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## Gilman Library honors Holly Brown for 30 years of dedicated service

ALTON — The Gilman Library is proud to announce the recognition of Holly Brown for her remarkable 30 years of service to the community. In celebration of her enduring contributions, the library will unveil a large portrait of Brown, which will be permanently displayed in the main area of the library.

Holly Brown joined the Gilman Library during a pivotal period of growth, coinciding with the construction of the library's new wings. Over the decades, she played a central role in shaping and gently guiding library services, helping the institution evolve while maintaining its welcoming, community-centered mission.



longevity, but a consistent dedication to access, learning, and public service.

A member of the library's Board of Trustees shared their appreciation, commenting, "Holly's loyalty and dedication to the Gilman Library are truly extraordinary. For thirty years, she has been a constant and compassionate presence, always putting the needs of the community first. Her thoughtful guidance has shaped the library into what it is today, and this tribute is a fitting recognition of her lasting impact."

The portrait will serve as a lasting reminder of Holly Brown's legacy and the vital role she has played in the life of the Gilman Library.

Through her steady leadership and deep commitment, Brown has influenced generations of patrons, staff, and trustees. Her tenure reflects not only

### Fish & Game Commission Chair to speak at New Durham Library

NEW DURHAM — New Durham resident and Chairperson of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission A.J. DeRosa will speak on the duties and authorities of the Commission on Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at the New Durham Public Library.

Promoting sustainable wildlife management and conservation state-wide is a key obligation of the Commission and that tracks perfectly with why DeRosa wanted to be involved.

"Growing up as a hunter," he said, "I have always felt a responsibility to wildlife and to conserving it in perpetuity for future generations, knowing that without hard work and critical problem-solving, what makes

New Hampshire truly wild cannot endure."

He said serving on the Commission has been "a rewarding opportunity to put those values into practice."

DeRosa was appointed in 2021.

A New England native and life-long outdoorsman, he is the founder of Project Upland Magazine and author of "The Urban Deer Complex." His writing, photography, and film work have appeared in national and regional publications and on television.

DeRosa's work has centered on connecting hunters, landowners, and the broader public with conservation science and wildlife management. He has participated in

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### Former Gilford resident honored at Hollywood awards event

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Former Gilford resident and Lakes Region Hospital doctor Joseph Sidari was honored at the L. Ron Hubbard Achievement Awards Event in Hollywood at the Taglyan Complex on April 16 as a winner in the Writers of the Future Contest. As part of the contest, he attended a week-long, master-class workshop with some of the top names in the industry and his winning story, "A Girl and Her Dragon: A

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## Sawyer, Marvel win two events each at Bristol Lions Invitational

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING Sports Editor

GILFORD — A small group of Gilford athletes made the trip to the Bristol Lions Invitational on

Saturday at Newfound Regional High School.

Macy Sawyer ran to the win in the 100 meters, finishing in a time

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Macy Sawyer crosses the finish line on the way to winning the 400 meters on Saturday in Bristol.

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### Early deadlines for Memorial Day

With Memorial Day falling on what would ordinarily be our press deadline for that week's edition (Monday, May 25), the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication that week has been moved up to Thursday, May 22 at 4 p.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at [brendan@salmonpress.news](mailto:brendan@salmonpress.news).

# Alton Garden Club meets Tuesday

ALTON — The Alton Garden Club's upcoming meeting will be held at Gilman Library on Tuesday, May 19, with our presentation starting at the usual time of 1:30 p.m.

Our topic will be "Birdscaping: Landscaping for the Birds," a program to be presented by Ruth Droescher, an advanced Master Gardener with the University of New Hampshire Extension. As part of her Master Gardener volunteer work, Ruth develops and presents several topics as a member of their Speaker's Bureau, with a particular focus on using native plants in the landscape when gardening for pollinators, birds, and wildlife. Ruth has also completed the Extension's Natural Resources Stewards program.

Droescher has gardened in New England since childhood and in New Hampshire for over 28 years. Both her former and current backyards are registered with the National Wildlife Federation as Certified Wildlife Habitats, and

her yard is also certified as a Monarch Waystation by Monarch Watch. She is an Ambassador for The Xerces Society for the Protection of Invertebrates and works at her local garden center in Henniker.

Whether you are a gardener who enjoys birds or a birdwatcher who likes to garden, you are invited to join us to learn how to provide a welcoming habitat for your avian guests. Creating a layered landscape that emphasizes native plants and bird-friendly features will help increase the number and variety of birds that visit your yard. This presentation will cover a selection of regionally native plants, shrubs, and trees to include in your landscape, along with suggestions on how to provide the appropriate food, shelter and water sources that make an inviting habitat for birds.

Please call Peggy McKinney at 603-776-6032 if you are a non-member interested in attending. Guests are always welcome.

# Pittsfield church to host free patriotic concert

PITTSFIELD — The First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will present a free patriotic concert, "America's Birthday Salute," Friday, June 5, 7 p.m. It will feature the Chancel Choir, Jubilation Handbell Choir and other talented musicians. Light refreshments will be served.

Mark your calendar for this exciting event for all ages; bring a

friend and wear your red, white and blue! Parking and wheelchair accessible entry are available at the Chestnut Street entrance. Additional parking will be permitted at the Pittsfield Historical Society parking lot, 4 Oak St., in unreserved spaces only. For more information, contact the church office, 603 435-7471. God Bless America!

# Union Leader journalist to address Alton Rotary

ALTON — Manchester Union Leader news reporter John Koziol will be the guest speaker at the Alton Rotary Club meeting on Monday, May 18 at 6 p.m. at the Pearson Road/Senior Community Center, 7 Pearson Rd., Alton.

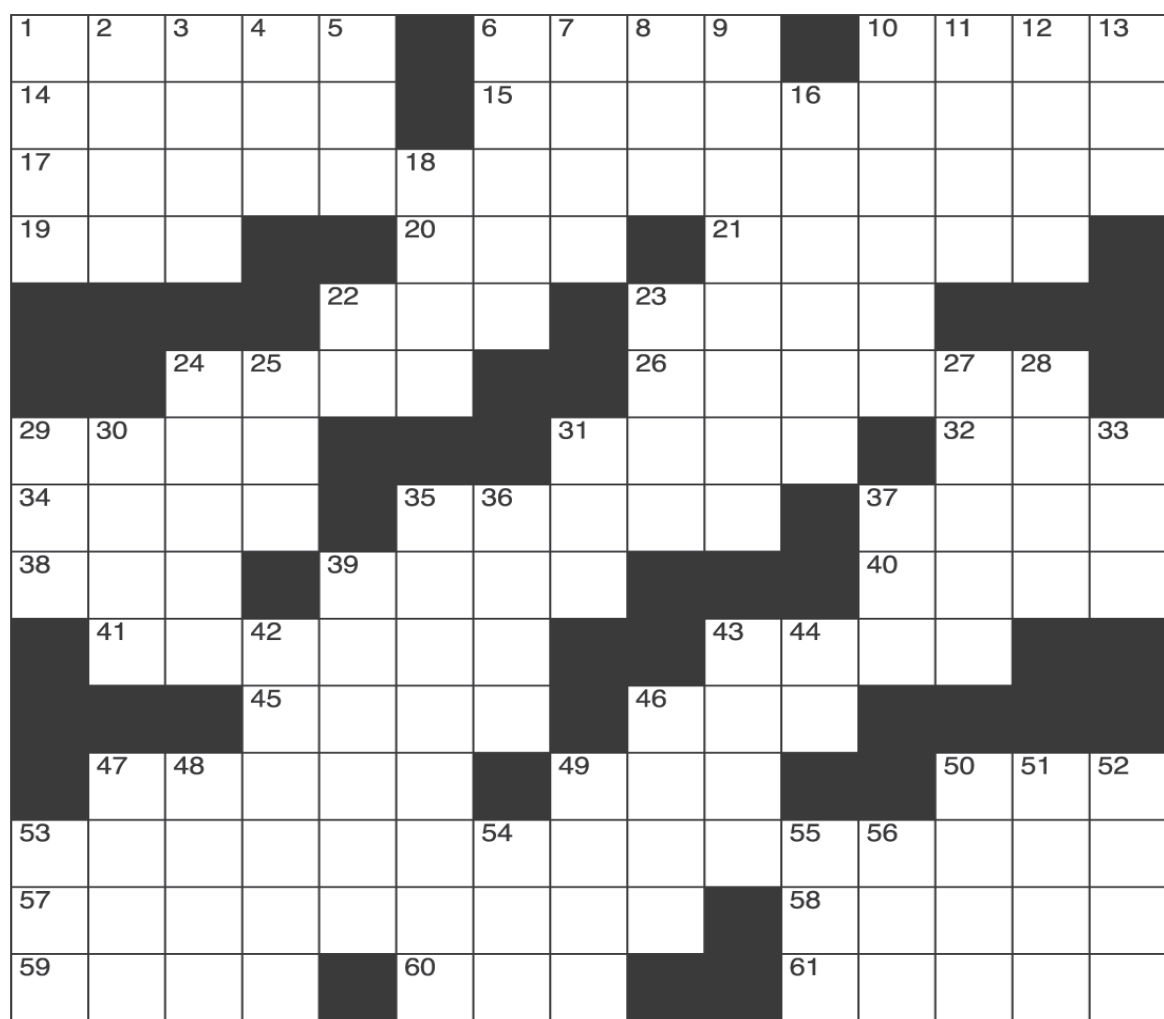
Step inside the world of journalism — where every day brings a new story. John will share an insider's look at the pro-

fession — a job that may not make you rich but offers something far more compelling: a front row seat to this beautiful state that we call home.

