

Reinhold, Guerin earn lacrosse All-State honors

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Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire boys' lacrosse coaches have announced the selections for the All-State teams following the end of the spring season.

In Division III, Gilford senior attack Tristan Reinhold and Plymouth junior midfielder Luke Legacy were both named First Team while Plymouth junior attack Nolan Galvin and senior short stick defensive midfielder Lincoln Manson and Gilford long stick midfielder Evan Guerin all earned Second Team honors.

Joining Reinhold and Legacy in earning First Team honors were attacks Elliot Asbury of Kearsarge, Patty Buss of Hopkinton, Carson Tucker of Laconia and Andrew Willnus of Campbell, midfielders



Gilford's Tristan Reinhold (8) and Evan Guerin (15) both earned All-State honors for Division III.

Cam Cooke of Pelham, Tully Keefe of Coe-Brown, Gavin McCabe of Bow, Eli Nadeau of Laconia, Memphis Patterson of Pelham, Brody Rollins of Laconia, Shane Smith of Hopkinton and Wyatt Tarr of Campbell, short stick defensive midfielder Tyson Landry of Campbell, faceoff specialist Ozzie Rosenholm of Hopkinton, long stick midfielder Scott Hershberger of Campbell, de-

fenders Cam Bassett of Hopkinton, Nick Hershberger of Campbell, Josh Lamparelli of Bishop Brady and Brad Sprague of Pelham and goalie James Barnett of Lebanon.

Joining Galvin and Manson in earning Second Team were attacks Merrick Chapin of Hopkinton, Aiden Cote of Pelham, Sam Frye of Coe-Brown, Sam Mize of Laconia, Brodie O'Neil

of Bow and Cruz Sandquist of Campbell, midfielders Aiden Deegan of Kearsarge, Jack Devlin of Bishop Brady, JP Hariman of Laconia, Ryan McCable of Bow, Ryan Rodler of Coe-Brown, Sawyer Slayton of Kearsarge and Jackson Westover of Hopkinton, faceoff specialists Matt Sprague of Pelham and Lucas Craig of Campbell, defenders Avery Condon of Hopkinton, Daniel

Keefe of Lebanon, Diego Jimenez of Pelham and Noah Whipple of Kearsarge and goalie Stephen Mingo-Timmins of Laconia.

Andrew Willnus of Campbell was named Offensive Player of the Year and Cam Bassett of Hopkinton was named Defensive Player of the Year. Chris Boucher of Kearsarge was named Coach of the Year and Amani Mwingira of Laconia was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

In Division II, Kingswood senior midfielder Will Crane and Kennett senior midfielder Robbie Murphy both earned Second Team honors.

First Team honors for Division II went to attacks Jack Condon of Timberlane, Jonavan Santana of Alvirne, Ryan Parke of Windham, Chili Cabot of Derryfield and Ben Purcell of Portsmouth, midfielders Austin Charest and Michael Savage of Timberlane, Ben Dufoe of Hollis-Brookline, John Kramer of Derryfield, Lukas Botnick of Winnacunnet, Zac Amend of Portsmouth and Jackson Estes and Finley DeTolla of St. Thomas, short stick defensive midfielder Dylan Suliv-eras of Windham, faceoff specialists Logan Purvis of Derryfield and Nick Smith of Portsmouth, long stick midfielder

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PMHS seniors presented with scholarships

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ALTON — Graduating seniors at Prospect Mountain High School got help on their career journey with some scholarships from around the community.

The Class of 2024 were awarded scholarship during the annual awards ceremony on June 12.

Individually, Grace Brooks was awarded the Glenn Gary DePine Memorial from the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, the Nancy L. Walker Music Scholarship (LRSF), the Paul Landry Memorial Scholarship, and the Bonnie Simpson Scholarship.

Reese Burke received the Earl B. Clark American Legions Post 42 Scholarship, the Ruth and Willard Rollins Scholarship (LRSF), the Maureen Fitzpatrick Memorial

Scholarship, the PMHS Teachers Association Scholarship, a scholarship from the Bobby Stephen's Fund for Education.

Pearl Cobern received the ApplyNH Scholarship.

Charlotte Forsythe was awarded the Alton Summer People's Scholarship (LRSF), the Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region Award in Memory of Julie Upham (LRSF), and the Joseph R. and Winona V. Houle Scholarship.

Bailey Kinney was presented the Lakes Region Technical Center's Silver Plate Award and the Prospect Mountain Trades Partnership – Outstanding Student Award.

Nathan Leavitt received the Tessa Carter Memorial Scholarship and the William B. Messer Scholarship.

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Small increases approved in Gilford sewer rate fees

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GILFORD — Town sewer users will see small increases in their quarterly rates after the selectmen approved an amendment to the sewer ordinance increasing a few rates.

A public hearing took place on June 26 on proposed amendments to the Sewer Rate fee schedule. The selectmen unanimously approved a motion to amend the water ordinance to raise some fees.

Two particular fees were increased.

Under the amended sched-

ule, the Administrative Fee increased from \$19.40 per quarter per unit to \$21.72., an increase of \$2.32 per quarter per unit.

The Usage rate was increased to \$10.51 per 1,000 gallons from the original \$8.49 per 1,000 gallons, an increase of \$2.02 per 1,000 gallons.

All other sewer fees will remain the same.

According to the hearing notice, most sewer users will see an increase of around \$13 to \$23 per quarterly billing cycle with the passage of these increases.

All these increases were the result of increases in fees

charged by the Winnepesaukee River Basin Project (WRBP). The WRBP is a sewer system operated by the NH Department of Environmental Services that serves 10 Lakes Region communities including Gilford. For more information on the sewer fees, the increase in fees, and the increase in costs visit https://www.gilfordnh.org/file/3540/public_hearing_info.sewer_fees.07-01-2024.pdf.

The hearing was open for a few seconds with no one giving any comment. The selectmen then unanimously approved the fee changes effective on July 1.

Gilford resident receives Boston Post Cane

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GILFORD — The Boston Post Cane was presented to the town's oldest resident, a 96-year-old man with a long history of town service.

The Gilford board of selectmen presented the Boston Post Cane to 96-year-old Richard Sonia at the June 26 meeting.

The Boston Post Cane is a tradition that started in 1909, when Boston Post Edwin Grozier distributed canes to the boards of selectmen of 700 towns across New England to be presented to their town's oldest resident. In recent years the town of Gilford has been seeking nominations for the cane after the practice fell dormant for



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Richard Sonia is presented Gilford's Boston Post Cane by Select Board Chair Gus Benavides.

a long time in the town.

Board chair Gus Benavides read a proclamation from the selectmen that shared details of Sonia's life.

Sonia was born on Aug. 12, 1927, in Clinton, Mass. He grew up in

Lancaster, Mass., on his family's dairy farm and attended Lancaster High School in 1944. After high school he enlisted in the Navy and served at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi during World War II. He was honorably

discharged after the war and moved to La Puente, Calif., with his wife Bernadine "Bunny" Vermette, who came from Laconia and was crowned Miss Winnepesaukee in 1945. They settled in California and raised two sons.

Sonia worked as a computer programmer his entire career and worked as a senior programmer and manager for the Smart & Final corporation in California until he retired. He was one of the first programmers in the food distribution industry.

His wife Bernadine passed away in 1992 and he moved to Gilford. He has lived in the same house at the corner of Cyrus Lane and Morrill Street since then. He married his wife Corinne in 1997 and they lived at that house until she passed away in 2020.

Sonia is a longtime community volunteer who has served on town boards and local volun-

teer efforts. He has served on the Planning Board and on the Historic District and Heritage Commission. He is a member of the St. Andre Bessette Parish in Laconia and has volunteered for the church and St. Vincent de Paul. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, serving as Grand Knight of Laconia Council 428.

Sonia is in good health and still drives. For several years he has ridden his 1928 Model A Roadster in the Old Home Day parade.

The selectmen then presented the cane and the proclamation to Sonia, who was at the meeting with members of his family.

Prospect Mountain High School announces top 10 graduates

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School proudly salutes the top 10 graduating students from the Class of 2024.



Grace Brooks

Grace is the daughter of Kristen and Jon Brooks of Barnstead. Over the past four years at Prospect Mountain High School, Grace has been very active in the school and community. She has made her largest contributions to the PMHS music department. She participated in Choir, Concert Band, Pep Band, and Marching Band. Grace learned and mastered multiple instruments throughout her time in high school and now even plays keyboard in a “modern band” class called Contemporary Performance Lab. She was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in multiple regional music festivals, the Summer Youth Music School, and the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program. Grace has held leadership positions in the music department as the Tri-M Music Honor Society Historian and then President as well as the Saxophone Section Leader and Co-Drum Major of the band. Grace has held other leadership positions in the school as well, including Freshman Class Treasurer, Sophomore Class President, and Student Council Treasurer. Grace

has played an active role in the National Honor Society, being the Secretary this year and has completed two successful service projects through the organization. Grace played JV and Varsity Soccer for all four years, Unified Basketball for three years, along with JV and Varsity Softball her freshman and sophomore years. She earned the JV Softball Coach's Award her freshman year and the JV Soccer Most Improved Player Award her sophomore year, as well as the PMHS Scholar Athlete Award every season and took home the NHIAA Scholar Athlete Award as a senior. Grace has volunteered in her community on many occasions including mentoring middle school band students, raising money for Special Olympics and unified sports teams, and attending beach cleanups with the Environmental Club. Grace will attend the University of Southern Maine in the fall, majoring in Music Education.



