit our Web site at [www.gilfordgotlunch.com](http://www.gilfordgotlunch.com).

Warm Regards,

Meg Jenkins  
Chair  
Gilford Got Lunch

### Consider Steve Copithorne

To the Editor:

My longtime friend, Steve Copithorne, is running for the House of Representatives to represent Alton and Barnstead. I have known Steve since we were kids in Stratham. I

have always found him to be caring, honest and supportive.

We both have enjoyed living in New Hampshire for many years. This enjoyment is now jeopardized, as our current legislature seems to be more interested in achieving their political goals then thinking about what is best for the ordinary citizens.

Steve is concerned that the current voucher system gives our tax money to private and religious schools that have no state oversights and this is to the detriment of our public schools. He is concerned that the minimum wage is not realistic. Steve sees that the current Legislature under the guise of cost saving is really pushing cost down onto the town's property holders. He feels it is important that civics be taught to all students.

Consider Steve Copithorne for State Representative. He believes in the New Hampshire advantage. Consider Laura Dunham and Nancy Mitchell as they also want to find ways to make our government one that works for all.

Be informed, and vote all the way down your ballot.

Tess Smith  
Alton

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# Wright Museum hosting lecture and book signing by author Peter May

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the Wright Museum will welcome Peter May. This is the final program of the Wright Museum’s 2026 Education Series.

In The Open Question, Peter May turns his attention to this controversial, colorful Hale-America Nation-

al Open of 1942. Set against the backdrop of World War II, May also tells the stories of other professional golfers in the tournament and the impact of the war on all their lives.

The USGA has never recognized the Hale-America Tournament as an official US

Open and remains firm in its stance. It was a decision that bothered Ben Hogan for the rest of his life. The Open Question shows how dominant Ben Hogan was against some of the biggest names in golf, and reveals why he deserves to be recognized as a five-time US Open

winner.

Peter May has spent the last four decades covering sports for the Boston Globe, the New York Times, ESPN, and the Hartford Courant. He has spent the last eight years teaching in the journalism program at Brandeis University.

Doors open at 6

p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29th 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.

The region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages 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](http://wrightmuseum.org).

## Mark your calendars for Lakes Region Parade of Homes Oct. 10-11

REGION — The Lakes Region Parade of Homes is set for Oct. 10-11. Presented by the Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association, the Parade of Homes is a two-day, self-guided tour featuring newly constructed and renovated homes across the region. (MVSb) Meredith Village Savings Bank is proud to continue its support for the organization as presenting sponsor for the event.

Tickets are required for entry, and the experience is designed to be enjoyed at each guest’s own pace—whether gathering ideas for a future project, appreciating the craft behind a finished space, or simply enjoying the fall weather. Along the route, guests can meet local builders, learn about design choices and building methods, and vote for a People’s Choice favorite.

“This tour is about more than beautiful homes,” said Lorella Volpe, Executive Officer of the Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association. “It’s about the builders, tradespeople, and homeowners who put their pride into every detail, and the community that shows up to support them.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kevin Lacasse stands with Lorella Volpe, Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association, and Lori Borrin, VP Mortgage Loan Officer NMLS# 165814.

Funds raised help us encourage the next generation to pursue careers in the trades by providing hands on learning opportunities, scholarships, tools, and job connections.”

“The Parade of Homes is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talent, craftsmanship and creativity that make the Lakes Region such a special place to call home,” said Lori Borrin, Parade of Homes Committee Member and MVSb Vice President, Mortgage Loan Officer NMLS# 165814. “Step inside some of today’s most beautifully designed homes and explore the latest trends, ideas, and innovations. With opportunities to ask questions and connect with industry experts, inspiration awaits around every corner.”

As a nonprofit trade association, the Lakes Region Builders & Remodelers Association works to create quality housing opportunities through education,

vision, and advocacy, bringing together professionals who are invested in strong neighborhoods and responsible growth across the region.

Visit [lakesregion-paradeofhomes.org](http://lakesregion-paradeofhomes.org) for event details. Go to [lakesregionbuilders.org](http://lakesregionbuilders.org) to learn more about the

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## Granite VNA offers Healthy Steps for Older Adults in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Granite VNA is offering Healthy Steps for Older Adults, a falls prevention workshop to help older adults learn how to protect themselves and live a full and active life, free from the fear of falling.

Balance screenings are Thursday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wolfeboro Senior Programs, Pop Whalen – Stretch Room, 390 Pine Hill Rd. in Wolfeboro.

The workshops are being held on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 1-3 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 29, 1 to 3 p.m. All registered participants must complete a balance screening and attend both workshops.

To register, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 85664 or visit [www.granitevna.org](http://www.granitevna.org). Registration is required by October 19 and space is limited. Participants

must complete a balance screening and attend both workshops.

This program is offered at no charge.