The public is invited to join us. A light dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at \$10 per person. To make reservations please call Duane Hammond at 603-569-3745 no later than May 16.

# Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "The Mother-Daughter Book Club" by Sue Patterson
2. "Hope Rises" by David Baldacci
3. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
4. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke
5. "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir
6. "Revenge Prey" by John Sandford
7. "Paradox" by Douglas J. Preston
8. "Chasing the Clouds Away" by Debbie Macomber
9. "Second Chance Book Club" by Stephanie Butland
10. "Heartwood" by Amity Gaige
11. "The Keeper" by Tana French
12. "The Salt Stones" by Helen Whybrow



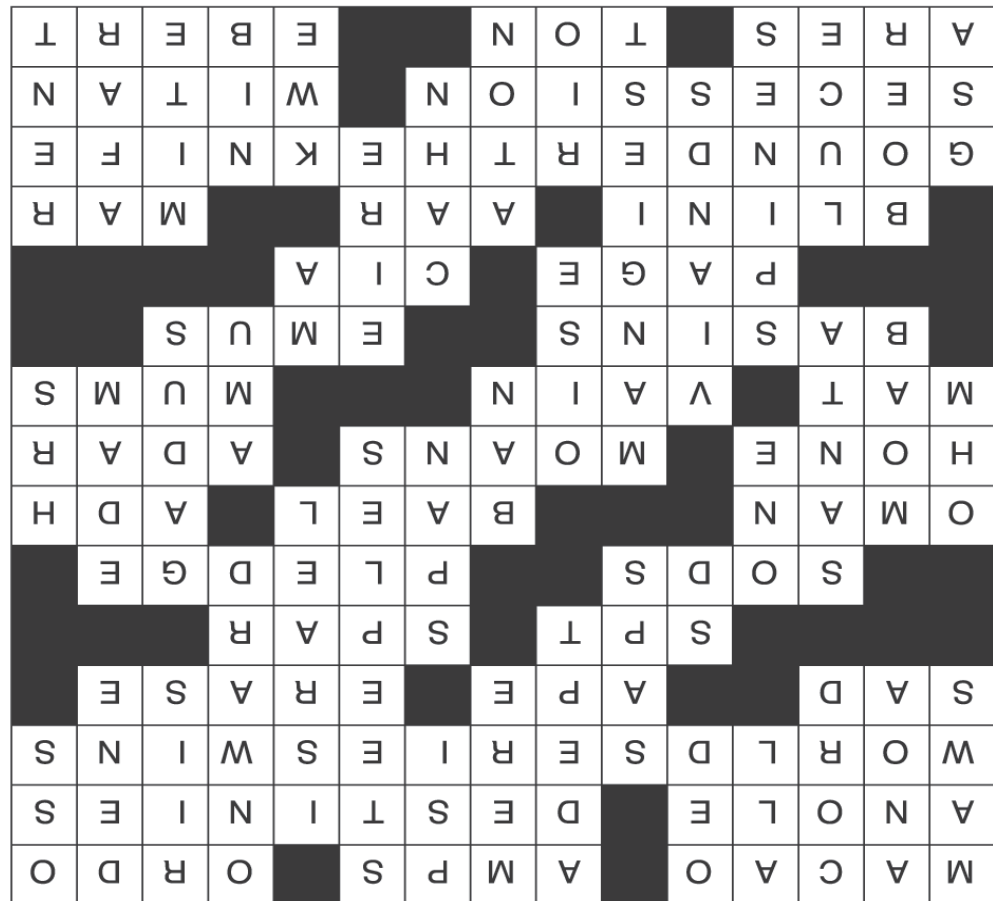
## CLUES ACROSS

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Notable casino destination           | 35. "Partner" to groans              |
| 6. Current units                        | 37. Jewish calendar month            |
| 10. Roman military unit                 | 38. Where wrestlers work             |
| 14. American lizard                     | 39. Egotistical                      |
| 15. Fates                               | 40. Potted plants                    |
| 17. The Yankees have lots of these      | 41. Containers                       |
| 19. Unhappy                             | 43. Large, flightless birds          |
| 20. Mimic                               | 45. Part of a book                   |
| 21. Remove from the record              | 46. American spies                   |
| 22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)      | 47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour |
| 23. A way to fight                      | 49. Swiss river                      |
| 24. Turfs                               | 50. Disfigure                        |
| 26. Contract                            | 53. Have surgery                     |
| 29. Country along the Arabian peninsula | 57. Formal withdrawal                |
| 31. Tree species                        | 58. Early English council            |
| 32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)   | 59. Area units                       |
| 34. Perfect                             | 60. 2,000 lbs.                       |
|   | 61. Siskel and __                    |

## CLUES DOWN

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Animal jaws                         | 29. Resistance unit               |
| 2. Small water buffalo                 | 30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea |
| 3. An appliance has one                | 31. Cast out                      |
| 4. Every                               | 33. 60-minute periods             |
| 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)  | 35. Most worn                     |
| 6. Very skilled                        | 36. European river                |
| 7. No more than what is specified      | 37. Atomic mass unit              |
| 8. Tire measurement                    | 39. Items of food                 |
| 9. Towers                              | 42. Body parts                    |
| 10. Forward                            | 43. Ireland                       |
| 11. Jacob __, American journalist      | 44. Partner to Pa                 |
| 12. Vale                               | 46. Sammy __, songwriter          |
| 13. Former CIA                         | 47. Dutch settler                 |
| 16. Middle Eastern nation              | 48. Full-grown pike fish          |
| 18. Exhausts                           | 49. Sun or solar disk             |
| 22. South Dakota                       | 50. Minute arachnid               |
| 23. The complete duration of something | 51. From a distance               |
| 24. Kids love him                      | 52. A monthly expense             |
| 25. Singular                           | 53. Young women's association     |
| 27. Cod genus                          | 54. Brazilian state               |
| 28. Mild yellow Dutch cheese           | 55. Air freight provider          |
|  | 56. Pointed end of a pen          |

# PUZZLE SOLUTION



# Kate Sullivan among Flagler College graduating Class of 2026

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Flagler College will celebrate the academic and personal accomplishments of Kate Sullivan, from Gilford, and more than 600 graduates from the Class of 2026.

Flagler's Class of 2026 reflects a generation of graduates who are as capable as they are curious. Through rigorous academics and hands-on learning, they have developed the skills and perspective to contribute meaningfully wherever their path leads next.

This year's class reflects a broad range of experiences and perspectives, including 21 international students and domestic students representing 34 states.

The Class of 2026 reflects a wide range of experiences and perspectives, spanning generations and life paths. Among the graduates is the College's oldest graduate, a 59-year-old earning a degree in Public Administration, alongside its youngest, a 19-year-old completing a degree in Communication with a focus in Public Relations. Together, they represent the breadth of ambition and opportunity that defines the Flagler experience. The class also includes 16 military veterans, whose service and leadership have enriched the campus community and continue to shape their academic journeys.

The most represented majors among graduating seniors are Psychology (87), Business Administration (68), Coastal Environmental Science (61), Criminology (47), Marketing (29), Graphic Design (26), Sport Management (24), and Hospitality and Tourism Management (22).

Sullivan, from Gilford, will be honored with

a Bachelor of Science in Coastal Environmental Science.

In total, the Class of 2026 will be awarded 689 degrees: 515 Bachelor of Arts, 13 Bachelor of Fine Arts, and 143 Bachelor of Science, along with 7 Master of Arts and 11 Master of Public Administration. Each degree reflects a rigorous academic journey and stands as a testament to the graduates' hard work and dedication.

Experiential learning has been a defining feature of the Flagler experience, with 92% of graduates participating in hands-on opportunities during their time at the College. This commitment transforms St. Augustine's Historic Coast into a dynamic classroom and living laboratory.

Academic excellence is also strongly represented, with more than one-third of the class graduating with honors. This includes 92 students earning Cum Laude (GPA 3.5-3.64), 98 earning Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.65-3.79), and 75 earning Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.8-4.0).

Among the graduates are 91 student athletes who have balanced the demands of competition and coursework while representing Flagler at the highest level. As members of championship-caliber teams, they have developed discipline, resilience, and leadership skills that extend far beyond the field of play. Many have also made a meaningful impact off the field, giving back through community service and outreach efforts throughout St. Augustine.

Additionally, 26 students completed Flagler's Honors Program, earning a distinction noted on their academic transcripts. These

students were among the top 5% of their class invited to join the program as first-year students.

Flagler's commitment

to global learning is also evident, with more than one-third of the class participating in programs such as FlagSHIP, study abroad

experiences, and international exchanges.

Now, Sullivan will join Flagler's growing alumni network, individuals who

continue to demonstrate the value of a Flagler education through their impact and achievements around the world, and make history.

## Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events May 14 - May 21

**Thursday, May 14**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.  
Painting and Poetry, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
French, 4-5 p.m.

