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Career Day showcase inspires students' passions



BY OLIVIA ALBERT
Gilford High School

GILFORD — On April 21, Gilford High School hosted a Portrait of a Learner Career Day,

where community businesses will discuss their jobs and answer the questions any students have about the career field. Companies and

community businesses were tasked with giving students an inside look on their career path. This event took place during the school day on



Tuesday, April 21.

Students selected two presentations from a list

of thirty-three presenters. This gave students an inside perspective,

and hopefully helped determine their passion. SEE CAREER DAY, PAGE A8

Alton Central School hosting Fourth Annual Education & Enrichment Expo

BY SCOTT BICKFORD

ALTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

ALTON — The Enrichment Department at Alton Central School is proud to host its fourth Education & Enrichment Expo on Thursday, May 28, from 5-7 p.m. No, you will not find parent-assisted volcano models that use baking soda or dry ice to demonstrate the science of eruptions. There will be no students standing at their desks giving formal presentations. Let's celebrate the individuality of students in the Alton community. Parents, remember the basic 3 R's of education? Everyone learns reading, writing, and arithmetic. Let's not forget science and social studies, among other classes such as electives and the unified arts. Alton Central School offers a wide range of differentiated content for our learners. However, outside of the classroom and brick walls of ACS, students may have other interests

and hobbies. The Expo will allow students to share their passions with friends, family, and staff in the community.

In addition to sharing projects, all students will have the opportunity to learn from professionals within our Alton & lakes region community.

If students are interested in art, they will want to visit Michelle Goodearl Photography. Michelle is a fine art landscape and family portrait photographer and a locally acclaimed artist, with collectors all over New England. Syllas Kenerson, a former graduate of PMHS and ACS, and Emma Blake will be running several small workshops on drawing characters, as they share their artistic expertise as aspiring artists. Syllas & Emma's art has been shared via the Pittsfield Players and Gilford Cinema 8.

Students who are fascinated by sci-

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Fundraising dinner to benefit Eagle Scout project

BARNSTEAD — Boy Scout Troop 53 of Alton and Barnstead is hosting a spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser for an Eagle Scout project for Scout Benjamin

Tedcastle. Tedcastle's Eagle Scout project is building a wheelchair beach Matt for waterfront access at Easter Seals/ Camp Sno-Mo.

The spaghetti dinner will take place at the Barnstead Parade Fire Station at 305 Parade Rd. in Barnstead from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Cost is by donation.

To start, Golden Eagle girls cruise past Lakers



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Nora Kate Smith reaches to scoop the ball between Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough's Elizah Carlson (left) and Summer Hamill in season-opening action last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — Given the weird weather of the last few weeks, it was fitting that when the Gilford and Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough lacrosse girls were warming up for the opening game of the season on Monday,

April 13, it was raining. But, before the game officially started, the rain stopped and though the field was a little wet, the two teams kicked off the season at The Meadows, with the host Golden Eagles picking up the 20-8 win. The Golden Eagles got

the scoring started with two goals in the first minute, with Aubrey Vliet scoring in the first 26 seconds for the 1-0 lead and then 14 seconds later, Zevy Donovan netted her first varsity goal and the Golden Eagles were up 2-0.

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ON THE SPOT INTERVIEWS!!

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Learn to play Pickleball for ages 18+ free clinic

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a

free Pickleball Clinic led by certified Pickleball coach, Richard Powers, on Saturday, May 16 from 10-11:30

a.m. at the Liberty Tree Park Courts located on Rte. 140 for ages 18 and up. Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of Pickleball? Register now for a chance to learn all the tips and tricks. Space is limited, bring a paddle and water. Deadline to register is May 13. Contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov to register.

learn about the best trails in the area- the program is focused on hikes for beginners. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 the Wednesday before the hike day.

Progressive Wednesday hikes are for those that are looking for a hiking challenge. The hikes will gradually increase in difficulty each week- making this a great way to be outside and exercise. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 the Monday before the hike day.

organized Pickleball on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 8-11 a.m and pick up Pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon. If you are interested in playing Pickleball, join the group on Tuesdays and Thursdays using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FA8AF2CA5F85-54716680-pickup#/>; beginners are welcome, bring your own equipment.

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 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 or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

Save the date — Travel Club trip

Cowboy Country — Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park and more in 2027

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip with Collette Tours in 2027 to Cowboy Country. Trip highlights include Grand Teton National Park; Badlands National Park; Crazy Horse Memorial; Mt. Rushmore 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 includes airport transportation from Alton, airfare, 10 meals, hotels, and guided transportation through Cowboy Country, including walking, bus, and covered wagon tours.

The Travel Club trips are a great way to travel in a group and with a knowledgeable guide. An informational session with trip details will be held on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Gilman Library. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from April 13-19.

Daniel Robert Kilburn, age 66, was arrested on April 15 for making a False Report to Law Enforcement.

Robert Trussell, age 68, was arrested on April 16 for Circumvention of an Alcohol Ignition Interlock System, DUI-Impairment, a Lane Control violation, and Transporting Alcohol or Marijuana.

Eric V. Lanigan, age 42, was arrested on April 17 for Contempt and operation of a motor vehicle by a Habitual Offender.

Brad Shannon O'Hara, age 50, was arrested on April 17 for DUI-Impairment. A 49-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication during the same incident.

William Albert Fecteau, age 58, was arrested on April 18 for DUI-Impairment.

Bucket Drumming — Jam Session

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a free Bucket Drumming Jam Session with Sam Twining on Monday, April 27 at the Gilman Library from 1-2 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome. Bring your own bucket and enter the library using the lower-level rear entrance door. Drumming sticks will be provided. Stop by and join in the fun during school vacation week and learn a little bit about drumming and music. RSVP by April 22 at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Hit the Trail! Hiking Programs offered for all levels

Join hiker, Bonnie Dodge, for beginner focused hikes on Fridays or progressive hikes on Wednesdays starting in May. Hikes start at 10 a.m. at the trail head in Alton and surrounding Towns.

Beginner Friday hikes are a great opportunity for hesitant folks to discover the wonderful world of hiking and

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 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.

Alton tennis courts are open for season

The Town Tennis Courts at Liberty Tree Park are now open for the season. Courts are located behind 65 Frank C. Gilman Highway. Parking is across the street next to Mill Pond and by the Water Department. Courts are reserved for or-

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
2. "Hope Rises" by David Baldacci
3. "Revenge Prey" by John Sandford
4. "Judge Stone" by Viola Davis
5. "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood
6. "Life: A Love Story" by Elizabeth Berg
7. "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir
8. "More Than Enough" by Anna Quindlen
9. "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans
10. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
11. "Mule Boy" by Andrew Krivak
12. "The Crossroads" by C.J. Box

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Laci!

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

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

Meet Scrapy!

Scrapy 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.

Scrapy 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.

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May events at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — Good to Know Info: We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3 p.m. (May 14). May 10 is Mother's Day. Remember, if mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy, so treat your moms to something special!

We are once again hosting a Seed Swap! From Apr. 4 - May 30, stop by the library with seeds to donate - if you have any - and grab some new ones, too!

May Food Drive May 1-28: May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and this year's theme is "More Good Days." A good day for many families can start with having a meal to eat and a safe place to sleep. Let's do our part in supporting those in our community who are struggling, and ensure they have "More Good Days" by bringing in food donations to the library. Dried fruit, individual snack bags, oatmeal, canned beans, pasta - these are just a few examples of foods that would be most welcomed (just please be sure your donations are not expired!).

Home School Group: Run by group members and takes place at the library meeting room on Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Involves a mix of stories, simple science/learning activities, and a creative art/craft activity that all go along with a theme for the week. The activities are geared towards kids ages four and up, and younger siblings are welcome to come along. There will be an event posted ahead of time on the group's Facebook

page (Barnstead NH Library Homeschool Group) for each weekly meet-up, so you'll always know what to expect and if you need to bring anything.

Music and Movement Storytime, aka Littles Love to Learn! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for an interactive storytime filled with stories, songs, and loads of sensory play designed specifically for toddlers. Special Note: On May 19 and May 26, we will not be holding Music and Movement sessions.

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

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

NEW On the first Wednesday of the month (May 6), starting at 3:30 p.m., we are hosting a Young Readers Book Club for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Participants will have the opportunity to share and recommend their favorite books while explaining what makes those stories special to them. They will

also be encouraged to ask questions and engage in thoughtful group discussions. We'll wrap up the program with a simple craft activity, and light snacks will be provided. This month, we will be discussing the book "Wild Robot." After our discussion, we'll watch the movie!

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

Jamming Tuesdays at OFML: 6-8 p.m. (ages 18 and up). Do you play a string instrument? Well then, dust it off and come make music with us! On the first (May 5) and third (May 19) Tuesdays of the month, join us for jam nights at the library (in the meeting room). No need to be an expert—just bring your instrument and a love of music. Share a few tunes, trade chords, get feedback (if you'd like), and most of all, have fun!

NEW Calling all Mah Jongg fans - come join us at the library! Players meet the first (May 7) and third (May 21) Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. No registration required.

In honor of Mental Health Awareness, we bring you a NAMI: In Your Own Voice Presentation on Thursday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. Join us at the library to hear a personal per-

spective on mental health struggles, and breaking the stigma. Please note that the presentation requires a minimum number of attendees. If we don't reach that number, the presenter will not be able to attend. Please call or email the library to secure a spot!

Family Crafternoon is a family-focused event that happens every third Friday of the month (May 15), at 3:30 p.m. This month will be a take-and-make activity. Materials will be available for you to pick up and complete at your convenience.

Saturday, May 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., marks our first ever and first of the year, OFML Craft & Makers Market! This program will be monthly throughout the summer, and will be located down at the parks & rec area next to the library. Come shop for local crafts, gifts, and foods, then stop by the library and have a look around! If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please call or stop by the library to grab an application.

