

Alton’s Old Home Weekend starts Saturday



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The Alton Old Home Day Parade will return this Saturday, Aug. 9, at 11:30 a.m.

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ALTON — A parade, a craft fair, and plenty of

games and family fun can be found at Alton’s Old Home Weekend.

Alton’s Old Home Weekend is coming this weekend, Aug. 9-10, with fun activities for people of all ages.

The Alton Old Home Week Craft Fair will take place this Saturday and Sunday in Railroad Square Park. Over 30 vendors will sell their creations from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, and



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The Alton Bay Boat Show will take place this Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10.

The Alton 5K Race will take off on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. starting in the Village and ending in Alton Bay. Awards will follow at the Alton Bay Bandstand.

The New Hampshire Boat Museum will host the annual Alton Bay Boat Show on Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon. Boaters can enter their classic and antique boats for

free and are advised to be at the docks before 9 a.m. Spectators will cast their votes for their favorite boats.

The Old Home Day Parade will start at 11:30 a.m. with the theme of “Small Town, Big Heart.” The parade, hosted by the Alton Business Association, will start at Alton central School and go up Letter S Road with walkers joining at Jones Field. The parade will then go

up Letter S Road to Route 11 and then go into Alton Bay.

American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 72, will host a Family Fun Day starting at the Old Home Day Parade from noon to 3 p.m. at the American Legion on Wolfeboro Highway. Family Fun Day will feature cornhole, scavenger hunts, giant yard games, a bouncy house, giant yard games, face

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African Children’s Choir to perform at First UMC

GILFORD — The African Children’s Choir will perform Monday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Gilford-Laconia, 18 Wesley Way, Gilford.

The African Children’s Choir is marking more than four decades of transforming lives through the power of music, education and hope. As they embark on a tour of more than 100 cities, the Choir will continue to captivate audiences with their heart-warming performances with a show that blends traditional hymns and African cultural sounds, while sharing stories of God’s faithfulness through joyful worship.

Comprised of children ages nine to 12, all from vulnerable backgrounds across Africa, the African Children’s Choir serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and potential of Africa’s future leaders. Each child in the Choir has faced significant hardship, often with limited access to education. Yet, through the Choir, these children gain life-changing opportunities for education and personal growth, becoming beacons of hope for their communities.

“The African Children’s Choir proves just how powerful music can be,” says Choir Manager, Tina Sipp. “These concerts not only provide hope and encouragement to our audiences, but they offer the children life-changing experiences that help shape them into future leaders.”

The Choir invites communities to experience their performances and be part of their mission to bring hope through music. No tickets are required, though donations are appreciated to continue the Choir’s impactful work.

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BARNSTEAD — Celebrate the town and enjoy a day of fun events at the annual Barnstead Old Home Day.

This year’s Old Home Day with the theme of “Back to Our Roots” will take place on Saturday, Aug. 9 with events going on from the early morning through the evening at the Parade Grounds.

The night before, Aug. 8, the Oscar Foss Memorial Library will host a Family Film night showing of “The Goonies” at 6 p.m.

Old Home Day will kick off with the 5K Road

Race starting at 1 Parade Road with proceeds benefiting the Prospect Mountain Schools Running Programs.

Registration and bib pickup will go on from 7-8 a.m., with the race itself starting at 8 a.m. Awards will follow with awards for top overall male and female finishers and the top three male and female finishers in each age category.

The Pancake Breakfast will take place under the tent at the Parade Grounds from 8-10 a.m. with donations welcome.

The Barnstead Farmer’s Market will open at 9 a.m. featuring different

vendors and exhibitors.

One of the exhibitors this year is the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People presenting information on the history and culture of the community’s Native American people.

The Dunk Tank will also open at 9 a.m., with visitors able to dunk local personalities and officials.

The Silent Auction will run from 9-9:30 a.m. The auction features many donated items including items donated by local businesses.

Parks and Recreation will host games for kids of all ages starting at 9:30

a.m.

The Cornhole Tournament will take place later that morning. Registration will run from 10-11 a.m. with an entry fee of \$25 per person. The tournament itself starts at 11 a.m. and will feature round robins and double elimination.

The winner will receive half the entry fees with the other half going to Barnstead Old Home Day.

The Cake Walk will start at 11 a.m.

Parks and Rec will hold its Hula Hoop Contest at 12 p.m.

Submissions for the Blueberry Baking Contest are due by noon for the competition itself at 12:30 p.m.

The Citizen of the Year Award will be presented at 1 p.m. with the nominees chosen by members of the community.

The Cribbage Tournament will run from 1-3 p.m.

Belknap County Sheriff Bill Wright will get behind the turntable as event DJ at 1:30 p.m.

The Old Home Day Dinner will take place under the big tent from 4:30-6:30 p.m. White Buffalo Trading Post will cater the meal of lasagna, veggie lasagna, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, a blueberry dessert, and a beverage.

All proceeds will benefit Hero Pups, an organization that trains and pairs service dogs with veterans and first responders with traumatic challenges from their service.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 10 and under.

Old Home Day will close with a concert by Heron Bluegrass Co. from 6-8 p.m.

Old Gilford DPW building demolished

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GILFORD — The old Department of Public Works Building has been demolished with construction of the new facility to follow.

Demolition on the of building started on July 23, and was complete on July 30 after months of preparations.

Gilford voters approved a warrant article to construct a new DPW facility for \$11.2 million during town meeting voting on March 11. Since then, the DPW has been getting ready for the pending demolition of the current building from the 1960s. DPW Director Meghan Theriault has given the selectmen regular updates on the project and the department has been posting updates on its Facebook page.

Operations have been moved to different locations, including renting a few properties outside of Gilford. Some operations will continue on the current property with staff



COURTESY PHOTO

The old Gilford DPW building was demolished as part of a project to build a new building. Photo from the Gilford DPW’s Facebook page.

working out of a trailer.

Theriault reported to the selectmen on July 16 that asbestos abatement was completed on the old building with all asbestos found in tiles and floors has been removed. The contractor also took out what is considered universal waste such as lightbulbs and ballasts.

Water and electricity for the sewer pumps were hooked up to the temporary facility on the site.

The project then removed the old generator, air conditioning handler, and furnace from the building.

Demolition of the current building started on July 23 and was completed on July 30. The DPW has been documenting the demolition process on its Facebook page.

Spears Brothers Building and Salvage & Wrecking, Inc., of Belmont took down the building.

The Facebook post on July 23 called the first day of demolition “BIG – and emotional.”

“For many longtime employees, it marked the end of an era, full of memories and years of hard work,” read the post. “But it also brought a wave of excitement as we watched the beginning of something brand new unfold before our eyes.”

Demolition was com-

plete by July 30 and the DPW posted a video showing a timelapse of the project.

“It’s just the beginning of a major transformation as we move toward building a modern, efficient public works facility to better serve the Town of Gilford,” read the July 30 post.

The DPW thanked Spears Brothers and Bonnette, Page & Stone for their work on this project.

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Free Concerts at the Bandstand
Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay
Aug. 9- Bittersweet-Classic Rock; Aug. 16- Chris Bonoli- Soft Rock, Country and Classic Electric Blues; Aug. 22- “Thursday Afternoon Band” sponsored by Water Bandstand Committee; Aug. 23- Saxx Roxx- back by popular demand and Aug. 30- Cool Beans- ‘60s and ‘70s Rock.

Alton Old Home Days Craft Fair- Aug. 9 & 10
Celebrate Alton Old Home Days by attending a New England Style Craft Fair on Aug. 9 and 10. The fair will take place at Railroad Square Park in picturesque Alton Bay overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. Juried vendors will be located inside the Alton Bay Community Center and throughout the waterfront park. All vendor items are handmade by local artisans and include food items, maple products, jewelry, carvings, wooden items, paintings, clothing, linens, pillows, toys, photos, doll items, seashell designs, music, knitted and crocheted items, and much more. Craft Fair items make unique holiday gifts. Craft Fair hours are Saturday from 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-3

p.m., rain or shine.
Alton Old Home Days 5K Road Race
Co-Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. Aug. 9 at the Alton Bay Bandstand, 9 a.m. USATF Certified Course through Alton. Computerized timing with bib chip; results posted online. Scenic, slightly varied course, flat/downhill with one moderate incline, paved. Prizes, refreshments, water stops, traffic control and raffle for racers. Forms and map available at www.alton.nh.gov or register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Alton/AltonOldHomeWeek5KRoadRace>. Register race day from 7:30-8:30 a.m., \$25, cash only.

