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Victory in Cooperstown

Gilford baseball holds off Winnisquam in New York battle

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

Sports Editor

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — If you are a baseball player or fan, Cooperstown, N.Y. is your mecca. Home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the hamlet at the tip of Lake Otsego in upstate New York was also home to the Gilford and Winnisquam baseball teams last week, as the squads planned a game at historic Doubleday Field for the second time in three years.

But, in a scenario that played more like “Wizard of Oz” than “Field of Dreams,” the Golden Eagles and Bears endured a night of torrential rains



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Winnisquam's Carter Lloyd dives safely into third as Gilford's Carson Anthony takes the throw in action in Cooperstown, N.Y. last week.

Hawkeyes were in school, Athletics Director Josh Wagner was able to work things out so that the two New Hampshire teams could play on the school's field, which is technically the JV field since the varsity team plays at Doubleday and he had staff come out and make the field ready for use.

“So much credit to Cooperstown High School,” Caruso said. “Josh really came through.”

As for the game, the Bears seemed to be harnessing a little of the “Cooperstown Magic” that resulted in them picking up a walk-off win over the Golden Eagles two years ago, as they put the tying run in scoring position in the top of the seventh inning with nobody out. However, SEE **BASEBALL**, PAGE **A6**

ACS Education & Enrichment Expo returns May 15

ALTON — Alton Central School is proud to host its third Education & Enrichment Expo on Thursday, May 15 from 5-8 p.m. Let's celebrate the individuality of students in the Alton community.

Parents, remember the basic 3 R's of education? Everyone learns reading, writing, and arithmetic. Let's not forget science and social studies, among other classes such as electives and the unified arts. Alton Central School offers a wide range of differentiated content for our learners. However, outside of the classroom and brick walls of ACS, students may have other interests, talents, or hobbies. The Expo will allow students to share their passions with friends, family, and staff in the community.

In addition to sharing projects, all students will have the opportunity to learn from a professional in our community. Presenters will be available for students and families to visit and learn about their passions and interests.

If students are interested in art, they may want to visit Sylls Kenerson, former graduate of PMHS and ACS, along with artist Emma Blake. The two artists will be running several small workshops on drawing characters, as they share their growth from young doodlers to aspiring artists. Kenerson has created posters for the Pittsfield Players and Gilford Cinema 8. There will also be a make it take it workshop where students can create their own Lego necklace, build a robotic dog, construct a paper airplane, and much more.

Students that are

fascinated by science may want to join Paul Winalski from NHASTRO for some solar viewing as he sets up for a closer look at our sun. Looking for something closer to home? Ted Kendziora from NH Fish & Game will give a brief history of wildlife in New Hampshire, how NHFG manages wildlife, what you can do for wildlife, and wildlife trivia. Expect to see pelts and skulls on display. If you're hoping for some live animals, Derek Small from Wildlife Encounters will help you unplug for a bit and reconnect with nature. Derek is passionate about education, helping others engage in a healthy lifestyle and understanding the natural world, while of course - helping animals in need.

The Alton Central gymnasium will be full of energy with live demonstrations taking place. The PMHS Wrestling team will be teaching basic technique and putting through youngsters through some of the rigorous warmup routines that take place at practice. Sharing the mats will be Jessica Beaton and some of her girls from the Prospect Cheerleading squad. And for a different type of movement and competitive program, members of BOB 319 will be sharing the gymnasium to showcase their programming, mechanical, and electrical skills. Founded in 1999 at Alton Central School, team 319 Big Bad Bob is one of the longest standing FIRST Robotics teams in the nation. They have remained an effective organization led by Lead Mentor, Brian

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and tornado sirens and awoke to a flooded Doubleday Field.

With the possibility of returning home to New

Hampshire without playing at all looming on the cloudy horizon, coaches Fred Caruso of Winnisquam and Mike Giovan-

ditto of Gilford were determined to get on a field and play.

Enter Cooperstown High School. While the

Alton taxpayers can receive bills by e-mail

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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ALTON — Property owners in town can enroll in a program to get their tax bills by email.

The town announced that taxpayers can enroll into a new system where they can receive their tax bills by email after doing a sign in process through the town website.

Under the new system, enrolled taxpayers will be notified by email when the tax bills are posted, but they would still receive a printed bill. They would also receive reminders if their bill was still out-

standing by the due date.

Enrollment in this service is not automatic and people need to sign up to receive their bills over email.

Taxpayers can sign up for the service on the town Web site, www.alton.nh.gov, and click the “Property Taxes” button. By clicking the “log In” key at the top right corner and this will bring people to the EB2Gov account login page at <https://pay.eb2gov.com/Account/Login>, which also has an option to create an account including verifying the email.

Once logged in people can

click “Add assets,” verify the town, and click on the red icon for “Property Taxes,” and then search for their address and press the “Claim” button.

A full list of instructions can be found at <https://www.alton.nh.gov/press-release/new-service-available-alton-taxpayers-email-tax-bills>.

For more information and to ask questions contact the town clerk's office at 603-875-2101 or townclerk@alton.nh.gov during normal business hours Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

GMS bringing “Rock of Ages” to the stage

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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GILFORD — Get ready to have “Nothin’ but a Good Time” at Gilford Middle School theater's coming production of “Rock of Ages” where performers will tell a story through classic ‘80s rock songs.

GMS will perform “Rock of Ages: Young Performers Edition” at the end of May, with performers and tech crew getting ready for the show on May 29-31.

“Rock of Ages” centers around a bar on Los Angeles’ Sunset Strip in the 1980s with a story told through some of the greatest rock hits of the 1980’s. In “Rock of Ages,” Drew, the busboy at a rock club on the Sunset Strip, falls in love with an aspiring actress named Sherrie and tries to save his bar from demolition.

“It’s an awesome ‘80s musical that has all ‘80s rock songs,” said director Matt Demko,

Demko said his eighth grade students were asking if they could do this show. Demko did this show at One Light Theater a few years ago and some of those performers are



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Performers rehearse for Gilford Middle School's coming performance of “Rock of Ages.”

GMS students doing this new show.

“We wanted to do a more of a rock n’ roll show and do something different,” Demko said.

Auditions took place around the beginning of April with around 32 students auditioning. He said they got a good mix of newcomers and returning students.

“The kids have been working hard,” Demko said.

He said the students have been enjoying getting into the ‘80s essence

“I was happy that the kids asked to do this, I

love the music,” he said.

The title come from the song “Rock of Ages” by Def Leppard and features music from other ‘80s superstars such as Journey, Styx, Poison, Survivor, and more. Demko said it has a great boy-meets-girl story too.

High school technology teacher Anthony Eldridge is in charge of tech for this show and receiving assistance from an intern from Plymouth State University. So far around 16 kids have signed up to be on the tech crew.

Since most of the show happens at a rock

club, they will have one main set for most of the action. The set will have with a small stage to show the band performances with rock posters decorating the walls.

“Anything that takes place outside of the rock club we’ll do it downstage,” Demko said. “Simple, but good.”

Demko said they expected to get a lot more of the set to get done when everyone gets back from April vacation.

“Rock of Ages” will take the stage at the Gilford High School Auditorium May 29-31 at 7 p.m.

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

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. 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.

Slow Flow Yoga with Pamela Mott, 500 YTT certified
Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30

a.m. at the Alton Bay Community Center or choose the online option and practice from home. All levels are welcome and encouraged. Class focus is Sun Salutation A and B; Hatha Yoga and the 8 Limbs. Pre-registration is preferred, text 603-393-0595. Cash and Venmo accepted. Pre-registration and virtual attendance is \$10; Drop in \$15. Classes are ongoing. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Recreation Department is sponsoring its Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, June 7, rain or shine from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. If you would like to participate by having a Yard Sale at your house contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov before May 19 with your Yard Sale address location. When signing up please include your name, phone number and complete physical address. Free Yard Sale maps will be available after May 27.

Adults
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Tennis in the Parks for adults on Wednesdays at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts from July 9-Aug. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. Registration is \$70, includes instruction with a USTA New England certified instructor. Basic tennis skills will be taught: forehand, backhand, serve, overhand and volley. Register by June 20, class size is limited to seven. Registration forms are available at altonparksandrecreation.com or stop by the Parks and Recreation Kiosk at 328 Main St. to sign up. Contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Hit the Trail!-Hiking Program
Join hiker, Bonnie Dodge, for beginner hikes on Fridays at 10 a.m., this program is ongoing. This is a great opportunity for hesitant folks to discover the wonderful world of hiking. Bring water, comfortable walking shoes, and a snack. A new trail location will be announced each week to the group. Register by the Wednesday before the Friday hike at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Program is free.

