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New Durham's Tuesdays at the Park concerts return July 7

NEW DURHAM — After uncertainty surrounding funding for this year's concert series, the New Durham community has once again stepped up to ensure that a beloved summer tradition continues.

The New Durham Public Library and New Durham Parks & Recreation are excited to announce the return of 'Tuesdays' at the Park, a free family-friendly summer concert series held on Tuesday evenings in the summer.

Concerts will take place from 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday starting July 7, and will conclude with a special National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 4, starting at 5 p.m.

Last year, Tuesdays at the Park was made possible through grant funding. Unfortunately, due to changes



in federal funding priorities and reductions to available grant opportunities, organizers were unable to secure grant support for the 2026

season.

"After such a successful first year, we were really hoping to bring Tuesdays back and begin building it into a community tradition," said Caitlin Frost, Director of the New Durham Public Library. "The response from families, local organizations, and community members last summer was incredible. When we learned grant funding wouldn't be available this year, we knew we had to find another way to make it happen because we didn't want to lose the momentum and excitement that was created in year one."

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Congregational Church of North Barnstead welcomes new pastor

BARNSTEAD — The congregation at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead is very excited to share that we have called Heather Ivone Milliken to be our Pastor and Teacher.

Some may know Milliken because she grew up in Barnstead where her father and stepmother still reside in their family home. Heather is excited to serve in her hometown and neighboring communities. She looks forward to reconnecting with old friends and to make new ones!

Milliken earned her BA at Boston University in Philosophy and Religion, intending to pursue ministry. Her life took a different path and she subsequently earned an MBA from Bentley University and had a very successful career for two decades in information

management systems and product development. In 2024, she once again felt a call to a pastoral career and enrolled in the School of Theology at Boston University. She will graduate with her Masters in Divinity in May 2027.

We invite you to come meet Pastor Heather at one of our church events and on Sunday mornings, 10 a.m. at 504 North Barnstead Rd. in Center Barnstead. The Congregational Church of North Barnstead is affiliated with the United Church of Christ and is both an open and affirming and an accessible congregation. "No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here." For additional information about the Zoom access to worship and summer schedule, please go to cnorthbarnstead.org.

Nunez earns lacrosse All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The boys' lacrosse coaches across New Hampshire chose their All-State teams for the recently concluded season and there were a few local athletes earning honors.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Plymouth midfielder Eli Iburguen and defender Logan Libby and Gilford midfielder Christien Nunez while Second Team honors

went to Plymouth attack Cooper Legacy, Kennett midfielder Bryce Needham, Plymouth faceoff specialist Fim Whitworth and Plymouth goalie Cullen McNair.

Also earning First Team honors were attacks Owen Buss and Jackson Westover of Hopkinton, Joseph Fenton of Coe-Brown, Abe Pearson of Lebanon and Joey Richardson (Offensive Player of the Year) of Bishop Brady, midfielders Sam Bennett of Bow,

Robert Lee of Coe-Brown, Benji Madory of Lebanon, Ben Siskavich of Trinity and Garrett Ward of Coe-Brown, faceoff specialist Gavin Gilson of Lebanon, short stick defender Kip Hedquist of Hopkinton, long stick midfielders Jordan Findley of Lebanon and Ben Reardon of Bow, defenders Brayden Boice of ConVal, Andrew Gianunzio of Trinity, Miles Saunders of Lebanon and Colby Strum (Defensive Player of the Year) of Coe-

Brown and goalies Brad Ekstrom of Bow and Ray Weatherbee of Bishop Brady.

Also finishing with Second Team honors were attacks Paul Ganchi of Laconia, Ryan Haught of Bishop Brady, Bentley Lang of Lebanon, Wyatt Premo of Bow and Cooper Twombly of John Stark, midfielders Quinn Cusick of Kearsarge, Nate Lencki of Campbell, CJ Sawyer of Pelham, Shane Smith

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Prospect Mountain's Keela Forsythe receives scholarship from Manchester Arts Association

ALTON — Founded in 1966, the MAA was established to provide fellowship, education and incentive to artists who are engaged or interested in the pursuit of fine art. Each year, the MAA awards a \$500 scholarship to an outstanding high school senior who is pursuing post-secondary education and a career in the arts.

This spring, MAA received applications from many high school



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Keela Forsythe

seniors across NH. The students' work was judged on their artistic expression, unique depiction of subject matter, creative ability, composition, use of color, detail, technical ability and overall presentation. The Scholarship Committee was very pleased at the high quality of the work produced by the high school applicants overall and finalists were selected for a portfolio review and interview.

The Manchester Artists Association is pleased to announce that the 2026 MAA New Hampshire High

School Senior Scholarship Award winner is Keela Forsythe of Alton Bay. Forsythe recently graduated from Prospect Mountain High School, and will attend Savannah College of Art and Design this fall. Keela is an extremely creative and versatile young artist who paints and draws using oil, acrylic, and colored pencils, among other things. She plans to pursue illustration with either a minor in creative writing or advertising in college, but no matter what she pursues, she'll do it with passion and excellence.

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Alton Board of Selectmen Updates

BY RICHARD SHEA

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ALTON — The Alton Board of Selectmen's meeting on June 23 covered several issues. Here is a brief review of the major items:

-The presentation from Epic Seaplane Adventures seeking to

establish a seaplane dock in Alton Bay was rescheduled for the Selectmen's next meeting on July 14.

-Town Clerk/Tax Collector Jennifer Collins presented a list of properties with delinquent taxes which will now have tax liens placed. She reported there was approximately \$45,000 delinquent in total, with 134 properties affected. Many of those had relatively small overdue amounts.

-IT manager Josh Monaco came before the Board to discuss actions needed to improve the town website. He is aware of many of the issues and is in the process of making improvements. The Board discussed several additional areas to be worked and included input from

residents. A further review and update will be scheduled for a future meeting, likely in July.

-The Board approved funding for Fire Department Captain Pat O'Brien to attend paramedic training. This requires weekly classes over a full year, with further "hands-on" style training at medical facilities. The tuition cost is \$13,650, which has been budgeted for, and the higher billing rates permitted by insurance companies for ambulance services where a paramedic is involved are likely to repay this cost.

-Town Administrator Ryan Heath announced the hiring of Richard Therien as building inspector/zone enforcement officer. He has been building inspector

in New Durham for the past 3 years but elected to leave when that town changed the position from full time to part time. He also ran his own construction firm for 13 years, so is very familiar with the issues contractors face. He will start within the next week.

Ryan also announced the following personnel changes and additions:

-Promotion of Douglas Koby to the position of Solid Waste Manager at the Recycling Center. Doug has been our scale house operator for the past year and has done an excellent job.

-Hiring of Jacob Guarino as a solid waste attendant, starting July 10. He comes to Alton from New Durham, where he held a similar position.

-Hiring James Gillis as part time assistant to the Town Clerk. James held this position some time ago so comes to us fully trained and thoroughly familiar with the department.

-The town has received the Alteration of Terrain permit from the state, which will allow the finishing and clean-up of the property on Hidden Springs Road to proceed, likely starting by early July.

-Legal issues surrounding the status of Breezeline as town-authorized internet service provider have been resolved. A draft agreement should be available within the next 2 weeks, after which a public hearing will be scheduled.

-Nothing further has been heard regarding the

Alton Power Dam removal plans. The town will contact Executive Councilor Joe Kenney for an update.

-The American Legion will hold an event on July 3 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. to celebrate the Nation's 250th anniversary. There will be a cookout, games and activities for kids. The public is invited. There will also be a ceremonial playing of Taps at the Alton Bay land bandstand prior to the fireworks that evening.

Author's note: This article is offered as part of an effort to better inform Alton residents about the activities of town government. I am not authorized to speak for the Board of Selectmen, and this posting represents only my impressions and views.

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Vanessa Flanders earns Dean's List honors at SUNY Cortland

CORTLAND, N.Y. — Vanessa Flanders of Gilford was among the 2,578 students named to the Dean's List at SUNY Cortland for the Spring 2026 semester. Flanders's major is Exercise Science.

The Dean's List is the highest ranking for undergraduate students in their respective academic areas of the university. Students must earn a minimum 3.3 grade point average for the semester to make the list.

Each of SUNY Cortland's three schools publishes its own Dean's List. They are the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Professional Studies and the School of Education.

SUNY Cortland is one of New York's top public universities, offering a high-value education spanning nearly 70 undergraduate majors in diverse fields that include education, business economics, exercise science, sport management and biological sciences. This mid-sized institution, located in the geographic heart of New York state, provides a high quality of student life, outstanding faculty and extensive out-of-classroom educational experiences. Since 1868, it has offered students the educational experiences they need to turn their dreams into careers. Learn more at Cortland.edu.