Old Home Days Firemen’s Chicken BBQ
The Alton Firemen’s Association is sponsoring their annual (and famous) Chicken BBQ on Saturday, Aug. 10, starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Fire Station. \$15 per person, and will last until it’s sold out. Parking is available at Mill Pond for eat in or drive through and pick up your meal to go.
Old Home Days Battle of the Badges Softball Game
The Alton Fire and Police Departments are

playing their annual Old Home Days Softball Game on Sunday, Aug. 10 at noon at Little Fenway at Jones Field Park located on the Letter S Road. Stop by and cheer on your favorite local hero, this is a great event and fun for the whole community. Food will be available for purchase.

Old Home Days Cribbage Tournament
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a free Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 10, starting at 1 p.m. at the Alton Bay Land Bandstand, weather permitting. Tournament seating is limited so please arrive early to guarantee a spot. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. A special thank you to Ruth Arsenault for leading this fun event. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Free Soccer Program for Ages 2-7
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a free soccer program for ages two to seven led by the Kingswood Boys Varsity Soccer Coach and a group of awesome volunteers for Alton residents and surrounding towns. The free Soccer Program will be held on Sundays at Alton Central School from Sept. 7-Oct. 19, 9-10 a.m. and is a great introduction to the sport of soccer and a way for your little person to exercise, play and make new friends. Cleats and shin guards are optional, bring your own. Uniform shirts will be provided to participants that register by Aug. 18. Register in person at the Parks and Recreation office or online at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov for more information.

Soccer Cleat Swap- Check it out
Used soccer cleats in good condition, and in

various sizes are available at the Alton Parks and Recreation Department located at 328 Main St., Monday- Thursday 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Before you purchase new cleats for this season check out what is available for free. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Zentangle Creation Night — Aug. 25
Alton Parks and Recreation is hosting BB Art Studios with a premier Zentangle Event for adults 18 and up on Monday, Aug. 25 at the Pearson Road Community Center from 6-7:30 p.m. with instructor Barbara Bourque. Have you ever been stressed? Did you know that art is a fantastic way to diffuse some of that? Zentangles may be just what you need to escape for a bit. Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of creating, and learning how to leave some of your stress behind through art. If you have ever doodled, you can definitely Zentangle. This is something for everyone, and something you can do whenever you want (or need!). Art examples are posted on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page. All supplies and professional instruction included, \$20. Please contact Alton Parks and Recreation parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 by Aug. 19 to register. Pay by Venmo to BB Studios @ Barbara-Bourque-1 by Aug. 19 or bring check/cash to 328 Main St.

Line Dancing Lessons
Line dancing lessons with Jane Corbett will be held on Thursdays through mid-October from 1-2 p.m. for beginners, and 2:10-3:10 p.m. for experienced dancers at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$15/season. Register on site.

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Travel Club- Trip to Canyon Country 2026
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a trip with Collette Tours to Canyon Country in 2026. Trip highlights include: Grand Canyon; Lake Powell; Rafting on Horseshoe Bend; Bryce Canyon National Park; Zion National Park, Las Vegas and much more. Trip dates are May 15-22, 2026. Includes airfare, 11 meals, hotels, and guided transportation through Canyon Country, including walking, bus, and boat tours. This is a great way to travel solo or in a group. An informational session will be held Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Gilman Library. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Little Lake Explorers Playgroup
Join the Little Lake Explorers playgroup on Mondays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 9-11 a.m. This free program is open to all children newborn to seven years of age and their parents. Activities include free play, snack time, story time, music and more. Parents must stay and supervise their child during the program and are asked to bring a peanut free snack for their child. Please pre-register by the Wednesday before

each meeting at littlelakeexplorersalton@gmail.com. Drop ins are also welcome. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Alton Celebrates Old Home Days
Alton Old Home Days is Aug. 9 and 10 in Alton Bay. Activities include:
Saturday, Aug. 9
5K Road Race- Race day registration 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Alton Bay Bandstand; Race starts at 9 a.m.

Old Home Days Craft Fair- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Railroad Square Park.
Vintage Boat Show- 9 a.m.-noon. Public Boat Docks.

Main Street Parade- 11:30 a.m.- Starts at the Letter S Road and ends in Alton Bay.
Firemen’s Chicken BBQ- Held at Central Fire Station. Starts at 4:30 p.m. and lasts until sold out, \$15 per plate.
Bittersweet Band Concert, a local favorite, playing classic rock- 7-9 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand.

Sunday, Aug. 10
Old Home Days Craft Fair- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Railroad Square Park.
Battle of the Badges Softball Game- Alton Fire vs. Alton Police Department-noon. Little Fenway at Jones Field, Letter S Road.
Cribbage Tournament — 1 p.m. Alton Bay Bandstand. Arrive early to get a seat in the game.

Concert Sponsored by Water Bandstand Committee
The Water Bandstand Committee is sponsoring a live concert on Friday, Aug. 22 from 7-9 p.m. featuring “The Thursday Afternoon Band.” The concert will be at the Alton Bay Land Bandstand with classic rock music.

Alton Bay Water Ski Show
Sponsored by the Water Bandstand Committee
Aug. 23 — Water Ski Show at 3 p.m. in Alton Bay.

Wright Museum hosting lecture on Cuban Missile Crisis

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Aug. 12, the Wright Museum will welcome Arthur Krulowitz. This is the eleventh program of the Wright Museum’s 2025 Education Series.
The Cuban missile crisis was a major confrontation in 1962 that brought the United States and the Soviet Union close to war over the presence of Soviet nuclear-armed ballistic missiles in Cuba. During a thirteen day period in October 1962 the world teetered on the verge of a nuclear holocaust as President Kennedy and premier Nikita Khrushchev engaged in high stakes political brinkmanship.
Arthur is currently a docent at the museum and is a retired internal medicine/ critical care/ pulmonary physi-

cian most recently from South Hadley Massachusetts.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. Pre-paid reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at <https://wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series> or by calling 603-569-1212.
The region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 20,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battlefield. For more information about the 2025 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

Rev. John Blair to lead Sunday service at St. John’s on the Lake

MEREDITH — On Aug. 10, St. John’s on the Lake welcomes to its pulpit the Rev. John C. Blair, a retired United Methodist minister who earlier served with the Uniting Church in Australia and as a Flying Padre Bush Pilot in the Outback. His wife

Becky served with the Royal Flying Doctor Service, as Manager of the Wesley Music Centre, and as leader of the NH Friendship Chorus to Australia and New Zealand. John has served as pastor of churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and

as the Director of the U.M.C. Atlanta District Counseling Service.
St. John’s is a summer chapel located on Bear Island on Lake Winnepesaukee, built in 1927 of island stone. Stained glass windows and a birch communion table add to its

rustic charm. It can be reached from the docks in Deep Cove; for the boat taxi, contact bear.island.church.ferry@gmail.com. All are welcome, as are well-behaved dogs. For more information, see our Web site, www.stjohnsonthelake.com.

New Durham Historical Society hosts Rayne Refillery program

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Historical Society is excited to welcome Ronnie & Gracie Hanson from Rayne Refillery, Roches-

ter, as guest speakers at the next meeting to be held Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. in the New Durham Public Library, 2 Old Bay Rd.
The program, entitled

“Rayne Refillery,” focuses on sustainability and reducing single use plastic.
Historically speaking, the idea of a refillery is not new. However, recent applications offer advantages that resonate with the modern consumer. Ronnie and her daughter Gracie work in partnership to provide custom-

ized quantities of product refills in an effort to maximize environmental benefits for our planet. We extend our gratitude to the Hansons for their willingness to share experiences as town residents, business owners, as well as educators on the “zero-waste” movement.

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Barnstead Parks & Recreation Highlights

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Archery Program
Barnstead Archery – Registration is open for session 3 (Aug. 29 – Oct. 10). Classes are every Fridays from 6 – 7:30 p.m. (weather dependent) at the TL Storer Scout Reservation. Equipment will be provided, or you can bring your own. \$10 for the session. The link for registration can be found on our website.

Summer Concert Series
Barnstead Parks & Recreation is pleased to welcome to the Summer Concert Series Stage, Heron Bluegrass Co on Aug. 9, SaxxRoxx on Aug. 16 and Christine Bonoli on Aug. 23.

