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Kingswood Theater honored with banners, proclamation from Governor

WOLFEBORO — In a continuation of its legacy of excellence, Kingswood Theater recently commemorated its state-level triumph for the NHETG festival production of "The Last Firefly." The achievement was celebrated through a formal banner dedication ceremony at the Kingswood Arts Center and a prestigious visit to the New Hampshire State House, where the troupe received formal recognition from Governor Kelly Ayotte and the Executive Council.

On the morning of May 3, Kingswood Theater representatives traveled to Concord, where Gov. Kelly Ayotte presided over a ceremony honoring their theatrical achievements. During the proceedings, the Governor issued a formal proclamation: "Whereas, through outstanding perfor-



Champion banner, a testament to the collective efforts of the entire cast and crew.

During the dedication, Kingswood Theater Director Scott Giessler addressed the audience, reflecting on the rigor required to reach such heights: "Yes, Kingswood has had a rich history of success at the NHETG Festival. But achieving this moniker is not easy. These young men and women worked incredibly long hours to ensure that each element of this production was as close to perfection as their abilities would allow. They showed up every day to do the work. They used every advantage, and where they lacked, they grew. They never gave up. They were kind and supportive to one another, while still spurring each other on. Where most others would stop, they kept going, because they were dedicated to their goal of dazzling the audience with an astounding, flawless production. That is why they are State Champions. This year's state Champions banners will go on this wall to celebrate and commemorate that effort."

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Warmington, Manzur to appear at New Durham Democrats' Peaches and Politics fundraiser

NEW DURHAM — "People are becoming more aware of how state and local legislation affects them," said a spokesperson for the New Durham Democratic Committee. "We're offering a chance to talk to and question candidates, along with an enjoyable afternoon, good food, and a great band."

Peaches and Politics, the group's annual fundraiser, is Sunday, July 19 at the Miller Farm, 51 Miller Rd. in New Durham, a site renowned for its beautiful views. Parking is free.

A buffet of homemade peach-themed food begins at noon with shady seating under tents. Although the food is always a highlight, perhaps a bigger draw are the speakers, who begin their presentations at 1 p.m.

Gubernatorial candidate Cinde Warmington will be present, along

with Karishma Manzur, running in the US Senate race; Luz Bay, with an eye on a seat on the Executive Council; Cecil Abels III, opposing Jim Gray for the state Senate; and Linda Adamo, active in Middleton government, who has thrown in her hat for state House Representative.

The event has always featured live music, but this year the Dems have upped their game. The Psychedelic Relics, a trio of classic rock musicians, will provide dance music.

Attendees can also take chances on a basket filled with peach and political-themed items and a 50/50 raffle.

Proceeds of this fundraiser support local Democratic candidates in upcoming elections.

All in all, Peaches and Politics promises to be exciting and informative. Tickets are

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mances, technical achievement, and dedication to their craft, the theater program of Kingswood Regional High School earned selection as a finalist in the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild's State Theatre Festival...I, Kelly Ayotte, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby commend the finalists of The

New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild State Theatre Festival and extend sincere congratulations and best wishes in recognition of their artistic achievement, dedication to excellence, and contributions to theatre education in the Granite State."

The accolades continued on June 9, as the program

dedicated two new banners to the permanent collection in the Kingswood Arts Center lobby. The first honored senior Malcolm Clark, recipient of the Sarah P. Bunkley Award for his exceptional work in music composition and conducting for "The Last Firefly." This was accompanied by the unveiling of the State

Gilford Rotary to hold Music in the Park concert July 16

GILFORD — Join the Gilford Rotary Club for an evening of live music, community spirit, and giving back! Thursday, July 16, 6-8 p.m., Gazebo at the Village Fields, Gilford. Free Admission

Enjoy an incredible performance by Garrett Smith, featuring favorites from Billy Joel and Elton John to Metallica and Charlie Puth. With powerful vocals, acoustic guitar, piano, and crowd-requested songs, Garrett delivers something for everyone.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends for a fun summer night of great music and community connection.



Help support the Gilford Got Lunch Program by bringing a non-perishable food donation. Your gift helps provide meals to local children and families in

need. Most Needed Items: Soup, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Tuna, Mayo, Veggies, and Jelly. Please note: All donated items must be in plastic containers (no glass).

Come enjoy the music, support a great cause, and celebrate summer with us!

Gilford Rotary is an organization of business and professional men and women who have accepted the ideal of service as a basis for attaining fulfillment in their business, personal, and professional lives, and by serving their community. Gilford Rotary meets Fridays at 7 a.m. at the Gilford Community Church Fellowship Hall, Potter Hill Road, Gilford.

Trio of Timber Wolves, Golden Eagles earn baseball All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Numerous local baseball players earned postseason honors when the New Hampshire Baseball Coaches Organization announced All-State honors at the conclusion of the season.

In Division III, Brayden Townsend of Belmont was named Player of the Year and was joined in First Team honors by Blake Pappaceno and Colby Whitehouse of Prospect Mountain, Wyatt Divers of Belmont and Drew Smith and Ryan Folan of Gilford. Second Team was presented to Deagan Stover

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Blake Pappaceno of Prospect Mountain earned Division III First Team All-State honors for the baseball season.

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Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2026
Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay
July 18- The Visitors- Oldies, Classic Rock, Country Rock; July 25- Got It Covered Band- Cover Songs; Aug. 1- Quint E. Sential Band- Country Rock and popular songs; Aug. 8- Bittersweet- Classic Rock; Aug. 15- Mutha Hubbard Band- high energy Country Band; Aug. 22- Saxx Roxx- back by popular demand and Aug. 29- Cool Beans- '60's and '70's Rock.

Paint Nights on the Land Bandstand
With Anne Morrell
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring outdoor Paint Nights with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, July 29- rain date July 30, and Aug. 19-rain date Aug. 20. All supplies are included, \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under; pay instructor on site. View painting examples on the Alton Parks and Recreation Facebook Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. All abilities are welcome.

Please RSVP with your name, date you would like to attend, and your contact information to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109.

Pick Up Pickleball Games
Pick up Pickleball games are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 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.

Guided Meditation
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursday, July 16 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes 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.

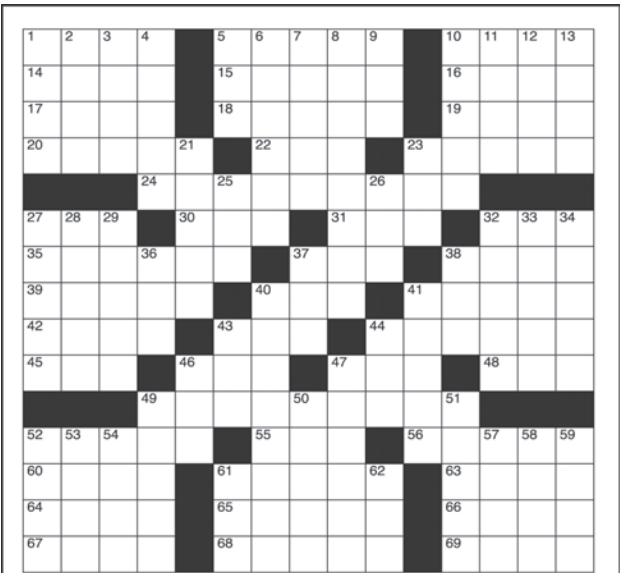
Alton Old Home Days Craft Fair- Aug. 8 & 9
Celebrate Alton Old Home Days by attending a New England Style Craft Fair on Aug. 8 and 9. The fair will take place at Railroad Square Park in picturesque Alton Bay overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. Juried vendors will be located inside the

Alton Bay Community Center and throughout the waterfront park. All vendor items are handmade by local artisans and include food items, maple products, bird feeders, jewelry, tote and cosmetic bags, stoneware pottery, wood signs and crafts, journals, greeting cards, paintings, linens, quilts, pillows, dog and cat treats and toys, laser cut and engraved items, children's books, knitted and crocheted items, and much more. Craft Fair items make unique holiday gifts. Craft Fair hours are Saturday from 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine.

Alton Celebrates Old Home Days
The Town of Alton is planning events for Alton Old Home Days. If your organization is sponsoring an event please contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov to be added to the schedule. Alton Old Home Days are August 8 and 9. Activities include:

Saturday, Aug. 8
Old Home Days Craft Fair- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Railroad Square Park.
Vintage Boat Show- 9 a.m. to noon. Public Boat Docks.
ABA Parade- Hometown USA: 250 Years Strong- 11:30a.m.- Starts at the Letter S Road and ends in Alton Bay.
Alton Fire Association Chicken BBQ- Central Fire Station- Starts at 4:30p.m. until sold out.
Bittersweet Band Concert, a local favorite, playing classic rock- 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand.