Teagan McCausland

Teagan is the daughter of Dana and John McCausland of Center Barnstead. Over the last four years at Prospect Mountain High School, Teagan has maintained Honors and High Honors standing as she has selected the most challenging classes available including honors and dual credit enrollment classes in both the arts and sci-

ences. She has received the seal of biliteracy for her achievement in her Spanish studies and was able to join her class on a trip to Spain her senior year. Teagan has been a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society as vice president, National Honor Society as historian, Environmental Club as co-president, Pep Band playing the cowbell, Concert Band and Marching Band, playing clarinet. Most passionately, she has been involved at the Alton Dance Academy for more than 10 years, having received the Elizabeth Lott Memorial Award for Dance Excellence, the ADA Spirit Award, and she has been inducted into the National Honor Society for Dance Arts. She has also participated in community service activities including fundraising for animal shelters, blood drives, beach clean-ups, and recycling. Next year, Teagan is attending the University of New Hampshire, majoring in Environmental Science, with the opportunity to transfer to Boston University her sophomore year.



Dillon Miller

Dillon Miller is the son of Shelli and Michael Vardaro of Barnstead. During his four years at Prospect Mountain High School, Dillon has taken upon any opportunity to challenge himself academically, whether it be honors or college classes, even assisting a teacher in tutoring an entire math class. Due to his efforts inside the classroom, Dillon received many awards such as the DAR award.

Outside of his academic focus, Dillon was a leader within the school community. Participating in JV and Varsity Basketball, Varsity Golf, and being a peer mentor within Unified Track, Dillon was a role model to many. In addition to playing for these teams, he received the Coaches Award for JV Basketball his freshman year, the Most Improved Award his sophomore and junior years and became a captain of the Varsity basketball team his senior year, finishing out all four years of his Varsity Basketball career. Dillon also found himself being a leader within the clubs of the school, as he became both president of the local chapter for Future Business Leaders of America and a State Officer for all of New Hampshire Future Business Leaders of America. Through this organization, Dillon took on the chance to build the club membership from him being the only member as all others had graduated, to north of 15 members his senior year. He also led in the expansion of many FBLA events such as Prospect Pride, while also traveling with New Hampshire FBLA to represent all New Hampshire members. He traveled to Chicago, Atlanta, and Providence to compete and network with thousands of other members. Outside of FBLA, Dillon is also a member of the National Honors Society and the Student Athlete Leadership team. Dillon will attend Elon University of North Carolina next fall for the first semester majoring in astrophysics.



Lani Demers

Lani is the daughter of Wendy and Michael Demers of Barnstead. In all four years of her high school career, Lani has maintained a consistent high honors status. Along with this, she has received Academic Achievement all four years in classes such as Math, Language, History, and Social Studies, along with the College Book Award from Stonehill College. She is an active member of her class, acting as the Class of 2024 secretary since sophomore year, and has participated in clubs such as the Environmental Club since sophomore year, the National Art Honors Society since sophomore year, the Art Club, and the World Cultures Club. As for the Environmental Club, Lani acts as the current Vice President, and has also been the historian of the NAHS since her junior year. She played soccer all four years – JV freshman year and Varsity since sophomore year – receiving the 2020 girls JV soccer coaches award, as well as making the NHIAA girls soccer honorable mention all-state team her junior and senior year. Lani also dances competitively at the Creative Dance Workshop in Bow 8.5 hours a week. She has participated in many community service activities, such as putting together bags of essentials for homeless individuals and organizing clothing drives with her dance team, as well as beach cleanups with the Environmental Club through the Blue Ocean Society. Lani will be attending the University of New Hampshire to receive her master's degree in Occupational Therapy, intending to eventually become a Pediatric Occupational Therapist.

Nathan Douglas Leavitt is the son of Courtney and Peter Leavitt of Alton. Throughout his high school career, Nathan has dedicated himself to attaining academic excellence by maintaining honors status during his four years. Nathan has also committed himself to being a leader on the basketball court and baseball field. He played four years of JV and Varsity basketball and four years of Varsity baseball where his coaches and teammates looked to him to provide leadership, positivity and enthusiasm. He also plays for the American Legion Post 1 baseball team throughout the summer months. Nathan was named All State First Team for baseball and was invited to play in the New Hampshire Basketball Coaches Organization's Senior Games. Nathan received the Most Valuable Player award for basketball, as well as numerous coaches awards each season for the effort he

puts forth in his sports endeavors. Musically, Nathan participated in Concert Band where he played percussion all four years at PMHS. Nathan is an NHIAA scholar athlete and has received multiple Academic Excellence awards throughout his four years at Prospect Mountain High School. Nathan will be attending Saint Joseph's College of Maine where he will continue to play baseball at the Varsity level. Nathan is entering college as undeclared, but plans to explore the areas of math and science while attending St. Joseph's.



Mason Pappaceno

Mason is the son of Derek and Christy Pappaceno of Alton. During his time at Prospect Mountain High School, Mason participated in cross country, soccer and his most beloved sport, baseball. Throughout his career, Mason maintained high academic success earning honors status and the Scholar Athlete Award. Mason also received the Coaches Award for baseball, Sportsmanship Award in soccer, and the Presidential Academic Scholarship to Plymouth State University. He is a member of the National Honors Society and has contributed his time to numerous community service activities such as the blood drive and car wash. Outside of the classroom, Mason enjoys his employment at Hannaford. He especially appreciates the relationships formed through his time at PMHS and participating in athletics. Mason has been accepted in the Honors program and will be attending Plymouth State University in the fall earning a Bachelor's degree in Allied Health Science and a Master's degree in Athletic Training. Mason would like to give special thanks to everyone who has helped him, both inside and outside of the classroom.



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Kingswood announces fourth quarter honor roll

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School is pleased to announce the following students have met the criteria for honor roll for the fourth marking period ending June 21, 2024. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 93 to 100 in all classes will receive Highest Honors recognition. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 84 to 92 or higher in all classes will receive Honors recognition. Congratulations to our honor roll students!

Highest Honors
Grade 12: Dominic Alberto, Sarah Arbour, Rylee Booth, Caitlyn Carroll, Brady Clarke, Curtis Cloos, William Crane, Riley Davis, Aaron Des-

mond, Isabella Duran, Lucy Edwards, Samuel Frazier, Christiana Gardiner, Elliott Giessler, Jackson Hall, Alex Henderson, Amelia Kilmister, Haleigh Lindsay, Jaylynn Lizotte, Kallen Malone, Emily Matos, Cheyanne Morin, Sophia Moulton, Cole Murray, Joshua Nelson, Isabella Pickle, Keegan Quinn, Vanessa Rogers, Noah Silva, Noah Swenson, Anaka Waldron, Carrigain Williams, Landon Young.
Grade 11: Jennifer Baldwin, Matilda Bellington, Samantha Bennett, Edward Evans, Katherine Haley, Savannah Hughes, Spencer Kelly, Samuel Keniston, Oliver Kolodner, Noah Leighton, Liam Moore, Samantha Petit, Madison Rob-

bins, Sebastian Roberts, Riley Stevens, Landen Tedesco, Bradley Tuttle, Jiner Zhuang.
Grade 10: William Blake, Liam Brown, Malcolm Clark, Nathaniel De- main, Nelson Edwards, Braelyn Hathcock, Michael House, Lillyanna Lowton, Jordyn Martin- eau, Cooper McCourt, Ol- iver Noel, Dean Richards, Joseph Vasco.
Grade 9: Taylor Allar, Adelyn Arsenault, Lexi Baker, Kayla Cegielski, Jerilyn Cornwell, Taylor Culverhouse, Kelsie Da- vis, Liza Demain, Jacob Dubuc, Caleb Duford-Stev- ens, Laura Fernandes, Tiana Fowler, Adelle Harrington, Hayden Her- bert, Tavin Herget, Victo- ria Hicks, Anna Johnson, Adaline King, Caroline

Kinzlmaier, Kiernan Kolodner, Payton Leclair, Morgan Lewis, Cassidy Libby, Caden McAllister, Evaline Morrison, Maya Nolin, Alexis Olkkola, Hannah Piper, Ryan San- terre, Reid Swinerton, Hayley White.
Honors
Grade 12: Kayla Arm- strong, Grace Bushman, Danika Chominski, Dan- iel Cumberland, Aiden Cummer, Andrea Dag- gett, Lukas Dargis, Da- kota Dubois, Marisole Duran, Kerri Dureau, Isabella Garry, Austin Gibbs, Olivia Griffin, Mary Anne Haun, Ab- igail Hicks, Damion Hodgdon, Carley John- son, Keegan Kilkelly, David Lehmann, Char- lotte Ling, Miah Longo, Spencer Manchester,

Michael Michaud, Megan Ouellette, Kolby Place, Emma Prentice, Morgyn Stevens, Jocelynn Stys, Brooke Tasker, Haven Varney, Marquis Wil- liams.
Grade 11: Benjamin Baca, Kaitlyn Beaulieu, Alivia Blaney, Kadence Blodgett, Brody Brown, Emily Brown, Jacob Brown, Norah Brown, Garrett Burke, Isabella Bush, Kali Chase, Spen- cer Clark, Keagan Cole, Maya Colson, Kaitlyn Cooper, Jack Dolliv- er, Hayden Eastman, Brooke Ferland, Grayson Gilpatrick, Evan Har- rington, Kristine Huarac, Summer Inman, Caden Laing, Jack Larson, Ri- ley Levesque, Benjamin Libby, Jaylin Lovering, Sarah Lucas, Adrianna

Marique, Kylei Merrow, Lyla Murray, James Par- quette, Natalia Pawnell, Emma Pinard, Cameron Powers, Kylie Rapoza, Sierra Rose, Kylie Ruths, Alex Small, Morgan Sprince, Alexis Stanley, Adriane Teves, Ailena Ur- quhart, Hannah Vachon, Susan Wetherald.
Grade 10: Thomas Ben- ker, Miley Bentley, Mak- enzie Boisvert, Thomas Bronson, Graham Burke, Joseph Christakos-Tate, Nathan Cloos, MacKen- zie Corbett, Alexander Cronin, Brynn Demers, Arabella Diamond, Sa- vannah Dusseault, Isa- belle Fournier, Isaiah Fraser, Cullen Haviland, Andrew Hunt, Keira Johnson, Emma Kornt- ved, Emma Lyons, Jacob Moody, Brady Moulton, Chris Mullen, Olivia Ped- ersen, Felix Roberts, Ayla Robinson, Bryce Sandlin, Eric Santangelo, Gianna Santangelo, Lilyana Scott, Grady Steele, Selena Ver- gato, Audrey Wood.
Grade 9: Mathew Ames, Kyle Beaulieu, Madison Bowley, Brady Call, Andrew Cann, Sienna Carr, Elliott Crouse, Kilee Davis, Sophia Dupell, Ella Eastman, Tucker Eaton, William Edwards, Alexis Fowl- er, Isaac Gagnon, Avery Gilpatrick, Marley Greg- ory, Saige Griffin, Rox- ie Hale, Brody Hanson, Damien Hutchinson, Benjamin Jennings, Aaron King, Avery Kunzler, Drea Leonard, Cameron Lopes, Rinnapa Malika, Jocelynn Mayo, Cohen McNevech, Megan Nicol, Giselle Nunez, Myles O'Keefe, Emma Ouellette, Rebekah Peterson, Zach- ary Pickle, Dillon Quinn, Ava Randall, Cadance Reilly, Hayden Russell, Acacia Scott, Rhian Scul- ly, Kurtis Sheffer, Aiden Simon, Cameron Tuttle, JayLynne Wallace, Con- nor Woodbury.