On Thursday, May 21, from 6-8 p.m., join us for our next Lifelong Learning Series event: Pesto from Scratch. This month's class is on everyone's favorite topic, food! Join our excellent local cook and baker, Toni, who will teach you how to make a delicious homemade pesto sauce. Please call the library to register as there is very limited space for this event. Please note that this event is being held at the Barnstead Parade Fire Station. ***We will be using nuts in this recipe.***

NEW We are host-

ing a Kids Graphic Novel Club on Thursday, May 21, from 4-5 p.m. Are you into graphic novels? Come talk about them! Read a graphic novel before we meet, then come share your thoughts — what worked, what didn't, and what you'd recommend to someone else. Read it. Talk about it. Find your next favorite! Light snacks provided. Fifth grade and up. Call or email to register.

On Friday, May 22, from 6:30-8 p.m., join us for Books & Banter. This lively book club is open to everyone and invites you to share and explore a wide range of genres. Come ready to discuss up to three books you've recently read, giving a brief synopsis to spark

conversation. Don't miss out on the fun—come share your thoughts, learn about new books, and enjoy a cozy evening of discussion.

Let's Write a Novel! Join us in the library's meeting room for a series of structured classes on the how-to's of writing a book. This class runs from 6:00-7:30 on the last Friday of the month (May 29). Budding writers, 16 and older, ignite your passion for storytelling, discover how to build your hero's journey, and take your novel from concept to can-do!

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

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

April 23 - April 30

Thursday, April 23
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

National Library Week Magnets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Drop into the Teen Room for a week-long craft to celebrate National Library Week—custom magnets!

Touch a Truck Week: School Bus, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

French, 4-5 p.m.
Springtime Slime, 3-4 p.m.

Celebrate the season with everyone's favorite messy craft—slime!

Friday, April 24
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
National Library Week Magnets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Drop into the Teen Room for a week-long craft to celebrate National Library Week—custom magnets!

Touch a Truck Week: School Bus, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, April 25
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Monday, April 27
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.

Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.

Sing a Long With Susan, 11 a.m.-noon

Come and join Susan Galeckas for a fun afternoon of singing some of your favorite country and old fashion music!

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

Mrs. Hayes' Art Day: Kaleidoscope Making, 2-3 p.m.

Make your own kaleidoscope & decorate it!
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 29
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, April 30
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 3-4 p.m.

Zechariah Boodey Farmstead "Italian Benefit Dinner" returns

NEW DURHAM — The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Committee and the Board Members of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative (ZBFCNH) invite the community to join us for an authentic Italian "Lasagna Dinner" on Saturday, April 25, starting at 5 p.m. The event will be held in the Community Room behind the New Durham Fire Station on Main Street and will serve as a fundraiser. Dinner will be served until 7 p.m., or while supplies last, and to-go boxes will be available.

We're thrilled to share that our menu will include a delicious classic Italian meat lasagna, lovingly prepared from a cherished family recipe by Tatiana and Gino Michelizza, the Innkeepers of Top of the Ridge Farm B&B. The dinner will also feature a fresh

Caesar salad, warm bread, a refreshing beverage, and a delightful dessert. For our guests who prefer a vegetarian option, our caring committee member Sherry Cullimore will craft a tasty vegetarian lasagna. We sincerely appreciate their ongoing support and kindness.

From the intimate strum of an acoustic guitar to the rich keys of a piano and the high-energy bite of an electric lead, Garrett Smith is a musical shapeshifter. Garrett provides an interactive experience, taking requests and tailoring the setlist to the room's energy. No scripts, no static playlists, just the songs you love, played exactly how you want to hear them. Special thanks to an anonymous donor for making this possible.

Suggested dona-

tions are \$15 for single adults, \$10 for children ten years old or younger, and \$45 for a family of four.

We are incredibly grateful to announce that an anonymous donor has pledged to match all donations to the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative, up to \$7,500, through June 1. This means every donation, whether \$10 or \$1,000, will be matched dollar for dollar, effectively doubling the impact of your generosity.

Donors will have a unique opportunity to amplify their contributions and directly support our mission. Your support will significantly help fund the installation of the septic system

and foundations, a crucial step in advancing our project.

The Committee and Collaborative members are excited to share the latest updates on this project, made possible by our communities' wonderful response to a call to action.

If you cannot attend the dinner, donating is easy. You can visit the ZBFCOL Web site at www.zbfcnh.org, contact President Catherine Orlowicz by calling 603-859-4643 for more details, or mail a check to ZBFCOL, PO Box 45, New Durham, NH 03855. Every contribution, regardless of its size, makes a meaningful difference. The challenge runs until June 1!



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Opinion

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Opening doors to the future

It is easy to think of education as something that happens only inside classrooms. Desks, whiteboards, homework assignments and exams still form the backbone of a student's daily routine. Yet some of the most meaningful learning takes place when students are given a glimpse of the world waiting beyond those walls. Gilford High School's recent Portrait of a Learner Career Day offered exactly that kind of opportunity.

Bringing more than 30 community presenters into the school building did more than fill a schedule block. It helped students see what their future might look like in practical, human terms. Instead of imagining careers in the abstract, they heard directly from people who live those roles every day. That kind of exposure matters.

For many students, the path after graduation can feel uncertain. Even those who plan to attend college often struggle to connect coursework with a long-term direction. Events like Career Day help close that gap by showing what collaboration, initiative and critical thinking look like in real workplaces, not only on paper.

The Portrait of a Learner framework guiding the event reflects a thoughtful approach to education. Critical thinking, collaboration, innovation and self-direction are not buzzwords. They are skills employers consistently say they value, and they are habits communities benefit from as well. When students understand how those traits function outside school, they begin to see their education differently.

There is also something especially meaningful about the involvement of local businesses. Students were not hearing from distant companies or unfamiliar industries alone. They were meeting people who live nearby, work in the region and contribute to the local economy. That connection reinforces an important message. Opportunity exists close to home.

Principal Anthony Sperazzo noted that one goal of the event was to help students make connections that could lead to internships or job shadowing experiences. That kind of early relationship building can shape a young person's confidence as much as their résumé. A conversation today can become a mentorship tomorrow.

Teacher Scott Currier's comments about understanding collaboration and self-direction in the workplace highlight another strength of the program. Students often hear these expectations described in school settings. Seeing how they apply in real careers helps make them tangible rather than theoretical.

It is also encouraging to see that participation from community members continues to grow each year. Strong attendance from presenters signals that local employers recognize their role in preparing the next generation. Schools cannot do this work alone. When businesses step forward to share their experience, everyone benefits.

Career exploration does not lock students into a single direction. Instead, it gives them language, perspective and confidence as they begin making decisions about their future. Even a short presentation can spark an idea that changes how a student approaches the rest of high school.

Programs like this remind us that education works best when it reflects the community around it. Classrooms prepare students academically, but partnerships prepare them for life.

Gilford High School's Career Day shows what can happen when those two efforts come together. It is the kind of investment in students that pays dividends far beyond graduation.



COURTESY

The Lions thank you

The Laconia-Gilford Lions Club would like to thank all those who came to our Electronic Waste Collection Day fundraiser on Saturday, April 18 in the Cinemas 8 parking lot in Gilford. We are grateful for your support as are those in our communities who will be the recipients of the majority of the funds raised. Your patronage helps the Lions raise money for their good works such as eyesight and hearing programs, youth sports, local scholarships, food pantries, other local charitable organizations and much much more. Special thanks to WJP Development, LLC for allowing us to use their parking lot at the Cinemas 8 Plaza in Gilford. We will have another Electronic Waste Collection Day on Oct. 26, and look forward to seeing you then. Pictured above, from left, are Marylin Brown, Matt Soza, Lori Chandler and Bill Chandler.

Conversations at the transfer station

There are some places in New Hampshire where you expect to run into people you know. The grocery store is one. The post office is another. But if you really want to catch up on how your neighbors are doing, you head to the transfer station on a Saturday morning.

I have long suspected the transfer station does more for community life than anyone ever gives it credit for.

It is not a place people go because they want to. Nobody wakes up thinking, "I hope I get to haul cardboard and empty pickle jars today." Still, there we all are, bundled up in January or brushing black flies away in June, waiting our turn at the recycling bins like members of a quiet little club.

And that is where the conversations happen.

You might hear someone asking about a neighbor's knee surgery. Someone else is comparing snow totals from two different hillsides in the same town. A third person is explaining why the tomatoes never came in last summer but will definitely come in this year.

They always will. Gardeners are hopeful people.

I have learned more useful information at the transfer station than from any official announcement board. You find out which roads washed out in the last storm. Which contractor actually shows up when he says he will. Whether the loons came back early this spring. And once in a while, you even hear who just got engaged.

Nobody calls it networking. It is simply how things have always worked around here.

Years ago, when my kids were still living at home, Saturday mornings were busier and louder. There were sports practices and errands stacked one after another. I used to make my transfer station runs quickly back then, as if I were checking something off a list. These days I take my time. I lean against the tailgate a little longer. I ask one more question before I head out.

It turns out people notice.

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS By CHIPPY

I was sorting newspapers. He asked how my daughter was doing at school. I had no idea how he knew about her until he reminded me we had once stood next to each other in line at the scrap metal container about eight years ago. Eight years. And he remembered.

That sort of thing stays with you.

There is something reassuring about a place where conversations do not need an appointment. Nobody checks a clock. Nobody wonders if they are interrupting. You talk because you are standing there anyway, and because it feels natural to do so.

Even the weather becomes part of the routine. In winter, you can tell who has the warmest gloves just by watching how long they linger. In spring the mud tracks follow everyone home no matter how careful they are. By October there is

always someone loading pumpkins into the back of a truck next to a pile of flattened cereal boxes.

I have noticed that younger folks sometimes arrive wearing headphones and move through the place at top speed. I understand that. Life moves faster now. Still, I hope they will slow down someday and discover what they are missing. There is a lot of neighborliness tucked between the cardboard and the returnables if you give it a minute.