Sunday, Aug. 9
Old Home Days Craft Fair- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Railroad Square Park.
Alton Fire Department vs Alton Police Department Annual Softball Game- 10 a.m.- Little Fenway Field.
Cribbage Tournament- 1 p.m.- Alton Bay Bandstand, Free. Arrive early to get a seat in the game.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Listen to
 - 5. Presents
 - 10. A type of guitar
 - 14. Actor Idris
 - 15. A citizen of Iran
 - 16. Pretentiously artistic
 - 17. Harness
 - 18. Diamond weight measurement
 - 19. "Better Call _"
 - 20. Fervent support
 - 22. Male cat
 - 23. Jewish spiritual leader
 - 24. Disposed to venture or take risks
 - 27. A way to nail
 - 30. Cool!
 - 31. Women's _ movement
 - 32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
 - 35. Step-shaped recess
 - 37. A princess can detect it
 - 38. Tractor-trailer
 - 39. Leslie and Leon are two
 - 40. Color at the end of the spectrum
 - 41. Lines where fabrics are sewn
 - 42. Dodgers great Hersher
 - 43. Floor covering
 - 44. Traveled aimlessly
 - 45. Rocker Stewart
 - 46. Body art
 - 47. Congressman (abbr.)
 - 48. No seats available
 - 49. Breaks apart
 - 52. Hand gesture
 - 55. Ballplayer's tool
 - 56. Sword
 - 60. Baseball team
 - 61. Upper bract of floret of grass
 - 63. Italian Seaport
 - 64. Mars crater
 - 65. Tube on a shoelace
 - 66. U. of Miami mascot
 - 67. South American nation
 - 68. Video game series "Max _"
 - 69. Upper body part

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. German courtesy title
 - 2. Ancient Greek personification of mercy
 - 3. Jewish calendar month
 - 4. Family of long-legged frogs
 - 5. Photo
 - 6. Delivered a speech
 - 7. Lute used in Indian music
 - 8. Decorated
 - 9. Cease to stand
 - 10. The bottom layer
 - 11. Member of a Semitic people
 - 12. Part of a ticket
 - 13. Defunct monetary unit
 - 21. Challenges
 - 23. Body part
 - 25. Tell on
 - 26. By way of
 - 27. Shady green alcove
 - 28. Egyptian city
 - 29. _ and flowed
 - 32. Widens a hole
 - 33. Eurasian wheat
 - 34. Act incorrectly
 - 36. "Be back later"
 - 37. Al Bundy's wife
 - 38. Ocean
 - 40. Large root eaten as a vegetable
 - 41. Units of subjective loudness
 - 43. Music genre
 - 44. A way to drench
 - 46. Popular hot beverage
 - 47. Silk-like cotton fabric
 - 49. Rumanian city
 - 50. Come back
 - 51. Vaccine developer
 - 52. Canadian law enforcers
 - 53. Wings
 - 54. Observational comedian Bill
 - 57. Small fry
 - 58. _ Clapton, musician
 - 59. Take a chance
 - 61. Semi-liquid food for babies
 - 62. Consumed food



GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from July 1-12.

Paul Eugene Haskell, age 40, was arrested on July 1 for Criminal Threatening Against Another Person.

A 20-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication and Unlawful Possession of Alcohol on July 2.

Jennifer Amy Clark, age 34, was arrested on July 3 for Simple Assault resulting in Physical Contact or Bodily Injury and False Swearing-Making a False Statement Under Oath.

Amethyst Rose Desautels, age 41, was arrested on July 3 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking and Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Mildred A. Tuttle, age 57, was arrested on July 3 in connection with multiple warrants. Michael Alan Bourque, age 61, was arrested during the same incident, also in connection with a warrant.

Erin M. Conroy, age 37, was arrested on July 3 for Criminal Trespassing.

Two adult males, aged 36 and 42, were taken into protective custody

for intoxication on July 3.

A 27-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 3.

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A 22-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 3.

Two adult males, aged 27 and 28, were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 3.

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Matt P. Spaulding, age 46, was arrested on July 4 for DUI-Boating Under the Influence. A 41-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

Aiden Ryan Hibbard, age 19, was arrested on July 5 for DUI-Impairment, Possession and/or Use of Tobacco Products By a Minor, and Driving Under the Influence. Sophia Kendell Dewhirst, age 18, was arrested during the same incident for Unlawful Possession

of Alcohol and/or Intoxication and possession of Tobacco Products By a Minor. A 19-year-old female and a 16-year-old juvenile were taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

Thomas Joseph Kelley III, age 45, was arrested on July 5 for Disorderly Conduct, Loitering or Prowling, and Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Michael W. Carvell, age 59, was arrested on July 5 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury or Physical Contact. Kaitly D. Carvell, age 20, was arrested during the same incident for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

Brett James Houle, age 49, was arrested on July 7 in connection with a warrant.

William J. Sanborn, age 36, was arrested on July 7 for Operating a motor vehicle after being Certified as a Habitual Offender.

Trevor A. Gove, age 40, was arrested on July 8 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of License (subsequent).

Shaw Decoste, age 51, was arrested on July 9 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension

of license.

Amy E. Wentworth, age 52, was arrested on July 9 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent).

A 26-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 10.

Mark A. Monsante, age 57, was arrested on July 10 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Megan Leigh Rocheville, age 36, was arrested on July 10 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Grant William Pelletier, age 20, was arrested on July 10 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

Deborah A. Wallace, age 57, and Sherri Jessica Leanne Neely, age 45, were arrested on July 11 in connection with warrants.

Jessica L. Patten, age 46, was arrested on July 11 in connection with a warrant.

A 41-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 12.

Two juveniles, both aged 17, were arrested on July 12 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

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Village Players production opens on July 24



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Charles Haversham (Bob Rautenberg) doesn't look terribly dead as he is rolled off the chaise lounge by Thomas Colleymore (Jonathan Flower, left) and Perkins the butler (AJ O'Neil, right) as Cecil Haversham (Bob Tuttle, left) and Florence Colleymore (Sarah Kuhn, right) look on in rehearsals for "The Play That Goes Wrong," opening on July 24, at The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

WOLFEBORO — In an ideal world, veteran Village Players directors Russ Ellis and Jay Sydow, who also serve as set designers for many of the shows that grace the Glendon Street stage, would have built their own set for the summer production of "The Play That Goes Wrong."

But with so many moving pieces that are absolutely integral to the timing of the show, there was no way that the set could be built in time to give the actors and actresses in the show enough time to learn the intricacies of the set.

So, like many productions of the show, the Village Players purchased the entire set and erected it on their own stage. The set that

the Wolfeboro theater group is using was previously used by the collaborative effort between the Winnepesaukee Playhouse and the Powerhouse Theater Collaborative.

Village Players volunteers were on hand when the show closed in Laconia earlier this year and helped disassemble the set, packed it all into a truck and drove it to Wolfeboro, where it was unloaded and stored in the basement until the spring production was finished with the stage.

Then, more volunteers helped to carry all the pieces up from the basement and week by week the set was assembled. There were a number of adjustments that had to be made to make the

set fit the Village Players stage and it was eventually finished up with plenty of time to spare, giving the actors and actresses multiple weeks of working with the intricate set.

Key in all of this process was Dana Gardner, a newcomer to the Village Players. He was part of the show when it was performed in Laconia and was intimately familiar with the set. He helped to take it apart and then reconstruct it on the Village Players stage and will also be playing one of the stage hands that are working on the show taking place on the set, lending his expertise to the numerous changes and movement that takes place at precise moments.



COURTESY PHOTO

Inspector Carter (Christian Boudman, back), Perkins the butler (AJ O'Neil, left) and Thomas Colleymore (Jonathan Flower, right) react to the corpse of Charles Haversham (Bob Rautenberg) arriving in their scene during rehearsals for "The Play That Goes Wrong," which opens on July 24 at the Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

And when the show is over in Wolfeboro, the set will live to see another day, as it has been purchased by a theater group in Chatham, Mass., and they will be at the Village Players Theater to help take the set apart and learn how it goes back together as they take it on to their theater.

"The Play That Goes Wrong" will be on the Village Players stage on July 24, 25 and 31 and Aug. 1, all at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. Once again, The Village Players are offering tiered ticket prices for patrons who purchase tickets online. The \$45 "Hero" ticket helps to sustain Village Players shows in addition to covering costs including heating/

cooling, cleaning, repairs, insurance and general upkeep of the building. The "Patron" \$20 ticket pays for the current show costs including costumes, publicity, scenery, scripts, sheet music, musicians and props. VP is also offering a \$10 ticket for "Friends." This price contributes to the current show while keeping

ticket prices at a minimum. The theater hopes this price keeps prices affordable for the community. Tickets are available at Black's Paper and Gifts and online at village-players.com.