**About Granite VNA**

Granite VNA is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in 72 communities across the Greater Capital Region and Central New Hampshire by providing home care, hospice care, pediatrics and maternal child health services, and wellness programming. The agency has offices in Concord, Laconia and Wolfeboro. Formed through the merger of Concord Regional VNA and Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, Granite VNA has served New Hampshire since 1899. For more information about Granite VNA, visit [www.granitevna.org](http://www.granitevna.org).

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SPORTS

Gilford girls rally, but late goals lift Cougars to win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — Trailing 2-0 late in the first half, the Gilford soccer girls rallied to pull even with visiting Derryfield on Tuesday,

Sept. 15, but the Cougars were able to score a pair of goals in the final 12 minutes of play and took the 4-2 win over the Golden Eagles. Mckenna Howard and Caroline McClare had good

Alton, Barnstead runners compete in Kingswood Invitational



Barnstead's Grayson Savage runs in the Kingswood Invitational last Wednesday afternoon.



Parker Lacey runs for Alton Central School during last week's Kingswood Invitational.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Runners from Alton Central and Barnstead Elementary took part in the middle school race at the Kingswood Invitational on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Abenaki Ski Area in Wolfeboro.

In the boys' race, Barnstead finished in third place and Alton finished in sixth place with Laconia and Kingswood taking the top two spots.

Grayson Savage of Barnstead ran to second place overall in a time of 14:45 while teammate Dustin Gray was eighth overall in 16:12 and teammate Bradley Lank was ninth in 16:16. Cohen Hilton was Alton Central's first runner, placing 16th in 18:28 with teammate Ben Neveau in 19th place in 18:59. Jude Benedetto of Alton was 24th overall in 20:10, Corey Mooney of Barnstead was 25th in 20:17.5, Bradley Johnson of Barnstead was 26th in

20:17.6, Alton's Lucas Walton was 29th in 22:33, Jacob Durham of Alton placed 30th in 22:39, Steven Hart of Barnstead was 34th in 23:54 and Rohan Quann of Alton ran to 36th place in 29:01.

In the girls' race, Alton Central finished in third place behind Laconia and Kennett.

Parker Lacey led the Alton girls in fifth place in 17:18 with Kendall Lacey in sixth place in 17:57. Sadie Sicard of Alton was 12th overall in 18:51, Veronica Rawnsley of Barnstead placed 13th in 18:57, Micaela Siebert of Barnstead was 17th in 20:40, Emilia Ratto of Barnstead was 18th in 21:08, Abigail Guinta of Barnstead placed 19th in 21:09, Ada Benedetto of Alton placed 21st in 22:44 and Cali Hilton of Alton was 29th overall in a time of 30:16.

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Caroline McClare controls the ball along the sideline during action against Derryfield last Tuesday afternoon.



Alexis Kulcsar battles a Derryfield attacker for the ball during action last Tuesday afternoon.

clears early on for Gilford while Alexis Kulcsar also had a solid defensive stop. Mia Macaione went the other way for a chance and Gilford had a corner kick that the Cougars cleared out of the box. Gilford goalie Lily Bishop also stopped a Derryfield shot.

The Cougars got on the board first as they finished off a loose ball following a Bishop save and took the 1-0 lead with 30:23 to go in the first half. Penny Lewis had a nice clear from the defensive zone and Aubrey Vliet had a shot denied by

the Cougar keeper. Bishop stopped another Derryfield shot and Lewis and Macaione just missed connecting on a chance. Howard also had another solid defensive clear for the Golden Eagles.

Derryfield had a couple of consecutive corner kick chances, with Bishop grabbing the second one to keep the Cougars from adding to the lead. Vliet came back with a nice cross to Macaione, but her shot was denied by the private school keeper. The Cougars also headed a shot over the top of the net on another corner

kick chance while Penny Flanders made a run for the Golden Eagles that was turned back by the Cougar goalie.

With 17:10 to go in the first half, the Cougars scored off a rebound of a Bishop save to take the 2-0 lead. Bishop stopped another Cougar chance and then Cougars also had another ball go through the crease, with Leah Scudder making a nice clear out of the zone. Lewis cleared the ball out on a Derryfield corner kick and Macaione had a bid stopped by the Derryfield

defense.

The Golden Eagles were able to get on the board in the final few minutes of the first half, as Vliet made a nice run in and buried the shot to make it 2-1 and the game went to the break with the Cougars leading by a 2-1 score.

After Bishop made a save to open the second half, the Golden Eagles were able to respond with the tying goal, as Lewis buried a shot with just more than five minutes gone in the second half to knot the score at two. The Cougars responded with a corner kick chance that didn't connect and Vliet made a run that resulted in a shot being stopped by the Derryfield goalie.

The visitors came back with a couple of solid chances, one that went wide of the net and the other that was grabbed by Bishop. The Cougars also had a corner kick bid that Gilford cleared out. Vliet made another run that was turned back by the defense and she also had a shot denied by the Derryfield keeper. Macaione was also turned back by the Cougar goalie and Vliet had another chance denied as the Golden Eagles pushed to take the lead.