A transfer station is not meant to be picturesque. It is not designed as a gathering space. Yet somehow it works that way anyway. It is one of the few places left where people from every road and every age group cross paths without planning to.

I never expected hauling trash to become something I look forward to. But here in New Hampshire, even an ordinary errand can turn into a small reminder that we are all part of the same town whether we mean to be or not. And that is worth showing up for.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks to all who have supported the Meetinghouse Committee

To the Editor:

We are so sorry to let everyone know that on March 17, at its first meeting following elections, the New Durham Board of Selectmen voted to dissolve the Meetinghouse Committee. The vote was 2-1. Thank you, Selectperson Veisel, for supporting us!

Our sincere thanks goes to the members of the public who have donated to the project, attended our events, and volunteered for us. Gratitude also goes to those wonderful vendors who have freely given their time and expertise to help the Committee. Thanks, also, to the two brand new members who were eager to join the Committee and who had, literally, been sworn in the day before the Board made its decision.

We have good news, too! Several months ago, the 501(c)(3) group, the Friends of the New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse, took over the used clothing shed, so residents from any town can continue to drop off clothing and the money will continue to go toward the Meetinghouse project.

The Friends have also taken over the sponsorship of the summer music program that the Committee was planning. Held at the New Durham School on Sunday, July 12 at 1 p.m., it will feature music from the present through the past 250 years (sing along, if you'd like!) and how

those songs reflected society at the time, and then travel prior to colonial times to explore how music played such an important spiritual role. Everyone will have an opportunity to play indigenous musical instruments. Performances are by Craig Werth and the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook-Abenaki People. An ice cream social and craft will follow. The event is free and made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities.

The Meetinghouse Committee members wish only the best for the project and the revitalization of the town's foundational building. The project is in a good place – just this past year, we obtained the updated Historic Building Assessment and second estimate required by LCHIP, found a contractor ready to do Phase II, and completed the necessary archeological study.

What an honor it has been to introduce the structure's fascinating history to so many! We have loved our time involved in such a worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

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SPORTS

Golden Eagle tennis boys edge past Timber Wolves



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cohen Krupnik returns a shot for Gilford during last Thursday's win over Prospect Mountain.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cameron Morrill keeps his eye on the ball during action against Gilford last Thursday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Dalton Houle rifles a shot back over the net during action against Prospect Mountain last week in Alton.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — It was a match that could've gone either way when the Prospect Mountain tennis boys hosted neighboring Gilford on Thursday, April 16.

The first match off the court was at number three, where Prospect Mountain's Wyatt Bubar got an 8-0 win over Jacob Baldi of Gilford. Dalton Houle of Gilford picked up an 8-4 win over Prospect Mountain's Rylan Clifford at number one and Cameron Morrill of Prospect

Mountain got an 8-5 win over Dom Soucy of Gilford in the number three spot.

In what was probably the best singles match of the day, Gilford's Cohen Krupnik rallied from a 7-6 deficit to pick up a 9-7 win over Prospect Mountain's Brock Libby at number four. Ayden Porter of Prospect Mountain got an 8-6 win over Dustin Gerry of Gilford in the fifth spot and Gilford's Easton St. Cyr wrapped up singles competition with an 8-3 win over Blake Snell of Prospect



JOSHUA SPAULDING

(Left) Ayden Porter stretches out to reach the ball during action against Gilford last Thursday afternoon.

the third spot, Bubar and Snell got a 9-7 win over Baldi and Joel Wernig.

The Timber Wolves wrap up the pre-vacation portion of the schedule today, April 23, at Trinity while Gilford is off until after vacation week.

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Softball Timber Wolves roll past Belmont in opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Belmont and Prospect Mountain softball teams opened the season amidst a little bit of rain on Monday, April 13, with the Timber Wolves using a big fifth inning to pull away from the Raiders to take the 13-1 win.

Both teams scored a run in the second inning after Belmont got a strike out-throw out double play in the top of the first inning, with catcher Lyla McShaffrey throwing out the runner to keep the Timber Wolves off the board.

Prospect took the lead in the top of the second, with Sophia Bowman doubling and courtesy runner Bailey Tesseyman scored when Taylor Greenwood reached on an error. Belmont tied the game in the bottom of the inning on a walk from Sarah Cribbie, a hit from Adi Ross and a double from Madi MacDonald.

The Timber Wolves got an RBI double from Paityn Glidden and an RBI base hit from Kylee Guptill in the top of the third inning for the 3-1 lead and in the fourth inning, Prospect was able to score three runs, with walks and a hit batter adding to the mix. Errors were the story in the top of the fifth, as Belmont allowed the Timber Wolves to score five unearned runs. Glidden and Bowman did have doubles and Guptill had a single. A Paige Harding double in the sixth

helped bring home another Timber Wolf run as they sealed the 13-1 win.

Bowman went the distance in the circle for the Timber Wolves, striking out 11 while Perkins went all six for the Raiders, striking out five.

Prospect cruised to a 17-1 win over Kearsarge in the season's second game on Wednesday, April 15, scoring 11 runs in the bottom of the first inning. They added a run in the second, another in the third and four in the fourth.

Guptill had a homer and base hit, drove in four and scored. Arun, Glidden had two doubles, drove in four runs and scored three times, Harding had two hits, drove in two runs and scored twice, MacKenzie had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Kourtney Kaplan had a hit, drove in a run and scored four times and Roberts had a hit and scored two runs.

Bowman struck out six in five innings of work, giving up three hits and one earned run. The Timber Wolves are scheduled to be in action on Friday, April 24, at Trinity for the final game before vacation week.

The Raiders will also play their final game before vacation week on Friday, April 24, hosting Gilford at 4 p.m.

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Baseball Timber Wolves fall victim to Raider rally in opener
Gorton no-hitter gives Prospect first win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — It was all Prospect Mountain early and it was all Belmont late and in the end, late edged the early, as the baseball Raiders rallied past Prospect Mountain by a 7-6 score in the season opener on Monday, April 13.

The Timber Wolves scored twice in the top of the first inning and twice in the top of the third for the 4-0 lead before Belmont got on the board in the bottom of the fourth. Prospect added a run in the fifth and the Raiders responded by scoring three each in the fifth and sixth to take the lead. Prospect added one in the seventh, but the Raiders held tight for the 7-6 win.

Blake Pappaceno led off the game for the Timber Wolves with a base hit and took second on a wild pitch. Bryce Lounsbury walked and after Pappaceno stole third, he scored on a groundout by Colby Whitehouse for the 1-0 lead. Knyte Neathery followed with a single that moved Lounsbury to third and he scored on a fly ball to center by Gavin Gorton for the 2-0 lead.

Whitehouse then started the third inning rally with a one-out base hit and he scored on a double by Neathery and one out later, a double from Parker O'Brien plated Prospect's fourth run.

Belmont got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Wyatt Divers reached on an error and took third on a base hit from Wyatt Bamford. A Max Ryder base hit drove in the first run of the game for the Raiders, making it 4-1.

In the top of the fifth, Whitehouse homered to

centerfield to give the Timber Wolves a 5-1 lead before Belmont came charging back. Brady Fysh had a one-out base hit but was cut down going to second on an Alex Rowley grounder. Brady Townsend was hit by a pitch and Divers singled to load the bases. Bamford walked to plate one run and then Ryder had a base hit to score two more and the Raiders cut the lead to 5-4.

Sam Binder led off the bottom of the sixth with a walk and two outs later, Rowley also worked a walk and both came around to score when Townsend launched a three-run homer to center to give the Raiders the 7-5 lead heading to the seventh inning.

The seventh inning provided plenty of drama, as Whitehouse got a one-out single off of Divers, who took over on the mound for Belmont to start the inning. Neathery walked and one out later, O'Brien singled to right field and a slip in the muddy outfield let the ball go by, allowing Whitehouse to score. Centerfielder Eddie Rochenski backed up the play and fired the ball in and the Raiders were able to cut down Neathery rounding third base to end the game.

Bamford went six innings on the hill for Belmont, giving up seven hits and striking out five and Divers pitched the final inning with two strikeouts. Whitehouse started on the hill for the Timber Wolves, going five innings and giving up four hits while striking out eight and Lounsbury pitched the final inning, striking out three.

The Timber Wolves went to extra innings on Wednesday, April 15, and dropped a 5-4 decision

to Kearsarge. Both teams scored a run in the first inning and Kearsarge scored twice in the third and once in the fourth before Prospect cut the lead to 4-2 with one in the bottom of the fourth. After they scored once in the bottom of the sixth, Prospect forced extra innings with a run in the seventh. The Cougars pushed across one in the top of the ninth to take the 5-4 win.

Whitehouse had two hits and drove in a run, Mikey Perry had two hits and scored a run, Pappaceno had a hit and scored a run and Vinnie Tilton, Lounsbury and Neathery each had a hit.

On Friday, April 17, Gorton pitched five innings of no-hit baseball, striking out 10, as the Timber Wolves defeated Berlin by a 14-0 score.

Whitehouse had a homer, drove in four runs and scored a run, O'Brien had two hits, scored three runs and drove in three runs, Pappaceno had a double and a single, drove in three runs and scored two runs,

Tilton had a double and scored two runs, Perry had a hit, Gorton had a hit and scored two runs and Michael Boles added a hit.

The Timber Wolves are slated to be in action on Friday, April 24, at home against Campbell at 4 p.m. and will be hosting Newfound on Monday, April 27, also at 4 p.m.

The Raiders will be hosting Gilford on Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m. in their final game before the break.

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Ladies of the Lakes quilters teach after-school sewing program for students in grades 7-12

WOLFEBORO — Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild, (LLQG) with a generous grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation — Wolfeboro Fund, purchased ten new Baby Lock sewing machines, material, and accessories to teach a six-week afterschool program "Learning to Sew and Quilt."