Meghan Stodden named to Muhlenberg College Dean's List

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — A graduate of Holderness School, Meghan Stodden of Laconia has been named to the spring 2026 Dean's List while studying at Muhlenberg College.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, Muhlenberg College students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or better while taking three or more course units during a semester. Founded in 1848, Muhlenberg is a high-

ly selective, four-year residential, liberal arts college in the city of Allentown, Pa., with nearly 2,000 Bachelor's and Master's degree-seeking students and a high return on investment. The

college's curriculum and experiences are designed to open doors to new ideas, discoveries, friendships and a lifetime of personal and intellectual growth.

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Friends of Wolfeboro Community Bandstand gearing up for new season

WOLFEBORO — The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand are ready to open the Saturday night free concert series in Cate Park in downtown Wolfeboro.

After the Cate Park Band plays the first Saturday of the summer with its annual Fourth of July pre-fireworks concert, the season will kick off on Saturday, July 11, and continues each Saturday through July and August and finishes up on Saturday, Sept. 5.

The season features a little bit of everything for music lovers of all kinds. The first act in the bandstand will be the Windham Community Band, playing the

classic concert band repertoire that includes pieces from Broadway, popular medleys, jazz, swing, marches and other favorites. That concert is set for July 11.

That will be followed up by the Soggy Po' Boys on Saturday, July 18, bringing the sounds of New Orleans music across the Northeast as they play at concert halls, street corners, music festivals, bars, libraries and wherever else a party is required.

The Michael Vincent Band will take the bandstand on Saturday, July 25. A three-piece blues band from central New England, the group has been touring and playing together for more

than a decade, bringing the sound of the blues to the bandstand.

The month of August in the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand kicks off with the bluegrass, folk and roots sound of High Range on Saturday, Aug. 1. The band plays original music with a mix of covers on guitar, bass, mandolin, fiddle, banjo and drums.

The Compaq Big Band takes the bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 8, bringing a big band repertoire that begins with the classics from the 1930s and 1940s as performed by Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and more.

Aug. 15 brings a cappella group Ball in the House back to Wolfeboro, as the Boston-based group continues to sing the hits of artists like the Beach Boys, Jonas Brothers, Gladys Knight, Lionel Richie, Jessica Simpson, Blondie, The Temptations and so many more, all without instruments.

Jimmy and the Jesters will take the bandstand on Saturday, Aug. 22. The four-piece band plays rock and roll songs from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s and also sprinkle in some classic country songs from the same era.

The penultimate concert of the summer season will be the Eric

Grant Band on Saturday, Aug. 29. This Gilford-based band has played in front of thousands of fans in Northern New England since 2009 and have opened for many national headliners in that time.

The final concert of the summer season will be on Saturday, Sept. 5, with Billy D and the Rock-Its. This band will bring the greatest Doo Wop and early rock and roll classics to the bandstand with an eight-piece show band with the style and the sound of the 1950s and 1960s.

The concerts run from 7 to 9 p.m. in Cate Park

in downtown Wolfeboro. Though there is no charge for the concert, a pass-the-hat offering is taken at intermission to help support the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand's mission to bring quality acts to Wolfeboro every summer. The concerts are subject to weather conditions. If bad weather is threatening and the concert has to be postponed, there will be a sign posted at the park entrance near the town docks and will be posted online at wolfeborobandstand.org and on the group's Facebook page.

Local residents named to Dean's List at Saint Anselm College

MANCHESTER — Saint Anselm College has released the Dean's List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year.

Among the students recognized was Dakota-Marie Mears of Alton.

To be eligible for this honor, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester, a total of 721 students from 25 states and five countries were recognized.

About Saint Anselm College

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston

and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

Madison Nash earns Dean's List honors at Roger Williams University.

BRISTOL, R.I. — Madison Nash, of Gilford has been named to the Spring 2026 Dean's List at Roger Williams University, in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more

credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester.

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Opinion

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Keeping community traditions alive

Summer traditions have a way of becoming part of a town's identity. Whether it's an annual parade, a farmer's market, a holiday celebration, or an evening concert in the park, these gatherings create something that can't be measured on a balance sheet. They give neighbors a chance to slow down, reconnect, and remember what makes a community feel like home.

That is why the return of Tuesdays at the Park in New Durham is worth celebrating.

When grant funding that supported the inaugural concert series disappeared, it would have been easy to accept that the program had run its course. Across the country, organizations are finding that grants once considered reliable are becoming more competitive or disappearing altogether. Too often, worthwhile community programs become casualties of circumstances beyond local control.

Instead, New Durham chose a different path.

Residents, businesses, organizations, and donors stepped forward to ensure that the music would continue. Their contributions demonstrate an important truth: while grants can launch a program, it is local support that ultimately determines whether it becomes a lasting tradition.

The success of Tuesdays at the Park extends well beyond the music itself. It creates a place where families spread out blankets, children play with friends, grandparents catch up with neighbors, and newcomers meet longtime residents. Those simple interactions strengthen the social fabric that holds small towns together.

In an era when entertainment is increasingly consumed through screens and schedules often pull families in different directions, opportunities to gather face-to-face have become even more valuable. There is something refreshing about spending a summer evening outdoors listening to live music while children laugh nearby and local organizations connect with the people they serve.

The partnership between the New Durham Public Library and Parks & Recreation also deserves recognition. Libraries today are about much more than books, and recreation departments do far more than organize sports leagues. Together, they have shown how public institutions can work creatively to bring people together and improve quality of life.

The decision to include local vendors is another welcome touch. Community events succeed when they provide opportunities for local businesses, nonprofits, and artisans to participate. Those connections often outlast the event itself, creating relationships that benefit everyone throughout the year.

Perhaps the most fitting conclusion to this year's series will be National Night Out in early August. Bringing together police officers, public works employees, families, and community organizations reminds everyone that public safety is strongest when people know one another. A child who climbs into a police cruiser during Touch-a-Truck or helps paint a snowplow may walk away with a completely different perspective on the people who serve the community every day.

The real lesson behind this year's concert series is that traditions are not sustained by government funding alone. They endure because people decide they are worth preserving. Every donation, every volunteer hour, every business sponsorship, and every family that attends helps ensure that these gatherings become part of the town's story.

Communities often discover their character during moments of uncertainty. Faced with the possibility of losing a popular event, New Durham didn't simply hope someone else would solve the problem. Its residents solved it together.

That's music worth listening to all summer long.



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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

That's It

It's Tuesday before the last day of school for the year, and I'm subbing. Right now, I'm filling up spaces in time between various teachers end of the year obligations in addition to my assigned teacher. Most of what needs to be done has been completed, some last-minute cramming is evident, lots of hanging around and talking.

Last period, I was in an English class that was watching some Lord of the Rings thing. Even that can't keep the constant chatter from happening. I saw the movie many years ago, but don't remember these scenes. That's pretty standard for me, though. I'm so easy to entertain.

Right now, I'm in the Health teacher's chair. He had to go to an assembly for the middle school, this is a high school class. It's an interesting time. Grades are pretty much closed and the kids just need to hang around, wasting their time, so that they attend their required however many days of school. This is where they learn that in life, we waste a lot of time.

The Band classes were chopped up between the

two assemblies. I don't suspect that any music is going to happen here today. A couple of students tried to get things going, but all the others interests were concentrated in different directions. Nothing much changed when the high schoolers joined us.

It's one of those messed up time days. Everything has been altered to allow for other things. The normal flow has been altered. I just sit here awaiting the next class of kids to show up. And they have three more days of this. I'm not open till Friday, and don't expect to get called in on the last day of school, so this is probably it for this year, as anti-climatic as it is.

I'll fill out my time card, drive out of the parking lot and down the street, and be done for a few months. When I come back, the returning kids will all be different. More grown, changed. Summer does that. I just recalled this kid who the previous year was a small chubby smart aleck. This year I didn't recognize him till I put two and two together and realized that he was now a tall lanky smart aleck.

My attendance sheet says that I'm supposed to have a class right now. Starting ten minutes ago. I guess they are off doing something else. They're certainly not all goofing off. Looking at their names, most of them would always be here. It wouldn't be the first time schedule changes didn't get forwarded to the sub guy. I'll coolly sit here till next period. If nobody shows for that class, I'll head home as it's the last class of the day.

The missing class just showed up. Perfect attendance. So much for accurate paper work. I've learned to just go with the flow. It's the machinery of schools. Those papers may have been accurate at the beginning of the year. I remember that when I subbed for one teacher, I didn't have to rush into school as he had first period free. After Christmas break, I continued my casual commute to school to find out that he now had a first period class. Nothing stays the same.

There used to be this really nice dirt road near my house. Coming up the big hill, there was an underground stream that would come out right in the mid-

dle and freeze every winter. With the road nicely mantled by large trees, it was a nice little cruise through antiquity. This historic pathway was there long before I moved into the neighborhood.