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

Paint Night With Anne Morrell
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Wednesday, June 25 from 6-7:30 p.m., rain date is June 26. Scene is soft blue skies and mountains with lake and dock, and reflecting yellow sunset in the water. Participants can add a special pet or person in black silhouette sitting on the dock. All supplies are included, \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under. View the painting example on the Alton Parks and Recreation Face Book Page or ask for a copy to be emailed to you. All abilities are welcome. Bring a friend or sign up solo. Please RSVP with your name and contact information to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109. Register early as space is limited.

Barnstead Parks & Recreation highlights

Beach
Attendants and Swimming Instructor needed for the Barnstead Town Beach - We are actively looking for beach attendants and a swimming instructor. Check our website for details.

Sandcastle Building at Barnstead Town Beach
We are so excited for summer and beach time and will be hosting children's sandcastle building playtime at the beach every Thursday in June from 10:30 a.m.-noon. (Barnstead residents only)

Chucksters Discount Passes
Discount passes for Chucksters in Chichester are available for the 2025 season. Pre-orders are currently being taken, the order form can be downloaded from our website.

Free Summer Concert Series Line-Up
June 21 Morgan-Nelson - Country & Bluegrass
June 28 North River Music - Americana Band, Rock, Bluegrass & Country
July 5 White Dog Duo - 70's music
July 12 Windham Community Band - Selections from Broadway

shows, movies, patriotic themes, marches & other popular band pieces
July 19 Wayne Potash - Engaging music & movement for kids
July 26 Visitors Band of NH - Classic Rock & Country
Aug. 9 Heron Bluegrass Co. - Folk, Old-Time & Bluegrass
Aug. 16 SaxxRoxx - 60's-90's Classic Rock & Pop
Aug. 23 Christine Bonoli - Classics, Folk & Rock

Game Night
Our last game night was a blast. Watch our Facebook page for more dates and locations.

Archery Program
Archery registration is now open! The program will take place on Friday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. at TL Storer. The program is for ages 8 through adults and is \$10 per session. Session 1 - May 16 to June 27; Session 2 - July 11 to Aug. 22 and Session 3 - Aug. 29 to Oct. 10. All equipment is provided, or you can bring your own. Registration information can be found on our website.

Commission member openings
Since most sports are organized and led by oth-

er groups we are focusing on other activities with the motto "Bringing Community Together by Doing Fun Stuff!" There are various openings on the commission, and we are excited to welcome new members. See the FAQ regarding the commission on our website and give us a call or send an email if you would like more information.

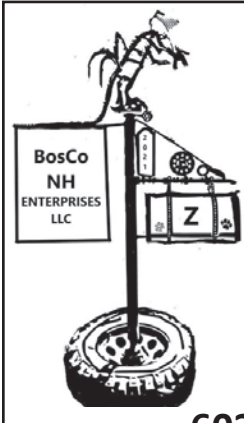
Barnstead Garden Club
We can be found on Facebook as Barnstead Garden Club. We are actively seeking donations for plants, manure/compost, loam, rocks fist size or smaller to control erosion, and flat stones for steps. Donations will be used to brighten the landscape surrounding the Parks & Rec Area near the Oscar Foss Memorial Library and other areas throughout the Barnstead community. We thrive off of community volunteers and donations, so please reach out to us through our Facebook page or barnsteadgc@yahoo.com if you can lend a hand! We appreciate any help and support!

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.

Pick Up Pickleball games
Pick up Pickleball games are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m.-noon at the Liberty Tree Park Tennis Courts. Beginners are welcome, bring your own equipment. Sign up online, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4FA8AF2CA5F85-54716680-pickup. 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.

Guided Meditation
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays: May 8 and May 22 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Meditation is helpful for reducing stress, and slowing our bodies down to breathe. The program is free, donations accepted to benefit local charities. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

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MVSB introduces CareWork Loan Program for childcare providers



Angela Salb, MVSB VP Commercial Lending Team Leader (left), meets with Ms. Allison, A Place to Grow Site Director, on the organization's playground.

MEREDITH — the CareWork Loan Program is an excellent opportunity for those who are either just entering the field or looking to expand their services," shared Dan Osetek, MVSB Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Loan Officer. "We are also delighted to partner with A Place to Grow, who provide invaluable training and resources to help new childcare providers get up and running and continue to thrive."

"We're proud to collaborate with MVSB on this much-needed initiative that will foster the growth of childcare providers in New Hampshire," said Jennifer Legere, Founder and Director of A

Place to Grow. "Many individuals have a passion for working with children and aspire to open their own childcare centers, but are unfamiliar with licensing requirements or lack the technical and financial resources to get started. That's where we step in to provide expertise and support."

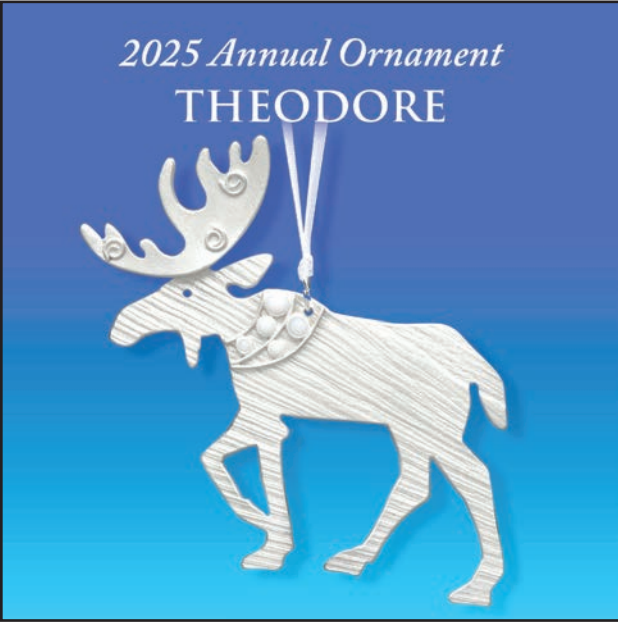
Established in 2005 and franchised in 2020, A Place to Grow offers a safe place for kids to be kids, while providing an enriching early learning center that embraces a child's overall well-being through a holistic curriculum. They offer support to childcare centers of different sizes, providing high quality personalized care for all their children and families. A Place to Grow was chosen as the 2022 NH SBA Woman Owned Business of the Year. Go to aplacetogrow.com to learn more.

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has always remained true: caring is at the heart of everything we do. By building and nurturing relationships, we believe that we can cultivate a community where we all thrive. It all starts with caring about our customers and neighbors. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in New Hampshire in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Exeter, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough,

North Conway, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rochester or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

League of NH Craftsmen's 2025 Annual Ornament now available at Meredith Gallery!



MEREDITH — The 2025 Annual Ornament, Theodore, was created by metal jewelry artist Meggin Dossett, of Lebanon. A New Hampshire icon, the moose has long been considered a guardian of the wilderness in native and traditional folklore. Inspired by this beloved symbol, artist Meggin Dossett has created "Theodore," a cast pewter moose with white resin details. In the spirit of holiday storytelling, Meggin invites you to invent your own mythical tale about Theodore, a gentle and wise hero in the New Hampshire woods.

Each ornament sells for \$26 in a gift box with an artist's statement. Each ornament is signed and numbered. The ornament can be purchased in store at 279 DW Highway, Meredith, NH 03253, or call the Meredith Gallery at (603) 279-7920 to order.

For more details, visit our Web site at <http://meredith.nhcrafts.org/classes/> and our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/nhcraft/>.

The League of NH Craftsmen Meredith Fine Craft Gallery is located at 279 DW Highway, Meredith and is dedicated to the education and support of New Hampshire's fine craft tradition since 1932.

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Health screenings are an investment in your future self

It's easy to put off routine health check-ups. Life gets busy. We feel fine. We assume we're too young to worry. But catching a problem early, when it's most treatable can make all the difference. Preventive health screenings aren't about fearing the worst; they're about giving ourselves the best shot at living well. From your 20s through your 60s and beyond, here's a decade-by-decade break-down of essential screenings that everyone should prioritize.

In your 20s, the focus is on building a health baseline. This is when your long-term habits start taking shape. Even if you feel great, it's important to get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. These simple screenings can reveal early signs of heart disease risks. If you're sexually active, regular STI screenings and, for women, a Pap smear starting at 21 are critical. A mental health check-in should be part of the routine too, especially in a decade filled with transitions. It's also smart to begin annual skin checks, particularly if you've had a lot of sun exposure.

