

BES expansion project passes at special meeting

BY ERIN PLUMMER
mnews@salmonpress.news

BARNSTEAD — The expansion and renovation project at Barnstead Elementary School will move forward with after voters narrowly approved the project at a special school district meeting.

Voters gathered in the BES gym on June 27 for the meeting to decide on one warrant article for a project of over \$25 million to renovate and expand BES with the school receiving over \$12 million in state building aid.

Days before this year's school district meeting, Superintendent Tim Broadrick was notified the district as approved to receive state building aid for the project after other projects in the state were deferred or canceled. The district went through a public hearing



Election officials start counting the ballots cast by town voters to decide on the renovation and expansion project for Barnstead Elementary School.

process and petitioned Belknap County Superior Court to hold a special district meeting to decide on the project.

The meeting drew 326 registered voters and by the time the meeting was scheduled to start at 6 p.m. people were still in line to register. The meet-

ing started at 6:17 p.m. with most of the voters through the line.



Space Needs Committee member Michelle Rosado talks about the committee's work to review options for BES.

Article 1 called for \$25,805,258 to renovate and expand BES. Of that, the school is eligible for \$12,849,760 in state aid and will be bonding the remaining amount if \$12,955,498 over a 20-year

SEE MEETING, PAGE A15

Gilford looking at future revaluation as market fluctuates

BY ERIN PLUMMER
mnews@salmonpress.news

GILFORD — The town is eyeing a revaluation next year as the assessed market values for various types of properties are going down.

Assessing agent Marybeth Walker gave the selectmen an update on current valuations during the June 26 meeting.

Walker said she was looking at sales from October of 2023 through mid June of this year.

Since last October, there have been 129 sales, which she said is too low to make any judgments.

By the end of the last revaluation the town's valuation was at 97.7 percent of market value, now the town is closer to 86 percent of value.

Different types of

property in town are at different valuations.

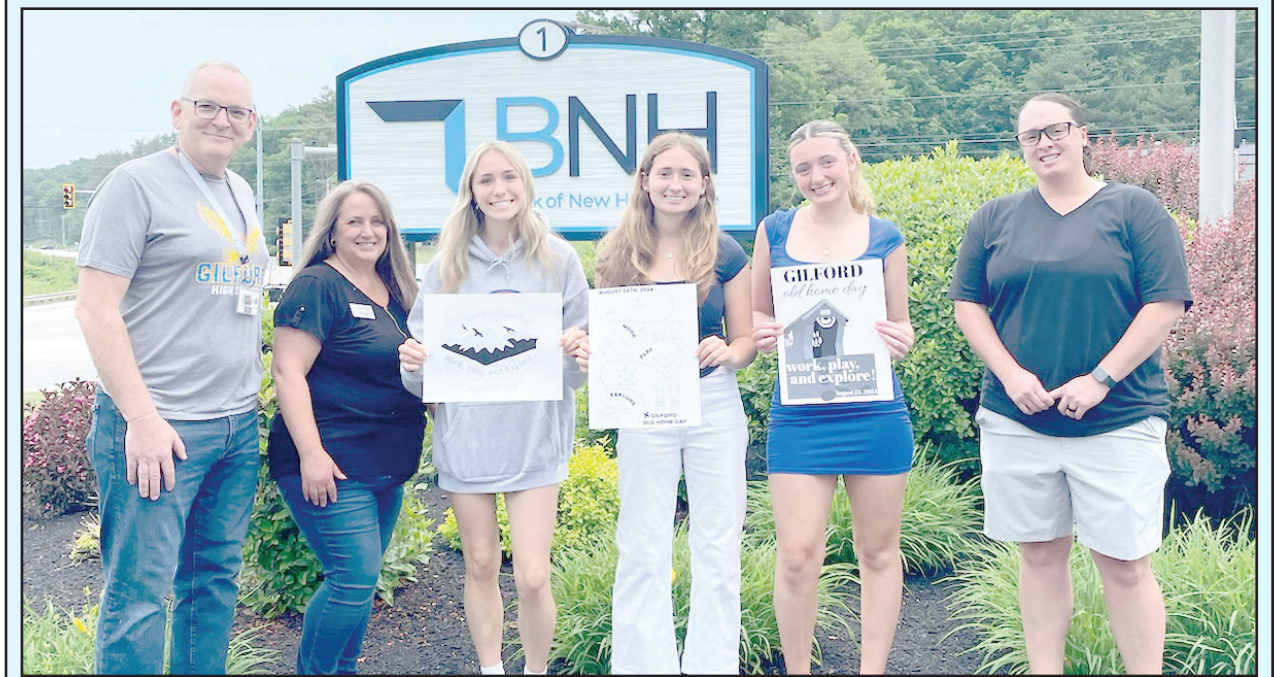
Single family homes with no views or waterfront are at around 88 percent of market value, though waterfront properties are closer to 71 percent. Walker said, however, this is using two sales for consideration, and they hope there will be more sales through the summer as there usually are.

There have been 15 boat slip sales and value has gone from 98 percent to 77 percent. Condos are more stable at around 91 percent of market value.

Around nine vacant land sales have been conducted and are at 77 percent of market value.

Commercial sales have seen more volatility in this time period.

SEE REVALUATION, PAGE A15



Gilford Old Home Day Art Contest winners announced

The Old Home Day Committee ran their Annual Art Contest once again this year! All of the entries were created by Gilford High School Students, and three winners were selected from the many submissions that were made. Their artwork may be utilized for the Old Home Day Program/Ad Book and this year's Old Home Day T-Shirts. This art contest was sponsored by the Old Home Day Committee/Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, with prizes funded by Bank of New Hampshire. The contest winners are Abigale Taylor with first place, Hayley Corum with second place, and Anna Burke with third place! The winners are pictured, as well as Michelle Blake (Old Home Day Committee Member), Aaron Witham (Gilford High School Art Teacher), and Brittini Stewart (Old Home Day Committee Member). Congratulations to all!

Lost hiker rescued off Mount Major

BY ERIN PLUMMER
mnews@salmonpress.news

ALTON — First responders helped a hiker get off Mount Major after she lost her glasses and got lost on the trails.

On June 29 around 6 p.m., NH Fish and Game received a call about a hiker in distress off the trail on Mount Major who had lost her glasses.

According to a statement from NH Fish and Game, 28-year-old Grace

Diehl of Cambridge, Mass., was hiking along the Blue Trail when her glasses dropped off the edge of a cliff. She tried to go down and get her glasses, but couldn't locate them.

"She then attempted to locate the trail, and started to descend one she came upon," read the statement from Fish and Game. "She then quickly realized she was not on the same trail she

originally ascended and decided to call for assistance."

NH 911 relayed Diehl's GPS coordinates to emergency personnel and the Alton Fire and Rescue Department dispatched a 6x6 utility vehicle to her location. Rescuers reached her around 6:50 p.m. around 400 feet from the Blue Trail and a quarter mile from the mountain's peak.

Alton personnel were

able to bring Diehl to the trailhead with the UTV and any additional resources were called off.

"New Hampshire Fish and Game would like to remind hikers to always be prepared and plan for the unexpected," read the statement.

NH Fish and Game urges hikers to visit hike-safe.com with hiking resources and rules in New Hampshire including the Hike Safe card.

