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## Fab Five

*With just five athletes, Gilford track girls finish as Division III runners-up*

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

PELHAM — With only five athletes competing, the Gilford girls' track team was one of the smaller full teams competing at the Division III State Meet on Sunday in Pelham.

But the Golden Eagles were also one of the best



(Right) The Gilford track girls pose with their hardware after finishing as the Division III runners-up. Left to right, coach Ryan LaFrance, Grace Southworth, Macy Sawyer, Maria Tilley, Pearl Marvel, Emily Aguiar and coach Sara Godek.

teams competing, as they used a total team effort to finish as the Division III runners-up, with Maria Tilley, Macy Sawyer, Emily Aguiar, Grace Southworth and Pearl Marvel combining for 70 points on the day.

"I think that their performance today is just a true testament of the great teamwork and camaraderie and they really push each other in practice and cheer each other on so strong at every meet and every event they do," said coach Sara Godek. "It just builds.

"They put in so much work during practice,

they're superstars, that's all I can say," the Golden Eagle coach continued.

Fellow coach Ryan LaFrance noted that the Golden Eagle girls all bring something to the table with their various experience competing in championship level action in other sports.

"That's something I try to kind of capitalize on because I know that all of them, they have their own sports outside track and field and their very competitive," he said. "To some extent, some of them are looking at track and field as a way to better themselves

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## Gunstock Hillclimb returns June 17 for Laconia Motorcycle Week

GILFORD — Gunstock Mountain Resort is scheduled to host its annual Motorcycle Hillclimb again on Wednesday, June 17.

The Hillclimb is Gunstock's premier event of the summer, and it has been taking place for many years as one of the most popular activities in the area during Laconia Motorcycle Week. Gunstock has, once again, partnered with Ridge Runners Promotions to deliver an impressive display of gravity-defying determination and stunt riding for the occasion. Riders will attempt to ascend the super-steep landing hill of Gunstock's historic, 70-meter Torger Tokle ski jump, and Eastcoastin Enterprises will return to wow the crowd with three motorcycle stunt shows throughout the day. In addition, a Bike Show presented by Deadbeat Customs will place some amazing motorcycles on display for all event attendees to admire. Retail vendors and a variety of food trucks add to the festival atmosphere of the event.

Gunstock's Hillclimb traditionally attracts a multi-generational lineup of competitors — many within the same family. Participants range in age from pre-teen to

70-plus. Thousands of motorcycle enthusiasts visiting the Lakes Region for Laconia Motorcycle Week are expected to attend this annual highlight of the week's activities.

Gates are scheduled to open at 8 a.m. with opening ceremonies at 9 a.m. Admission is \$30, and free for children 10 and under. Hillclimb attendees are welcome to bring their own beverages (maximum cooler size is 14 inches). Beer and RTD beverages will be available for purchase onsite. No backpacks, bikes, large bags, tents, umbrellas, glass bottles, or animals are allowed.

Gunstock's 262-site campground will be open for the season and campsites are available within walking distance of the Hillclimb venue. Gunstock's Adventure Park activities will not be operating on June 17, but the resort will be welcoming guests for Adventure Park activities on Saturdays and Sundays through June 21, then operating Thursday through Sunday through late September.

To learn more about Gunstock's Hillclimb, visit [newengland-hillclimbers.com](http://newengland-hillclimbers.com). For more information about Gunstock Mountain Resort, visit [gunstock.com](http://gunstock.com).

## Kingswood Theater announces fall musical registration, upcoming "Theater Upfronts" event

WOLFEBORO — Registration is officially open for Kingswood Theater's highly anticipated Middle/High School Fall Musical production. Students in grades 7 through 12 residing within the Governor Wentworth Regional School District—including homeschool students—are invited to participate, whether their interests lie on stage in the spotlight or behind the scenes in technical production.

Organizers tease that this upcoming production promises to be the company's grandest and most spectacular musical to date.

Interested students can secure their spot in the production by following a

simple two-step process: First, register online: Complete the online registration form immediately by visiting [kingswoodtheater.org](http://kingswoodtheater.org). Second, attend the Theater Upfronts. Mark your calendars to attend the informational kickoff event this June. The Upfronts will take place in the Kingswood Arts Center on June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, to register, or to contact production staff, please visit [kingswoodtheater.org](http://kingswoodtheater.org) or email [sguessler@sau49nh.gov](mailto:sguessler@sau49nh.gov).

Located at the Kingswood Arts Center in Wolfboro, New Hampshire; Kingswood Theater is a premier performing arts program dedicated to

providing high-quality arts education and spectacular theatrical productions in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District. Students from all different experience levels thrive in this multidisciplinary program. Currently staffed with eleven experienced performing arts and stagecraft educators, Kingswood Theater provides experiences in acting, dancing, singing, lighting, and sound design; as well as costume, prop and set design and construction. The program has repeatedly brought incredible, award-winning productions to the community in one of the top performing arts facilities in the state.

## Scarpa earns pair of top-five finishes at Division III State Meet



Hayden Holmes breaks from the blocks in the 100 meters during the Division III State Meet Sunday in Pelham.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

PELHAM — The Prospect Mountain track boys finished in 20th place at the Division III State Meet on Sunday at Pelham High School.

The best performance for the Timber Wolves came from DJ Scarpa in the long jump at 20 feet, eight inches, which placed him fourth overall. He was also fifth in the 400 meters with a time of 52.17 seconds.

The 4X100-meter relay



Jazmine Witham winds up to throw the discus during the Division III State Meet in Pelham on Sunday.

team of Matthew Whelan, Hayden Holmes finished in seventh place in a time



DJ Scarpa charges down the stretch of the 400 meters during the Division III State Meet on Sunday in Pelham.

of 46.44 seconds while in the 100 meters, Holmes was 13th in 11.84 seconds and Scarpa was 12th in the 200 meters in a time of 24.34 seconds.

Jazmine Witham was the lone Prospect Mountain girl competing on the day and she finished in 10th place in the discus with a throw of 73 feet, four inches and took 13th in the shot put at 27 feet, one inch.

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# Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

**Line Dancing lessons**  
Line dancing lessons with Jane Corbett will be held on Thursdays starting

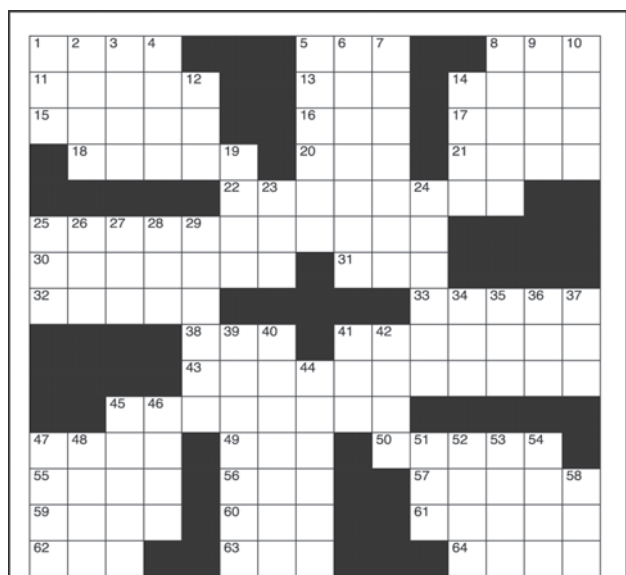
June 4 through mid-October from 1-2 p.m. for beginners, and 2:10-3:10 p.m. for experienced dancers at

the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$15/season. Register on site.

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information contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. A young canine
- 8. Cologne
- 11. Fictional British P.I.
- 13. Midway between northeast and east
- 14. A place to shop
- 15. Minneapolis suburb
- 16. Single lens reflex
- 17. NY Mets great Tommie
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Habitual twitching
- 21. Holm oak
- 22. Willing to consent or submit
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Made possible
- 31. Language in Ghana
- 32. Relating to one's birth
- 33. Deep-bodied fishes
- 38. Defunct European currency
- 41. Small American songbird
- 43. One from L.A.
- 45. After tenth
- 47. Hillside
- 49. Red deer
- 50. Partner to "oohed"
- 55. Indian musical pattern
- 56. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- 57. Golden peas plant
- 59. Breezed through
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Frameworks
- 62. Danish krone
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Influential Korean leader

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Bridge building degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Turkish leader title
- 5. Nag
- 6. Blank
- 7. Closely woven cotton fabric
- 8. A nice shot in golf
- 9. Away from wind
- 10. Evergreen shrub genus
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Something you receive
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Wet dirt
- 24. No longer here
- 25. Writing utensil
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Licensed for Wall Street
- 29. Alternative forms of a gene
- 34. Buddy
- 35. We all do it
- 36. Chicken
- 37. No seats available
- 39. Yearned to possess
- 40. Ineffectual
- 41. Explosive
- 42. Turkish title
- 44. Worn near the foot
- 45. Impatient
- 46. Set an example for others
- 47. Actor Pitt
- 48. Instrument of torture
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. A way to print
- 54. Storied college hoops program
- 58. Midway between south and southeast

**USTA summer tennis lessons — Youth**

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

**Alton Town Wide Yard Sale**

The Alton Town Wide Yard Sale will be held Saturday, June 6, rain or shine from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free Yard Sale maps with over 60 yard sale addresses are available at local banks, at the Parks and Recreation Department kiosk (328 Main St.) and on the Town of Alton Web site.