After about twenty years, the tree canopy was opened up to let in the light, so now ferns and poison ivy can grow, and they decided to pave it. So now it is nicely paved. It never acted like some dirt roads do during mud season so I question why invest in paving it. That just makes it into a race track. Here's a little post note: paved roads are projected to last ten years. This road, in the middle of the hill, there is a section that for some reason, all the pavement just sort of crumbles up every winter. Some things do keep pretty consistent.

The final class consists of a big game of UNO, hair do's, some computer captivity, and one practice room being utilized. That's it.

E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

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It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

There are some holidays that change as we get older, and then there is the Fourth of July.

As children, it was all about fireworks. As teenagers, it was about being with friends. As young parents, it became a carefully planned evening of sunscreen, bug spray, lawn chairs, snacks, and trying to convince little ones that the fireworks would, in fact, begin after dark. Somewhere along the way, the holiday quietly changes again.

These days, I find myself paying less attention to the explosions in the sky and more attention to the people watching them.

The Fourth of July has always been one of New Hampshire's finest community holidays. We don't celebrate it in giant stadiums or behind locked gates. We celebrate it the old-fashioned way. Main Streets fill with folding chairs hours before the parade. Someone always knows somebody marching. The local fire department rolls past with polished trucks. Veterans receive the loudest applause of the day. Little kids scramble into the street after candy while parents pretend they aren't just as tempted.

Every town puts its own stamp on the celebration. Some have road races be-

fore breakfast. Others begin with pancake breakfasts, concerts on the common, antique cars, boat parades, chicken barbecues, or evening fireworks over a lake.

This year carries even more significance as communities across New Hampshire mark America's 250th birthday with special parades, historic exhibits, and hometown celebrations.

What strikes me isn't how different these celebrations are. It's how remarkably similar they remain.

You can drive from one end of the state to the other and find the same unwritten traditions. Someone always forgets the sunscreen. Someone's grandfather wears the same patriotic cap he has owned for twenty years. A local band plays songs everyone somehow knows by heart. There is always a child waving a flag that is almost bigger than they are.

For one afternoon, neighbors who may not have spoken since the last snowstorm end up sitting side by side on a curb, talking as though they had planned it all along.

That may be my favorite part of Independence Day.

We spend so much of

KIND HEARTS,
COLD WINTERS
By CHIPPY

the year rushing from one obligation to another that we rarely give ourselves permission to simply gather. The Fourth doesn't ask us to buy expensive gifts or prepare elaborate meals. It simply invites us outside.

Sit in the shade.

Watch the parade.

Eat something that probably came off a charcoal grill.

Stay until the fireflies appear.

Then look up.

I've always thought fireworks have an odd way of measuring time. Every shell seems to remind you of another July. You remember sitting on a blanket with your parents. Later, you remember carrying your own sleepy child back to the car after the finale. Before you know it, you're the one handing out glow sticks to grandchildren or waving to neighbors from the same spot you've claimed for years.

The fireworks themselves last only a few minutes. The memories echo for decades.

Of course, this year's celebration arrives with more than patriotic fanfare. It reminds us that our country has reached an extraordinary milestone. Two

hundred and fifty years is a remarkable achievement for any nation, but anniversaries are not simply about looking backward. They also ask us what kind of neighbors we choose to be today. Fortunately, New Hampshire has always answered that question well.

We organize parades because volunteers show up. Fireworks happen because local businesses donate. Bands play because musicians give their time. Scouts place flags. Veterans march despite aching knees. Police officers direct traffic while everyone else enjoys the evening. None of it happens by accident.

Community isn't something we inherit. It's something we practice. Perhaps that's why I never grow tired of the Fourth of July. Beneath the music, the flags, and the fireworks is something even more enduring: the reminder that a town is strongest when its people decide to celebrate together.

By the time the last burst fades into the summer sky and the smoke drifts away, we're left with something more lasting than bright colors overhead.

We're reminded that freedom may be celebrated once a year, but community is built every day.

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton Bay fireworks
The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in celebration of Independence Day in Alton Bay on Friday, July 3 at 9:20 p.m., rain date is Sunday, July 5.

Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2026
Summer Concert schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay

July 3- Dakota Smart- Alton native and 6x nominee for the New England Music Awards- Folk-Country and Pop-Country. Fireworks to follow at 9:20 p.m.; July 4- Saxx Roxx- Classic Rock with brass; July 11- "Thursday Afternoon Band"- Classic and Modern Rock- July 18- The Visitors- Oldies, Classic Rock, Country Rock; July 25- Got It Covered Band- Cover Songs; August 1- Quint E. Sential Band- Country Rock and popular songs; Aug. 8- Bittersweet- Classic Rock; 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.

July 3 events — Alton Bay
Live Band Concert featuring Dakota Smart, singer-songwriter from Alton and graduate of Prospect Mountain High School. Dakota is bringing his full band playing classic rock, country, and original music and is excited to play for his hometown from 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand. Following the band concert, the American Legion will present Taps and patriotic words celebrating the United States 250th anniversary of Independence. Fireworks will follow at 9:20 p.m.

Paint Night on the Land Bandstand With Anne Morrell
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring an outdoor Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand

on Wednesday, July 29 from 6-7:30 p.m., rain date is July 30. Scene is a mountain view landscape with soft blues of the lake and green trees on the mountain top. All supplies are included, \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under; pay instructor on site. 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.

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.

Guided Meditation
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays: July 9 and 16 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.

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 older. 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.

Boston Aquarium Trip
The New Durham and Alton Parks and Recreation Departments are sponsoring a trip to the Boston Aquarium on Monday, July 27. Explore the wonders of the giant ocean tank, and largest shark and ray touch tank on the East Coast. There is a lot to see at this aquarium. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bus leaves New Durham Elementary School at 8 a.m. sharp, please arrive by 7:45 a.m. to check in. Bus returns to New Durham Elementary School at 4 p.m. \$30 pp, includes aquarium admission and transportation. Bring a bag lunch, snacks and water, and be ready for a great day. Register at www.ndparksandrec.com.

Alton Old Home Days Craft Fair — Aug. 8 & 9

Celebrate Alton Old Home Days by attending a New England Style Craft Fair on Aug. 8 and 9. The fair will take place at Railroad Square Park in picturesque Alton Bay overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. Juried vendors will be located inside the Alton Bay Community Center and throughout the waterfront park. All vendor items are handmade by local artisans and include food items, maple products, bird feeders, jewelry, tote and cosmetic bags, stoneware pottery, wood signs and crafts, journals, greeting cards, paintings, lin-

ens, quilts, pillows, dog and cat treats and toys, laser cut and engraved items, seashell designs, children's books, knitted and crocheted items, and much more. Craft Fair items make unique holiday gifts. Craft Fair hours are Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., rain or shine.

Alton celebrates Old Home Days
The Town of Alton is planning events for Alton Old Home Days. If your organization is sponsoring an event please contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov to be added to the schedule.

Alton Old Home Days are Aug. 8 and 9. Activities include:

Saturday, Aug. 8
Old Home Days Craft Fair- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Railroad Square Park.

Vintage Boat Show- 9 a.m. to noon. Public Boat Docks.

ABA Parade- Home-town USA: 250 Years Strong- 11:30a.m.- Starts at the Letter S Road and ends in Alton Bay.

Alton Fire Association Chicken BBQ- Central Fire Station- Starts at 4:30 p.m. until sold out.

Bittersweet Band Concert, a local favorite, playing classic rock- 7-9 p.m., Alton Bay Bandstand.

Sunday, Aug. 9
Old Home Days Craft Fair- 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Railroad Square Park.

Alton Fire Department vs Alton Police Department Annual Softball Game- 10 a.m.- Jones Field.

Cribbage Tournament- 1 p.m.- Alton Bay Bandstand, Free. Arrive early to get a seat in the game.

Water Bandstand Committee Presents

Live Music Concert- 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.

Laura Ball named to Kennesaw State's Spring President's List

KENNESAW, Ga. — Laura Ball of Laconia has been named to the Kennesaw State University Spring 2026 President's List.

Majoring in Geospatial Sciences, Ball is among nearly 6,300 undergraduate students recognized on the Spring 2026 President's List.

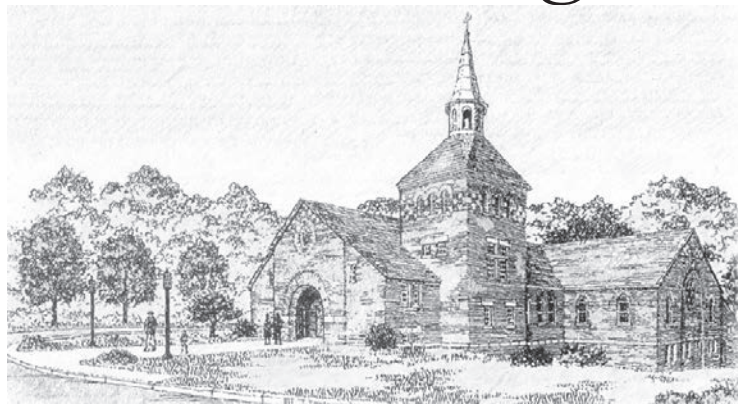
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But you can find Him here all summer.