Derryfield was able to score on a shot that went off of a leaping Bishop's fingertips and into the net for the 3-2 lead with just less than 12 minutes to go in the game. Nora Bermejo had an offensive chance for the Golden Eagles but was turned away and the Cougars added a late goal to seal the 4-2 win.

Gilford is set to be in action on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Laconia at 1 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 4 p.m. at home against Trinity.

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Gilford golfers second on their home course

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford golf team played host to a four-school match at The Ridge on Wednesday, Sept. 16, and finished second in a tight field.

Gilford finished with 73 points to place one point behind Monadnock with 74 and one point

ahead of Pelham with 72. Stevens rounded out the field on the afternoon.

Gilford was led by 21 points out of the third spot from Andy Taylor while Colton Byars finished with 19 points at number one and Kaden Blouin added 17 points from the second spot. Rowan Defosses in the seventh spot and Adam

Marceau in the fifth spot both scored 16 points, with one of those scores counting for the team score. Cohen Elliott finished with 15 points from the fourth spot and Maddi Metz rounded out the field for coach Tom Carr's squad with five points out of the sixth spot in the lineup.

The Golden Eagles

are slated to be back at The Ridge Friday, Sept. 25, then head to Campbell's Scottish Highlands on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

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Jordan stepped up and has been directing the group since 2010. She has led numerous presentations of choral and sacred music along with secular and Broadway tunes to audi-

ences over those years. This year's theme is Worldwide Christmas. A compilation of songs interwoven with worldwide Christmas tales, to include many well-known favorites. As in past years, local artist Phil Bretton will serve as accompanist. Flute, violin and bells will also enhance several

pieces.

Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend the 1st rehearsal on Wednesday Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals will be held at the First United Methodist Church, Gilford, every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. If you can't make the first rehearsal let

Karen know so a folder can be saved for you. We are especially in need of men's voices. No audition is necessary, just a desire to enjoy the music and share in the comradery of like-minded folks. For more information contact Karen Jordan at: soprano00134@gmail.com or 603-998-8545.

# Carter Mountain Brass Band concert Oct. 4 at First UMC

GILFORD — As our country commemorates 250 years since declaring independence, the Carter Mountain Brass Band is presenting a program highlighting the birth and development of American popular music, called Celebrating America Through Music at First United Methodist Church in Gilford.

Building off the foundation of everything that came before, composers and performers from our great nation blended their influences, experimented, and innovated from the late 19th century through the mid 20th and beyond, constructing a unique musical identity that would define the art form the world over. From marches to ragtime, on to big band and eventually the jazz standards that would form the great American Songbook, nearly every genre of contemporary popular music has its roots in this period of boundless



American creativity.

We invite you to join us Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m., as the band presents a program that includes marches, ragtime, and big band selections. Along the way, we'll also honor American contributions to the brass band tradition, and a trio of soloists will put their spins on three of the most beloved jazz standards in our nation's history. So, come and revel in this collection of tunes that have helped to define these United States of America.

### About Carter Mountain Brass Band

Over twenty years ago, a number of musicians in the brass section of the Gilford

Community Band had an idea. At the time, the band only performed during the summer and these intrepid men and women shared a common desire to play in an ensemble all year long. After a series of meetings at the residence of two founding members, on Carter Mountain in New Hampton, our brass band was born, named for the location of its inception.

John Beyrent, music educator and trumpet player, was the director of the Gilford Community Band at that time and became the band's first conductor.

Since the very beginning, programs have reflected the rich heritage of brass music from the 16th century through the 19th century and into the present day's modern music. The band has performed throughout the state of New Hampshire and beyond. In addition to John Beyrent, the band has been led by conductors Steve Hertling and Mike Mikuski.

In 2018, Carter Mountain welcomed a new conductor. Debbi Gibson is a retired music educator who served in the Laconia School District for 27 years as a band and chorus director and curriculum supervisor. In retirement, Debbi also teaches at Lakes Region Community College, conducts the New Horizon Band and leads the Taylor Community Chorus.

The concert is sponsored by the Wesley Arts Committee and is presented as a 'Thank You' to the church for use of rehearsal space. All proceeds will go to the church for a special mission fund. An \$8 donation is requested at the door. Students are free. The First United Methodist Church is off Route 11A in Gilford at 18 Wesley Way. A reception with a large buffet of snacks provided by the band will follow the concert.

## STEM Career Fair for Youth open to the public



Students and families enjoying the STEM Career Fair last year at Laconia Airport.

GILFORD — WinnAero, the STEM education non-profit based at the Laconia Airport, will again host its annual School Career Fair highlighting STEM subjects in aviation careers. The event will be held in the SkyBright Aviation hangar at the Airport, and is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for students and teachers and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the general public. Thanks to generous sponsors, admission is free.