**Pick Up Pickleball Games**

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

**Guided Meditation**

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays, June 11 and 25 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, 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](mailto: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 up. Sign up at [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot.

**Paint Night on the Land Bandstand With Anne Morrell**

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

## Alton Garden Club learns about 'birdscaping'

ALTON — The May meeting of Alton Garden Club, held at Gilman Library, featured Ruth Droescher, a University of New Hampshire Advanced Master Gardener, who spoke about "Birdscaping: Landscaping for Birds."

As she put it, "If you have plants, you'll have bugs; and if you have bugs, you'll have birds."

This informative presentation covered providing a pesticide-free safe haven for birds, which includes their various food, water and housing requirements. Natural areas with dead trees, layers of leaves, seedheads and wild berries will draw bugs and birds alike. All birds especially like caterpillars for feeding their young, as they contain protein and are easy for the babies to digest. Also mentioned was setting up and cleaning bird baths and which plants our avian guests are most attracted



to. With songbird populations declining across New Hampshire, Ruth's presentation was both timely and of high interest to Garden Club members.

The Horticulture Moment, by Kathy Box, encouraged planting native species and removing

invasives on your property. Kathy is a member of Homegrown National Park, whose goal is a connected network supporting habitat restoration, encouraging pollinators and wildlife, and restoring biodiversity and ecological health in your own yard and in your

community. More information can be found at [HomegrownNationalPark.org](http://HomegrownNationalPark.org).

We welcome those with an interest in gardening and the beautification of the Alton community to attend our meetings. Watch The Baysider for information on upcoming programs.

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## NELG Classic & Antique Boat Show returns June 13

WOLFEBORO — Don't miss the 27th Annual New England Lyman Group Boat Show at the Wolfeboro Town Docks on Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. See a variety of classic Lyman and other Lapstrake wooden boats - many enjoyed on New England lakes for decades. Almost everyone who spent time on a lake remembers a Lyman or other lapstrake boat from their childhood. The construction method was introduced by the Vikings and still used and enjoyed today. Sturdy and beautiful,

these boats are great pleasure boats and workhorses, fostering a deep nostalgic connection that endures today. Many of these boats were built right here in New England.

In addition to beautiful boats, we'll have music, entertainment, a silent auction and raffle. The NH Boat Museum will join us with information about their programs. The Marine Patrol will also join us to answer questions about safe boating. Talk with boat owners and vote for your favorite boat!

The New England Ly-

man Group, also known as NELG, members regularly use and enjoy their boats and many members do their own boat maintenance and restoration. Founded in 1999, NELG's mission and purpose is to promote the use of Lyman boats and other lapstrake boats. NELG actively and generously supports activities that promote youth involvement and interest in wooden boat building, repair, and maintenance.

If you have a lapstrake boat and would like to join us for a cruise on Squam on Thursday or on Winni-

pesaukee on Friday, please contact us for more details.

The NELG is a 503(c) charitable organization and we make regular donations to the NH Boat Museum and Lowell's Boat Shop to benefit wooden boat programs for young people. We've also started supporting the Apprenticeship in Rockland, Maine.

For more information, see our website [NewEnglandLymanGroup.com](http://NewEnglandLymanGroup.com) or check our Facebook page or e-mail Betsy Bryant at [NELGEvents@gmail.com](mailto:NELGEvents@gmail.com).

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# Swingin' benefit concert will fight hunger across generations

**WOLFEBORO** — Neighbors helping neighbors is a Lakes Region tradition, and on Saturday, June 6, that caring tradition continues. The First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro's Faith in Action Committee will present "Hunger Knows All Ages," a benefit concert supporting three local organizations that serve people across the generations: children, families, and older neighbors facing food insecurity.

The concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at the First Congregational Church, UCC (115 South Main St., Wolfeboro). Admission is \$20, with proceeds benefiting End 68 Hours of Hunger, Kingswood Knights Against Hunger, and Wolfeboro Area Meals on Wheels. Tickets are available at the door and at Black's Paper



COURTESY

The Vintage Vocal Quartet will provide an evening of sassy, sweet, swing music for "Hunger Knows All Ages," a benefit concert on June 6 at 7 p.m. supporting three local organizations that help neighbors facing food insecurity.

Store & Gift Shop (8 South Main St., Wolfeboro).

The title of the concert, "Hunger Knows All Ages," reflects the wide reach of food insecurity in our com-

munity. Hunger can affect a child who needs reliable meals outside of school, a working family stretched thin by rising costs, or an older adult living on a fixed

income. The three beneficiaries were chosen because together they help meet those needs at different stages of life.

But the evening is not only about an important cause—it is also about outstanding music.

Audiences can expect a joyful, unforgettable concert with the Vintage Vocal Quartet, a four-piece harmony machine bringing the sweet, jazzy sound of the Swing Era to life. Singing

while playing piano, guitar, bass, and trombone/drums, the group channels the irresistible style of Glenn Miller's Modernaires, the Nat King Cole Trio, the Andrews Sisters, Tommy Dorsey's Pied Pipers, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, and Ella Fitzgerald.

Delighting concert audiences and lindy hoppers since 2012, the Vintage Vocal Quartet proves that sassy and sophisticated vintage music still hits the spot today.

"This concert is a chance to enjoy a wonderful evening of music while doing something deeply meaningful for our neighbors," said Bruce McCracken, one of the concert's organizers. "Food insecurity is not always visible, but it is very real. By coming together, we can help make sure people in our community have the nourishment they need."

The Faith in Action Committee hopes the concert will draw attendees from Wolfeboro and surrounding towns that also benefit from the services of End 68 Hours of Hunger, Kingswood Knights Against Hunger, and Wolfe-

boro Area Meals on Wheels. This includes Brookfield, Effingham, Ossipee, New Durham, Tuftonboro, and Middleton and beyond. All are welcome.

"Bring a friend, bring the family, and come ready to enjoy a beautiful evening of music for a cause that touches every generation," McCracken said, adding that the 7 p.m. start time means music lovers can make a night of it.

Enjoy dinner before the show at one of downtown Wolfeboro's eateries and walk over to the church!

## Kingswood celebrates multi-year success in Trig-Star contest

**WOLFEBORO** — Earlier this school year, Kingswood Regional High School participated in the annual Trig-Star contest, which is sponsored by the Society of Professional Land Surveyors and is a timed math contest. The points scored with the time completed for the school winner get sent in to compete with other students across the state.

Now that all the school competitions have been held, we have been notified that our 2026 school winner, Audrey Wood, is the New Hampshire state runner up! She has the same

point score as the overall winner from Portsmouth, but the other student completed the test with a quicker time by a few minutes.

In 2025, our school winner, Oliver Noel, was also the state overall winner and competed

in the national contest, where they placed 20th. In 2023 our school winner, Lauren McPhee, was also the state runner up.

Kingswood is proud of our multi-year success in this mathematical contest.

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# Opinion

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## More than a motorcycle event

Every June, the Lakes Region welcomes thousands of visitors who arrive for one of New Hampshire's most recognizable traditions: Laconia Motorcycle Week. For many communities, the annual influx of visitors means busy roads, packed restaurants, full campgrounds, and a significant boost to the local economy. In Gilford, one event has become a centerpiece of that tradition, drawing spectators year after year for a unique display of skill, determination, and family competition.

Gunstock Mountain Resort's annual Motorcycle Hillclimb is much more than a motorsports event. It has become part of the identity of Motorcycle Week itself.

There is something undeniably captivating about watching riders attempt to conquer the steep face of Gunstock's historic ski jump. The challenge appears simple enough: get to the top. Yet anyone who has watched these competitors understands the combination of talent, courage, machine preparation, and persistence required to make the climb. Success is never guaranteed, and sometimes the most memorable moments come from riders who dust themselves off and try again.

Perhaps even more impressive is the event's multi-generational character. In an era when many recreational activities struggle to attract younger participants, the Hillclimb continues to bring together competitors ranging from children to riders well into their seventies. Families return year after year, often with multiple generations participating or cheering from the sidelines. That continuity helps transform the event from a sporting competition into a community tradition.

The Hillclimb also highlights an important aspect of the Lakes Region economy. Tourism remains one of the area's most important industries, and events like this help sustain local businesses during the busy summer season. Visitors fill hotels and campgrounds, dine in local restaurants, shop in area stores, and explore nearby attractions. The economic benefits extend well beyond the boundaries of the resort itself.