**Friday, May 15**  
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.  
T(w)een Early Release: Dirt Cups, 1-2 p.m.

For this month's early release we are enjoying delicious dirt cups!

Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

**Saturday, May 16**  
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Honoring Loss Part II, noon to 1:30 p.m.

**Monday, May 18**  
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, May 19**  
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Heart Healthy Living: Naturally Beating Strong, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

This Heart Healthy Living class is designed to help participants build simple, sustainable habits that support long-term wellness. We will explore practical ways to improve heart health through balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, stress management, and better sleep. The class focuses on realistic lifestyle changes—like

choosing healthier foods, staying active in enjoyable ways, and creating routines that reduce everyday stress. Whether you're just getting started or looking to strengthen your current habits, this class provides supportive guidance and easy-to-follow strategies to help you feel more energized, confident, and in control of your health.

Presented by Dr. Amanda from Awakening Chiropractic.

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

Dungeons and Dragons, 3-4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 20**  
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

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

**Thursday, May 21**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

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

Garden Rock Painting, 3-4 p.m.

Whether its a bug, fruit, veggie, or a mandala- painted garden rocks are a cute and easy way to add a little whimsy to your plants!

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

French, 4-5 p.m.

Listening to New England, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

"Listening to New England," a talk by Mel Allen, drawing from his nearly half century of reporting and writing about the unique people and places of New England for Yankee magazine, Mel Allen's first collection, Here in New England, brings the people and places of New England alive with a story telling and visual presentation that will let you see and feel the region as never before.

Book Discussion: Loot, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This month's book is "Loot" by Tania James. Led by Rhettta; books are available at the front desk.

### Lions Club plastics & Styrofoam collection rescheduled

LACONIA — Inclement weather forced the latest plastics collection event to be postponed, so weather permitting, members of the Unitarian-Universalist Green Sanctuary & Social Justice Committees, as well as the Laconia/Gilford Lions Club, will be curbside at the little white UU church at 172 Pleasant St. on Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to collect soft plastics & #6 styrofoam for recycling.

No hard plastics, 'crunchy' plastics or pet food bags are acceptable. Try the following tests to see if plastics can be dropped off. 1) See if the plastic will stretch when pulled. If yes it can be included. If it tears like paper it cannot be used for this program. 2) Is the plastic shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound when crumpled? If yes it cannot be included.

Only hard styrofoam products bearing a "#6" symbol will be accepted.

Soft plastics & styrofoam must all be clean, dry, free of labels. Please keep plastics & styrofoam separate. There is no charge or fee to drop off these items. You do not need to be a resident of Laconia to take part in this effort. It is open to all. Soft plastics will be re-

purposed into composite decking & deck furniture. Styrofoam will be delivered to the styrofoam recycling center at the Gilford transfer station.

Please screen your items to insure you include only what is acceptable. Items mixed with other unusable items will have to be rejected or trashed. Help us keep our lakes & landfills clear.

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# Opinion

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## A portrait of service in the heart of Alton

In every small town, there are a few people whose work quietly becomes part of the landscape. Not because they seek attention or recognition, but because they show up year after year, helping hold together the places that matter most. In Alton, Holly Brown is clearly one of those people.

The decision by the Gilman Library to honor Brown's 30 years of service with a permanent portrait is more than a tribute to one individual. It is a recognition of the role local libraries continue to play in the life of a community and the importance of steady, compassionate leadership in keeping those institutions strong.

Libraries have changed dramatically over the past three decades. They are no longer simply quiet buildings filled with books, though books remain at their core. Today's libraries serve as community centers, technology hubs, educational resources, gathering places, and safe spaces for people of every age and background. They host programs for children, seniors, families, job seekers, and lifelong learners. They provide internet access, local history archives, public meeting rooms, and opportunities for connection in an increasingly disconnected world.

Guiding a library through that kind of transformation takes patience, adaptability, and a genuine understanding of people. By all accounts, Holly Brown brought those qualities to the Gilman Library every day for 30 years.

What stands out most in this recognition is not simply longevity, though three decades of service is certainly remarkable. It is the description of her as a "constant and compassionate presence." In many ways, those words capture what people value most in local institutions. Technology changes. Trends come and go. But communities still depend on people who are dependable, thoughtful, and deeply invested in the well-being of others.

Small-town libraries often succeed because of relationships. Patrons are greeted by name. Children who attended story hour grow up and return with children of their own. Trustees, volunteers, and staff members become part of the extended civic family of a town. Over time, the library becomes more than a building. It becomes part of the town's shared memory.

That kind of continuity matters.

At a time when so much public life feels rushed, impersonal, or temporary, there is something deeply reassuring about honoring someone who devoted three decades to one institution and one community. It reminds us that meaningful work is not always loud or headline-grabbing. Often, it is found in the quiet consistency of people who help others learn, grow, and feel welcome.

The portrait that will soon hang in the Gilman Library will no doubt become familiar to generations of future visitors. Children attending programs may someday ask who Holly Brown was. New residents may pause and read about her service. Longtime patrons will likely smile with recognition and remember countless interactions over the years.

That is how local legacies endure.

Communities are built not only by major projects or dramatic moments, but by the accumulation of everyday acts of care and commitment. A librarian helping a child discover the joy of reading. A staff member guiding someone through a difficult moment with kindness. A familiar face behind the desk year after year.

Those things matter more than we sometimes realize.

Alton is fortunate to have a library that values both its future and its history enough to recognize someone who helped shape both. Honoring Holly Brown is also a reminder to appreciate the many dedicated people working quietly throughout our communities every day, often without fanfare.

Their work leaves a mark that lasts far beyond their years of service.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the After School Allstars award for the month of April. In the first picture is Olivia Collopy for her excellence and dedication in track and field. In the second picture is Davian Babbitt for his excellence and dedication in track and field. Congratulations!

## LETTERS FROM EDWIN

### Surfing

What a beautiful day it was today. It still continues as I type. Or should I actually say enter? That's what they say people do when they're working on computers, entering data. So rewriting that sentence, It still continues as I enter, could possibly have a completely different meaning. It could mean that the inappropriate activities of a room full of teenagers kept going on as I entered the room. Couldn't it? Typing pretty much nails what I'm doing.

Now where was I? I'm so easily distracted. My energy is dying like I should take a nap. Maybe I will. Today came and went pretty uneventfully, but I'm still tired. (Nap) Now I'm completely exhausted. Please, just let me sleep some more? That didn't work very good at all.

Thank you Lord for this new morning! Looking outside, the green grass is growing very quickly. My ingrained psychosis from seeing such a thing is kicking in. It's got to be mowed. Doesn't it?

I mentioned this to a friend and she said "Oh No! It's No Mow May." What? It's a save the plan-

et kind of thing. Let all the wildflowers grow so that all the pollinators can do their thing and everybody will be for the better, except maybe lawn mower repair and salesman.

I'll go for that. Where do I sign? All my mowers are ready to attack and I'm starting out with a cease fire. Cool. I'm totally ready to just lye around in my hammock and watch everything grow.

I grew up in a neighborhood where every lawn was immaculate. Hedges maybe not so, but the green grass had to be trimmed nicely, like a butch haircut. My first summer job was mowing my neighbor's lawn. It was a crazy big lawn with lots of inclines. House lots in this neighborhood were actually lots and a half, making this three lots worth. I don't know what that comes out to acre wise, but it could be researched if you really care.

There were big hills with two terraces plus the bottom. We kids would go sledding there in the wintertime. Needless to say, they all needed to be kept nice. There were also two super steep embankments

on two sides of the house. For this he had two lawn mowers to choose from. A three horsepower twenty inch one, the most powerful home lawn mower at that time, and a small probably 16-inch two cycle cast aluminum frame bugger that was incredibly light. It was the key component on the extremely steep banks next to the house. No self-propelled luxury here, totally push machines. It was crazy, but I did it every Saturday morning for five bucks. It took me two to three hours to do it, then I had to go home and do my own yard.

Even with all that yard work, there was always time to wash the cars in the afternoon. That was kind of a nice thing. These days, I'm usually so strung out trying to get all my homeowner to do list accomplished, that washing my car is a once or twice a year extravagance. It's all my fault I know, but all my environmental demons are always attacking me for wasting water and pouring soap on the ground. Who knows how much these saving the planet psychos have affected our society. Everywhere you look,

there are things that we don't see, that pose incredible threat to life as we know it. It's the hidden stuff that we never hear about. It's too insignificant to be publicized. In the meantime, they only present us with spectacular issues. If we knew about all the eminent impending potential disasters, we'd probably consider giving up. Every little issue has its own scenario of doom. Putting them all together, we should all be praying for Jesus' to hurry up and return to fix everything all up as he said he would. So far, he's got a good record of keeping his word.

In the meantime, there is another spring happening right before our eyes. The forsythias are now in full bloom, fiddle heads are popping up. Gardener types are in full bore preparing their gardens for planting. Homeowners are doing their first mow job.

So far, I've been totally non-committal to anything. The imperative list is getting too imposing. I'm caught in a wave.

E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

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## The last pencil sharpener in town

I was standing in a small hardware store the other day when I saw something I hadn't thought about in years.