Genesis 2 tells us, "On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken."

This summer your own vacation from work need not be a vacation from your faith. Here are a few of the regular events at our church—your church—this summer. You are welcome to join us for any or all of them:

Saturday afternoons:

Confession at church at 3:00. Mass at church at 4:00.

Sunday mornings:

Mass at church at 7:00, 8:30, and 10:30.

Mass online at 10:30 at stkdrexel.org.

Monday evenings:

"Discovery Group" discussion at church at 7:00 p.m.

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Great Waters brings Neil Berg's '60's Celebration to Moultonborough

MOULTONBOROUGH — Great Waters Summer Concerts is proud to present Neil Berg's The 60's — Peace, Love & Rock & Roll as part of its Concerts in the Clouds series on Friday, July 17, from 7:30–9 p.m. Set beneath the signature acoustical tent at Castle in the Clouds, this electrifying, open-air performance will transport audiences back to one of the most influential decades in music history—all in one of New Hampshire's most breathtaking mountaintop settings.



American history, weaving together music with the stories behind the artists and the social movements that inspired them. With stunning vocals, dynamic musicianship, and engaging narration, the performance captures the spirit, energy, and lasting impact of a decade that continues to resonate today.

Set against sweeping views of Lake Winnepesaukee, the Concerts in the Clouds venue offers a truly unique summer concert experience. Guests are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy a full evening at the mountaintop venue. Food trucks will be on site serving a variety of options from 5:30 p.m. through the show, and the Castle bar will be open for beverages starting at 5:30 p.m.

Great Waters Summer Concerts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing world-class music to New Hampshire's Lakes Region, continues its tradition of presenting

exceptional performances in extraordinary settings. Concerts like Neil Berg's The 60's showcase the organization's commitment to creating memorable, high-quality experiences that bring audiences together through the power of live music.

Great Waters is a nonprofit dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the Lakes Region. Special thanks to our leadership sponsors—Eastern Propane and Oil, Belknap Landscaping, Maxfield Real Estate, Paul Zimmerman, Fidelity Investments, and Lake Winni Team—for making this season possible.

The performance will take place at Concerts in the Clouds at Castle in the Clouds, 483 Ossipee Park Rd., Moultonborough. Tickets are available at www.greatwaters.org, by phone at (603) 569-7710, or at the Great Waters office in Wolfeboro.

Local residents named to Clark University's Spring Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Emalee R. Bunker of Barnstead and Emily D. Gardner of Gilmanton have been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2026 semester.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-

based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 44 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community

partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

Created and produced by acclaimed composer and producer Neil Berg, this high-energy concert experience brings together a cast of Broadway stars and world-class musicians to celebrate the iconic sounds of the 1960s. Through a powerful combination of live music and fascinating storytelling, the show highlights the songs that defined a generation

and shaped the era's cultural landscape. Audiences can expect unforgettable performances of hits by legendary artists such as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Aretha Franklin, Janis Joplin, The Who, Simon & Garfunkel, and more.

More than just a concert, Neil Berg's The '60's offers a journey through a transformative time in

Laconia resident Rhea Ganchi named to Worcester Polytechnic Institute's Dean's List

WORCESTER, Mass. — Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) has announced that Rhea Ganchi, a member of the class of 2027 majoring in Civil Engineering, was named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the

spring 2026 semester.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differ from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI students are named to the Dean's List based on the amount of

work completed at the A level in courses and hands-on projects.

"WPI's academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on

real-world, open-ended problems on campus and in communities around the globe. Far from being simple academic exercises, the projects students complete have genuine and lasting impacts in our partner communities," said Provost Andrew Sears. "Some of this nation's best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering, science, business, and the humanities. Those named to the Dean's List have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students."

About Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is a top-tier, STEM-focused university with an R1 research classification and global leadership in project-based learning. Founded in 1865, WPI's distinctive approach integrates classroom theory with real-world practice, preparing students to tackle critical challenges through inclusive education, impactful projects, and interdisciplinary research. With more than 70 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments and over 50 global project centers, WPI advances knowledge and innovation in fields such as life sciences, smart technologies, advanced materials and manufacturing, and global innovation. Learn more at www.wpi.edu.



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Ty Gagne will be returning to Wolfeboro for Coffee and Conversation at The Country Bookseller on Thursday, July 16t from 10:30 a.m. to noon. He will take questions from attendees about his three books, "Where You'll Find Me," "The Last Traverse," and "The Lions of Winter." New Hampshire native, Ty Gagne's experiences in the White Mountains and his love of mountaineering literature played a significant role in his life. He credits his experiences in the White Mountains and his love of mountaineering literature for providing important lessons about decision-making, leadership, risk-taking, and humility. His professional work as chief executive officer of New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange and his role as a certified Wilderness First Responder have allowed him to put those lessons to use on an almost daily basis. For more information or to reserve copies of any of Ty's books, please call The Country Bookseller at (603) 569-6030.

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SPORTS

A quick trip to New York to close out June

Over the years I have visited New York City many times. Often times it has been for Rob Has A Podcast Survivor events, other times it's been for Olympic press days and other times it's just been to see a Broadway show or two.

With my slower season at this job arriving and with less than a week or so until the busy season started in my other job, I wanted to take a chance to get out of town for a little bit in the last two days off I will have in a row for a while.

So, last Monday afternoon after doing the baking, I headed to Boston and caught the train to New York City, arriving in the rain after 7 p.m. I left my umbrella in the car but grabbed one at the CVS in South Station before leaving Boston and that was helpful as I made my way to the hotel.

I grabbed some dinner at Shake Shack before getting to the hotel and spent my evening doing a lot of editing, helping the editor cover four of our titles while he was dealing with a family emergency. The next morning I took care of organizing and sending all the stuff I had edited to the paginators before heading out for the day.

I left the hotel near Times Square with the idea of walking a bit towards Battery Park, where I had to catch a ferry to the Statue of Liberty. However, since it wasn't really raining, I ended up walking the entire way and got on the ferry a little early. In all my times visiting New York, I had never been out to the Statue of Liberty before, so I thought with a day to myself, I could get out there and see it. Of course it rained a little, but it wasn't too bad and I got up on the pedestal and walked around Liberty Island before catching the ferry to nearby Ellis Island, where I toured the facilities where

SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING

millions of people made their first steps into America. It was pretty impressive and it was great to see they are refurbishing the building on Ellis Island.

I took the ferry back, had a late lunch and instead of walking all the way back to the hotel, grabbed an

JOSHUA SPAULDING (Right) I made my first trip to Liberty Island to see the Statue of Liberty and also visited Ellis Island and saw a Broadway show during a quick trip to New York last week.



Uber. After a short break, I was out again, heading up past Times Square to see Haddesdon and had a late dinner at Junior's. I've seen a number of musicals on Broadway and this one stacked up nicely with some of the others. Earlier in the week I'd seen the national touring production of Les Miserables, my favorite musical of all time, in Boston and later in the week I saw Come From Away at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse, making for a busy week in theater.

My original plan was to see another show on Wednesday afternoon before heading back to Boston, but we had a mandatory meeting at the bakery on Wednesday afternoon, so I

caught the early train back to Boston and was back in Wolfeboro by noon.

I am not sure when I will get another chance to go anywhere that isn't work related, so it was good to get a little time outside of Wolfeboro.

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Newcomer takes top honors on Mount Washington

Meikael Beaudoin Rousseau tops men's field, Amber Ferrierra leads women

PINKHAM NOTCH — The 65th running of the Delta Dental Mt. Washington Road Race was held in beautiful conditions with calm winds, a rarity on the mountain.

From the gun, Joseph Gray, 42, of Colorado Springs, Colo.—a legend of the race and an eight-time champion—ran shoulder-to-shoulder with Meikael Beaudoin Rousseau, 26, of Boulder, Colo. A former standout at Stanford University, Beaudoin Rousseau has quickly established himself as one of North America's top trail and mountain runners with several major victories already to his name.

The pair set a blistering pace, opening a sizable gap on a chase pack of four runners by the one-mile mark. By mile two, Beaudoin Rousseau had broken away from Gray, steadily extending his lead over the remainder of the climb. He stormed to the summit in 59:51, becoming the first runner to break the one-hour barrier since Gray accomplished the feat in 2017.