At the same time, the event showcases Gunstock's unique role in the region. While many people think of the mountain primarily as a winter destination, the Hillclimb serves as a reminder that Gunstock has evolved into a year-round recreation hub. The resort continues to attract visitors in every season, helping strengthen Gilford's reputation as an outdoor recreation destination.

The festival atmosphere surrounding the event also contributes to its appeal. Motorcycle displays, stunt shows, vendors, food trucks, and camping opportunities create an experience that welcomes enthusiasts and casual spectators alike. Someone doesn't need to know the difference between a dirt bike and a street bike to appreciate the excitement and energy of the day.

Events endure because they create memories. Families attend together. Friends gather annually. Children watch competitors and imagine themselves making the climb one day. Visitors return year after year because they know they will find something familiar and something new.

As another Motorcycle Hillclimb approaches, it is worth recognizing the value of traditions that continue to bring people together. They strengthen local identity, support local businesses, and remind us that some of the best community events are those that successfully blend competition, entertainment, and shared experience.

For thousands of visitors and residents alike, the annual climb up Gunstock's legendary hill remains one of the surest signs that summer has arrived in the Lakes Region.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Alton Dance Academy is pleased to present our National Honor Society of Dance Arts recipients. These four amazing young women have put in the time, commitment and effort it takes to gain admittance. Admission is made up of grades, hours of dance and external dance commitments that are converted to points. Alton Dance is proud of them and wishes these fantastic young women nothing but a bright future ahead. Pictured are Ava Pelletier, Zoe-Jane Ransom, Genevieve Charity and Kytalin Dowling.

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN

### Regularity

This morning, I was pretty tired. Oh, yes, I did wake up before my alarm went off. I opened my eyes and looked across the room to find that I had five minutes left. So I closed them again. Before long, the music came on, so I knew that I had better get up now. I'm due to be at the school in less than two and a half hours. Another Monday. Time to get back into the routine.

It was a pretty good weekend. A lot was accomplished. My son's came by and helped stack all the firewood into the shed for next year. Then yesterday I cleaned up all the mess that was left over. There's still a couple of connected activities remaining on my list. I will get to them in due time, the major requirement was attended to on Saturday.

When I don't go to school, my mornings are more casual. After breakfast I often find myself taking a little nap before heading off to work. I felt like I needed one today. I looked at my watch and saw only ten free minutes. I set a timer and hopped in bed.

Lying there, I listened to

my various systems slipping into slumber mode. Felt my various muscles groan and relax. My digestive system lumbering along. Quickly I passed into the OH zone, and all too quickly the timer went off. I felt better after, so I'm sure that it did some good.

I had stretched my time extremely thin. As I walked into the lobby, a secretary met me with all my instructions and attendance sheets so I wouldn't have to waste any time going into the office. I'm glad I did it. This little compressed bit of time will pass like ripples in a pool.

The grass is starting to get long in spots. My lawn mowing customer called to say that it's time for me to start mowing. My yard is telling me the same. I've been practicing No Mow May. So far I've also avoided thinking seriously about gardening, but even if I don't garden this year, the worm bin will still need cleaning out. Life is so regulated by being regular.

Everything always seems to slip into regularity. All my life I would be regular after eating breakfast and

having some coffee. Since this winter's totally irregular events, I seem to have settled into a more distributed pattern. First while doing my morning exercises, then again after breakfast, then usually again later in the day. To be honest, I prefer getting it over with only one sitting, but I'm no longer going to push this issue.

I'm still eating from last year's broccoli, potato, onion and squash harvest. And there are a couple of jars of pickled stuff left too. It all makes me want to continue with the farming thing. Most plants I can start from seeds, plus I have a box of seed potatoes just waiting to be planted. But if I do that, the house maintenance issue will once again be shuffled aside and end up not being done for another year. I know that eating home-grown organic produce is a wonderful thing, but unmaintained homes continue to deteriorate and eventually become a nightmare to repair.

I looked out the window and noticed a fire truck sitting out front. I suspected an impending fire drill. The

obnoxiously loud buzzers quickly went off, and I looked by the door where the emergency backpack is usually stored. It wasn't. A student said that she thinks it's in the back of the room. It was. I grabbed it, turned off the lights and closed the door and proceeded out to the parking lot where all the kids automatically congregated in their classes.

All the kids were there, but the green card wasn't. I borrowed a green card from a teacher who didn't have a class that period. All was well. It was nice to be outside in the warm sunshine for a few minutes. One of my students wanted to hop on his bike and ride around the parking lot. I suggested that this would be a frowned upon activity. He concurred.

Soon, we were heading back into the world of cement walls and fire doors. Desks and tables and chairs. Where we all come to hang out regularly. A place where I hope some learning takes place today.

E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

## Letters to the Editor

### Alton on "thin ice"

To the Editor:

I am urging Alton residents to vote in the special election on Saturday, June 6, on the amended town operating budget. The original budget was defeated by 47 votes (504 yes, 551 no) at the regular town election on March 3. For the past two years, Alton has operated under a default budget, which keeps spending at the prior year's level except for certain contractual obligations. That has made it difficult to retain staff and maintain critical services. Town employees have gone without a pay increase for two years, and a third year would likely lead to the loss of more valuable, hard-to-replace employees.

Alton town staff currently have 13 unfilled positions. This includes 3 police officers, two firefighter/EMTs, 2 Public Works staff, two Landfill staff and single positions in several other departments. This makes it impossible to provide the levels of service residents expect and deserve. Of particular concern is the risk to our fire/ambulance coverage. Last year Alton voters approved a warrant article to add enough fire-

fighters/EMTs to always ensure full 24-hour coverage. Previously this could only be maintained by requiring first responders to work significant amounts of overtime, an unsustainable situation. Our coverage provisions will quickly deteriorate if this amended budget does not pass, and there may well be times when ambulance coverage will not be available.

The original proposed town operating budget had an increase of \$976,071, approximately 11 percent. The revised operating budget has an increase of \$426,503 or 4.1 percent. The actual cost equates to a tax increase of 19 cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value, or \$95 per year on a \$500,000 residence.

Election day is Saturday June 6th. Our polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Prospect Mountain High School. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall. Please come out and vote.

Richard "Dick" Shea  
Alton

### What the Pledge means

To the Editor:

As a way to recognize Memorial Day, Flag Day [June 14] and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, here is a 'reminder' for all Americans from the official Red Skelton Web site on what "The Pledge of Allegiance" means. He wrote and recited this in 1959 at the end of his TV program:

"I... me; an individual, a committee of one PLEDGE... dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-pity ALLEGIANCE...my love and devotion TO THE FLAG...our standard; "Old Glory" and a symbol of courage, respected because her loyalty has given her a dignity that "Freedom is everybody's job" OF THE UNITED... all of us together STATES... individual communities united into 50 great states with pride, dignity and purpose; divided by imaginary boundaries but united in a common

cause that's love of country OF AMERICA.

"AND TO THE REPUBLIC... a sovereign state in which power is invested into representatives chosen by the people to govern; and the government is the people and from the people to the leaders, not the other way around FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION... so blessed by God UNDER GOD... from Whom all rights and liberties come INDIVISIBLE... incapable of being divided WITH LIBERTY... freedom; the right of power for one to live his/her own life without fear, threat, or retaliation AND JUSTICE... the principles and qualities of dealing fairly with others FOR ALL... everyone taken together."

Sincerely,

Sharon Norby  
Alton

### We deserve better representation

To the Editor:

I'm disappointed that Alton Rep. Paul Terry voted against the censure of Weare Rep. Travis Corcoran, who was censured by the majority for his Nazi allusions on X towards a Jewish Representative, saying "We need a final

solution for theater kids in politics." Rep. Peter Varney, again, did not vote and was not excused.

Belknap County deserves better representation in Concord.  
Stephen Copithorne  
Alton

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# Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

## June 4 - June 11

### Thursday, June 4

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

### Friday, June 5

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Rooted and Rising, 10-11 a.m.  
Bridge, 10 a.m.-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 Conversation-  
al German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

### Saturday, June 6

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

### Monday, June 8

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, June 9

 **Spring Nest** lawn • garden • home • family 

## A spring lawn revitalization strategy

New growth is a hallmark of spring, whether it plays out in the birth of birds and bunnies or with the returned buds on trees and plant stalks. While most greenery rebounds naturally, lawns may need a little extra TLC in order to return to their once lush, green glory.

Revitalizing a lawn in spring is a multifaceted process but can be well worth the reward when green grass adds to a beautiful landscape and functional yard. Here is how to get started when the weather warms, courtesy of The Farmer's Almanac and The Home Depot.

- Clean up debris. Spend a few hours raking up leaves from the lawn and removing any other winter debris like twigs so that air can reach the grass below. Also remove any thatch that has developed.

- Test the soil. Take a sample of the soil to determine its pH level and nutrient needs. Then you can make adjustments to set a strong foundation for the lawn to grow.