On Aug. 9, after a fun time at Old Home Day, grab dinner and join us for The Heron Bluegrass Company! With decades of experience, they pay homage to classic bluegrass. The band covers some wide ground from

Bill Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs, and The Stanley Brothers to Charlie Poole. The group's high energy live performances hear-ken back to bluegrass music's raw and raucous roots. Concessions will be provided by Oscar Foss Memorial Library, so stop by to support the band and our local library!

On Aug. 16, SaxxRoxx will bring the stage to life with music you love to dance to. Made up of seasoned musicians from southeastern New Hampshire, they will grab your attention by playing classic rock and pop from the '60's to the '90's.

On Aug. 23, Christine Bonoli is sure to entertain the masses with a variety of classic rock, blues and contemporary music. Christine Bonoli, who is also a local talent from right here in Barnstead, has been influenced by bands from the likes of Earth, Wind and Fire, Chicago, Jimi Hendrix, Johnny Cash and

many others. You are sure to be familiar with much of their music and may even find yourself singing along.

Summer concerts will take place at the Barnstead Parade Grounds every Saturday from June 21 through Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. This year's lineup features a wide array of music and can be found at www.barnsteadnhparks-rec.com/events. Concessions will be offered by local organizations (cash only) and the concerts are free so grab a chair or a blanket and come on down to enjoy the show!

Fun and Games at Old Home Day
We will have carnival style games with prizes and a hula hoop contest at Old Home Day on Aug. 9, so stop by our booth and let the kids play.

Game Night for Adults
Game night will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (Aug. 20) at the Oscar Foss Me-

morial Library. Come for a fun night of socializing and play an old favorite or learning a new game.

Summer Fishing Jamboree
Join us for the Third Annual Rick Gilchrist Memorial Fishing Jamboree for ages 15 and under. This free event is hosted with support from H&H Exteriors and is a great way to get kids outdoors and enjoy nature. A cookout will close out the event and pre-registration is recommended, but walk-ins for the event are welcome. The event will be Aug. 23 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Adams pond at the T.L. Storer grounds in Barnstead. Registration link can be found on our fb page and website.

Commission member openings
Being a part of the commission is a great way to be more involved in creating, planning, and hosting activities or programs for our community. There are

many different levels of involvement and time commitments. We have various openings on the commission, and we are excited to welcome new members. Contact Gail McCullough if you would like more information.

Barnstead Garden Club
We thrive off of community volunteers and donations, so please reach out to us through our Facebook page, Barnstead Garden Club,

or barnsteadgc@yahoo.com if you can lend a hand! We appreciate any help and support and hope you join our team! Please watch our Web site (barnsteadnhparks-rec.com) and Facebook page (@barnsteadparks) for additional details, date changes, cancellations, and pop-up events. We can also be reached at 802-332-3799 and barnsteadparks@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Barnstead motorcyclist arrested following high-speed pursuit

BOW/HOOKSETT — A Barnstead woman was arrested last week after speeding and a pursuit on Interstate 93. On Wednesday, July 30, Troopers from the New Hampshire State Police (NHSP) Special Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic enforcement initiative on Interstate 93 in Bow.

At 9:26 a.m., Trooper Jacob Plourde of the Troop D barracks was patrolling on I-93 in Bow when he observed a motorcycle matching the description of one that had previously been reported to have failed to stop for an officer. Trooper Plourde was able to get behind the motorcycle and attempted to make a motor vehicle stop. The motorcyclist sped up and attempted to elude Trooper Plourde by recklessly passing other vehicles. Trooper Plourde, aware of the traffic enforcement effort being conducted up ahead, disengaged from pursuing the motorcycle but relayed information to Trooper Thomas Lombardi, who was nearby in

the State Police aircraft. A short while after, the motorcycle was spotted from the air, weaving through the traffic at 90 miles per hour. Units on the ground did not closely pursue the motorcycle but left it to the aircraft to monitor. The motorcyclist attempted to take exit 9N in Hooksett, but failed to negotiate the curve and crashed. Sgt. John LaPointe was the first Trooper to arrive on the scene, where he found the motorcyclist, identified as Stephanie Lane, 35, of Barnstead, conscious and breathing. Hooksett Fire and Rescue responded to the scene and attended to Lane for minor injuries that did not require hospitalization. Lane was charged with disobeying an officer, reckless driving, misuse of plates, operating without a motorcycle license, unregistered vehicle, and uninspected vehicle. She was released on personal recognizance bail and is scheduled to be arraigned in the Concord District Court on Friday, Sept. 5.

New Hampshire author Milli Knudson to talk at Gilman Library's Alton Book Chat

ALTON — Mark your calendar now and post your yellow sticky-note reminders. There will be an author at Gilman Library in Alton at 7 p.m. on Aug. 12, for the Alton Book Chat August book group. Milli Knudson is the author of "Hard Time in Concord" (2005) and "Murder and Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915 (2024)," and numerous genealogy resource publications. She will

be discussing her latest book, "Murder and Mayhem," published by Peter Randall Publishing (perpublisher.com) and also available from Amazon.com. The public is welcome to attend this special Alton Book Chat, even if you have not yet read the book. The author will have her books at the program and will autograph your copy. Mrs. Knudson was born, raised, and educated in the state of Maine.

After achieving her Master's degree, she pursued a teaching career in Londonderry. She also had a genealogical research company. Her volunteer work with the NH Cold Case Unit later led to a position in 2022 as a paralegal/data analyst. Ms. Knudson also has a website where you can learn more about her works at <https://www.milliknudson-author.com/>. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held

on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. Call the library at 875-2550 to reserve your copy of the next book discussion title and get in on the fun! Alton Book Chat, established in 1999, is a library-sponsored book discussion group that meets monthly in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room (lower-level entrance), Gilman Library, 100 Main St., Alton, NH 03809.

Kalled Gallery hosting annual Opal Show Aug. 16

WOLFEBORO — The Kalled Gallery in Wolfeboro wants to invite everyone to the gallery on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. to come meet Bill Kasso, the opal miner, and learn how these rare beauties are formed and be amazed by the full color spectrum that Australian opal has to offer. There will be so many opals here! Bill Kasso, is one of the principle players responsible in bringing gem grade boulder opal into the USA. The former Wall Street trader has been supplying Jennifer Kalled, jewelry designer and owner of the Kalled Gallery, with these rare gems

for over twenty years. Their partnership was so special.... they got married! Loose opal stones will be available for purchase or for incorporating into a custom jewelry piece by Jenni-

fer Kalled. Enjoy these Australian opals and learn about their spectrum of color, stability (unlike white opal), and the variety of pattern compositions. There is more! From 5 to 8 p.m., Bruce

Marshall, of the Bruce Marshall Group since 1991, who has toured with Charlie Daniels and Leonard Skynyrd will be singing for us. He now performs over 200 shows a year and we feel very fortunate have him be with us in the Kalled Gallery for your entertainment. Join us for sips, songs & snacks after 5 p.m. The Kalled Gallery is located at 33 North Main St. in Wolfeboro. Call the gallery at 603-569-3994 for more information or visit www.kalledjewelrystudio.com.

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The case for silence

We don't get much silence anymore. Even when the world is technically quiet, there's the hum of the refrigerator, the buzz of notifications, the constant chatter in our heads. We've gotten so used to noise that the idea of sitting in a car with nothing but the sound of the tires on the road feels almost rebellious. Lately, we've realized how amazing real silence is. No radio, no podcast. Just us, our thoughts, and the steady rhythm of driving. It has been a reset button we didn't know we needed.

Science actually backs this up. A 2013 study published in Brain, Structure and Function found that periods of silence, just two hours of it, can help the brain generate new cells in the hippocampus, the part of the brain linked to memory and emotion. Other research has shown that quiet time lowers cortisol (the stress hormone) and lets the brain shift from "react" mode to "reflect" mode. In short: silence isn't empty, it's restorative.

We live in a world that treats silence like a gap to be filled. We fill it with scrolling, streaming, playlists, background noise and anything to avoid just... being. But what if the thing we're avoiding is the very thing our minds crave?

Driving in silence has become our version of meditation. It's where ideas show up uninvited. It's where we notice the scenery we usually speed past. It's where our brains, exhausted from the constant feed of information, finally exhales.