All-State honors for 10 Gilford, Prospect softball stars

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — New Hampshire's softball coaches came together after the season to nominate players for All-State honors and there was local representation on the All-State teams.

For Division III, Prospect Mountain's Ella Bernier was named Pitcher of the Year, Berlin coach Rollie Poirier was named Division III Coach of the Year and Belmont's Bill Hart was named JV/Assistant Coach of the Year.

Bernier also earned First Team All-State honors along with Berlin's Ava Bartoli, Gilford's Maddie McKenna, Pros-



Prospect Mountain's Tori Christie earned First Team All-State honors for Division III.

pect Mountain's Gwen Christie and Newfound's Katie Sweeney. Second Team honors went to Falyn Sicard of Belmont, McKen-

na Kelley of Berlin, Belle Dow, Sadie Lydick and Millie Caldon of Gilford, Paige Harding of Prospect Mountain and Sara Buchanan of Newfound.



Gwen Christie of Prospect Mountain was named Division III First Team All-State.

Honorable Mention was presented to Julia Coulombe of Berlin, Kendal Heyman of Gilford and Alexis Wilson of Prospect Mountain.

Also earning First Team honors were Bishop Brady's Payton Bryson and Kimble Rose, Newport's Cheyenne Hannum and Zoey Lord,

St. Thomas' Elizabeth Flynn, Hopkinton's Liz Holmes, Raymond's Aynalem Levesque and Monadnock's Shalee Brannon and Ari Drouin.

Second Team honors also went to Abby Tyrell of Bishop Brady, Abigail Gaynor and Elizabeth Pelletier of St. Thomas, Steph Erlick of Hopkinton, Violet Bennet of Conant, Dinkenes Levesque of Raymond and Olivia Knightley and Cainen Avery of Monadnock.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Newport's Tanya Sanchez, Hillsboro-Deering's Cadence Smead, Fall Mountain's

SEE SOFTBALL, PAGE A8

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Alton Old Home Week 5K Road Race
Co-Sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank. Aug. 10 at the Alton Bay Bandstand, 9:00a.m. Sign up by July 15 and receive a long sleeve race shirt. USATF 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.

Local, Guided Hikes on Fridays

The Alton Parks 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 parksrec-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 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.

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 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.; Aug. 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 Bay Fireworks
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 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.

Kendra Liversidge named to University of Hartford's Dean's List

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Hartford is pleased to announce that Kendra Liversidge of Alton Bay has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students achieving superior academic standing. The requirement, with some exceptions, is a grade point average of at least 3.0 and no grade below C. The President's List recognizes a select group of students reaching the highest level of academic standing. To be placed on the President's List, students must maintain a GPA of at least a 3.75 and receive grades of C or better. We recognize all our students for their hard work and congratulate them on their achievements! Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,100 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students representing 48 states and 51 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We're a four-year private university focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impact change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters.

Household hazardous waste collection at Alton Transfer Station Saturday

ALTON — The 13th can be a lucky day for you and your family! Keep our family safe by taking care of hazardous waste close to home! Saturday, July 13, from 8:30 a.m.-noon there will be a hazardous waste collection at the Alton Transfer Station at 74 Hurd Hill Rd. Try the convenience of dropping off your hazardous products at the same place and time as you dispose of your trash. Alton folks can also attend every third Saturday (from May thru October) at the Lakes Region

Household Hazardous Product Facility at 404 Beech Pond Rd. in Wolfeboro. Please get your free pass at the Alton Transfer station and bring it with you. Call 651-7530 for the most accurate information. No latex paint, as it is not a hazardous

waste. Oil base paints, stains, automotive fluids, pool chemicals, cleaning products, and pesticides are common items collected. Placing containers in a cardboard box will speed up removal and keep your vehicle tidy.

St.-John's-on-the-Lake welcomes Rev. Brad Wolff

MEREDITH — St. John's-on-the-Lake on Bear Island in Meredith welcomes guest minister Rev. Brad Wolff. Originally from Minnesota, he graduated from Tufts University and subsequently earned his Master of Divinity Degree at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. He served churches in Connecticut and Pennsylvania before earning a Master's Degree in Education from Notre Dame College and embarking on a 25-year public school teaching

career. At one point he was named New Hampshire's Social Studies Teacher of the Year. After retiring from teaching, Wolff served as the Associate Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Laconia, as a staff member for the Community Action Program in Northern New Hampshire, Adjunct Faculty at Plymouth State University, and staff at Camp Calumet Lutheran in West Ossipee. He continues to be active with several community organizations, maintains

a year-round sports officiating calendar, and spends time with his wife Karen, two adult children and two grandchildren. He enjoys the outdoor wonders of New England, reading, swimming, developing historical presentations, and leading worship. St. John's is a charming rustic chapel built in 1927 of local stone. An older observation tower (now closed to the public) is incorporated into the building. Stained glass windows honor some of those who

tirelessly served the chapel and led windows note the earliest donors. Originally an Episcopal church, it is now an ecumenical chapel. Services are held Sundays during the summer at 10 a.m. Access is by a footpath from the church docks in Deep Cove/Church Cove by Dolly Island. For boat taxi service from Cattle Landing or Brown's Boat Basin, email bear.island.church.ferry@gmail.com. For more information, check our Web site, www.stjohnson-thelake.com.



BOSCO NH ENTERPRISES LLC

Bob's Odd Services Company
Variety of services available

- Small engine tune ups & repair
 - Snowblowers
 - Lawn Equipment
 - Generators
 - Snowmobiles and more!
- Small Excavation/tractor projects
 - Masonry restoration

603-818-0712

www.bosconhenterprisesllc.com

info@bosconhenterprisesllc.com 237 Kings Hwy, New Durham NH 03855

Serving The Farmington And Lakes Region Community Since 1953

TURNER LIBERTY INSURANCE

Service ~ Integrity ~ Experience

BUY LOCAL

**HOME • CAMP • AUTO
BUSINESS • BOAT • RV**

Get A Quote Today!

603-755-3511 • libertyinsurancenh.com

Laurel Gingrich named to Albright College Dean's List

READING, Pa. — Laurel Gingrich of Gilford has been named to the spring 2024 Dean's List at Albright College. A graduate of Gilford Middle High School, Gingrich studied Communications/Fashion during the spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, Albright students must earn a GPA of 3.75 or better while taking a minimum of three letter-graded courses during a semester. 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 stu-

dents 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.

dents 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.

**GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED**

United Way

Granite United Way
www.graniteuw.org

Barnstead Parks & Recreation Highlights

Motto: "Bringing Community Together by Doing Fun Stuff!"

Archery Program
Barnstead Archery – Registration is open for session 2 (July 11 – Aug. 22) and session 3 (Aug. 29 – Oct. 10). Classes are every Thursday from 6 – 7:30 p.m. (weather dependent) at the TL Storer Scout Reservation. Equipment will be provided, or you can bring your own. \$10 for the session. The link for registration can be found on our website.

Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons at the Town Beach are planned for July 22 – Aug. 2 for session 2. Registration forms can be found on our website.