- Do some weeding. Pull out any weeds that have poked through early on and apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent additional weeds from taking over.

- Start the aeration process. A core aerator punches holes into the soil. This enables air and water to penetrate through to the roots.

- Overseed the lawn. Apply grass seeds over the lawn, paying special attention to any bare or thin areas so that the seed will fill in the lawn.

- Water consistently. It is important to water the lawn deeply and consistently, especially when the weather is dry, to help promote strong root development.

- Time fertilizer correctly. Apply a spring fertilizer around three weeks after the lawn starts to turn green or after the first two or three mowings. If fertilizer is applied too early it can feed weeds instead of the grass and result in fertilizer runoff.

- Mow to an appropriate height. Begin to mow when

Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Homeschool Group, noon to 1:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

The House as Witness, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

"The House as Witness" is a lyric poetry chapbook by Veronica Tucker that explores the emotional architecture of home, family, and memory. Through intimate, image-driven poems, the collection traces the rhythms of motherhood, care giving, illness, and loss, framing the house as a quiet observer of a family's evolving story. Grounded in the textures of everyday life, these poems invite readers to reflect on how ordinary spaces become vessels for love, change, and inheritance over time.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase

### Wednesday, June 10

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

Summer Camp Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m.

Join the summer camp crew for some stories with Miss Linda!

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Navigating the Mental Health System in New Hampshire, 4-5 p.m.

Come learn more about the different levels of mental health care available in New Hampshire. Discover what symptoms qualify for each level as well as tips for accessing care. This class will help participants become informed about how the mental health system in New Hampshire is set up and how to navigate through both the benefits and barriers.

Reiki Circle, 4-5 p.m.

You are warmly invited to a Reiki Circle for practitioners attuned to Reiki levels 2 and Masters. Join us for a practitioner level gathering. Takes place in the Storytime Room.

### Thursday, June 11

Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.

Letting Go Plates, 3-4 p.m.

Got stresses from the school year you want to leave behind? Try making a letting go plate and jump

into the summer with good vibes!

Painting and Poetry, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

French, 4-5 p.m.

The Big Watch Film & Discussion, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Come celebrate America's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

followed by moderating and inspiring thoughtful, civil, and intergenerational conversations about "The American Revolution!"

## Thinking About Improving or Developing Your Property in the Lakes Region?

BY DONALD CHAPMAN

President & Co-Founder, Strong Tree Engineering  
For many property owners in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, land is more than just real estate — it's legacy.

Whether it's a family lot that's been passed down for generations, a seasonal camp being converted into a year-round home, or raw land purchased with future plans in mind, many owners eventually reach a point where they start asking important questions:

- Can I subdivide my property?
- Can I build another home or accessory building on the lot?
- What permits are required?
- What happens if wetlands are involved?
- Can I improve my driveway or private road?
- Will I need stormwater management or septic approvals?

These are exactly the kinds of questions we help property owners answer every day at Strong Tree Engineering.

Across the Lakes Region, we continue to see strong interest in land development, home additions, subdivision planning, septic upgrades, and property improvements. But many projects become more complicated than expected once local zoning, environmental regulations, topography, drainage, wetlands, and permitting requirements enter the picture.

That's why early planning matters.

One of the most common mistakes property owners make is investing significant time or money into a project before fully understanding site constraints or permitting requirements. In many cases, a simple consultation with an experienced surveyor, engineer, or environmental professional early in the process can save substantial time, expense, and frustration later.

At Strong Tree Engineering, our Lakes Region office in Ossipee helps homeowners, developers, contractors, and landowners navigate projects such as:

- Boundary and topographic land surveys
- Lot subdivisions and boundary adjustment plans
- Septic system design and upgrades
- Wetland delineations and environmental permitting

- Driveway and roadway design
- Stormwater management systems
- Site planning for new homes and additions
- Commercial and residential development projects
- Local, state, and shoreline permitting support

The Lakes Region presents unique engineering and environmental challenges compared to many other parts of New England. Steep terrain, high groundwater, shoreline protection rules, wetlands, aging infrastructure, and rural access conditions all require thoughtful planning and experienced local guidance.

At the same time, there are tremendous opportunities for responsible growth and property improvement throughout the region. Our philosophy at Strong Tree Engineering is simple: help clients move projects forward efficiently while protecting the natural resources that make New Hampshire such a special place to live and invest.

Whether someone is planning a small residential improvement or a larger development project, we believe good engineering starts with listening, practical problem-solving, and clear communication.

Sometimes a project is more feasible than a property owner initially thought. Other times, there are legitimate site limitations that need to be understood before moving forward. Either way, having the right team involved early can make all the difference.

As a company, we are proud to have established our Lakes Region office in Ossipee because we believe local knowledge and local relationships matter. We're invested in helping property owners improve and maximize their land responsibly — while preserving the character and environmental quality of the communities we all value.

If you are considering a property improvement, subdivision, new home, driveway, roadway, septic upgrade, or development project in the Lakes Region, Strong Tree Engineering is here to help.

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# Pittsfield Players take you behind the scenes of "Jaws"

PITTSFIELD — The Scenic Theatre, owned and operated by The Pittsfield Players, has been home to The Pittsfield Players since 1991 and has been performing since 1968. Each year, we strive to give you something you've never seen before. We're hoping to hit the mark with our one-act production of "The Shark is Broken" by Ian Shaw and Joseph Nixon.

While Bruce the shark of "Jaws" movie fame was on the mend, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss and Roy Scheider spent a lot of downtime on a boat just off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. Some days it was cold and miserable with rough water and queasy stomachs, other days it was sunshine but never rainbows as the actors merely waited and waited for the shark to be ready.

It was relatively unheard of to film on the ocean rather than a tank at Universal, but Stephen Spielberg was a relatively new director and wanted to make a mark.

Robert Shaw, author Ian Shaw's father, was also a writer and took copious notes on their days at sea, resulting in this brilliant one-act, *The Shark Is Broken*. The play explores themes of alcoholism, suicide, and waning sense of self while keeping the audience on their toes with political commentary, nostalgic ruminations and amazing wit and humor brought to life by three actors playing three actors playing three men who also knew relatively nothing about what they were doing on the Orca.

The Pittsfield Players



bring to you "The Shark is Broken" on June 19, 20, 26, & 27 at 7:30 p.m. and June 21, Father's Day, at 2 p.m.

The three R's (Robert, Richard and Roy), played by the very talented Jim Roberts, Jeff Long and Kiefer Archambault, are ramping up to give you a very funny, physical and fantastic outing when you come to the theatre in June. Alongside the main characters are the off-stage voices portrayed by Grey Dunlap and Sy Dixon. Grey is also working on the iconic yellow barrels you see in *Jaws* and stage managing as well.

"The Shark is Broken" is an entirely new show that gives you a behind-the-scenes look at the conversations, attitudes, and activities of Shaw, Scheider and Dreyfuss while they waited on the cold ocean off the coast of Martha's Vineyard while the filmmakers and scriptwriters of *Jaws* were dealing with weather and a broken shark named Bruce.

While our community theatre actors may not exactly resemble the actors they portray, the story is nonetheless brought to invigorant life by their

portrayals. Come see it for the wit, comedy, drama but be prepared for adult language and themes.

"The Shark is Broken" is being directed by Meggin Dail with first time assistant director and hus-

band, Joel Dail. Producer Sarah Manter, and costumer Valerie Eaton round out the crew with lights and sound by Sam Taber, Peter Dowd and Ethan Fuller.

Our incredible show is also being advertised by

the incredible workmanship of Ykaro Dail-Rocha, the artist behind our poster.

Consider giving Dad a gift certificate to The Pittsfield Players to come see "The Shark is Broken" on the Father's Day matinee.

If the excitement that's building now for this production continues, then to borrow a turn of phrase from Scheider's character Chief Brody, we're gonna need a bigger theatre!

Get tickets now for "The Shark is Broken" June 19 & 20 at 7:30 p.m., June 21 (Father's Day) at 2 p.m. and June 26 & 27 at 7:30 p.m.

A great big thank you to our sponsor, The Iron Dragon of Pittsfield for covering the cost of scripts and royalties for "The Shark."

Another huge thank you

to Goosebay Lumber of Chichester for donations of lumber to build the boat!

With rehearsals in full swing and the excitement for this unique production experience underway, we can't say how incredibly gratifying it is to see the support come from our community who love to see The Pittsfield Players succeed.

"The Shark is Broken" by Ian Shaw and Joseph Nixon is produced with special arrangement by Broadway Global Licensing and will be at The Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St., Pittsfield. Go to [www.pittsfieldplayers.org](http://www.pittsfieldplayers.org) or call (603) 435-8852 for tickets and information

If you'd like to become a sponsor for an upcoming production, don't hesitate to reach out!