"The Play That Goes Wrong" is generously sponsored by Dr. Richard J. Neal, DMD.

Alton Garden Club meets Tuesday

ALTON — The Alton Garden Club's upcoming meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 21 at a member's gardens, but with the barn available in the event of rain. Member

Jane Bradbury will present DIY Stone-look Planters followed by a question and answer session on pruning with member and Master Gardener Michelle Hanley, who will also give us

the opportunity to tour her amazing gardens. Each person who attends will need to provide a chair for seating and carpool if possible. The presentation will begin promptly at 1:30

p.m., as usual. If you are a non-member wanting to attend, please give Peggy McKinney a call at 603-776-6032 for location and directions. We always welcome guests!

Wright Museum lecture to examine story of the von Trapp Family

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, July 21, the Wright Museum will welcome Bob Stafford. This is the ninth program of the Wright Museum's 2026 Education Series.

The film made them household names, the music became part of our everyday lives, and now you can discover the remarkable true story that captured Hollywood's imagination and

helped make cinematic history.

Doors open at 6 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21 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.

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Applause beyond the final curtain

A standing ovation is often the highest compliment an audience can offer a theatrical performance. But every so often, the applause continues long after the curtain falls because what has been accomplished reaches beyond the stage itself.

That is exactly what Kingswood Theater has achieved.

The recent recognition of the cast and crew behind "The Last Firefly," from a banner dedication at the Kingswood Arts Center to formal honors at the New Hampshire State House, celebrates much more than a successful production. It recognizes a culture of excellence that has become one of the defining characteristics of Kingswood Regional High School.

It is easy to admire the finished product. Audiences see polished performances, seamless scene changes, beautiful music and convincing characters. What they rarely see are the countless rehearsals that stretch late into the evening, the weekends devoted to building sets, the hours spent perfecting lighting cues, costumes and choreography, or the determination required to solve problems that inevitably arise during any major production.

Those invisible hours are where champions are truly made.

The words of Theater Director Scott Giessler captured that reality perfectly. Success did not come because of talent alone. It came because students chose to keep working when others might have stopped. They challenged one another, supported one another and refused to settle for "good enough." Those are lessons that will serve them well long after they leave the stage.

Equally significant is the recognition bestowed upon senior Malcolm Clark with the Sarah P. Bunkley Award for his work in music composition and conducting. Too often, arts education is viewed narrowly through the lens of performance. Yet music arranging, composition, technical theater, directing and countless behind-the-scenes responsibilities require every bit as much creativity, discipline and leadership. Celebrating those contributions reminds young artists that there are many ways to leave a lasting mark.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this year's accomplishment is that it was not an isolated success. Winning the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild championship five times in the last six festivals speaks to something much deeper than a talented graduating class. It reflects a program built on consistent expectations, dedicated educators and students who pass along traditions of excellence from one generation to the next.

Communities often rally around athletic championships, and rightly so. But achievements in music, theater and the arts deserve that same enthusiasm. Producing an award-winning play requires teamwork, resilience, leadership, creativity and trust. Those qualities are no less valuable because they are displayed under stage lights instead of stadium lights.

The visit to the State House also carries important symbolism. Having Gov. Kelly Ayotte and the Executive Council recognize these students sends a message that artistic achievement matters to New Hampshire. It affirms that the arts are not extracurricular in the sense of being secondary. They are an essential part of a complete education, helping young people develop confidence, empathy, communication skills and the ability to collaborate toward a common goal.

The new championship banner now hanging in the Kingswood Arts Center will undoubtedly catch the attention of future students walking through its doors. For some, it will simply be another decoration on the wall. For others, it may become an invitation. It may inspire a freshman to audition for the first time, volunteer backstage, learn stage lighting or discover a talent they never knew they possessed.

That may be the greatest legacy of all.

Awards, proclamations and banners are wonderful honors, but their true value lies in what they inspire next. Kingswood Theater has built something that extends far beyond a single production. It has created an environment where dedication is celebrated, creativity is nurtured and young people learn what can be accomplished when everyone works toward a shared vision.

The final curtain may have fallen on "The Last Firefly," but the example these students have set will continue to take center stage for years to come.



COURTESY PHOTO

At "Music: Society's Mirror," Head Male Speaker of the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People Paul Pouliot demonstrates a variety of drums as Head Female Speaker Denise Pouliot looks on. Audience members were surprised to learn about the variety of traditional Abenaki social dances that pre-date "speed dating" and square dancing. The event also featured Craig Werth who ran down 250 years of American songs and composed a song on the spot based on the vibe of the room. It was heartening to see the positive nature of the song called "I Listen to You, You Listen to Me; If You See Me, Then I'll See You." Held over the weekend at the New Durham Public Library, the program was sponsored by the Friends of the New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse and made possible through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities, with support from New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN Perennial

After spending four hours working out in the sun today, I was pretty much toast. Starting at ten, by the time two o'clock rolled around, I had totally no desire to cook myself there for another minute. There was no break, no clouds, no trees, just endless solar exploitation. I kept drinking from my water jug and amazingly didn't need to relieve myself every fifteen minutes. All that water was finding another way out.

I quickly cleaned up and headed to the lake. Oh yes, the cool, wet and refreshing lake. Right now, I'm drying off while watching summer activities starting to be enjoyed out on the water. There are some paddle boards across on the other side, jet skis and boats of various types zooming here and there. Some pulling tubers. It's the week before the Fourth, so the crowds are beginning to congregate.

The entrepreneurs of the world have figured out that they can sell more things if there are no skills required to enjoy using them. Take those tubers for example, they just have to hold on. To water ski took developing a skill. It was an accomplishment to be able to get up on those things. After you got that down, you could then drop a ski and do it with only one.

I remember going with a friend and renting surf boards back in the sixties. I was actually able to stand up on that thing and ride waves by the end of the day. That required some new special abilities. Even using a wind surfer takes developing some talent. They now sell the same basic surfboard and throw in a long-handled paddle. People love them. What's next?

How about driverless ski boats? The technology is there. The second there's no drag

on the rope the motor shuts down. All the controls are on the handle. No need for a driver or a watcher. If for some reason you get hurt, the boat can slowly tow or carry you home. Or call for a rescue. The next generation jet ski! These lakes are so over saturated with drivers who don't know what they're doing in the first place, why not just add unmanned smart ones? I mean, what could go wrong?

For years my yard used to be loaded with Daisies and Black Eyed Susans. I knew what they looked like growing up so I'd let them grow. Last year I didn't mow it until the fall, after everything had pretty much passed by. I figured that they'd be just as plentiful this year, but there's hardly any. I thought that they were perennials. But even if not, there should have been lots of seeds down under to grow new ones.

Now, there are lots of other varieties showing up on their own so I'm certainly not devoid of having my natures paradise. Maybe I'd be better off just mowing in the spring. You really only need to mow once a year, and that can easily get stretched to every other year. The purpose of mowing is really just to keep the trees from reclaiming their dominance. That is unless you're looking to make

hay, or a nice spacious lawn.

Ticks really like tall grass and things. Their prime directive in life is to crawl up as far as they can and hope to be able to fall onto some unsuspecting passerby. I've been constantly finding them on me. There are quite a few of them at my house, but where I've been working recently, it's like they're raising them. You can't walk around that place and not appropriate some undesirable passengers.

Lucky for me, it's shorts season. Having a sufficient supply of leg hair, I can usually detect them while climbing. There is just something about the way they crawl, they have this characteristic ticky feel. Today as I was disposing of one, I thought of how chickens, for one, eat these things. As I held it in my fingers, I thought, what if I just... No, no. No way. Although it would be an efficient way to dispose of them little buggers.

Another day, another hot one. I got off early again this morning and managed to be finished by lunch time. Instead of my usual fruit and nuts, I went home and had some chicken salad. Then I did what came natural. I went to the beach.

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Historic Arlberg Inn listed and sold by Tom Drouin of Roche Realty Group, Inc.

GILFORD — Tom Drouin of Roche Realty Group, Inc. recently sold the formerly known site, “Arlberg Inn” in Gilford. This nostalgic Inn captured the rich skiing history of the area while highlighting its Austrian roots and deep connections to Gunstock Mountain Resort.

The Arlberg Inn was a landmark that served as the heart of Gilford’s ski community. As a past ski patrol member himself, Tom fondly remembers the Arlberg was for more than just a place to rest your head after a long day on the mountain. The Inn brought a piece of the European Alps to the Lakes Region.

The story of the Arlberg Inn began when Fred Knachbauer was helping his parents establish the family-run Arlberg Inn. Formerly a farm, the Inn had its grand opening in October, 1937. Knachbauer



er ran the Winnepesaukee Ski School at Gunstock Mountain Area during 1937 & 1938, and he became one of the first certified ski instructors in the country. The Knachbauer family envisioned bringing the authentic flavor of their homeland's ski culture to New Hampshire.

