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Forest Society to reveal Mount Major Visitor Survey results



ALTON — Mount Major stands as one of the most popular hiking destinations in New Hampshire, offering stunning views of Lake Winnepesaukee and drawing an estimated 80,000 regional, national, and global outdoor enthusiasts every year. To better understand the experiences,

needs, and preferences of these visitors, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests recently conducted a comprehensive Visitor Use Management Study.

The public is invited to a community presentation on Thursday, Aug. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Gil-

man Library, located at 100 Main St. in Alton, where the Forest Society will

share the findings of this 2025 Visitor Use Survey. The study relies on data

gathered between June and November 2025, during which trained field re-

searchers conducted brief, voluntary on-site inter-
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Patrick's Pub & Eatery takes Lake's Region's Best Burger Honor in New Hampshire Magazine

GILFORD—For the fourth year in a row, Patrick's Pub & Eatery has landed the honor of the Lake's Region's Best Burger in New Hampshire Magazine's Best of NH 2026 initiative, receiving the award at a ceremony in June.

Since 2016, Patrick's has been recognized nine times.

"We are constantly striving to make things better," said Executive Chef Rick Morten. "Be it looking for

COURTESY PHOTO

(Right) Rick Morten, Executive Chef at Patrick's Pub & Eatery, proudly displays one of the restaurant's award-winning burgers.



the perfect bun or sourcing the best cheese we can find, we are always looking for ways to plus our recipes. It's an honor to repeatedly be recognized for something that we put our all into."

Morten said factors that create the restaurant's juicy burgers include the use of a blend of Angus brisket, short rib and chuck—the key burger ingredients since 2023.

"The blend packs in the flavor while keeping the fat less than 20 percent, which keeps it juicy and delicious," Morten said. "That, combined with the incredible bread, cheeses and house-made sauces keep the quality high."

Using a griddle instead of a char grill to seal in the juices of the half-pound burgers sourced from Wolverine Meat Packing by US Foods also sets them apart.

Patrick's has six main burgers on the menu, and there is usually at least one burger special a week.

Morten points out another pride point for Patrick's Pub, found in its staff.

"Our kitchen team has worked together for a long time," he said. "In some

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Butka, Davis run to victory in Barnstead 5K

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BARNSTEAD — For the second week in a row, former Kingswood star Simon Butka and current Kingswood star Keslie Davis both won a local 5K, this time taking top honors in the Barnstead Old Home

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JENNIFER PINARD — COURTESY
(Right) Runners break from the start line of the Barnstead Old Home Day Run for Pancakes 5K on Saturday morning.



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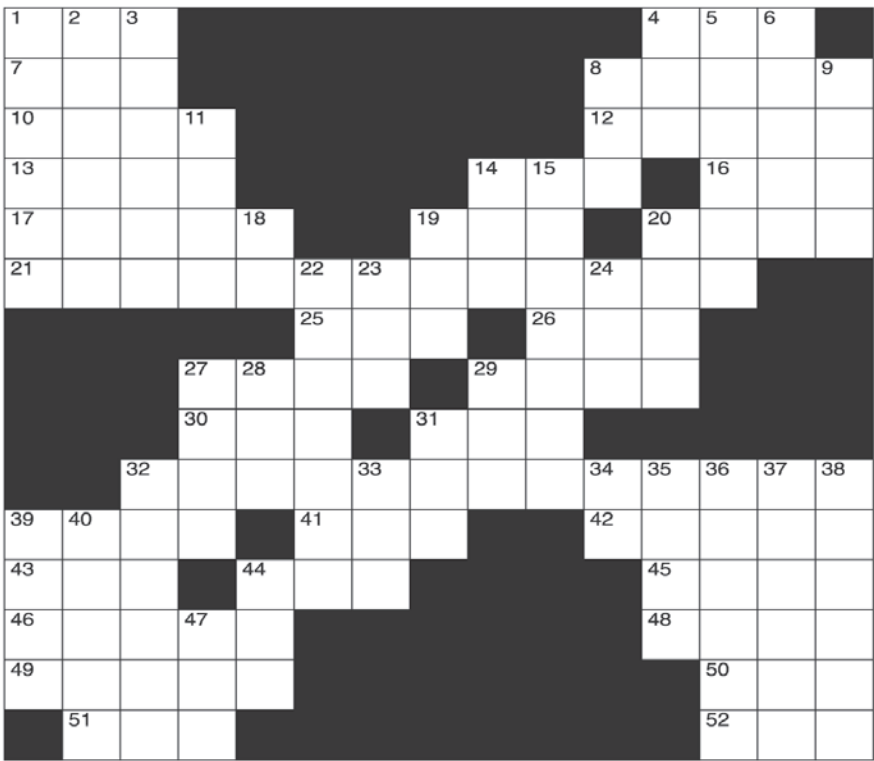
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram

4. Fixed charge

7. Each

8. Feeling of humiliation

10. Coat with sticky substance

12. Powerful “Severance” family

13. Japanese city

14. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman

16. Hat

17. Place where rockers work

19. Psyche

20. Snakelike fishes

21. Where people live

25. Body part

26. Old towel

27. One’s essential being

29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
30. Boxing’s GOAT

31. Wet muddy ground

32. Christian Laettner is one

39. A place to store lawn tools

41. Large tub for liquid

42. Old World lizard

43. One-time European member group

44. Healing student

45. Nuclear weapon

46. “Kiss of the Spider Woman” actress Sonia

48. Silk garment

49. About some Norse poems

50. Woman religious community member

51. Congressman (abbr.)

52. Two-year-old sheep

CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person

2. “Homeland” actress Danes

3. Buttock muscles

4. US federal agency

5. Birds of prey

6. Electronic communication

8. Ocean

9. Terminates

11. Low-pitched sound from a bell

14. Exclamation: yuck!

15. A place to attach a boat

18. Exclamation of surprise

19. Make a mistake

20. Border line

22. Have religious faith

23. Klutz
24. Large tree

27. House of ___ rulers

28. Red deer

29. Small coin (French)

31. Popular sandwich

32. 10-year period

33. Not good

34. Government lawyer

35. Egypt’s intelligence agency

36. Without an occupant or incumbent

37. Stain with one’s hands

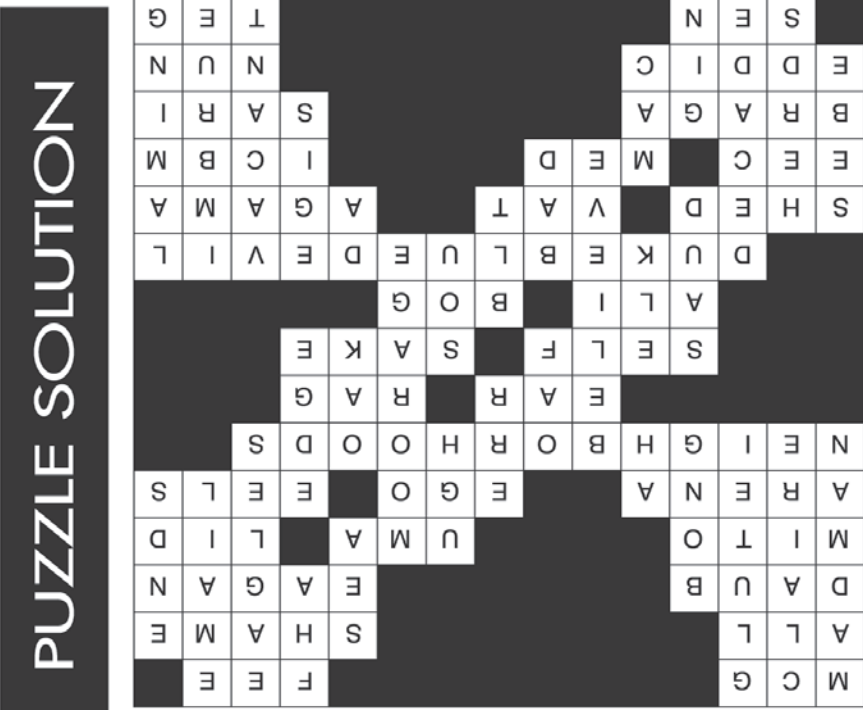
38. Crippling

39. One point east of southeast

40. Large, united groups

44. ___ and cheese

47. Alcoholic beverage



Celebrate Lake Winnepesaukee Day in Wolfeboro Friday

WOLFEBORO — “Lake Winnepesaukee Day” will be celebrated at the Oldest Summer Resort in America at the Wolfeboro Town Docks on Aug. 14 from 5 to 10 p.m. It will highlight the importance of lake and land conservation and preservation.