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Emily Aguiar, Pearl Marvel, Macy Sawyer and Grace Southworth won championships in the 4X100-meter relay and the 4X400-meter relay in Pelham on Sunday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Emily Aguiar clears a hurdle during the Division III State Meet in Pelham on Sunday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gunnar Marvel winds up to throw the discus during action in Sunday's Division III State Meet.

## GILF STATES

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in their other sports, but I can try to capitalize on that competitive spirit."

Like they did a week

earlier in the Wilderness Championships, the relay team of Marvel, Aguiar, Southworth and Sawyer won a pair of events. They won the 4X400-meter relay in a tie of 4:09.9 and won



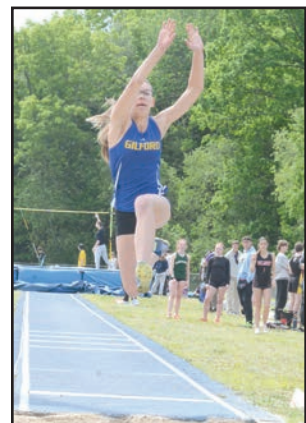
JOSHUA SPAULDING

Macy Sawyer rounds a corner in the 200 meters during action on Sunday at the Division II State Meet.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Maria Tilley ran to a pair of top-five finishes at the Division III State Meet on Sunday in Pelham.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

(Left) Pearl Marvel jumped to the Division III championship in the long jump on Sunday in Pelham.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

(Below) Landon Akerstrom clears a hurdle during the Division III State Meet Sunday in Pelham.

the 4X100-meter relay in a time of 51.34 seconds.

Marvel jumped her way to the championship in the long jump at 17 feet, 4.5 inches while in the 1,600 meters, Tilley ran to fifth place in a time of 5:17.17. Tilley also ran to third overall in the 3,200 meters with a time of 11:48.51.

Sawyer won the 200 meters in a time of 25.86 seconds and Marvel finished in third place overall in 27.2 seconds. Sawyer was also second in the preliminaries for the 100 meters in 12.78 seconds and finished second in the finals as well in a time of 12.63 seconds.

Aguiar finished in second place in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 48.12 seconds and in the 100-meter hurdles she finished in ninth place in

17.62 seconds.

For the Gilford boys, Landon Akerstrom was seventh in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 44.41 seconds, John Lavalley was ninth in the shot put at 41 feet, 10.25 inches and in the discus, Gunnar Marvel was ninth at 117 feet, seven inches. William Reinhardt finished in ninth place in the 1,600 meters with a time of 4:49.86.

With their championships, the relay teams, Marvel in the long jump and Sawyer in the 200 meters all automatically qualify for the Meet of Champions, which takes place on Saturday, June 6, at Oyster River High School.

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## Alton Community Services needs your help in the summer too

ALTON — Alton is weeks away from welcoming summer and the return of "snowbirds" to the area. Summer activities will be in full swing, and that is sure to include cookouts with all the fixings.

Alton Community Services reminds everyone that the need for assistance with food donations is not just something to consider for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Their clients need help all year long and your food donation of non-expired canned goods or financial donation assure ACS can continue to provide 5,800-

6,000 meals a month. There is a collection box for food located in the building that houses Bun 'N Bowl and financial donations can be made using the QR code found at their Web site ([altoncommunityservices.org](http://altoncommunityservices.org)). ACS is always grateful for the generosity of the citizens of Alton and Alton Bay.

ACS will be participating with local businesses in the coming months, offering the Alton Community and summer visitors the opportunity to provide additional financial support. Details will be forthcoming next month.

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**SPORTS**

# Golden Eagles sweep Saints to earn semifinal berth



COURTESY

The Gilford tennis girls honored the team's seniors at the quarterfinal playoff match last week. Seniors (holding flowers) for the Golden Eagles are Ally Onos, Isabelle Walton and Jade Nicolas.

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**GILFORD** — The Gilford girls' tennis team took care of business in a rematch of last year's Division III championship in this year's quarterfinal round on Thursday, May 28.

The Golden Eagles, after earning a third seed and a first-round tournament bye, welcomed St. Thomas to town for the afternoon tilt and cruised to a 9-0 win over the Saints to earn a return trip to the Division III Final Four.

Jade Nicolas made quick work of her opponent in the second spot in the lineup, winning by an 8-0 score as the first match off the court. Isabelle Walton wasn't far behind, getting an 8-0 win in the fourth spot.

Grace Powers snared an 8-4 win at number three singles and in the best match of the day, Ally Onos powered her way to an 8-6 win in the top spot in the lineup to give the Golden Eagles the 4-0 lead.

Emmaline Leandro came through with the clincher for the Gilford girls, getting an 8-2 win over her opponent in the fifth spot and Elise Graton finished off the sin-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Grace Powers returns a shot during action against St. Thomas in the Division III quarterfinals.

gles with an 8-4 win in the sixth spot.

In doubles play, Onos and Nicolas picked up an 8-0 win at number one, Powers and Walton got an 8-5 win in the second spot and Lexi Kulcsar and Kaelyn Madon won by an 8-1 score in the third spot to close out the 9-0 win for the Gilford girls.

The win propelled the Golden Eagles back to the Division III semifinals, where they were set to take on Kearsarge after deadline on Monday afternoon in Sutton. The Division III finals were set for Wednesday in Concord.

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## Gilford boys upset Giants, earn Final Four berth Golden Eagle tennis boys finish regular season at 8-6

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**GILFORD** — In addition to sweeping a doubleheader from White Mountains (results in last week's edition), the Gilford tennis boys also earned a split in their other two games of the final week of the regular season.

On Monday, May 18, the Golden Eagles defeated Monadnock by a 9-0 score. Dalton Houle, Dom Soucy, Dustin Gerry, Jacob Baldi, Easton St. Cyr and Cohen Krupnik all won their singles matches and Houle and Soucy, Gerry and Baldi and St. Cyr and Joel Wernig won their respective doubles matches as well.

The regular season wrapped up with a home game against St. Thomas, with the Golden Eagles falling by a 5-4 score to the top-ranked Saints.

Baldi won his singles match 8-2, St. Cyr won his singles match 8-0 and Wernig won his singles match 8-5 to keep the two teams tied at three after singles. St. Cyr and Wernig got Gilford's only win in doubles by an 8-3 score.

Gilford finished the regular season with an 8-6 record and earned the fifth seed in the Division III tournament,

which sent them on the road to take on Bishop Brady on Friday, May 29, in the quarterfinal round of the Division III playoffs.

In that game, the Golden Eagles were able to pick up a 6-3 win over Giants to earn a trip to the Final Four.

Dustin Gerry at number three got an 8-4 win, Jacob Baldi in the fourth spot got an 8-5 win, Easton St. Cyr at number five won by an 8-2 score and Joel Wernig in the sixth spot won 8-4 to give the Golden Eagles the 4-2 lead after singles.

The number two doubles team of Gerry and Baldi went to a tiebreaker and won 9-8 (7-4 in the tiebreaker) and St. Cyr and Wernig got the 8-2 win in the third doubles spot.

The Golden Eagles moved on to face top-seeded St. Thomas after deadline on Tuesday. The finals are set to take place Thursday, June 4, at Memorial Field in Concord.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Jade Nicolas returns a shot during action in the Division III quarterfinals last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ally Onos is the picture of concentration as she prepares to fire the ball back over the net in playoff action last Thursday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Isabelle Walton connects with the ball during tournament action against St. Thomas last week.

## Watson nets 200th goal as Gilford gets holiday win



JOSHUA SPAULDING

The Gilford lacrosse girls help Abby Watson celebrate her 200th career goal after the team's win over Lebanon last Monday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Abby Watson races the ball up the field during her team's win over Lebanon last Monday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Mckenna Howard moves the ball around a Lebanon defender during action on Memorial Day.

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**GILFORD** — It was a battle for much of the game, but the Gilford lacrosse girls picked up a win to open the final week of the regular season, pushing past Lebanon by a 16-10 final score on Memorial Day, May 25.

It didn't take long for the Golden Eagles to get on the board as Rowan Worthen scored just 47 seconds into the game for the 1-0 lead. Abby Watson had a free position shot denied and Zevy Donovan had a chance in the zone as well.

Gilford upped the lead to 2-0 with 9:29 to go in the first as Donovan scored on a free position shot, however the visitors got their first goal with 8:07 to play in the first quarter. Watson scored her first goal of the game with 7:46 to go to push the lead to 3-1 but again the Raiders answered, pulling within one with less than 30 seconds later.

Goalie Madi Breton made a save on a Lebanon chance but the visitors were able to pull even with 5:32 to go in the first quarter. Watson had a chance denied and Riley Coutts had a free position shot stopped by the Lebanon goalie.

Gilford went back in front with 1:52 to go in the first quarter when Watson bounced home the fourth goal for Gilford. Watson had another chance stopped and Worthen had a free position shot denied. Ava Wilson had a nice defensive stop and the game went to the second quarter with Gilford up 4-3.