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Dakota-Marie is the daughter of Dawn and Russell Mears of Alton and Pelham. During her four years at Prospect Mountain High School, Dakota has maintained high academic standards by sustaining honors throughout her high school career. She has made efforts for the soci- ety by volunteering at a special needs camp over the summer. While not currently being active in her past sports including basketball, swimming, and track, she remains active through person- al fitness. In her junior year, Dakota was given the opportunity to go to the St. Paul's summer program and graduated with her month worth of a major being in en- trepreneurship. Despite this, she will be attend- ing St. Anselm's College for her masters degree in nursing.



Kaela Marchildon
Kaela is the daugh- ter of Tara and Russell Marchildon of Barnstead. Over the past four years at Prospect Mountain High School, Kaela has participated in multiple community activities. Kaela engaged in three volunteer beach clean- ups, and was a member of

the Environmental Club. Outside of school, Kae- la worked and learned leadership skills while advancing her knowl- edge along the way. Kaela has received an award in Anatomy and Physiolo- gy, and she participated in a Biofabrication in- ternship at an Advanced Molecular Research Fa- cility. In the fall, Kaela will attend Curry College in Massachusetts, and pursue a degree in bio- chemistry.



Ella Smith
Ella is the daugh- ter of Bill and Col- leen Smith of Center Barnstead. During her four years at Prospect Mountain, Ella ex- celled in academics, athletics and service. While maintaining high academic honor status, she participat- ed in four different varsity sports over the course of 11 different seasons. She was cap- tain of both the Varsity Soccer and Varsity Basketball teams.
She received all state honors for Var- sity Basketball during her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. Ella was named the Fall Female Athlete of Year and Winter Athlete of the Year in her senior season. Her

leadership has shined not only in athletics. but she has also served as President of the Na- tional Honor Society. She has guided many community service projects during her time in this role. Ella will be attending St. Anselm's College this Fall with a planned major in Nursing.



Erin Rawnsley
Erin is the daugh- ter of Veronica and Justin Rawnsley and second of nine chil- dren in her family of Center Barnstead. Over her four years

at Prospect Mountain High School, she has been very involved in sports and clubs while still obtaining academ- ic excellence. Erin has remained in high lev- el classes throughout high school, securing good grades while still balancing her other extracurriculars.

She has played vol- leyball in the fall and tennis in the spring all four years being a crucial athlete on those teams. Her senior year she stepped up to be cap- tain in both sports assist- ing in the team's success, while also joining SALT (Student Athlete Lead- ership Team) where she supported the school's athletics. A big part of her high school experience was her music involve- ment and dedication to the music program.
Erin was a member of the Tri-M music honor society, was an unforgettable leader in the band, and took part in every ensem-

ble and opportunity the music program offered. Her involve- ment in the music pro- gram led her to play the flute in the con- cert band, trombone in the jazz band, take part in the school's rock band, play in the pep band during bas- ketball home games, partake in marching band performances, participate in the var- ious competitions and field trips that took place, conduct a song during her senior year spring concert, and give music lessons to the middle schoolers of Barnstead who did not have a band direc- tor this past school year as well.

Erin's love for music and band has contin- ued to grow especially over the course of her senior year. She plans on going to Bridgewa- ter State University in the fall to major in Mu- sic Education and pur- sue that passion.

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Facts about Independence Day

One of our favorite holidays to write about is Independence Day. We all know the stories of our forefathers, John Adams, Sam Adams, George Washington, Paul Revere, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, and Alexander Hamilton to name a few. However, the history is endless. We thought we would shine a light on aspects surrounding Independence Day that aren't commonly known.

The famous painting that depicts the signing of the Declaration of Independence isn't exactly an accurate portrayal. All of the delegates were never together at the same time in Philadelphia. The final signing took place roughly a month later on Aug. 2. The Declaration was formally dated and adopted by Congress on July 4, however Congress voted for independence on July 2.

Celebrating their new independence, soldiers along with civilians tore down a statue of King George III and melted it into bullets. In Georgia, people burnt the King in effigy and even held a faux funeral service. In Philadelphia, the King's coat of arms was burned in a bonfire. Massachusetts was the first state to recognize July 4 as a holiday in 1781.

In 1777, fireworks could be seen in the sky and the ringing of bells rang through the night in Philadelphia. Ships were decorated and lined the coast and streamers could be seen flying in celebration everywhere. The oldest annual parade takes place in Bristol, R.I.; 2020 will be the town's 235th consecutive celebration after its start in 1785.

In New England, dining on salmon became tradition. The story behind the popular cuisine, is due to the influx of salmon that summer. Along with the salmon, people had peas and turtle soup.

One common fact is that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe also died on the fourth of July in 1831. President Calvin Coolidge was born July 4, 1872.

Left out of mainstream history was the story of Crispus Attucks, the first to die in the patriot cause. Attucks was a black/ Native American patriot who was shot, and the first to fall during the 1770 Boston Massacre. Attucks was a runaway slave who was a rope maker and sailor. History says he was shot by two musket balls to the chest. In 1778, it became legal in Rhode Island for free and enslaved blacks to serve the cause, with freedom as part of their payment.

Educated by her owners, Phillis Wheatley was a well-known poet during those times. Wheatley was kidnapped in West Africa and brought to America. At the age of 20, in 1773, she became the first African American and third female to publish a book of poetry. She eventually became free. She also advocated for independence, writing in support for George Washington's Revolutionary War in her poem, "To His Excellency, General Washington." Washington, impressed by her talent invited her to a meeting.

In 1958, when Alaska and Hawaii were on deck to become states, a history teacher assigned his class to design a flag depicting the two new states. Robert Heft, 16, received a B- on the project. Unhappy with the mark, Heft sent the flag to Dwight D. Eisenhower. After the flag was chosen, Heft had his grade changed to an A.

Another fun fact is that Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration on what was referred to as a laptop. A writing desk that could fit over a person's lap.

In 1778, Washington ordered a double ration of rum for soldiers to celebrate with.

In 1776, there were roughly 2.5 million people living in America. The current population is now 325.7 million.

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COURTESY

Annual July 4 outdoor concert with singer-songwriter Katie Dobbins

Celebrate July 4th with local singer-songwriter Katie Dobbins in the Hermit Woods Winery outdoor Beverage Garden at 62 Main St. in Meredith from 3 to 6 p.m. Come enjoy a portion of this great American Holiday catching up with friends & family as award-winning artist Katie Dobbins shares a mix of original music and popular covers. Katie has been performing at this outdoor space almost every year since 2015 for the joy of recognizing the freedoms our country offers to all of us. Admission is free and you can purchase wine, beer, and food that is available from Hermit Woods. This could be a fun way to celebrate together before the fireworks display over Meredith Bay that follows at 9 pm.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Getting here

Some people like to live in cities. They don't mind all the traffic and hustle and bustle of it all. They thrive on the concentrated energy of so many people in close proximity. I used to be that way. I grew up in a city, and I had total familiarity with using back streets to get around traffic congestion and being able to meet with lots of friends, everywhere.

But I sequentially moved to more remote places as my life progressed to the point where I find myself now. Hidden away on a hilltop among acres upon acres of trees. The closest feel I get to being in traffic here is when there is a NASCAR race a couple towns away. You can actually hear the engines roaring miles away as good as if you were cooped up in some cushy condo with all the windows shut. Races happen a couple times a year.

City folks don't usually come out here to visit any more than I brave my way heading down to visit them. We all basically stay within our locals. Which is the way we all want it to be, apparently.

So for decades, my bluebird house hung

on the side of the wood shed, available for occupation by feathered migrants. When they finally did show up, I was pleasantly surprised. Summers were highlighted by blue streaks from the fast flyers. I hope that somehow another pair will take up their summer residence here. It may just happen, there have been many young ones that headed south from this little hole in the forest.

Like us humans, birds have preference of habitats within which they wish to live. Some like to be at the edge of forests and hide in the trees while others prefer wide open spaces where they can fly around more freely.

For all those years, I was way too "in the woods" to be considered a wide-open space. I kept cutting trees out from around my house for firewood, so my clear area kept enlarging, only very slowly. At least until the adjacent property was purchased and they wanted some open land so their dogs could run. They clear cut a couple of acres.

All of a sudden, there was a pretty large open area that was quickly discov-

ered by wildlife. The first explorers were woodchucks. They soon found their way to my vegetable garden, taking a bite out of each. Needless to say, I had always wanted to .22 growing up, and now I had reason to get one and brush up on my marksmanship skills.

It was another few years before we were discovered by the bluebird family. They returned here to raise their biannual broods for a number of years, until this year's sad mishap. So the house is once again vacant and up for rent, and pretty cheap too. I've gotten used to life without the blues. I still look out at the house every morning hoping to see some activity there. So far, nothing is happening.