The event features an outdoor dance party culminating with a Laser Light Show. The MS Mount Washington and The Winnepesaukee Belle Cruise Ships will be docked at the town docks and will offer food and libations. Games and activities including Soul Blossom Body Art glitter tattoos and face painting, Have a Cartoon Caricatures with Zanders Crafts and Art, and Carnival Games, The One Wheel Wonders, Expressions Dance Academy of Wolfeboro, and Wicked Witches of the Lakes Region.

Participating environmental nonprofit organizations will include Wolfeboro Waters, The Wentworth Watershed Association, Lake Winnepesaukee Association, Lakes Region Conservation Trust, and New Hampshire Lakes.

Dining choices will include Dockside Grille and Dairy Bar, Wicked Loon, Local Topia, Marker 21, and the Downtown Grille Cafe. At the docks other food options will include Peaks Food Truck, 603 Good Eatzz BBQ Food Truck and mobile wood fired pizza oven, The Lively Lemon Fresh Lemonade, Hot Dog Bob, The Lions Club Burgers and Sausages, and Seacoast Pretzel Company.

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The Lake Winnepesaukee Day event is sponsored by The Wolfeboro Economic Development Committee.

Kalled Gallery hosting Ninth Annual Opal Show followed by live music with Bruce Marshall

WOLFEBORO — The Kalled Gallery is proud to be hosting our ninth annual Opal Show on Aug. 22 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Opals are a cornerstone of owner and jewelry designer Jennifer Kalled’s work, so we love this yearly opportunity to share a behind the scenes look at these beautiful stones. Meet opal miner/lapidary Bill Kasso and see these amazing stones in the rough!

A former Wall Street trader, Kasso is a principal player in bringing raw opals into the USA and has 30 years of experience in mining, cutting, and selling Boulder Opal. His talent in cutting paired with Kalled’s eye for jewelry design showcases the best in every stone. Whether you want to simply treasure the stone or work with Kalled on a custom jewelry piece, lose opals will be available for purchase. Learn about how they are formed and enjoy admiring the depth of color, fire, and patterns available in these stones.

The fun doesn’t end with the Opal Show! We continue into the evening with live music by Bruce Marshall for 5-8 p.m.! Marshall has been entertaining for five decades with the likes of Toy Caldwell of the Marshall Tucker Band, Charlie Daniels, Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Outlaws. He recently inked a recording and Publishing deal with the Verdict Music label with Sony Distribution and released the Bruce Marshall Group’s “Vintage to Verdict” in 2023, his eighth CD. End your day with great music, art, and light refreshments!

The Kalled Gallery is located at 33 N. Main St., Wolfeboro! There is no cover for either event.

Next Wright Museum lecture to examine search for lost Tuskegee Airmen

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Aug. 18, the Wright Museum will welcome Cheryl Thomas. This is the thirteenth program of the Wright Museum’s 2026 Education Series.

Forgotten Souls examines the lives of the 27 pilots who went missing while battling the enemy abroad – and honors their lives, their sacrifices and their legacy. This book serves as long overdue closure for the pilots who gave their lives.

Cheryl Thompson is an award -winning investigative correspondent for National Public Radio, and an associate professor of journalism at George Washington University.

Doors open at 6 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at <https://wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series> or by calling 603-569-1212.

The region’s leading resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battlefield. For more information about the 2026 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.

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Intern's passion for history connects two NH Heritage Museum Trail members

WOLFEBORO — A young historian's passion for scouting and military history has united two New Hampshire Heritage Museum Trail members, resulting in a new permanent exhibit exploring the overlooked role of scouts during World War II.

Matthew Sedutto, an Eagle Scout who has volunteered for five years at the Lawrence L. Lee Scouting Museum and Max I. Silber Scouting Library, has spent the summer as an intern at the Wright Museum of World War II. His connections to both museums helped forge a partnership that brought the new exhibit to life.

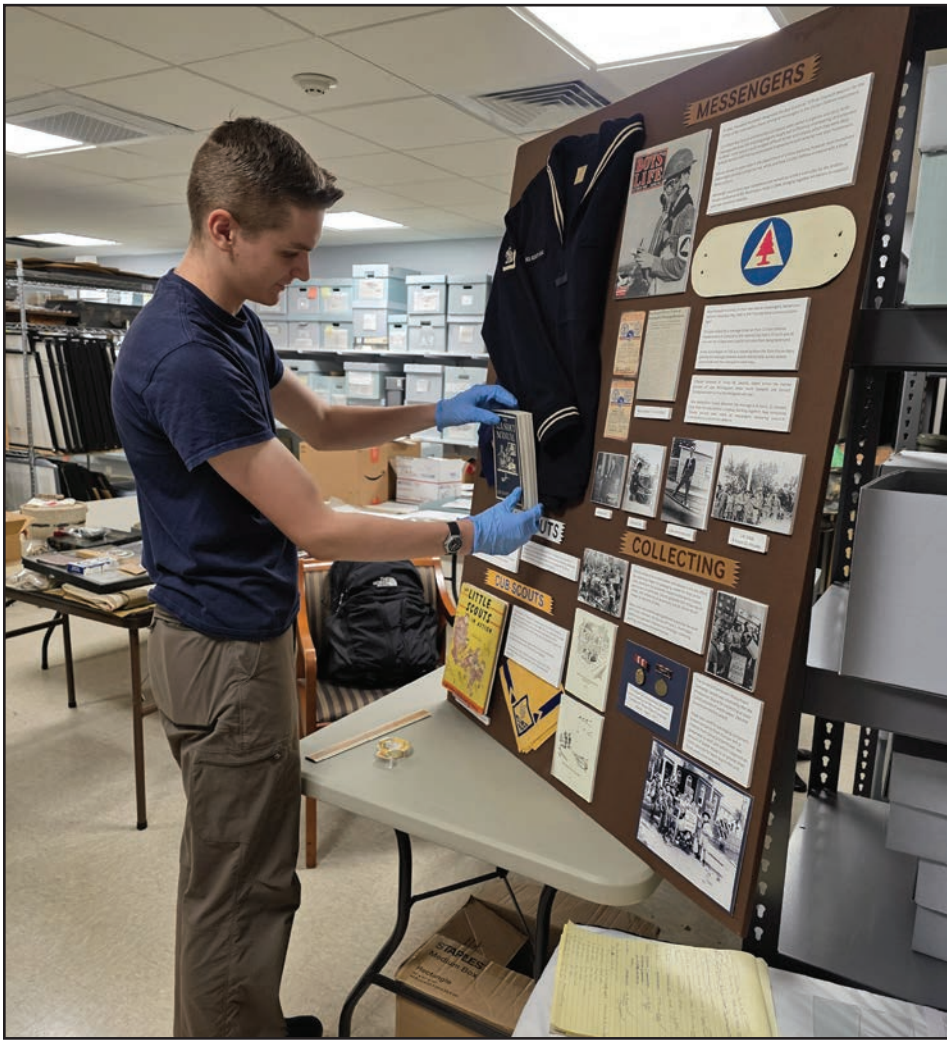
The internship was designed around Sedutto's interests. After learning about his longtime volunteer work at the Scouting Museum, Wright Museum staff encouraged him to create a project that combined his passions for scouting and history.