The victory was all the more remarkable considering Beaudoin Rousseau underwent double knee surgery in December, didn't resume jogging until April, and has averaged no more than 20 miles per week in training. Simply making it to the starting line was an accomplishment; winning in such dominant fashion was extraordinary. After crossing the finish line, his reaction summed it up best: "That was so hard, but I'm so grateful that I can do it."

Gray was overtaken shortly after the halfway point by Remi Leroux, 29, of Waterloo, Quebec. Leroux held on to finish second in 1:01:54, while Gray claimed third in 1:02:24. The ageless Eric Blake, 47, of West Hartford, Conn., finished fourth in 1:03:00, and defending champion Alexandre Ricard, 37, of Squamish, British Colum-

bia, rounded out the top five in 1:04:00.

On the women's side, Amber Ferreira, 44, of Concord cruised to her second Mt. Washington Road Race victory in four years, posting an impressive time of 1:13:52. Her performance was good for 15th overall and more than a minute faster than her previous winning time. Ferreira led from start to finish, dominating a race that was never in doubt.

Hali Hafeman, 34, of Golden, Colo., finished second in 1:17:02, more than three minutes behind Ferreira. Hannah Rowe, 34, of Boston, Mass., claimed third in 1:18:02 after a strong finish. Close behind was Kasie Enman, 46, of Huntington, Vt., who placed fourth in 1:18:17. Haley Heinrich, 34, of Newbury completed the top five in 1:20:39.

Ferreira also captured the Crossan Cup as the first

female finisher from New Hampshire. On the men's side, Sean McCauley, 34, of Canterbury earned Crossan Cup honors by finishing eighth overall in 1:09:43.

The first non-binary finisher was Winter Parts, 28, of Towson, Md., who crossed the line in 1:12:38.

Sponsored by Delta Dental, the race ascends the Mt. Washington Auto Road from Pinkham Notch to the 6,288-foot summit of Mt. Washington. Runners can expect to be challenged by the unrelenting grade (av-

eraging 12 percent), Mt. Washington's famously high winds, precipitation, and unpredictable temperatures, which makes this race truly one of a kind. Prizes include \$1,000 apiece for the first male and female finishers, smaller cash prizes for the next five men and women and the top three male and female masters (over 40), prizes for the first male and female finishers from New Hampshire, and a \$500 bonus for setting a new course record.

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SPORTS

Trio of Golden Eagles compete in decathlon and heptathlon championships

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

NASHUA — Track athletes from around the state of New Hampshire descended on Nashua South High School on Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21, to take part in the decathlon and heptathlon championships.

The New Hampshire decathlon is the oldest high school decathlon in the country and the heptathlon was one of the first in the country for young women. The decathlon's two-day, 10-even test has been crowning a champion for almost 70 years and the heptathlon has been crowning a champ for nearly 50 years.

The decathlon has athletes competing in the 100 meters, long jump, shot put, high jump, 400 meters, 110-meter hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and 1,500 meters.

In the decathlon, Winnisquam's Taber Hagggett was the top local finisher, placing fourth overall with 5,587 points. His top showing was in the javelin, where he placed third with a toss of 47.5 meters.

His Winnisquam teammate Nolan Abbott was 10th overall with 4,994 points and his top showing was in the 1,500 meters, where he placed fourth in 4:35.84. Gunnar Marvel of Gilford finished in 17th

place with 4,635 points and his best event was in the discus, where he placed second at 43.11 meters.

Former Winnisquam standout Dylan Griffin, who transferred to Newfound in the middle of the track season, finished in 26th place overall with 4,262 points with a top finish of fourth in the pole vault at 3.66 meters. Gavin Berube of White Mountains Regional finished in 28th place with 4,133 points, also earning his top finish in the pole vault in 11th place at 3.19 meters.

Winnisquam's Dayton Brigante was 36th overall with 3,974 points and his best finish was in the pole

vault, clearing 3.51 meters for sixth place. Berlin's Angus Steele was 45th overall with 3,609 points and his top showing was in the high jump, clearing 1.63 meters for 16th place.

Landon Akerstrom of Gilford was 57th overall with 3,216 points with a top performance in the 110-meter hurdles in 18.93 seconds for 21st place. Max Colby of White Mountains was 60th overall with 3,103 points with a top finish in the discus with a throw of 38.25 meters for fifth place.

Camden Bingham of White Mountains was 71st overall with 2,699 points and his top finish was in the 100 meters in a time of 12.12 seconds for 24th place. Teammate Stinson Myles was 72nd overall with 2,676 points and his best performance was in the 110-meter hurdles with a 33rd place finish in 20.2 seconds.

The heptathlon had competitors compete in the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin and 800 meters.

Olivia Lorenz of White Mountains Regional was the top local finisher, placing fourth with 3,314 points, earning the top overall time in the 800 meters in 2:28.2. Isabel Lawton of Profile finished right behind in fifth place with 3,300 points and

was the top overall finisher in the high jump at 1.52 meters.

Pearl Marvel of Gilford finished in seventh place overall with 3,246 points and had her best finish in the high jump at 1.47 meters for third place. Alexandria Myers of Winnisquam finished in 21st place overall with 2,788 points and her top performance was in the long jump at 4.94 meters, which was second in that discipline.

Cecilia Steele of Berlin finished in 27th place overall with 2,679 points with her best finish coming in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.24 seconds for 14th place. Eloise Abbott of Winnisquam was 29th overall in 2,625 points and her best showing was in the high jump, clearing 1.42 meters for sixth place.

Profile's Sarah Caron was 31st overall with 2,539 points and was 19th in both the javelin (20.95 seconds) and the 800 meters (2:45.37). Lilly Caron of Profile was 33rd overall with 2,447 points and had a best performance of 22nd in the 100-meter hurdles in 18.95 seconds.

Berlin's Temperance Steele finished in 41st overall with 2,113 points and had a best performance of 12th in the javelin at 23.43 meters. Josephine Myers of Winnisquam was 42nd

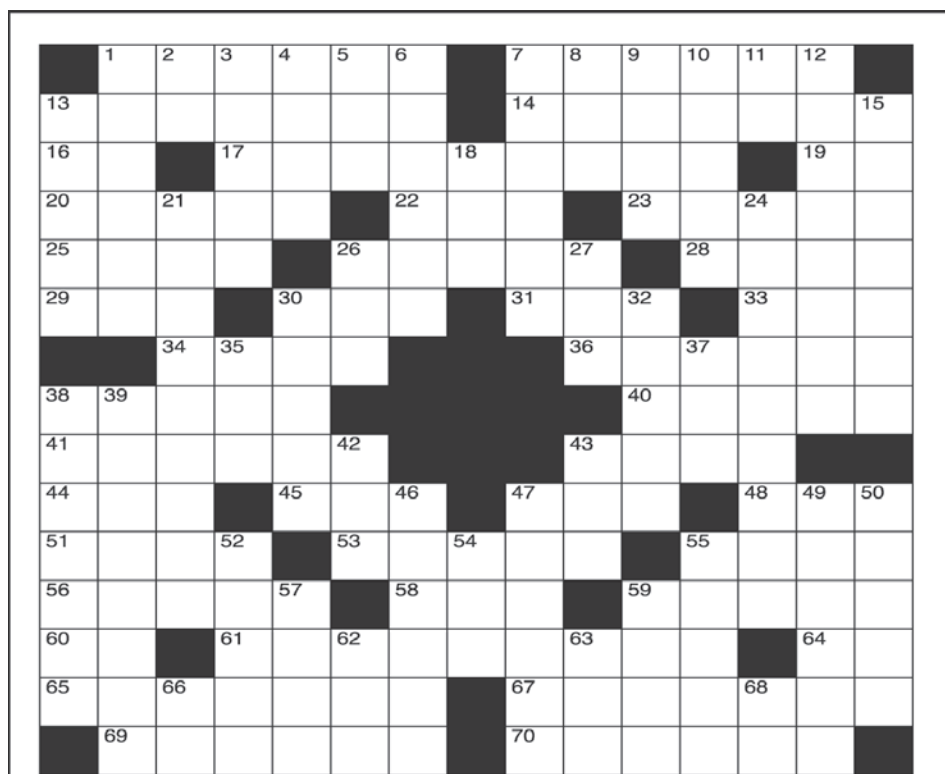
overall with 2,112 points with a best performance of 11th in the shot put at 7.63 meters.

Profile's Caitlin Detamore was 44th overall with 2,082 points and her best showing was in the shot put with a 25th place finish at 6.82 meters. Teammate Julietta Wakeham was 51st overall with 1,923 points and a top performance of 18th in the high jump at 1.37 meters.

Kyra Russell of Winnisquam was 52nd overall with 1,915 points and had a best showing in the shot put at 6.78 meters for 26th place while Jaysyn Tarr of Profile was 53rd overall with 1,889 points and had a top showing in the 800 meters with a time of 2:46.76 for 22nd place.