The Arlberg Inn boasted more than a dozen private guest rooms. The farm became a seasonal home for ski instructors, foreign exchange ski workers, and the Gunstock Ski Patrol. It was a place where stories of the day's best runs, worst wipe-outs and most daring ski patrol rescues were traded.

The Arlberg featured a restaurant, gift shop and lounge that stayed packed long after the lifts at Gunstock stopped for the day.

Today, the developers look to revitalize the historic 12-acre site across from Gunstock Mountain Resort’s main entrance.

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Summer Theater Camp brings the Pridelands to life at Kingswood



WOLFEBORO — This summer, the Pride Lands come to life at the Kingswood Arts Center as Kingswood Theater Summer Camp proudly presents a breathtaking production of Disney’s “The Lion King KIDS.” Performances will take place on Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m. Audiences are invited to witness this vibrant 30-minute adaptation, which seamlessly blends the beloved Disney film with the spectacular artistry of the Broadway musical. Tickets are available now at kingswoodtheater.org.

The production follows the stirring emotional odyssey of Simba, a spirited lion cub destined for greatness. From the exuberant heights of "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" to the profound responsibility of the "Circle of Life," the story captures Simba’s harrowing struggle to find his place in the world. Supported by a charismatic duo—the meerkat Timon and warhog Pumbaa—and the fierce loyalty of his friend Nala, Simba must summon the courage to confront his past and reclaim his rightful throne from the tyrannical Uncle Scar. Featuring iconic Academy Award®-winning songs and additional masterpieces from the Broadway stage, this production is a celebratory journey of self-discovery and resilience.

Under the visionary direction of Lisa Goodwin and the exceptional musical leadership of Julie Carbone, a powerhouse cast of 35 young performers has dedicated two weeks of intensive, high-energy rehearsals to mastering this complex production. Their artistry is elevated by a stellar creative team: the dynamic choreography of Kingswood senior Kristin Cooper, and the immersive scenic designs crafted by Amy Ahn, Kimmi Adjutant, and Joe Derrick, with support from Norman Adjutant. The visual spectacle is further enriched by the intricate costume work of Deb Jones, Dawn Rota, and Eileen Gil, all polished by the technical brilliance of the award-winning Kingswood Regional High School theater crew. Individual actor training and set changes have been facilitated by Kingswood Theater Summer Camp counselors, Caroline Kinzmaier, Logan Gil and Theodore Hall.

"Our entire team is incredibly proud of the dedication and hard work these young performers have invested in this production," notes Coordinator Carrie Kinzmaier. "The support from our community has been truly heartwarming, and we are eagerly anticipating opening night."

Disney’s “The Lion King KIDS” is presented through special arrangement with and all materials are provided by Music Theatre International.

Wright Museum presents Randy Otto as Winston Churchill

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, July 14, the Wright Museum will welcome Randy Otto. This is the eighth program of the Wright Museum’s 2026 Education Series.

Renowned Churchill-ian Scholar, Randy Otto has carefully honed his humorous, poignant and astonishingly relevant tribute to Winston Churchill – who a Price Waterhouse Cooper CEO survey named The Most Admired Leader Ever.

Doors open at 6 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$12 for members and \$16 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.

Bring out your plastics!

LACONIA — Weather permitting, the next soft plastics/Styrofoam recycling collection event will be held on Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Members of the Green Sanctuary & Social Justice Committees of the Unitarian/Universalist congregation as well as the Laconia/Gilford Lions will be curbside at the little white church at 172 Pleasant St. to collect soft plastics & #6 Styrofoam for recycling.

No hard or 'crunchy' plastics or pet food bags are acceptable. Try the following tests to see if your plastics can be dropped



off: 1) See if the plastic will stretch when pulled. If yes it can be included. If it tears or rips like paper, no. 2) Is the plastic shiny or does it make a crinkly, crunchy sound when crumpled? If yes, it is not acceptable for this program. No hard plastics can be accepted.

Only hard Styrofoam products bearing a "#6" symbol may be accepted.

Please keep plastics & Styrofoam separate. All plastics & Styrofoam must be clean, dry, free of labels.

There is no charge or fee to drop off these items. You do not need to be a resident of Laconia or Gilford to be part of this effort. It is open to all. Please screen your items to insure you only include acceptable donations. Items mixed with unacceptable donations must be refused or trashed. Our thanks to all who help in these efforts.

Millicent Caldon named to Hartwick College's Spring Dean's List

ONEONTA, N.Y. — Millicent Caldon of Gilmanston was named to Hartwick College's Spring 2026 Dean's List. Caldon, a biochemistry major with a minor in mathematics, was among the approximately 350 students named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List.

Making the Dean's List is an indication of excellence in academic work. To qualify, students must complete

at least 12 academic credits during a term with a grade point average of at least 3.50 and no incompletes.

Hartwick, often referred to as The Life Balance College, is a private liberal arts and sciences institution in Oneonta, N.Y. Through its distinctive FlightPath approach, Hartwick blends academic excellence, career preparation and an active campus life to help students

achieve a balanced and fulfilling college experience. With transparent tuition and a focus on health and wellness, Hartwick prepares students for lifelong success—both professionally and personally.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. “The Calamity Club” by Kathryn Stockett
2. “Rockets Red Glare” by James Patterson
3. “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi
4. “Regime Change” by Maggie Haberman
5. “Whistler” by Ann Patchett
6. “The Mother-Daughter Book Club” by Sue Patterson
7. “Storm Tide” by Paul Doiron
8. “Project Hail Mary” by Andy Weir
9. “The Things We Never Say” by Elizabeth Strout
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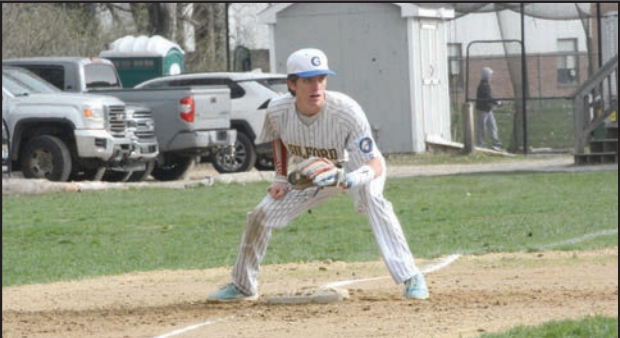
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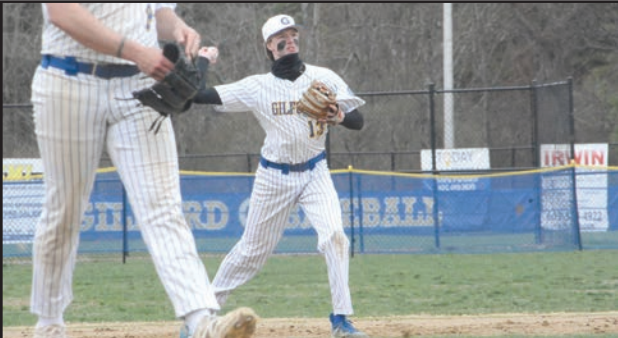
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Drew Smith was named Division III First Team All-State for his senior baseball season.



Colby Whitehouse of Prospect Mountain earned First Team All-State honors for the spring season.



Ryan Folan capped off his high school career by earning First Team All-State honors for the baseball season.

BASEBALL

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and Jake Silver of White Mountains, Wyatt Bamford of Belmont, Carter Lloyd of Winnisquam and Cooper Bliznik and Nolan Street-er of Inter-Lakes. Earning Third Team honors were Boyd Poulin of Berlin, Max Ryder of Belmont, Carson Anthony of Gilford, Benny Hicks of White Mountains, Gavin Gorton of Prospect Mountain and Nate Arnold of Newfound.

Also earning First Team honors were Winn Thomas and Xander Guerra of Bishop Brady, Christopher Rou-leau of Monadnock, Keith Townshend and Jake Lar-son of Derryfield, Chance Derosier of Conant, Devyn Cheeney of Fall Mountain,

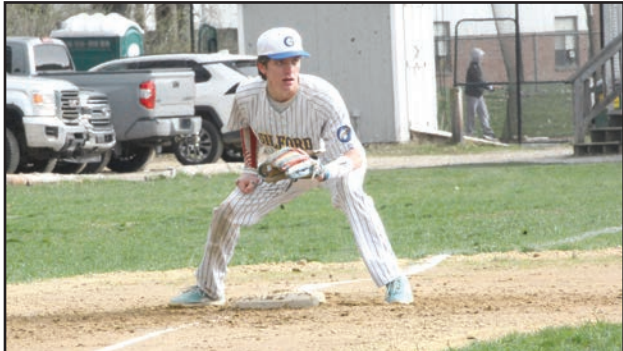


Prospect Mountain's Gavin Gorton was named Division III Third Team All-State for the spring season.