What began as plans to refresh a single display case quickly expanded into a permanent exhibit featuring multiple display cases, a mannequin in uniform, and artifacts documenting scouting's wartime service.

"When I talked to them, I mentioned I worked at the Scouting Museum and how passionate I am about scouting," Sedutto said. "We concluded the best idea was updating their scouting case. We replaced one case and then the collection of items and stories kept growing. It doubled into a whole exhibit."

Nearly 90 percent of the artifacts came from the Scouting Museum or the personal collection of Executive Director Dick Zeloski. The exhibit also features a hand-routed wooden sign crafted from a former Scouting Museum sign, creating a subtle tribute to the museum whose volunteers helped make the project possible.

Throughout the summer, Sedutto divided his time between the two museums. At the Wright Museum, he worked with Curator Justin



Gamache to research collections and develop the exhibit. At the Scouting Museum, he met with volunteers to identify artifacts and uncover stories that would enrich the display.

"It was really a collaboration," Sedutto said. "I'd work at the Wright Museum, then go to the Scouting Museum and ask what they thought we should add. They came up with ideas and gathered items for the cases."

The exhibit explores a chapter of World War II history that Sedutto believes deserves greater attention. "This whole story of scouting during the war is kind of a blank spot in the historical conversation," he said.

Visitors will discover how scouts sold war bonds, collected scrap metal, and helped grow Victory Gardens. The exhibit also highlights New Hampshire's little-known civilian messenger test, during which scouts carried messages by hand between Concord and Laconia.

According to Scouting Museum Executive Direc-

tor Dick Zeloski, the exhibit reflects Sedutto's dedication to preserving history while showcasing the value of museum partnerships. "When it comes to history, especially WWII, Matt is all in and works both knowledgeably and tirelessly," he said.

Peggy Hennelly-Maniates, Executive Director of the Wright Museum, said the project demonstrates their commitment to mentoring future museum professionals.

"Helping to educate, mentor, and inspire the next generation of museum professionals is an important part of our mission," she said. "We are proud to provide opportunities for talented young people like Matt to develop their skills while sharing their knowledge with our visitors."

The public is invited to celebrate the exhibit on Friday, August 7, at 2:00 p.m., when Sedutto will

present a lecture on scouting during World War II. He will share the stories behind the artifacts and discuss his research into scouting's wartime contributions.

Part of the lecture will examine the experiences of Japanese American scouts who continued participating in scouting while confined in wartime relocation camps. "Things like the messenger test and aspects of local history would be lost to time if not for the

Scouting Museum," Sedutto said. "The artifacts matter, but so do the stories."

"I'm excited that scouts of all ages will be there," he added. "One thing that inspired me as a scout was realizing I was part of something bigger than myself. I hope this exhibit does the same for the next generation."

The exhibit will remain

a permanent addition to the Wright Museum, continuing the partnership between the two New Hampshire Heritage Museum Trail members. To learn more about the NH Heritage Museum Trail, featuring museums in the Seacoast, Lakes Region, White Mountains, Dartmouth-Sunapee Region, and Merrimack Valley, visit nhmuseumtrail.org.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett
2. "Regime Change" by Maggie Haberman
3. "Country Road Murders" by James Patterson
4. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
5. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke
6. "Whistler" by Ann Patchett
7. "Rockets Red Glare" by James Patterson
8. "26 Beauties" by James Patterson
9. "Ransom" by Daniel Silva
10. "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans
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Listening to Mount Major

There are few places that define Alton quite like Mount Major.

For generations, its trails have offered residents and visitors a relatively accessible path to one of the finest views in the Lakes Region. From the summit, Lake Winnepesaukee stretches across the landscape below, framed by mountains and communities that remind hikers why this corner of New Hampshire attracts so many people in the first place.

That popularity, however, comes with responsibilities. An estimated 80,000 people visit Mount Major each year. That is an extraordinary number for a mountain trail in a small New Hampshire community, and every one of those visitors leaves some kind of footprint. Most are careful and respectful, but tens of thousands of hikers inevitably mean increased pressure on trails, parking, natural resources and the surrounding community.

That is why the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests' Visitor Use Management Study is important.

Rather than guessing about what hikers want or assuming what problems exist, researchers went to the people using the mountain. Between June and November 2025, trained field researchers interviewed visitors at the Mount Major trailhead, gathering information about their experiences and preferences.

Now the Forest Society is bringing those findings back to the community with a presentation Thursday, Aug. 13, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library in Alton. That is how good stewardship should work.

Mount Major presents a challenge familiar to many of New Hampshire's most treasured natural places. The goal cannot be to preserve a mountain by discouraging people from experiencing it. Neither can popularity be allowed to overwhelm the very qualities that draw people there.

Somewhere between those extremes is a sustainable balance. Finding it requires information.

Are visitors encountering crowding? What improvements would make the experience safer or more enjoyable? Where should limited conservation dollars be invested? How should groups visiting the mountain be accommodated? What environmental pressures are being created by current levels of use? Perhaps most importantly, what are hikers themselves willing to support?

The survey should provide valuable evidence as those questions are considered. It also gives Alton residents an opportunity to better understand what is happening at one of the town's best-known landmarks.

Mount Major's importance extends beyond recreation. Visitors stop for gasoline, buy meals, shop and discover other parts of the Lakes Region. For many children attending schools and camps, the mountain might provide their first significant hiking experience. For families, it can become a tradition passed from one generation to another. That economic and cultural value makes protecting the mountain even more important.

Conservation is sometimes portrayed as preserving a place exactly as it is, but places do not exist in isolation. Trails wear. Visitor numbers change. Communities grow. Recreation habits evolve. Weather and environmental conditions create new challenges.

Responsible conservation means responding to those changes without losing sight of what made a place worth protecting. The Forest Society has been doing that work across New Hampshire for 125 years. Its stewardship of more than 200 forest conservation properties carries with it the difficult responsibility of protecting natural resources while welcoming the public onto the land. Mount Major may be one of the clearest examples of why both parts of that mission matter.

Eighty thousand annual visitors are not simply a statistic. They are evidence that people care deeply about this mountain. The challenge now is making sure those who climb Mount Major decades from now find a place every bit as worthy of that affection.



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The Alton Dance Academy will host registration for our 21st year on Aug. 17 from 4-8 p.m. Registration/Open House will be held at their School Street location. Alton Dance has been in business over 21 years and has won "Best of the Lakes Region" for the past seven years. ADA offers classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acro, Lyrical, Pointe, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Modern and more. They also offer Zumba, Pilates/Barre, Bellydance for adults and senior citizen classes. Alton Dance is also lucky to offer a boutique within the studio for all your dance wear needs.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Darks

I woke up the other day before my alarm radio started replaying all them old popular songs I've already heard too many times. It came on as I was returning from the bathroom. Never any surprises there. I turned it off as I was leaving the room to head downstairs.

As I descended the stairs, I checked out all the same old stuff I've been checking out for as long as I can remember. The clock, the furniture, the weather station. Everything was pretty much as it usually is. I knew about what time it was. It's nice to see all the furniture is still there. And I could feel it was pretty chilly in here and the read-out verified my senses. Yup, sixty degrees, kind of on the cool side. I closed the doors and the temperature raised up a couple of degrees. That's better.