Co-hosting the youth-oriented event are The Laconia Airport Authority and SkyBright Aviation. More than 40 schools have been invited to attend and between 300-400 students are expected. School buses may enter through the Aviation Way access road at Gate N. Current sponsors of the Career Fair at the \$1,000 Gold level sponsors are SkyBright Aviation, STS Aero and the NH National Guard. Bronze level \$ 250 sponsorships include AvLite Aviation and Moulison Heavy Electric. Additional sponsors include Emerson Aviation, Pratt & Whitney and NH Ball Bearing. All sponsors listed will host exhibits as will the FAA, NH Bureau of Aeronautics, The American Red Cross, the Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force Association, the Academy of Model Aeronautics,

Plymouth State University, Southern NH University, Laconia Flight Academy, the US Space Force, the Aviation Museum of NH, the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the Gilford Police Department. Flight simulators will be available for future pilots to "fly." If your school would like to attend or your business would like to sponsor or have an exhibit, contact WinnAero Education Director Dan Caron at Dan.Caron@winnaero.org. Exhibitor space and sponsorships are still available.



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SPORTS

Panthers to host Team Scotland in October exhibition

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University men’s lacrosse team will host the Scotland National Team for an exhibition contest on Monday, Oct. 19, head coach Mike Wilus announced last week.

The Scottish squad will be coming to the U.S. to play a series of exhibitions against NCAA Division I, II and III schools throughout the New England region in preparation for the 2027 World Lacrosse Men’s Championship

Division II in Wroclaw, Poland in July 2027. The tournament marks the inaugural men’s second-tier global tournament after World Lacrosse narrowed the premier tier (Division I) to a field of 16 teams.

“We are very excited to welcome the Scottish men’s lacrosse team to Plymouth State this fall,” said Wilus. “This will be a great opportunity for our student-athletes to compete against an international team, meet

new people, and learn more about the game from a different perspective. To have a team preparing to represent Scotland at the World Games on our campus is a special experience, and we are looking forward to

sharing the field with them while making some great memories.” The free event will be played under the lights at Panther Field, with the opening faceoff set for 7 p.m.

O’Brien, Reinhardt win at John Stark

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

WEARE — The Gilford cross country team took part in a meet at John Stark Regional High School on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Alissa O’Brien ran to the win in the girls’ race with a time of 23:39 with Brooke Baron finishing in seventh in 27:32. Kailey Knott placed ninth overall in a time of 28:19, Amanda Schaffnit was 13th in 30:20 and Bailey Juurlink-Gagne rounded out the scoring for Gilford in 14th place with a tie mog 30:59.

William Reinhardt won the boys’ race with a time of 19:11 with Cooper Plourde in 22nd place overall in 23:37, Caleb LeSage in 25th place in 24:06 and Ryder Cantara in 26th place overall in 24:07.

The Golden Eagles are slated to compete today, Sept. 24, at Keararge Regional High School in Sutton and Thursday, Oct. 1, at Belmont, both at 4 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

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SIGN LANGUAGE

(continued from Page A1) floor. Understanding body language tells us something is going on here and it’s probably a toddler in the throes of frustration. Referred to as a tantrum, it’s a manifestation of much more than not getting your way — it’s a full-blown reaction of being unable to convey your needs or wants.

Could a few subtle gestures of the fingers and hands prevent this?

Ask Autumn Gaska, pre-school teacher at New Durham School who, as an instructor fluent in American Sign Language (ASL) and baby signs, employs alternative methods of communication in the pre-school program at New Durham School.

Although obviously there is no panacea for all tantrums for anyone of any age, she’ll tell you sign language can certainly help.

“Someone signing or using pictures can show you exactly what they’re talking about when you can’t understand them,” she said. “It cuts down on dangerous behavior due to frustration.”

Signing is a whole other language, and one that is available to young children long before speech

is. While most kids begin using words to communicate at around 12 months, babies as young as six months can begin using their hands to convey their needs.

Scientific research has documented signing helps children develop both language and cognitive skills, but beyond that, it strengthens bonding between children and parents.

Gaska has used it pretty much her entire life, as a young student, teacher, and mom.

Attending the Manchester school district, which she calls the “hub for deaf and hard of hearing students,” she said she grew up alongside a variety of differently-abled kids.

“I was interested only in being their friend,” she said. “I wanted to learn as much about them as I could, especially how to communicate with them.”

One experience stands out for her.

“In the fifth grade, a hard of hearing student from Puerto Rico transferred to my school. She had no ASL or English,” she added.

Gaska became her best friend and learned right beside her. Things snowballed from there.

“That got me interested in forming deeper connec-

tions and focusing on how to use sign language as true communication,” she said. “Not just to have signs for certain words, but how to have a real conversation.”

Close friendships with other hard of hearing students followed.

“My teachers recognized this and started assigning them as partners to me, rather than other hard of hearing students, so they got to work with everyone,” she explained.

She went on to Rochester Institute of Technology, earning her degree as an interpreter, and worked in the Manchester school district for five years.