Logan Minkler of Stevens, Brayden White and Mikey Grace of Campbell, Shane McKenney of Raymound and Mike DePiano of Hop-kinton.

Second Team honors were also presented to Max Guerra, Kolt Gaudreault and Dan Shedd of Bishop Brady,

Summer Hill-Goodell of Monadnock, Max Dubois of Somersworth, Brady Mar-cotte of Campbell, Braeden Dion of Conan, Adam Wil-lette and Casey Peters of Derryfield, Jackson Cote and Noah Byrne of Ke-sarge and Keegan White of Fall Mountain.



Gilford's Carson Anthony earned Division III Third Team All-State honors for the spring baseball season.

Third Team was also awarded to Jacob Valliere and Luke Bedard of Bishop Brady, Brady McGovern of Raymond, Aiden Kepple of Campbell, Nate Boudreau of Derryfield, Eric Emanouil of Stevens, JJ Griffus and Xavier Thompson of Mo-nadnock, Paul Young of Fall Mountain, Kaden Kirby and Drey Seppala of Conant and Jack Bennett of Hopkinton.

In Division IV, First Team honors were present-ed to Chase Fillion, Whalen Lemire and Aury Perez of Littleton, Mason Roberge of Gorham, Dawson Himes and Jake Houghton of Lis-bon and Alex Gundersen of Moultonborough. Sec-ond Team went to Tanner Schmar of Profile, Cooper Ladd and Evan Gilbert of Gorham and Gage Collins of Groveton and Third Team was presented to Ryan Dou-bleday of Lisbon, Hunter Parks and Ashton Kenison of Groveton and Brett John-son of Moultonborough.

First Team was also pre-sented to Vinny Santamaria and Bryson Fogg of Colebrook, Nolan Schmal of Epping, Cai Summers and Grady Howe of Portsmouth Christian, Jackie Prompradit, Evan Sheehan and Nate Fluet of Newmarket, Eban Berube of Sunapee and Parker Ketola and Chuck Phillips of Mascenic.

Also earning Second

Team were Daemon Jaimes of Pittsburg-Canaan, JJ Ben-son of Wilton-Lyndebor-ough, Brody Leeman and Cooper Janis of Nute, Grady Krook of Mascenic, Andrew Earwood of Portsmouth Christian, Declan Doyle of Farmington, Chase Kukesh and Seth Lecuyer of Epping, Brody Dauphinais of Colebrook, Matt Napoletano, Anthony Jurkoic and Char-lie Tudor of Newmarket and Grady St. Jean of Concord Christian.

Third Team honors were also presented to Garrett Fournier and Cooper Weir of Colebrook, Logan Ab-bott and Ben Follansbee of Epping, Ethan Burrows of Nute, Ethan Cotton of Farmington, Zack Myett of Sunapee, Colton Durant and Cason Donahue of New-market, Brayden Leland of Portsmouth Christian, Gra-den Bartelson of Mascenic, San Holobowicz of Sunapee and Caleb Funk and Jackson Barton of Concord Chris-tian.

In Division II, King-swood's Kolby Brown was named Pitcher of the Year while First Team honors went to Nate Cloos and Brady Moulton of King-swood and Guillermo Cha-varria Burns of Kennett. Second Team honors went to Cavan Sanborn of Plym-outh and Third Team honors were presented to Turner

Oldenburg of Plymouth, Mason Beaulieu and Tavin Herget of Kingswood and Serghio Espezua of Kennett.

Also earning First Team honors were Jake Reardon of Bow, Allie Muirhead and Jack Lobb of Hanover, To-bin Prieto of John Stark, Eric Maccarone of Pembroke, Isaac Clough of ConVal, Col-in Veroneau of Oyster River, Alex Trudel and Joe Mayo of Souhegan, Brendan Dee of Laconia, Hayden White of St. Thomas, Keenan My-ers, Matt Bergin, Ian Sinclair and Connor Gryniewicz of Hollis-Brookline and Kevin Hardy of Pelham.

Also earning Second Team honors were Alex Boone and Wyatt Daigle of Hanover, Jack Sheppard of John Stark, Evan Aho of ConVal, Amos Winans of Oyster River, Clayton Na-dzan of Bow, Brody Smith, Blake Powers and Ethan Gaudet of Souhegan, Bran-don Skowron and Ryan Gould of St. Thomas, Liam Marquette and Sam Rose of Coe-Brown, Jordan Morelli of Hollis-Brookline, Jake Davidson of Pelham, Jake Tryon of Laconia and Em-mett Reichert of Lebanon.

Third Team honors were also presented to Matt Herrmann of Merrimack Valley, Marek Luba Jr. of Milford, Hayden Avard and JoJo Drent of Hanover, Ben LaBreque of John Stark, Jack Pearson of Pembroke, Patrick O'Neil of Lebanon, Jackson Handwork of Oys-ter River, Conor Curtis and Jacob Filkins of Bow, Ken-ny Avery of St. Thomas, Quinn Imbrogno and Thom-as Howie of Hollis-Brook-line and Henry Hartwell of ConVal.

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This victory represents a remarkable milestone for the program, marking

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Antique & Classic Boat Show returns to Wolfeboro July 25

WOLFEBORO — The New England Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society (NEC-ACBS) invites boating enthusiasts, families, and visitors to experience the beauty, history, and craftsmanship of vintage watercraft at its annual Antique & Classic Boat Show on Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Docks in beautiful Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

The show will feature an impressive collection of meticulously restored antique and classic boats, bringing together owners and collectors from throughout New England. From gleaming mahogany runabouts to timeless fiberglass classics, visitors will have the opportunity to admire these remarkable vessels while learning the stories behind their preservation.

"We believe a new wave of classic boat enthusiasts and owners is just around the corner," said Doug Zimmerman, President of the New England Chapter. "Our goal is to inspire that interest by giving people the chance to experience these beautiful boats up close, meet the passionate owners who preserve them, and even enjoy a ride aboard the historic Millie B, offering guests a memorable view of the lake from the deck of a classic vessel. Whether you're a lifelong collector or simply curious about classic boats, this event is designed to inspire the next generation of enthusiasts."

Visitors can also browse exhibits from specialty vendors, connect with marine experts, shop the NEC-ACBS merchandise table, and learn more about becoming a member of the organization. Throughout the day,



from the Dock, an engaging series of inter-

views with boat owners sharing the history, restoration journeys, and memories behind their cherished boats.

Admission is free and open to the public. The event celebrates the rich heritage of recreational boating while providing a fun day for families, enthusiasts, collectors, artists, photographers, and anyone who appreciates classic design and craftsmanship.

For more information, including boat registration, visit www.necacbs.org.

For additional information about the show, vendor opportunities, or membership in the NEC-ACBS, please contact the event organizers at info@necacbs.com.



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White Dog Duo returns to the Barnstead Summer Concert Series

As the month of July continues, another act graces the Parade Grounds Gazebo as part of the Barnstead Summer Concert Series. White Dog Duo, who is known for their incredible renditions of artists like Neil Young, Crosby Stills, James Taylor, Tom Petty and more, will be playing on July 18, from 6-8pm. They enjoy playing in their hometown and bring a laid-back acoustic sound packed with timeless favorites from the '70s through today. You are sure to be familiar with much of their music and may even find yourself singing along.

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Sounds of New Orleans next up in Cate Park summer concert series

WOLFEBORO — The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand’s free summer concert series will welcome Soggy Po’ Boys to the bandstand in downtown Wolfeboro on Saturday, July 18, for the second concert of the summer.

The Soggy Po’ Boys include Jim Dozet on vocals and guitar, Shaina Schwartz on vocals, Eric Klaxton on clarinet and soprano sax, Josh Gagnon on trombone, Nick Mainella on tenor sax, Mike Effenberger on piano, Brian Waterhouse on drums and Scott Kiefner on bass.

The group formed in 2012 to shake the walls of a club on Fat Tuesday and since then have honed their sound and become more of a Mardi Gras centerpiece. The group explores the vast musical traditions of New Orleans and has expanded its repertoire



COURTESY PHOTO
THE SOGGY PO’ BOYS will be in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand in Cate Park on Saturday, July 18.

to look beyond the New Orleans jazz to include traditional Caribbean tunes as well as funk, soul and brass band and street beat music. Though native to

New England, the Soggy Po’ Boys are spreading the good news of New Orleans music across the Northeast and beyond, playing at concert halls and street corners,

Kingswood Theater announces fall production, “Peter Pan”



WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Theater is proud to invite all Governor Wentworth Regional School District students in grades 7 through 12, including homeschool students, to join the cast or crew for their upcoming production of “Peter Pan.” Registration is now open at kingswoodtheater.org. Kingswood Theater believes that every student has a “seat at the table,” offering vital roles for actors, singers, dancers, musicians, builders, designers, and technicians.