Silence isn't a luxury — it's fuel. The more we give ourselves those pockets of quiet, whether it's in the car or just sitting at our kitchen table, we can feel our brains unclenching.

So, here is our challenge to you: turn off the noise for ten minutes. Drive in silence and let your thoughts wander. In a world that keeps shouting for your attention, you might be surprised what you hear when everything else finally stops.

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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

John

Do you know who said "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell from where it comes or where it goes?" You should.

We've had some pretty gusty winds lately. Blew off some of my roof shingles. Another unexpected job added to my "get to it sooner" list. You don't want to mess around with a roof. It would be nice to thank the guy responsible for directing the wind though, I wouldn't have gotten to observe the world from my roof top if not for this result. It makes for a totally alternative perspective.

I was enjoying life at the lake the other day when the partly cloudy blue sky rapidly transformed into a gray overcast cauldron of blowing wind and whipping drops of rain. I gathered my things and headed for the truck. Made it just in time.

By the time I got home, there was this glorious summer shower, raining on everything. I just knew that all the plants were smiling in happy acceptance of this wonderful water coming down from the sky. As was I,

who didn't care that my clothes were getting wet. I'd just as soon take them off, as we did at Watkins Glen where we stashed our dry clothes in plastic bags and danced all afternoon in the mud with The Band. Steaming good time.

I can still recall images of us all dancing in our birthday suits, just the way God made us. Unencumbered by the taboos harbored by so many around us. It's just physiology. Shes have these, and hes have those. There's many variations on the themes, but ain't that what makes things interesting? I don't know, I've never understood what the big deal is. When I go swimming, I see no reason to need to wear a wet rag. There, I said it.

There have always been places around to indulge your impulses to assert your freedom. The locals usually know them. They are all getting highly infringed upon by this developing world. Everywhere, they are trying to keep an eye on us. The woods no longer suffice, privacy fences certainly don't work. With facial recognition

they now even know who you are, and drones fly everywhere. I have a right mind that if I ever get droned to moon it. Then I'll probably get arrested for something.

You never know when you'll come upon a trail camera when walking in the woods. Smile, you're on candid camera. And I've already told you about this guy I met that had a spotting scope who liked looking into people's windows. "They" are everywhere. This is twenty first century fun. We've got all kinds of new toys to play with. Soon we'll emulate China and have cameras everywhere, for our own protection of course. Hopefully I'll have moved past this life in time before that comes about.

But what if I have to go live in a rest home? I'm sure that they have cameras everywhere. Not that I'm paranoid really, but is it really their business? Don't they trust me not to pee in the corner? Come to think of it, maybe some of them actually do that. I don't really know what's going to happen later today, never mind in a couple of years. So far, I've been able to make it to the john

on time.

I certainly don't want to get stuck in one of them homes. They are run like prisons. Your freedom is totally taken away unless you get signed out by an adult for a time. I know so many people who hate their pretty nice prison existences. "It's for their own good" is the common excuse. I get the other side of the story.

After going swimming, I was sitting on the bench by the water when one of those large dragonflies dove into the water in front of me. You know, the ones that land on your head when you swim out deep. Well, this surprised me. But then it started this spastic jumping about landing back in the water, multiple times I questioned its sanity. This is bass territory, and it was making all these injured insect sounds in about eight inches of water. Then it just up and flew away. Strange.

Answer found in the third chapter of John. It's better to just read the whole book. It's fairly short.

E.Twaste

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Break the rules!

Vivek Ranadivé, a software entrepreneur and future NBA team owner, decided to coach his 12-year-old daughter's middle school basketball team in Redwood City, California.

He didn't grow up with the game, didn't play it, didn't know its culture—he just wanted to help. Vivek had a major problem—not only

did he know nothing about the game, but neither did his girls. Most of them had never played a single minute of organized basketball.

But Vivek wasn't the type to do something halfway. From the moment he signed up, his goal was to win the state championship that season.

If he had told anyone,

they might've laughed him out of the gym. But he started studying, watching games, trying to understand how basketball worked—and the more he learned, the more something didn't sit right.

After every score, teams would run back to the other end of the court, settle into formation, and wait to play defense. It was tradition. It was how the game was done. But to Vivek, it seemed like an unnecessary surrender—giving the other team a free pass for most of the court. Why retreat when you could press?

Without breaking a single rule, Vivek taught his team a strategy called full-court press: to stay on top of their opponents, disrupt every inbound, and apply pressure at every pass. It wasn't illegal. But he was breaking unwritten rules.

"Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist." — Pablo Picasso

And by the end of the season, that little team of underdogs was breaking all the unwritten

rules—and was winning big.

Top performers don't follow rules—they rethink them. Research at Harvard Business School and Columbia shows that people who break norms (nonconformists) are often perceived as more powerful and more competent. One study found that entrepreneurs who take strategic risks and ignore conventional advice are more likely to create successful ventures than those who play it safe.

The girls weren't great dribblers, couldn't shoot from distance, and had no height advantage. But they had something nobody else did: an unconventional strategy and unwavering attitude.

As the first games kicked off, Redwood City stunned opponents with how quickly they scored—and how consistently they pressed.

They jumped out to early leads—40, 6-0, even 12-0. One game ended with them leading 25-0 before the other team even scored. Instead of

retreating after scoring, they hustled back, applied pressure on every inbounds pass, and swarmed players off the ball. Teams used to long periods of transition now found themselves stuck in chaos before they could cross midcourt.

Opposing coaches fumed on the sidelines. One even confronted Vivek in the parking lot, furious that this "skinny foreign guy" was defying tradition—and winning. Every whistle signaled a barrage of fouls called on Redwood City—referees seemed determined to break them. But the girls adjusted. Instead of folding, they learned to play without pressing at times, weaving traditional basketball in between the chaos.

Through all the drama, they stayed unbeaten in most of their regular season. They won the local league, then the regionals, then advanced deep into the Northern California tournament. Each win built their stamina, sharpened their cohesion, and deepened belief in the system and each other.

By season's end, Redwood City had stormed

through their local league and advanced all the way to the national Junior Basketball championship tournament!

In the end, Redwood City didn't win the national championship. They came up short in the final rounds. But by then, the point had already been proven.

A team of middle school girls with no height, no elite skills, and no basketball pedigree had made it to the biggest stage in the country for teams their age—by doing what nobody else dared to do.

They didn't cheat. They didn't bend the rulebook. But they did break the unwritten rules—the ones that say, "This is how the game is supposed to be played."

They rewrote the script. And almost won it all.

Because sometimes, if you want to win—if you want to slay the giants, shatter the odds, or change the game—you don't follow the rules.

You break them.

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And sometimes, that's enough to change everything.

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Going out of Town

Immersed in childlike whimsy at the Museum of Ice Cream

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Of all the different museums in Boston, there is one where people of any age take a simulated ride in a Creamsicle themed airplane, play in a big sprinkle pit, learn more about ice cream history, and sample different forms of ice cream including a “lobster roll.” This is the Museum of Ice Cream in the Seaport: a display of childlike whimsy that kids and adults can tour through and a fun staff that even kept things light after a fire alarm.

I saw a travel show that did an episode from this place and I was intrigued. After some digging it was clear this wasn’t a museum in the most formal sense but a museum of different experiences. My curiosity drew me to finally get a ticket and check this place out.

The Museum of Ice Cream in Boston is in the Seaport District just a five-minute walk from World Trade Center Station on the MBTA’s Silver Line. It is housed in the same building as several different shops and restaurants, but the big pink banners are hard to miss.

Usually one’s first impressions of any attraction and its staff happen when one walks through the door for the first time. In this excursion, however, it was a minor emergency that introduced me to the museum’s upbeat staff.

I crossed Seaport Boulevard to get to the museum when I noticed little flashing strobe lights through the upper part of every window. This is the telltale sign that the building’s fire alarm is going off and soon I was hearing the alarm itself. After a second, I realized that my destination was in the same building.

Soon I was seeing a stream of people in pink shirts leaving the Museum of Ice Cream in an orderly line and gathering at a location across the next street. I walked over and saw staff members and patrons gathered around the sidewalk. One staff member wearing a banana hat and wielding a megaphone was trying to keep the group entertained while providing updates. I have to say I was impressed by this response. It told me they had a clear emergency plan but most of all they were doing their best to entertain their guests despite the circumstances. This was an amazing first impression of the staff and I hadn’t even gone into the building.