Then the other morning, while I was downstairs heading toward the kitchen. My eye was drawn to the dining room window when I saw a flash of red. It was a male cardinal. It stayed there hopping among some branches less than twenty feet from the window for a few moments, then took off. I had never seen a cardinal around here before. Cardinals also

like lots of open space. It's looking like I finally qualify for partonization by our finicky feathered friends.

And that they are actually finding me. These birds are really not high fliers. They pretty much keep near the ground. Probably the only time they ever need to fly above the trees is during migration. Otherwise, all their needs are pretty much met and they never need to fly more than thirty feet above the ground.

How then, did they get here? Like the monster horned pout we used to catch in Turtle Pond, a hole dug in the back lands behind a construction company that was just filled by rain water. It was pretty big in the spring but greatly reduced by summer's end.

I can see the turtles walking across the land, and maybe even the frogs, but fish? It was way out in the waste lands, nowhere near any real ponds or waterways. They all just showed up. Like magic! Just like you and me.

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Going out of Town

Taking in art and culture at the MFA

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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The Museum of Fine Arts is rapidly becoming one of my favorite attractions in Boston. Go down any hallway and you'll find art pieces and artifacts from all over the world representing different styles, perspectives, and cultures. There is so much you can find in just one building and you can always find something new with every visit. I went back there just a few weeks ago with a whole list of different exhibits I had to see before they closed while also looking at some old favorites and marveling at the talent and history on display.

If there is one kind of place I have developed a huge appreciation for in the past few years, it's art museums. In any art museum I have gone to, I have found rooms filled with variety of creative works from various parts of the world and many different points in history. So much talent is on display from varying different techniques as well as artifacts from major historical events and periods.

One place that has become like a creative home to me is the Museum of Fire Arts in Boston. For the past few years I have found myself passing through the doors of the MFA at least a few times a year checking out different exhibits that caught my attention. If you have any kind of an art, history, or cultural interest you can find something about it at the MFA.

I first walked through its halls in senior year of high school as part of a school trip and can still locate some of the exhibits now that I first saw so long ago. I went back on a weekend in Boston about 10 years ago, but only really started appreciating its different exhibits in recent years. I went to the "Fashioned by Sargent" exhibit with some of the real-life outfits featured in John Singer Sargent's paintings. There was "Hokusai: Inspiration and Influence" featuring the works of Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai from the 19th century, including the famous "The Great Wave off Kanagawa" print in person. There was also "Fabric of a Nation" with various quilts from around the world from traditional blankets to quilted murals and more.

The MFA also has artifacts from Boston's Revolutionary War history. John Singleton Copley's painting of Paul Revere is here along with many portraits of Revolutionary War historical figures. They also have a collection of silver pieces created by Paul Revere himself. It is so fascinating to see these pieces that were directly created by such an important figure in US History.



Visitors at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston look over works by Claude Monet.



Costumes from the popular TV series "Squid Game" are on display with many other pieces of South Korean culture at the exhibit "Hallyu! The Korean Wave" at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.



Inside the newly reopened Japanese Buddhist Temple at the MFA.

If you want to see works by famous painters there are plenty of them. The MFA has a big collection of works by Claude Monet including a few paintings from the "Water Lillies" collection. You can also see works by Picasso, Rembrandt, Frida Kahlo, and so many others.

There are so many different artifacts from the ancient world here too including Egyptian sarcophagi, Greek statues, sculptures of Hindu gods and more.

The MFA recently reopened their Japanese art galleries. For a few years you could go into that section of the museum and see some hundreds year old statues being restored in a workshop surrounded with plexiglass. Now those statues are back on display.

Another lovely area of this gallery was the Japanese Buddhist Temple Room, an area in the form of a Buddhist temple with large statues and places to sit and meditate. This section has been under renovation for a few years, though it recently reopened. I made sure to walk through

it a few weeks ago and was reminded how serene and beautiful this space is, it felt so great to come back to it.

The one exhibit that got me to the MFA that particular day was "Hallyu! The Korean Wave," an exhibit on South Korean history and pop culture. The first part for the exhibit shows the history of Korea from the Joseon Dynasty, Japanese occupation, to the country being divided into North and South after World War II and the subsequent Korean War. In the 1980's, South Korea experienced an economic boom that led to an explosion of culture like fashion, music, films and TV shows, cuisine, and more that swept around the world known as "Hallyu." This exhibit fea-

tures outfits worn by K-pop stars, costumes from the show "Squid Game," a set piece from the Best Picture winner "Parasite," a collection of outfits inspired by the traditional hanbok, and so much more. "Hallyu! The Korean Wave" is on display until July 28.

The other exhibit I had to see that day was "Dress Up." This exhibit includes fashion pieces from famous designers like Alexander McQueen, Oscar de la Renta, and others as well as many costume jewelry pieces. It was fashion eye candy and fascinating to see how these items were all put together.

If there's one thing that absolutely fascinates me about art galleries, it's seeing these pieces created by famous artists and



John Singleton Copley's painting of Paul Revere along with a case of silver creations including those made by Paul Revere himself.

designers up close. It's fun to look at all the little details these artists put into creating their works: the brushstrokes, the sculpture details, the different stitches and fabric choices, and other indicators of someone's creative process. It shows these masters were people whose skills, efforts, and techniques created this art.

Visiting galleries has also given me direct exposure to art pieces and genres I might have passed over. At one point, I didn't have much of an interest in modern art, but after seeing more of it up close and understanding the perspectives and inspiration I developed more of an interest in it. You can also see a plethora of art styles, from photo-realism to something more abstract, and recognize the talent and viewpoint that went into each one.

The MFA is also great about putting up different exhibitions with different cultural themes and shares perspectives from people of many cultures and their history. I have learned a lot from exhibits like this. One that particularly stuck with me was "Paper Stories, Layered Dreams: The Art of Ekuda Holmes."

Holmes is an artist who puts together images from pieces of colorful paper and has created pieces and books that shares a Black perspective and tells stories from her community. It was a fascinating art style with eye-opening stories and themes.

My last trip to the MFA felt like a whirlwind as there were so many exhibits I wanted to see all over the building. I know it will be a matter of time before more pop up and I am always paying attention to when they're next big events and exhibits will be. I highly recommend checking them out at least once. There is plenty for people of all ages there and there are a lot of different perspectives to savor.

The Museum of Fine Arts is located at 465 Huntington Avenue in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood and has its own stop on the T. For more information visit mfa.org.

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Empire Trio back by popular demand

WOLFEBORO — Great Waters is thrilled to announce the return of the Empire Trio, a uniquely talented classical crossover ensemble, to the stage this summer at Brewster Academy on July 17 at 7:30 p.m. Their brand new production, “You Raise Me Up,” promises to be a musical experience like no other. This year’s performance, part of the Concerts in Town series, will be held in the picturesque Grayson Student Center and is proudly sponsored by the James Curvey Family Foundation and Mary and Jim Michener.

The Empire Trio, formed in 2012, is known for its engaging performances and unique repertoire. They will perform a variety of songs made popular by some of their best-known contemporaries, such as Josh Groban, Andrea Bocelli, and Celine Dion. What’s more, following their performance, the group will host a question-and-answer session, providing a unique opportunity



Student-athlete Laurel Gingrich honored for academic achievement

READING, Pa. — Laurel Gingrich of Gilford is one of 61 varsity-level Albright College student-athletes honored by the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) this June as members of the winter and spring 2024 Academic Honor Roll.

MAC Honor Roll recipients are recognized

for earning a grade point average of 3.2 or higher during their athletic season. Among the 61 honored Lions were 11 Albright athletes who earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.

A graduate of Gilford High School, Gingrich studied Communications: Journalism, Fashion while competing on the women's swimming,

and track and field team in 2024. Gingrich was one of ten Albright Lions boasting a 4.0 grade point average.

More than 33% of Albright students participate on the college's varsity sports teams, ranging from football to eSports. The red and white Albright Lions are part of the historic Division III, Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC).

Named a top national college by U.S. News & World Report, Albright

College, Reading, Pa., (founded 1856) is home to engaging faculty who believe that the best academic moments are when students feel inspired and ready to take action. The college's distinctive co-major program enables students to cross or combine different areas of study, without taking longer to graduate. Study alongside undergraduate students, adult learners and graduate students, and ignite your SPARK at Albright College.

nity for the audience to interact with the artists.

Erin graduated from the prestigious Indiana University School of Music and has performed leading roles for many music festivals, opera companies, and orchestras. Some of those roles include Eliza in “My Fair Lady,” the Baker’s Wife in “Into the Woods,” and Musetta in Puccini’s “La Bohème.” She has performed numerous times with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

David Shenton is an English pianist, violinist, composer, and arranger. As a pianist and music director, he has worked with many renowned musicians, such as Tony Bennet, Liz Callaway, and Renee Fleming. He began writing music at the age of nine, and has written hundreds of pieces, including a symphony, two piano concertos, two violin concertos, and two string quartets, all before the age of 11.

Tenor Adam Cannedy champions contemporary opera and has collaborated with and performed for several

composers. In recent seasons, he has made several appearances with Opera Omaha, the Atlantic Opera, and the Lyric Opera of Virginia. He debuted at the Lincoln Center with the New York City Opera. He was a 2011 prize winner in the Birmingham Opera Competition and a Dallas Opera Guild Competition finalist. He won the People’s Choice Award at the American Traditions Competition in Savannah.

Don't miss your chance to experience the Empire Trio's captivating performance. Tickets for this and all other performances are available on our Web site at www.greatwaters.org. You can also secure your seat by calling 603-569-7710 or visiting our office at 54 North Main St., Wolfeboro, Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on non-show Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Great Waters is a non-profit organization that brings outstanding musical performances to the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

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Gallery gatherings at Wright Museum

WOLFEBORO — Join us at the Wright Museum of WWII on Thursday, July 11 at 2 p.m. for an engaging conversation with special guest speaker Estelle Parsons. Ms. Parsons, Academy Award Winning American Actress of film, theater and television left college to work on farms in the UK during WWII. She will discuss her life and fascinating endeavors while helping the war effort in England. The Wright's Gallery Gatherings are an opportunity to ask your questions and speak directly with special guests; Parsons will hold a second gathering on Thursday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m.