These classes, in partnership with and held at the Wolfeboro Public Library, are free to public and home school students in grades 7-12. The classes are held from 3-5 p.m. each Wednesday. A second session is planned for the fall.

In only three sessions, each of the ten students, together with their one-on-one LLQG volunteer mentor, completed flannel pajama bottoms and two cotton pillow cases, one for themselves and one to donate to a child staying at David's House. Students will sew "Ditty Zipper Bags" during the last classes in April. The LLQG originated from a quilting class taught by Wolfeboro resident, Irene King in late 1978. With enthusiasm and unanimous agreement, Irene and her students held a quilt show the next year at the Old Firehouse - Wolfeboro Community Center on Lehner Street. Shortly thereafter, eight women — Irene King, Edith Chamberlain, Patsy Nelson, Gwyn DeJager, Kit Wright, Jane Hall, Mary Cocke, and Annelle Ouellette — created the Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild. King was its first president.

On Sept. 10, 1979, thirty women gathered for the LLQG's first meeting at the Wolfeboro Community Center. The name for the Guild is related to an old quilt pattern called Lady of the Lake, which is the title of the poem, "The Lady of the Lake" written by Sir Walter Scott and published in 1810. The words "Lady" and "Lake" were pluralized to designate the numbers and areas with which the Guild members were associated. The all-volunteer LLQG, a 501(c)3 charitable organization, is well known for



its traditional raffle quilt, making its debut as a fundraiser in 1980. Proceeds are used for Guild's expenses and to support charitable and quilt-related projects.

In 1986, LLQG marked its first contact with David's House, which then was located in Hanover. David's House is a comfortable home-away from home for family members of chronically ill children who are undergoing treatment at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, now located in Lebanon.

Guild members have made theme quilts for each of the rooms at David's House plus a quilt for each child to take home. In 1987, LLQG also began making and donating Comfort Quilts to folks who have lost their homes, suffered severe health complications, or another personal tragedy. The Guild also makes quilts for adolescents who receive services from the Carroll County - Child Advocacy Center (CAC) located on Union Street in Wolfeboro.

Across from the CAC facility, you will find the Wolfeboro Community Center on Lehner Street where a group of LLQG quilters meet every Monday during the day and Tuesday evenings to work together on

charity quilts. All folks interested in learning to quilt and becoming a member of the LLQG should visit on Mondays at the

Wolfeboro Community Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday evenings from 6-9 p.m.; or, visit at Guild member meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays

each month, 10am-2pm, at the First Congregational Church on South Main Street in Wolfeboro. All are welcome. To learn more about the LLQG, log on to its website www.llqg.net;

or, visit www.wolfeborocc.com to learn how you can help support the renovation of the Old Firehouse - Wolfeboro Community Center where so many memories were made and

more yet to be made for future quilters, families and local groups. Help restore and save this still useful facility from unwarranted closure and wrongful demolition.



Zevy Donovan races the ball up the field during her team's win over Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough last Monday afternoon.

LAX

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Kate Taylor went the other way with a chance that was stopped by solid defense from Catherine Fay. Donovan had another chance that ILMA goalie Audrey Gumpert stopped. The Golden Eagles scored their third goal of the game, with senior Abby Watson firing the ball home with 10:15 to go in the first quarter.

Taylor came back with another chance that Gilford goalie Madi Breton stopped before Donovan picked up her second goal with 9:35 to go for the 4-0 lead. Watson then found Rowan Worthen for a goal just 21 seconds later and the hosts had the 5-0 lead. Bella Kimball had a shot go wide for the Lakers and Brynn Moore had a chance in the offensive zone for the visitors as well.

The Lakers got their first goal of the season with 8:22 to go in the first quarter, as Taylor scored on a free position shot to cut the lead to 5-1. Just less than a minute later, the Golden Eagles picked up their sixth goal, with Celia Plourde burying the shot on an assist from Watson and 37 seconds later, Donovan completed her first varsity hat trick on a free position shot for the 7-1 lead.

Taylor came charging back for the Lakers and buried her second goal of the game with 6:30 to go to cut the lead to 7-2 and Aubrey Bresse had a chance denied by Breton. Vliet and Riley Coutts had chances for Gilford that went wide of the net.

With 3:52 to go in the first, Watson scored on a free position shot for the 8-2 lead before Gumpert made a stop on a shot from Donovan. Taylor sent a shot wide of the net at the other end and ILMA's Sydney Conkling made a good defensive stop on a Gilford run.

The Golden Eagles got their ninth goal with 1:12 to go with Plourde burying the shot and then added one more before halftime, with Watson scoring with 38 seconds to go to give the hosts the 10-2 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Penny Flanders had a shot for the Golden Eagles that Gumpert stopped early in the second before Worthen scored her second of the game 50 seconds into the second quarter. Watson scored less than a minute later on a feed from Donovan and Gilford took the 12-2 lead.

The Lakers answered with two goals in a row in the span of 1:01, with Makayla Peterson scoring the first goal with 9:20 to



The Gilford girls' lacrosse team celebrates Abby Watson's 100th career draw control during last week's game against Belmont.

go in the first half and then Taylor scored with 8:19 to go as the Lakers cut the lead to 12-4.

Gilford bounced back with Watson scoring on a free position shot with 5:35 to go and Donovan adding her fourth goal just 30 seconds later to up the lead to 14-4. Coutts had a chance go wide for the Golden Eagles before Vliet scored in the final 1:20 of the first half and Gilford took the 15-4 lead to the halftime break.

Taylor made an early run in the second half but the Gilford defense held tight before the Golden Eagles got the first two goals of the second half. Donovan scored with 9:07 to go in the third for the 16-4 lead and then it was Avah Mason scoring with 6:49 to go to make it 17-4.

The Lakers got on the board again with 5:54 to go with Bresse scoring to cut the lead to 17-5. Gilford answered with a goal from Penny Lewis with 4:32 to go and Donovan with 2:40 to go for the 19-5 lead. Taylor sent a shot wide for the Lakers while Kierra Walker came back with a couple of chances for Gilford, including a free position shot that Gumpert stopped. Conkling made another good defensive stop for the Lakers as well.

The Lakers got the final goal of the third quarter, as Bella Kimball went from end to end and buried the ball with 15 seconds to go and Gilford's lead was 19-6 heading to the final 12 minutes.

Bresse sent a shot wide early in the frame before Flanders scored with nine minutes to go in the game for the 20-6 lead. The Lakers got their next goal with 5:45 to go, as Brooke Taylor netted her first of the sea-

son and after Kimball had a chance denied by Breton, Bresse scored her second goal with 3:30 to go to make it 20-8 at the final buzzer.

On Wednesday, April 15, the Golden Eagles took on rival Belmont and got the 17-7 win.

Donovan had seven goals, two assists and four interceptions. Watson had three goals, two assists and nine draw controls, including her 100th career draw control. Celia Plourde and Worthen had two goals each and Arrighi, Vliet and Christina Athanasopolous each had a goal. Breton made one save in the net.

The Golden Eagles dropped their final game of the week to Bow by a 17-7 score on Friday, April 17.

"Going in we knew this would be a tough game, Bow is always one of our most competitive opponents," said coach Jennifer Watson. "We walked away from this game knowing that we have a lot of room for growth and improvement."

Watson had two goals, one assist, seven draw controls, four interceptions and four caused turnovers, Donovan had two goals and Arrighi, Worthen and Coutts each had a goal. Catherine Fay had three ground balls and four caused turnovers while Brenton had 10 saves.

The Lakers are slated to be in action on Friday, April 24, at 5:15 p.m. at home against Laconia, the final game before vacation week.

Gilford is slated to wrap up the pre-vacation portion of their schedule with a home game against Bishop Brady on Friday, April 24, at 4 p.m.

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Burnt Timber hosting “Freedom and Silver” event

WOLFEBORO — On Saturday, May 2 at 6 p.m., Burnt Timber Brewing and Tavern in Wolfeboro will host Local Silver Mint for a “Veteran Co-Hosted Freedom and Silver Event.” The event is free and open to the public, including great food and drinks, and will feature a full lineup of speakers, including an Afghanistan War veteran, Wolfeboro philanthropists, and the founder of the Free State Project.

“There’s been a lot of talk about ‘freedom’ lately in this town, often like it’s the new four-letter-word,” says Brittany Boles, Wolfeboro local and longtime social good entrepreneur, about why she is bringing this event to Burnt Timber.

“We are setting out to reintroduce the concept of freedom as a grassroots movement for all of us, that welcomes and includes all of us,” Boles continues, “including actual, tangible tools so we can build something



COURTESY
(Right) Dr. Charlie Simpson and Burnt Timber Brewing owner Eddie Michno are excited for the Veteran Co-Hosted Wolfeboro Freedom and Silver Event on Saturday, May 2 at 6 p.m. in Wolfeboro. The event is free and open to the public, who are encouraged to RSVP on FaceBook.

new for ourselves.”

Dr. Charlie Simpson, owner of Wolfeboro Family Dental, is also speaking at the event. He has been an avid supporter of silver as an asset and is “excited about trading in silver” moving forward. At the event, he will explain why he is joining this version of nonpartisan activism.

Burnt Timber Brewing and Tavern has long been a hub for community, whether through their weekly running club, annual fat bike events, summer cookouts, live music, karaoke, or trivia nights. They’re well known for being a family and freedom friendly establishment, and their owner Eddie Michno is “very happy to host.”

The Michno children attend North Star Academy, which will be receiving a charitable donation at the Freedom & Silver Event on May 2.

“Central Banks are

the ‘biggest problem in the world,’” Local Silver Mint CEO and former Green Beret, “Silver Dave” Breger says. He clarifies, “I don’t support any political party or politician; I don’t have any evidence any of them are good guys (though I reserve the right to be wrong).”