Within minutes after the evacuation, two engines from the Boston Fire Department rolled up and a large group of firefighters went into the front of the building. Within five minutes the alarm was turned off and firefighters were getting back on their trucks. That stream of pink shirts and their guests went back into the museum. Thankfully not long after they were letting in ticketholders to start their tours.

Everyone starts in a room with photos of ice cream scoops on the floor. After a rousing wel-



The Sprinkle Pit in the Museum of Ice Cream in Boston. Yes, I took a dunk in there myself.



What museum lets you walk through a hallway of rubber bananas? The Museum of Ice Cream of course.

come for our host Frank Oreo, we were encouraged to take little name tags and come up with an “ice cream name” for ourselves. We were told to think of ourselves as ice cream scoops going on a journey. I went through the museum as “Choco Crunchy Stuff,” a name I thought of considering my thing for chocolate ice cream with, well, crunchy stuff in it. The group passed through a door and everyone could choose between two different flavors of Friendly’s ice cream bar to enjoy. They did ask if anyone had any allergies or dietary restrictions. One person in our group said she has a dairy allergy and I could see staff getting her some alternative kinds of frozen treats.

The “scoops” went up the stairs to start the museum tour proper.

There’s a map of the world dotted with plastic ice cream scoops with different information on how different flavors originated. In the Froyo Factory, people could come up with their ideal mix of ice cream toppings while learning some information about ice cream.

The Hall of Freezers was literally a room filled with old-fashioned freezer doors with different games or experiences behind them such as trivia questions or small spaces to explore.

The next stop was the “Creamliner,” a mock-up of an airplane cabin with windows showing animations of leaving an ice-cream cone shaped city for a citrus cream land. At the end we all got

little cups of a citrus swirl ice cream in the style of a Creamsicle.

Next was the Transition Kitchenette was a model of a kitchen with models of the different ingredients that go into making cookies. This led to the Cookie Living Room, a 1950s style living room with a plastic cookie ice cream sandwich for a couch, bookshelves and a cupboard lined with ice cream puns, and a TV where people could go into a little room and be the image on the TV. There was a small ice cream sandwich cookie available here, but I remember thinking it was part of the scenery, so I passed it up.

Another room was filled with pink and yellow rubber bananas to walk through followed by a hallway of rainbow colors.

The next stop was Funway Park, a series of carnival and arcade-like games. There was a huge gumball machine filled with pink balls that you could gather up in unlimited numbers and throw them into the ski ball machine or the little slots with scoreboards. To keep up with the baseball theme, staff handed out cups of cotton candy.

After this was a diner with a conveyer belt serving ice cream lobster rolls. This treat consists of a rec and white ice cream that tastes more like vanilla but is a little salty, maybe like lobster ice cream. This is served with a plain bread roll, probably my first time eating one of these with ice cream, but it was a tasty experience.



The Hall of Freezers with different fun activities behind each freezer door.



The Cookie Living Room with a cookie sandwich shaped couch and a TV where guests could broadcast themselves.



Museum of Ice Cream staff tries to keep things light after a fire alarm activation forces everyone to evacuate the building.

By now the tour had officially looped around the beginning. Here people could also buy ice cream scoops and sundaes and there was also a bar with ice cream themed cocktails for the adults.

As I observed with that evacuation earlier, the staff was very helpful and upbeat throughout the whole experience.

My Museum of Ice Cream experience ended at the bottom floor with the Sprinkle Pit. This is a ball pit except filled with large, pink, plastic cylinders in the shape of sprinkles. This is especially a good place for kids, but adults could take a dip too if they wanted. I haven’t been in a ball pit since I was in elementary school so it was kind of fun even if it was a little hard to get out of.

The overall theme of the Museum of Ice Cream seems to be one of whimsy and a bright sensory experience. The museum is somewhat small; I got through the whole thing in about 45 minutes, but times may vary depending on the number and size of the party. There are a lot of activities

that seem more aimed at younger kids, but there are things for people of all ages to enjoy.

For adults, this is a place that encourages you to embrace your inner child and act in childlike ways. If anyone is uncomfortable with taking part in cheer-alongs or acting silly, this might not be the place for you. I personally love seeing

displays like this and I have to say that cookie couch was giving me ideas for art projects. It also felt good to just let go and enjoy little things like a hall of rubber bananas or a sprinkle pit.

For more information on the Museum of Ice Cream in Boston, visit www.museumoficecream.com/boston.

Register for Alton Dance Academy classes Aug. 14

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy will hold registration for its 20th year on Aug. 14 at the studio from 4-7 p.m.

Alton Dance offers classes for ages three to 18 in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Pointe, Modern, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Creative Movement and more. Adult classes include Zumba, Strong Nation (HIITtraining) Pilates, Yoga, Senior Citizen fitness and Bellydance.

Alton Dance has won Best of the Lakes Region five years in a row, and are proud members of the National Dance Education Organization.

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Bluegrass comes to the bandstand on Saturday night

WOLFEBORO — The Saturday night free concert series in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand continues on Saturday, Aug. 9, with High Range bringing their bluegrass sound to the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee.

High Range is a New Hampshire-based band playing both original and cover songs featuring fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, upright bass and drums together since 1999. The band features Todd Jones on guitar, banjo and vocals, Rob Kneeland on mandolin, drums and vocals, Ellen Carson on fiddle and vocals, Steve Roy on mandolin and bass and Brendan Dowd and Zac Francis on bass.

The band has opened for numerous acts including Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, Tim O'Brien and Cornbread Nation, The Waybacks, Carol Noonan, Lori McKenna, Bill Morrissey and Tommy Makem at venues around New Hampshire, including the Stone Church in Newmarket, Prescott Park Folk Festival in Portsmouth, Great Waters and the New Hampshire Folk Festival as well as numerous venues outside of the state including the Bluebird Café in Nashville, the Thomas Point Beach Festival in Brunswick, Maine, Hickory Fest in Stony Fork, Pa. and Down Home in Johnson City, Tenn.



COURTESY PHOTO

High Range will play in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.

The band has also earned great reviews for their performances. "High Range has forged a tight, compelling ensemble sound that is highly musical and thoroughly entertaining," said David McCarty of *Bluegrass Unlimited Magazine*. Dave Higgs of *Bluegrass Breakdown* on Nashville Public Radio said, "High Range has a sound all its own, full of surprises, instrumental excellence, some fine vocals and some absolutely killer originals."

The Friend of the
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Bandstand concerts run
from 7 to 9 p.m. in Cate
Park in downtown Wolfe-

boro each Saturday in July and August. Though there is no charge for the concert, a pass-the-hat offering is taken at intermission to help support the Friends of the Wolfboro Community Bandstand's mission to bring quality acts to Wolfboro every summer.

High Range will play at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, weather permitting. The concerts are subject to weather conditions. If bad weather is threatening and the concert has to be postponed, there will be a sign posted at the park entrance near the town docks and will be posted online at wolfeborobandstand.org and on the group's Facebook page.

*Donations needed for Gilford Community
Church Fair & Silent Auction*



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The Gilford Community Church Summer Fair White Elephant Sale in the Church Fellowship Hall.

GILFORD — There are white elephant items, from vases, to fine china, tools, and now and then, an antique or painting that looks great over the mantle. There are all sorts of toys, jewelry, delicious baked goods (a favorite are the homemade pies), fried dough, burgers, and more.

Topping off the Gilford Community Church Fair's more than 100 silent auction items up for bid is one very special item: a Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise for 12 on the classic 50-foot 1947 Shain Airflow Trim-mership Yacht "Gypsy."

Among the most beloved of events in the Lakes Region is the annual Gilford Community Church Fair & Silent Auction which takes place during Gilford Old Home Day. This year's Fair will be held on Friday, Aug. 22 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

inside and outdoors
at the church at Potter
Hill Road in Gilford
village.

Donations are now being accepted for white elephant items, silent auction, jewelry, and toys. If you are cleaning out a summer cottage, downsizing or simply have some jewelry, or other white elephant items in good, clean condition, you can drop them off in the lobby of the Gilford Community Church on Potter Hill Road in Gilford village.

The Silent Auction committee welcomes business gift certificates for restaurants, lodging and many other categories, as well as ski passes, condo stays and quality furniture to name but a few things you can donate. These items can be dropped off at the Church office Monday - Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the church office at 603-524-6057.