By your 30s, it's time to pay closer attention to subtle shifts in your health. Continue monitoring your blood pressure, cholesterol, and STI status. Add in screenings for diabetes risk especially if you have a family history or carry extra weight. If you're trying to conceive or just want to know where things stand, a fertility check can offer insight. Watch for signs of thyroid issues like fatigue or weight changes, and keep up with dental and eye exams every year or two.

Your 40s are when chronic conditions often start creeping in, sometimes without symptoms. This is the decade to stay vigilant. Women should begin mammograms at 40 or earlier if there's a family history of breast cancer. Everyone should consider a baseline colonoscopy by age 45. Diabetes, cholesterol, and heart screenings are more important than ever, and it's a good idea to test for glaucoma during your eye exam. This is also a smart time to check in on your mental health, as burnout and midlife stress can take a toll.

By your 50s, screenings shift from preventive to potentially lifesaving. Colonoscopies should continue every 10 years or as your doctor advises. Women should consider bone density tests, and men should discuss prostate screenings with their doctor. Hearing loss becomes more common, so a hearing test is worth scheduling. This is also the age for a shingles vaccine, and if you've had ongoing risk factors, a cardiac stress test might be wise.

In your 60s, staying ahead of health issues becomes even more important. Annual flu and pneumonia vaccines are recommended, and if you've ever smoked or been around secondhand smoke regularly, you may qualify for a lung cancer screening. Continue yearly vision and hearing checks, and consider cognitive screenings if memory issues arise. Osteoporosis becomes more common in both women and men, and regular skin checks should continue to catch early signs of skin cancer.

No matter your age, health screenings are a way to invest in your future self. They help you catch issues early, manage risks, and stay in control of your well-being. Ask questions, track your numbers, and make time for the care you deserve. After all, staying healthy isn't something that just happens it's something we have to work for. When was your last check-up?

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COURTESY

Perform It! Young People's Stage Company will be performing Shakespeare's "The Tempest" at The Village Players Theater, 51 Glendon St., Wolfeboro, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 21 and 22, at 10 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, May 23 and 24, at 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday, May 25 at 2 p.m.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Tracks

Winter probably just took its last grasp for control of the weather. With the arc of the sun scribing larger and larger swipes across the sky daily, the sun is already rising down near the corner of the house. It's time to be working up next year's firewood and not shoveling snow. We got four and a quarter inches of heavy, wet snowman snow yesterday. Even though I knew that it would probably melt in a couple of days, I scooped the paths around the house.

When I went out this morning to feed the cat, I looked out onto the snow and noticed lots of animal tracks. One set looked to be the size of a deer's, but were a much smaller animal. They could have been a newborn faun, but I don't think it's quite that time yet. The tracks continued under the corner of the porch, so I walked over there to see where they went. In looking down, I see standing there on top of the snow, was a Kestrel. I froze. What a beautiful bird. It was eating something it undoubtedly just caught. After a few long moments it flew off to

perch on one of the garden posts. What a sighting. You hardly ever get to watch a hawk at the distance of about ten feet for that long. Thank you, Lord. A nice way to start the day.

Having had on only my slippers, I chose not to go traipsing off into the snow searching out animal tracks. I went inside to tend to my Sunday morning pancake feast.

After breakfast I put on some outside shoes and checked things out further. Referring to my pocket New Hampshire Animal Tracks card, I looked at the mystery tracks and found only two possibilities with such a shaped foot with that many distinctive toes. It certainly wasn't a Black Bear, way too small a critter. It was most likely a good-sized skunk. Having the mystery animal identified, I headed inside to change and zip off to church.

From a distance, I had wondered if they might have been from a fisher. The tracks even came a couple steps up the stairs. The cat sleeps up in the kitty castle up there over the beams and wouldn't be much of

a challenge for a fisher. I'm relieved to find that it was a skunk.

After church, I returned to the yard and my critter identifying tasks. I found another set of tracks that looked to be from a raccoon. Both skunk and raccoon came from the same opening under the sauna shed. I wonder how many other critters joined them hibernating together under there. It's time for all of them to come wandering out. This snow made for an unusual opportunity to identify them.

Moving over to the woodshed, I noticed some mouse tracks scampering out from the stacked fire wood. The tracks crossed the path where I had scooped and continued on the other side. Then there was a totally unknown pattern in the snow and the mouse tracks disappeared. It had to be the talons of the Kestrel as it attacked the mouse. It looks like my morning detective work has connected all the dots of the previous few hours of snow tales.

It's usually not so easy to figure out. The hard snow was like the clay beneath the feet of

ancient creatures that we find preserved under eons of sediment. Only with the snow, being what it is, all the details slowly faded away as the days warm weather transformed it all into drops of water. All that's left is the description printed above and whatever I can retain in my memory. I think watching that hawk at such a close distance will be a mind sticker.

We all leave some kind of tracks as we pass through this life. Sometimes wonderful, and sometimes regrettable ones. I would hope that those of the first type predominate. In this world of global travel, we have the ability to spread them far and wide. May all my tracks be acceptable in Thy sight.

I know that when it's all done here, and this life in time flits away like that of the hawk's prey, that life without time begins. My tracks will matter no more, only where I place my faith. The window is small. I don't want to miss it.

E.Twaste

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Letters to the Editor

Fund established for welcome sign

To the Editor:

There were 250 residents who voted for a "Welcome to Alton" sign at the last election. Forty-two people signed my petition for the town warrant last fall in favor of a sign. Therefore, I'm starting a fund-raising campaign to follow through with my first thoughts from last fall.

This week, there will be jars placed around town at most small stores. All checks should be taken to the Profile Bank account "Welcome to Alton" or sent to my address: Ruth Arsenault, P.O. Box 85, Alton,

NH 03810. Be sure to write in memo "Welcome to Alton" sign, and I will gladly deliver them myself. Large cash, please deliver to my house, 8 Jewett Farm Rd., off Bay Hill near the bottom. If I'm not home, please leave between doors.

Breaking News: as of Monday, we already have over \$2,000 committed to the fund. Thank you very much to all who have donated.

Ruth Arsenault
Alton

Thanks for helping to keep Alton beautiful

To the Editor:

A small but mighty group of dedicated Alton residents braved wind, rain, cold, broken glass, steep embankments, and fast traffic to beautify over a dozen stretches of Alton road last weekend on Alton Roadside Clean-Up Day. I am grateful for their dedication to our town, to the Town of Alton for picking up the bags, and to the Alton Democrats for hosting it.

For the second year in a row, lower Rand Hill Road from Busy Corner to Alton Mountain Road, and up Alton Mountain Road are the worst, where volunteers filled a bag every 200 feet. With few exceptions, this is not trash accidentally flying out of a pickup truck, nor is it out-of-towners. No, this was mostly trash willfully thrown out a window by someone local, behavior which should

enrage each and every one of us. Ms. Dasani apparently drinks three-quarters of a water bottle, puts the top back on, and has chucked dozens of bottles on Rand Hill road. Mr. Bud Light? Seriously, dude, get some help.

Our local economy is very much hinged to the beauty of our backroads, woods, lakes, and streams. When visitors come, they want to enjoy our area, not be appalled by how poorly we care for it. I challenge all of our residents to keep the roadsides near their home clean, remind our visitors, and stay vigilant for the offenders who would befoul our neighborhoods.

Thanks again for all who do the right thing, and do their best to keep Alton beautiful.

Brian Beihl
Alton Bay

New Beginnings to host charity golf tournament on May 21

TILTON — New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse is set to host their third annual golf tournament at Lochmere Country Club in Tilton on May 21. The public is invited to spend a fun-filled day golfing while raising funds and awareness for the nonprofit. Long-time supporter, MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank), will serve as the Exclusive Saving Lives Sponsor.

"Join us and tee off on the stunning Lochmere course for a day packed with excitement, prizes and spirited competition," says Shauna Foster, New Beginnings Executive Director. "Your participation is more than just a game, it's a powerful statement of solidarity and support for families affected by domestic violence in our community. We're deeply thankful for all the support we have received and look forward to seeing everyone there."

Go to newbeginningsnh.org/golf to learn more and to register.

New Beginnings – Without Violence & Abuse is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support; and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence. Go to newbeginningsnh.org to learn more.

MVSB has been serving the essential banking needs of people, businesses, nonprofits and municipalities for more than 150 years. As a mutual savings bank, MVSB has no stockholders but rather operates for the benefit of its customers, employees and community. Since our founding, one thing has always remained true: caring is at the heart of everything we do. By building and nurturing relationships, we believe that we can cultivate a community where we all thrive. It all starts with caring about our customers and neighbors.