Breton denied a Lebanon chance early and the Raiders sent another shot wide but they were able to tie the game less than two minutes into the second quarter. After Watson sent a shot wide at the other end, Lebanon took their first lead of the game with 8:45 to go in the first half. They also sent another shot off the post.

Watson pulled Gilford even at five with 7:47 to play in the first half and then Donovan scored on a free

position shot with 6:20 to go for the 6-5 lead. Watson upped that lead to 7-5 with 4:51 to play and Donovan made it 8-5 with 3:40 to go.

Watson had another shot denied and Emilia Burlock had a free position shot denied by the Raider goalie. Donovan scored with 2:31 to go in the first half for the 9-5 lead and then Celia Plourde came up with a great steal in the zone and buried the shot with 24 seconds to go for the 10-5 lead.

Donovan then added another goal with three seconds to play and the Golden Eagles took the 11-5 lead to the halftime break.

Breton saved a free position shot early in the third quarter and Aubrey Vliet and Coutts combined on a chance that went wide of the net. Donovan scored with 7:46 to go in the third for the 12-5 lead and after the Raiders sent a shot wide of the net, Mckenna Howard made a great interception in the defensive zone, raced the ball up the field and got it to Josie Arrighi, who buried the ball for the 13-5 lead.

The Raiders came back

with some good pressure, with Catherine Fay, Howard, Wilson and Coutts all turning in good defensive play and Breton stopping the shots that got through the defense. Lebanon did get their sixth goal with 3:15 to go in the third and followed that up with a shot over the top of the net and another that Breton stopped. Burlock had a bid denied for the Golden Eagles.

With 36 seconds to go, Watson scored to make it 14-6 and she added another goal with seven seconds left on a free position shot and Gilford took the 15-6 lead to the final 12 minutes.

Lebanon scored the first three goals of the fourth quarter, netting the first one with 10:54 to go and the second one less than a minute later. They added their ninth goal with 8:44 to go to make it 15-9 before Howard had a good defensive stop for the Golden Eagles. Watson sent a free position shot wide of the net. Breton stopped two more Lebanon chances and the Raiders also sent the ball wide of the net a couple of times.

Watson got a free position shot with 3:36 to go in the game and buried it to record her 200th career goal and give Gilford the 16-9 lead. The Raiders added a goal in the final minute for the final score of 16-10.

The girls' lacrosse tournament began after deadline Tuesday and continues today, June 4, at the home of the higher seed. The semifinals are Saturday, June 6, at Laconia High School and the finals are set for Tuesday, June 9, at Bedford High School at 6 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Timber Wolves close out season with three solid wins

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team easily won a rematch of last year's Division III title game, defeating St. Thomas 18-6 in six innings on Friday, May 22, wrapping up the penultimate week of the regular season.

Prospect scored two runs in the top of the third only to see the Saints score five times in the bottom of the inning. The Timber Wolves cut the lead to

5-4 win two in the fourth and the Saints added another in the bottom of the fourth. Prospect then blew the game open with eight in the fifth and six more in the sixth for the 18-6 final score.

The Timber Wolves clubbed six homers on the day, with Kora MacKenzie and Paityn Glidden each hitting two and Kylee Guptill and Kourtney Kaplan each hitting one. MacKenzie also added two singles, drove in five runs and

scored four times and Glidden drove in three runs and scored three times. Guptill added a single, drove in three runs and scored a run, Kaplan drove in three runs and scored two runs, Sophia Bowman had three hits and drove in a run, Taylor Greenwood had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Leila Hills Grove had three hits and scored two runs, Paige Harding had a hit and scored a run and Ashlynn Roberts had a hit and scored a run.

Bowman went all six innings in the circle for the Timber Wolves, giving up just four earned runs on five hits while striking out four.

The Timber Wolves continued their late season run with an 11-3 win over Raymond on Thursday, May 28.

The Rams scored a run in the top of the first inning and the Timber Wolves answered with two in the bottom of the inning. Prospect plated two more in the bottom of the third before the Rams closed the gap with two in the top of the fourth. The Timber Wolves closed things out with five in the bottom of the fifth and two in the bottom of the sixth inning for the 11-3 win.

The big bats continued with the Timber Wolves blasting three homers on the day. MacKenzie, Glidden and Greenwood each went yard with MacKenzie adding a single, three runs driven in and two runs scored. Glidden also had a hit, drove in two runs and scored three runs, Greenwood drove in three runs and scored a run, Bowman had a hit and drove in two runs and Harding had a hit

and scored a run. Bowman pitched all seven innings, giving up just six hits and striking out four.

Prospect finished up the regular season with a 25-13 win over Somersworth on Friday, May 29. The Timber Wolves scored four times in the first and twice in the second before plating 11 in the bottom of the third. They added two in the fourth before the 'Toppers scored 13 times in the top of the sixth. Prospect finished things out with six in the bottom of the inning.

MacKenzie had four hits, drove in two runs and scored three times, Harding had two doubles and two singles, drove in three runs and scored five times, Glidden had a triple and three singles, drove in three runs and scored three runs, Guptill had a homer and a

single, drove in four runs and scored a run, Bowman had a homer, drove in a run and scored twice, Greenwood had a hit and scored two runs, Hills Grove had a hit and scored two runs, Roberts had two hits, drove in three runs and scored two runs and Kaplan had three hits, drove in two runs and scored three runs.

The Division III tournament started after deadline Wednesday, June 3, and continues on Saturday, June 6, at the home of the higher seed. The Division III semifinals are at D and M Park in Holderness, near the campus of Plymouth State University, on Wednesday, June 10.

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## Softball Golden Eagles win two in final week

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford softball team made the long trek to Langdon to kick off the final week of the regular season and returned home with a 7-1 win over Fall Mountain on Tuesday, May 26.

Gilford scored a run in the top of the first inning and added three more in the third inning. Both teams scored a run in the sixth and the Golden Eagles put the game away with two in the top of the seventh inning.

Madi Metz led the offense with a double and two singles, drove in a run and scored two runs, Mia Macaione had two hits and scored a run, Taryn Limanni had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Taylor Marsh had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Kate Taylor had a hit and scored a run and Lucy Akerstrom had a hit and scored a run.

Belle Dow went the distance in the circle

for the Golden Eagles, giving up just two hits and one earned run and struck out 13.

Gilford was able to push across three runs against Raymond to close out the regular season and picked up a 3-1 win over the Rams on Friday, May 29.

Addison Hodsdon had a triple and scored a run, Taylor had a triple and a single, drove in a run and scored a run and Leah Scudder had two hits and drove in a run.

Dow went all seven innings again, giving up just one earned run while striking out 11.

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## Golden Eagles beat Cougars, Lakers, fall to Rams

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford baseball team closed out the penultimate week of the regular season with a 10-3 win over Campbell on Friday, May 22.

The Cougars scored first, plating a run in the first before Gilford exploded for seven in the fourth and added three in the fifth. The visitors finished the scoring with two in the top of the sixth inning for the 10-3 final score.

Ryan Folan had two doubles and a single, drove in three runs and scored two runs, Drew

Smith had two doubles, drove in three runs and scored a run, Sam Kelley had three hits, drove in a run and scored a run and Cohen Elliott had a hit and scored a run.

Folan went six innings on the mound for the win, giving up just four hits and two earned runs while striking out nine and Cole Labonte finished up the final inning, striking out one.

Gilford picked up a 5-1 win over Inter-Lakes on Wednesday, May 27, scoring all five runs in the third inning on the way to the win. Smith and Folan combined for a no-hitter, striking out

13 through seven combined innings.

Danny Fournier had a double and drove in a run, Kelley had two hits, drove in a run and scored a run, Carson Anthony had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run, Andy Taylor had two hits and scored a run, Smith had a hit and drove in a run and Mark Uicker added a hit.

The Golden Eagles ended the regular season with a 5-2 loss on the road in Raymond on Friday, May 29. Raymond scored four times in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie and took the win.

Folan had two hits and drove in a run and

Elliott, Kelley, Fournier and Uicker all added hits.

Folan went all six innings in the loss, giving up three earned runs and striking out nine.

The Division III tournament started after deadline Wednesday and continues on Saturday, June 6, at the home of the higher seed. The semifinals are Tuesday, June 9, at Robbie Mills Park in Laconia.

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## Timber Wolves win two more to close out regular season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain baseball team played a rematch of the game in Cooperstown, N.Y. over vacation week and came away with another win over Somersworth, this time by a 14-4 score on Tuesday, May 26.

The Timber Wolves scored two runs in the bottom of the first and four in the bottom of the second before Somersworth plated three in the top of the third inning. The Timber Wolves added six in the bottom of the third in-

ning and the 'Toppers added one in the top of the fifth inning. Prospect put the game away with two in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Colby Whitehouse had a homer and a single, drove in five runs and scored a run to lead the Timber Wolf offense. Bryce Lounsbury had three hits, drove in a run and scored three runs, Gavin Gorton had a double and a single and drove in a run, Parker O'Brien had a hit, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Blake Pappaceno had a double and scored a run, Char-

lie Yeaton had a hit and scored a run, Mikey Perry had a hit, drove in a run and scored two runs and Matt Perry had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run.