Ms. Parsons is well known in Wolfeboro as she generously brings productions and talent to the community every summer in her support of the Village Players, a group treasured in the region. Please join Ms. Parsons at the Wright on July 11 – it promises to be an interesting hour

Summer chapel services at United Methodist Church

GILFORD — During the months of July and August, the First United Methodist Church of Gilford/Laconia will have Saturday evening services at 5 p.m. in the Charles French Chapel located in the wooded area behind the church. These are very informal services led by retired clergy or lay members of the church. Services begin on July 6 and con-

tinue through Aug. 31. If the weather is rainy, the service will be indoors in the sanctuary.

The church is located at 18 Wesley Way (Off Route 11-A, near 3/11 bypass) in Gilford, NH. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 603-524-3289. Either call in the morning from 9 a.m. – noon, or leave a message and we will get back to you.

Visit the Gilman Library in July

ALTON — The Gilman Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day, but will resume normal business hours on Friday and Saturday, July 5 and 6. Alton Book Chat will meet as usual on July 9 at 7:00 pm. The title for discussion is “The River We Remember” by William Kent Krueger.

Don’t forget to come into the library to pick up the July calendar of events and your "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Summer Reading Information packet and reading log. The program officially started on June 29 and concludes on Aug. 17. While you are here, get a Library Adventure Bingo sheet and do the Scavenger hunt for our mascot Cornelius Bee, and his friends, Bobby, Bee-Bee, Betty, Beatrice, and Johnny B.

Story Time with Nanny Rosebud will be held at 10:30 a.m. on July 3 and July 17. There will be no Sm-Ar-Ti-Es Kids Science Club in July. We have two new that were featured in our June Sm-Ar-Ti-Es Club. “Trombone Shorty” by Troy Andrews and “Sounds All Around” by Wendy Pfeffer, added to the collection and ready to check out.

Our third Thursday event, sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation and the Friends of the Gilman Library is Family Game Day, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Come in groups or

make new friends. Please pre-register by July 15 by RSVP. Call 603-875-0109 or email parksrec-asst@alton.nh.org.

Use your library card to access our subscription to Creativebug.com and grab some ideas from the free online tutorials for your summer crafts. Join Sit and Stich needlecraft group starting Saturday, July 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. More information is available on our website and at the library.

There will be no July Theater Thursday Classic Movie Matinee on the first Thursday, because of the holiday, but there will be a children’s matinee on the fourth Thurs-

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events July 4 - July 11

Thursday, July 4

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Friday, July 5

Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon

Adventure Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join in on an adventure storytime outdoors!

Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, July 6

Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, July 8

T(w)een Make Your Own Fairy Houses, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fairy Houses are small structures for fairies and woodland creatures to live in. These whimsical habitats are built by children, families, gardeners and nature lovers alike. Fairy house building is a fun and creative activity for children that encourages teens to go outside and connect with the natural world, in an environmentally friendly way! Stop in anytime be-

tween 10am-4pm and get going on this craft!

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Join us in an interactive summer storytime with other families.

Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Mystery Book Group, 5-6 p.m.

Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of “Devil in a Blue Dress” by Walter Mosley. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Tuesday, July 9

Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

T(w)een Make Your Own Fairy Houses, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon

T(w)een Tabletop Club, 2-3 p.m.

Andrew Silver, 4-5 p.m.

Variety Artist, Andrew Silver's juggling, humor & mime performance!

Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Together They Lived, Together They Died, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This presentation, which is part travelog and part history, will chronicle the story of Bonnie and Clyde separating the reality from the myth! For years the public has been fascinated with the story of this Dust bowl Romeo and Ju-

liet. However, much of what we know is mainly from the 1967 movie "Bonnie and Clyde" and more recently a highly fictionalized made for T.V. Movie shown on A&E & the History Channel. Much myth, conjecture and outright lies have grown up about the two Texas bandits but when one delves into the true story of the two lovers a much more interesting and human story emerges; much better than Hollywood was able to depict. This one-hour historical presentation will tell that story using period photographs and movies plus modern photographs and video shot by myself. I have traveled through the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri on the "Trail of Bonnie and Clyde" photographing a making video of the sites of their homes, murders, robberies, shootouts, and hideouts.

Wednesday, July 10

Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 9-10 a.m.

T(w)een Make Your Own Fairy Houses, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon

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

Storytime @ the Beach, noon-1 p.m.

Come to the beach for an exciting sto-

rytime and receive a prize (limited to Gilford residents).

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.

Talk About Grief, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 11

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

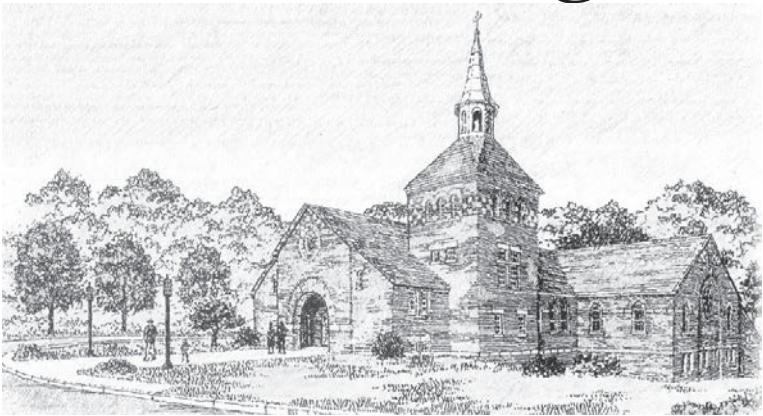
T(w)een Make Your Own Fairy Houses, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

French Club, 4-5 p.m.

The Wonders of Plant Medicine, 5-7 p.m.

Join Clinical Herbalist and Wild Forager Sara Woods Kender for a Plant Medicine ID walk and Q&A. Ever wonder if the plants growing around you are edible? Medicinal? Or both? Are you interested in plant medicine, but not sure where to start? Sara can help you ID the plants that grow here in NH and discuss the uses and preparations for the plants. Sara is a veritable plant encyclopedia and LOVES to share this information with anyone willing to listen. A New Hampshire native herself, she has experience with the local landscape and grew up in a family that tended vegetable and ornamental gardens and would love to share different twists to using the plants. Rain date July 18.

God took a day off after creating us.



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:

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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 stkdxrel.org.
- Monday evenings:**
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Singer-songwriter Katie Dobbins wins Best of Lakes Region Award on Latest Single “Giants”

GILFORD — On June 20, Katie Dobbins, renowned local singer-songwriter and host of the Lakes Region’s monthly Songwriter Round-Up series, received gold for Best Music Act - Solo Artist at the 2024 Best of the Lakes Region Awards.

This achievement, earned through community nomination



and voting, comes on the heels of Dobbins celebrating over one year of joyful Songwriter Round-Up shows and the release of her latest single Giants. Growing up in Gilford and returning as an adult, Dobbins expresses gratitude for the community welcome and support she has been given here in her hometown

area. The years away along with her deep roots in the Lakes Region have provided her a great foundation to share her message, Be You Be Brave Be Free, and bring the feeling of “home” with her wherever she goes.

“The journey of coming back to my passion for music as an adult hasn’t been easy, but it’s been so gratifying,” Dobbins reflects, continuing “it’s never too late to follow the dreams in your heart.”

This message deeply resonates through her latest single, “Giants,” an empowering anthem that encourages listeners to overcome life’s obstacles and believe in their own strength. The song draws inspiration from Katie’s personal experiences, delivering a powerful message of resilience and self-confidence.

For Dobbins, the way the lyrics evolve through the course of the song reflects her own journey battling the giants in her life, culminating with the mantras “Giants are make-believe,” “Acting small just makes me good at lying,” and undertone echoes that sing out “I’m not afraid.” The song aims to serve as a source of inspiration for anyone facing self-limiting beliefs or seemingly insurmountable circumstances, and draws comparisons to Sara Bareilles’ “Brave” and Rachel Platten’s “Fight Song.” Listeners can find “Giants” on Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora and other streaming platforms.

“Receiving this lat-

est award for Best of the Lakes Region means a lot to me. So many incredible folks were nominated for enriching this community through their talents, and it’s such an honor to be recognized among them. It gives me encouragement to keep going and to keep fighting those giants in my mind. Following your dreams is worth it for you the individual and the people positively impacted by your pursuit along the way,” concludes Dobbins.

You can find Dobbins performing live all around the Lakes Region, other areas of New Hampshire, and throughout New England. Her monthly Songwriter Round-Up series occurs on the last Wednesday of every month at Hermit Woods Winery (Meredith). Tickets and more information can be found on her website katedobbinsmusic.com/tour.

New Hampshire native Katie Dobbins is a singer-songwriter living out her motto Be You Be Brave Be Free. Releasing several singles this past year, earning recognition at the 2023 New England Music Awards and Best of Lakes Region Awards, and hosting/performing in her successful monthly songwriter-in-the-round series at Hermit Woods Winery’s premier listening room, Katie has established herself as a powerful voice in the music industry. “Giants” is the latest addition to her impressive catalog, showcasing her commitment to empowering and inspiring her audience.

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New England Vintage Boat Auction to be held July 13

WOLFEBORO — On Saturday, July 13, hundreds of people are expected to attend the New England Vintage Boat Auction both online and in person. Hosted by the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM), the annual auction will feature fiberglass boats, sailboats, kayaks, canoes, memorabilia, cars, and more.

“With hundreds of people online and people coming from all over New England to attend in person, the auction is exciting and very competitive,” said Betsy Farley, who co-chairs the event.

Noting the event has “something for everyone,” Farley said some of the more remarkable items include a Barn Find boat, more than 100 years old, used for duck hunting. “We also have a hovercraft—a really fun boat that can be used on water or ice,” she said.