Local Silver Mint is enthusiastically welcoming all people to come and enjoy a great meal, some free drinks, lively, “often-taboo” conversation, and a call to “activism that grows wealth.”

Who should attend the Wolfeboro Freedom & Silver Event on May 2?

“All people are invited! Especially small business owners! And those who spend money at small businesses!” according to the event invitation on Facebook, which asks that folks RSVP to get a food count.

Gilford Middle School presents “School of Rock – Young Performers Edition”

GILFORD — Gilford Middle School is proud to announce its upcoming spring production of School of Rock – Young Performers Edition, hitting the stage May 28–30 at 7 p.m., with a special matinee performance on May 30 at 2 p.m.

Based on the hit movie that starred Jack Black, this high-energy musical celebrates the power of music, confidence, teamwork, and self-expression through the arts. Packed with unforgettable rock anthems, big laughs, and heartwarming moments, the show promises to be an exciting event for the entire community.

This year’s production features 38 incredibly talented Gilford Middle School student performers, whose dedication, creativity, and passion have brought this beloved story to life. Adding to the fun, several Gilford Middle School staff members will also make special onstage appearances, making this a true school-wide celebration of the arts.

The production is directed by Matt Demko, with music direction by Aidan Lamont. The creative team also includes

costume design by Karen Madon and set design by Anthony Eldridge, with valuable support from a number of Gilford High School Theatre students, whose mentorship and behind-the-scenes assistance have helped make this production possible.

More than just a musical, “School of Rock” highlights the lasting impact the arts can have in young people’s lives. Through performance, collaboration, and creative risk-taking, students build confidence, discover their voices, and experience the joy of working together toward a common goal. This production is a shining example of how the arts continue to play a major role in student growth, connection, and success.

Audiences can expect great rock music, energetic performances, and an inspiring showcase of student talent that demonstrates what happens when young people are given the opportunity to create, lead, and shine.

Tickets will be on sale soon. Be sure to save the date and come support these amazing young performers as they rock the Gilford Middle School stage this May!

Powerhouse’s Circuit Breakers bring improv at the Colonial Theatre!

LACONIA — Join the Circuit Breakers, the new improv troupe of Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, for a night of fast-paced comedy at the Colonial Theatre on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. This performance, for adults 18 and older, will be the Circuit Breakers’ first time headlining their own show, two acts of comedy perfect for a fun night out.

The Circuit Breakers made their Colonial debut as the opening act of Fezziwig’s After Dark this past December during Powerhouse’s weekend of “A Christmas Carol” performances. The audience was in stitches throughout the evening, earning the Circuit Breakers an opportunity to get a night at the Colonial to themselves.

Powerhouse, the resident theatre company of the Colonial, is always looking for new ways to bring people into its community theatre family. After two successful Improv workshops last spring and fall led by Amanda Wagner and Alex Palmer, the group discussed creating a permanent troupe for some of the more experienced improvisers in the area and the Circuit Breakers was born! Like Powerhouse’s Broadway show choir, the Power Chords, this opportunity provides



another avenue for people to get involved with Powerhouse programs.

The troupe includes Alex Bradley, Adam Drapcho, Samantha Holley, Chris Janosa, David Nelson, Liz Rohdenburg, Lorraine Valovane and Palmer and Wagner.

The May 2 performance will follow Powerhouse’s Saturday afternoon matinee of the New Hampshire pre-

miere of “The Magician’s Elephant” that is appropriate for audiences of all ages. The evening improv performance will give adults a chance for a night out - see the matinee with the whole family and then leave the kids at home and come back for a night of improv!

Tickets are on sale now at coloniallaconia.com and powerhousenh.org. Please only use the links from

these sites to avoid being overcharged or scammed by third party sites.

For all the details on Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, auditions, and other events in the 2026 season check out powerhousenh.org or email info@powerhousenh.org. There are still opportunities available for businesses to sponsor events in the 2026 season



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OBITUARY

F. Roger Bies, Jr., 91

F. Roger Bies, Jr., age 91, of 41 Blueberry Hill Ln., Gilford died in Jacksonville, FL of a subdural hemorrhage and right hip fracture on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Roger was born January 7, 1935 in Brooklyn, NY, the son of the late Frank R. in Eleanor A. (Sweeney) Bies. He had been a year-round resident of Governors Island since 1971.

Roger had grown up in Springfield, NJ and graduated from Regional High School in 1952. His love of New Hampshire began when he worked on the Arlyn dairy farm in W. Plymouth during his high school summers. In 1956, he received a BS degree in agriculture from UNH where he had been a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and played on the UNH hockey team. After graduation from UNH, he was commissioned naval officer upon completion of Officer Candidate School at Newport, RI. He flew for two years with the Navy Hurricane Hunters in radar configured, Super Constel-



lation aircraft, and a year with anti-submarine patrol squadron in P2V Neptune patrol bombers - both from NAS Jacksonville, FL. His next tour of duty for five years was with Naval Air transport squadron. Three flying worldwide transport missions out of Maguire Air Force Base in DC-6 and C-130 aircraft. The last year of military service was spent working for the Air Force Eastern Transport Command Headquarters in the Plans and Programs Department at Maguire Air Force Base, NJ. In 1966, he left the Navy to become a Pan Am pilot where he flew B-707, DC-8, B-747 and L-1011 aircraft out of JFK airport, NY.

In 1956, the Bies family moved from Springfield, New Jersey to Atkinson, New Hampshire. It was from Atkinson that he and his brothers Edward and Gary entered the military services. Their names are engraved in the Atkinson Vietnam Veterans War Memorial.

He is survived by two sons, Frank R "Buzz" Bies, III of Manchester and William J. Bies of Jacksonville, FL; grandsons James Roger Bies and Jacob A. Bies; granddaughters Heather R. Bies and Cézanne C. Bies; brother Gary E. Bies. Predeceased by brother Edward A. Bies.

Burial will be private at Gilford Pine Grove Cemetery at a date to be determined.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services / 603Cremations.com, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH, 03246, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit wilkinsonbeane.com.

CAREER DAY

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The Portrait of a Learner Committee has

four attributes that they hope to get out of K-12 through experiences,

engagement, and learning. The attributes of a Portrait of a Learner are critical thinking, collaboration, innovation, and self direction.

They are tasked with incorporating these attributes in everyday learning.

One member of the Portrait of a Learner (POL) Committee is Scott Currier, who has taught math at Gilford High School for four years. In an interview, Currier explained the Career Day's purpose.

"What does it look like, to be self-directed in the workplace? What does it look like to be collaborative in the workplace? And then [the POL Committee] provides you an opportunity to see a variety of what those look like in workplaces," Currier explained.

In another interview, Anthony Sperazzo, Gilford High School's Principal, explained what he believes is the purpose of Career Day, stating, "Hopefully, students continue to find their passion, reignite their passions, and make connections for future internships or job shadowing opportunities."

Career Day aims to open the doors for students to make connections with the businesses present. When students make those connections, they are able to contact Steve O'Riordan and set up an internship or job shadow.

This event allowed the community to build connections with students and see their impacts on the school and students.

Gilford High School hosted this event in 2023 and 2024 with similar concepts, but this year had the most community members yet.

Any business interested in partaking in the future can reach out to Sperazzo at Gilford High School.

SPORTS

Scarpa, Prescott, Witham get wins in Berlin

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BERLIN — The Prospect Mountain track team traveled to the northern-most track in the state of New Hampshire, competing at Berlin High School on Thursday, April 17.

Domenic Scarpa came up with the win in the 200 meters for the Timber Wolves with a time of 24.19 seconds with Matthew Whelan in third in 24.9 seconds, Hayden Holmes in sixth in 25.61 seconds, Dawson Meehan in 10th in 26.53 seconds and Evan Fuller in 16th in 29.63 seconds.

Scarpa also took top honors in the long jump, leaping 19 feet, 3.5 inches with Fuller in 11th at 11 feet, nine inches. Sean Hardison finished in ninth place in the 400 meters in a time of 1:08.2

Robert Prescott won the shot put with a toss of 41 feet, two inches, Ayden Carignan was fourth at 33 feet, 9.5 inches, Declan McCausland was seventh at 31 feet, six inches, Dylan Conway was 12th at 27 feet, 10 inches and Finn

Brown was 15th at 26 feet, six inches.

Prescott was also second in the discus with a toss of 120 feet, 11 inches with Carignan in seventh place at 83 feet, three inches, Hunter Witham in 10th at 70 feet, six inches, McCausland in 11th at 69 feet, two inches, Conway in 22nd at 52 feet, 10 inches and Brown in 23rd at 50 feet, five inches. McCausland was eighth in the javelin at 82 feet, Carignan was 15th at 53 feet, nine inches and Conway was 16th at 52 feet, four inches.

Holmes ran to second in the 100 meters in a time of 11.99 seconds with Scarpa in fourth in 12.11 seconds, Whelan in fifth in 12.18 seconds, Fuller in 19th in 14.05 seconds, McCausland in 20th in 14.21 seconds and Conway in 28th in 16.43 seconds.

Witham finished second in the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 20.14 seconds while in the 1,600 meters, Witham was seventh in 6:16.74 and Trew Reed was ninth in 6:32.63.

The Timber Wolf 4X400-meter team was

first in 4:06.35 while the 4X100-meter team finished in second in 50.18 seconds.

The lone win for the Prospect girls came from Jazmine Witham in the discus with a toss of 84 feet, five inches while teammate Kayla Fish was third at 74 feet. Fish was second in the javelin at 73 feet, eight inches and Witham was third at 67 feet, two inches.

Witham also took second in the shot put with a toss of 25 feet, seven inches while in the 100 meters, Natalie Cowser was fifth in 14.74 seconds and Kira Campanile was 13th in 16.25 seconds. Campanile was also 11th in the 200 meters in 33.33 seconds.