Lounsbury pitched into the fourth inning, giving up three earned runs and striking out five and Mikey Perry finished things up, allowing one hit and striking out four.

Prospect Mountain finished off the regular season with a 10-0 win over Hillsboro-Deering on Friday, May 29.

The Timber Wolves scored two runs in each of the first two innings and added four in the fourth and two in the sixth to close out the 10-0 win.

Pappaceno had a double and two singles and drove in five runs, Whitehouse had a dou-

ble and a single, drove in a run and scored three times, Gorton had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored a run, Lounsbury had a hit and scored a run and Josh Clark had a double and scored a run.

Whitehouse pitched into the fifth inning, giving up just two hits and striking out 12 and Gorton and Pappaceno finished up on the hill, combining to give up just one hit.

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**SPORTS**

# Gilford girls second at Wilderness Championships



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Members of the Gilford girls' track team pose with the Wilderness League runner-up plaque on May 23 in Meredith.



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The team of (l to r) Pearl Marvel, Macy Sawyer, Grace Southworth and Emily Aguiar won both the 4X100-meter relay and the 4X400-meter relay at the Wilderness League Championships.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Macy Sawyer breaks from the blocks in the 100 meters during action May 23 in Meredith.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gunnar Marvel charges down the front stretch during the 100 meters at the Wilderness League Championships.

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**MEREDITH** — The Gilford girls put together a solid across the board performance to place second at the annual Wilderness League Championships, held on May 23 at Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith.

The Golden Eagle girls had a stellar performance in the relays, winning the 4X100-meter relay in 51.63 seconds and winning the 4X400-meter relay in 4:15.26 with the group of Grace Southworth, Pearl



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Emily Aguiar clears a hurdle during action in the 100-meter event at Inter-Lakes on May 23. Marvel, Emily Aguiar and Macy Sawyer running both races. Sawyer won the 200 meters in a time of 25.41 with Marvel in eighth place



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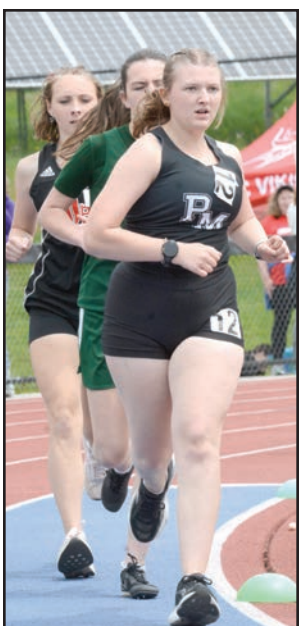
William Reinhardt circles the Inter-Lakes track during the Wilderness League Championships on May 23.

## Scarpa leads Timber Wolves at Wilderness Championships



JOSHUA SPAULDING

DJ Scarpa runs in the 400 meters during action at the Wilderness League Championships on May 23.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Layla Baker runs for Prospect Mountain during the Wilderness League Championships on May 23.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Kayla Fish fires the javelin during the Wilderness League Championships on May 23 in Meredith.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Hunter Witham clears a hurdle during action on May 23 at Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith.

**BY JOSHUA SPAULDING**  
Sports Editor

**MEREDITH** — The Prospect Mountain track team took part in the Wilderness League Championship, held May 23, at Inter-Lakes High School in Meredith.

DJ Scarpa had the best performance for the Timber Wolf boys, jumping to second in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 4.75 inches. He also placed fourth in the 400 meters in a time of 52.72 seconds.

Hayden Holmes ran to ninth in the 100 meters in 11.73 seconds with Matthew Whelan finishing in 23rd place in 12.38 seconds. Hunter Witham took 10th in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 22.43 seconds.

Scarpa was also seventh in the 200 meters in 23.51 seconds with Whelan in 19th in 24.98 seconds. Ayden Carignan finished in 25th in the shot put with a toss of 33 feet, 4.5 inches.

The Timber Wolf boys were fifth in the 4X100-meter relay in 46.77 seconds and seventh in the 4X400-meter relay in 3:56.41.

Jazmine Witham tossed her way to fifth in the shot put with a throw of 29 feet, seven inches despite battling an injury. Kayla Fish was seventh in the javelin at 78 feet, 10 inches and seventh in the discus at 69 feet, 10 inches with Witham in 12th at 65 feet, four inches. Natalie Cowser added a 28th place finish in the 100 meters in 14.53 seconds.

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in 27.82 seconds. Sawyer was also second in the preliminaries for the 100 meters in 12.68 seconds and second in the finals in 12.67 seconds.

Aguiar finished in third in the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 50.69 seconds while in the 100-meter hurdles she was seventh in the preliminaries in 18.11 seconds and fifth in the finals in 17.66 seconds.

Maria Tilley ran to fourth overall in the 1,600 meters in 5:31.37 with Kylie Kelly in 10th in a time of 6:12.43 while in the 3,200 meters, Tilley was fifth in 12:21.66. Alissa O'Brien finished in 15th place in the 800 meters in a time of 2:49.99.

Marvel jumped to fourth in the long jump with a distance of 16 feet, 1.75 inches while Southworth finished in eighth place in the shot put with a toss of 25 feet, four inches.

The top performance for the Gilford boys came in the discus where Gunnar

Marvel finished in fourth place at 128 feet, four inches. He was also 13th in the 100 meters in 12.09 seconds with Rylan Paradis in 24th in 12.39 seconds.

Landon Akerstrom placed eighth in the preliminaries for the 110-meter hurdles in 20.28 seconds and was seventh in the finals in 19.91 seconds. He was also seventh in the 300-meter hurdles in 46.39 seconds. Paradis added a 24th place finish in the 200 meters in 25.82 seconds.

William Reinhardt ran to ninth in the 1,600 meters in a time of 4:58.4 while in the javelin, Eric Warrant was 12th at 113 feet, seven inches and in the shot put, John Lavalley was eighth at 41 feet, seven inches.

The 4X100-meter boys were 14th in a time of 49.03 seconds and the 4X400-meter boys placed 13th overall in 4:26.54.

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Whether you are looking to fill a new garden bed, add color to your landscape, or find a favorite perennial, the sale offers something for gardeners of all experience levels. Community members are encouraged to stop by and support this local fundraising effort while finding plants for their own gardens. For more information, contact Miranda at [Miranda@wolfeborowellness.com](mailto:Miranda@wolfeborowellness.com).

The Wolfeboro Lions Club is a community service organization whose members volunteer their time to make a difference locally and beyond. The club supports youth programs, vision and hearing initiatives, environmental projects, Lions Camp Pride, community organizations, and residents in need. Through fundraising and hands-on service, Wolfeboro Lions work to strengthen the community while living the Lions' motto, "We Serve."

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### Laconia's Joseph DiPietro graduates from College of the Holy Cross

WORCESTER, Mass. — Joseph DiPietro of Laconia received a Bachelor of Arts degree Summa Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross.

chance to grow, find meaning in what you do, and become the very best version of yourself. These are the paths that embrace perseverance, build character and define purpose."

DiPietro is among 803 Bachelor of Arts degree recipients Holy Cross celebrated at its 180th Commencement held on Friday, May 22 at the DCU Center in Worcester.

In addition to Baker, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Tim Garvin, president and CEO of the United Way of Central Massachusetts.

Charlie Baker, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and former governor of Massachusetts, delivered this year's address to the Class of 2026 and received an honorary degree.

**About Holy Cross**  
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In his remarks, Baker emphasized the importance of resilience, personal growth and community, encouraging graduates to embrace life's unexpected turns and define themselves through character.

"Life is a journey, not a destination," said Baker. "The goal is to take the paths that give you the best

### Next Wright Museum lecture to focus on "G.I. G-Men"

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, June 9, the Wright Museum will welcome Stephen Harding. This is the third program of the Wright Museum's 2026 Education Series. This program will be live streamed at the Museum over Zoom. Signed bookplates will be available. They collaborated with Nazis and Fascists. Conspired against Allies in World War II. Committed unthinkable acts of treason. And triggered a secret manhunt as harrowing as any Hollywood cliff-hanger. The mission was part of the FBI's "European Operation." The targets were U.S. citizens plotting against their own country.

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accused of treason—this meticulously researched book provides shocking new details behind this crucial World War II operation. From J. Edgar Hoover's attempt to expand FBI operations overseas to the agency's covert ties to Britain's MI5; from the shocking exposure of espionage activities in France and Italy to the final convictions of Nazi war criminals at the Nuremberg trials—this incredible saga of spy and counterspy is brought vividly to life by author Stephen Harding in what is destined to be a classic of World War II literature. Doors open at 6 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m.

on Tuesday, June 9 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).