Once her son was born, however, she left it all behind to stay home in New Durham for four years.

“I knew from the beginning I would use sign language with him,” Gaska said.

Before she became an interpreter, she had become certified in baby signs and used that curriculum with her ASL knowledge in Manchester. She applied all of that to her own son.

“Until he was two, he used only sign to communicate with me,” she said.

Concerned that the toddler needed to be able to communicate with everyone, her doctor suggested the boy concentrate on

speech.

“He picked it up right away,” Gaska said, “and his speech was fine.”

A staunch New Durham Public Library patron, she brought her son to Storytime, where sign language was already used routinely. Gaska eventually collaborated on a library program to teach baby signs and ASL to caregivers, but Covid struck, bringing an end to that endeavor.

Thereafter, working as a paraprofessional at New Durham School, her skills could be used in the pre-school and kindergarten.

“We used signs to quietly remind children to sit or stop, and they could use it to leave for a drink or go to the bathroom,” Gaska explained. “That way, there was no disruption of the classroom but they were still getting their needs met.”

The practice offered options to the younger students and became firmly established.

Then Gaska became the pre-school teacher.

“We wound up getting some students that needed more help with communication, so we moved beyond those basic signs,” she said.

She expanded the range of signs, applying it to colors and objects, and in-

corporating signing with books and at snacktime. The program is unique in the district due to the extent it integrates signing into the classroom.

“All the kids in the class learn this,” she said.

Some students might be non-verbal or non-speaking, but sometimes children at this age “just don’t have the words that they need.”

She explained, “It’s easier to point to stuff, which cuts down on all social/emotional learning.”

This can be common when a baby has older siblings, who speak for the younger child.

“Then the kid has delays.” Other reasons exist, too, of course; but referring to these youngsters, Gaska said, “We stop talking for them.”

If signs don’t get the little ones’ point across, she has created a Communication Station with augmented alternative communication boards or devices with pictures that cover requests and objects in the classroom.

“We also use them during storytelling; all kids can use them to tell stories,” she said.

Communication buttons at the station “give them a voice.”

The preschool covers all methods of communication for all students, “so everyone can be comfortable with different ways to communicate and so they appreciate differences in others. We’re integrating it earlier instead of later.”

Kids with age-appropriate speech may not need alternate methods to communicate, but Gaska said, “All kids are curious, so if they learn about them and use them with everyone else, no one feels left out.”

Using speech alone risks leaving out some students.

“If someone can’t get the words out due to a high

emotional state, which can happen to kids with typical speech development and even adults, alternative methods allow for communication,” she explained. “Then we can solve the problem by focusing on the person’s need. This is a standard method in the classroom.”

Gaska said offering options has helped immensely for social/emotional learning.

“Advancing clear communication, no matter what it is, means no tantrums, no frustration. Everyone is safer,” she said.

Signing and communication buttons might seem alien to a parent sending a little one off to school for the first time, but Gaska provides opportunities to show how these methods are used in the classroom and finds parents appreciative of the “bilingual” aspect.

“I ask parents if they have any concerns with their child regarding communication or behavior,” she said. “We might see something as a behavior, but sometimes it turns out to actually be a communication issue.”

Gaska said a child’s brain absorbs everything. “If you use all different methods, whatever sticks will be most helpful.”

If the goal with a particular student is to speak, using different forms of communication does not cut down on speech or learning.

“It just adds another tool to getting a child where we want them to be,” Gaska said.

In the afternoons, Gaska works with kindergarten students who need specific help in various areas, which can include communication. She comes prepared with a full toolkit.

“This is something I’m really passionate about,” she says.

Church Service SCHEDULE

ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH  
Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union.  
Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit abundantharvestnh.org or e-mail ahfc@faith.com.

ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER  
Sundays throughout the summer 10am & 7pm 875-6161.

BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON  
Alton 9:30a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, www.befreechurch.net.

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ccnorthbarnstead.com

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Farmington, NH 03835  
www.farmingtonnhucc.org  
Sunday School at 10:15 AM September - June.

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55 Barnstead Road  
Pittsfield, NH 03263  
Sunday Celebration 9:30 am  
Prayer Night- 1st Wed of every month 6:30 pm  
Pastors Mike & Kathy Mavity  
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# October 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. (Oct. 8).

**Home School Group:** Run by group members, it 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.

Build an Analog Bag at Oscar Foss Memorial Library! Throughout October, visitors are invited to decorate a bag and fill it with screen-free activities such as embroidery kits, crochet supplies, puzzles, coloring sheets, sketchbooks, paints, and more. It's a fun way to take a break from doomscrolling, explore a new hobby, and

discover library books that can help you learn. This free, self-guided program will be available during regular library hours while supplies last.

Calling all Mahjong fans - come join us at the library! Players meet the first (Oct. 1) and third (Oct. 15) Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. No registration or expertise required. Please note that we play the Chinese version, not the American one.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m., join us for an adult Ghost Garland Craft (18 and up). Get in the Halloween spirit and join us in making ghost garlands. Examples will be available on flyers. Registration is required.