A vibrant banner for 'summer fun'. On the left is a stylized sun with a spiral center. Next to it, the words 'summer fun' are written in large, bold, orange and green letters. To the right of 'summer fun' is a pair of green sunglasses. Further right is a beach umbrella with multiple colors. Below the main text, there is a line of smaller text: 'For Summer Events & More Visit Whitemountains.com • Lakesregion.org Or Your Local Chamber Of Commerce'. On the far left of this line is a small logo that says 'THINK Sunny THOUGHTS' with a sun and sunglasses. On the far right of this line are two more logos: 'summer SPOT' with a pineapple and a cow, and 'Summer fun' in a bubbly font.



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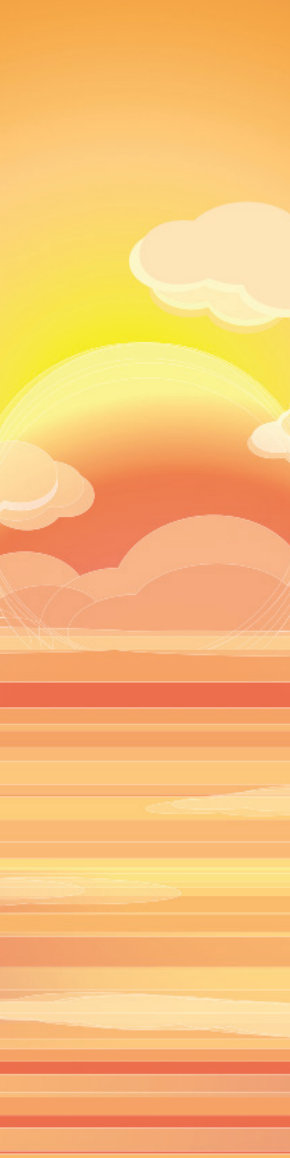
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NHBM hosts 49th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show

ALTON — Fans of classic wooden boats and early fiberglass vessels are invited to the 49th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon, hosted by the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM).

At the event, vintage boat owners and spectators come together to celebrate New Hampshire's boating heritage. "This is one of the most exciting events of the summer for the whole family," said NHBM Executive Director Devon Kurtz. "It's truly a remarkable collection of boats, and spectators can get up close and talk with the owners."

Vintage boat owners with wooden or early fiberglass boats (up to 1975) are encouraged to participate—no pre-registration is required, and docking is first-come, first-served. Arriving before 9:00 a.m. is recommended to secure a spot on the docks. Spectators are invited to stroll the town docks,

admire beautifully restored boats, and meet the passionate owners behind each vessel. Attendees can also cast their vote for the People's Choice Award, helping to select First, Second, and Third Place winners. "At the end of the day, it's always fun to see which boats win awards," Kurtz added. "As a spectator, it's so fun to really engage with the event."



While at the show, visitors are encouraged to stop by the NHBM's tent to say hello, join or renew their membership, and browse a selection of museum merchandise. "We are so thankful to our generous sponsors who make this event possible," said Kurtz.

The 49th Annual Alton Bay Boat Show is sponsored by Home Comfort, Goodhue Boat Company, North Water Marine, The NASWA Resort, Shibley's Drive In, Shibley's at the Pier, and Alton Home and Lumber.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits, engaging programs, and events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is partly sponsored by Home Comfort, North Water Marine, Goodhue Boat Company, Belletetes, Eastern Propane and Oil, Kingswood Press and Design Studios, and Watermark Marine.

Ultimate Tina Turner Tribute rocks Great Waters stage Aug. 9



MOULTONBOROUGH — Get ready to feel the power, the passion, and the energy of a true rock-and-roll legend as Proud Tina: The Ultimate Tribute to Tina Turner takes the stage at Castle in the Clouds on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 7:30 p.m. Part of the 2025 Concerts in the Clouds series presented by Great Waters Summer Concerts, this electrifying tribute brings Tina Turner's iconic music to life in an unforgettable open-air performance.

Starring powerhouse vocalist Caroline Borole, Proud Tina delivers hit after hit with unmatched intensity and authenticity. From "What's Love Got to Do with It?" and "Proud Mary" to "Private Dancer," "The Best," and beyond. Backed by a world-class band and dazzling choreography, this tribute captures Tina's legendary career's energy, soul, and swagger.

Whether you've followed Tina Turner's music for decades or are just discovering the queen of rock and soul, this high-energy show will have you dancing in your seat—and probably out of it. Fans of all ages will be swept up in a night of bold vocals, big moves, and unforgettable moments.

Great Waters Concerts in the Clouds at the stunning Castle in the Clouds field, with sweeping views of Lake

Winnepesaukee, offers an unforgettable setting for a summer evening of music and memories. Arrive early to enjoy dinner and drinks before the show—fan-favorite Refuge BBQ and newcomer Tin Can Co. will be serving up delicious bites from 5 to 7:15 p.m., and the Castle in the Clouds bar will open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are available now at www.GreatWaters.org, by phone at (603) 569-7710, or in person at the Great Waters office, 54 N Main St., Wolfeboro, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other featured artists in the 2025 Great Waters Summer Concerts series include jazz sensation Peter Cincotti, Elements - The Ultimate Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute, and Ted Vigil as John Denver. Great Waters is a nonprofit dedicated to bringing world-class performances to New Hampshire's Lakes Region. Special thanks to our leadership sponsors: Eastern Propane and Oil, Fidelity Investments, Belknap Landscaping, Paul Zimmerman, Maxfield Real Estate, and the Lake Winni Team.

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SPORTS

Chorney takes top honors in Canterbury Woodchuck Classic 5K

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

CANTERBURY — Runners gathered on Saturday, July 26, for the Canterbury Woodchuck Classic 5K. David Chorney of Concord had the winning time overall with a time of 17:18 while Man-

chester's Mary Klene was the top woman in the race with a time of 18:20, which placed her fourth overall. Local runners fared well in the race, led by Meredith's Nicolas Gosling, who finished in second place in 17:57. Justin Clark of Ashland

was seventh overall and won his age group in 18:55, Rachel Jastrebsky of Holderness finished in a time of 19:33 to place 11th overall and Jasmine Syed of Canterbury finished in a time of 20:18 to place 13th overall and tops in her age group. Campton's Peter El-

liott was 17th in a time of 20:34 and Elizabeth Beeson of Holderness ran to 23rd overall in 21:36 to win her age group. Hans Baker of Canterbury was 25th overall with a time of 22:13 and Mike LaPlume of Bristol crossed with a time of 23:13 to place 32nd over-

all. Taylor Livingstone of Holderness was 37th overall in 23:57 and Addison Alpers of Bristol finished in 46th place overall in a time of 24:42. Lucia Roth of Alton was 50th in a time off 25:10 and Rory Wharton of Bristol was 52nd overall

in 25:23. Nathaniel Fuller of Holderness was 54th overall in 25:33 and Grant Drew of Sanborn-ton was 56th in a time of 25:36. Canterbury's Timothy Chrysostom was 61st overall in a time of 26:18, Emerald Briggs of Alexandria was 64th in a time of 26:26 and Kendra LaPlume of Bristol was 65th in the same time of 26:26. Grace Olson of Sanborn-ton was 67th overall in a time of 26:34, Stephen Barrett of Canterbury won his age group in 26:41 for 68th place.

The summer of relaxation?

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING



Without question, the school year is a busy time of year in my world. Ever since I returned from my COVID-forced layoff in the fall of 2020, I have been covering schools from Alton in the south to Whitefield, Groveton and Berlin in the north and that in and of itself keeps me on the move constantly. With all that driving and all those games to write about, I easily surpass my 40 hours for the week by Thursday morning in most weeks and easily roll into the 60 to 70 hours a week range and some weeks, it tops the 70-hour mark. It's a lot. Then, we add on to that the baking hours, which admittedly slows down in the non-summer months, and I am easily closing in on 100 hours a week of work. That seems like a lot, probably because it is. But that is what it is. It is the summer-time that I get a little downtime and without a question, this year I have certainly taken a bit more of that time to myself, even if it doesn't mean necessarily doing stuff except taking a few afternoons off. Readers probably might notice a bit of a drop-off in the number of sports sto-



Part of the summer work was covering American Legion Baseball in Laconia, where we got a rainbow over the field one summer evening.