Featured items include a “pristine” 2011 Hacker-Craft, “impeccable” 1938 Chris-Craft

Utility, “retro” 1971 Sea Ray FiberGlassic, and a classic 1965 Chevrolet Corvette convertible.

In addition to raising significant funds to support NHBM’s operations, Executive Director Martha Cummings said the event is “mission-aligned.” “One aspect of our mission is to try to keep as many boats on the water as possible and not in landfills,” she said. “The auction helps us meet this part of our mission in helping pro-



mote and refurbish the use of vintage and classic boats... Auction bidders

are stewards.”

Boats and cars at this year’s New England Vintage Boat Auction will be displayed online and at the Nicholas J. Pernokas Recreation Park (The Nick) in Wolfeboro for the general public to view on Thursday, July 11 and Friday, July 12 from noon to 5 p.m. Live bidding begins on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m.

Bidder registration is free. Online bidding begins on Friday, July 5. To learn more about the auction or register as an online bidder, visit nhbm.org.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits, and engaging events and programs tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is sponsored in part by Belletetes, Eastern Propane & Oil, Epoxy Floor New England, Goodhue Boat Company, Kingswood Press and Design Studio, KW Coastal, Lake and Mountains, North Water Marine, and Taylor Community.

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50th Antique & Classic Boat Show returns to Wolfeboro July 27

WOLFEBORO — Ahoy, maritime enthusiasts and aficionados! The shores of downtown Wolfeboro will be buzzing with excitement as the 50th Antique & Classic Boat Show, a celebration of nautical heritage and craftsmanship, prepares to make waves again. Set against the picturesque backdrop of Wolfeboro, this year's event promises to be a spectacular homage to the timeless elegance of antique and classic boats.

Organized by The New England Chapter of the Antique and

Classic Boat Society, the "show" has been an annual highlight for enthusiasts and collectors alike, and this milestone 50th edition is poised to be the grandest yet. From meticulously restored wooden vessels to more modern early era fiberglass boats, attendees will have the opportunity to marvel at a diverse array of maritime treasures spanning decades of history, including such iconic names as Hacker Craft, Chris Craft, Garwood, Century, Lyman and some even more rare.

"It's truly remarkable to see how far we've come since the inaugural show fifty years ago," remarks Dennis Schauer Co-Chair with Phil Spencer. "What began as a modest gathering of enthusiasts has evolved into a beloved tradition that celebrates the craftsmanship, beauty, and legacy of antique and classic boats."

The festivities will kick off Friday eve for the skippers registration and renewal of friendships. Saturday July 27 attendees can view and explore the

bustling docks featuring all the wonderful boats.

Each of these true stars of the show are a testament to the passion and dedication of its owner. Every gleaming mahogany runabout or cruiser has a story to tell, and attendees are encouraged to engage the owner about their journey to saving a nautical piece of history.

"As we commemorate fifty years of this cherished tradition, we're reminded of the enduring allure of these timeless boats,"

says Dennis Schauer. "They're not just boats—they're living pieces of history, each one preserving a bygone era of craftsmanship and design."

Whether you're a seasoned collector, a casual enthusiast, or simply someone who appreciates the beauty of the sea, the 50th Antique and Classic Boat Show offers something for everyone. So mark

your calendars, set your course for Wolfeboro, and join us as we celebrate fifty years of maritime magnificence at this unforgettable event.

The organizers have elected to invite classic and antique cars as well. If you have a vehicle that attendees would like to see you are invited to bring it to the main gate by no later than 9 a.m.

Eliya Fischev of Gilmanton graduates from RIT

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Eliya Fischev of Gilmanton graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a BS in computer engineering.

Nearly 4,500 degrees were conferred in the 2023-2024 academic year at all of RIT's campuses. RIT's academic convocation celebration was held in May and featured remarks by Patricia "Pattie" Moore, a distinguished designer and trailblazing alumna of the class of 1974.

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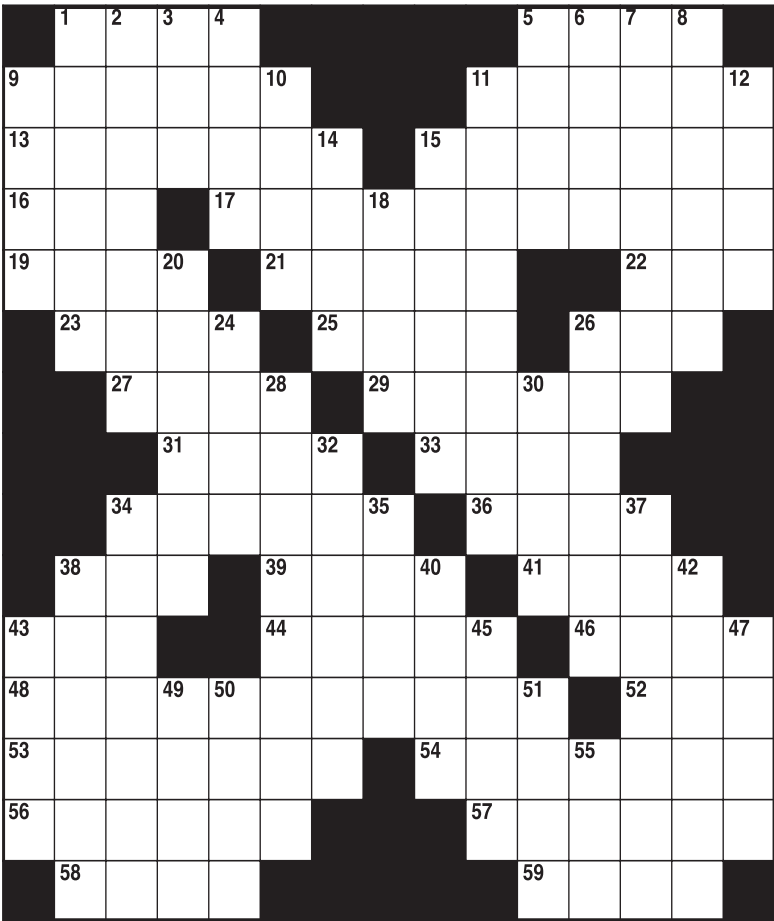
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 - 15. Still a little wet
 - 16. Legal field media company
 - 17. Not working
 - 19. 500 sheets of paper
 - 21. Church structure
 - 22. Sheep disease
 - 23. Small drink of whiskey
 - 25. Weaving tradition
 - 26. Pestilence
 - 27. Body part
 - 29. Nabs
 - 31. Places to stay
 - 33. Witnesses
 - 34. Looked for
 - 36. Arranges
 - 38. Political action committee
 - 39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)
 - 41. Hair-like structure
 - 43. Parts producer
 - 44. Greek city
 - 46. Subway dwellers
 - 48. Norm from "Cheers"
 - 52. Clean a floor
 - 53. Vied for

- 54. Canned fish
 - 56. Inspire with love
 - 57. Sent down moisture
 - 58. Wrest
 - 59. Partner to carrots
- DOWN**
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 - 2. Assign
 - 3. Wrath
 - 4. Self-immolation by fire ritual
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 - 6. Person from England
 - 7. Tropical plants of the pea family
 - 8. Body part
 - 9. Practice boxing
 - 10. Containers
 - 11. Contrary beliefs
 - 12. Bleached
 - 14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian
 - 15. A group of similar things ordered one after another
 - 18. Innermost spinal cord membranes
 - 20. Cassava
 - 24. A restaurant's list of offerings
 - 26. Annoy constantly
 - 28. Orchestrate
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 - 32. Astute
 - 34. Highly decorated tea urn
 - 35. Teach to behave
 - 37. Endurance
 - 38. Urinating
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 - 42. Repents
 - 43. Man-eating giant
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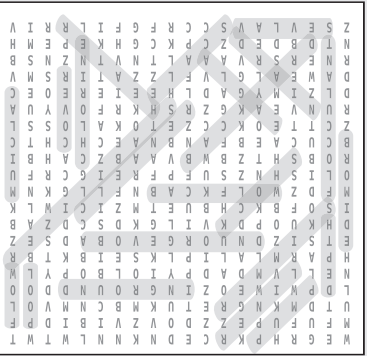
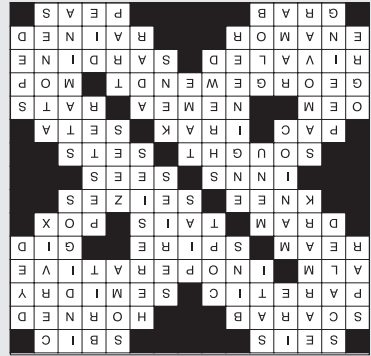
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Gilmanton	17 Nighthawk Hollow Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$515,000	Robert W., Jr. and Dorothy M. Buontempo	Debra and Donald F. Langenheim
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Make-A-Wish to celebrate 14th Annual Rafting for Wishes event in Meredith Bay

MEREDITH — Make-A-Wish New Hampshire is thrilled to announce the 14th Annual Rafting for Wishes fundraising event, set to take place in Meredith Bay and on land at Hesky Park. This beloved event will span 24 hours of fun and fundraising, kicking off with an Opening Ceremony on Friday, July 19 at 3:30 p.m. and concluding with a Closing Ceremony on Saturday, July 20 at 3:30 p.m.

Rafting for Wishes is a unique fundraising event, open to the public, where teams, whether participating virtually or in Meredith, come together to support the mission of Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. Each team, comprised of one to 20 participants, is tasked with the goal of "rafting" together over the course of the event. For those participating in Meredith, this means a 24-hour journey on the water, while virtual teams have an eight-hour event at their own location.

"We are incredibly excited to bring back Rafting for Wishes for its 14th year," said Nikki Lyons Lahey, Vice

President Community Outreach at Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. "This event not only raises vital funds to help grant wishes for children battling critical illnesses, but it also brings our community together in a fun and meaningful way."