Playing a musical instrument alone at home is fun, but it's more fun to make music with others. Adult musicians of all ability levels are invited to join our small group. We meet in Barnstead's library meeting room from 6 to 8 p.m. every first (Oct. 6) and third Tuesday (Oct. 20) of the month, and play acoustic (non-amplified) instruments like guitars and ukuleles. Other instruments that might round out our sound would include the harmonica, fiddle, mandolin, etc. (Unfortunately, horns and other instruments that can't be played softly would overpower our softer sounding instruments.) We play various kinds of songs including folk, country, Irish, rock, and more. Sessions are very informal, and the goals are to meet people, share skills, and have fun. Check the calendar on the library website to confirm dates. Please join us!

Our Read the Room Book Club (ages 18 and up) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (Oct. 7), from 6-7:30 p.m. This month's book will be "Isola" by Allegra Goodman. Next month's book will be "The Genius Bat" by Yossi Yoav. Books are available at the library. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

**NEW!** We are starting a Chess Club! Beginning this September, join us at the library every second (Oct. 8) and fourth (Oct. 22) Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. No registration required, this is a drop-in program

hosted in the adult fiction area. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Please bring your own board if you have one, or use one of ours!

On Thursday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m., we are hosting "Brewing in New Hampshire." Glenn Knoblock explores the fascinating history of New Hampshire's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days, when it was home- and tavern-based, to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. Unusual and rare photos and advertisements document this changing industry and the state's earliest brewers, including the renowned Frank Jones. A number of lesser-known brewers and breweries that operated in the state are also discussed, including the only brewery owned and operated by a woman before the modern era. Illustrations present evidence of society's changing attitudes towards beer and alcohol consumption over the years. Whether you're a beer connoisseur or a "tea-totaler," this lecture will be enjoyed by adults of all ages. This program was made possible by NH Humanities. Registration is encouraged.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and in recognition, the professionals at New Beginnings "Without Violence and Abuse" are bringing the survivor story presentation, "In Her Shoes" to the library. This talk takes place on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m., and is for 18 and up. Registration is encouraged but not required.

On Friday, Oct. 16, from 5-6:30 p.m., we are doing a Fox Bead Tapestry crafting event. Follow along as we string beads to create a fox tapestry for you to take home and display! All supplies provided. Registration is required.

**\*NEW!\*** Introducing Young Readers Book and Art Club! Held the third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m., and starting Oct. 21, this program is designed for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their favorite books and enjoy crafts or art activities. Light refreshments will be provided.

On Thursday Oct.

22, from 5:30-6 p.m., we are having a Costume Contest! Show off your costume and vote for your favorite. After the contest, join us for a special "Film to Table" event featuring "Hotel Transylvania." From 6-8 p.m., watch this fun movie and eat themed food and drinks along with the characters on the screen. No need to do the costume contest to do the "Film to Table" event. All ages welcome. Registration is required.

OFML is hosting a Fall Photography Contest! Calling all photography lovers: For one month (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23), we are asking you to send us your best "Fall in NH" photo! One entry per person, the photo can be digital or physical, but please include your name and contact info. If your photo is in digital form, you can email it to ofmlstaff@gmail.com. After Oct. 23, we will post all the entries on our Facebook page, and in the library for voting, and the best photo will be announced on Oct. 29. The winner will receive a prize basket and their winning photo will be showcased in our display case during the month of November.

We are hosting a special Halloween Storytime on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 10:30 a.m. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes for trick-or-treating at the library!

On Thursday, Oct. 29 (New night! Last Thursday of the month), from 6:30-8:00, join us for Books & Banter. Read what you want, then come talk about it! Books & Banter is an 18-and-up book club with no assigned reading. Discuss whatever you've been enjoying lately, whether it's new, old, borrowed, or rediscovered. Share what stood out, hear what others are reading, and find your next great recommendation in good company.

Our "Let's Write a Novel!" writing group is looking for fresh faces (16 and up) to join our "Hero's Journey" experience. This structured group will help take your MG, YA, NA, or Adult story idea from concept to can-do! This class runs 6-7:30 p.m. on the last Friday of the month (Oct. 30). No writing experience nec-