Summer Concert Series
Barnstead Parks &

Recreation is pleased to welcome to the Summer Concert Series Stage, Windham Community Band on Saturday, July 13 and North River Music on July 20. Windham Community Band organization has a 40 piece concert band that has been performing in southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts for more than 25 years. They will perform selections from movies, Broadway shows, patriotic themes, marches and other popular concert band pieces. With such a large variety of tunes and the variety of instruments, the performance is sure to be a crowd pleaser. North River Music, playing on July 20, is a local band from Rochester. They have an Americana sound with strong harmonies and expressive musician-

ship. They are sure to be a crowd pleaser with their mix of rock, bluegrass, and country. Summer concerts will take place at the Barnstead Parade Grounds every Saturday from June 15 through Aug. 17 from 6-8 p.m. No concert on Aug. 3 due to the balloon rally. This year's lineup features a wide array of music and can be found at www.barnsteadnhparks-rec.com/events. Concessions will be offered by local organizations (cash only) and the concerts are free so grab a chair or a blanket and come on down to enjoy the show!

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

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

Barnstead Garden Club
We thrive off of community volunteers and donations, so please reach out to us through our Facebook page, Barnstead Garden Club, or barnsteadgc@yahoo.com if you can lend a hand! We appreciate any help and support and hope you join our team!

Please watch our website (barnsteadnhparks-rec.com) and Facebook page (@[barnsteadparks](https://www.facebook.com/barnsteadparks)) for additional details,

date changes, cancellations, and pop-up events. We can also be reached at 802-332-3799 and barnsteadparks@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Beat the heat at Gilman Library

ALTON — Come into the Gilman Library this week to beat the heat in our air conditioning. Pick up a book for a leisurely summer afternoon.

Don't forget to pick up your Summer Reading packets
Pick up your summer reading log and information packet for Summer Reading 2024: "Adventure Begins at Your Library." You can backdate to include what you have read since June 29th. The program ends Aug. 17. Don't forget to pick up a Scavenger Hunt Bingo Sheet and a Calendar of Events at the Circulation Desk.

BBQ raffle basket
There is a great Friends of the Gilman Library Raffle going on right now. You can learn more about it on our Web site: gilmanlibrary.org/friendsofthegilmanlibrary, but you just have to see it to believe it. Come on in and get your tickets. It's an easy way to make a small donation to benefit the Gilman Library ~ and if you

win a lovely prize ~ that is a bonus!

What's in the stacks

What's popular right now:

1.) "The Women" / Kristin Hannah
2.) "The Ghost Orchid" / Jonathan Kellerman
3.) "Dark Angel" / John Sandford

What's new

1.) "War Letters: Extraordinary Correspondence From American Wars" (2001) edited by Andrew Carroll; foreword by Douglas Brinkley
2.) "Motorhome Prophecies: A Journey of Healing and Forgiveness" (2024) by Carrie Sheffield.
3.) "Raleigh's Pirate Colony in America: The Lost Settlement of Roanoke 1584-1590" (2018) by Phil Jones.

You can view and reserve these and more new and popular books online at gilmanlibrary.org. Then come on in to 100 Main St. and see what else we have to offer. See you at the library!

Catch a little Love From Liverpool in Cate Park Saturday night

WOLFEBORO — If you love the Beatles, take a walk down to Cate Park on Saturday, July 13, for the third concert in the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concert series. A new band, Love From Liverpool, has come together to perform for the Wolfeboro audience in the 7 p.m. concert. The band bills itself not as a lookalike group but a soundalike group, representing the timeless era when the Beat-

les crossed the Atlantic Ocean and invaded the United States with a brand new sound, setting off a volcano of activity. Audiences should come down to Cate Park, dance, clap and sing along with the numerous Beatles hits that everyone knows. The concert is sure to provide something for everyone, from age eight to 88, including 64. This custom built band is comprised of some local musicians who are probably pret-

ty familiar to many in town. Bobby Burns will be playing bass, Bryan Conway will be on keyboard, Nick Ciarleglio will be on guitar and Mike Chatigny will be providing the beats on the drums. Love From Liverpool will take to the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand on Saturday, July 13, at 7 p.m. The Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand summer concerts take place each Saturday night in July and August in the

bandstand, which is located in Cate Park in downtown Wolfeboro. The concerts start at 7 p.m. and run for two hours, with a short intermission. The concerts are free, but a pass-the-bucket collection is taken at intermission to help support the concert series. In the event of bad weather, check the Friends of the Wolfeboro Community Bandstand Facebook page and signs will also be posted at the entrance to the park.

Country Bookseller welcomes poet Eowyn Bolivette

WOLFEBORO — Local poet, writer, designer, and editor Eowyn Bolivette will be at The Country Bookseller Saturday, July 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sign copies of "Poems, Prose & Verse" and "The Life of a Writer."

Not only did Bolivette contribute work to both collections, but

she also compiled and edited them. These anthologies feature work from young writers all over the country and give the reader a glimpse into the messy, beautiful, painful, and powerful act of writing. Having written for nine years and designed for three,

Bolivette is also an active member and fellowship leader of The Young Writer's Workshop. She lives with her family on top of a misty mountain in New Hampshire, where she will hopefully write more books-that is, if she can stop reading other books quite so much.

She loves practically anything fantasy and sci-fi, especially "The Lord of The Rings" and "Star Wars." Fellow contributors will join her at the event. For more information or to reserve copies of either book, please call The Country Bookseller at (603) 569-6030.

On The Green 1

Rain or Shine Under Canopy

Arts & Crafts Festival

July 12-14

Fri 10-5

Sat 10-5

Sun 10-4

Chainsaw Demo

Live Music: North River

100+ Exhibitors!!!

DeWolf Field, Brewster Acad.

80 Academy Drive, Wolfeboro NH

www.joycescraftshows.com • (603) 387-1510

Benefits Brewster Acad. Scholarships



LEGACY STRATEGIES, PLLC

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

We provide the tools to pass on
your property
and your wisdom
to the ones you love.



Attorney Ora Schwartzberg, CEO

572 Tenney Mountain Hwy, Plymouth, NH 03264

603-536-2700 | www.NHLAWYER.NET

ora@Legacy-strategies.us

JANOME

Husqvarna VIKING

baby lock

Expert Repairs
Done on Site

Miele

SEBO

Electrolux

VACUUM CLEANERS • SEWING MACHINES

SALES • SERVICE • PARTS

AUGER

Sewing Machines & Sons, Inc.

Vacuum Cleaners Since 1935

100 Chestnut Hill Rd., Rochester, NH

603-332-5572 • 800-439-3395

www.augerandsons.com

We Will NOT be Undersold

Rediscovering the joy of a good book

In a world that’s constantly on the go, where information overload is the norm and distractions are endless, taking the time to read a good book can seem like an indulgence. Yet, it is precisely in these hectic times that the simple act of reading can offer a much-needed respite.

We live in an age of constant connectivity. Our Smartphones, tablets, and computers are ever-present, demanding our attention with a never-ending stream of notifications, news updates, and social media posts. While these devices keep us informed and entertained, they can also leave us feeling overwhelmed and mentally exhausted. Reading a book, on the other hand, provides a unique escape from the digital deluge.

When you immerse yourself in a well-crafted novel or an insightful non-fiction work, you enter a world where your mind can wander freely, untethered by the constraints of modern technology. This escape not only relaxes the mind but also rejuvenates the spirit, offering a rare opportunity to disconnect from the incessant noise of the digital world.

Books have long been vessels of knowledge, preserving the wisdom of generations. In an era where information is often consumed in bite-sized pieces, reading a book allows for a deeper, more comprehensive understanding of a subject. Whether it’s a historical account, a scientific exploration, or a philosophical treatise, books provide the space to explore ideas in depth, encouraging critical thinking and fostering intellectual growth.