This event is open to the public. There are activities all weekend for everyone to participate in right at Hesky Park. Whether you'd like to play cornhole, fireworks, a glow dance party, yoga and chair massage in the

park, face-painting, live music, or other fun; there's something for the whole family to enjoy. All teams, whether virtual or participating in Meredith, are welcome and encouraged to join us for the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony, where the spirit of camaraderie and support will be palpable. Our goal is to have individuals representing various businesses and groups from all over the state, raising funds and awareness for Make-A-Wish New

Hampshire.

To learn more about Rafting for Wishes, register a team, and donate, please visit <https://friends.nh.wish.org/campaign/2024-rafting-for-wishes/c506278>. Together, let's make waves of hope, joy, and strength for wish kids in New Hampshire.

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On the road to see a few more MLB ballparks

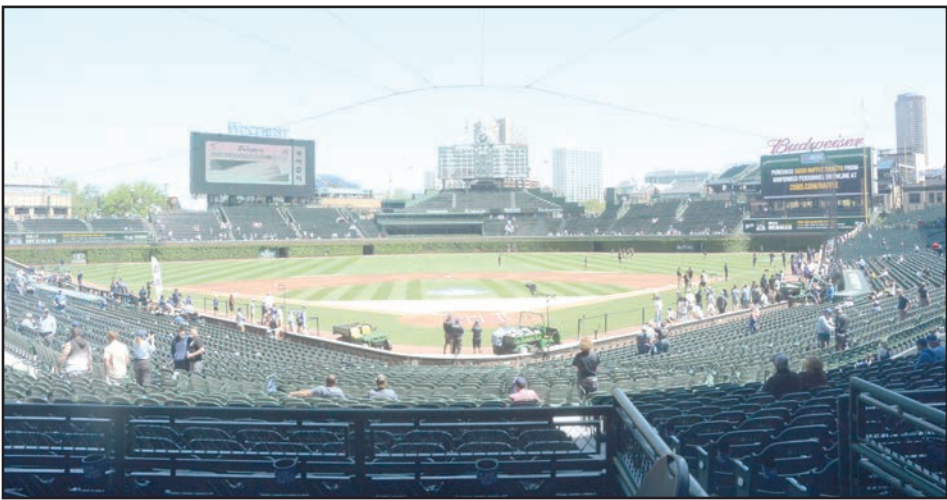
SPORTING CHANCE

By JOSHUA SPAULDING

Over the past few years in this space, I have chronicled my visits to Major League Baseball parks around the country. I have a long-term goal of trying to visit each of the parks and have been working in with my travel schedule whenever I can. My short-term goal is to try and visit two different stadiums each year, which has gone relatively well. Last year I got to Pittsburgh's PNC Park for a few games and had a trip to Milwaukee scheduled, though that got cancelled by a flight issue.

Heading into this season, my list included Major League ballparks in Boston, New York City (both), Baltimore, Washington D.C., Tampa, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Denver, Seattle and Houston. Obviously, my biggest gap right now is the five California parks, which will only be four after the Athletics leave Oakland.

During the spring sports season, I made a trip to Chicago for a Rob Has A Podcast Survivor event for a few days and one of the outings during the two days was a trip to see a game at Wrigley



Wrigley Field in Chicago was a big one on the bucket list of Major League Baseball parks. I checked that one out during a spring journey to Chicago for a live Survivor event.

Field. Obviously, along with Fenway, this is one of the most historic parks in all of Major League Baseball and it was great to check out a game there. I was also able to walk there (it was a few miles) from my hotel, so I got to see a lot of the area around Wrigley, which was also pretty cool. The Cubs didn't win, but I did get a chance to see Xander Bogaerts, my former favorite Red Sox player, take the field for the Padres.

While in Chicago, I didn't get the chance to see the other Major League stadium there, though that is obviously not as historic and cool as Wrigley, so we'll save that for another trip in the future.

For Christmas last year I bought tickets for myself, my mother and her boyfriend, Michael, to see the Red Sox play

in Toronto. Last week was the trip and I left Wolfeboro after the bakery shift on Monday afternoon and made my way to upstate New York, where my aunts and uncles live. I met my mother and Michael there, spent the night and left the next morning for Toronto.

We made our way across New York state on the Thruway, stopping a few times for various reasons until we made it to the Canadian border near Niagara Falls. We had no problem clearing customs and continued on to Toronto, getting there a little after 3 p.m. By the time we got to the hotel, we were unable to make it to the CN Tower in time for the reservations that I made. I went up to the top of the tower the last time I was in Toronto and was looking forward to doing that again, so I was bummed to miss it.

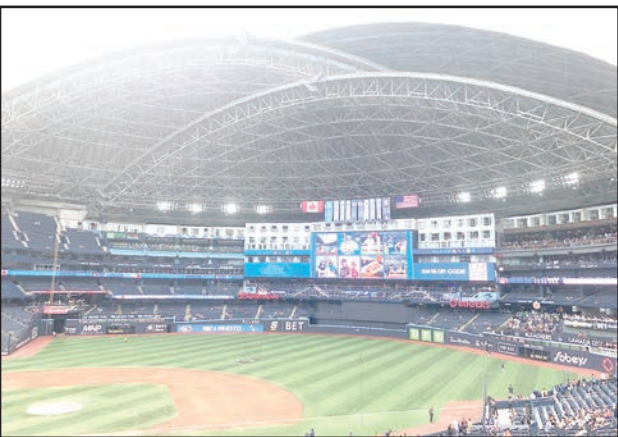
We did get to the Rogers Centre in plenty of time. I spent a little time walking around the con-

course, checking out the park from different angles. The last time I was in Toronto, the Jays were not there, but I went in the team store and was able to look in from the window there to see it. I continued my tradition of buying a hat and a souvenir cup at each stadium as I visit.

The Blue Jays got out to an early lead, but the Red Sox eventually rallied and came out with a win as part of a three-game sweep of the hosts, so that was an added bonus to the trip.

We headed out of Canada the next day, again with no problems passing through customs, and made our way back to upstate New York. My mother and Michael stayed there for the night while I continued on back to Wolfeboro so I could be at work the next morning at the Yum Yum Shop.

The objective for the year, seeing two different ballparks, is complete, though future years will be a bit harder, as I've



Last week I made the trip north of the border to see a game at Toronto's Rogers Centre. The roof was open for the entire game.

pretty much hit up all of the "nearby" stadiums. I would like to see the new Yankee Stadium, as my visit to the Evil Empire was at the old park, but other than that, the closest is either the Chicago White Sox or Atlanta. We shall see what next year brings.

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Ducks Unlimited holds annual banquet auction in Franklin

FRANKLIN — The Daniel Webster Chapter of Ducks Unlimited held its 35th annual dinner banquet auction on Saturday, May 11, at the Franklin Lodge of Elks in Franklin. James Cropsey was Area Chairman again this year. This is a group effort from the committee consisting of Bob Mazur and Pam and Steve Saulten. Tom Rochette, CPA, the New Hampshire State Chairman and the new Regional Director, Christian Crocker attended. Mazur won the MVP award.

Nearly 4,600 local Ducks Unlimited fundraising events throughout the country last year contributed towards Ducks Unlimited's national fundraising effort of almost \$319 million. Last year Ducks Unlimited achieved 84 percent efficiency, resulting in 84 cents of each dollar raised being spent on wetland acquisition or improvement, to total one million acres in 2023 alone.

Each year the United States loses some 140,000 acres of wetland habitat. Since its inception, Ducks Unlimited has raised more than one billion dollars and enhanced and restored nearly 15 and a half million habitat acres, encompassing more than 15,000 wetland projects, in an effort to reverse this destructive trend. DU's projects provide habitat for more than 600 wildlife species, including ducks, geese and endangered or threatened species like the whooping crane and bald eagle.

While Ducks Unlimited has accomplished a great deal since its founding in 1937, the rapid draining of wetlands demands that the organization continue to accelerate its work. Efforts like those of the Daniel Webster Chapter are a vital part of Ducks Unlimited's efforts. The Daniel Webster Chapter Committee raised \$29,506.30, just about \$800 shy of its best-ever effort. The average cost per prime acre conserved last year was \$880 with a little under one waterfowl nest per acre. About 0.39 metric tons of carbon is sequestered each year on average on each acre of prime wetlands.

This year the chapter received a grant from the Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund to build and erect 40+/- mallard hen houses across New Hampshire according to Delta Waterfowl's proven design. This is the first implementation of the design in the Northeast. They need volunteers to build or adopt these hen houses. Please join the effort. Ducks Unlimited thanks everyone for their support. Please call Jim Cropsey at 603-286-9633 for more details or to assist.



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Freezer Pops and Chalk

Join Alton Parks and Recreation staff at the Gazebo in Alton Bay on July 3 from 1-2 p.m. for fun in the sun as we enjoy freezer pops, outdoor games, music, and chalk drawings on the sidewalks. All ages are welcome at this free event.

Alton Bay fireworks

The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in celebration of Independence Day in Alton Bay on Wednesday, July 3 at 9:20 p.m., rain date is Friday, July 5. The Town of Alton is sponsoring Fireworks in celebration of Old Home Week on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 9 p.m., rain date is Sunday, Aug. 11.

Alton Bay Scavenger Hunt- Pre-Fireworks Activity

July 3 starting at 5:30 p.m. pick up your free Alton Bay Scavenger

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Rylee Loundsbury was presented a scholarship from the LRSF's Chamberlain Scholarship Fund.

Luca Maguire was awarded the Lake Shore Grange Scholarship from the Lakes Region Technical Center.

Kaela Marchildon received the Klaus Bie-mann Science Scholarship (LRSF) and the Meredith Village Savings Bank James D. Sutherland Memorial Scholarship.

Dillon Miller was awarded the Alton Business Association Scholarship.

Mason Pappaceno was presented the Barton M. Griffin Memorial Scholarship and the Maxfield Real Estate Scholarship.

Erin Rawnsley received the Tyler Houghton Scholarship from American Legion Post #72, the Father George Ham Memorial Scholarship, the Barbara and David Lobdel Scholarship from Great Waters, and the Suncook Valley Rotary Club Scholarship.