Continuing my visual scans, my eye was caught by something red. Now what could be red on top of the arbor? It was a scarlet tanager. I quickly noted a number of other less obvious birds in close proximity. They must have been

his family. They were all enjoying some nice plump blueberries from the bush a short distance away.

That's the second time this year I've seen him. Now that I can see that he raised up a family here, I can expect to see him again next year. Birds always come back to their old familiar places. I caught a glimpse of some young flycatchers learning how to perch on the clothesline the other day too. That means more of them will be back again next year. That's what we're all here for, to reproduce.

Somehow, I was misguided into believing that I should pursue some kind of worldly profession to achieve satisfaction. That took a lot of work. Eventually, I managed to father a couple of wonderful sons along the way. Talk about work? But actually, looking back, it was more like pleasure. I was glad to put in all that work. It was like, that's just what you do.

They're all grown up now and have left the nest, but it was wonderful to help them grow up with me for that period of time. That's

real success. I'd have loved to have had a van load, but a sedan's worth worked well enough for me. All their friends filled up the van.

It's well known that those of younger years sometimes don't take proper decisions in life. Hence, the drinking age went back to 21 around here. That happened right about the time the band started trying to make its life playing music. It took a while for the older crew to return back and fill the clubs. We were happy to be playing music for a living.

When I leave my house and take a right up the road, there is a blatant example of younger folk taking one of those not so proper decisions. I cringe my teeth if I even chirp my tires on a hurry up and get going acceleration. I try my hardest to not inspire added car expenses.

In this case, it's probably a pickup truck, because it's got dualies on the back. Probably a 350 with at least limited slip, because there is no evidence of any differential action. There are four dark burn out lines that go up the hill and over the

other side for well over a tenth of a mile. In order to sustain the burn, the tread pattern oscillates to both sides of the street, keeping it's speed down like a skier and adding to the length of the actual deposit of rubber on the road.

I would have loved to have been inside that cab to experience this totally manic feat of ultimate expenditure of energy, material, and mechanical abuse that this driver directed. Every time I pass over it these last few weeks, I think of how many thousands of miles of rubber sit embedded in the four imprints on the asphalt road. The ends are now fading, but those on the hill still remain thick and dark.

Speaking of dark, a local paper last week had a big front page color photograph that the people being photographed were totally in the dark. Behind them was a bright background that made matters worse. Doesn't anybody know how to take pictures anymore?

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The front porch university

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS By CHIPPY

Some of the smartest people I've ever known never had a collection of letters after their names. They weren't professors. They didn't write books. Most wouldn't have described themselves as experts in anything. But they knew things.

When I was growing up, nearly every neighborhood seemed to have one person whose front porch doubled as an unofficial gathering place. You didn't need an invitation. If there was an empty chair, you were welcome to sit for a while.

Those porches were remarkable classrooms. One fellow could tell you exactly when to plant tomatoes based on the way the spring weather had behaved. Another knew which streams usually ran low by late August. Someone else could

identify nearly every bird simply by hearing it before it ever came into view. No one was trying to impress anyone. They were simply sharing what they'd learned by paying attention.

These days, if we have a question, we pull out our phones before we've even finished asking it. In a matter of seconds, we can learn the population of a town in Alaska, the batting average of a player from 1987, or how to replace the filter in the furnace. That's an incredible thing. But information and wisdom aren't quite the same. Information

tells you how something works. Wisdom usually begins with the words, "Well, I tried that once..."

Those porch conversations had a way of wandering. Someone would mention the weather, which somehow turned into a story about the blizzard of '78, which led to remembering the old grocery store that stood where the pharmacy is today, which reminded someone else about the owner who always extended credit when times were tough. An hour disappeared before anyone noticed. Nobody checked the clock because nobody was trying to accomplish anything beyond enjoying each other's company.

I sometimes wonder if we've become so efficient at communicating that we've accidentally made conversation less interesting. A text message gets straight to the point. A porch conversation often never finds one. And somehow that's okay.

I've noticed there are still a few places where this tradition survives. A bench

outside the local hardware store. A picnic table at the town transfer station. The corner booth at a breakfast diner where the same folks gather every morning to solve the world's problems before the coffee gets cold. The locations may change, but the idea remains the same.

These are places where stories are exchanged instead of simply told. Where advice is offered only after someone has listened. Where laughter usually arrives before the conversation ends. I think every town needs places like that.

Not because they're efficient, but because they remind us that communities aren't built through schedules and appointments. They're built one conversation at a time.

The older I get, the more I realize that some of life's best lessons don't come from lectures. They come from listening to people who have quietly lived through enough seasons to know what really matters.

If you're lucky, you know someone like that. And if you haven't stopped by lately, maybe this is the week to pull up a chair for a while. You probably won't learn anything you can put on a résumé. But you just might come away a little wiser.

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Free Soccer Program for ages four to eight

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a free soccer program for ages four to eight led by Erick Bourdeau, Kingswood Boys Varsity Soccer Coach. The free soccer program will be held on Sundays at Alton Central School from Sept. 13 to Oct. 18, 9-10 a.m. Cleats and shin guards are optional, bring your own. Free shirts will be provided to participants that register by Aug. 17. 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.

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2026

Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay
Aug. 15- Mutha Hubbard Band- high energy Country Band; Aug. 22- Saxx Roxx- back by popular demand and Aug. 29- Cool Beans- ‘60’s and 70’s Rock.
The Visitors Band- Sunday, Aug. 16
The Visitors Band, featuring oldies, classic rock and country rock, is scheduled to play at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Sunday, Aug. 16 from 3-5 p.m. This free performance is rescheduled from July 18.

Learn To Play Pickleball Clinic for ages 18 and up

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a

Pickleball Clinic led by certified Pickleball coach, Richard Powers, on Monday, Aug. 24 (rain date Aug. 25) from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts located on Route 140 for ages 18 and up. Cost is \$10 per person. Are you interested in learning the fundamentals of Pickleball? Register now for a chance to learn all the tips and tricks. This is a great program for people new to the sport of Pickleball. Space is limited, bring a paddle and water. To register contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay- Tuesdays and Thursdays- Starts Aug. 25

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. Classes start on Aug. 25. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. \$10 per class, cash or Venmo. Bring a mat, water and hand weights. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guid-

ed Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays, Aug. 20 & 27 and Sept. 10 & 24 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, donations accepted to benefit the food pantry. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Pick Up Pickleball Games

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

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.

Water Bandstand Committee Presents

The Water Bandstand Committee is sponsoring the “Thursday Afternoon Band” on Aug. 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Land

Bandstand. The Committee is also sponsoring the “Maine Attraction Water Ski Show Team” on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 3 p.m. in Alton Bay. Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 23.

Tinkergarten Program — Free class Sept. 11

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tinkergarten with Miss Kim on Fridays at B&M Park from 10-11 a.m. for children ages eight and under. Try a class for free on September 11. The eight-week session runs Sept. 18 to Nov. 13 (no meeting Oct. 30), \$150. Tinkergarten is an outdoor play experience that is interactive, cooperative and creative- let’s play outside and explore what nature has to offer. For more information and to register, go to: <https://sites.google.com/view/learn-and-grow-with-miss-kim/home>.

Travel Club Trips Cowboy Country and Taste of Italy in 2027

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

Alton Parks and Recreation is also sponsoring a trip with Collette Tours to Italy in 2027. The trip highlights include Rome; Narni- Umbria Region, Chianti Region, Tuscany, and Florence. Explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village; take a walking tour of Assisi and see views of Lake Trasimeno; visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto’s frescoes; take a cooking class and visit olive groves; and much more. Trip dates are Oct. 23 to Nov. 3, 2027. Includes airfare, 16 meals, hotels and transportation.