essary. For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

## SPORTS

### HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

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# THE REAL REPORT

## RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

| Town       | Address                | Type                       | Price     | Seller                                            | Buyer                                        |
|------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Alton      | 606 Alton Mountain Rd. | Farm                       | \$679,933 | Boberin LLC                                       | Taylor James and Allison Katherine Smith     |
| Alton      | 33 Ingalls Terrace     | Single-Family Residence    | \$733,000 | Kramer-Levien Fiscal Trust and Larry L. Levien    | Dana A. Rice and Paula T. Miller             |
| Alton      | 103 Lily Pond Rd.      | Mobile Home                | \$285,000 | Robert H. Wood Estate and Pamela McCarthy         | Shauna and Ryan Scyzgial                     |
| Alton      | Main Street            | N/A                        | \$345,000 | Martha Kempton and Laurie Dupont                  | Dillon James Barnes and Kellie Marie Mahoney |
| Alton      | Route 11               | N/A                        | \$360,000 | William C. McClellan, Jr. and Sally Ann Gould     | Gould Trust and Daniel C. Gould III          |
| Alton      | 145 Sunset Shore Dr.   | Single-Family Residence    | \$760,000 | Doug Shepherd and Amy Siriani                     | Mosher RET and Ryan W. Mosher                |
| Barnstead  | 8 N. London Dr.        | N/A                        | \$380,000 | C.L. & Melvin H. Epstein LT                       | Julia and Zachary Clement                    |
| Barnstead  | N/A                    | N/A                        | \$401,000 | Strickland RET and John D. Strickland             | Michelle C. and Kevin P. Kavanagh            |
| Gilford    | Annis Circle           | N/A                        | \$235,000 | Poole-Beaudoin RET and Nancy S. Poole             | Pilot Realty LLC                             |
| Gilford    | 40 Foxglove Rd.        | Residential Developed Land | \$133,000 | William K. Nutter Trust                           | John and Nicole Ruprecht                     |
| Gilford    | 39 Gunstock Hill Rd.   | Single-Family Residence    | \$799,000 | Jill A. and M. Scott Leonard                      | Bryan Levy                                   |
| Gilford    | N/A                    | N/A                        | \$275,000 | Reynolds Fiscal Trust and Joshua Robert Reynolds  | Prouty Barrett Ent. LLC                      |
| Gilmanton  | 57 Leaterstocking Lane | Single-Family Residence    | \$820,000 | Corey and Cassandra Vachon                        | Martin and Kathleen Pendergast               |
| Gilmanton  | 82 Manning Lake Rd.    | Single-Family Residence    | \$300,000 | Rene & Ruth Nobert Fiscal Trust                   | John and Andrea Nicholson                    |
| Gilmanton  | 499 NH Route 140       | Single-Family Residence    | \$615,000 | Nancy L. and Joseph Amour                         | Jessica L. and Johnathan M. Ober             |
| Gilmanton  | 91 Province Rd.        | Single-Family Residence    | \$525,000 | S. & Deborah Dunn Fiscal Trust                    | Matthew and Kimberly Whitney                 |
| Gilmanton  | N/A                    | N/A                        | \$585,000 | Bernadette and Michael Robbins                    | William Kaiser                               |
| New Durham | 109 N. Shore Rd.       | Single-Family Residence    | \$770,000 | Kowalski Fiscal Trust and Christopher M. Kowalski | Zachary Scott and Jaclyn Ann Whitten         |

## ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at [www.real-data.com](http://www.real-data.com) or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium. Transactions provided by The Warren Group, Boston Ma., publishers of The Registry Review and Bankers and Tradesman newspapers. Phone: 1-800-356-8805. Website: [www.thewarrendgroup.com](http://www.thewarrendgroup.com)

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# SNHU announces Summer President's List

MANCHESTER — It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2026 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Melody Hughes of New Durham  
 Celina Micale of Center Barnstead  
 Hope Teloian of Barnstead  
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# “Girls Night: The Musical” coming to the Colonial

LACONIA — Coming to the Colonial Theatre of Laconia Saturday, Oct. 17: “Girls Night: The Musical!”

Share the fun & laughter at this hilarious, feel-good comedy as five girlfriends go from heartbreak to happiness during a wild night of karaoke. Get your girlfriends together and come sing along, dance along, and sip on cocktails as you take in this party of a show!

“Girls Night: The Musical” has been thrilling audiences and earning raves from critics throughout North America since it began touring after its sensational Off-Broadway debut. This touching and hilarious 'tell-it-like-it-is' musical takes audiences on a journey into the lives of a group of female friends. Audience members can't help but laugh, cry and even find themselves singing and dancing in the aisles as

some of the most popular hit songs of the '80s and '90s make this musical a fan favorite! Follow five friends as they re-live their past, celebrate their present, and look to the future on a wild and hilarious karaoke night out... and you'll recognize a bit yourselves in every one of them! It is described as “Desperate Housewives meets Mamma Mia” (Applause Magazine), “A boisterous, bust-out, bawdy musical revue” (Wisconsin State Journal), “An infectious, exhilarating sense of intoxication (Hollywood Reporter) and “As funny and outrageous as Sex in the City!” (The Advocate). “Girls Night” is bursting with energy, and is packed with hits “Lady Marmalade,” “It’s Raining Men,” “Man I Feel Like A Woman,” “I Will Survive,” “We are Family” and many more.