Moreover, the act of reading itself is a mental exercise that enhances focus, concentration, and analytical skills. As you follow the narrative arc of a novel or unravel the complexities of a scholarly argument, you engage your brain in ways that scrolling through social media simply cannot match.

One of the most powerful benefits of reading is its ability to cultivate empathy and expand the imagination. Through literature, we experience lives and perspectives vastly different from our own.

Incorporating reading into our daily routine can also become a cherished ritual of relaxation. Imagine ending your day with a quiet moment, a cup of tea or coffee in hand, as you lose yourself in the pages of a captivating story. This ritual not only promotes relaxation but also signals to your brain that it’s time to unwind, improving sleep quality and overall well-being.



COURTESY

K9 fire safety demo at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

Every dog has its day, and Wednesday, Jul. 17 (at 2 p.m.), is K9 Anthem’s day! Oscar Foss Memorial Library is hosting a Fire Safety Demonstration with the NH Fire Marshal’s Office and Barnstead Fire Fighters, along with an IGL (Ignitable Liquid) K-9 DEMO. Attendees will learn about the responsibilities of the NH State Fire Marshal’s Office, particularly for fire investigations. They will also get to meet Deputy State Fire Marshal, Adam Fanjoy, and learn about his K9 partner, Anthem. K9 Anthem is an Ignitable Liquid Detection K9, one of two K9s at the State Fire Marshal’s Office. K9 Anthem will demonstrate what she does and show us why she is such an important tool during fire investigations. There will also be a firefighter’s gear show-and-tell, which will allow the group to see a firefighter in plain clothes first, then watch as the individual transforms into a full-fledged firefighter, adding gear one piece at a time. This demonstration can help children connect the firefighter in full gear to their friendly community helper, which serves to reduce fear when seen in an emergency.

Let’s Talk. That Thing.

BY PAM MOTT
Alton

The thing about a community is its ability to navigate tricky roads. Old country roads hold lessons only hydroplaning on a muddy puddle will teach you. Locals around here will tell you tales about the incline of our bay roads; about greasy puddles and the time the big fish broke the line. Tales so fantastic you would believe them to be a hoax. Funny thing is, they happen at least

some of them.

Little towns like ours come together and have a hell of a good time. Each of us just looking for something to do. The paths in the woods mark the way to some spectacular views of Lake Winni. For the story tellers the trails hold stories of native American love affairs between tribes. Storm clouds partings and rainbows filling the sky. Us locals know what it is like to see a rainbow in our bays.

The local chatter full vibrant and colorful. Locals around here will point you in the right directions if they trust your intentions. Locals around here will also turn you around in circles, keep the peace and keep good humor. It takes all kinds to fill a community.

Summertime in the Lakes Region. Music, bon fires, smores and dirty, sticky kids. Not a better place to be. Save the date of Aug. 31, beginning at noon. That Thing is happening in

Aton Bay. Live entertainment and interactive activities. All free, for locals by locals. All based on factors of resilience and wellbeing. Who could use a little of that?

If you're a local porch performer or would like to be involved reach out, show up or ask a local. I'm sure someone will tell you how to get a hold of me. Until then, keep talking. That Thing called life is quite a trip embrace the journey.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN Competition

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author’s name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author’s name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

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.

TO PLACE AN AD:
ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE
Tracy Lewis
(603) 575-9127
tracy@salmonpress.news
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES:
KERRI PETERSON
603-279-4516 x303
kerri@salmonpress.news
TO PRINT AN OBITUARY:
E-MAIL:
obituaries@salmonpress.news
CALL: 603-677-9084
TO SUBMIT A LETTER
TO THE EDITOR:
E-MAIL:
E-MAIL: brendan@salmonpress.news

This paper is published weekly by Salmon Press, P.O. Box 729, 5 Water St., Meredith, NH 03253. Periodicals, postage paid at Meredith, NH 03253. Periodicals postage paid at Meredith, NH 03253. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Salmon Press, P.O. Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253. USPS 024967
The Gifford Steamer is published weekly by Salmon Press, P.O. Box 729, 5 Water St., Meredith, NH 03253. Periodicals, postage paid at Meredith, NH 03253. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Gifford Steamer, P.O. Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253.



PRESIDENT & PUBLISHER
FRANK G. CHILINSKI
(603) 677-9083
frank@salmonpress.news
BUSINESS MANAGER
RYAN CORNEAU
(603) 677-9082
ryan@salmonpress.news
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
JIM DiNICOLA
(508) 764-4325
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER
JIM HINCKEY
(603) 677-4516
EDITOR
JOSHUA SPAULDING
(603) 941-9155
josh@salmonpress.news
MANAGING EDITOR
BRENDAN BERUBE
(603) 677-9081
brendan@salmonpress.news
PRODUCTION MANAGER
JULIE CLARKE
(603) 677-9092
julie@salmonpress.news

Summer snuck up on me again. Spring just sort of slipped by and here it is almost July. With all the work piling up, I'll be busy through September, and beyond. Year after year just racing by. Till eventually, this body will just up and die, releasing my soul to further adventures unencumbered by mass and time. Forever thereafter. That's a long time. How's your soul doing?

I was house washing the other day, utilizing this soapy bleach solution when I noticed a wasp coming out from under a clapboard. It looked to be dragging something. It was dragging whatever you call a baby wasp while it's in that encapsulated development stage. This creature was trying to save this innocent life from the toxic substance I was spraying. Nice.

Then I thought of all the creatures in this wonderful world we live in, and how they all do their best to make sure that their little ones have the best chance of survival. Except for some of us enlightened humans of course. Who have better things to do.

Even the mildew that

hides there on the side of the house tries. As soon as it senses that this here bleachy stuff is going to kill it, it emits its spores, making it instantly turn dark. The next day everything is bright and clean as everything has lost the battle. We're mean to be clean.

I was pretty brutal when I was growing up. My godfather had given me a pellet gun and I got pretty deadly with the thing. You only had one shot before having to pump it up again, so you had to make each shot count. I was a young teenager and hadn't put much thought into life and death. I enjoyed the challenge of the hunt, even those small little critters that my friend and I used to cull in our regular adventures.

One day his mother said to us that if we're going to kill something, we ought to eat it. A couple of days later, we came home with a collection of squirrels, learned how to dress them and she cooked us up a nice little supper of roast rodent. It was pretty tough and gamey, and there isn't very much to eat on each one. We for some reason didn't do a lot of critter hunting after

that. I did retain the skill set learned from those experiences though.

As I came in my road today, I looked up towards the house and saw a hawk flying around so I stopped to watch. Then I saw three blue jays chasing after it. It did a few evasive maneuvers then landed in the tree right above my windshield. If it wasn't for the leaves I would have had a fine view of the activities. Trying to watch birds can be a challenge.

Judging from its wide wings and its majorly white underside, I suspect it to be a broad winged hawk. Probably a young one. Hawks are known to sometimes take small birds from their nests, and blue jays seem to work together in teams. I've actually seen that hawk numerous times this spring, surveilling the property. It's totally possible that it brought about the demise of my lady bluebird.

Bringing to mind the fact that mister blue bird exhibited total dedication to the principal I spoke of earlier, as he actually passed away sitting upon the eggs. Giving his life for his family. The same

sentiments are evoked for service men, police, and first responders who make that ultimate sacrifice. How can you possibly understand the extent of such a sacrifice as an outsider?