To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in New Hampshire in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Exeter, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, North Conway, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rochester or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

COURTESY
(Left) From left, Shauna Foster, New Beginnings Executive Director, and Tina Simpson, MVSB VP Commercial Loan Officer and New Beginnings Board Member, stand together in front of the MVSB Meredith Main Office. The New Beginnings Golf Tournament is set for May 21 at Lochmere Country Club in Tilton.

BASEBALL

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Gilford hurler Ryan Folan struck out a pair and then got a pop up to third to end the inning and give the Golden Eagles the 5-3 win.

"We've been kind of like this, teetering on the edge," said Giovanditto. "We have some good plays and then we let teams back in."

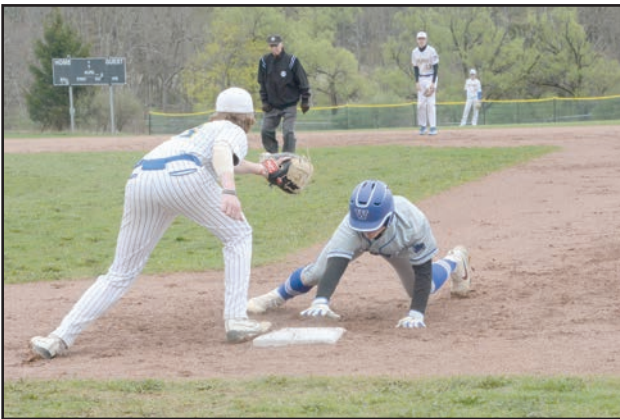
"They're struggling to find consistency," he added.

"I love our grit and the way we play, we battle," Caruso said. "They never give up, down 2-0, it could've gotten ugly early and we didn't let it."

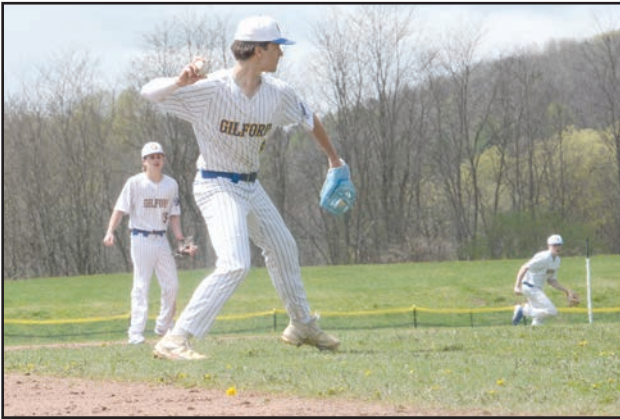
Drew Smith toed the rubber to start the game for Gilford and struck out the first two batters before Carter Lloyd reached on an error, stole second and took third on a wild pitch. Smith finished out the inning with a strikeout and Gilford got on the board in the bottom of the first inning.

After Winnisquam hurler John Shea got the first out, Mikey Giovanditto had a base hit and a Folan base hit and walk to Smith loaded the bases. Andrew Kelly followed with a base hit to drive on two runs. After Danny Fournier reached on an error, Shea struck out the next two batters to end the inning.

Brady Colby led off the top of the second with a walk and moved up on a pickoff error. Jake Twombly reached on a bunt hit and Justin Tardif also put down a bunt, but Smith fielded the ball



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Winnisquam's Brady Colby dives back to first as Gilford's Sean Ellis takes the throw in action last week in New York.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Drew Smith makes a throw from third late in last week's game against Winnisquam in upstate New York.

and gunned down Colby at third. Dio Kastigiannis worked a walk to load the bases, but Smith got a pair of strikeouts to end the inning.

Gilford added to the lead in the bottom of the second. After Nik Puffinburger made a nice catch to open the inning and Shea fielded a grounder for the second, Giovanditto had his second hit of the night and Folan and Smith followed with hits to drive in the third run of the game before the inning ended.

Winnisquam got a leadoff infield hit from Ethan Carter to start the top of the third. One out later, he stole second and scored when Shea reached on an error. Colby then doubled to plate Shea for the second run of the game and Twombly worked a walk to keep the

inning alive before Smith got out of the frame with a pair of strikeouts.

Fournier led off the bottom of the third with a double and after Shea got a strikeout, Lloyd gunned Fournier down stealing third and Shea got a strikeout to end the inning. Smith then set the side down in order in the top of the fourth inning.

Cohen Elliott led off the bottom of the fourth for Gilford and one out later Giovanditto reached on an error, plating Gilford's fourth run. Folan moved Giovanditto up with a groundout and Smith reached on an error to make it 5-2. Kelly had an infield hit to keep the inning alive, but Shea got a strikeout to end the inning.

Lloyd reached on an error to start the top of the fifth inning, but

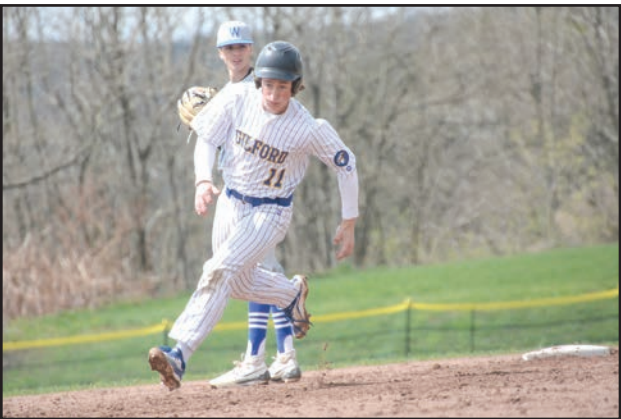
Alton Dance Academy announces summer camps

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy is delighted to share our summer offerings!

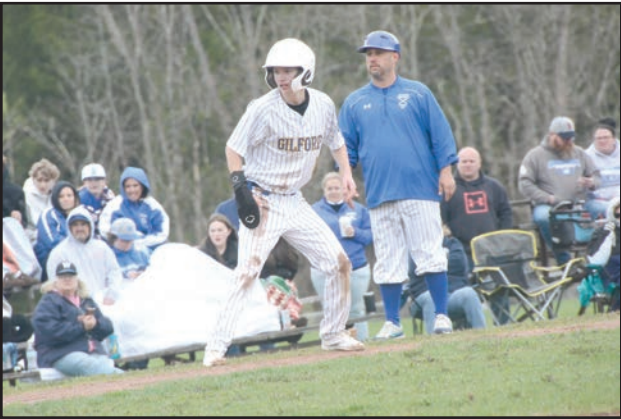
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ing dance lessons, different movie themes, as well as crafts. Older dancers can enjoy our "Back to Dance Intensive" which offers dancers with experience the chance to take classes before gearing up for the new dance year. Guest Artists as well as ADA staff bring this weeklong study to fruition! Prices, Dates and Times are all on our website. We do offer multi sibling discounts as well as early bird sign up discounts! Check out our adult fitness classes too! Find us at www.altondanceacademy.com or email ashley@altondanceacademy.com.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Danny Fournier rounds second base during action last week against Winnisquam in Cooperstown, N.Y.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Mikey Giovanditto takes a lead off third in front of his father, coach Mike Giovanditto, in action in Cooperstown, N.Y. last week.

Smith came back and struck out the next three. Shea responded by striking out the side in the bottom of the fifth inning. Folan took the mound in the sixth and set Winnisquam down in order.

Andy Taylor led off the bottom of the sixth inning with a base hit, but Lloyd cut him down stealing. Giovanditto reached on an error and Zach Laurent took over on the bases, moving up on a wild pitch, but Shea got the next two outs to end the frame.

Puffinburger and Carter were hit by pitches to open the top of the seventh inning and Puffinburger came around to score on a Lloyd base hit, cutting the lead to 5-3. However, Folan got a pair of strikeouts and a pop up to third to end the inning and give Gilford the win.

"The conversation (on the mound) in the seventh inning, was to relax, play the game and let your talent take over and the rest will take care of itself," Giovanditto said. "It was an entire team effort today, base hits, sacrifices, bunts."

"It's nice to get our first win in Cooperstown," he added. Mikey Giovanditto was the lone player on the field the last time the Golden Eagles played in Cooperstown, so the coach was happy to get a new group the experience.

The Golden Eagle coach also noted that one of the key aspects of the trip was getting the team all together on the same

page.

"That was exactly the goal when we started doing this," Giovanditto said. "The chemistry is what we need and they're starting to turn the corner. And they're having such a good time."

"We talked before the seventh inning, referring to two years ago," Caruso said, bringing up his team's walkoff win. "They can't run the clock out or run the running back up the middle. We have all our timeouts, let's go get it."