British playwright, au-

thor and television producer, Louise Roche has written and produced six other plays including Girls Night (UK Tours 2003, '04,'06), Bobby and Johnny (UK Tour 2005), Girls Behind (UK Tour 2005), Checkout Girls (Milton Keynes 2005), Lucky Balls (Milton Keynes 2002), and Milton Keynes The Musical (2002). Her novel, Glutton for Punishment is published in paperback, and her television writing includes “Where The Heart Is,” and “Doctors.”

Director, Sonya Flaherty has been with Entertainment Events, Inc. since 2007. She originally performed the role of Liza in the US premier of “Girls Night: The Musical” in Scottsdale, Az. in May of 2007. After touring for two years in “Girls Night: The Musical” and still working full-time in International Risk Management at Amer-

ican Express, EEI brought Sonya Carter and her 12 years of experience at American Express on board as its production supervisor in 2009. In 2010, she was promoted to Chief Operating Officer. In addition to her responsibilities as the COO of Entertainment Events, Inc., she continues to supervise all production aspects from casting to closing night for all EEI productions. She still performs in “Girls Night: The Musical.” She has played three of the five roles in

the show and has amassed over 400 performances on tour and Off-Broadway. Sonya has directed several of the touring companies of “Girls Night: The Musical” and originated the role of co-host Janice and directed the world Premier of WPMS: The Musical at the DuPont Theater in Wilmington, DE on June 29, 2010. Sonya Carter directed, co-authored and performed the role of Janice in the Off-Broadway premiere “Dishing With the Divas: The Musical” in

January of 2011. “Cuff Me: The Fifty Shades Of Grey Musical Parod”y is the third Off- Broadway production she has directed.

Performances of “Girls Night: The Musical” at the Colonial Theatre of Laconia are on Saturday, Oct. 17. Ticket prices range from \$46 to \$90. To purchase tickets or for more information about group rates, call the Colonial Theatre of Laconia Box Office at 1-800-657-8774 or on the Internet at ColonialLaconia.com.

## LRSF

(continued from Page A1) into the future.

Carlos Cardona is a returning adult learner attending Southern New Hampshire University. His educational journey reflects the determination and life-long pursuit of learning that the scholarship is designed to support.

Ella Poire, a 2026 graduate of Gilford High School, will attend Lakes Region Community College. As she begins the next stage of her education, she represents a new generation of local students building on the opportunities created by those who came before them.

As Cardona and Poire continue their education, they join a 70-year tradition of learning, community support, and opportunity. The Foundation is proud to

welcome them into the continuing legacy of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation.

The Foundation's story began in 1956, when a small committee of civic leaders recognized the need for greater educational opportunity in the Lakes Region. Representing local clubs, businesses, and individuals, they united around a shared purpose: helping area residents continue their education. In the first year, eight donors provided \$2,650 in scholarships to 17 students.

The original trustees established a mission that has guided the Foundation for seven decades: promoting and encouraging scholarships and opportunities for higher education among residents of New Hampshire's Lakes Region. They also created an enduring model

of community partnership among donors, volunteers, schools, and students.

During its 70th anniversary year, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million to 401 students with the support of 294 donors. Since 1956, LRSF has awarded nearly \$12 million to more than 6,800 recipients throughout the Lakes Region. These milestones demonstrate how a local initiative, sustained over time, can create opportunity for generations of students.

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(continued from Page A1) Belmont and Berlin.

Jacob Wood led the way for the Timber Wolf boys with a ninth place finish in a time of 18:28. Dawson Meehan was next in, finishing in 20th place with a time of 20:08, Raymond Sullivan finished in 22nd place in 20:21 and Brent Bemis finished in the exact same time to place 23rd overall. Shea Everett rounded out

the scoring for the Timber Wolf boys with a 25th place finish in a time of 22:08.

Braedon McKeen was 31st overall in a time of 24:02, Parker Harrison was one spot behind in 32nd in a time of 24:22, Trew Reed placed 34th in 24:45 and Hunter Witham was 35th overall in 25:03 to round out the field of Timber Wolf boys.

Prospect just had two girls running on the day,

with Ulitta Paige taking sixth place overall in a time of 22:12 and Embry Hilton running to 27th place in 28:50.

The Timber Wolves are scheduled to compete next today, Sept. 24, at Kearsarge Regional High School in Sutton at 4 p.m.

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

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Melvin Village, NH 03850  
or Email at: [james.hathcock@tuftonboronh.gov](mailto:james.hathcock@tuftonboronh.gov)

**TOWN OF NEW DURHAM**

**PLANNING BOARD**

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2026**

**7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL**

**Brian O’Leary**

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Town Hall. The hearing is regarding a Stormwater Conditional Use Permit within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District, the Steep Slopes Conservation District, and the Shore Front Conservation Area submitted by Anthony Jones of Jones & Beach Engineers, Inc., on behalf of Brian O’Leary for property at Map 113, Lot 017, at 138 South Shore Road, New Durham, New Hampshire.

The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Administrative Assistant at [ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov](mailto:ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov) or the Planning Board.

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