While the hawk was perched on the branch, the jays continued diving at it. I saw one actually land on its back and start pecking. Undoubtedly flustered by all the aggression, the hawk took off and they all disappeared into the trees. After parking the car there was no sight nor sound of this confrontation.

Most critters never kill their own kind. The guys battle each other for the girls but the hostilities usually stop once superiority is determined. Back in the garden, when we came to possess knowledge, the first grievous act thereafter that has been recorded was murder.

For years now, with our technologies, we have had the capability to annihilate the entire planet. It's sad to think that we've let it go that far. Pray we don't.

E.Twaste
Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

Halfmoon Lake Association developing watershed management plan with FB Environmental Associates

ALTON / BARNSTEAD — In the fall, the Halfmoon Lake Association (HMLA) received a Watershed Assistance Grant for Water Quality Planning (604b) from the U.S. EPA through the NH Department of Environmental Services. Since then, the Association has hired FB Environmental Associates (FBE) to develop a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) to help study the water quality and watershed of the lake to identify sources of pollution and plan a course of action ahead. Like many lakes in New Hampshire, Halfmoon Lake experiences fluctuating concentrations of phosphorus and chlorophyll-a, outside of

the state's thresholds, and has an increasing trend in chloride. The lake also experiences seasonal periods of low dissolved oxygen at the deepest part which can cause stress on aquatic species and has had three cyanobacteria advisories in recorded history. However, the story doesn't have to end here. Halfmoon Lake is a lake loved by many. From the year-round residents to seasonal visitors and young campers, to the loons and their chick floating in the nesting box, the lake is an integral part of the community. A WMP is a great way to synthesize all the water quality data collected, calculate nutrient load runoff from

the watershed, educate watershed residents about lake-friendly living, and open doors to future projects and funding to correct some problem areas through the lens of water quality. Since this plan is to be an EPA nine-element plan, its completion will make the association eligible for more federal funding to implement the action items to be identified in the WMP. HMLA and FBE have been hard at work analyzing water quality data, investigating local ordinances, conducting a septic system survey, and surveying the watershed to quantify nutrient and sediment erosion. The goal will be to identify what improvements need

to be made to improve the water quality of Halfmoon Lake for future generations. Each year HMLA hosts two annual meetings. The first 2024 annual meeting will be held on July 13 at 10:00am at 34 Crescent Drive. At the meeting, a representative from the NH Lakes Association Lake Smart program will give a presentation on what not only shorefront homeowners can do, but what everyone in the watershed can do to prevent stormwater runoff, promote infiltration, and support local flora and fauna with native plantings. FBE will also be in attendance to teach us all about lake water quality and share the

findings of the water quality analysis. For more information on the Halfmoon Lake WMP project, please contact Nina Kelly (hmlapresident@outlook.com). Funding for this project is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 604b of the Clean Water Act. The funding is administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in partnership with EPA. EPA does not endorse any commercial products or services mentioned.

Established in 2001, FB Environmental Associates is a consulting firm that specializes in environmental assessment, monitoring, planning, mapping, modeling, and restoration projects in the watersheds of New England's lakes, streams, rivers, and estuaries. FB Environmental is committed to providing reasonably priced, high-quality professional products while maintaining close communication with our clients. For more information contact us at info@fbenvironmental.com.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY BRITTNI STEWART
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

The Gilford Town Beach
The Concession stand at the Gilford Town Beach, operated by The Plate Lunch, is open for its seventh season serving the residents of Gilford. We look forward to seeing and serving you once again!

Gilford Parks and Recreations is partnering with Renee Cupples, E-RYT500 certified Yoga Instructor, to run a six-week yoga for all ages program.
Time: Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays from 6-7 p.m.
Where: The Gilford Town Beach located on Varney Point Rd.
When: Tuesday

mornings and Thursday evenings from July 9 – Aug. 15 (Session dates may be extended to accommodate for cancellations due to inclement weather.)
Registration Fees: \$60 for six classes \$15 daily drop-in fee.
Register at the Guard Room down at the Gilford Beach.

Arts and Crafts at the Gilford Beach
Program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon for four weeks June 25-Aug. 1. This program may be done on a drop-in basis and be paid daily at \$3 per child. \$30 for the full session.

Tickets Still Available for Red Sox Bus Trip on July 30
Gilford – The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a bus trip to watch the Red Sox at Fenway Park this summer. The trip is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th to see the Red Sox play the Seattle Mariners. Travel to and from the game will be provided aboard a Premiere Coach Company, Luxury Coach fully equipped with climate control, DVD Video System and Lavatory. This trip is limited to 53 participants.
Cost: \$90 per person

Senior Moment-um Event - July 8 (Monday) – “Happy Birthday” to the USA – and to Everyone!
Coming off our Fourth of July celebrations, we're going to have a birthday party celebrating our great country's birthday – and all our own

birthdays as well – so “Happy Birthday to Us!!!” Hawaii was the 50th state to join the Union, so we'll be serving up a lunch featuring Hawaiian chicken meatballs over rice, a veggie, and dessert. It'll be a red, white, and blue lunch for sure! Coffee, tea, and water will also be provided. And if you happen to have a childhood picture or two of yourself, please bring it along to share with the group! We will meet at the Gilford Community Church, Fellowship Hall at noon. The cost for the lunch/party is \$10. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, July 3.

For more information, please call the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

KRMS students recognized for academic achievement

WOLFEBORO — The following King-wood Regional Middle School students received the academic awards on June 20.

KRMS Scholar Leader Award: Lacey Kline, Colby Proctor

KRMS All School Award: Sara Fernandes, Chloe McLain

KRMS Sally Stewart Mathematics Award: Jonathan Bronson, Briana Sanft, Clara Lucas, Brody Ferguson

KRMS English Award: Evan Valley, Ella Parent, Isabella Burrows, Paul Noel

KRMS Writing Award: Angelika Cordatos, Hadley Aucoin, Melinda Clark, Lily Reeves

KRMS Social Studies Award: Colby Proctor, Sophia Nichols, Landon Foster, David Garner

KRMS Science Award: Michael Gardiner, Meghan Reilly, Lacey Kline, Jacob Pinard

KRMS Music Director's Award: David Garner

KRMS Chorus Award: Clara Lucas

KRMS Drama Award: Theo Hall

KRMS World Language Award: Leah Anderson, Mackenzie Shea, David Garner, Peyton Ghent

KRMS Character Award: Camella Cushing, Colby Proctor

Area residents named to Dean's List at University of New England

BIDDEFORD, Maine — The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

Alton
Abigail Argue
Ava Creteau

Marin Creteau
Hannah Linsky
Ava Morton
Hannah Racine

Alton Bay
Thera Woods

Gilmanton
Jaiden McKenna

Gilmanton Iron Works
Jessica Gannon

New Durham
Matthew Place

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state's top provider of health professionals and home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts. Visit une.edu





NORTH COUNTRY COINS, LLC
BUYING • SELLING • APPRAISALS
Est. 1989
WWW.NCCNH.COM
TUES - FRI 10 - 5 • SAT 10 - 3

HIGHEST PRICES PAID
All US and foreign silver and gold coins, estate jewelry, scrap gold, diamonds. Free oral appraisals.
NORTH COUNTRY COINS.
Main St., Plymouth, NH 536-2625.