These trips are a great way to travel in a group and with a knowledgeable guide. An informational session will be held

on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Gilman Library about both trips. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Honoring Loss Gathering

Alton Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a special gathering on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., led by facilitators Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron. Honoring Loss is a gentle conversation created for anyone navigating grief, change, or life’s many transitions. Together, we will honor our journeys, remember those we love, and find comfort in discussion, understanding, and hope. Whether your loss is recent or long ago, personal or shared, you are welcome here. Please RSVP to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests during the week of July 30 to Aug. 4.

Fabrico A. Daveiga, age 45, was arrested on July 31 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

A 40-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 31.

Three adult males, all aged 21, were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 31.

A 30-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication, Escape, and Resisting Arrest or Detention on July 31.

A 26-year-old male and 60-year-old female were taken into protective custody for intoxication on July 31.

A 50-year-old male was taken into protective custody for intoxication on July

31. Two adult males, both aged 23, were taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 1.

Two adult males, both aged 22, were taken into protective custody for intoxication on Aug. 1.

Brett James Houle, age 49, was arrested on Aug. 1 in connection with a warrant.

Winona Lee Sutherland, age 61, was arrested on Aug. 1 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license-DUI related.

Juan Zambrano Larrea, age 20, was arrested on Aug. 2 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol/Intoxication.

Ryan C. Buttermore-Walrath, age 29, was arrested on Aug. 2 in connection with a warrant.

Charity L. Eddy, age 50, was arrested on Aug. 2 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent).

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

Aug. 13 – Aug. 20

Thursday, Aug. 13
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.
GPL Book Discussion: Love Forms, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
This month’s book is “Love Forms” by Claire Adam. Led by Rhetta; books are available at the front desk.

Friday, Aug. 14
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversation- al German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 15
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Drop-In Craft: Painting Seashells, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Create a masterpiece on

a seashell!
Monday, Aug. 17
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.
Eugene’s 5th Birthday, 2-3 p.m.
Come celebrate Eugene’s 5th birthday with us! Light refreshments served.

Tuesday, Aug. 18
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Wednesday, Aug. 19
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yogaaah!, 10-11 a.m.

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Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon
Discover Live: Stockholm, Sweden, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Experience the medieval Old Town of Stockholm during this stroll through the narrow lanes. We will learn about Swedish culture and traditions. We will look at buildings and their architecture, we will see some well known statues and take a peek into a backyard. Come enjoy an incredible experi-

ence!
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 20
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.
Murder & Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
In Murder and Mayhem: True Crime in New Hampshire 1883-1915, veteran author and genealogist Milli Knudsen looks at the shocking history of true crime in New Hampshire.

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While Gilbert may have a serious-looking face, he has a sweet side too! He enjoys



being pet and loves attention from his favorite people.

Like many cats, he has a few preferences—Gilbert would

appreciate it if you kept your hands away from his chin—but show him some respect and he’ll happily soak up the affection he enjoys.

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Alton resident graduates from University of Northwestern Ohio

LIMA, Ohio — On June 14, Nathan Archambault of Alton graduated summa cum laude from the University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH), earning an Associate of Applied Science with a Major in High Performance Technology.

During his time at

UNOH, Archambault was actively involved in the university race team, as well as two East Coast Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) teams. His dedication to his studies and strategic planning in achieving his goal to work for NASCAR paid off, when he was recently offered and accepted a position at Team Penske Racing in Moores-

ville, North Carolina.

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The Bel Airs are playing Barnstead's Free Summer Concert Series on Aug. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Parade Grounds, 1 Parade Circle. The Bel Airs are a lively five-piece vocal harmony group featuring two female and three male vocalists. They bring the golden era of doo wop and oldies to life with rich harmonies and timeless favorites. Come out and listen to nostalgic tunes that make audiences smile, sing along, and tap their feet.

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Ball in the House returns to Cate Park Saturday night

WOLFEBORO — The next concert of the season for the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concert series will bring an act to the bandstand that has made a name for itself around the country and has been a favorite over the last few years in Cate Park.

Ball in the House is an R&B/soul/pop a cappella group based out of Boston, Mass., whose high energy shows have audiences singing, dancing, even beatboxing along. With their extensive tour schedule averaging 200 shows a year, Ball in the House has performed everywhere - from theaters to performing arts centers, fairs and festivals, to opening for some of the biggest acts in the world, such as The Beach Boys, The Jonas Brothers, The Temptations, Fantasia, Gladys Knight, Lionel Richie, Jessica Simpson, Blondie, Smokey Robinson, KC & The Sunshine Band, Diamond Rio, Colin Raye, Orleans, and numerous others.

Ball in the House headlined the 2018 and 2016 China International Chorus Festival in Beijing, won the 2016 Boston Harmony Sweepstakes, and were voted 2014 APCA Band of the Year and 2009 Best of Boston for Outstanding Musical Performers. For six years, they were the voices behind all the Cool Whip commercials and wrote and performed the jingle for Amazon's Prime Day. Ball in the House has appeared on America's Got Talent, The Today Show, The Daily Buzz, the Philadelphia Fourth of July Parade, and SBS Culture Club and MBC News in Seoul, South Korea.

Ball in the House consists of Oscar Hall – baritone, Dylan Melville – vocal bass, Tyler Nordin – tenor, Jonny Ryan – beatbox and Wallace Thomas – tenor.

Information on the band can be found at ballinthehouse.com or on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok. They also have numerous videos on YouTube at bith-



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Ball in the House will perform on Aug. 15 in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand.

video. Ball in the House will perform at the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. The bandstand is located in Cate Park in downtown Wolfeboro. The concerts are free though there will be a pass-the-bucket offering taken at in-

termission to help support the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be cancelled and a sign will be posted at the entrance to the park near the town docks and on the Friends of the Bandstand's Facebook page.

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SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

As I’ve mentioned on occasion in this space, I have a goal of visiting all of the Major League Baseball parks. It’s been a slow quest the last few years, as I’ve managed to just get one or maybe two each year.

My normal summer bakery schedule does not give me two days off in a row, but my coworker, Ryan, was nice enough to switch shifts with me, taking my Thursday shift so I could get a couple of days off in a row to check another ballpark off the list. I had to work his Saturday shift, but it worked out anyway.

With the Red Sox surge in the last month, I also wanted the chance to hit Fenway Park for a game and last week offered a chance to do that and also get another ballpark off the list. So, I bought a ticket to last Tuesday night’s game at Fenway against the White Sox, booked a hotel about a mile from the park and a flight out of Logan the next morning to San Diego and on to Phoenix, where I bought a ticket to see the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the San Diego Padres at Chase Field on Wednesday night.

The adventure started out pretty well, as the Red Sox exploded for six



JOSHUA SPAULDING

I checked another park off the Major League Baseball ballparks last week, visiting Chase Field in Phoenix, Arizona.

runs in the first inning as I watched from the right field roof deck. Caleb Durbin’s grand slam had the place rocking and the Sox rolled to the win. I was able to walk to and from the park relatively easily down Beacon Street and when the rout was over, I headed back to the hotel before leaving for the airport in the morning.

My long flight to San Diego was uneventful, which was a surprise given that I was surrounded by a family of seven (two parents and five girls). I don’t particularly love flying with kids, but these kids were probably the best young flyers I’ve ever been around. Even the three-year-old in the seat in front of me was barely noticeable

until the final 45 minutes when she proceeded to tell me her entire life story through the crack in the seats. There were no complaints from me and I even offered my compliments to the parents when we landed. My flight to Phoenix was delayed a little, but I still got into Arizona in the middle of the afternoon.

And it was hot. Like

more than 100 degrees. No real humidity, but 102 is still 102. One of my Uber drivers told me it had been a nice break since they’d had a number of days sitting around 115.