This “Varsity-level” program demands a high level of commitment, reflecting our professional standards and team-based approach. Audiences will experience a

production of incredible quality, featuring a full pit orchestra, polished sets and costumes, and professional flying effects provided by ZFX. Kingswood is excited to present four performances at the Kingswood Arts Center: Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 21 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

The journey begins with the Kingswood Theater Induction on Tuesday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Kingswood Arts Center. This essential orientation provides prospective cast members with audition training in acting, dance, and song, while crew members receive instruction on

technical equipment and script analysis. Regular rehearsals and auditions will commence on Tuesday, September 1st, running Monday through Friday from 2:30pm to 4:45pm. As the production nears, rehearsals will extend to accommodate technical and dress preparations.

Building on a legacy of excellence established by past productions like Cinderella, Mary Poppins, and Beauty and the Beast, Peter Pan promises to be a transformative educational experience for participating students. We invite the community to join us for this magical tale and witness the dedication and artistry of our students.

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Summer Concert Series
Barnstead Parks & Recreation is pleased to welcome to the Summer Concert Series Stage, White Dog Duo on July 18 with concessions being provided by the Barnstead Parade Church and North Shore Junction on July 25 with concessions being provided by the Boy Scouts. The concerts are free and concessions are cash only. Grab a chair or a blanket and come on down to enjoy the show!

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A town wide yardsale will take place on July 25 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Send an email to Parks and Rec to get your address added to the map. Need a place to set up? Not a problem, you can set up at the P&R Garage/Yard for a \$5.00 fee. You will need to bring your own set up (i.e. Table, chair, EZ-UP).

Archery Program
Barnstead Archery – Registration is open for session 2 (July 17 – Aug. 21) and session 3 (Aug. 28 – Oct. 9). Classes are every Fridays from 6 – 7:30 p.m. (weather dependent) at the TL Storer Scout Reservation. Equipment will be provided, or you can bring your own. \$10 for the session. The link for registration can be found on our website.

Kalled Gallery heats up summer music nights with Anthony St. Peter!

WOLFEBORO — The Kalled Gallery heats up our summer music series in July with musician, singer, and songwriter Anthony St. Peter Saturday, July 25 from 5-8 p.m. His passion for music started at age 10 and his mother bought him and Washburn Lion guitar sparking a lifelong connection to the instrument. A unique blend of blues, indie rock, and heavier alternative has earned him a wide range of fans and listeners.

Born in Rhode Island and now living in Maine, he has a strong New England following, however, has also lived in FL and spent time growing up in

music festivals and burlesque festivals, bars, libraries and wherever the party requires, as New Orleans music is celebrated and appreciated wherever it goes.

The Soggy Po’ Boys are eager to explore what makes the music of New Orleans so special and those attending their show will hear the heavy influence of the New Orleans sound across the band and in the stories told by their original tunes

The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand concerts take place each Saturday night in July and August, weather permitting, in the bandstand, located in Cate Park in downtown Wolfeboro on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

If weather should cause the concert to be cancelled, signs will be posted at the entrance to Cate Park and a notice will be posted on the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand Facebook page and at wolfeborobandstand.org.

The concerts will begin at 7 p.m. and run for two hours, with a short intermission, at which time a pass the bucket offering will be held to support the free concert series.

Commission member openings

Being a part of the commission is a great way to be more involved in creating, planning, and hosting activities or programs for our community. There are many different levels of involvement and time commitments. We have various openings on the commission, and we are excited to welcome new members. Contact Gail McCullough if you would like more information.

Barnstead Garden Club

We thrive off of community volunteers and donations, so please reach out to us through our Facebook page, Barnstead Garden Club, or barnsteadgc@yahoo.com if you can lend a hand! We appreciate any help and support and hope you join our team!

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

Church Service

SCHEDULE

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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.

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Alton Historical Society meets Tuesday

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society will present its July program on Tuesday, July 21 at 7 p.m. at the Gilman Library on Main Street in the lower level.

In honor of the 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country, Marty Cornelissen will present a look at the men, although not born in Alton but resided here before and/or after the war, that served our country as Revolutionary War Soldiers and Patriots.

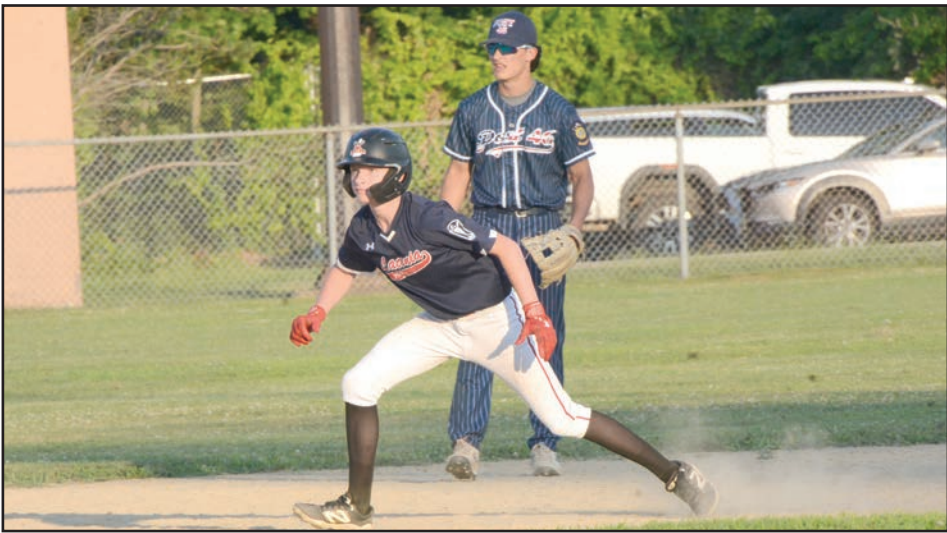
Cornelissen is a member of the Alton Historical Society and NH Old Graveyard

Association. At present, he has 32 men whose stories he will present, to include their military history, bio and life history that has been collected over the past decade through his research. These men served from; protection from Raiders out of Canada, the Battle of Bunker Hill to the routing of British General Burgoyne.

All Alton Historical Society programs are open to the public and are always free of charge. For more information contact Mary Cornelissen at ctotntail@tds.net. Hope to see you there.

SPORTS

Conway, Laconia fit to be tied in American Legion action



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alex Rowley takes a lead off second base during American Legion action against Conway on Friday evening.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LACONIA — There just didn't seem to be quit in either team when Laconia Post 1 hosted Conway Post 46 at Memorial Park in Laconia on Friday, July 10.

In the end, the only thing that forced the players off the field was the impending darkness as the teams left the field after nine innings with the score tied at eight. The two teams will have to finish out the game at a future time.

Laconia's Carter Lloyd worked around an infield hit from Matt Charrette of Conway in the top of the first inning and Laconia took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the inning. Luke Diamond beat out an infield hit, stole second, went to third on a fly ball to right from Wyatt Divers and scored on a sacrifice fly from Brayden Townsend for the 1-0 lead before Conway starter Hayden White got the final out of the inning.

Sergio Espezua worked a one-out walk in the top of the second and one out later, Bowen Brown had a base hit, but Lloyd got out of the inning with Diamond making a nice play at shortstop to end the inning. Lloyd then beat out an infield hit in the bottom of the inning and Cavan Sanborn followed with a base hit. Both runners moved up on a Landon Sargent groundout, but White retired the next two batters to end the inning.

Alex Allain led off the top of the third with a homer to tie the game at one and Sanborn made a great catch in left field for Laconia. Devin Jakubec was hit by a pitch with two outs and stole second, but he was stranded there. Diamond led off the bottom of the third with a base hit, stole second and third, but was stranded on the bases as White got a popup to Jake Brown at third to end the inning.

Conway took the lead in the top of the fourth as Espezua led off with an infield hit but was erased on a double play. Bowen Brown and Owen Robertson both reached on errors and Allain followed with his second homer, a massive blast over the fence in right-center and Conway had the 4-1 lead. Jake Brown kept the inning going with a base hit but Lloyd retired the next batter to end the frame.