Campanile also grabbed a second place finish in the 400 meters in 1:15.26 while Layla Baker ran to second in the 3,200 meters in a time of 14:13.04.

The Timber Wolves are slated to compete at Campbell on Sunday, April 26.

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Timber Wolves blank Mountaineers

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain softball team welcomed Berlin to town on Friday, April 17, and the Timber Wolves fired on all cylinders, picking up a 12-0 lead over the Mountaineers.

Prospect Mountain scored three times in the bottom of the first inning and added one in the second. The big inning was the fourth, when Prospect plated six runs and they added two in the bottom of the fifth inning to take the 12-0 win.

Kora MacKenzie reached on a dropped third strike to open the bottom of the first and stole second. She scored on a single from Leila Hills Grove and after

Paityn Glidden singled, Kylee Guptill singled to left to plate the second run. After a fielder's choice, a groundout from Taylor Greenwood plated Glidden to make it 3-0 after one.

The Timber Wolves upped the lead in the bottom of the second inning. Paige Harding worked a walk to start the inning, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. MacKenzie then singled her home for the 4-0 lead.

Ashlynn Roberts led off the bottom of the fourth with a base hit and consecutive hits from Harding and MacKenzie plated one run and one out later, Glidden was hit by a pitch. Harding scored on a wild pitch and after Guptill walked, a base hit from Greenwood drove

in a couple of runs for the 8-0 lead. A Roberts base hit drove in two more runs for the 10-0 lead after four.

MacKenzie worked a walk to lead off the bottom of the fifth and one out later, Glidden homered to center to finish off the 12-0 win.

Caitlyn Kelley and Tiara Falardeau had the hits for the Mountaineers.

The Timber Wolves are scheduled to be in action on Friday, April 24, at Trinity for the final game before vacation week.

Berlin is scheduled to be at White Mountains Regional on Wednesday, April 22, at 4 p.m.

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Golden Eagles win first two games of the season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LANCASTER — The Gilford baseball team got a combined shutout from Ryan Folan and Drew Smith and knocked off host White Mountains Regional on Friday, April 17.

The Golden Eagles scored two runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back and they added four runs in the top of the seventh inning to seal the 6-0 win.

Andy Taylor led off the game with a walk and Folan and Smith both singled to load the bases. Two outs later, Owen Wolpin singled to center and both runners scampered home for the 2-0 lead for the Golden Eagles.

Then all was quiet until the top of the seventh inning when Smith reached on an error to lead off the inning. Sam Kelley also reached on an error and both scored on a double by Danny Fournier for the 4-0 lead. Wolpin singled and one out later, Cohen Elliott singled to left to up the lead to 5-0. Wolpin stole third base and Carson Anthony brought him home with a sacrifice fly to center for the 6-0 score.

For Gilford, Folan had a

double and two singles and scored a run, Wolpin had two hits, drove in two runs and scored a run, Fournier had a double, drove in a run and scored a run, Smith had a hit and scored a run and Elliott had a hit and drove in a run.

For the Spartans, Jake Silver had a double and a single and Benny Hicks and Landin Foss each had a hit.

Folan pitched into the sixth inning for the Golden Eagles, giving up three hits and striking out seven and Smith finished things off, giving up one hit and striking out three.

Deagan Stover got the start on the hill for the Spartans, going five innings and allowing five hits and two earned runs while striking out seven. Silver and Carson Miller combined to pitch the final two innings, giving up three hits and striking out two.

Gilford cruised to the win in their first game, beating host Mascoma by a 16-1 final in Canaan on Wednesday, April 15.

The Golden Eagles scored 12 runs in the first inning, added one each in the third and fourth and finished with two in the fifth.

Taylor had a double and a single, drove in three runs and scored two runs, Folan had a double and a single, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Smith had two hits and scored three times, Fournier had two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Wolpin had two hits, drove in three runs and scored a run, Kelley had a hit, drove in two runs and scored a run, Anthony had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run and Jeremy Hazleton had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run.

Smith pitched the first two innings, giving up one hit and one earned run and struck out four and Folan pitched the final three innings, giving up one hit and striking out eight.

The Spartans will be in action today, April 22, at home against Berlin and Friday, April 24, at home against Littleton, both at 4 p.m.

Gilford is scheduled to be in action on Friday, April 24, at Belmont at 4 p.m.

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SPORTS

Gilford softball bounces back from extra-innings loss in opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The first game of the season proved pretty dramatic for the Gilford softball team, as the Golden Eagles and Bishop Brady had to play 12 innings before a winner was crowned, with the visiting Giants pulling out the 8-5 win.

Gilford went up 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning before Bishop Brady tied the game in the top of the fourth inning. Gilford took the 3-2 lead in the fifth before the Giants tied the game in the sixth and neither team scored again until the 10th, when each team scored a run. Both teams scored a run in the 11th as well before the Giants took the win with three in the top of the 12th inning.

Maddi Metz led off the bottom of the third with a single and moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Savannah Halligan. One out later, Kate Taylor worked a walk and Belle Dow reached on

an error that allowed both runners to score for the 2-0 lead.

The Giants tied things up at two in the top of the fourth and in the bottom of the fifth, Metz again led off with a single, stole second and took third on a wild pitch. She scored on a sacrifice fly by Addison Hodsdon to give Gilford the 3-2 lead. A Giant homer to lead off the top of the sixth tied the game at three and it stayed that way until the visitors scraped across a run in the top of the 10th to take the 4-3 lead.

With one out in the bottom of the 10th, the Golden Eagles tied the game when Leah Scudder drilled a homer to left. Bishop Brady took the lead again with a run in the top of the 11th but again Gilford answered with a homer, this time with Dow roping a homer to lead off the bottom of the inning.

Bishop Brady then pushed across three in the top of the 12th and Gilford could not answer, with the

Giants taking the win.

Dow was in the circle for the Golden Eagles, going all 12 innings, striking out 20 on the day. Offensively, Taylor Marsh added a double and two singles for the Golden Eagles.

Gilford had the bats going on Wednesday, April 15, rolling to a 19-0 win over Mascoma. Lucy Akerstrom struck out 12 and allowed just two hits as the Golden Eagles cruised the win in five innings.

After scoring three times in the first, the Golden Eagles broke the game open with 10 in the second and six in the third.

Taylor had a triple and a single and scored two runs, Down had two doubles and a single, drove in two runs and scored two runs, Hodsdon had a double and two singles, scored twice and drove in two runs, Akerstrom had a double, drove in three runs and scored a run, Mia Macaione had a double, scored two runs and drove in two runs, Taryn Li-

manni had a double and single, drove in two and scored twice and Taylor Marsh had a double and a single, scored three times and drove in two runs. Metz added a pair of singles, scored twice and drove in two runs.

The Spartans won a closer game to close out the first week, defeating White Mountains Regional on Fri-

day, April 17, by a 3-1 score in Whitefield.

Gilford scored twice in the top of the first inning and never trailed. They added another run in the top of the fourth inning before the Spartans scored a run in the bottom of the fourth.

Dow was strong in the circle gain, going the distance and allowing just two

hits while striking out 10.

Hodsdon had a triple and scored a run, Dow had a single and drove in a run and Limanni added a base hit.

Gilford is slated to be in action on Friday, April 24, at Belmont at 4 p.m.

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Golden Eagle girls earn wins at Winnisquam

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — The Gilford track team made the trek to Tilton on Saturday, April 18, for a meet hosted by Winnisquam.

The Golden Eagle girls came out with a few wins on the day. In the 200 meters, Macy Sawyer ran to the win in a time of 26.01 seconds and teammate Pearl Marvel was second overall in 27.96 seconds.

Marvel picked up her own win in the long jump with a distance of 16 feet, eight inches and Amanda Schaffnit was 21st overall at nine feet, 4.25 inches.

In the 300 meters, Emily Aguiar picked up the win with a time of 51.05 seconds and teammate Grace Southworth was second in a time of 52.99 seconds. Aguiar also won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.1 seconds.

The Gilford 4X800-meter team took the overall win in a time of 10:53.66 and the 4X400-meter team placed

second overall in 4:39.54.

Maria Tilley was second overall in the 1,600 meters in a time of 5:37.06 while in the 800 meters, Alissa O'Brien was seventh in 2:59.57 and Schaffnit was 14th in 3:16.15.

In the shot put, Izabella Doten was 22nd at 14 feet, three inches and Schaffnit was 23rd overall at 13 feet, three inches. Doten was also 29th in the javelin at 21 feet, three inches.

For the Gilford boys, Landon Akerstrom ran to second place in the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 21.9 seconds and was also third in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 51.42 seconds.

Gunnar Marvel took third in the shot put with a toss of 38 feet, 11.5 inches with John Lavalley in fourth at 37 feet, 3.5 inches and Eric Warren in 16th place at 32 feet, seven inches. Brennan Smith-Miller was 22nd in the discus at 61 feet, 10 inches and placed 28th in the javelin at 74 feet, four

inches.

William Reinhardt finished in fifth in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5:03.64 and was also fourth in the 800 meters in 2:23.41.

Warren was 10th in the long jump at 14 feet, 2.5 inches while in the pole vault, Connor Brough was 12th at six feet, six inches and in the triple jump, Lavalley finished in 11th place overall with a distance of 29 feet, 10 inches.

Marvel ran to sixth in the 200 meters in 25.85 seconds with Rylan Paradis in 11th in 26.66 seconds and Brough in 26th overall in 28.41 seconds. In the 100 meters, Paradis was seventh in 12.71 seconds, Smith-Miller was 28th in 13.81 seconds and Brough was 30th in 13.84 seconds.

The Golden Eagles will compete in the Black Bear Invitational on Saturday, April 25, at Coe-Brown.

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Timber Wolf boys beat Spartans for first win

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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ALTON — The Prospect Mountain tennis boys kicked off the second week of the season with their first win, knocking off White Mountains Regional amidst raindrops on Monday, April 13.