Mounted to a wooden post near the register was an old metal pencil sharpener. The kind with a hand crank on the side. Gray paint worn thin around the edges. Tiny shavings curled beneath it like cedar ribbons.

For a second, I honestly thought it might not even work anymore.

But then, a little boy, maybe eight or nine years old, walked over with a

yellow pencil and started turning the crank. You could hear the soft grinding sound clear across the store. Not loud. Just steady and mechanical in a comforting sort of way.

His mother smiled at him like he'd discovered buried treasure.

And maybe he had.

You don't see many pencil sharpeners like that anymore. Schools have gone to electric ones, when they use pencils at all. Most of us type everything

KIND HEARTS,  
COLD WINTERS  
By CHIPPY

now. Grocery lists. Letters. Calendars. Half the time I can barely remember my own passwords, but apparently I'm supposed to keep my entire life organized inside a little glowing rectangle.

I try. Lord knows I try. But I still trust a pencil more than a battery.

A pencil doesn't freeze up during an important moment. It doesn't ask for software updates. It doesn't suddenly decide your pass-

word isn't good enough anymore after you've typed the exact same thing for three years.

A pencil just quietly waits.

There was a time when every town in New Hampshire smelled faintly of pencil shavings this time of year. School offices. Town halls. Library desks. Bank counters. Tiny insurance agencies with fake wood paneling and coffee brewing somewhere in the back room.

You'd walk in and see calendars hanging crook-

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## SPORTS

# Golden Eagle boys sweep doubles to beat Timber Wolves

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford and Prospect Mountain tennis teams hit the courts in Gilford on Friday, May 8, for a resched-

uled battle.

The two teams split the singles before Gilford swept the doubles to take the 6-3 win over the Timber Wolves.

In singles, Prospect's

Rylan Clifford got the 8-6 win at number one over Gilford's Dalton Houle while Cam Morrill of Prospect Mountain beat Dom Soucy of Gilford by an 8-5 score in the second

spot. Dustin Gerry of Gilford beat Wyatt Bubar of Prospect Mountain by an 8-5 score at number three and Prospect Mountain's Brock Libby got a 9-7 win over Jacob Baldi of Gilford at number four. Gilford's Easton St. Cyr won 8-3 over Ayden Porter of Prospect Mountain at number five and Joel Wernig of Gilford got an 8-6 win over Blake Snell of Prospect Mountain in the sixth spot.

Houle and Soucy teamed up at number one doubles for the win over Clifford and Libby by an 8-4 score while Gerry and Baldi beat Morrill and Porter by an 8-6 score in

the second spot. St. Cyr and Wernig teamed up at number three and defeated Bubar and Snell by an 8-3 score to close out the 6-3 win for Gilford.

Earlier in the week, the Golden Eagles dropped a 5-4 decision to St. Thomas with Baldi, Cohen Krupnik and Wernig getting wins in singles and Baldi and Wernig winning their number three doubles match.

Gilford got a 5-4 win over Bishop Brady on Tuesday, May 5, in Concord with Gerry, Baldi, St. Cyr and Krupnik winning their singles matches while Gerry and Krupnik teamed up to seal the win with an 8-4 victory ad number two

doubles.

The Giants returned the favor on Thursday, May 7, defeating the Golden Eagles by a 6-3 score. St. Cyr and Baldi won in their singles matches with Houle and Soucy getting an 8-4 win at number one doubles.

Gilford is slated to be in action today, May 14, at home against St. Thomas and will be at Monadnock on Monday, May 18.

Prospect Mountain is scheduled to be in action today, May 14, at home against Profile.

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## Dow pitches Golden Eagles past Raiders

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — In a rematch of a game that happened right before the break, the Gilford and Belmont softball teams returned from vacation week with a tilt in Gilford on Monday, May 4, with the Golden Eagles getting the 6-4 win.

Gilford got a run on the board in the bottom of the second inning and added two in the third before Belmont came back and tied the game with one in the fourth and two in the top of the fifth inning. The Golden Eagles scored twice in the bottom of the fifth to take the lead back and added another in the sixth before Belmont plated one in the seventh for the 6-4 final score.

Mia Macaione led the Gilford offense with a homer, driving in two runs and scoring two runs, Belle Dow had a pair of hits and Maddi Metz had two hits and scored a run.

The Belmont offense

was led by Falyn Sicard, who had two hits and drove in two runs while Lyla McSheffrey had a hit and a walk and drove in a run and also gunned down a Gilford runner stealing second. Molly O'Connell and Madi MacDonald each had hits for the Raiders.

Dow went the distance in the circle for the Golden Eagles, striking out 15 while Bailey Perkins went the distance for the Raiders, striking out a pair.

The Golden Eagles continued the week with a solid 13-1 win over Somersworth on Friday, May 8.

Gilford scored twice in the bottom of the first and the 'Toppers closed the gap to 2-1 after two. However, Gilford plated five in the fourth and six in the fifth to close out the win.

Dow. Had a double and two singles, drove in three runs and scored twice to lead the Gilford offense. Kate Taylor added a double, drove in a run and scored two runs, Metz had two hits, drove in a run and

scored three times, Taylor Marsh had a hit and drove in two runs, Tarynn Limanni had a hit and scored a run, Macaione had two hits and scored two runs, Lucy Akerstrom had a hit and drove in two runs, Bristol Weber had a hit and scored a run and Emma Horton had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run.

Akerstrom started in the circle for Gilford, giving up three hits and one earned run while striking out nine.

Gilford returns to action today, May 14, at home against Winnisquam, is home against Newport on Monday, May 18, and against Bishop Brady on Tuesday, May 19, before visiting Berlin on Wednesday, May 20.

Belmont will be in action on Monday, May 18, at home against Berlin and at Mascoma on Wednesday, May 20, both at 4 p.m.

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ed on the wall and a coffee mug full of sharpened pencils near the phone.

Nobody thought twice about it.

Now half the pens chained to public counters don't even work.

I suppose every generation notices these little disappearances. My father probably looked around at some point and wondered where all the hitching posts went. Or why nobody repaired shoes anymore.

For me, it's the vanishing of ordinary little objects that once felt permanent.

The wall-mounted pencil sharpener.

The metal ice cube tray you had to twist.

The cardboard box beside a cash register marked "Take a penny, leave a penny."

Not valuable things. Just familiar things.

Maybe that's why seeing that sharpener stopped me in my tracks. It reminded me that not everything

useful needs replacing simply because something newer came along.

There's an old-fashioned dignity to tools that do one simple job well.

And maybe people aren't so different.

I think sometimes we wear ourselves out trying to become newer versions of ourselves all the time. Faster. More connected. More productive. More reachable every second of the day. Meanwhile the best people I know are usually the steadiest ones.

The neighbor who remembers to check on an elderly widow after a snowstorm. The fellow at the transfer station who waves to everybody. The waitress who calls you "hon" and actually seems to mean it.

No upgrades required. Just dependable.

That little boy at the hardware store stood there

mesmerized by the pencil sharpener for nearly a full minute. Turning the crank slowly. Watching the curls fall. Looking genuinely pleased with himself afterward.

I realized then that maybe younger people aren't as different from us as we sometimes claim. Give anybody something real to hold in their hands, something simple and honest, and they understand its value pretty quickly.

The world still knows quality when it sees it.

As I left the store, I noticed the owner had written the day's lunch special on a small paper sign near the register. Thick pencil marks. Slightly crooked handwriting.

Nothing fancy. But somehow it felt more trustworthy than a digital screen ever could.

## Golden Eagles bounce back from loss to Belmont

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — In another quality battle between rivals, the Belmont baseball team went on the road and edged host Gilford on Monday, May 4, by a 3-0 score.

The Raiders scored one run in the second, added another in the third and then added an insurance run in the top of the seventh for the 3-0 win despite having just two hits on the afternoon.

Wyatt Divers started on the hill for the Raiders and pitched into the fifth inning, giving up five hits and striking out two. Alex Rowley pitched an inning of relief without giving up a hit and striking out one and Wyatt Bamford picked up the save, pitching the final inning-plus, allowing one hit and striking out three.

Drew Smith pitched into the sixth inning for the Golden Eagles and didn't allow a hit or an earned run while striking out seven, but struggled a bit with control, walking eight. Carson Anthony finished the game out, giving up two hits and striking out two while al-

lowing one earned run.

Brayden Townsend led the Belmont offense with a single, a walk, two stolen bases and a pair of runs scored while Max Ryder had a base hit, walked twice and stole a base, Bamford had a pair of walks and drove in a run and Divers had a walk, stolen base and an RBI.

Cohen Elliott led the Gilford offense with a double while Smith had a pair of singles and Andy Taylor, Sam Kelley and Zack Laurent each added a hit.

The Golden Eagles bounced back from the loss with a 10-4 win over Somersworth on Friday, May 8.

The 'Toppers scored twice in the top of the first inning and held that lead until the third when Gilford plated seven runs. After Somersworth scored a run in the top of the fourth, Gilford added three in the bottom of the inning. The visitors plated their final run in the sixth inning.

Elliott had a double and two singles, drove in two runs and scored a run, Smith had a double and

drove in two runs, Kelley had a hit and scored a run, Mark Uicker had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run and Cole Labonte had a hit and drove in a run.