The Granite Kid Triathlon took place on a perfect summer Saturday morning in Wolfeboro.

ries in their local papers over the last month-plus

and that will continue for a few more weeks, as I try to get as much as I can out of the last few weeks of the summer before the onslaught of the fall sports season. Over the past month-plus I've covered a bunch of American Legion Baseball games in Conway and Laconia, a Babe Ruth state tournament in Conway, the Green Beret With a Mis-

sion event in Bridgewater, the Granite Kid Triathlon in Wolfeboro and a few other events. But for the most part, I've laid low. That being said, the summer is also the busy time at the bakery. For a stretch of July I worked six days a week for a few weeks in a row and there are numerous days where we work later than planned. That's

part of the job, it's no secret that this is our busy season and we push through. So, there is a balance there, where I take it a bit easy in one job and ramp up a bit in the other one. I've also spent some time outside of work producing the Village Players' production of Calendar Girls, which ran the last two weekends and playing trumpet in the Cate Park Band on Wednesday nights in downtown Wolfeboro. Cate Park Band ends at the conclusion of August while the next Village Players production, Sweeney Todd, gets started with auditions this coming weekend.

As this goes to press, I'll also be taking a few days off to head to New York City to see a couple of shows on Broadway. The Granite Man Triathlon is coming up in a couple of weeks and I am hoping to make one more short trip somewhere the following week before the fall sports get going.

It's hard to believe summer is almost over, but soon enough I'll be back on the road every day heading to various corners of the state to catch soccer, field hockey, volleyball, football, cross country and golf contests for the local high school kids. But for now, I will take it easy for a few weeks. Sort of. Maybe.

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Kim Livingstone of Holderness finished in 73rd place in a time of 27:46, Judi Lemaire of Wolfeboro won her age group in 28:12 for 78th overall, John Hammond of Wolfeboro was 79th overall in 28:13, Nicole Downing of Middleton was 80th in 28:26 and Tricia Keville of Canterbury put up a time of 28:41 for 81st place. Heidi Chaney of Canterbury finished 85th in 29:08, Nick Daigneault of Canterbury was 86th in 29:15 and Karen Robichaud of Canterbury was 88th in 29:20.

Kaitlyn Casperonis of Wakefield was 90th in 29:27, Zack Brayfield of Holderness finished in 103rd in a time of 30:35, Patti Bernier of Sanborn-ton was 105th in 31:10, Matthew Wineriter of Canterbury finished in 106th in 31:15, Jason Hiltz of Ashland was 107th in 31:16 and Robin Fisk of Ashland placed 108th in the same time. Wolfeboro's Katja Fox was 112th in 31:37, Ellie Gaw of Holderness was 115th in 32:01, Olivia Brayfield of Holderness put up a time of 32:21 for 119th place and Kayla Knapp of Canterbury crossed in 34:09 for 125th place. Allison Wood of Canterbury was 131st overall in 35:47, Mary Kaplan of Barnstead finished in 132nd place in 35:55, Erin Keville of Canterbury was 134th in 35:57, Bryan Ortiz of Canterbury was 135th in 36:09 and Brooks Bergholm of Canterbury finished in 141st place in 37:42.

Richard Chaney of Canterbury was 148th overall in 40:09, Thomas Roy of Canterbury placed 154th in 41:09, Brittney Bergholm of Canterbury was 165th in 44:35, Angie Cummings of Hill was 174th in 50:39, Audrey Knapp of Canterbury was 177th in 51:02 and Tia Vu of Canterbury finished in 190th place with a time of 59:44.

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Gilman Library summer reading program concludes Aug. 9

ALTON — If you have not been attending Gilman Library’s ‘Monthly Movie Matinee Theater Thursdays,’ then you have been missing out on some great American movie classics. Admission is free to view a classic movie on a gigantic Smart Board screen, with surround sound, in the air-conditioned meeting room. In addition to the free movie, just for attending, you will receive a free snack, a free beverage, and a free door prize raffle ticket. What could be better? The next movie will be shown at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7. For more information, call the library at 603-875-2550 or visit our Web site at gilmanlibrary.org/theater-thursdays.

Right after the movie, please consider joining The Friends of the Gilman Library in the

Friends Corner upstairs at 3 p.m. The Friends Group is always looking for new members with new energy and new enthusiasm to support their mission. The Purpose of the Friends of the Gilman Library shall be to maintain an association of persons interested in good library service and in books: to increase the facilities and services of the Gilman Library, and thus to increase the cultural opportunities available in Alton.

Gilman Library’s 2025 ‘Color Our World,’ Summer Reading Program will conclude on Saturday, Aug. 9. Hurry in to turn in your reading log, to exchange reading hours for raffle tickets before that deadline. You still have a few days left to complete some of the other fun challenges that earn more raffle tickets.

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12, the Alton Book Chat book discussion group will welcome New Hampshire author, Milli Knudson, to discuss her latest book, “Murder and Mayhem : True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915 (2024).” The public is invited to attend.

These new 2025 biographies were added to the collection last week:

- “Yet Here I Am: Lessons From a Black Man's Search for Home” by Jonathan Capehart,
- “Trump's Triumph: America's Greatest Comeback” by Newt Gingrich, and

- “Mark Twain” by Ron Chernow.

These new 2025 biographies were added to the collection last week:

- “Skin and Bones and Other Mike Bowditch Short Stories” by Paul Doiron
- “Great Big Beautiful Life” by Emily Henry,

and

- “Culpability” by Bruce Holsinger.

There are still a few days left to check out books to read for raffle tickets in the ‘Color Our World’ Summer Reading Challenge. See you at the library.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events Aug. 7 - Aug.14

Thursday, Aug. 7
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Squam Lakes Science Center, 4-5 p.m.
Squam Lakes Science Center will be bringing beautiful animals to show us!
Hidden mountains, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
" ‘Hidden Mountains’ is a masterfully layered and deeply moving book that takes us to the heart of human adventure -- and to the devastating sorrow that sits alongside the beauty of risk. Come and listen to Michael Weichert tell about his amazing adventure.

Friday, Aug. 8
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Radiant Summer Flow: A Chair Yoga Journey, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Hand & Foot, noon-2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Summer Reading Finale with the Poop Museum, 2-3 p.m.
Celebrate the summer reading finale with the Poop Museum!
T(w)een Book Club & Pizza Party, 2-3 p.m.
Find a book that fits the theme: Level Up! Whether it's video games, growing up, etc., you choose! Come and discuss your reads and eat some pizza, of course! Sign up required.

Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Lower Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 9
Beginner Line Dancing, 10-11 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 11
Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-11 a.m.
T(w)een Friendship Bracelets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Come craft some friendship bracelets for you, friends and family in this classic summer activity!
Mahjong, noon-3 p.m.
Discover Live: Split, Croatia, 2-3 p.m.
Split is the second largest city in Croatia, located on the stunning Adriatic coast. With over 1,700 years of history, Split boasts a rich cultural heritage, stunning monuments, and breathtaking natural beauty. Its heart, Diocletian’s Palace, has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, making Split a unique destination where history and modern life seamlessly intertwine. In this walking tour, we will dive into the general history of the city and explore the hidden treasures of Diocletian’s Palace! Split is one of the few cities in the world where an ancient Roman palace

is not only preserved but is still a thriving, living part of the modern city. This “open-air museum” offers a rare glimpse into ancient history—without the need for a ticket to enter! Our guide, a native of Split who has lived in the city center for over 30 years, is passionate about sharing the city’s wonders with visitors. Join us as we uncover the secrets of Split, where ancient Roman history meets vibrant modern-day life.