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# World-renowned vocal ensemble Chanticleer to perform in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Great Waters Summer Concerts has just announced that the world-renowned Chanticleer will perform at the First Congregational Church in Wolfeboro on Friday, July 24. This GRAMMY® Award-winning vocal ensemble based in San Francisco is known as an “orchestra of voices and has performed thousands of concerts since its inception in 1978, and has sold more than one million recordings.

Chanticleer’s mission is to present choral music at the highest level of excellence and to encourage worldwide appreciation of ensemble singing through live performances, ed-

ucation, and recording. Rooted in the music of the Renaissance, it has expanded its offerings to include a wide range of gospel, jazz, and popular music in addition to what it is best known for – classical. Over the years, the group has received several awards in addition to its first Grammy in 1999. It received two additional Grammys in 2002 and was inducted into the American Classical Music Hall of Fame in 2008.

The group is under the direction of Dr. Tim Keeler, who performed as a counter-tenor with the group before becoming their music director. Dr. Keeler holds several degrees, including a BA in music from Prince-



ton University, a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Michigan, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Maryland.

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## SPORTS

### Timber Wolves blank Huskies in regular season finale Prospect tennis boys fall in quarterfinal battle at Profile

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain boys’ tennis team wrapped up the regular season on Friday, May 22, with a 9-0 win over Monadnock.

Rylan Clifford won 8-1 in the top spot in the singles lineup with Cam Morrill at number two and Wyatt Bubar at number three both winning by an 8-2 score. Brock Libby won 8-0 in the fourth spot, Ayden Porter got an 8-3 win at number five and Blake Snell finished out singles with an 8-0 win in the sixth spot.

In doubles play, Clifford and Libby won 8-1 at number one, Morrill and Porter got an 8-0 win in the second spot and Bubar and Camden Batchelder closed out the match with a win in the third spot in the lineup for the 9-0 victory.

The Timber Wolves finished the regular season at 5-7 and earned the sixth seed in the Division III tournament, which sent them on the road to face Profile on Friday, May 29, in Bethle-

hem.

The tournament quarterfinal game was played in the morning in anticipation of the weather that was slated to come through the area on Friday afternoon.

The Timber Wolves managed to just pick up two wins on the day, dropping a 7-2 decision to the Patriots to wrap up their season.

Porter got a 9-8 win (7-2 in the tiebreaker) in the fifth spot in the lineup and Snell got an 8-5 win in the sixth spot in the lineup. Clifford lost 8-4 at number one, Morrill dropped an 8-3 decision in the second spot, Bubar lost 8-2 at number three and Libby lost 8-6 at number four.

In doubles, Clifford and Libby dropped a 9-7 decision in the top spot, Morrill and Porter fell 8-3 in the second spot and Bubar and Snell fell by an 8-3 decision at number three.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or [josh@salmonpress.news](mailto:josh@salmonpress.news).

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from May 18-28.

Chanz Joseph Yourison, age 21, was arrested on May 18 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent).

Joshua Tassie, age 42, was arrested on May 18 in connection with a warrant.

Breno Varanda-Desouza, age 31, was arrested on May 18 for Operating a motor vehicle Without a Valid License.

A 49-year-old male was taken into protective custody (drug-related) on May 21.

Dawn M. Goodine, age 59, was arrested on May 22 for Operating a motor vehicle without a Valid License, DUI-Impairment, and multiple counts of Transporting Alcohol or Marijuana.

Richard M. Scalia, age 63, was arrested on May 22

for DUI-Impairment.

Benjamin J. Bourdeau, age 36, was arrested on May 23 for DUI-Impairment, driving at a rate of speed 16-20 mph over a posted limit of 55 mph or less, and multiple Yellow/Solid Line violations.

Jennifer Marie Berube, age 45, was arrested on May 23 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent), driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration, and DUI-Impairment.

Stephanie Renee Totten,

age 46, was arrested on May 23 for Aggravated DUI.

John E. Mattern, age 44, was arrested on May 24 for DUI-Impairment and a Yellow/Solid Line Violation.

Donald Thomas Lewis, age 31, was arrested on May 25 for DUI-Impairment and Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Felon.

Joshua T. Skinner, age 20, was arrested on May 27 for Transportation of Alcohol or Marijuana by a Minor and Unlawful Possession of Alcohol.

Tabitha Colette Deveau,

age 31, was arrested on May 28 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of License due to a DUI.

Karleigh Arlene Klafit, age 20, was arrested on May 28 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license and operating a motor vehicle after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

William Christopher Rodden, age 19, was arrested on May 28 for DUI-Impairment, Unlawful Possession of Alcohol, and Transportation of Alcohol or Marijuana by a Minor.

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

1. “26 Beauties” by James Patterson
2. “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi
3. “The Mother-Daughter Book Club” by Sue Patterson
4. “The Things We Never Say” by Elizabeth Strout
5. “Ironwood” by Michael Connelly
6. “The Last Mandarin” by Louise Penny
7. “Yesteryear” by Caro Claire Burke
8. “Project Hail Mary” by Andy Weir
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Almost everyone who spent time on a lake remembers a Lyman or other lapstrake boat from their childhood. The construction



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The New England Lyman Group, also known as NELG, members regularly use and enjoy their boats and many members do their own boat maintenance and restoration. Founded in 1999, NELG's mission and

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If you have a lapstrake boat and would like to join us for a cruise on Squam on Thursday or on Winnepesaukee on Friday, please contact us for more details.

The NELG is a 503(c) charitable organization and we make regular donations to the NH Boat Museum and Lowell's Boat Shop to benefit wooden boat programs for young people. We've also started supporting the Apprenticeship in Rockland, Maine.

For more information, see our website [NewEnglandLymanGroup.com](http://NewEnglandLymanGroup.com) or check our Facebook page or e-mail Betsy Bryant at [NELGEvents@gmail.com](mailto:NELGEvents@gmail.com).

## Local Girl Scout among state's 50 Students 50 Stars honorees

**WOLFEBORO** — The Cate Park Band (the Eastern Lakes Region's summer band) begins rehearsals for its 31st season at the Wolfeboro Community bandstand. The band is an all-volunteer group of musicians who gather each Wednesday in July and August to give a free concert in the park. They typically rehearse from 7 to about 7:50 p.m., followed by a break, and then present an hour-long concert beginning at 8 p.m.

The audience gathers with lawn chairs or picnic blankets; children, dogs, folks enjoying a breeze by the lake makes for a true Norman Rockwell type evening.

Their "pick-up band" form of membership makes for a very fluid roster; some members come for one or two weeks per summer, others come every week. Director Scott Lounsbury never knows which instruments he'll have available on any



given week, so that can be a challenge.

"We do a lot of marches, show tunes, classic rock, big band, and a lot of patriotic pieces," said Lounsbury. "We welcome all comers; even if you haven't touched your trombone since high school, we'll have you back in top form within a couple of weeks."

Sponsored by the Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation Department, the group rehearses for a few weeks prior to their opening concert

on July 4. The celebration of the 250th anniversary of the USA warranted a significant investment in some new band arrangements this year. The group began rehearsing on May 27, and will hold rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at the Kingswood Regional Middle School band room.

Director Scott Lounsbury has been conducting the band for more than 25 years, and said, "Independence Day is a pretty

busy day for us, beginning with the parade in the morning, and ending with a concert just prior to the fireworks display. We're always excited to welcome new members!" For further information, see the Cate Park Band Facebook page, or better yet, "just show up with your instrument ready to go!"

## Local Girl Scout among state's 50 Students 50 Stars honorees



**CONCORD** — More than a third of the 50 New Hampshire students recognized by Secretary of State David M. Scanlan for Civics In Action: 50 Students 50 Stars program were Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, the council serving Girl Scouts across New Hampshire and Vermont, congratulates these go-getters whose efforts to make the world a better place earned them recognition Wednesday, May 27, at the New Hampshire State Archives.

The program celebrates the 250th signing of the Declaration of Independence by honoring public, private, and homeschooled

students in grades K-12 who have applied foundational civic knowledge to a civic engagement activity that enhances the lives of others.

"We are so proud of the many ways our Girl Scout members make the world a better place. It was an honor to celebrate their achievements and join the Secretary of State in recognizing these amazing Girl Scouts," said Carrie Green Loszewski, chief engagement officer for the council.

The Girl Scouts honored included 12-year-old Isabelle Fencer of Alton, a Bronze Award Girl Scout who created a Web site to highlight local dog sitters, groomers, and veterinari-

ans. Education and activism in the area of civics is an important part of Girl Scouts. Starting as young as kindergarten, Girl Scouts learn to take action by stocking local food pantries, helping animal shelters, lobbying for change at government meetings, and more. Girl Scouting's highest awards — the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards — recognize a Girl Scout's work to make sustainable change to make the world a better place.

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