Gilford is scheduled to be in action today, May 14, at home against Winnisquam, will be hosting Newport on Monday, May 18, and Bishop Brady on Tuesday, May 19, before heading to Berlin on Wednesday, May 20, all for 4 p.m. games.

The Raiders are slated to be in action today, May 14, at Inter-Lakes and Wednesday, May 20, at Mascoma, both at 4 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Timber Wolves cruise on the road in Berlin

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

BERLIN — The Prospect Mountain baseball team had a light week on returning from Cooperstown, hitting the road

to Berlin on Thursday, May 7, and taking a 15-3 win over the Mountaineers.

Prospect scored three times in the first, once in the second and five times

in the third to open up a 9-0 lead. Berlin plated three in the bottom of the third but the Timber Wolves scored six times in the fourth to seal the victory in the state's northernmost city.

Colby Whitehouse had a triple and a base hit, drove in three runs and scored three runs

while Orion Neathery had a double and two singles, drove in two runs and scored a run. Knyte Neathery had a double, drove in two runs and scored a run and Bryce Lounsbury had a hit, drove in a run and scored two runs.

Mikey Perry went three innings to start the

game, giving up four hits without allowing an earned run while striking out three. Lounsbury finished up, going two perfect innings and striking out two.

The Timber Wolves will be at home today, May 14, for a Cooperstown rematch with Somersworth, will be

at Campbell on Monday, May 18, and at home against Conant on Wednesday, May 20, all at 4 p.m.

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COURTESY

An avid outdoorsman, New Durham resident A.J. DeRosa serves as the chairperson of the NH Fish and Game Commission. He will speak on the duties of the Commission at the New Durham Public Library on Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

### DEROSA

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national efforts surrounding the Recovering America's Wildlife Act and has contributed to research and outreach related to hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation.

His background in public service, beginning with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department in Boston, along with his experience working with diverse stakeholders, has influenced his approach to wildlife policy, public trust responsibilities, and balanced resource management.

Communicating with the public is a focus of DeRosa's. To spread the word on science-based wildlife management, he has collaborated with conservation organizations, researchers, and government agencies.

The presentation on Monday is a way for residents to gain a better understanding of what the Commission does.

standing of what the Commission does.

"I'd like to see people engage more with the Commission," DeRosa said.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation, sponsored by the New Durham Democratic Committee as a public benefit. Light refreshments will be served. The program is free and open to residents of all communities.

DeRosa said being aware of the Commission's duties and how they affect the public is important, noting, "The Commission represents the truly American principle that our natural resources are held in trust for all people, and it is a body every citizen should care about and engage with because its decisions shape how those resources are managed, conserved, and passed on to future generations."

## HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

### Thursday, May 14 BELMONT

Baseball at Inter-Lakes; 4  
Track Home Meet; 4

### GILFORD

Baseball vs. Winnisquam; 4  
Boys' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Milford; 4  
Girls' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4  
Softball vs. Winnisquam; 4

### WINNISQUAM

Baseball at Gilford; 4  
Softball at Gilford; 4  
Track at Belmont; 4

### Monday, May 18 BELMONT

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Hopkinton; 4  
Softball vs. Berlin; 4

### GILFORD

Baseball vs. Newport; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Trinity; 4  
Boys' Tennis at Monadnock; 4  
Girls' Lacrosse at Campbell; 4  
Softball vs. Newport; 4

### WINNISQUAM

Baseball at Stevens; 4  
Softball at Stevens; 4

### Tuesday, May 19 BELMONT

Track at Gilford; 4

### GILFORD

Baseball vs. Bishop Brady; 4  
Girls' Tennis at Kearsarge; 4  
Softball vs. Bishop Brady; 4  
Track Home Meet; 4

### WINNISQUAM

Track at Gilford; 4

### Wednesday, May 20 BELMONT

Baseball at Mascoma; 4

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Kearsarge; 4  
Softball at Mascoma; 4

### GILFORD

Baseball at Berlin 4  
Boys' Lacrosse at Stevens; 4  
Boys' Tennis vs. White Mountains; 4

Softball at Berlin; 4

### WINNISQUAM

Baseball vs. Fall Mountain; 4  
Softball vs. Fall Mountain; 4

### Thursday, May 21 BELMONT

Girls' Lacrosse at Lebanon; 4

### GILFORD

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Trinity; 4:30  
Softball vs. Trinity; 4:30

**All schedules are subject to change.**



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Eric Warren fires the javelin for Gilford during the Bristol Lions Invitational on Saturday.

### TRACK

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of 13.01 seconds with Izabella Doten in 42nd place with a time of 20.52 seconds. Amanda Schaffnit finished in 12th in the 800 meters in a time of 3:21.39.

Sawyer also won the 400 meters with a time of 57.2 while in the shot put, Schaffnit finished in 16th place at 15 feet,

six inches and Doten was 19th at 14 feet, one inch.

Pearl Marvel won the 200 meters with a time of 27.35 seconds and Emily Aguiar finished in fifth place in 29.34 seconds. Marvel placed fifth in the javelin at 77 feet, 11 inches and Doten was 36th at 27 feet, five inches.

Marvel also won the



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Pearl Marvel crosses the finish line to win the 200 meters during action on Saturday at Newfound.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

William Reinhardt runs for Gilford during the Bristol Lions Invitational at Newfound on Saturday.

long jump with a distance of 16 feet, 9.5 inches and Schaffnit finished in 20th place overall at eight feet, six inches.

For the Gilford boys, John Lavalley finished third in the shot put with a toss of 41 feet, 3.5 inches and Eric Warren was 16th at 32 feet, 11.5 inches. Cooper Plourde jumped to 27th in the long jump with a distance of 11 feet, 9.5 inches.

William Reinhardt finished in third place in the 3,200 meters in a time of 10:56.26 and

he was also sixth in the 1,600 meters in 4:59.96 with Griffyn Greene in 26th in 6:05.41 and Plourde in 28th in 6:16.99.

Warren finished in sixth in the javelin with a toss of 114 feet and Plourde was 28th overall at 54 feet, two inches.

The Golden Eagles are slated to compete at home on Tuesday, May 19, at 4 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Track Timber Wolves battle through rain at Newfound

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Prospect Mountain track team traveled to Bristol on Saturday to take part in the rainy Bristol Lions Invitational, hosted by Newfound Regional High School.

DJ Scarpa took the win in the 400 meters in a time of 52.64 seconds with Sean Hardison in 20th in 1:04.53. Hunter Witham finished in 31st place in the 1,600 meters in a time of 6:19.72 and Hardison was seventh in the high jump at five feet.

Scarpa was also third in the long jump with a distance of 18 feet, 10.5 inches and Evan Fuller was 21st

overall at 13 feet, nine inches. Witham also finished in ninth place in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 22.4 seconds.

Hayden Holmes finished in sixth place in the 100 meters in 12.08 seconds with Scarpa in seventh place in 12.12 seconds, Matthew Whelan in 11th in 12.51 seconds, Fuller in 40th in 13.71 seconds and Hardison in 46th in 14.39 seconds. Whelan was ninth in the 200 meters in 25.37 seconds, Holmes was 10th in 25.69 seconds and Fuller was 32nd in 28.38 seconds.

Declan McCausland was 22nd overall in the javelin with a toss of 74 feet, nine



Hunter Witham clears a hurdle in action on Saturday in Bristol.



Kira Campanile charges down the front stretch for Prospect Mountain on Saturday afternoon.



DJ Scarpa hands to baton to Dylan Krull in the 4X100-meter relay in action on Saturday.



Natalie Cowser (5) breaks from the blocks in the 100 meters during action at Newfound Saturday afternoon.

### Watson picks up 100th career assist, Golden Eagles win two



COURTESY PHOTO

Abby Watson picked up her 100th career assist in Gilford's win over Kearsarge last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford girls' lacrosse team picked up a couple of wins in the return from vacation week.

On Thursday, May 7, the Golden Eagles hit the road to Peterborough and defeated ConVal by a 19-3 score.

Abby Watson had five goals, two assists and nine draw controls, Zevy Donovan had five goals and four draw controls, Rowan Worthen had four goals and one assist, Riley Coutts and Maya Criscone each had two goals and Mia Burlock added a goal.

The Golden Eagles went to Kearsarge and picked up an 18-2 win over the Cou-

gars with Watson picking up her 100th career assist in the win.

Watson finished with seven goals, five assists and 10 draw controls, Donovan had five goals, one assist and four draw controls, Worthen had three goals and two assists, Aubrey Vliet had two goals and Celia Plourde had one goal and two assists. Madi Breton had four saves in the Golden Eagle net.

The Golden Eagles will be hosting Milford today, May 14, and will be at Campbell on Monday, May 18, both at 4 p.m.

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inches while in the discus, Finn Brown was 25th at 68 feet, seven inches, McCausland was 27th at 66 feet, eight inches, Witham was 30th at 53 feet, nine inches and Dylan Conway was 34th at 46 feet, seven inches. Brown was 20th in the shot put at 31 feet, one inch, McCausland was 23rd at 28 feet, 6.75 inches and

Conway was 36th at 23 feet, .5 inches.

The Timber Wolf boys finished in fourth place in the 4X100-meter relay in a time of 48.36 seconds.