The Timber Wolves took five of the six singles on their home court to seal the 7-2 win before doubles. Rylan Clifford got an 8-3 win at number one with Cameron Morrill winning 9-7 in the second spot. Wyatt Bubar won 8-2 at number three, Ayden Porter won 8-1

in the fourth spot and Blake Snell got an 8-1 win at number five. Camden Batchelder fell by an 8-6 score in the sixth spot.

In doubles play, Clifford and Porter dropped an 8-6 decision at number one while Morrill and Snell won 8-3 in the second spot and Bubar and Batchelder got the 8-1 win in the third spot to close out the 7-2 win.

Prospect wrapped up the week with a 9-0 win over Trinity on Friday, April 17.

Clifford got the 8-2 win in the top spot with Morrill getting the 8-5 win in the second spot and Bubar win-

ning by an 8-1 win in the third spot. Brock Libby won by an 8-2 score at number four, Porter won 8-2 in the fifth spot and Snell won by an 8-0 score at number six.

In doubles play, Clifford and Libby got an 8-1 win at number one, Morrill and Bubar won 8-5 at number two and Snell and Batchelder won by an 8-4 decision in the third spot.

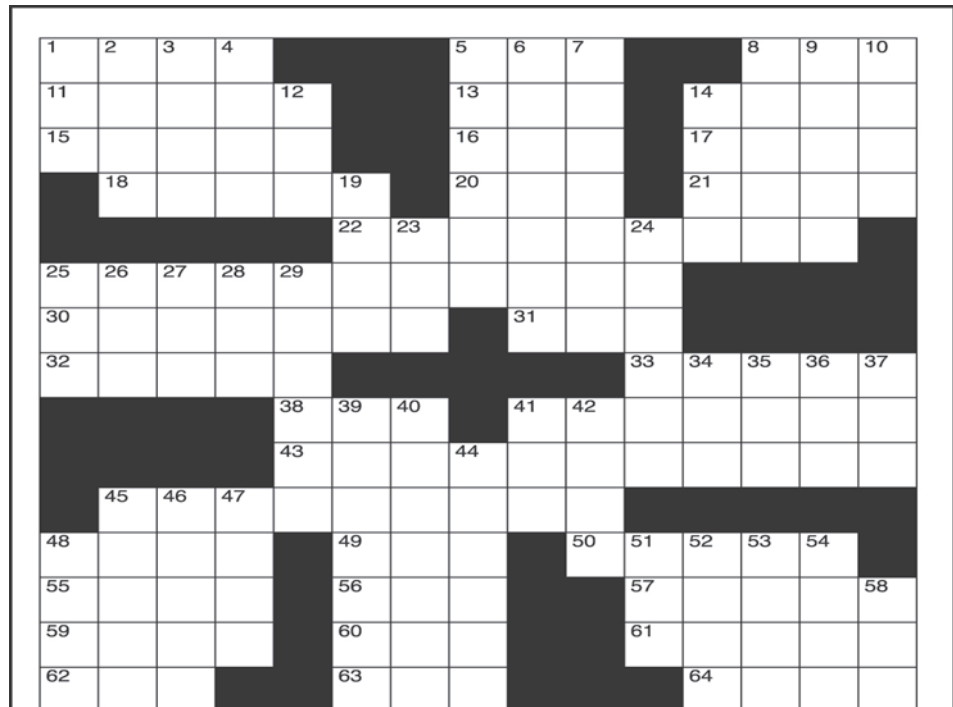
The Timber Wolves are slated to wrap up the pre-vacation portion of their season with a 4 p.m. game at Trinity today, April 23.

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Thursday, April 23
GILFORD
Track at Coe-Brown; 4
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BELMONT
Baseball vs. Gilford; 4
Softball vs. Gilford; 4
GILFORD
Baseball at Belmont; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Kearsarge; 5
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Bishop Brady; 4
Girls' Tennis at Pelham; 4
Softball at Belmont; 4
WINNISQUAM
Baseball at Bishop Brady; 4:30

Softball at Bishop Brady; 4
Sunday, April 26
WINNISQUAM
Track at Campbell; 9
Monday, April 27
WINNISQUAM
Baseball at Mascoma; 4
Softball at Mascoma (DH); 3:15
Tuesday, April 28
BELMONT
Track at Winnisquam; 4
WINNISQUAM
Track Home Meet; 4
All schedules are subject to change.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull-god
5. Romanian monetary unit
8. Will Ferrell holiday film
11. "It Ain't Half Hot Mum" actor
13. Error-related negativity
14. Volcanic crater
15. Boston Herald columnist Margery
16. True market value
17. Italian term for exchange rate
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Men's fashion accessory
21. Children's craft supply
22. Extra benefits
25. In an early way
30. A judge has one
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
32. Tractor unit
33. Defunct supercomputer developer
38. Promotional materials
41. A forgetful state
43. One who beheads
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Clergy's vestment
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Zero
57. Ancient Greek word for "earless"
59. Nigerian governmental area
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Places to hang things
62. Keyboard key
63. Make a mistake
64. One-time president of Republic of Korea

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky lizard
4. Romanian river
5. Communication
6. Stoats
7. Showcases
8. Bird of prey
9. King of Thebes
10. Cleaving tool
12. Large African antelope
14. Three are particularly notable
25. Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Consume food
28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape a surface
34. Green vegetable
35. Pacific Standard Time
36. Capital of Brazilian city
37. Paddle
39. Cause to become insane
40. Drier and flakier
41. Mimic
42. ESPN personality Kimes
44. One who moves slowly
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
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ACS EXPO

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ence may want to join Paul Winalski and members of NHAstro for some solar viewing. If you're hoping for some live animals, Wildlife Encounters will help you unplug for a bit and reconnect with nature. Owner Derek Small is passionate about education, helping others engage in a healthy lifestyle, understanding the natural world, while of course – helping animals in need.

The New Hampshire Aviation Museum welcomes everyone with an interest in learning more about New Hampshire's exciting aviation history. The Aviation Museum is New Hampshire's only working museum devoted to aviation history in the Granite State.

LetGoYourMind, out of Concord, will have a room full of Legos and ramps. Their programs focus on vital STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and challenge kids to think creatively, problem-solve, work as a team, and reinforce skill sets while students have lots of fun! If you are a dog lover, Kelly Bourgeois of Doginit Training will be showing off the talents of her amazing pups! Kelly has been training dogs for over 17 years with both basic obedience training as well as behavioral modification for serious behavioral issues, including aggression. Her education in canine behavior and the psychology of how they think and learn allows her to feel comfortable working with all be-

havioral issues. Matt Forrest Esenwine, a well-known children's author and expo favorite, will be back again, displaying his amazing children's books and meeting with students to discuss his passion for writing!

ACS welcomes Nick Forge, The Northeast Prospector. He travels, camps out and excavates New Hampshire as well as areas from the Atlantic to the Pacific in search of valuable stones, mineral specimens and precious gems. The Alton Central gymnasium will be full of energy with live demonstrations taking place. Lyndsay Lewin and some of her athletes will be demonstrating their skills as part of NH Velocity Cheer, a competitive program in Belknap County. From ages 5-18, get on the mats


for some tumbling and fun. And for a different type of movement and competitive program, members of BOB 319 will be sharing the gymnasium to showcase their programming, mechanical, and electrical skills. Founded in 1999 at Alton Central School, team 319 Big Bad Bob is one of the longest standing FIRST Robotics teams in the nation. They have remained an effective organization led by Lead Mentor, Brian Hikel, and other mentors and recently returned alumni from the school's community. An example of our tremendous success has been shown by traveling to World Championships in 2016. There, the team competed against some of the best robots in the world and made it to the semifinals. The team also

won a Judge's Award for the very first time in 2017.

Alton Central School is thankful for the local presenters that are participating in this event. The Expo is fortunate to have a number of sponsors supplying the event with donations (True Attitude Photo Booth, Hilltop Fun Center, Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, Boston Museum of Science, York's Wild Kingdom, Lost River, Gorge, Clark's Bears, Children's Museum of NH, Velocity Cheer, Hannafords, Chucksters, Funspot, McAuliffe-Shepard Discover Center, All Sports Cards of Laconia, Gilford Cinema 8 and much more). Raffle tickets will be on sale to win many wonderful prizes! All proceeds will support improvements to the ACS

playground structure. There is no cost to attend this event. However, the school, the Alton Fire Department and Alton PD will be collecting donations for End 68 Hours of Hunger (come check out their ladder truck and BearCat!). Any nonperishable items are appreciated, our top needs currently are fruit cups, Pop-Tarts, dry pasta, canned pasta (raviolis, SpaghettiOs, etc), full size boxes of cereal, and individually packed snacks such as small bags of chips, peanut butter crackers and snack mixes). Let's see if the town can fill the Alton PD BearCat with all the donated nonperishable items! Dinner will be available for \$1. This event is for students and families of the ACS community.





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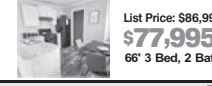


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Clearlakes Chorale invites all music lovers to enjoy “Songs from the Stage”

WOLFEBORO — From the soaring drama of opera to the unforgettable melodies of Broadway, Clearlakes Chorale is inviting audiences of all ages to enjoy music, memories, and community at its spring concert, “Songs from the Stage.”

The performances will take place Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 115 South Main St. in Wolfeboro.

Featuring more than 40 singers from communities throughout the Lakes Region, Clearlakes Chorale will present a lively and wide-ranging program from Mozart, Donizetti, Verdi, Offenbach, Weber, and Gilbert and Sullivan, including the stirring “Va, pensiero” from Nabucco, the jubilant wedding chorus from “Lucia di Lammermoor,” the famous “Huntsmen’s Chorus” from “Der Freischütz,” and Offenbach’s exuberant “Can-Can Chorus.”