Stone Wall Repair

Fieldstone/Granite
35 years experience

Tony Luongo
603-707-2727

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle!



New England
Vintage Boat
AUCTION
July 13 • 10 am
Vintage Boats • Fiberglass Boats • Cars
Sailboats & Canoes • Memorabilia



In-person at
The Nick, Wolfeboro, NH
Live Online at NHBM.org

OBITUARIES

Peter Joseph Pijoan, 89

Peter Joseph Pijoan lived a full and generous life. Peter left us on June 21, 2024 at the age of 89. He leaves behind four sons, Michael (wife Joanne), Timothy (wife Lisa), John, and Jimmy, as well as two daughters, Lisa Goodwin (husband Timothy) and Nicole Morales (husband Ricky).

Peter is predeceased by his wife, Emma Louise Elliott Pijoan. He is survived by brothers, Nick (wife Athena and children Erica and Randy) and Oliver (wife Janna, sons Michael and Xavier), and sister Theresa (daughters Nicole and Clare). He also leaves behind grandchildren Matthew, Melissa, Brittney, Alex, Haley Joy, Nyre, Antonio, Fabian, Kiara. He also had two great grandchildren, Princeton and Juniper.

Peter was born in Montreal, Canada on August 27, 1934. His family, brother Nick, father Michel, and mother Susan, moved to Baltimore, Maryland. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University with degrees in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. His brother Nick retells the stories of what a great brother he had growing up in Baltimore, how Peter (aka Chip) would take such good care of him while their single-parent mother was at work. His brother states that Chip was the “best brother a guy could have.”

He met his wife of 64 years, Emma (Emmy), in Baltimore at a Lutheran Church youth group event. They were married a short time later. Once married, they moved to Hudson, New Hampshire where Peter began his first job as an engineer with Saunders Associates (now part of BAE Systems Electronics and Integrated Solutions). Peter then moved his family to reside in North Reading, Massachusetts, where he continued his engineering career as a project manager at Draper Laboratories in Cambridge, MA.

Peter and Emmy were members of Messiah Lutheran Church in Lynnfield, MA. He began his puppet ministry there. He loved sharing the gospel message with children, using puppets to proclaim the Good News. He continued this puppet ministry for



many years and was often asked to bring these gospel stories to various churches throughout the Boston area.

In 1970, his father, Michel, asked him to become the caretaker for the San Juan Pueblo Mercantile in San Juan, New Mexico. Peter accepted his family responsibility and moved his family of 5 to a completely different culture and climate to run the mercantile. Tragically, two years into this position, a fire destroyed the mercantile and Peter returned home to North Reading, MA. He was able, through the grace of God, to return to his position at Draper Lab, and eventually even to the same house in North Reading, MA they had sold.

Peter and his family joined the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Woburn, MA and he became actively involved in the Youth Ministry and Sunday School program. He took many of the youth group members on hikes in the White Mountains and became involved in volunteering at Camp Calumet in Ossipee, NH. During this time, he mentored many of the youth and disciplined them in their faith.

As the majority of their children grew up and moved out on their own, Peter, Emmy and Jimmy began a ministry in Dorchester, NH at Asa’s Farm, where Peter attracted homeless men from Boston. He helped them gain the life skills needed to get off the streets and into decent jobs so that hopefully one day, they could own their own homes. When the program in Boston ended, Peter moved his family to Alton Bay, NH where Peter began working as a Retreat Director at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center. There, P-E-T-E-R became a household name, as Peter hosted many church groups, entertaining them with his sense of humor and love for the Lord. He decid-

ed to enter the technical field of work once again and became the television director for the Lakes Region Public Access in Laconia, NH. He was the general manager for the television studio.

Peter realized there was no local television broadcast station in Wolfeboro, NH and developed the 501(c) (3) non-profit organization known as Wolfeboro Community Television. Peter was often found at all local town and school events, with his camera set up, filming life in the “Oldest Summer Resort in America.” The television studio continues his legacy today, doing the important work of documenting life in Wolfeboro. As in Alton Bay, Peter became well known and developed many friendships in the town of Wolfeboro. He even took up a brief acting career in the play “On Golden Pond”, where he starred as Norman Thayer with the Village Players. The play was a rousing success. In his retirement, he enjoyed sailing, swimming, and volunteering at the Windrifter Resort, and even served on the Board of Directors at the Windrifter for many years. Peter was an active member of First Christian Church in Wolfeboro, NH for many years and ran the tech booth for them, doing the sound and videography for their worship services.

Peter Pijoan left the world a better place due to his kindness, sense of humor, and love for the Lord Jesus Christ. He brought smiles, laughter and help to so many people. He touched many people's lives and will always be remembered as an intelligent, charismatic, and good-humored soul.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wolfeboro Community Television, 396 South Main Street, Wolfeboro NH 03894.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at the First Christian Church in Wolfeboro at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 13, 2024. All are invited to attend the service. Burial will be at a later date as a private ceremony with immediate family only.

Lord Funeral Home in Wolfeboro, NH, is assisting the family during this time.

Thomas Michael Moore (1956-2023)



Thomas “Tommy” Michael Moore, 67, of Alton, New Hampshire died on December 29, 2023 at Portsmouth Regional Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on December 12, 1956 to the late Nancy C. Moore and the late William “Bill” L. Moore.

He was the second son of the eventual ten Moore children. Thomas attended Chelsea High School then Cardinal Cushing Academy before joining the United States Marine Corps where he dutifully served until 1979. His service took him around the world.

The Moore family left Massachusetts in 1974 and made their home in Alton, NH.

Tommy found fulfillment in living and working on the family farm. His love of nature, animals and hard work was obvious to those who knew him well. He was a natural pied piper with the farm animals.

Tommy was quick witted, a loyal brother and son, a friend to many and always willing to help a neighbor. To know Tommy was

to love him.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Nancy and Bill Moore, his brothers Billy Moore and Patrick Moore. He is survived by his children Megan Moore and Thomas Moore, his siblings Michelle (Charlie) Sherman, Linda (the late Domenic) DiRosa, his brother John Moore, Kim (Harry) Gordon, Nancy Moore (Deb Allison), Stacey (Virgil) Macdonald, Allison (James) Brown, many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews who he loved dearly.

A graveside service will be held at the Riverside Cemetery in Alton on Friday July 12th at 3pm. All are welcome.

Local students graduate from Plymouth State University

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University congratulates more than 500 students who received their academic degrees during its 153rd Anniversary Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Bank of New Hampshire Field House in the Active Living, Learning, and Wellness (ALLWell) North Building.

Taren Brownell of Alton graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Taylor Leitao of New Durham graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Ed & Youth Development.

Edward Malone of New Durham graduated

with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science & Policy.

Reese Clark of Gilford graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Emily Lafond of Gilford graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Ed & Youth Development.

Jacquelyn Nunez of Gilford graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology.

About Plymouth State University

Established in 1871, Plymouth State University serves the state of New Hampshire and the world beyond by transforming our students through advanced practices where engaged learning pro-

duces well-educated undergraduates, and by providing graduate education that deepens and advances knowledge and enhances professional development. The Plymouth State Cluster Learning Model emphasizes open, integrative, and project-based experiences. With distinction, we connect with community and business partners for economic development, technological advances, healthier living, and cultural enrichment with a special commitment of service to the North Country and Lakes Region of New Hampshire. To learn more about Plymouth State University, visit www.plymouth.edu.