"Unearned runs hurt us today and we've been doing that a lot lately," the Bear coach continued. "We have to play good defense to win, if we don't play good defense, we make it tough on ourselves."


"But we had a great time, the kids took time here and it's really, really cool," Caruso added, noting that he has just four kids on the team who were on the trip two years ago. "It's a great experience for the kids and us as coaches."

Winnisquam is slated to be in action on Wednesday, May 14, at Belmont at 4 p.m.

Gilford is scheduled to be at Somersworth on Friday, May 9, will be hosting Belmont on Monday, May 12, both at 4 p.m. and at Inter-Lakes on Wednesday, May 14, at 4:30 p.m.

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Bringing art and community together at Local



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Anna Williams of Barnstead owns Local in Pittsfield, and also displays her crocheted stuffed animals.



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Artist Eloise Jeffrey of Barnstead with some of her pastel paintings.

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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PITTSFIELD — Shoppers can find an array of handmade items from artisans across the state, as well as some good conversation and a cozy atmosphere at Local.

The store at 1000 Upper City Rd. sells the works of 65 different artisans from across the state who create a variety of items at reasonable prices. The store opened six years ago, and has been under the management of two local women.

Anna Williams of Barnstead is the store's current owner and has managed it for around three and a half years, learning the store from the ground up and providing a warm environment for people of all ages to shop and display their items.

Local first opened in six years ago under the management of Sugar Connors of Alton, who decided to sell the business three years ago.

Williams makes crocheted stuffed animals and was one of the vendors at Local. Three and a half years ago she had just left a high stress job and was now wondering what she was going to do afterward.

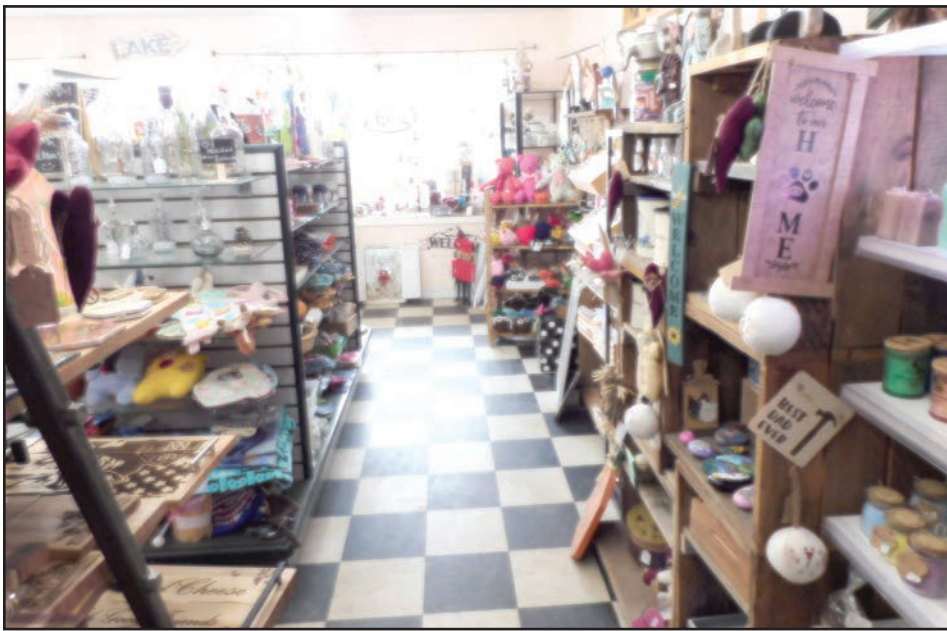
Williams said Connors asked her if she wanted to buy the store and after talking it over with her husband she decided to take the offer. She said this was the perfect opportunity for her. Williams bought the store on Dec. 31, 2021, and held a grand reopening in February of 2022.

Williams took over the shop with no retail experience and said things were challenging in the beginning. She said she kept a journal of what was working and what wasn't, eventually figuring out the business.

"It's been slow and steady, it was tough that first year," Williams said.

She wasn't that familiar with technology coming in, but now makes regular Facebook posts about the different items that will get shared to 45 different groups. She said a lot of people told her they look forward to the store's posts.

"If I don't do a post for a couple of days, I'll have people texting me, 'Are



ERIN PLUMMER

The shelves of Local in Pittsfield are lined with creations from around 65 artisans from around New Hampshire.

you closed this week?" Williams said.

William said she has learned that being authentic is important.

"People want you to be you, they want the guard down, they want you to be real and transparent," she said. "You get to know these people, you get to know what they like, what they want."

The store features around 65 artisans from around the state. Williams said around 20 are from Barnstead and 10 are from Pittsfield, with many artists also coming from Alton, Loudon, Northwood, and other communities.

The youngest artist in the store now is 12 and she said she likes to encourage kids to bring in their art. They have artisans from teenagers to people in their 80s. Williams will tell the artists what pieces and subjects tend to sell the best.

Eloise Jeffrey of Barnstead sells her pastel paintings in Local. Jeffrey started painting to make an image of her mother in the farm she grew up in during the 1930s. Gradually she got into chalk pastels and found them to be her favorite medium. Some of her works on the wall include natural landscapes.

"It's a good variety of people that come in," Jeffrey said. "I think (it's) a shop that has a little of everything."

The shop sells a variety of different creations, many of which are from recycled materials.

One vendor sells wooden signs made from barns in Barnstead that had been torn down. Each

sign has different shades of wood depending on what part of the barn it was in.

One customer regularly gets delivered groceries from Hannaford and will donate the paper bags for Local to use for purchases. Williams said they went from using plastic bags to paper bags.

"It's just really neat some of the stuff people recycle," Williams said.

She said everything in the store is "reasonably priced," which has made a lot of items more accessible to more people.

Williams aims to make the store family friendly with items for people of all ages.

"Families come in with kids, they can let the kids roam," Williams said. "I tell people you can come in every week; you don't have to buy anything."

Local has a lot of regular customers who drop by to shop or just chat and has made a lot of friends.

"It's been a learning experience, but it's been fun," Williams said. "You meet a lot of people you get to be close to them."

There is a large brown easy chair right by the counter and Williams will encourage people to sit down and talk. Williams' background is in counseling and she will encourage people to talk about their lives, sometimes helping them work out problems.

"It's about relationships, it's a way to help the community," she said.

Some of those customers who come in and browse have made great finds and some customers will look for something similar each time they come in. Customers will also put in custom orders to different artisans.

She said maintaining a sense of community is her main goal in running Local.

"Coming in was never to make money, it's to do stuff to help people and provide a venue for these artists to sell their stuff," Williams said.

Williams said some

people have asked her if she wants to go to a larger location someday, but she said she is comfortable where she is.

"If you get too big you don't get to know the people and I like the people," Williams said. "This is good; it's not overwhelming."

Local is located at 1000 Upper City Road End Unit in Pittsfield off Route 28 and not far from Center Barnstead. For more information visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sugarslocal.

LRAA announces April Artists of the Month



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

April 2025 Artists of the Month, pictured above from left to right — Back Right: Jim Cryan, Wendy Oellers-Fulmer, Sherwood Frazier. Front Row: Mike McQuade, Gail Brunt, Leigh Stetson Schoch

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

Leigh Stetson Schoch, this month's First Place winner has the distinct

honor of displaying several pieces of her artwork at Annie's Cafe & Catering in Laconia NH. Warm up with some scrumptious homemade soup and sandwiches and enjoy the art while you eat!

The art pieces for the Honorable Mention artist will be on display through the third week

of May in the following locations:

- Jim Cryan - Camden Bank, Tilton
- Wendy Oellers-Fulmer - Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford
- Sherwood Frazier - Camden Bank, Meredith
- Mike McQuade - Gilford Public Library
- Gail Brunt - Laconia Library

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OBITUARY

Elayne Hallstrom, 82

Elayne Hallstrom, age 82, of Alton, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on December 12, 1942, in the Bronx, New York, Elayne was the daughter of Stanley and Irene. At the age of seven, her family moved to Dumont, New Jersey. She graduated from Dumont High School in 1960, where she was not only an excellent student but also the spirited captain of the majorette team. Elayne went on to attend Paterson State College and graduated in 1964. She married Robert E. Hallstrom, on September 2, 1962.

Elayne worked for 25 years as a second-grade teacher at Selzer School in Dumont. She was a dedicated and nurturing educator, remembered fondly by her students and colleagues alike. She valued having holidays and summers off to create lasting memories with her husband and daughters. The family frequently camped up and down the East Coast before ultimately



falling in love with New Hampshire—particularly the Lakes Region. In 1990, Elayne and Robert built their dream home on Lake Winnepesaukee in Alton, where they retired to be closer to their daughters and growing families.