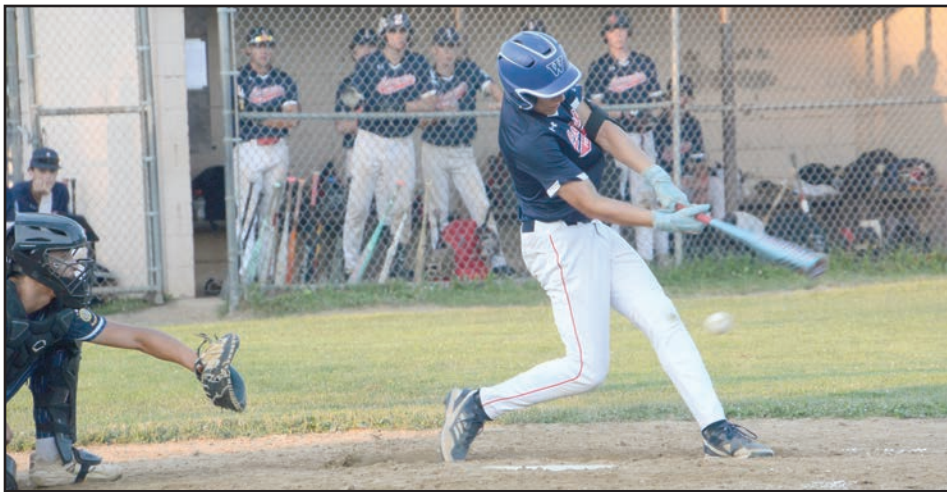
Bowen Brown took over on the mound for Conway in the bottom of the fourth and had a few control problems. Sanborn had a one-out base hit and Sargent followed with an infield hit. TJ Charbono and Ryder Palsgrove were both hit by pitches to force in a run and Diamond and Divers both worked walks to force home two more runs. Townsend then grounded to third, plating another run and Laconia had the 5-4 lead after four.

Jakubec reached on an error to open the top of the fifth but he was left on the

bases and Bowen Brown retired the side in order in the bottom of the fifth inning. Divers took over on the mound for Laconia in the sixth and Robertson worked a one-out walk before Post 1 turned a 4-6-3 double play to end the inning. Charbono reached on an infield hit to start the bottom of the inning but Conway catcher Jonah Pepin gunned him down stealing second. Diamond worked a walk but was left on the bases as the

game went to the seventh with Laconia up by one.

Jacob Brown led off the top of the seventh with a base hit and Pepin followed with a walk. One out later, a Guillermo Chavarria Burns base hit tied the game at five and Caleb Aker took over on the mound for Conway in the bottom of the inning. With two outs, Lloyd was hit by a pitch, Sanborn worked a walk and Alex Rowley took over on the bases at second. Sargent



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Dio Katsigiannis takes a swing for Laconia Post 1 during action against Conway on Friday.

worked a walk to load the bases and Conway coach Andy Pepin went to Allain on the hill and he got a line drive to short to end the inning.

Conway took the lead in the top of the eighth, with Robertson starting the rally reaching on an error with one out. He stole second and went to third on a sacrifice fly from Allain that missed being his third homer of the game by about a foot. A Jake Brown double plated the go-ahead run and then Pepin singled home another run

and Laconia coach Joe Dee went to Sargent on the hill. Jakubec greeted him with an RBI double to make it 8-5 but Lloyd gunned down Jakubec going to third.

With two outs in the bottom of the eighth, Divers and Townsend worked walks to keep Laconia's hopes alive. Wyatt Bamford then doubled them both home and a Lloyd base hit drove in Bamford with the tying run before Allain got a strikeout to end the inning and send things to the ninth. Chavarria-Burns led off

the top of the ninth with a base hit and Espezua followed with a base hit. Aker worked a walk to load the bases and Dee went to Dia Katsigiannis on the hill and he responded by retiring the next three batters to end the threat. Allain then set the side down in order in the bottom of the ninth and the ump's called the game as darkness descended on the Lakes Region.

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

NASCAR drivers chasing the lobster at NHMS

LOUDON — New England's only NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) weekend is set for Aug. 21-23 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS), and the NCS drivers will come to "The Magic Mile" with one goal in mind: win the Dollar Tree 301 so they can hoist Loudon the Lobster high above their head in victory lane. Besides winning the 20-pound crustacean on Sunday, many drivers take advantage of being in the region and indulge in New England's seafood fare throughout the weekend.

Earlier this year, NHMS staff asked the drivers to recommend three things they'd do if they were coming to NHMS as a race fan rather than a NASCAR driver — there was a clear top answer:

"If you like seafood, and obviously lobster, it's kind of the place to be," said Ryan Blaney, driver of the number 12 Team Penske Ford. "Clam chowder is a massive thing. I'm a big clam chowder guy, so I always try to seek some out when I go up there."

"I would definitely be eating some lobster somewhere around the racetrack," said Ross Chastain, driver of the number one Trackhouse Racing Chevrolet. "Doesn't have to be at the track, but somewhere in my weekend of watching the races, I'm going to eat some lobster."

"Well, you know, being from New England, everybody loves seafood, said Ryan Preece, driver of the number 60 RFK Racing Ford. "I'm not the biggest seafood guy, but you want to find your local seafood place, go get some lobster or a lobster roll."

"If you're not from there, I'd probably say try to find a good lobster roll or something," said Cody Ware, driver of the number 51 Rick Ware Racing Ford. "I know every time I go up there, the seafood and lobster is awesome. Obviously, an awesome lobster trophy you get if you win the race."

"I would have to get some seafood, some lobster to be exact, because I feel like that's what they're known for up there," said Todd Gilliland, driver of the number 34 Front Row Motorsports Ford.

"Go lobster hunting,



ADAM GLANZMAN - NHMS

2023 NASCAR Cup Series champion Ryan Blaney (left), driver of the number 12 Team Penske Ford, looks affectionately at Loudon the Lobster in victory lane at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sept. 21, 2025 with NHMS Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath.

eat lobster rolls and go to the racetrack," said Riley Herbst, driver of the number 35 23XI Racing Toyota. "It's perfect. Who doesn't want to go grab some lobster?"

"The lobster," said AJ Allmendinger, driver of the number 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet.

"A good lobster bisque," noted Christopher Bell, driver of the number 20 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota.

"I would definitely go tailgate, go get some lobster and probably a beer or two and go watch some good racing," said Zane Smith,

driver of the number 38 Front Row Motorsports Ford.

"Well, I think I would want to get a lobster roll if I'd never been," said Erik Jones, driver of the number 43 Legacy Motor Club Toyota. "Get an authentic lobster roll up there."

"I guess lobster, because that's, like, the thing, I think, when we go up there," said Chase Briscoe, driver of the number 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota.

New England's only NCS weekend is Aug. 21-23 at NHMS. On-track action kicks off Friday with

practice and qualifying for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour (NWMT) and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (NCTS) plus Sig Sauer Academy Dirt Duels at The Flat Track. The action continues on Doubleheader Saturday with the Team EJP 175 NCTS race and the Mohegan Sun 100 NWMT race following NCS practice and qualifying. The on-track action culminates Sunday with the Dollar Tree 301 NCS race. Don't miss all of the exciting off-track entertainment including the "The Magic Mile" Happy Hour Show,

Trackside Live, The Groove fan hangout, concerts from Everybody Wants Some and Tim Dugger, Family Movie Night featuring "Zootopia 2," driver appearances, fireworks and much more.

For a full NASCAR weekend schedule, visit NHMS.com/Events/NASCAR-Cup-Series/Schedule/.

For tickets and camping for New England's only NCS weekend, featuring the Dollar Tree 301 NCS race, Team EJP 175 NCTS race, Mohegan Sun 100 NWMT race and Sig Sauer Academy Dirt Duels, fans should visit NHMS.com or call 833-4LOUDON. Tickets for kids 12 and under are just \$10 on Sunday, free on Doubleheader Saturday and start at \$10 on Friday.

Keep track of all of New Hampshire Motor Speedway's events by following on Facebook (@NHMotorSpeedway), X (@NHMS) and Instagram (@NHMS). Keep up with all the latest information on the speedway website (NHMS.com) and mobile app.