For the Prospect girls, Jazmine Witham was second in the discus at 87 feet, seven inches with Kayla Fish in seventh at 61 feet, eight inches. Fish was sev-

enth in the javelin and Witham finished in 13th place. Witham added a sixth place in the shot put at 25 feet, three inches.

In the 100 meters, Natalie Cowser was 20th in 14.99 seconds and Julie Beaton was 40th in 18.83 seconds. Kira Campanile was 26th in the 200 meters in 33.94 sec-

onds and Beaton was 30th in 34.81 seconds. Campanile was also 16th in the 400 meters in 1:17.1.

The Timber Wolves are slated to be in action again at Belmont today, May 14.

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## Golden Eagles return from vacation week with Winnisquam meet

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
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TILTON — The Gilford track team returned from vacation week with a meet at Winnisquam on Tuesday, May 5, with the girls finishing sixth on the day and the boys finishing in seventh place.

The Golden Eagle girls got the win in the 1,600 meters with Maria Tilley finishing in a time of 5:46.54 and Kylie Kelly in third place in 6:21.56. Amanda Schaffnit ran to eighth overall in the 400 meters in 1:24.63 and was 20th in the long jump at eight feet, 10 inches.

The Golden Eagle girls ran to the top spot in the 4X100-meter relay, finishing in a time of 51.94 seconds.

Grace Southworth was fourth overall in the shot put with a toss of 25 feet, 10.25 inches with Kelly in sixth at 23 feet, 2.5 inches, Macy Sawyer in seventh at 22 feet, 9.25 inches, Pearl Marvel in eighth at 22 feet, seven inches, Emily Aguiar in 18th at 16 feet, 1.5 inches, Schaffnit in 19th at 14 feet, nine inches and Izabella Doten in 20th at 14 feet.

Marvel took third overall in the javelin with a throw

of 80 feet, two inches with Kelly in sixth at 65 feet, seven inches and Doten in 17th at 27 feet, eight inches.

For the Gilford boys, John LaValley finished in second place in the shot put with a toss of 41 feet, 9.25 inches with Eric Warren in 11th at 31 feet, 10.75 inches and Wren Reinholz in 14th at 28 feet, 7.25 inches.

Gunnar Marvel tossed his way to second in the discus at 128 feet, two inches with Brennan Smith-Miller in 17th place at 62 feet, four inches. Warren was sixth in the javelin at 100 feet, seven inches, Cooper Plourde was 14th at 85 feet, three inches, Smith-Miller was 15th at 82 feet, six inches and Griffyn

Greene was 29th at 43 feet, 10 inches.

Landon Akerstrom ran to ninth overall in the 400 meters in 59.97 seconds while in the 1,600 meters, Greene was 13th in 6:21.18 and Plourde was 15th in 6:38.72. Plourde was also 13th in the long jump at nine feet, 5.5 inches.

The Golden Eagle boys ran to fourth overall in the 4X100-meter relay with a time of 50.02 seconds.

The Gilford squad is scheduled to compete again at home on Tuesday, May 19, at 4 p.m.

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# HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, May 14  
KENNETT

Baseball at Pembroke; 4  
Softball at Pembroke; 4

KINGSWOOD

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Spaulding; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball vs. Somersworth; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. Profile; 4

Girls' Tennis at Profile; 4

Softball vs. Somersworth; 4

Friday, May 15  
KENNETT

Boys' Lacrosse at Kearsarge; 4

Boys' Tennis at Souhegan; 4

Girls' Tennis at Berlin; 4

KINGSWOOD

Baseball vs. Plymouth; 4

Boys' Lacrosse at Spaulding; 4

Girls' Tennis at Manchester West; 4

Softball vs. Plymouth; 4

Saturday, May 16  
KENNETT

Track at Newfound; 10

KINGSWOOD

Track at Oyster River; 10

Monday, May 18  
KENNETT

Baseball at Sanborn; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Lebanon; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. Goffstown; 4

Girls' Lacrosse at Spaulding; 4

Girls' Tennis at Goffstown; 4

Softball at Sanborn; 4

KINGSWOOD

Baseball at Laconia; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Oyster River; 6

Girls' Lacrosse at Oyster River; 4

Girls' Tennis vs. Winnacunnet; 4

Softball at Laconia; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball at Campbell; 4

Girls' Tennis at Inter-Lakes; 4

Softball vs. Trinity; 4

Tuesday, May 19  
KENNETT

Softball vs. John Stark; 4

Wednesday, May 20  
KENNETT

Baseball vs. Coe-

Brown; 4

Boys' Lacrosse vs. Hopkinton; 4

Boys' Tennis vs. Bow; 4

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Oyster River; 4

Softball vs. Coe-Brown; 4

KINGSWOOD

Baseball vs. John Stark; 4

Boys' Lacrosse at Winnacunnet; 4

Girls' Lacrosse vs. Winnacunnet; 4

Softball vs. John Stark; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Baseball vs. Conant; 4

Softball vs. Conant; 4

Thursday, May 21  
KINGSWOOD

Track at Bow; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Girls' Tennis at Moultonborough; 3:30

Softball vs. Newfound; 4

Track at Kearsarge; 4

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LACONIA — The Laconia Historical & Museum Society invites the community to a special program on Sunday, May 17 at 11 a.m. at The Ar-

chives, featuring Brenda “Birdie” Nanina Awabejiwani Jordan-Turner. This event marks the first program in a year-long celebration of Laconia’s

Native American history and offers a meaningful experience for all ages. Born in 1950 in Laconia, Birdie graduated from Laconia High

School in 1968. Though her Native heritage was not openly discussed in her early life, she began exploring her identity later after encour-

## LRAA announces Artists of the Month



TILTON — Lakes Region Art Association members have the opportunity to enter a piece of artwork into the Artist of the Month Program at each monthly Member Meeting. Winners are able to display and sell a single work for a month in various public venues throughout the Lakes Region in participating Banks and Libraries or Local Businesses.

April 2026 Artists of the Month, pictured above, included, left to right — Back Row: Don Giguere, James Cryan. Front Row: Elizabeth Cryan, Gail Brunt, Martha Aucoin

The winning artists' artwork will be on display in locations in the Lakes Region through the third week of May 2026.

Martha Aucoin, this

month’s First Place winner has the distinct honor of displaying several pieces of her artwork at Annie’s Cafe & Catering in Laconia, NH. Chill out with some scrumptious homemade soup and sandwiches and enjoy the art while you eat!

The art pieces for the Honorable Mention artist will be on display through the third week of April in the following

locations:

- James Cryan - Camden Bank, Tilton
- Don Giguere- Laconia Library
- Liz Cryan - Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin
- Gail Brunt - Gilford Library
- Sherwood Frazier\* - Camden Bank, Meredith
- Sherwood Frazier\*- Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford

\*Not Pictured



COURTESY

LHMS will host a free public program on Sunday, May 17 at 11 a.m. at The Archives at 65 Water Street, featuring Brenda “Birdie” Nanina Awabejiwani Jordan-Turner. Birdie will share stories and traditions connected to her Flint/Mohawk and Abenaki heritage. The program is appropriate for all ages and includes storytelling, cultural activities, and a children’s craft and is part of a year-long celebration of Native American history in Laconia.

agement from a doctor. Through conversations with her grandmother, she discovered her Flint/Mohawk roots on her maternal side and Abenaki ancestry on her paternal side. Beginning in 1989, Birdie spent more than a decade researching her family history, deepening her understanding of her heritage.

After studying fashion design and merchandising in Boston and raising five children, now with five grandchildren, Birdie’s connection to her heritage grew stronger as she attended powwows during her children’s school years. Her journey was shaped in part by the challenges her children faced, leading her to more fully em-

brace her Mohawk identity and uncover shared ancestry within her community. Today, she continues to share her story and cultural knowledge with others.

Guests are invited to an engaging and interactive afternoon featuring personal storytelling, traditional teachings, and a special turtle story. The program will also include a simple hands-on craft for children, along with opportunities to explore cultural artifacts and connect with Native traditions.

This free program is open to the public as part of the Laconia Historical & Museum Society’s Our Yesterdays 2026 Presentation Series.

### PETS OF THE WEEK

#### Meet Laci!

a friend, chances are Laci will start to feel the same way too. Watching her gain confidence and come out of her shell is incredibly rewarding, and she forms strong bonds with those she trusts.

This silly girl enjoys getting fresh air and would love a home where she can join you for peaceful walks and little outdoor adventures. She’s got a playful side that peeks through once she feels safe, and it’s sure to make you smile.

Laci may need some dental work down the line, so her future family should be prepared to keep an eye on her dental health and continue with any care she may need. With the right support, she’ll continue to thrive.

If you have a soft spot for the quieter ones and the patience to let her blossom at her own pace, Laci will reward you with a loyal, loving companionship—and maybe a few silly moments along the way.

#### Meet Scrappy!

side. Scrappy would be more than happy to be your daily sidekick—whether you’re out and about or just lounging at home, he’s happiest just being with his people.

Scrappy and his sister are also working on getting into their best shape, so they’ll need a forever home that’s committed to helping them stay healthy. A little extra exercise and mindful feeding will go a long way for this pair!

Scrappy does have a seizure disorder that is currently well-managed with medication. Because of this, his future family will need to be comfortable continuing his medication routine and staying on top of his care to keep him feeling his best. He doesn’t let it slow him down, and with the right support, he can continue to live a happy, full life.