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

COLCHESTER, Vt. — The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College for the Spring 2024 semester. Students who complete at least 12 credits of classes and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.5 in

a particular semester are cited on the Dean's List for that semester.

* Rocky Gagne of Alton

* Willow H. Quindley of Alton

About Saint Michael's College

Saint Michael's College, founded on principles of social justice and leading lives of purpose and consequence, is a selective, Catholic college just outside Burlington, Vermont, one of the country's best college towns. Located between the

Green Mountains and Lake Champlain, our closely connected community guarantees housing all four years and delivers internationally respected liberal arts together with an innovative Purposeful Learning Program, preparing students for fulfilling careers and meaningful lives. Young adults here grow intellectually, socially, and morally, learning to be responsible for themselves, each other, and their world.

Church Service

SCHEDULE

ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH
Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union.
Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914.
For more information, please visit abundantharvestn.org or e-mail ahf@faith.com.

ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER
Sundays throughout the summer 10am & 7pm. 875-6161.

BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON
Alton 9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, www.befreechurch.net.

CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Worship Service 10:00am
Bible Study 11:15am
Rte 126 next to Town Hall
Call or Text (603) 269-8831
centerbarnsteadcc.org

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF PRAISE C.O.P. PRAISE GATHERING
Gathering Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m.
The Gilmanton Community Church
1803 NH Route 140, Gilmanton Ironworks, NH
ccoppraisegathering@gmail.com

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON
Pastor Jared Cassidy
10am Worship service Sunday
20 Church St Alton
(603) 875-5561
www.ccaalton.com

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD, UCC
Sunday School and Worship Services
Rev. Kate Kennedy
603-776-1820
Our services are in person at 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, NH and live-streamed on Zoom, Sundays at 10 a.m.
ccnorthbarnstead.com

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC FARMINGTON
Worship Services 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 10:15 A.M.
400 Main Street
Farmington, NH 03835
Pastor Tom Gardner 735-4816
www.farmingtonucc.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW DURHAM NH
Sun. School 9:30am; Church 10:30am; Evening Service 6pm; Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm. Depot St., New Durham;
Pastor Ryan Blackard

PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H.
on the Parade in Barnstead
Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings.
Pastor Sandy Pierson • 483-2816

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL
40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548
Father Robert F. Cole, Pastor.
Mass Saturday 4pm;
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am;
Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield
Rev. Miriam Acevedo with Rev. Stephen Ekerberg
www.ststephenspittsfield.com

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rt. 171 at Tuffinboro Corner.
Sunday services 10:30 am. Church 603-539-8058

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA
Sunday services and religious education 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome.
172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524-6188 • uus.org

MAPLE STREET CHURCH
Sunday Service 11am
96 Maple Street, Center Barnstead NH 03225

Speedy Wash n Go

Laundromats

ALSO OFFERING

WASH-DRY-FOLD

By appointment

DROP OFF

AND PICK UP

3 CONVENIENT LOCATIONS

7 School Street, Alton
Open Daily 7 am to 9 pm

8 Church St, Belmont
Open Daily 7 am to 9 pm

46 Center Street, Wolfeboro
Open 24/7

603-498-7427

Business Account Discounts
CALL 603-948-5070 FOR DETAILS

AIR-CONDITIONED

Clean - Bright – Friendly

! From Single load machines

to 60 pound machines !

Accepting: Cash, Credit, Debit and Loyalty Cards

Website- Speedywashngo.com

E-Mail Speedywashngo@gmail.com

All laundromats have 24 hour video surveillance.

Like Us On facebook

BG

Baker-Gagne Funeral Home
Cremation Service

Pre-Arrangements - Traditional Funerals

Simple Burials - Cremation Services

Monument Company

F. Rick Gagne - Funeral Director
Mill Street, Wolfeboro, NH 603-569-1339
Route 16, West Ossipee, NH 603-539-3301

(800) 539-3450

baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com

PEASLEE FUNERAL HOME

& Cremation Service

(603) 755-3535

www.peasleefuneralhome.com

Main Office: 24 Central Street, Farmington, NH

2079 Wakefield Road, Wakefield, NH

Alton Funeral Home 12 School Street, Alton, NH

Gilford implementing traffic safety improvement measures at Route 11A intersections

BY ERIN PLUMMER
mnews@salmonpress.news

GILFORD – The selectmen approved taking measures to address traffic safety issues at the intersection of two town roads with Route 11A, including the installation of some new signs and beacons and putting markings on the road.

The selectmen discussed ongoing traffic issues in the area of Hoyt Road, Gunstock Hill Road and Route 11A during their meeting on June 26.

Board chair Gus Benavides said the board has been looking at this intersection for many years and is aware of the line-of-sight issues there. Several accidents have occurred at that intersection over the years.

Benavides reminded people that Route 11A is a state road and the town is limited on what action it can take on that road. He said the town has been trying to work with the Department of Transportation on the traffic issues.

“We wanted to give this opportunity for residents to understand that we, as your citizen volunteers, have been taking this seriously, we’ve been looking at this,” Benavides said.

Benavides said reports have shown that most accidents at that intersection have been the result of driver error, mainly failing to stop at the stop signs and pulling out onto a 55 mile per hour road.

Town officials said they have tried to work with the state and made

suggestions that were denied, not acted upon, or the town was informed more action and planning would be needed on certain things.

Public Works with help from the Police and Fire Departments put forth some new recommendations on how to manage those intersections on the town roads

and overlapping with the state’s right of way.

The recommendation was to purchase two solar powered red beacons to go on the state’s stop sign. Another was to authorize painting “Stop Ahead” markings on each town road by the stop signs. The third recommendation was to install two signs that read “Cross

Traffic Does Not Stop” by the existing stop signs.

“By and large the problem seems to be people blowing off the stop signs to the extent that we can make it very hard for ppl not to see the stop signs I think that takes very proactive steps,” said Town Administrator Scott Dunn. Deputy Fire Chief

Brad Ober and Capt. Dustin Parent of the Gilford Police Department both said these were proactive steps to address this issue.

Any signs or equipment put in the state right of way without permission could result in the state taking them down. “I’d rather put it on

the stop (sign) and again beg for forgiveness or tell them tell us to take it off,” said Public Works Director Meghan Theriault.

The selectmen unanimously approved a motion to implement all three of these recommendations. Dunn said he will report back to the board on how this works out.

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

BRISTOL, R.I. — Madison Nash of Gilford has been named to the Spring 2024 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.