After intermission, the concert shifts to Broadway with favorites from “West Side Story,” “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Okla-

homa!” “The Lion King,” “Fiddler on the Roof,” “Les Misérables,” and more. Audiences can look forward to spirited performances of “Gee, Officer Krupke,” the lush spectacle of “Masquerade,” the nostalgia of “Sunrise, Sunset,” and the rousing finale “Do You Hear the People Sing?”

The concert will also feature a special Clearlakes Chorale twist: “Cell Block Tango,” the Chorale’s own playful take on “Chicago”’s “Cell Block Tango,” written especially for the sopranos and altos and filled with tongue-in-cheek observations about the quirks of choir life. The sassy number is soprano section leader and Board member at large Carrie Kinzmaier’s favorite: “We have taken a great but intense song and made it our own. We have fun together as women and friends, teasing each other and being a bit spicy in a family friendly way.”

One of the most challenging selections this season? “Pray, Observe the Magnanimity.”

“We sing tongue-twisting lyrics at breakneck

speed!” Kinzmaier says. “Luckily, it’s a funny song and a joy to sing...if I don’t trip over phrases like ‘give up the felicity of unbounded domesticity.’”

Tenor Mike Lymburner said he has too many personal favorites to name just one, adding, “I can tell you that the most challenging for me has been ‘Huntsmen’s Chorus (‘Was gleicht wohl auf Erden’) from ‘Der Freischütz.’ Just the tenors and basses sing it and it is in German, so it has not been easy! Not only is the German hard for me but the song moves along at quite a pace. Wish me luck!”

“I hope people come to the shows and make a special evening or a day of it,” says Clearlakes Board secretary Suzanne Morrissey, a soprano. “Enjoy dinner or coffee in Wolfeboro, meet up with friends or family, and share in the excitement of live performance.”

Clearlakes Chorale is an un auditioned ensemble whose members come together from across the community because of a shared love of singing. The Chorale welcomes singers of varying abilities and

works to bring memorable musical experiences to the region.

Lymburner, who has sung with Clearlakes Chorale since 2017, says that spirit of camaraderie and joy is what has kept him coming back year after year.

“Clearlakes Chorale has been one of the most satisfying groups I have ever sung in,” Lymburner says. “It is really a great group of people who are all dedicated to the art form and sing with joy in their hearts. Our director, Andy Campbell, is one of the most talented directors I have ever sung under as well. He pursues excellence but does so in a very non-stressful manner.”

Tickets to the May performances are \$20 and are available at the door, at Black’s Paper Shop in Wolfeboro, or online at www.clearlakeschorale.org. Students and children are invited to attend free of charge, making it easier for families to enjoy the concert together.

For anyone looking for a reason to get out after a long winter, reconnect with neighbors, and hear music

that will make their hearts sing, “Songs from the Stage” promises a joyful springtime celebration.

Summer theater for children returns to Kingswood Arts Center

WOLFEBORO — The Governor Wentworth Regional School District is thrilled to announce Kingswood Theater Summer Camp! This summer, Kingswood Theater Summer Camp will provide a quality theater summer camp experience in the Kingswood Arts Center in Wolfeboro for children who are rising second graders through rising seventh graders.

The program will run for two weeks, starting on Monday, July 6 and running to Saturday, July 18, with public performances on Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m. Rehearsals will be weekdays, from 8 a.m. until noon. Performances will be Friday, July 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 18 at 2 p.m.

While Kingswood Theater Summer Camp is not prepared to reveal its show yet, an announcement is coming soon.

The show will be staffed with youth and summer theater veterans from around

the district. Long-time GWRSD music and theater teachers, Lisa Goodwin and Julie Carbone will Direct and Music Direct, respectively. Long-time community costumer, Deb Jones, will costume the show and Kingswood Theater’s Scott Giessler and Carrie Kinzmaier will produce and liaise with the families and staff. Members of the high school theater program will ably staff the much needed camp counselors.

Registration is now open at kingswoodtheater.org. Registration and tuition payment are both due by June 19. For this summer, slots are limited to 30 campers.

While this offering is not currently the same scope as the beloved Kingswood Children’s Summer Theatre, the hope is that a successful first summer of this program will lead to growth and expanded offerings for the summer of 2027. For more information, people should visit kingswoodtheater.org.

Pemi Choral’s Spring Concert Series profiles “Echoes of Time” in song

REGION — This spring’s concert series by the Pemigewasset Choral Society focuses on the transitions of life throughout the four seasons of the year. The series features a variety of folk songs and other melodies that express the phases of life across time and their resonance though spring, summer, fall, and winter.

The theme for the chorus’s 2026 spring program is “Echoes of Time.” It’s a musical journey exploring parallels between nature’s cycles and the human life cycle featuring American folk songs and several other choral compositions. Selections include “The Garden Song” (Dave

Mallet) and “The Times They Are A-Changin’” (Bob Dylan), as well as many inspirational songs that reflect the theme.

This concert is a collaboration with sisters Claire and Molly McCahan who composed or arranged several of the pieces. It is based on their Spiral Songs sequence which they lead at performances in Central New Hampshire.

Choral director for the concert series is William Gunn, the director of music at Plymouth Region-

al High School where he conducts the concert band, jazz ensemble, concert choir, and chamber singers and is formerly New Hampshire Choral Director of the Year. The group’s collaborating pianist is Laura Belanger.

Concerts begin at Gilford Community Church on Thursday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m., followed by performances at Moultonborough Academy on Friday, May 1 (7:30 p.m.), and Silver Center for the Arts at Plymouth State University on Sunday,

May 3 (3 p.m.). All concerts feature free admission with open seating. Patrons who wish to can provide a free-will donation at the door.

The Pemi Choral Society is a 53-year-old regional community chorus based in Plymouth with a wide-ranging musical repertoire. Singers come from nearly communities throughout the Lakes Region, central New Hampshire, and the White Mountains. The chorus boasts a diverse range of ages from high school students to age 80 and above.

The group performs concerts in December and May and welcomes new members at the beginning of each semester. For more information, please visit pemichoral.org or email an inquiry to pemichoralsociety.org.

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Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

David Bickford

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm. The hearing is regarding a Subdivision within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District submitted by Paul F. Zuzgo, LLS, of Prospect Mountain Survey on behalf of David Bickford for property at Map 253, Lot 023, Old Bay Road, New Durham, New Hampshire.

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



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The year is the 1980s - that's as close as we can get, sorry - and everyone's writing scandalous exposés. It's in this environment that Ellen, the wife of a famous writer, invites her best friends and confidantes over to reveal that she's written a book, a fiction book, with characters that kinda, sorta look exactly like them.

This goes over about as well as the wildfires raging outside Ellen's house, and causes as much destruction as the landslides that prevent everyone from leaving. The passive aggressive husband of a famous playwright, the straight-up aggressive wife of a philandering movie star, the chemically altered wife of a scumbag congressman and Ellen's best friend bounce off each other, and mostly Ellen, in this two-act, one-set biting comedy that has a lot to say about shame, self-worth and living as a woman in the 80s.

Come for the beachy-beachy vibes of the set, surf and sand, stay for the acerbic wit, slapstick

humor and more people walking into doors than you'd see on an entire season of Scooby Doo. Tickets are available

online at PittsfieldPlayers.org, and can also be reserved by phone at (603) 435-8852 or purchased at the door.

Alton Community Services seeks community's support

ALTON — Spring is working hard to come to Alton, and Alton Community Services continues to work hard for their clients, to provide assistance as needed to assure a good quality of life.

To that end, the Food Pantry needs personal health care products, specifically shampoo and conditioner as well as deodorant for men and women. Other item requests include cleaning supplies, condiments and sugar. Please check the expiration dates before bringing food to the drop off box located out-

side the Food Pantry (in the building next to Bunton, and Alton Community Services). Expiration dates beyond six months cannot be used, and it is time-consuming and costly for the volunteers to rid the pantry of expired items. Your help in this area is much appreciated.

ACS continues to thank everyone for their support. Visit the Web site (altoncommunityservices.org) and use the QR code for financial donations. Without you, Alton Community Services would not be successful.

Makers Mill welcomes renowned metalsmith Paulette Werger for jewelry workshop

WOLFEBORO — Makers Mill will host an immersive, one-day metalsmithing workshop led by nationally recognized jewelry artist Paulette Werger on Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in its Metalsmithing Shop.

This special offering combines jewelry history with hands-on making, focusing on the timeless elegance of rosecut gemstones. Dating back to the 1500s, rosecuts are known for their flat base and faceted, domed surface that echoes the natural spiral of rose petals. Participants will explore both traditional and contemporary approaches to setting these distinctive stones.

Throughout the day, students will work in silver to create both a simple morning project—such as earrings or a pendant—and a more advanced prong-set pendant in the afternoon. Techniques covered include bezel, prong, and tab settings, along with layout, soldering, and finishing methods.

Designed for those with basic soldering and torch experience, the class offers a rare opportunity to learn di-



rectly from a highly accomplished artist and educator.

Werger is the owner of Metalpeople East, a jewelry and metals studio in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and has taught at institutions including the University of Wisconsin and Montana State University, as well as craft schools across the country. Her work is exhibited and sold nationally and internationally, and she has served in leadership roles with organizations including Metalwerx, the Society of Arts and Crafts, SNAG, and AVA Gallery and Art Center.

Class size is limited to ensure a focused, high-quality learning experience.

Registration is \$175 for non-members and \$155 for members, with a materials fee of \$50 to \$75 payable to the instructor at the time of class.

For more information or to register, visit makersmill.org.

Makers Mill is a non-profit community makerspace in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, offering access to tools, classes, and collaborative opportunities that support creativity, skill-building, and community connection. Free tours are offered every Friday and on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

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I also hosted a weekly radio show called "Family Law Talk Radio," which featured professionals with expertise in various related subjects. In recent years, I have focused my practice on Estate Planning and administration. This includes drafting wills and trusts, as well as probate and trust administration.

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