In retirement, Elayne embraced life fully. She had a deep love for gardening, shopping for bargains, spending time with her family, and entering (and often winning) contests. She enjoyed playing cards, watching NASCAR and football, coordinating jewelry with every outfit, and floating in the lake she adored. Crafting, especially making jewelry, became a favorite pastime in her later years. She was also known for her festive

home decor—particularly her elaborate Christmas displays. Elayne maintained strong bonds with friends from the lake, New Jersey, and Cocoa Beach, Florida, where she spent seven joyful winters.

Elayne is survived by her two daughters: Christine (Timothy) Steuer of Laconia and Cynthia (Richard “Rick”) Finethy of Alton; four grandchildren: Kevin and Erik Steuer, Ashley (Finethy) Wheeler, and Richard “Ricky” Finethy III; and two great-grandchildren: Declan Steuer and William R. Wheeler. She was predeceased by her husband Robert and her brother Thomas.

A private funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 29, at Peaslee Alton Funeral Home, followed by interment at New Riverside Cemetery in Alton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Granite VNA Hospice House, 240 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301. Or, play your favorite Elvis song and enjoy a mudslide or strawberry daiquiri in her honor.

ACS EXPO

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Hikel, and other mentors and recently returned alumni from the school’s community. An example of our tremendous success has been shown by traveling to World Championships in 2016. There, the team competed against some of the best robots in the world and made it to the semifinals. The team also won a Judge’s Award for the very first time in 2017.

A visit to the Expo would not be complete without a complimentary photo from Annette Horne of True Attitude Photo Booth. All attendees can visit the photo booth and have some fun playing dress up with the many props Annette has on hand.

Local award-winning author, Matt Forrest Esenwine, is back to share his joy of reading and writing of books. Matt has more than 20 published works including children’s books and poetry collections. The students of ACS spent some time with Matt earlier

this school year so we welcome his return.

ACS is thankful for the local presenters and businesses that are participating in this event. The Expo is fortunate to have over 40 sponsors supplying the event with donations. Raffle tickets will be on sale to win many wonderful prize packages to some of New Hampshire’s favorite tourist attractions. All proceeds will benefit the construction of the outdoor classroom at Alton Central School. Thank you to Alton Home & Lumber for its contributions to our pergola. And special thanks to former student, Brandon Bastarache, owner of B-Line Landscaping for volunteering his time and energy. If you cannot attend the event and are interested in donating to the outdoor classroom, please contact Derek Pappaceno at Alton Central School. The outdoor classroom is in need of material such as brick, edging, stone, mulch, and much more. There is no cost

to attend the evening, however, the school and Alton PD will be collecting donations for End 68 Hours of Hunger and monetary donations to support the outdoor classroom. Let’s see if the town can fill the Alton PD BearCat. Dinner will be available for \$1. Attendees can also purchase coffee or lemonade from Pours and Petals food truck located in the ACS bus loop, along with our Alton Fire Department.

This is going to be an amazing, action-packed event for students and parents of the Alton school community. This expo gives students the opportunity to share what they are passionate about while exploring and learning how personal inspirations can lead to successful careers and opportunities in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact Derek Pappaceno at dpappaceno@say72.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Education & Enrichment Expo!

Gilford selectmen to discuss request for commercial beach passes

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — Parks and Recreation officials are asking the selectmen to reconsider allowing local hotels to have access to beach passes for their guests, though members of the board have expressed several concerns about offering these again.

Parks and Recreation director Brittni Stewart spoke with the selectmen during the April 23 meeting about the possibility of reinstating commercial beach passes. She said the Recreation Commission discussed this at their recent meeting and asked for the selectmen to consider bringing the commercial passes back.

Different inns and hotels in town could purchase these passes from the town clerk’s office and then sell them to their guests so they could sue the town beach. These passes were last offered in 2022, and Stewart said a report from the town clerk’s office showed the town sold 533 commercial passes that year, accounting for around \$2,665 in revenue.

Stewart said she researched the passes and spoke to Parks and Recreation program assistant Sue King, who had worked as the gatekeeper for the town beach. She said form speaking to King and other people it did not seem like these passes created any issues when they were in used.

“Ultimately, I think it supports the local businesses that have that access to these passes,” Stewart said. “I think it supports local tourism and I think that’s what the Rec Commission was hopeful that you may reconsider reinstating these.”

King reiterated that the passes didn’t

seme to create problems.

“Based on past experience from being the director as well as being at the gate it did not impact the beach tremendously at all,” King said.

King said 500 seems like a huge number, but they didn’t have all 500 people coming through the gates at once. She said she didn’t even remember as many as 20 pass users coming through in one day.

Members of the board, however, said they had concerns about the impacts of bringing these passes back.

Board chair Kevin Hayes talked about the deed for the beach property that states that the beach is only meant for Gilford residents and their guests. He said he was concerned with how hotel guests fit into that deed.

Selectman Gus Benavides said he remembered a packed meeting room when the selectmen discussed other types of beach passes. He said while a few people spoke in favor of having these passes, most people there were staunchly against having commercial passes available.

“That’s why this board has looked at trying to maintain the integrity of the deed that says for Gilford properly owners, residents, and their guests, trying to maintain the integrity of that phrase,” Benavides said.

Town administrator Scott Dunn said the biggest issue for many people was overcrowding at the beach and wanting the beach to be reserved for residents only.

Members of the board said this brings concerns that if these passes are offered to a few select commercial properties more will

want to have access. There was especially a concern that most of the overcrowding was caused by people staying in short term rental properties.

Board members also said visitors have the option of going to the beach at Ellacoya State Park for a small fee.

“I think that the board should always work hand in hand with our local business owners to try to be a help to them not a hinderance,” Benavides said. “But at the same time our first priority has to be to the Gilford residents and as the (town administrator) explained at that meeting, over several meetings, people kept saying the beach is overcrowded, the beach is overcrowded, the beach is overcrowded.”

Benavides said he wasn’t saying yes or no right then, but said these were the considerations they had.

Hayes said he wanted to look at the beach deed again and talk with Parks and Recreation about this further. The board will take this matter up again at its next meeting.

Marinelle Davis, general manager at Fireside Inn and Suites, thanked the board members for discussing the passes. She said they have quarter share owners who ask if their guests can access the beach and asked if the passes could be considered even on a limited basis.

“We know we have a lot of uncertainties now in the tourism industry, I believe this would really help all of us,” Davis said.

She said she respects that the beach’s deed, but said allowing passes again could really help the local hospitality industry.

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SPORTS

Pappaceno's eighth inning homer lifts Timber Wolves over Bears

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound and Prospect Mountain baseball teams did battle during vacation week, with the visiting Timber Wolves plating four runs in the top of the eighth inning to take a 7-3 win over the Bears.

Newfound scored once in the first and Prospect tied the game in the top of the second. The Timber Wolves took a 2-1 lead in the top of the fourth before both teams scored one in the fifth inning. The Bears forced extra innings with one run in the bottom of the seventh inning before Prospect plated the four in the eighth to take the 7-3 win.

Daniel Sherkanowski got the start on the hill for the Bears and Charlie Yeaton reached on an error and Colby Whitehouse singled, but both runners were stranded when Sherkanowski got a pair of strikeouts to end the inning.

Damien Sherkanowski worked a walk against Whitehouse to start the bottom of the first and Brayden Jenkins followed with a single. One out later, Gavin Royea singled home the first run of the game. Whitehouse came back to strike out the next two batters to end the inning. Levan Kenerson reached on an error with two outs in the top of the second and Joseph Rawnsley worked a walk and Yeaton reached

on an error to tie the game at one.

Whitehouse struck out the side in the bottom of the second inning and the Newfound defense turned a double play in the top of the third. Knyte Neathery reached on a single with one out and Bryce Lounsbury ripped a shot to third and the Bears doubled off Neathery at first. Whitehouse worked around a single from Jenkins in the bottom of the third inning.

Parker O'Brien reached on an error to start the top of the fourth inning and moved up on a sacrifice bunt by Kenerson. Rawnsley worked a walk and O'Brien took third on a fly out by Yeaton. Blake Pappaceno walked and O'Brien scored on a passed ball to give Prospect a 2-1 lead.

Abe Furtado singled to open the bottom of the fourth inning, but he was cut down at second on a grounder by Daniel Sherkanowski. Ryan Hennessey worked a walk but Whitehouse settled down and kept the Bears off the board.