Tuesday, Aug. 12
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
T(w)een Friendship Bracelets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Summer Concert Series II with Dakota Smart, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday, Aug. 13
Senior Stretch Yoga, 9-10 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
T(w)een Friendship Bracelets, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 14
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Clay Pot Windchime: Adult Craft, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
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French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten requests

1. “The Hamptons Lawyer” by James Patterson
2. “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans
3. “The First Gentleman” by Bill Clinton & James Patterson
4. “The River is Waiting” by Wally Lamb
5. “The President’s Shadow” by James Patterson
6. “Finders Keepers” by Stuart Woods
7. “An Inside Job” by Daniel Silva
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Alton	7 Hallin Ct.	Single-Family Residence	\$2,958,200	D.M. & Sherry L. Dumais Trust	Todd and Lynn Dow
Alton	Main Street	N/A	\$275,000	Linda Johnson	Richard P. Dangelo
Alton	Ridge Road	N/A	\$660,000	Knowlton Fiscal Trust and John R. Knowlton	James T. and Christine M. McGowan
Barnstead	9 Sands Terrace	Single-Family Residence	\$480,000	Robert J. and Sonia M. Nicolett	Erik and Robert Anderson
Gilford	Route 11A	N/A	\$585,000	S.J. & Joan M. Poggi RET	Trevor Bowler
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$220,000	Herbert E. Hafley, Jr. RET and Samantha Hafley	Denise Cass
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$933,000	Karen A. Bentley	Mary L. Gumlak Trust and Joseph G. Imbriani
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$240,000	Ronnie and Patricia Cates	James and Eryn Jarry

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Fiona Wilson graduates from Bates College

LEWISTON, Maine — Fiona Wilson of Barnstead graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine with a major in Biology and minoring in Rhetoric, Film, and Screen Studies. At its 159th Commencement on May 25, 2025, Bates College celebrated 504 members of its Class of 2025. President Garry W. Jenkins called on the

new graduates, who came from 38 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and 31 countries, to be ambassadors for Bates and for higher education. "Tell the story of how and why Bates matters," Jenkins said. "Tell the stories of other colleges and universities that are important in your life. Talk about the doors that have been opened by this kind of higher educa-

tion. Share with others the excellence that lives in these places." In a speech lauded by The Guardian as one of the best of the year, psychologist and author Angela Duckworth opened with an unusual request to the audience: pass your cell phone to your neighbor. The purpose? Avoid the temptation and distraction the phone rep-

resents. "It may surprise you, because it definitely surprised me: willpower is overrated," Duckworth said. "Achieving what you want out of life has very little to do with forcing yourself to act one way or another. In fact, successful people rarely rely on inner fortitude to resist temptations in the heat of the moment. In-

stead, they avoid them altogether." Duckworth, whose book Grit was on The New York Times best-seller list for 164 weeks, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Located in Lewiston, Maine, and home to about 1,800 students, Bates is internationally recognized as a leading liberal arts college.

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Vanessa Flanders earns SUNY Cortland Dean's List honors

CORTLAND, N.Y. — Vanessa Flanders of Gilford was among the 2,737 students named to the Dean's List at SUNY Cortland for the Spring 2025 semester. Flanders's major is Exercise Science. The Dean's List is the highest ranking for un-

dergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university. Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list. Each of SUNY Cortland's three schools publishes its own Dean's

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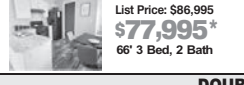
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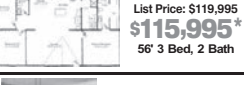


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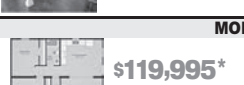


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ABA Monthly Member Highlight: Hertel Self Storage, LLC

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sits down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work that they do in our communities. If you're an ABA Member and would like to be considered for future Monthly Member Highlights, please reach out to us via email at info@altonbusinessassociation.com

Q: Tell us about your business?

A: Hertel Self Storage offers self-storage units ranging from five feet by 10 feet up to 14 by 35 foot size units. It is owner-owned and operated, located in Alton.

Q: Tell us about yourself.

A: I have been in the real estate business since 1995, starting with property management and then progressing to opening my real estate broker-

age, Northern Exposure Real Estate, in 2001. I have owned and managed several residential rental units throughout the years, and then switched to self-storage in 2017, when I bought Chamberlain Self Storage.

Q: How did your business get started?

A: I bought the existing business, Chamberlain Self Storage in 2017 from Keith Chamberlain

Q: What has your relationship with the Alton Business Association done for you or your business?

A: It has kept me knowledgeable of the other businesses in Alton and has helped me network my business.

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: I value most the small town charm while having a good commercial/business base.

Q: Why did you want to open your business in this community?

A: I summered in Alton and have always loved the lakes region. I moved to New Durham in 2001 with the intentions of ending up in Alton which happened in 2017.

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: I am most proud of the relationships I have with my tenants from being hands on every day. I am also proud of my recent expansion of 20 additional larger sized units which are 80 percent occupied already.

Q: What does the future hold for you and your business?

A: My intentions are to expand more in the future if the demand is there.

Q: What is one piece of advice you wish you had as a new business member?

A: Not to worry in advance about possible problems. Take them one at a time.

Q: How can people who want to learn more about you or your business get in

touch with you?

A: They can visit

www.hertelselfstorage.com or call me,

Jeff Hertel, at 603-875-3745.

LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING ALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT - SAU #72 ALTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Alton School Board will hold a
Public Hearing Pursuant to 198:20-c

Date: Monday, August 18, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Alton Central School Library

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SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ROBOTICS DIRECTOR

Shaker Regional School District is seeking a Robotics Director to oversee all robotics programs, clubs, coaches, and advisors across the district. Duties include, but are not limited to, planning, coordinating, and attending the District-hosted January tournaments as well as any Signature, National, or World Championship trips. The full job description can be found on the District's website, https://www.sau80.org/news/now_hiring. Individuals interested in this position should submit a letter of interest and current resume, no later than August 22, 2025, to Debbie Thompson, Business Administrator, via mail at Shaker Regional School District, 58 School Street, Belmont, NH 03220 or via email at dthompson@sau80.org.

SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER COACH

Shaker Regional School District is seeking a coach for the 2025-2026 season for Girls Varsity Soccer. Interested individuals should contact Cayman Belyea, Athletic Director, by phone at 603-267-6525 ext. 1362 or email at cbelyea@sau80.org. Successful completion, with satisfactory results, of a post-offer, pre-employment physical and criminal background check, including fingerprints, is required. Shaker Regional School District serves the communities of Belmont and Canterbury, New Hampshire and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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(Left) Granite VNA Hospice Home and Garden Tour guests explore the lovingly restored Cape Cod style home and exquisite gardens of Rebecca and Vincent Dufort, owners of Branch & Bloom, a Wolfeboro floral boutique.

antique farmhouse, a lovingly restored Cape Cod-style home, a classic Craftsman-style home, and the Clark House Museum.

More than 450 attendees spent a warm July afternoon touring through Lakes Region homes and gardens, enjoying historical builds, elegant interiors, breathtaking gardens and Lakes Region vistas.

Longtime Hospice Home and Garden Tour volunteer Chairperson and catalyst Barbara Lobdell is stepping down from her role following this year's event and will pass the torch to Karen Haskell of Wolfeboro. Haskell has supported the Hospice Home and Garden Tour for three years as a volunteer, and served as incoming Chairperson this year.

"We are incredibly grateful to the homeowners who offer their properties for the tour, the more than one hundred volunteers who dedicate their time to our event, and the hundreds of attendees who show up to support Granite VNA hospice services," said Lobdell. "It has been an absolute pleasure working on this tour for the past fourteen years; I'm honored to have had the opportunity to serve in this way."

Planning for the 2026 Hospice Home & Garden Tour, currently set for July 8, 2026, is already underway. The planning committee is seeking Lakes Region homeowners who are willing to open their homes and properties for the tour. For more information about the 2026 Hospice Home & Garden Tour, or to offer or recommend a home, please contact Development Associate Lee Laughlin, at Lee.laughlin@granitevna.org or (603) 410-9938.

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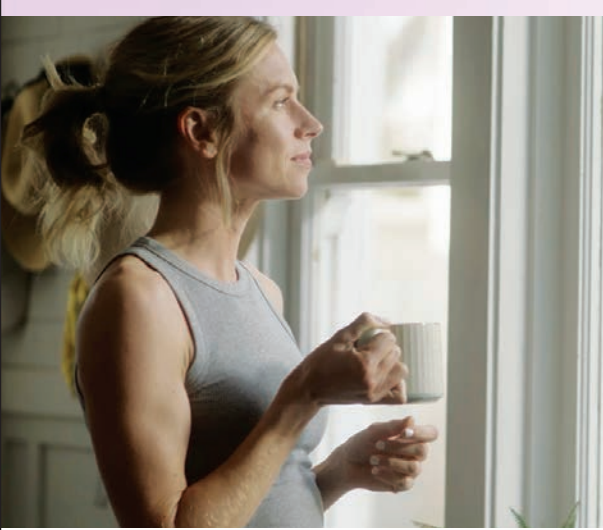
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