I braved the heat and walked the half-mile or so from my hotel to Chase Field and never have I been more excited to go inside for a baseball game (except maybe in Houston a number of years ago). As a ballpark, Chase Field isn’t bad, there doesn’t seem to be a bad seat in the house and there were countless food options (the barbecue pulled pork loaded baked potato gets high marks from me). I walked around the entire concourse and saw the park from all the angles and sat down to watch the game, which eventually became another home team blowout, though the Padres had some late fireworks.

I walked back to the hotel and the next morning headed to the airport for a flight to Denver. My Denver to Boston flight was delayed by more than an hour, meaning I got to Logan around 9:30 p.m. and didn’t get out of Boston until around 10 p.m., which made for a short night when the alarm went off at 2:40 a.m. on Friday. On the

positive side, I did get to listen to the insane extra innings win from the Red Sox on my way home.

So as of right now, I am right around 10 parks away from hitting all of them. I still have the four California parks (Anaheim, Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego) along with Arlington (Texas Rangers), Kansas City, Chicago White Sox and Miami. There will also be a new park to visit when the Athletics get their new home in Vegas. Technically speaking, I haven’t been to Yankee Stadium either. I went to the old stadium, the real Yankee Stadium, but I haven’t been to the new one yet.

That probably will be it for this year as the high school sports season is upon us and getting away becomes pretty much impossible.

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Big Day 24 Hours of Great Glen wraps another successful year



The 24 Hours of Great Glen once again brought mountain bikers of all ages to the base of the Mount Washington Auto Road.

PINKHAM NOTCH — For 24 unforgettable hours, the White Mountains stepped back in time as prehistoric creatures, fearless endurance athletes, and outdoor enthusiasts took over Great Glen Trails for another successful running of the 24 Hours of Great Glen, sponsored by Big Day Brewing Company.

Now in its 26th year, and presented by Mountain Sports Lab and Specialized Bikes, the marquee endurance event of the region had 463 riders toe the starting line. Riders and teams traveled from 20 states and as far away as Arizona, Montana, and Wyoming, along with one crew from Canada — proof that Great Glen's reputation reaches well beyond New England.

“The spirit of racing is alive and well here at Great Glen,” said race director Nate Harvey. “Most participants plan their summer around this bike festival and are always treated to incredible trails, weather, games and high-energy racing.”

Riders register for either the 12-hour or 24-hour division, with options for individuals or teams of two, four, and five, and categories for female, male, and junior racers. Participants vie for podium position by completing the most laps in the shortest amount of time.

The course, annually modified by Steve Vosburgh, is a 9.3-mile loop winding through the carriage roads, double-track, bridges, and technical singletrack at Great Glen Trails. This year, a new section of trail dubbed “Rock Sandwich” was a particular challenge for riders, along with the infamous floating bridge.

But as always, the event proved that the Big Day 24 Hours of Great Glen is about far more than racing. It's about friends cheering each other on at 2 a.m., volunteers keeping spirits high, families celebrating together, and a shared love of the outdoors.

The full weekend starts on Friday, as competitors and support crews roll in throughout the day, trans-forming the fields at the base of the Mt. Washington Auto Road into a gigantic campground.

The “Pinkham B Band,” a seven-piece band from Randolph kicked off the party Friday evening as participants picked up their race bibs and swag while Big Day Brewing was on site pouring libations.

As has been tradition throughout its history, the signal cannon marked the start of the race at exactly noon on Saturday, following the national anthem sung by Reklis vocalist Becca Deschenes. The first lap involves a Le Mans start, with participants running around Glen Pond to thin the pack before hitting the tight trail network.

While the main event takes center stage, side events ensure everyone has fun at the family-friendly festival. Specialized Bikes donated three brand-new kids' bikes for the “24 Minutes of Great Glen,” a race for young riders on strider bikes up to age 12. All young participants were treated to dino-themed prizes sponsored by Zeb's General Store.

Food trucks Tin Can Co, Cheese Louise, Griddle Kings, and Annie's Vintage Brew kept participants, spectators, and support crews fed and caffeinated all weekend. Pro Tune Bike and Ski Service, based in Glen, set up a mobile shop and offered round-the-clock neutral support for bike repairs.

“I've been coming back every year because it never feels like just a race — it feels like a reunion,” said one racer. “You watch kids who started on strider bikes grow up racing alongside their parents. There's nothing else like it.”

“Fortunately, I've been here so long (30 years or so) that I've seen generations of families ‘cycle’ through this race,” added Harvey. “We've got moms and dads on the podium standing next to their sons and daughters. There are dozens of youth competing alongside adults who started here in our 24 Minutes of Great Glen kids' race (ages 1–12). It's incredible to hear the stories of how they got here and what they've accomplished.”

Veteran team “24 to 50 Feral HoGGs In My Yard” took the top team spot with 28 laps and a time of 24 hours 21:02. This team, or a variation of it, has raced the 24 Hour for many years running. Teammate Colin Reuter even helped develop the code for the timing displays alongside master timer Ed Despard of Bullitt Timing.

Hot on their tails were the “Day Drinkers” — a group of young men no older than 18 who attested that they drink water during the day — with a time of 24 hours 38:57 and 27 laps. Youth riders were featured throughout the field and on the podium. Both Kennett High School and Fryeburg Academy had teams at the event, which drew locals out to spectate, crew, and participate.

But in the solo categories, it seems a few additional years of experience make the difference. In both the female and male divisions, the 41+ solo racers outpaced the under-41 field.

Jessica Nankman once again took the top female spot in the solo 41+ category, representing Saucon Valley Bikes/Liv Cycling of Hellertown, Pa., with 15 laps and a time of 24 hours 07:11. Gregory Jancaitis topped the solo 41+ male category with 20 laps and a time of 23 hours 13:59.

Great Glen Trails staff would like to thank the incredible volunteers who make this event possible, as well as all the sponsors: HEB Engineers, Pepsi/Varsity Beverage, Settlers Crossing, New England Youth Cycling, Clark Brothers Racing, Cranmore Mountain Resort, 7iDP, Julbo, Yakima, White Mountain Sauna Häus, Kona Bicycles, Moat Mountain Smokehouse and Brewery, Zeb's Country Store, and Jocko Fuel.

Harvey says he's already started planning for 2027, and it's going to be another one for the books.

For full results by Bullitt Timing, visit the race website at www.greatglentrails.com/24-hours/.

Photos of the weekend can be found and purchased on official race photographer Joe Viger's website: <https://www.jvsportsphoto.com/f498101076>.

Farmington Fish and Game celebrating 100 years on Sunday

NEW DURHAM — The Farmington Fish and Game Club in New Durham is celebrating 100 years with a Sportsman Appreciation Day on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the club's headquarters.

The day's celebration will include a 3D archery shoot, skeet and trap shooting, rifle range shooting, kids' events, new member orientation, vendors and food trucks as Farmington Fish and Game celebrates 100 years of sportsmanship, tradition and outdoor community.

Spend the day enjoying shooting sports, great food and a century of conservation, camaraderie and outdoor heritage.

The Chase returns to New England in 2027

LOUDON — The 2027 NASCAR national series schedule includes a Sept. 25-26 stop at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS). New England's only NASCAR Cup Series (NCS) race on Sunday, Sept. 26, will be the third race in The Chase, and the Team EJP 175 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (NCTS) race on Saturday, Sept. 25, will be the first race in The Chase.

“We are thrilled to return to September and The Chase next year,” said New Hampshire Motor Speedway Executive Vice President and General Manager David McGrath. “Last September, New England race fans showed up in sold-out fashion. Fall racing in New England is a win for race fans, especially all of our campers, and I know the drivers love coming to this area in September as well.”