Gavin Gorton homered to lead off the top of the fifth inning, giving the Timber Wolves the 3-1 lead and Neathery walked, but another double play ended the inning. Jenkins tripled with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning and one out later he scored on a base hit by Royea, cutting the lead to 3-2. Yeaton sin-

gled with two outs in the top of the sixth, but he was stranded and Whitehouse set the side down in order in the bottom of the sixth. Whitehouse was hit by a pitch to open the top of the seventh but Nate Arnold set the next three batters down in order to end the inning.

Damien Sherkanowski worked a one-out walk against Gorton in the bottom of the seventh and took second on a passed ball. Jenkins singled and Arnold worked a walk to lead the bases. One out later, Damien Sherkanowski stole home to tie the game at three before Whitehouse got a strikeout to end the inning and force overtime.

Arnold picked off a runner and struck out a batter to start the top of the eighth. Rawnsley started the two-out rally with a walk and Yeaton also walked. Pappaceno then homered to center to drive in three runs and Whitehouse followed that up with a single. Gorton then doubled to center to plate Whitehouse for the 7-3 lead before Arnold got a strikeout to end the inning.

Gorton then struck out the side in the bottom

of the eighth inning and Prospect took the 7-3 win.

Whitehouse went six innings, striking out 14 and allowing just one earned run while Gorton struck out six in his two innings of work, allowing just one hit.

Daniel Sherkanowski went six innings, striking out seven and allow-

ing just four hits while Arnold allowed three hits and struck out four in two innings.

Newfound is scheduled to be in action on Monday, May 12, at home against White Mountains and will be at Mascoma on Wednesday, May 14, both at 4 p.m.

Prospect Mountain

will be hosting Berlin on Friday, May 9, and Newport on Monday, May 12 and will visit Raymond on Wednesday, May 14, all with 4 p.m. scheduled starts.

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Prescott wins shot put at Winnisquam

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

TILTON — The Prospect Mountain track team wrapped up vacation week with a trip to Tilton for a meet hosted by Winnisquam on Saturday, May 3.

For the Timber Wolf boys, Robert Prescott earned the win in the shot put with a toss of 44 feet, 10 inches and placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 98 feet, six inches.

Domenic Scarpa leaped to second in the long jump with a distance of 19 feet, 3.25 inches and Michael Barnes cleared five feet, 10 inches in the high jump to finish in second place overall.

Prospect's 4X100-meter team finished in a time of 49.83 seconds to

place fourth overall while in the 1,600 meters, Trew Reed was 15th in 6:23.9 and in the 400 meters, Logan Andrews was 11th overall with a time of 1:03.01.

Scarpa ran to fourth in the 200 meters in a time of 24.42 with Matthew Whelan in 19th place in 27.08 seconds and in the 100 meters, Robert Prescott was 14th in 12.69 seconds and Whelan was 18th in 12.9 seconds.

Victoria Cowser had the top performances for the Prospect girls, placing fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in 59.18 seconds and seventh in the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 20.25 seconds.

Victoria Allen was ninth in the shot put at 20 feet, 11.5 inches while in the discus, Adelaide

Kane threw 52 feet, five inches for 12th overall and Allen was 14th at 47 feet, five inches. Allen was also ninth in the javelin at 62 feet and Jackson Reed was 19th at 31 feet, seven inches.

Tegan Pelham ran to 10th in the 100 meters in 14.42 seconds and Amarah Ferland was 14th in 14.8 seconds while in the 400 meters, Eva McCartney was 12th in 1:17.67 and Natalie Cowser was 14th in 1:18.05.

Prospect Mountain is slated to be in action today, May 8, at Campbell and Tuesday, May 14, at Gilford, both at 4 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, May 8
BELMONT
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Plymouth; 4
GILFORD
Girls' Tennis vs. Monadnock; 4
Softball at Somersworth; 4
Track at Portsmouth; 4
Friday, May 9
BELMONT
Baseball at White Mountains; 4
Softball at White Mountains; 4
GILFORD
Baseball at Somersworth; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Milford; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Monadnock; 4
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Kearsarge; 4
Saturday, May 10
GILFORD
Track at Newfound; 10
WINNISQUAM
Track at Newfound; 10
Monday, May 12
BELMONT
Baseball at Gilford; 4
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Pelham; 4
Softball vs. Berlin; 4
GILFORD
Baseball vs. Belmont; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Inter-Lakes; 4
Boys' Tennis at Trinity; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Coe-Brown; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Trinity; 4
Softball vs. Winnisquam; 4
WINNISQUAM
Softball at Gilford; 4

Tuesday, May 13
BELMONT
Track Home Meet; 4
GILFORD
Softball at Berlin; 4
WINNISQUAM
Track at Belmont; 4
Wednesday, May 14
BELMONT
Baseball vs. Winnisquam; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Campbell; 4
Softball vs. Winnisquam; 4
GILFORD
Baseball at Inter-Lakes; 4:30
Boys' Lacrosse at Pelham; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. White Mountains; 4
Girls' Lacrosse vs. St. Thomas; 4
Track Home Meet; 4
WINNISQUAM
Baseball at Belmont; 4
Softball at Belmont; 4
Thursday, May 15
BELMONT
Baseball at Inter-Lakes; 4:30
Track Home Meet; 4
GILFORD
Baseball at Winnisquam; 4
Boys' Tennis at St. Thomas; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Milford; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. St. Thomas; 4
Softball at Winnisquam; 4
WINNISQUAM
Baseball vs. Gilford; 4
Softball vs. Gilford; 4

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Thursday, May 8
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Tennis vs. White Mountains; 4
Girls' Tennis at White Mountains; 4
Softball at Newfound; 4
Track at Campbell; 4
Friday, May 9
KENNETT
Baseball at St. Thomas; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. Trinity; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Hanover; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Berlin; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball at Bow; 4
Boys' Lacrosse vs. St. Thomas; 5:30
Boys' Tennis at Coe-Brown; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Coe-Brown; 4
Softball at Bow; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball vs. Berlin; 4
Girls' Tennis vs. Lebanon; 4
Softball vs. Berlin; 4
Saturday, May 10

KENNETT
Track at Newfound; 10
Monday, May 12
KENNETT
Boys' Lacrosse at Pelham; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Merrimack Valley; 4
KINGSWOOD
Baseball vs. Sanborn; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Hollis-Brookline; 4
Girls' Lacrosse at Merrimack; 4:30
Girls' Tennis at Hollis-Brookline; 4
Softball vs. Sanborn; 4
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Baseball vs. Newport; 4
Boys' Tennis at Moultonborough; 4
Girls' Tennis at Conant; 4
Softball vs. Newport; 4
Tuesday, May 13
KENNETT
Girls' Tennis vs. Manchester West; 4

KINGSWOOD
Boys' Lacrosse at Derryfield; 4:30
Wednesday, May 14
KENNETT
Baseball at Bow; 4
Boys' Lacrosse at Bishop Brady; 4
Boys' Tennis vs. Winnacunnet; 4
Girls' Lacrosse vs. Merrimack; 4
Girls' Tennis at Winnacunnet; 4
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KINGSWOOD
Baseball vs. Oyster River; 4
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Baseball at Raymond; 4
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Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$422,666	Ralph Horton	Olivia R. and David L. Evans
Gilford	11 Avocado Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$595,000	Florin L. Craciun RET and Mihaela Podovei	Alexander and Taylor H. Grizzell
Gilford	970 Cherry Valley Rd.	Res.-Mtl. Bldg.	\$435,000	Silver RET and Diane C. Silver	Joseph G. Miner, Jr.
Gilford	22 Margaret Way	Single-Family Residence	\$1,030,000	Gladys J. McCaughey Estate and James B. McCaughey	S. & B. Longmuir RT
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Gilford	8 Winni Farm Rd.	N/A	\$2,920,000	Parade Rei LLC	Chinburg Development LLC
Gilmanton	107 Ridgewood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$625,000	Linda Dirosa	Kayne R. Gilcris and Patrice A. Sbrizza
New Durham	Berry Road	N/A	\$119,933	Van & C. Hertel Grandchild and Van E. Hertel, Sr.	Timothy L. Gentile
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Winemaker to row 21 miles across Winnepesaukee to benefit Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance

MEREDITH — Get ready to be inspired! Bob Manley of Hermit Woods Winery & Sweet Mercy’s Kitchen in Meredith, is set to embark on a remarkable solo journey: rowing an impressive 21 miles across Lake Winnepesaukee in June 2025.

This inaugural “Row for Winni” aims to raise crucial funds for the Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance (LWA), the sole nonprofit dedicated to protecting the health and vitality of the Lake Winnepesaukee and its watershed.