If you’re looking for a loyal companion who’s equal parts laid-back and loving, Scrappy just might be your guy. He’s ready to drop the tough act and settle into a life full of comfort, care, and companionship.

Meet Laci - One half of the Dachshund Duo

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

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

Meet Scrappy - One half of the Dachshund Duo

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

He’s a big fan of the simple joys in life: a good squeaky toy, some fresh air on a nice walk, and a cozy spot to relax by your

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### Church Service SCHEDULE

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## Cornhole tournament to benefit Greater Lakes Region Children’s Fund

LACONIA — A community cornhole tournament aimed at supporting local children is set for Saturday, May 16, at the Laconia VFW.

The event, titled “Tossing Bags for Kids,” will raise funds for the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Fund, which supports youth and families across the region. Organizers say the day is designed to combine friendly competition with a strong community purpose.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., with games starting at 11 a.m. The cost is \$50 per team, and individual players are welcome, with organizers offering to pair up singles. The registration fee

includes lunch for participants.

In addition to the tournament, the event will feature a silent auction, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing, giving attendees multiple ways to contribute to the cause.

The tournament is being organized by the Cafe Deja Vu Pub Mania Team, with sponsorship support from Zero Waste and Foley Oil & Propane.

Event organizers encourage early registration due to expected interest. Those looking to sign up in advance or seek more information can contact Tony Felch at 603-998-1418 or by email at ynotyot@peoplepc.com.

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# SPORTS

## Timber Wolves bring out the big bats in return from vacation

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team was all business in the return from vacation week, picking up a 20-0 win over Somersworth on Monday, May 14.

The Timber Wolves scored five times in the top of the first inning then added 10 in the third and five more in the fifth to close out the win.

Kora MacKenzie had a triple and a single, drove in two runs and scored three runs while Paityn Glidden had two doubles and a single. Sophia Bowman had a double and two singles and drove in three runs, Kourtney Kaplan had two hits, drove in three runs and scored twice, Paige Harding had a double, drove in a run and scored two runs and Clara LeClerc had a hit and scored a run.

Bowman went all five innings in the circle for the Timber Wolves, allowing just one hit while striking out eight.

Prospect Mountain traveled north to Berlin on Thursday, May 7, and took the 21-4 win over the Mountaineers using a 12-run third inning to seize control and adding another eight in the top of the fifth inning for good measure.

The homers were flying for the Timber Wolves, as Guptill had two dingers and Kaplan, Glidden and Harding each added a homer. Kaplan added a triple, drove in three runs and scored three runs, Harding added a double and a single, drove in three runs

and scored four times, Glidden added two singles, drove in five runs and scored two runs, Guptill added a single, drove in three runs and scored twice, MacKenzie had two hits, drove in a run and scored three runs, Ashlynn Roberts had a double, drove in a run and scored a run, Taylor Greenwood had a hit, drove in a run and scored two runs and Bowman added two hits.

Bowman went all five innings in the circle, giving up three earned runs while striking out 10 Mountaineers.

Prospect closed out the week with a 14-2 win at home against Hillsboro-Deering on Friday, May 8. The Timber Wolves scored twice in the first, once in the second and three times in the third for the 6-0 lead before the Hillcats got on the board with a run in the fourth. The Timber Wolves added two in the fifth and after H-D scored once in the top of the sixth, the hosts closed out the win with six in the bottom of the inning.

Glidden clubbed another homer, drove in three runs and scored two runs, MacKenzie had a double, drove in two runs and scored three times, Bowman had three hits and drove in two runs, Greenwood had a pair of hits, drove in a run and scored a run, Kaplan had two hits and scored three times, Harding had a hit and drove in two runs, Guptill had a hit and drove in a run and Leila Hillsgrove had a hit and scored a run.

Bowman struck out eight Hillcats in her six innings of work, giving up just two hits and one

earned run.

The Timber Wolves are slated to be at home for a rematch with the

'Toppers today, May 14, will be at home against Trinity on Monday, May 18, and at home against

Conant on Wednesday, May 20, all at 4 p.m.

Sports Editor Josh-

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



## Nursing is a diverse field

Nursing is a wise career choice for people looking for a challenging yet rewarding profession. Significant nursing shortages continue to pose a challenge within the health care industry, as the United States was expected to have a deficit of around 295,800 nurses by the end of 2025.

Nurses work in many different facilities and can focus on an array of specialties. Nurses may be categorized by their levels of education. Each level has a different scope of practice and responsibility. Those considering nursing as a career, or patients preparing to see a nursing provider for care, can explore these types of nurses.

### Licensed practical nurse (LPN)

LPNs are health care professionals responsible for basic patient care and comfort. They typically are a patient's primary point of contact and relay information to the rest of the care team. One can think of LPNs as entry-level nurses, although their responsibil-

ities are no less important than other medical professionals'. LPNs typically work under others' direct supervision and assist patients with eating, dressing and bathing. LPNs also take vital signs and administer medications. The American Nursing Association says becoming an LPN or a licensed vocational nurse requires a high school diploma or GED and a vocational training course, and a passing grade on the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses is necessary.

### Registered nurse (RN)

RNs require a higher level of education than LPNs and they can provide more complex and comprehensive care for patients. RNs often handle a wider range of patient services and take on more responsibilities than LPNs. The ANA says two college degree paths available to aspiring RNs are an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). A BSN requires a greater

financial commitment and a four-year undergraduate program takes time to complete. Many employers zero in on candidates with a BSN.

Nurses who have advanced degrees are called Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. They have specialized training beyond that of a typical registered nurse and have broader scopes of practice. They may work with greater autonomy in certain specialties.

### Certified nurse practitioner (CNP)

A CNP is a health partner of choice for many people. The American Association of Nurse Practitioners® says CNPs are clinicians that blend clinical expertise in diagnosing and treating health conditions with an emphasis on disease prevention and health management. Advanced education, like a master's or doctoral degree, is required to become a CNP. He or she is able to prescribe medications, order diagnostic tests and manage chronic condi-

tions.

### Certified nurse-midwife (CNM)

CNMs provide gynecological and low-risk obstetrical care. These advance practice registered nurses focus their study and practices on gynecology, family planning, prenatal, labor, and postpartum care. In addition to an advanced degree, CNMs must complete an accredited midwifery education program and pass a national certification exam.

### Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA)

CRNAs have specialized training in anesthesia. The Cleveland Clinic notes CRNAs can administer anesthesia for procedures and surgeries. These professionals work with surgeons, anesthesiologists, dentists, podiatrists, and other providers. CRNAs often are the sole anesthesia providers in hospitals in rural areas and the U.S. armed forces.

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Alton	Henry Wilson Highway	N/A	\$420,000	Sandstreet Investments LLC	Apex Land Solutions LLC
Alton	Suncook Valley Road	N/A	\$850,000	Bissell Fiscal Trust and Bradley E. Bissell	Northbound Ventures LLC
Barnstead	56 Beaver Pond Dr.	Residential Open Land	\$650,000	East Shore Homes LLC	Jason and Mary Fuller
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$250,000	Matthew Healy	Stephen Holmes and Richard Towne
New Durham	400 Henry Wilson Highway	N/A	\$400,000	Trevor Alicea and Nina Lucias	Paul Joseph III and Kakita Marie Fortier
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$650,000	Carlana L. and Thomas A. Miller	John A. and Sharon A. Valenti

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

### SIDARI

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Life in Four Parts," is published in "L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future Volume 42," which was officially released on April 28.

Sidari lives in the Boston suburbs with his wife and a delightfully spoiled labradoodle named Chloe, who takes him for walks twice a day. As a practicing physician, he works hard caring for his patients while trying to kill off his protagonists. He is a current member of the Grub Street Writers Group of Boston, and a former member of the Spacecraft Writers' Group.

He's been a lifelong

fan of reading speculative fiction, but only started writing it after flipping his bicycle during triathlon training. Typing at his computer felt like a less risky hobby, so that summer, with his wrist on the mend, he wrote a novel. Then another. On his third attempt, he found an agent who suggested that writing short stories could help build his reputation while the book was being shopped around. The manuscript never sold, but he realized short stories were fun, too. Since then, he has earned multiple honorable mentions in the Writers of the Future contest and two Silvers, while publishing

several short stories—though not enough to "pro out."

This story was one of those honorable mentions.

"You know the email Joni Labaqui [contest director] sends? The one that suggests to 'revise and re-submit an old story if you don't have anything new?' It resonated," he says. "I liked the idea of the epistolary tale I'd entered to the Contest about a woman trying to free the last dragon in America. But I needed to double down on the premise. Write more than just blog posts. So, I rewrote it from top to bottom."

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improved story.

The contest, one of the most prestigious writing and illustrating competitions in the world, is currently in its 43rd year and is judged by some of the premier names in speculative fiction.

The Writers of the Future Contest judges include Tim Powers (author of "On Stranger Tides"), Kevin J. Anderson and Brian Herbert ("Dune" prequel series), Robert J. Sawyer ("The Oppenheimer Alternative"), Brandon Sanderson (Mistborn series, "The Stormlight Archive"), Larry Niven ("Ringworld"), Orson Scott Card ("Ender's Game"), Nne-

di Okorafor ("Who Fears Death"), Hugh Howey ("Wool"), and Katherine Kurtz (Deryni series) to name a few.