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Alton	28 Bowman St.	N/A	\$489,933	N. & Anne Macinnis RET and Edward M. Vedder	Jennifer Goyette
Alton	31 Ingalls Terrace	Single-Family Residence	\$700,000	Lauren B. Nolan	Scott A. and Ashley R. Treamer
Alton	Mountain Road	N/A	\$713,933	Boberin LLC	Spinale Ancestral Grantor PR and Erin L. Spinale
Alton	Route 11	N/A	\$392,800	Petelle Fiscal Trust and Catherine L. Petelle	Alexander David Bassett
Alton	Stockbridge Corner Road	N/A	\$145,000	Anthony Louis and Thaisae Marie Deveaux	Patricia A. Bergevin
Alton	N/A (Lot 84B)	N/A	\$700,000	M&J 178 LLC	B. & Lisa Jacobs RET
Barnstead	Dalton Drive	N/A	\$515,000	Fay Enterprises LLC	Christopher S. O'Brien
Barnstead	Evans Road	N/A	\$986,000	Elena A. and Kenneth G. Super	Melanie J. Tolman
Barnstead	7 Sampson Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$415,000	Patrick John and Cali Alyssa Egan	Henry S. III and Jacqueline Salach
Barnstead	44 Suncook Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$569,933	Janice M. Barnhart	David D. II and Wendy C. Devoy
Barnstead	81 Windsor Way	Single-Family Residence	\$158,000	Scott F. Prado	Jeremy Wyman and Jennifer Levesque
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$1,023,000	Spinale Ancestral Grantor PR and Erin L. Spinale	Margaret Eve Hanley Fiscal Trust
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 201)	N/A	\$857,533	Daniel A. and Joan M. Florent	Matthew J. and Pamela J. Scott
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 44)	N/A	\$380,000	Ashley Treamear	David A. and Kathleen A. Dion
Gilford	35 Breton Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$375,000	Phillips Fiscal Trust and Thelma A. Phillips	Katherine E. and Rocco J. Criscone
Gilford	766 Cherry Valley Rd.	N/A	\$115,000	Lewis G. Demetroulakos Estate and Bibi Diserio	Kevin F. Gervais RET
Gilford	252 Chestnut Dr.	Residential Developed Land	\$19,000	Michael Stead	Shawn Knightly
Gilford	Morrill Street	Other Exempt	\$925,000	Eric & A. Gallagher Trust	Edward P. and Joanne Jean
Gilford	Route Unit 11A	N/A	\$579,400	S.A. Tamposi, Sr. Exempt Trust and Iq Eq Trust Co. Us LLC Trust	Cherry Valley 720 LLC
Gilford	Varney Point Road	Municipal Property	\$5,050,000	Michael A. Lampert RET	Richard E. Conley 2003 RET
Gilford	16 Varney Point Road Left	Single-Family Residence	\$2,150,000	Catherine W. Rivard Trust and Bruce A. Rivard	Off We Go LLC
Gilford	N/A (Lot 1-1)	N/A	\$965,733	Nicholas E. Tramposi Non-Exempt and Iq Eq Trust Co. US LLC Trust	Cherry Valley 700 LLC
Gilmanton	473 Mountain Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$530,000	John and Sandra McArthur	Kara C. Schwartz and Daniel J. Logan
Gilmanton	1330 Province Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$475,000	Andrew Freeman	Province Road Farm LLC
Gilmanton	20 Robinswood Way, Unit 20	Condominium	\$250,000	Lewis & Jean Henry Fiscal Trust	Stephen Tyler Bartlett
Gilmanton	Varney Road	N/A	\$2,162,533	Rane and Angela Canezin	Christina D. Von-Hippel and Andrew Burgess Cann, Jr.
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$900,000	Owl's Head Fiscal Trust and Nancy M. Bodwell	Collins Fiscal Trust and Jeffrey Collins

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 Join special guest and professional cartoonist Marek Bennett as he teaches you how to make your own comic!
 French, 4pm-5pm
 Book Discussion: Any Biography of Benjamin Franklin, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 This month's book is any biography about founding father, Benjamin Franklin. Led by Rhett; some book choices are available at the front desk.

Friday, July 17
 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
 Colorful Popcorn, 10-11 a.m.
 All week we will be crafting Superhero Fortune Tellers, followed by Friday from 10-11 a.m., when we will snack on colorful popcorn!
 Sensory Play, 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, July 18
 Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 Drop-In Craft: Bean Mo-saic, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Create a unique picture using beans!

Monday, July 20
 Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
 Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.
 Camp Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 All week we will be making friendship bracelets, followed by Friday from 10-11 a.m., when we will make smores!
 Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.
 Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21
 Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
 Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
 Camp Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Summer Camp Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.
 What Vitamins and Minerals Do You Really Need, 10:45-11:45 a.m.
 Join Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropractic for "Supplement 101: What Vitamins & Minerals Do You Really Need?" — an easy-to-understand class designed to help you cut through the confusion surrounding supplements. Learn the basics of common vitamins and minerals, signs your body may be lacking key nutrients, and how to choose supplements wisely to support your overall health naturally. Perfect for anyone interested in wellness, energy, hormone

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 Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream, 4-5 p.m.
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Wednesday, July 22
 Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
 Senior Stretch Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
 Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon

Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon
 Camp Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Better For You BBQ, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Join your Hannaford Dietitian to learn how to grill beyond the burger. From grilled peppers and tomatoes, to pears, plums and more. Join us for fun ways to serve up more nutrition at your next backyard.
 Storytime at the Beach, noon to 1 p.m.
 Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
 Reiki Sharing, 4-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy a peaceful pause and receive a 10-to-15-minute Chair Reiki session with Lani Voivod, Carol Wallace, and fellow Reiki practitioners. Experience deep relaxation, release stress, restore balance, and leave feeling lighter, calmer, and renewed. Donations gratefully support the Friends of the Gilford Public Library.

Thursday, July 23
 Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
 Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
 Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon

Camp Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 Jumping Beans Competition, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
 Show off your jump roping skills and become the next jumping bean champion! Prizes will go to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
 French, 4-5 p.m.
 Covered Bridges of NH - Past and Present, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
 New Hampshire was once home to over 300 covered bridges. Today, there are over sixty authentic covered bridges in New Hampshire, forty-six of which are

over a century old. These bridges exist solely because of the efforts of a small but powerful community that both recognized their significance and honored their tradition. Join author and photographer Kim Varney Chandler as she shares an overview of covered bridges in the Granite State, along with interesting facts she uncovered while researching her 2022 book, "Covered Bridges of New Hampshire." Learn more about both existing and lost covered bridges in your area.

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Children’s Center celebrates opening of new Wetlands Learning Garden



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HR Director Alexis Corson, Headwall Construction Rep Jake Dube, School-Age Teacher Bob Tuttle, School-Age Children Vida Lopez-Rice & Sadie Bisson, Executive Director Teri Ann Cox, Miracle Farms Reps Justin Kronewitter & Patrick Shannon, Paraprofessional & Project Manager Jana Bush.

WOLFEBORO — The Children’s Center in Wolfeboro recently celebrated the completion and official opening of its new Wetlands Learning Garden, a one-of-a-kind early education outdoor space designed to connect children with nature while preserving and showcasing the property’s protected wetlands.

The project, which was unveiled during a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by donors, community members, board members, staff, and project

partners, transformed an underutilized portion of the Center’s playground into an immersive learning environment where children can explore native habitats, observe wildlife, and engage in hands-on environmental education.

The idea for the Wetlands Learning Garden was born two years ago after The Children’s Center learned that a portion of its property contained protected freshwater wetlands. Rather than viewing the space as unusable, Executive Director Teri

Ann Cox and supporters envisioned a unique opportunity to create a destination for learning and exploration for the Center’s more than 200 children.

“What began as a conversation about what we could do with this land quickly evolved into a vision for something extraordinary,” said Cox during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. “We realized we had the opportunity to honor and preserve the wetlands while creating a living outdoor classroom where our children could



COURTESY

A group picture of the donors, community members, board members, staff, and project partners who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



COURTESY

Executive Director Teri Ann Cox addresses guests during the ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the official opening of The Children’s Center’s new Wetlands Learning Garden.

discover the wonders of nature firsthand.”

The vision gained momentum during The Children’s Center’s 50th Anniversary donor dinner celebration in 2024, where community supporters embraced the concept and provided much of the financial resources needed to bring the project to life.

Construction and installation took place throughout 2025 and included extensive site preparation, the construction of boardwalks and an outdoor classroom, ADA-accessible pathways, educational signs, and the planting of more than 400 native, moisture-loving plants. The completed garden now features marsh habitats designed to support local wildlife including frogs, salamanders, birds, pollinators, and aquatic insects.

The project was made possible through the collaboration of numerous community partners. The Children’s Center extends its gratitude to Miracle Farms for the landscape design and plant installa-

tion, Headwall Construction for constructing the boardwalks and classroom platform, Fernstone Associates for providing environmental expertise and guidance through the state approval process, and volunteers Ben Corson and Joe Madzar who built the benches for the classroom. The Board of Directors also thanks the donors whose generosity made the project possible.

In addition to serving as an outdoor learning environment, the garden reflects The Children’s Center’s commitment to fostering curiosity, environment stewardship, and meaningful educational experiences for children.

The Wetlands Learning Garden will be incorporated into the Center’s curriculum and support how young children develop understanding of their physical world.

“Every day, children experience moments of wonder as they explore the world around them,” Cox said. “Whether it’s watching a butterfly emerge from its cocoon, discovering a frog

near the water’s edge, or learning about native plants, these experiences spark curiosity and create lasting memories. This garden will inspire learning, exploration, and appreciation of nature for generations to come.”

About The Children’s Center

The Children’s Center has been serving the needs of children from six weeks to 12 years old since 1974. Its mission is to enhance the well-being of families in our community by meeting their needs through comprehensive, affordable, high-quality childcare and early education, and to collaborate with other agencies serving the needs of children. By working to provide each child and every family with the resources they need to thrive, The Children’s Center remains a pillar in the community for past, present, and future generations.

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