Meaghan Russo of White Mountains Regional was 57th overall with 1,784 points and had her best showing in the 200 meters in 30.62 seconds for 39th place. Berlin's Brooke Laflamme was 59th overall with 1,763 points, finishing second overall in the javelin at 28.19 meters. Teammate Cassidy Lefebvre was 67th overall with 1,124 points and had a best showing in the 800 meters in 3:07.24 for 49th place.

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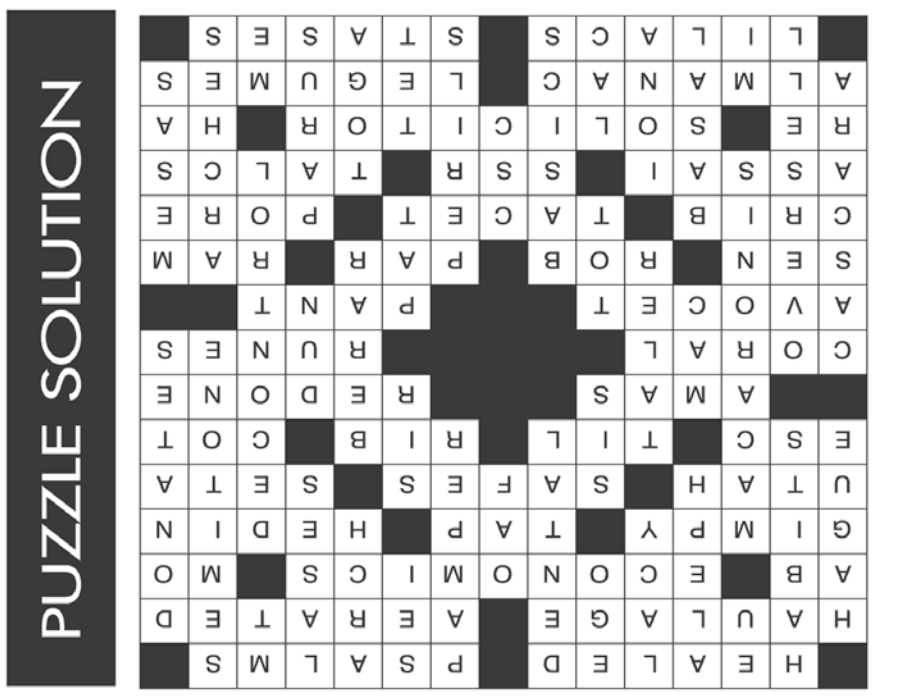


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Mended
- 7. Hymns
- 13. Commercial transport of goods
- 14. Poked holes in the ground
- 16. They precede C
- 17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth
- 19. Larry and Curly's pal
- 20. Injured
- 22. Popular type of dance
- 23. Moon crater
- 25. American state
- 26. Places to lock valuables
- 28. Stalk that supports the capsule
- 29. Keyboard key
- 30. ___ death do us part
- 31. A type of cage
- 33. A place to sleep
- 34. Annual music awards show
- 36. Made over
- 38. Hard, stony substance
- 40. Incantations
- 41. Long-legged, wading bird
- 43. Breathe noisily
- 44. Congressman
- 45. Rip off
- 47. Golf score
- 48. Popular pickup truck
- 51. Where infants sleep
- 53. Music term
- 55. Small opening in a surface
- 56. Musical term meaning "very"
- 58. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 59. Treats with powder
- 60. Email subject line feature
- 61. A British lawyer
- 64. Expression of laughter
- 65. Farmer's calendar
- 67. Seeds used as food
- 69. Eurasian shrubs
- 70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hard things to kick
- 2. Collective of countries
- 3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
- 5. One's sense of self-esteem
- 6. Of the teeth
- 7. Treat with care
- 8. Type of whale
- 9. Curved structure
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
- 12. Smallest interval in western music
- 13. Netherlands seat of government
- 15. Gives to charitably
- 18. Lout
- 21. Pastas
- 24. Release from restrictions
- 26. Female sibling
- 27. Title of respect
- 30. Silver coins
- 32. Region in India
- 35. Partner to cheese
- 37. Dark or dusky
- 38. Pacific Northwest tree
- 39. Exaggerate
- 42. Toddler
- 43. Touch lightly
- 46. Fundamentals
- 47. Jeopardies
- 49. Curved structures
- 50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
- 52. Forming the bottom layer
- 54. Reciprocal of sine
- 55. Genus of Old World birds
- 57. New York college
- 59. Cloak
- 62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)
- 63. Vietnamese offensive
- 66. "The Great Lakes State"
- 68. "___, myself and I"



Local residents to participate in 2026 Pan-Mass Challenge to support cancer research

NEEDHAM, Mass. — This August 1 and 2, the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) will bring together more than 6,000 cyclists and 4,000 volunteers on August 1-2 to raise money for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants from local communities will be among those helping support the PMC's mission to fund lifesaving cancer research and treatment.

Local participants include Lynne Martel of New Durham, Steven McCusker of Center Barnstead, David Hamblet of Gilford and Ashley Magoon of Laconia. The PMC, which raises more money for charity than any other single athletic fundraiser in the world, is aiming to raise more than ever this year, with a fundraising goal of \$79 million.

This year's PMC comes at an especially critical time, with federal research support shrinking, grant approval rates reaching historic lows, and cancer cases continuing to rise. For the 20th consecutive year, 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar will go directly to Dana-Farber, one of the nation's top three hospitals for cancer research and care.

"The theme for this year's PMC, which is 'now, more than ever,' underscores the paramount importance of every single dollar raised in fueling the search for a cure," said Billy Starr, founder and chairman of the PMC. "We are endlessly grateful to every rider, volunteer, donor, and sponsor who makes the PMC possible. Because of their

training miles, long hours of volunteering, generous support, and unwavering commitment, we are moving ever closer to a world without cancer."

Since its inception in 1980, the PMC has raised \$1.125 billion for Dana-Farber, making it the organization's largest single contributor and accounting for 67 percent of the annual revenue of The Jimmy Fund, Dana-Farber's community-driven fundraising arm. This unrestricted annual funding has empowered and accelerated advancements in cancer research, deeply benefitting patients across the world.

During each annual PMC weekend, thousands of cyclists and volunteers come together from across the world, hailing from 47 US states and 12 countries, with a shared purpose of raising as much money as possible for Dana-Farber. Cyclists ride routes ranging from 25 to 177 miles. Included among these participants is the PMC Living Proof community, riders and volunteers who were previously treated or are currently undergoing cancer treatment and serve as Living Proof of the progress made through raising funds for cancer research and treatment.

There is still time to participate in this year's Pan-Mass Challenge. Folks interested in getting involved can learn more and register at PMC.org.

About the Pan-Mass Challenge
The Pan-Mass Challenge

PSU hosting book launch for coach Joan Forge

PLYMOUTH — In celebration of the publication of her book, "Forging a Positive Team Culture: A Coach's Guide to Building a Healthy Athletic Environment,"

Plymouth State University will be hosting a book launch for volleyball coach Joan Forge on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the school's HUB Hague

Room. Anyone interested in purchasing the book, with all proceeds going to benefit the Plymouth State University student-athletes, can find the book on Amazon.com.

Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events

July 2 - July 9

Thursday, July 2
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

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

Garden Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dirt Cups, 10-11 a.m.

To celebrate the end of Garden Week come in and enjoy some dirt cups!

Build a Bouquet, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join in on the family fun by picking out your own flowers and building a bouquet!

French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, July 3
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Saturday, July 4
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Monday, July 6
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.

Tea Party Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

This week we will be making paper teacups then join us on Friday from 3pm to 4pm for bubble tea and pink lemonade!

Baby Storytime, 10-

10:30 a.m.

Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.

Bits & Bytes Computer Literacy, 11 a.m. to noon

This month's topic will cover general cell phone literacy and navigation.

Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Writing Wizards, 4-5 p.m.

Mystery Book Discussion, 5-6 p.m.

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion

of "Fortune Favors the Dead" by Stephen Spotswood. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Tuesday, July 7
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.

Tea Party Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon

Summer Camp Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Common Men: The True Story of the First

American Fight, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Join Gilford native Nathan Tidd for a discussion of the research, storytelling approach, and historical importance of his new book, "Common Men: The True Story of the First American Fight," a shot-by-shot narrative of the American Revolution's opening skirmish that not only agrees with every eyewitness statement (on both sides) but also offers a clear answer to the longstanding question: "Who shot first?" Books will be available for purchase.

Wednesday, July 8

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Tea Party Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 10-11 a.m.

Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon

Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon

Farm to Table Exer-

cise Social, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Storytime at the Beach, noon to 1 p.m.