Ella Smith was awarded the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Laconia scholarship (LRSF), the Freda Whittemore Memorial (LRSF), and the Keith Pepin Memorial Scholarship.

Micah Swenson was presented the Alton Po-

Hunt list at the Alton Bay Bandstand, lists need to be returned no later than 6:30 p.m. Join family and friends and use your creative skills to search for clues around Alton Bay. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. Last call to get a list is 6 p.m. Don't miss out- fun activity before the Fireworks and Concert.

Singalong and Campfire at Alton Town Beach

Join friends and community members at the Alton Town Beach, located on Route 28A, on Friday, July 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. for a beach campfire and acoustic guitar sing along with John Irish. Bring a chair and toast s'mores with the cozy crowd. This program is free. Fun for the whole family.

Local, Guided Hikes on Fridays

The Alton Parks

lice Association Scholarship.

Aijah Thoroughgood received the Ruby M. Todd Memorial scholarship (LRSF).

Chance Troendle received the Karla A. Mersfeld Memorial Scholarship.

Sarah White was awarded the Alton Garden Club - Doris Barnes Scholarship and the Wilderness Youth Fund scholarship (LRSF).

American Legion Post #72 Scholarships went to Charlotte Forsythe and Chance Troendle

American Legion Post #72 Auxiliary Scholarships were presented to Reese Burke, Dillon Miller, Eve Roberge, and Sarah White.

Sons of the American Legion Post #72 Scholarships were awarded to Ethan Capsalis and Ella Smith.

The Capital Region Board of Realtors presented scholarships to Grace Brooks and Dillon Miller.

The Alton Centennial Rotary Club Scholarship went to Dillon Miller and Sarah White.

Lakes Region Board of Realtors Scholarship from the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation was awarded to Nathan Leavitt and Mason Pappaceno.

The Lillian A. Krasnow Memorial Fund

and Recreation Department is sponsoring free Hikes on Fridays: July 12- Knight's Pond; July 19-Trask Swamp and Fort Point Woods Conservation Area; July 26- Gilman Pond Conservation Area and Aug. 16-Pine Mountain, weather permitting. Hikes will leave from local trail heads in Alton at 1:30 p.m. Hikes will be approximately 45-70 minutes, round trip. For more information and to pre-register the Wednesday before each date contact parks-rec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Pick Up Play in the Park- Court Sports

Community members 18 years and older interested in playing Basketball, Tennis or Beach Volleyball on Thursday nights from 6-7:30 p.m. and/or Pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. are invited to sign up for

from the LRSF went to Reese Burke, Charlotte Forsythe, Rylee Loundsbury, Ella Smith, Aijah Thoroughgood, and Sarah White.

The New Hampshire Ball Bearing Manufacturing Excellence Award from the LRSF was presented to Kaula Marchildon and Sarah White.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church presented scholarships to Grace Brooks and Ella Smith.

PMHS Tri-M Music Honor Society Scholarships went to Grace Brooks and Erin Rawnsley.

The Seal of Bilitery in Spanish was presented to Ren Connors, Lani Demers, Nathan Leavitt, Teagan McCausland, and Dakota-Marie Mears.

Timberwolves Booster Club Scholarships went to Grace Brooks, Reese Burke, Ethan Capsalis, Gwen Christie, Dillon Miller, Mason Pappaceno, Ella Smith, and Sarah White.

The Community College System of New Hampshire presented the Early College at Your High School scholarship to Logan Reed and Chance Troendle

New Hampshire Scholars Program awards went to Wyatt Brownell, Lani Demers, Kenneth Fontaine, Nathan Leavitt, Rylee Loundsbury, and Kaila Marchildon.

Pick Up games at Liberty Tree Park Courts. Visit www.altonparksandrecreation.com to sign up through SignUpGenius. Bring your own equipment and make it a game; try it once or play every week.

Alton Old Home Week 5K Road Race

Co-Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. Aug. 10 at the Alton Bay Bandstand, 9 a.m. Sign up by July 15 and receive a long sleeve race shirt. US-ATF Certified Course through Alton. Computerized timing with bib chip; results posted online. Scenic, slight varying course, flat/downhill with one moderate incline, paved. Prizes, refreshments, water stops, traffic control and raffle for racers. Forms and map available at www.alton.nh.gov or register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NH/Alton/AltonOldHomeWeek5KRoadRace>, \$20.

Paint Night With Anne Morrell

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a Paint Night with instructor Anne Morrell at the Alton Bay Bandstand on Tuesday, July 16 from 6-8 p.m., rain date is July 17. Scene is vibrant wildflowers with an optional 3D silk butterfly. All supplies are included, \$25. 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.

LAX

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Jack Wilkinson of Hanover, defenders Gary Shivell of Timberlane, Andrew Trudel of Windham, Max Fowler of Derryfield, Jake Magri of Winnacunnet and Masi Shone of Portsmouth and goalies Noah Andronaco of Winnacunnet and Eli Allaire of St. Thomas.

Joining Crane and Murphy in earning Second Team honors were attacks Landon Petry of Timberlane, Nate Crowley of Windham, Dom Cercone of Derryfield, Beckett Rath of Winnacunnet, Aidan

Bring a friend or sign up solo. Please RSVP with your name and contact information to parks-rec-asst@alton.nh.gov or call 603-875-0109. Register early, as space is limited.

Line Dancing Lessons

Line dancing lessons with Jane are held on Thursdays now through Oct. 31 from 1-2 p.m. for beginners, and 2:10-3:10 p.m. for experienced dancers at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$10/season. Register on site.

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay- Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov. Alton Bay Concerts at the Bandstand 2024

Summer Concert Schedule: 7-9 p.m. at the Alton Bay Bandstand, Alton Bay

July 3- "Thursday Afternoon Band". Classic and Modern Rock- Fireworks to follow at 9:20

p.m.; July 6- Saxx Roxx- Classic Rock with brass; July 13- The Visitors- Oldies, Classic Rock, Country Rock; July 20- Green Heron- Old Time, Folk, Bluegrass; July 27- Chris Bonoli- Soft Rock, Country and Classic Electric Blues; Aug. 3- Echo Tones- Rock and Roll; Aug. 10- Bittersweet- Classic Rock-Fireworks to follow at 9 p.m.; August 17- EZ Band- Classic and those destined to be; Aug. 24- Saxx Roxx is back by popular demand; Aug. 31- Got It Covered Band- Cover Songs.

Concert Sponsored by Water Bandstand Committee

The Water Bandstand Committee is sponsoring a live concert on Friday, Aug. 2 from 7-9 p.m. featuring "The Thursday Afternoon Band." The concert will be at the Alton Bay Land Bandstand with classic rock music. Stop by and watch a great performance that will put a smile on your face, and a tap on your feet.

Alton Trails- All Star

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a get outside and hike program in 2024. Hike seven local trails, and receive an Alton Trails All Star sticker. All you have to do is take a photo on each trail, and send the photos to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov. Trails include: Mike Burke Trail; Knight's Pond; Trask Swamp and Fort Point Woods Conservation Area; Gilman Pond; Mt. Major, Pine Mountain and Cotton-Hurd Brook.

ki of Winnacunnet, Brett Bouvier of Souhegan and Ethan Lander of Portsmouth and goalie Sean Cote of Goffstown.

Portsmouth's Zac Amend was named Offensive Player of the Year and Timberlane's Gary Shivell was named Defensive Player of the Year. Chad Vischer of Portsmouth was named Coach of the Year and Conor Gannon of Alvirne was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, July 16, 2024, New Durham Town Hall
7:00 PM AMEND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS
8:00 PM AMEND SITE PLAN REVIEW REGULATIONS

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The hearing is to:

Amend Stormwater Management Regulations: Article III.B.3 and III.B.4; relative to disturbances on steep slopes requiring Minor and Major Conditional Use Permits. Article IV.A.2; relative to construction within seventy-five (75) feet of a water body.

And

Amend Site Plan Review Regulations: Article VI.B Paragraph 3 relative to number of copies required and when applications are required; Article VII A.4.d. relative to number of copies required; Article VII.A.4.e.ii. relative to return receipts.

The full revisions of the Regulation Amendments are available for review during normal business hours at the New Durham Town Offices. If you have any questions on the Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Assistant at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us or the Planning Board.

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Wednesday, July 3rd
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway
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6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **CONCERT:** Open Mic Night at the Gazebo
Run by the Medallion Opera House Committee

Thursday, July 4th
10:00 am - 10:45 am REGISTRATION For Kiddies Parade
(Registration is a MUST at Ed Fenn School)
11:00 am **Kiddies Parade** (Starts at Ed Fenn School)
Sponsored by Gorham American Legion Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway Opens
Afternoon Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00
1:00 pm Parade Line up begins
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm DJ Music at the Bandstand by Mountain Music
2:00 pm **Main Parade**
(Starts at Dublin Street down Rt 16 to Railroad St.)
5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway continues
Night Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Concert :** Cantrip
10:00 pm **Fireworks Display** by JPI Pyrotechnics

Friday, July 5th
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Midway Open: Miller Amusements Carnival
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5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway
Night Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **CONCERT:** LA Harley Band

Saturday, July 6th
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway Opens
Afternoon Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00
2:00 pm & 4:00 pm Wildlife Encounters Outreach Program
Two Shows! Come and Meet Live Animals on the Common!
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Miller Amusements Carnival Midway
Night Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Come visit with "Lollipop The Clown"
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm **CONCERT:** Jeremy Dean

Sunday, July 7th
11:00 am Classic Car Parade Line Up (Ed Fenn School)
11:30 am **Classic Car Parade**
Sponsored by ColorWorks (Down Rt 16 to Railroad St)
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Midway Open: Miller Amusements Carnival
Afternoon Bracelet Pay ONE PRICE On The Rides \$25.00
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm **Classic Car Show** on the Common
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Come visit with "Lollipop The Clown"
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Music at the Bandstand by Mountain Music

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