TV and radio broadcast start times, network affiliations, additional racing action and entertainment will be announced at a later date.

Race fans who attend the Aug. 21-23, 2026 NASCAR weekend, featuring the NCS Dollar Tree 301, the NCTS Team EJP 175



NHMS HAROLD HINSON — COURTESY PHOTO

Ryan Blaney and his fellow NASCAR Cup Series drivers will return to New Hampshire Motor Speedway in 2027 as part of The Chase.

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

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Barnstead	126 Rogers Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$381,000	Olivia Spellman-Andrews	Dana Lockwood
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$240,000	Lisa Weir Estate and Sadie Marie Irving	Vincenzo and Sandra Porcella
Gilford	89 Briarcliff Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$980,000	Patricia A. Kelley	Paige C. and William D. Covert
Gilford	30 Chipmunk Circle	Single-Family Residence	\$515,000	Bryan Louis and Emily Moynihan	Tanya and Brandt Martin
Gilford	20 Colmar Ct.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,100,000	Mark and Stacie Dadmum	Joyce Foreman
Gilford	40 Hook Rd.	N/A	\$47,066	Daniel Syvinski	Matthew Brown
Gilford	Stonewall Village, Unit C	Condominium	\$557,000	Karen F. Gagliardi Trust and Kim Gagliardi	Kenneth and Linda Leahy
Gilford	175 Tate Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$495,000	Mido Trust and Stephen T. Deangelis	Richard H. and Joanne M. Buckley
Gilford	152 Young Rd.	Residential Developed Land	\$875,000	Susan C. Turcotte	Jeffrey S. and Jennifer L. Little
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$58,000	Westly W. Robinson	Mckenna RET and Johnna Mckenna
New Durham	151 N. Shore Rd.	N/A	\$1,500,000	Michael G. and Heather A. Reed	Bellino Fiscal Trust Of 2018 and Mark Bellino
New Durham	78 S. Shore Rd.	N/A	\$585,000	Daniel J. Leach RET	Yrjo Pietrai Grohn and Krista Pia Kauppinen
New Durham	229 Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$499,000	Angela M. Chapman	Daniel and Donna McDonald
New Durham	N/A (Lot 29)	N/A	\$890,000	Rashmi Chakraborty	Tang Fiscal Trust and David Bou Tang

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Gilmanton hosting 128th Old Home Day Saturday

GILMANTON — The 128th Gilmanton Old Home Day is Saturday, Aug. 16 on the grounds of the Smith Meeting-house, Gilmanton. The day opens with a ceremony at 10 a.m. and live entertainment and activities through 3 p.m.

"We are so excited with the new entertainment and activities

added to this year's program, we are hoping more young families will attend," says Sarah Baldwin-Welcome, Chairperson of the event.

Welcome said, "This year, young and old will enjoy playing a free round of Vertical Entertainment's 9 Hole Mini Golf and then we added

cornhole. The long-term weather forecast looks good, and we hope everyone will pack up the kids, family, lawn chairs and join in the fun."

A long-standing highlight of the day is the traditional bean-hole bean dinner served family-style at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Diners will enjoy their choice of

pea, kidney and vegetarian beans (prepared in traditional bean holes on site) that are served with ham, brown bread, coleslaw, a beverage and homemade pie. The dinner tickets will be sold at the event.

This year's live entertainment will be 12 oz. Soul band with a local resident Mikey Gallant

and Gilmanton's Dump Run Gang of local musicians. New this year Madeleine Gosselon Wright, an Abenaki Storyteller, will join Bashirah Fusion Belly Dancing and Lindsay and her Puppet Pals to the program. The Gilmanton Historical Society will have a display on "Gilmanton and the Amer-

ican Revolution," vendors, and much more. No dogs allowed at this event. Free admission and free parking. More details on the Gilmanton Old Home Day can be found on the Facebook page, or e-mail gilmantontoldhomeday@gmail.com.





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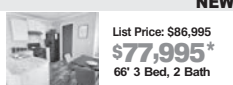


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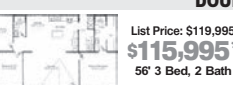
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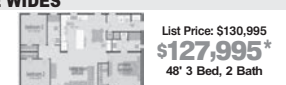
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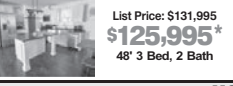
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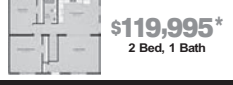


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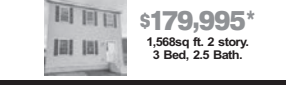


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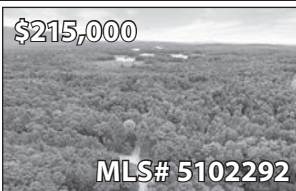


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Alton artist wins top honors

ALTON — Local fine art artist, Duane Hammond, took top honors at the Lakes Region Art Association 86th Annual Art Show. He took First Place for his soft pastel painting: Docked for Dinner, and won Best of Show for his soft pastel: Biking the Boardwalk. Both of his paintings are on display at the Lakes Region Art Association Gallery, Tanger Mall, Tilton, through the month of August. The Gallery is open Thursday to Sunday from 10 am.

Hammond is also known for his paintings of humorous and satirical images of pigs engaged in human-like activities and situations under the brand name of Pigs in a Poke. His pig art is reproduced and sold as note cards, magnets and framed signed prints throughout New England.

COURTESY PHOTO

(Right) First place winner by Alton artist Duane Hammond for his pastel painting: Docked for Dinner, in the 86th Annual Lakes Region Art Association members show. He also won Best of show for his pastel painting titled: Biking the Boardwalk. Both his paintings are on display for the month of August at the Lakes Region Art Gallery, Tanger Outlet Mall, Route 3, Tilton.



Bat Out of Helloween brings celebration of Meat Loaf and Rocky Horror to the Colonial

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Bat Out of Helloween: Celebrating Meat Loaf and Rocky Horror on Friday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Bat Out of Helloween is more than a concert - it is a powerful live experience that brings to life the music of Meat Loaf, Rocky Horror and other spooky hits. The show features alumni of Meat Loaf's official band, Neverland Express fronted by Andrew

Polec.

Andrew Polec originated the role of Strat in Bat Out of Hell: The Musical in London's West End and across international productions earning critical acclaim for his ability to capture the intensity of Jim Steinman's writing. His performance uniquely bridges the theatrical origins of the material with the raw power of a live rock concert, delivering a frontman presence that is both electrifying and deeply authentic.

"The only band endorsed by me and Jim Steinman," Meat Loaf

said of this tribute to his musical legacy.

"Do not miss this! This is the closest you could possibly get... This is not a tribute band, but Meat's incredible, actual band and this band rocks!" raves Sir Brian May of Queen.

"Andrew is phenomenal, the definitive embodiment of the rock-and-roll spirit," says Jim Steinman.

About The Colonial Theatre of Laconia

The original owner, Benjamin Piscopo, was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire cur-

tain depicting Venice as seen from the water. In August of 2002, the theatre closed after 87 years of operation. On June 15, 2015, the City of Laconia announced a partnership with the Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) to purchase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including mu-

sic, theatre, comedy, and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

About Spectacle Live

Founded in 2012, Spectacle Live offers venue operations, booking, programming, mar-

keting, and production services across New England from offices in Lexington, MA, Lowell, MA, and Laconia, NH. The company partners with over a dozen venues to manage facilities and promote a variety of events, including concerts, comedy, theater, and family entertainment. For more information, contact Pete Lally at atlally@spectaclelive.com or 617-531-1257. www.spectaclelive.com

Loon Center presents "Owls: Master of the Night" with Joe Callanan

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Held at The Loon Center in Moultonborough, the Summer Nature Talks are presented

every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. during the months of July and August. All programs are free admission. For over 50 years the Loon Preservation Committee has worked to preserve the common loon and its habitat in New Hampshire through monitoring, research, education, and management activities.