Starting a decade ago, Bob Manley and his business raised significant funds for the LWA over the course of several years. LWA is grateful for the continued support from

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Manley shared, “I couldn’t feel more prepared—or more motivated. I’m excited to take on this challenge not only as a personal milestone, but as a way to give back to an organization so vital to the health of our beautiful lake.”

The funds raised through "Row for Winni" will support the LWA's vital work, including water quality monitoring, shoreline protection, and educational programs that engage the community in lake stewardship.

The Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance invites the community to rally behind Bob Manley's extraordinary challenge and contribute to the protection of our lake. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a tangible difference in ensuring a healthy Lake Winnepesaukee, now and for the future.

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Great Waters name change clarifies vision and commitment

MOULTONBOROUGH — Great Waters announces a more focused vision and unveils a new tagline that reflects the evolution of the summer concert series. Great Waters, a nonprofit arts organization in the Lakes Region, announced a brand refresh today, including a simplified tagline that better reflects its current programming and community focus. The organization’s tagline has changed from “Great Waters Music Festival, Entertaining the Lakes Region” to the more streamlined “Great Waters, Summer Concerts,” marking a significant milestone in its development.

This strategic change reflects the organization’s evolution from its festival-centric origins to presenting live concerts of diverse genres for the enjoyment of music lovers throughout the Lakes Region.

“Our new tagline represents both a return



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to our roots and an embrace of our future,” said Joan Myers, Executive Director of Great Waters. “By simplifying our brand message to ‘Great Waters, Summer Concerts,’ we’re making it immediately clear what we offer while honoring

our heritage as a cultural cornerstone in the Lakes Region community.”

As Great Waters expands its geographic reach to attract new audiences, the updated messaging retains the organization’s established name recognition while

providing a more modern presentation that aligns better with its current programming model.

The announcement comes as Great Waters prepares to launch its 29th summer concert season, featuring a lineup of performances in

Moultonborough, which includes Concerts in the Clouds performances under their 500-seat tent with lawn seating at Castle in the Clouds and Concerts in Town in Wolfeboro, at Brewster Academy’s Anderson Hall and Grayson Student Center. The timing of the rebrand is designed to maximize awareness as seasonal residents return and visitors begin planning their summer activities.

“While our tagline has changed, our commitment to bringing world-class music to the Lakes Region remains stronger than ever,” said Chris Coulter, Board President. “This refresh makes our mission clearer and more accessible to everyone in our community and beyond.”

The organization is integrating the new tagline across all digital platforms, including its website and social media accounts, with updated print materials to follow in the coming weeks. The visual identity elements of the Great Waters brand

will remain consistent, ensuring continued recognition among loyal patrons while enhancing its appeal to new audiences.

“We’ve always known that our strength lies in creating extraordinary summer concert experiences in one of New Hampshire’s most beautiful regions,” added Myers. “Our new tagline puts that front and center, making it easier for both residents and visitors to understand and connect with our offerings.”

But Great Waters does more than present concerts – it builds community. At a time, now more significantly noted since COVID, when people have felt increasingly isolated and society polarized, the simple joy of sitting under a tent or on the lawn with others – family, friends, and strangers - helps forge new friendships, foster a sense of belonging, and create shared experiences regardless of who you are, where you come from, or what you believe in. All it takes is attending one summer concert at Great Waters, and you’ll be hooked on the energy, joy, and sense of freedom. The 2025 lineup will showcase internationally acclaimed artists and bands, continuing the organization’s tradition of musical excellence and community engagement.

Tickets for Concerts in Town and Concerts in the Clouds may be purchased either as a series or individually by visiting www.greatwaters.org or calling the Great Waters office at 603-569-7710. Great Waters is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing outstanding musical performances to those living in and visiting the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

Annalee Thorndike Art Competition winners announced



The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation has announced this year’s winners of the Annual Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarship. Presenting Benjamin Bousquet (center) with the First Place award is Chris Guilmett (right) Executive Director of the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation and Marj Wilkinson (left) LRSF Board Trustee and Chair of the Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarship committee.

MEREDITH — The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation has announced the winners of the Annalee Thorndike Art Competition Scholarships. The competition involved students from area high schools, all of whom are graduating seniors and are planning to major in art or an art-related fields such as graphic arts, digital arts, architecture, and art education.

This is the 23rd year that scholarships have been awarded with funds provided by the Annalee Thorndike Scholarship Fund. The competition is managed through the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, to which Annalee Thorndike entrusted the funds for her endowment.

The students submit a blended portfolio that is comprised of five original works of art which can include: drawings, paintings, collage and print forms, photography, digital art forms and 3D works. They also provide a personal sketchbook and an artist statement.

The artwork was on display at the Gilford Public Library for public viewing. This year’s judges all have a back-

ground in art, Gerri Harvey, Tom Lynch, and Nancy Dirubbo.

First place this year went to Benjamin Bousquet. Second place went to Hazel Dassori-Kaye. Third place was awarded to Awnya

Johnson, from Laconia High School, and fourth place went to Katie Scadova. Benjamin, Hazel & Katie are all from Inter Lakes High School in Meredith. The awards will be applied toward their tuition in the fall.

LEGALS

Shaker Regional School District Notice of Public Hearings

Shaker Regional School District will hold public hearings relative to a withdrawal from the Buildings and Grounds Expendable Trust Fund, and a withdrawal from the Food Service Equipment Expendable Trust Fund on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 beginning at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Belmont Elementary School Library.

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Audubon announces Birdathon-Bloomathon

MOULTONBOROUGH — On Saturday, May 17 at 7 a.m. at the Loon Center in Moultonborough, the Lakes Region Chapter of the New Hampshire Audubon Society will sponsor a field trip/fundraiser for the Chapter and the Loon Preservation Committee.

Participants will look for as many bird and blooming flower species as they can find on the NH Audubon Markus Sanctuary and nearby waters. People have pledged to donate varying amounts per species found, and this time of year is the height of bird migration, with more than 100 bird species re-



corded at the sanctuary. The history of the Lakes Region Chapter Birdathon-Bloomathon is lost in the mists of time, but for decades it has been centered in the Sandwich - Tamworth area. It was begun by Betty Steele, and later led by Ned Beecher and Chris Clyne, who this year have decided to step

back from organizing our expert field team after around twenty years. This year, instead of having a field team covering several towns, we will concentrate our efforts on the woods and waters of the Loon Center and the Markus Sanctuary, and everyone is invited to participate. It's been quite a while since the Chapter has had a field trip. We will also note any mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and insects that we can identify.

If you have a canoe or kayak and wish to paddle the Markus shoreline, that is also an option, and there is a public boat launch and parking just past the Loon Center on Lee's Mill Road in Moultonborough. Please join us during anytime during the day for a walk on the trails, and there will also be refreshments at the Loon Center (and the Loon's Feather gift shop will be open). Donations in the past

have raised more than \$2,000 per year for the Loon Preservation Committee, and a percentage also goes to the Lakes Region Chapter to pay for free nature programs during the fall, winter, and spring months. The Loon Center is located on Lee's Mill Road; follow the signs on Blake Road from Route 25 near the Moultonborough Central School, or from Route 109, turn on to Lee Road and turn left on Lee's Mill Road.

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WinnAero, the Laconia Airport-based non-profit offering STEM education to youth using Aviation and Aerospace examples still has openings for summer day camps. Equally important; a generous benefactor has stepped forward to help fund the students signing up with partial up to full tuition scholarships based on availability. Parents should contact the WinnAero Program Director; Dan Caron at dan.caron@winnaero.org for eligibility.

Day Camp Sessions currently available:

Week One July 7-11
Grades 6-8 full day: Search & Rescue and Emergency Services Response
Grades 9-12 full day: Orbital Mechanics, Guidance, Navigation and Control:
Grades 9-12 full day: Pre-Ground School: The first step towards becoming a Licensed Pilot.

Week Two July 14 -18
Grades 6-8: Girls Only Aviation Academy. Learning the basics of aviation from Female Pilots/Engineers/Teachers.
Grades 6-8: Model Rocketry, Astronomy, the Space Environment. Space Station Design and Spacecraft types.
Grades 9-12: Career opportunities as Pilots, Engineers, Manufacturers and more. Field trips and expert Guest Speakers.
Grades 9-12: Done Academy. Assemble and fly small drones; learn the FAA rules and regulations plus flight principles.
Grades 9-12: Aeromedical: High Altitude Flight and Effects on the Human Body.
Grades 3-5: Half days 12:30-4 PM. Basic age-appropriate activities in aviation and aerospace exploration.
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