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Thursday, July 9
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Tea Party Week, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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

Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon

Pressed Flower Book Mark - Adult Craft, 1-2 p.m.

Create a beautiful pressed flower book mark to keep or give to someone special. This will count for Numbers 19 and 33 in your Summer Reading Passport! Sign-up is required.

French, 4-5 p.m.

Squam Lakes Science Center, 4-5 p.m.

Squam Lakes Science Center will be bringing beautiful animals to show and teach us all about them!

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from June 19-23.

Lawrence H. Daly, Jr., age 62, was arrested on June 19 for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and DUI-Impairment.

Kyle Walker Harding, age 22, was arrested on June 19 in connection with a warrant.

Kevin Bryant Alves, age 51, was arrested on June 19 for DUI-Impairment and Possession of a Controlled Drug.

Dylan Lee Jordan, age 19, was arrested on June 20 for Driving Af-

ter Revocation or Suspension of license-Original and Youth.

Anrew Corey Daniels, age 29, was arrested on June 20 for Operating a vehicle Without a Valid License.

Justin A. Ham, age 32, was arrested on June 20 for DUI-Impairment.

Jared Michael Bowen, age 39, was arrested on June 20 for DUI-Impairment.

Kyle W. Kaufman, age 30, was arrested on June 21 for Disobeying an Officer, Reckless Operation, and DUI-Impairment.

Charlene M. Leighton, age 61, was arrested

on June 21 for operating a motor vehicle after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

A 22-year-old female was taken into protective custody for intoxication on June 21.

Devin Christopher Clark, age 20, was arrested on June 21 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

Anna Carina Croteau, age 38, was arrested on June 21 for operating a motor vehicle after Suspension of Vehicle Registration. Daniel Stebbins Peterson, age 41, was arrested during the same incident for Driv-

ing After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Derrick Alexander Jacobs, age 60, was arrested on June 21 for multiple counts of Dealing in Counterfeit Goods.

Dontee Dejean Hudson, age 43, was arrested on June 21 for multiple counts of Dealing in Counterfeit Goods.

Vandy Pin, age 40, was arrested on June 22 in connection with a warrant.

Kendra L. Van Loon, age 36, was arrested on June 22 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking in an amount less than \$1,000.

2026 Household Hazardous Waste events are starting up

REGION — The Lakes Region Planning Commission will be hosting its annual Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections again in 2026.

This year's event will feature six collection dates and nine collection sites that all participating residents may attend. The season will kick-off on June 20 with collection sites in Franklin and Wolfeboro. The collection season will end on Sept. 19 with the final collection in Laconia. This year, the collections will be open to residents and taxpayers in 22 participating Lakes Region communities.

There is a variety of toxic and harmful materials that can be found

in Lakes Region homes. These toxic materials are known as hazardous waste substances that can poison or contaminate our local environment like surface, ground or drinking water. Materials may include flammables, corrosive or reactive substances that can be found in your household, gardening supplies, garage, workbench or art supplies. Toxic materials that pose ground water contamination threats are not allowed at local transfer stations. This is important for protecting human health and the water quality upon which the Lakes Region economy depends.

In addition to the Saturday, June 20 collections in Franklin & Wolfeboro, collections

will also be held on Saturday, July 25 in Gilford & Meredith; Saturday, Aug. 1 in Alton & Moultonborough; Thursday, Aug. 27 in Tuftonboro; Thursday, Sept. 3 in Bristol; and Saturday, Sept. 19 in Laconia. Saturday collections will run from 8:30 a.m. – noon, and Thursday collections will run from 2 – 6 p.m. All collection sites will be hosted at the same locations as our 2025 collection event.

Residents and residential taxpayers in the 22 participating communities may bring up to 10 gallons or 50 pounds of household hazardous products in for safe disposal at the collection site that is most convenient for them. Participating communities for the 2026 collections are Alton, Alexandria, Andover, Bridgewater, Bristol, Center Harbor, Franklin, Gilford, Gilmanston, Hebron, Hill,

Holderness, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, & Wolfeboro.

SPORTS

Fernald earns All-Academic honors for Plymouth State

PLYMOUTH — The Little East Conference (LEC) announced 75 Plymouth State University student-athletes competing in the league's spring championship sports have been named to the 2026 LEC Spring All-Academic Team.

To earn LEC All-Academic Team honors a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore in the classroom, have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher through the completion of

the previous semester and have been at their current institution for at least one full academic year.

A total of 583 student-athletes league-wide were recognized in the sports of baseball, softball, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's outdoor track & field and men's tennis.

Plymouth State's 75 honorees were the second most in the league, trailing just UMass Boston (101).

Keene State was third with 70.

The LEC announces its All-Academic Teams following the conclusion of their respective championship seasons.

Local athletes included on the list include softball sophomore Mackenzie Griswold of Bath, track sophomore Noah Francis of Bethlehem, track senior Amber Fernald of Alton and track sophomore Molly Glew of Plymouth.

NHBM announces summer

Children's Story Hour dates

MOULTONBOROUGH — The New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will offer Children's Story Hour in collaboration with the Moultonborough Public Library on three Thursdays this summer: June 11, July 9, Aug. 6, and Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to noon. Each session is open to families with children ages two through six.

Moultonborough children's librarian Sharon Gulla will lead each session, reading stories to attendees. A craft activity will follow each reading.

The program is free, and registration is not required, with sessions taking place in the museum's exhibit space near the toy boat collection and the full-size marina exhibit.

Children's Story Hour is one of several programs NHBM offers as part of its 2026 season, which highlights New Hampshire's freshwater boating heritage through dynamic exhibits, youth programs like Junior Skippers, and on-the-water experiences. To learn more about Children's Story Hour and other programs, visit nhbm.org.

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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	650 Alton Mountain Rd.	Farm	\$710,000	Boberin LLC	Michael and Margaret Griffin
Alton	47 Stage Coach Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$575,000	Thomas E. Fry 1992 Trust	Carlton Campbell
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$550,000	Mills RET and Ernest S. Mills	Blue Eyes RET 2016 and Thomas Anderson
Alton	N/A (Lot 28)	N/A	\$350,000	Alessandra Bertelli	Frank Kell and Judith O. Bisson
Barnstead	45 N. Shore Dr.	N/A	\$374,933	RF Downing Homes LLC	Joseph E. Gonsalves
Barnstead	22 Pinepark Dr.	N/A	\$490,000	Fay Enterprises LLC	Nathan Johanson
Barnstead	Province Road	N/A	\$100,000	Patriotplots LLC	BMT Construction LLC
Barnstead	Route 28	N/A	\$495,000	Shawn Hillsgrove	Jason Arnstein
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 196)	N/A	\$785,000	Maurice J. and Lola Cusson	Iilana M. Fandel Separate Shar
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 23)	N/A	\$627,000	James M. Machinchock Trust	James Andrew Kelley
Gilford	67 Bedford Ave.	Single-Family Residence	\$750,000	Jeffrey S. and Tara N. McDonald	Patrick F. and Jennifer L. Carroll
Gilford	34 Cherry Valley Rd.	Municipal Property	\$70,000	Town of Gilford	Jeb LLC
Gilford	48 Cherry Valley Rd.	Municipal Property	\$60,000	Town of Gilford	Jeb LLC
Gilford	56 Cherry Valley Rd.	Municipal Property	\$52,533	Town of Gilford	Jeb LLC
Gilford	62 Cherry Valley Rd.	Municipal Property	\$53,000	Town of Gilford	Patrycjusz and Jennifer Nutter Pilarz
Gilford	24 Jay Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$482,933	Steven Elbert and Gretchen Marie Peckham	Nicholas Barone
Gilford	663 N/A	N/A	\$360,000	David Hunt	Jennifer Lynn Leonard
Gilford	73 N/A	N/A	\$173,400	John T. and Koreen M. Henne	John and Amy Teheen
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$155,000	Keith E. and Diane L. Gardner	Christansen Fiscal Trust and Matthew J. Christensen
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$192,000	Ralph G. and Eric V. Schubert	Michael Joseph Brunelle
Gilford	N/A (Lot 11)	N/A	\$118,533	Michael and Lisa Lafontaine	Tammy S. and Dennis G. Belliveau
Gilmanton	104 Ridgewood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$529,933	Jennifer Leonard	Thomas K. and Lucille A. Miles
Gilmanton	N/A (Lot 56F)	N/A	\$265,000	Aeden Mitchell Malhiot and Alice Winnifred Moriarty	M&J Fiscal Trust and James A. Morris
Gilmanton	N/A (Lot 57F)	N/A	\$265,000	Aeden Mitchell Malhiot and Alice Winnifred Moriarty	M*J Fiscal Trust and James A. Morris
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$350,000	R. & Evelyn F. Moulton RET	Raymond and Patricia Gilbert

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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