Next Thursday, Aug. 20, join us for "The State of the Loon Report" with Harry Vogel.

Directions to The Loon Center: From Route 25 in Moultonborough, turn onto Blake Road at the Central School. Go one mile

to the end and turn right onto Lee's Mill Road. The Loon Center will be on your left! For more information, call the Loon Center at (603) 476-5666.

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McQuade Fine Arts brings in-person art classes to Lakes Region Art Gallery starting Aug. 3

TILTON — McQuade Fine Arts is offering a new series of in-person art classes led by juried artist Stephanie C. McQuade at the Lakes Region Art Gal-

lery in Tilton. These wel-coming, hands-on courses are ideal for beginners and emerging artists seeking to build skills in watercol- or and pastels.

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vides the essential roadmap we need to balance robust community recreation with the permanent protection of the natural environment, ensuring a high-quality, sus- tainable experience for gen- erations to come."

To learn more about hiking Mount Major, co- ordinating group visits, reviewing trail updates, or exploring ways to volun- teer and support ongoing conservation efforts, please visit the Forest Society's official website at www. forestsociety.org.

About the Forest Society

sustainable recreation en- vironment on the mountain.

"As we celebrate our 125th anniversary of con- serving and caring for New Hampshire's forests, un- derstanding how the public interacts with iconic land- scapes like Mount Major is more important than ever," states Jack Savage, president of the Forest Society. "With tens of thousands of annual visitors, Mount Major serves as a vital regional econom- ic driver and a gateway to the outdoors for countless schools, camps, and fami- lies. This survey data pro-

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views with hikers at the Mount Major trailhead. The initiative designed its data collection to improve the overall quality of vis- itor experiences, assess crowding and environmen- tal pressures, and guide future communication, infrastructure, and invest- ment priorities. Addition- ally, researchers examined hiker preferences toward future management actions to help promote a more welcoming, inclusive, and

5K

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Day Run For Pancakes 5K on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Butka finished in a time of 16:44 to take the win by more than a minute and a half over former King- swood runner and current Prospect Mountain coach Brent Coope, who finished in 18:30 for second place and Kingswood runner Jacob Pinard, who placed third in 18:40.

Davis took the win among the females in the race with a time of 20:27 for seventh overall while her Kingswood teammate Emerson Ingham was 16th overall and second among women in 22:17. Elizabeth Bronson of Wolfeboro rounded out the top three women in 21st place over- all in 23:37.

Gilford cross country star William Reinhardt of Gilmanton took fourth overall in 19:57, Prospect Mountain track star DJ Scarpa was fifth overall in 20:14 and Kingswood run- ner Ben Wright was sixth in 20:19. Fellow Kingswood runner Evan Thurston was ninth overall in 20:44 and Nicholas Labbe of New Durham rounded out the top 10 with a time of 20:50.

Barnstead's Philip Smith was 11th in 20:51, Kingswood runner Zach Dubuc was 12th in 20:54, Zach Dyrkacz of Barn- stead was 13th in 20:58, Jonathan Bronson of the Kingswood squad was 14th in 21:05, former Prospect Mountain runner Shane McCartney of Barn- stead was 15th in 22:03 and current Prospect run- ner Dawson Meehan was 17th overall in 22:23. Matt



JENNIFER PINARD — COURTESY

Prospect Mountain track and cross country coach Brent Coope leads Kingswood runner Ben Wright, Zach Dyrkacz of Barnstead (1) and Brent Bemis of Barnstead in Saturday's 5K in Barnstead.

LeBlanc of Barnstead was 18th in 22:24, Tony Delisle of Tuftonboro was 19th in 22:57, Tuftonboro's Oliver Maran was 20th in 23:34 and Brent Bemis of Barn- stead placed 25th overall in 24:40.

Peter Franke of New Durham took 26th over- all in 25:03, Kristi Ather- ton of Barnstead was 27th in 25:08, Tracy Dutton of Barnstead was 28th in 25:54, Meredith Curri- er of Barnstead was 33rd in 27:26, Olivia Aulis of Barnstead was 32nd in 27:26, Jade Hayes of Barn- stead was 35th in 27:38, Trew Reed of Barnstead was 36th in 28:09, Addie Bandosz of Barnstead was 39th in 28:43 and Michaela Bemis of Barnstead round- ed out the top 40 in 29:02.

Britney Hill of Barn- stead was 43rd overall in 29:12, Benjamin Hughes of Barnstead finished in the same time, Caiden Simpson of Barnstead was 44th in 29:13, Keira Saal- frank of Barnstead placed 46th in 29:39, Braedon McKeen of Barnstead was 47th in 29:42, Prospect Mountain girls' soccer coach Christian Fernan-

dez placed 50th in 30:18, Paul Shippee of Wakefield was 51st in 30:22, Amelia Gentile of Barnstead was 52nd in 31:15, Briella Bill- ings of Barnstead finished in 31:17 for 53rd place, Tegan Pelham of Barn- stead finished in 32:15 for 55th place, Barnstead's Helena Walker was 58th in 32:38, Anthony Cusson of Barnstead was 59th in 32:51 and Leah Gard of Barnstead finished out the top 60 in 32:55.

Bailey Beck of Barn- stead was 61st overall in 32:56, Leila Hillsgrove was 62nd in 32:57, Ravyn Paris of Barnstead finished in 65th place in 33:21, Ai- mee Walker of Barnstead was 66th in 33:25, Kara Simpson of Barnstead ran to 68th place in 33:52, Barnstead's Micaela Seib- ert was 70th overall in 34:13, Hannah Willits of Barnstead was 71st over- all in 34:45, Anna Labbe of New Durham finished in 74th in 35:24, Ryan Bemis of Barnstead was 75th in 35:59, Barnstead's Mary Kaplan was 76th in 36:01, Emma Chapman of Barnstead placed 78th in 36:38, Rosemary Rawns-

ley of Barnstead was 79th in 37:11 and Christina Rawnsley rounded out the top 80 in a time of 37:17.

Barnstead's Mary Chapman placed 84th in 37:28, Eli Chapman of Barnstead was 83rd in 37:28, Lilah Trask of Barnstead finished in 37:59 for 89th place, Sarah Trask of Barnstead placed 90th in 28:08, Kevin Mo- nahan of Barnstead was 93rd in 39:07, Calli Milio- to of Barnstead was 94th in 39:20, Barnstead's Hazel Hawkins finished in 97th place in 41:33, Kristi But- ton of Barnstead was 99th in 42:01 and Olivia Little- field of Barnstead rounded out the top 100 in 42:05.

Sydney Grasso of Barn- stead was 101st in 44:27, Joseph Rawnsley of Barn- stead was 102nd in 44:30, Kami Bemis of Barnstead was 103rd in 45:31, Barn- stead's Kinsley Bemis was 104th in 45:32, Dawn Mc- Cartney of Barnstead was 105th in 48:20, Olivia Bea- ton of Barnstead was 106th in 49:02, Julianna Susca of Barnstead finished in 106th place in 49:02, Barnstead's Zoey Baker placed 108th in 49:44, Amy Troy of Barn- stead was 110th in 51:48, Jessica Troy of Barnstead was 111th in 51:51, Nora Brooks of Barnstead was 112th in 53:09, Barnstead's Kristen Brooks placed 113th in 54:07, Grace Brooks of Barnstead was 114th in 54:09, Mike War- ner of Barnstead finished in 116th place in 1:03:27 and Jessica Beaton of Barnstead placed 116th in 1:03:28.

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