The Illustrators of the Future Contest judges include, Bob Eggleton (11 Chesley Awards and nine Hugo Awards), Larry Elmore (Dungeons & Dragons book covers), Echo Chernik (graphic designs for major corporations including Celestial Seasonings tea packaging), Rob Prior (art for "Spawn," "Heavy Metal" comics and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"), Ciruelo ("Eragon" Coloring Book).

Following the 1982 release of his internationally acclaimed bestselling science fiction novel, "Battlefield Earth," written in celebration of 50 years as a professional writer, L. Ron Hubbard created the Writers of the Future (writersofthefuture.com) in 1983 to provide a means for aspiring writers of speculative fiction to get that much-needed break. Due to the success of the Writers of the Future Contest, the companion Illustrators of the Future Contest was inaugurated five years later.

In the 42 years of the Writers of the Future

Contest, there have been 583 winners and published finalists. The past winners of the Writing Contest have published 2,000 novels and nearly 6,300 short stories. They have produced 36 New York Times bestsellers, and their works have sold more than 60 million copies.

In the 37 years of the Illustrators of the Future Contest, there have been 430 winners. The past winners of the Illustrating Contest have produced over 6,800 illustrations, 390 comic books, graced 700 books and albums with their art, and visually contributed to 68 television shows and 40 major movies.

The Writers of the Future Award is the genre's most prestigious award of its kind and has now become the largest, most successful, and demonstrably most influential vehicle for budding creative talent in the world of speculative fiction. Since its inception, the Writers and Illustrators of the Future contests have produced 42 anthology volumes and awarded upwards of \$1 million in cash prizes and royalties.

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# Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

## 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, overhead 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 St. to sign up. Contact [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109 for more information.

## 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.

## Alton Town Wide Yard Sale

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring its Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6, rain or shine, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. If you would like to participate by having a Yard Sale at your house contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov) before May 18 with your Yard Sale address location. When signing up please include your name, phone number and complete physical address. Free Yard Sale maps will be available after May 27.

## Pick-up pickleball games

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

## Pilates Classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay

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

## Weight Training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, with AFAA Certified Instructor Kellie Troendle, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. This program is ongoing. Build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in.

## Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library

are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursday, May 14 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Meditation is helpful for reducing stress and slowing our bodies down to breathe. 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. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

## Travel Club trips Cowboy Country and Taste of Italy in 2027

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips with Collette Tours in 2027. The first trip is to Cowboy Country. Trip highlights include Grand Teton National Park; Badlands National Park; Crazy Horse Memorial; Mt. Rush-

more and much more. The trip includes a visit to Yellowstone National Park which is famous for its geysers, hot springs and herds of bison. Witness the impressive Old Faithful, travel over the Sylvan Pass and see Yellowstone Lake. Trip dates are June 8-15, 2027, and include airport transportation from Alton, airfare, 10 meals, hotels, and guided transportation through Cowboy Country, including walking, bus, and covered wagon tours.

Alton Parks and Recreation is also sponsoring a trip with Collette Tours to Italy in 2027. The trip highlights include Rome; Narni-Umbria Region, Chianti Region, Tuscany, and

Florence. Explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village; take a walking tour of Assisi and see views of Lake Trasimeno; visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto's frescoes; take a cooking class and visit olive groves; and much more. Trip dates are Oct. 23-Nov. 3, 2027. Includes airfare, 16 meals, hotels and transportation.

These trips are a great way to travel in a group and with a knowledgeable guide. An informational session will be held on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Gilman Library about both trips. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov).

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## LEGALS

### SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### RFQ FOR FIELD DRAINAGE

Shaker Regional School District is seeking Requests for Proposals for Baseball Field Drainage at Belmont High School. A mandatory site visit will be held on May 20, 2026 at 10:00 am. Please contact Steve Dalzell, Director of Buildings & Grounds, with any questions and the complete RFQ at [sdalzell@sau80.org](mailto:sdalzell@sau80.org) or at 603-267-9223 x5309.

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# Touch-a-Plane event rescheduled at Laconia Airport

GILFORD — Winn Aero, the STEM education non-profit for youth, has rescheduled its popular Touch a Plane, Touch a Truck for Saturday, May 16. The event was postponed last Saturday due to heavy rains.

The family-oriented event dubbed “Wings, Water & Wheels,” will operate in the “touch a plane, touch-a-truck” format. Several aircraft owners will display their airplanes, while Gilford Fire and Police, and the County Sheriff will have vehicles for kids to see. The Belknap County SWAT vehicle will also be on display. This is an excellent opportunity to speak directly with the pilots, operators, police and fire personnel about their planes, vehicles and careers. Kids under 18 can fly free orientation flights



at the event thanks to the local chapter of the EAA. The World’s largest association of aircraft owners is donating their aircraft and pilots to fly kids, free of charge, on “Young Ea-

gle Flights”; pre-register at [www.eaachapters.org](http://www.eaachapters.org). Pine Tree Helicopters will be offering helo rides for a fee to children and adults.

Laconia Airport gates open at 9 a.m. on May 16, and the event will run until 2 p.m. Wings, Water Wheels is WinnAero’s main fundraiser to help deliver aviation and aerospace education to youth throughout New Hampshire. An admission of \$5 per person or \$20 per family is gratefully accepted to support this mission. Youth registered for Young Eagle flights get free admission. A Food Truck will be available.

WinnAero appreciates the financial and in-kind support from the Laconia Airport Authority, The Bank of New Hampshire, the EAA, Granite State Glass, SkyBright Aviation, The Glidden Trust, Pine Tree Helicopters and Emerson Aviation. Besides the Open House event, WinnAero also operates summer aviation-themed day camps for youth, the ACE Academies. Camp openings still exist in Aeromedical Aviation, Air Traffic Control, Girls in Aviation, Pre-Ground School and Search & Rescue. Visit [www.winn-aero.org](http://www.winn-aero.org).

## Blooms Brews & BBQ fundraiser May 16 at Beans & Greens

GILFORD — Gilford Rotary is teaming with Greens and Beans to present “Blooms, Brews & BBQs” Saturday, May 16, 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. or until sold out, 245 Intervale Rd. in Gilford

There will be fun activities for the entire family including live music featuring Mitch Alden & Karen Grenier, games and other activities for kids, corn hole, farm animal petting zoos, greenhouse tours, fire truck tour, and more!

Adult admission is \$14.99 and includes 10 tasting tickets to sample 20 beer and wines. A tasty Barbecue dinner which consists of half a chicken, Marine Beans, Cole Slaw and cookies is \$19.99. Adult Admission with BBQ Dinner is \$29.98. A Two Hot Dog Dinner with all the sides is \$15. Child admission is free with par-



ent or guardian. The BBQ dinner can be done as a drive through or enjoyed on the picnic tables Beans & Greens Pavilion. Proceeds benefit Camp Resilience.

Advance Tickets avail-

able at <https://www.beansandgreensfarm.com/>.

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.

## Alton Historical Society kicks off 2026 season Tuesday

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society will present its first program of the 2026 season on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Gilman Library on Main Street in the lower level.

The Alton Bay H2O Ski Club, organized in 1954 was part of the Bay’s excitement and attraction in the 1950’s, ‘60s and into the 1970’s. They put on popular ski shows and gave ski lessons. Don Purdy, one of the early club members, will be joining us to share his memories. Purdy was one of the more

talented ski jumpers. The ski shows included barefoot skiing, trick skiing, spectacular jumping acts, pyramid acts and more. The club also sponsored the Miss Alton Bay Beauty Contest, which debuted in 1958.

If you have memories of the Sunday afternoon ski shows you won’t want to miss this talk. All Alton Historical Society programs are open to the public and are always free of charge. For more information, contact Mary Cornelissen at [cotntail@tds.net](mailto:cotntail@tds.net). Hope to see you there.



Perform It! Stage Company will be performing at the Wolfeboro Town Hall on May 22 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., May 23 at 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 24 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and are available for purchase at [performitstagecompany.com/ticket](http://performitstagecompany.com/ticket) or at the door. Tickets can also be reserved by emailing [tickets@performitstagecompany.com](mailto:tickets@performitstagecompany.com).



Mr. Pappaceno’s metals class at Prospect Mountain High School has been constructing firewood storage racks out of steel and recycled materials generously donated by locals in Belknap County. The class has been working since January to enhance their welding abilities and prepare them for a job in the field if they choose to pursue the skill further. These wood racks will be sold at a silent auction held on the evening of Wednesday, May 20 from 6-8 p.m. at PMHS located at 242 Suncook Valley Highway, Alton. This event is in conjunction with the Chorus Concert, held by Mr. Young, also held the same evening. Bidding will start at \$50 per storage rack. Portions of the proceeds will go to the students and the metals class to invest in more material, tools, and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). We hope to see you all there!



The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the April Super Knights Award for “Perseverance.” In the first row are Ariana Wilson, Kai Lotus, Ben Bradford, Isabella Whiting, and Jackson Ducharme. In the second row are Cayla Proctor, Hannah Ivester, Mason Ouellet, Haley Stansfield, and Beckhem Bell. Congratulations!

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