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LEGALS

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Tuesday, July 14, 2026
7:00 PM at the NEW DURHAM COMMUNITY ROOM & ZOOM
Brian D. and Dawn M. O'Leary
You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM for Case #2026-004. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Anthony Jones of Jones & Beach Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Brian D. and Dawn M. O'Leary located at 138 South Shore Road, Map 122, Lot 025. The applicant is requesting Variances to **Article V. E. Flood Hazard Area and Water Body Setbacks**. No new buildings, except for water-related structures, shall be located in a flood hazard area, or less than seventy-five (75) feet from any water body or river, **Article V. G. Building Height**. Any dwelling or place of business on a conforming lot shall be thirty-five (35) feet maximum from the average parent lot grade surrounding the building to the highest point of the roof, **Article XIII. Water Quality Protection Overlay District. D. Dimensional Requirements. 3. Table 9.** Distance Adjustments for Steep Slope Areas, **Article XIV. Shorefront Conservation Overlay District. C. Dimensional Requirements 1. Minimum Shore Frontage.** Each dwelling with direct water access and with shore frontage as part of the lot dimension shall have a minimum shore frontage of one hundred fifty (150) feet, and **Article XIV. Shorefront Conservation Overlay District. C. Dimensional Requirements 2. Building setback:** Except for water-related structures, all buildings shall be set a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from the reference line.
The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review by appointment by calling (603) 859-2091 ext. 2007. You can also contact via email: ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov



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TUNESDAYS

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nations from local residents, businesses, and community supporters, the program has been saved for another season.

"We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed," said Celeste Chasse, Director of the New Durham Parks & Recreation Department. "This series exists because our community believes in it. Every donation, large or small, helped make these events possible."

Each evening will feature live music, a food truck,

and opportunities to connect with friends and neighbors, and a welcoming atmosphere for all ages. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a summer evening outdoors.

The series will culminate on Aug. 4 with our third annual National Night Out, a community festival. On this night we'll have Touch-a-truck with the New Durham Police and Paint-a-Plow with DPW starting at 5 p.m. At 5:30 p.m., we'll have a foam party, and all the kids are invited to bring a swimsuit and towel and have some fun in a giant

foam pit. There will also be a dinosaur scavenger hunt, yard games, and more. Live music will begin at 6 p.m.

The Library and Parks & Recreation are currently seeking vendors for this year's Tuesdays at the Park series. Vendor spaces are available for \$20 per table, providing a great opportunity to connect with local families and community members. Interested vendors can sign up through either the New Durham Public Library or New Durham Parks & Recreation. Vendor

fees directly support this community event and help ensure its continued success.

The Library and Parks & Recreation Department would like to extend a special thank you to the individuals and businesses whose generosity made the return of TUESDAYS at the Park possible. Funding for the 2026 concert series was provided through contributions from the Library Board of Trustees, New Durham Parks & Recreation, Meredith Village

Savings Bank, and an anonymous donor.

Community members can find updates, performance announcements, and event information through the New Durham Public Library and New Durham Parks & Recreation social media pages.

2026 Tuesdays at the Park schedule

• Tuesday, July 7 features The Revolutionaries.

• Tuesday, July 14 features The Hempcats.

• Tuesday, July 21 Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals will

be there at 5pm, followed by Littl3few.

• Tuesday, July 28 features Chris Bonoli.

• Tuesday, Aug. 4 is National Night Out. Touch a Truck with the Police and Paint-a-Plow with the DPW begins at 5 p.m. Families can bring their kids (& a towel!) for a foam party at 5:30pm. Live music from The Wooden Nickels will be from 6-8 p.m.

All events will be held at the ballfields at Smitty's Way and are free and open to the public.

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of Hopkinton, Max Sweeney of ConVal and Noah Whipple of Kearsarge, short stick defender Alex Eastman of Lebanon, long stick midfielders Callum O'Connor of Trinity and Brecken O'Reilly of Laconia, defenders Chris Amato of Laconia, Kyle Cimis of Bow, Sam Morrison of Campbell and Wyatt Puza of John Stark and goalie Rocco Bartling of Milford.

Dennis Reilly of Lebanon was named Division III Coach of the Year and Jay Gallipo of Coe-Brown as named Assistant Coach of the Year.

In Division II, First Team honors went to Kingswood defender Ryker Booth while Second Team honors went to Kingswood midfielder Keller Peacock.

Joining Booth in earning First Team honors were attacks Ryan Maxwell and Beckett Rath of Winnacunnet and Jeff Keyes of Oyster River-Newmarket, midfielders Mike O'Hearn of Hollis-Brookline, Sam Diddle of Portsmouth, Vittorio Masone of Derryfield, Gabe Johnson of Pembroke, Spencer Zigler of Winnacunnet and Demetrius Tsakiris of Oyster River-Newmarket, faceoff specialists Alec Mitchell of Winnacunnet and Jackson Hatfield of Derryfield, short stick defensive midfielder John Taylor of Hanover, long stick midfielder Junior Paschal of Winnacunnet, defenders Andy Brown and Nash

Conklin of Portsmouth, Patrick Masoni of Derryfield, Reid Kimball of Souhegan, Noah Babin of Goffstown and Kavi Weber of Oyster River-Newmarket and goalie Jake More of St. Thomas.

Joining Peacock in earning Second Team honors were attacks Grady Estes of St. Thomas, Sam Petrella of Hollis-Brookline, Gus Baker and Max Denneen of Portsmouth, Emerson Stover of Derryfield, Rocco Psareas of Timberlane, Liam McNally of Winnacunnet and Alex Moody of Oyster River-Newmarket, midfielders Luke Daily of St. Thomas, Trevor Sifferlen of Portsmouth, Logan Hickman of Spaulding, Sam Bagatell of Hanover, Gio Recesso of Timberlane and Burke Spalding of Winnacunnet, faceoff specialist Cole Levesque of Oyster River-Newmarket, short stick defender Garrett Lande of Derryfield, long stick midfielder Cooper Copeland of St. Thomas, defenders Alistair Wright of Derryfield, Ben Hill of Goffstown, Nick Vaccarezza of Timberlane and Evan Stamper of Winnacunnet and goalies Liam England of Derryfield and Joel Williams of Winnacunnet.

Alec Mitchell of Winnacunnet was named Offensive Player of the Year, Nash Conklin of Portsmouth was named Defensive Player of the Year and Pat Snow of Winnacunnet was named Coach of the Year.

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Share some summer laughs with The Village Players

WOLFEBORO — If you're looking for a little comedy this summer, the Village Players have just the answer.

Veteran Village Players directors Russ Ellis and Jay Sydow take the helm of "The Play That Goes Wrong," a comedy that literally will bring the walls down.

"The Play That Goes Wrong" focuses on Comley University Drama Society's newest production, "The Murder at Haversham Manor," where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show — an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including



Bob Tuttle (Arthur the gardener), Kaylin Gagne (Annie) and Christian Boudman (Inspector Carter) make an unusual phone chain in rehearsals for "The Play That Goes Wrong," opening on July 24, at The Village Players Theater in Wolfeboro.

their lines). Nevertheless, to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences/ Part

Bean as Inspector Carter), Bob Rautenberg (Jonathan Harris as Charles Haversham), Jonathan Flower (Robert Grove as Thomas Colleymore), Bob Tuttle (Max Bennett as Cecil Haversham and Arthur the gardener), AJ O'Neil (Dennis Tyde as Perkins the butler), Paul Stewart (lights and sound guy Trevor Watson) and returning to the Village Players stage for the first time in many years, Kaylin Gagne (stage manager Annie Twilfoil). Sarah Kuhn (Sandra Wilkinson as Florence Colleymore), who made her Village Players debut in last summer's "Calendar Girls," returns to the stage.

The show also features members of the Comley University Drama Society stage crew, who are "helping" to make the show go on as planned. Jeremy Hardin and Helen Rautenberg

return to the Village Players stage after playing multiple roles over the years, Julie Mills returns after making her debut in the spring production of "The Lady Piveteran actors on the Village Players stage include Christian Boudman (Chris

debut.

"The Play That Goes Wrong" will be on the Village Players stage on July 24, 25 and 31 and Aug. 1, all at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. Once again, The Village Players are offering tiered ticket prices for patrons who purchase tickets online. The \$45 "Hero" ticket helps to sustain Village Players shows in addition to covering costs including heating/cooling, cleaning, repairs, insurance and general upkeep of the building. The "Patron" \$20 ticket pays for the current show costs including costumes, publicity, scenery, scripts, sheet music, musicians and props. VP is also offering a \$10 ticket for "Friends." This price contributes to the current show while keeping ticket prices at a minimum. The theater hopes this price keeps prices affordable for the community. Tickets are available at Black's Paper and Gifts and online at village-players.com.

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Evan Anderson of Center Barnstead achieves President's List honors at Nichols College

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