About RWU

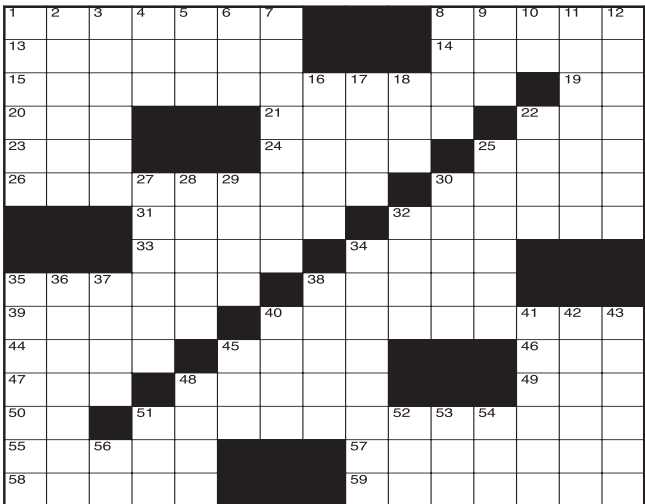
At Roger Williams University, students are prepared to be thinkers and doers ready to solve challenging problems with innovative solutions. RWU offers 50 majors and robust of-

ferings of graduate and professional programs across eight schools of study including Rhode Island's only law school, with campuses on the coast of Bristol and in the heart of Providence, R.I. With small classrooms and a focus on undergraduate and graduate

research and community engagement, a Roger Williams education blends the strength of liberal arts and professional studies, providing all students with the depth and breadth of interdisciplinary thinking and well-rounded knowledge necessary to succeed in

our interconnected, global world. RWU is committed to strengthening society through engaged scholarship so that students graduate with the ability to think critically and apply the practical skills that today's employers demand.

TAKE A BREAK



ACROSS

- 1. Book size
- 8. Indonesian Island
- 13. "The Sopranos" character
- 14. Plants often found in stews
- 15. Stern
- 19. Atomic #52
- 20. Often seen after a company name
- 21. Silk garments
- 22. Inhibiting hormone (abbr.)
- 23. Type of beer
- 24. Margarine
- 25. Throw lightly
- 26. Explains again
- 30. Raccoon-like animal
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Platforms

- 33. Scored perfectly
- 34. One's essence
- 35. Strikes with a firm blow
- 38. Makes tractors
- 39. Music term
- 40. Lack of energy
- 44. Vestments
- 45. ___ and feathers
- 46. Total
- 47. Gobbler
- 48. One with Japanese immigrant parents
- 49. Type of braking system (abbr.)
- 50. Home of Rudy Flyer
- 51. Manageable
- 55. Lugged
- 57. Irritated
- 58. Sea eagles

DOWN

- 1. About visual sense
- 2. Part of a horse's saddle
- 3. In a way, interchanged
- 4. Rocker's accessory
- 5. Very important person
- 6. It precedes two
- 7. Flavored
- 8. Musical notes
- 9. String instrument (slang)
- 10. Mister
- 11. Fine, light linen fabric
- 12. Absence of bacteria
- 16. Discounts
- 17. Area units
- 18. A description of one's life
- 22. Gazelles
- 25. Plumbing fixture
- 27. Makes especially happy
- 28. One side of something many-sided
- 29. Frosts
- 30. Defunct monetary unit of Guinea
- 32. Female animal species
- 34. School terms
- 35. Written law
- 36. Unpleasant aroma
- 37. Nuclear weapon
- 38. One who challenges
- 40. Opposite of first
- 41. Able to be utilized
- 42. Less interesting
- 43. Implants
- 45. Canister
- 48. Gestures
- 51. After B
- 52. Roman monetary unit
- 53. Long-term memory
- 54. Cash machine
- 56. The Volunteer State

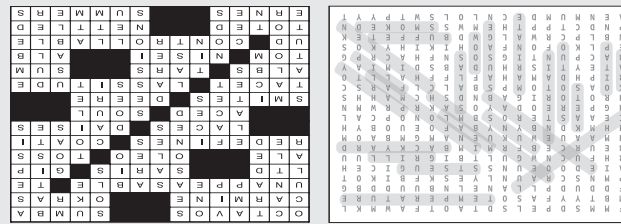
BACKYARD BASH WORD SEARCH



BACKYARD BASH WORD SEARCH

BACKYARD, BARBECUE, BARK, BUFFET, BUNS, CHARCOAL, CHICKEN, ENTERTAIN, FLIP, GRILL, GUESTS, HAMBURGER, INFORMAL, MARINATE, MEAL, OUTDOORS, PARTY, PATIO, SALADS, SAUSAGE, SMOKED, STEAK, TEMPERATURE, WOOD

This Week's Answers



Forest Pump & Filter Co.

Serving The Greater Lakes Region Area for Over 50 Years

WE DO IT ALL

WELL DRILLING

PUMP SYSTEMS

FILTERS

Family Owned Business for 40 Years

CALL FOR SERVICE

FOREST PUMP & FILTER CO., INC.

603-332-9037

HAYES

Maintenance and Repair

603-651-9185

Ask about my Special Winter Pricing!

Bill Hayes the original handyman

45 years experience

Interior and exterior remodeling

Always the best prices and the best workmanship for your hard earned money.

- Free estimates
- Painting interior and exterior
- Replacement doors and windows
- Deck replacement and repair
- Bathroom remodels
- Vinyl siding and more.

One call does it all.

Looking for New Customers?

FROM THE LAKES REGION TO THE GREAT NORTH WOODS.

- The Baysider
- Meredith News
- Berlin Reporter
- Gilford Steamer
- Granite State News
- Littleton Courier
- Record Enterprise
- Winnisquam Echo
- Newfound Landing
- Coös County Democrat
- Carrol County Independent

CALL 603-279-4516 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

www.ToomeyConstructionCompany.com

P.O. Box 1

Center Sandwich, N.H. 03227

603-707-9448

"Building your Heritage"

Sweeps • Stonework

Brick Repairs • Liners

Caps • Installations

Fire Place Makeovers

Sweeps as low as \$244

603-520-7217

Fully Insured

SOFTBALL

(continued from Page A1)
tain's Kendal Cote, Hopkinton's Ally Duval and Annie Morrall, St. Thomas' Amelia Anderson and Raymond's Sophie Huynh.
In Division IV, Woodsville senior Dory Roy

was named Player of the Year and was joined with First Team honors by Moultonborough senior Charlotte Johnson. Earning Second Team honors were Woodsville's Grace Griswold, Mackenzie Griswold, Katie Houghton and Makayla Walker and Profile's Evie Burger while Honorable Mention went to Lisbon's Sophia Lafond, Meredith Barnes and Bailey Clark, Littleton's Emerlynn Frias-Frias and Avah Lucas, Moultonborough's Lauren Grinavic, Gorham's Madison Gi-



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Prospect Mountain's Ella Bernier was named Division III Pitcher of the Year for the second year in a row.

rouard, Profile's Avery Gignac, Maddie Koehler and Mya Brown and Lin-Wood's Kate Clermont, Kylie Clermont and Destiny Ciarleglio.

Joining Roy in earning First Team honors for Division IV were Newmarket's Kierra Souphakhot, Pittsburg-Canaan's Alyvia Jaimes, Franklin's Lily Cornell, Pittsfield's Alex Penney, Portsmouth Christian's Eliza Arwood, Mascenic's Katalina Davis and Ella Pearson and Epping's Callie Hansen.

Second Team honors also went to Hannah Chesley of Newmarket, Sienna Grondin and Janessa Hodge of Pittsburg-Canaan, Tiffany Boucher, Adelis Stoppyro and Alivia Lavigne of Pittsfield, Lexi Jordan of Portsmouth Christian, Delaney Traffie of Mascenic and Aubree Marchette of Epping.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Emma Surina, Jadyann Radja and Emma Walkowiak of Newmarket, Lexi Santamaria and Hailey Rossitto of Colebrook, Lilly Kelleher and Taylor



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Maddie McKenna of Gilford was named First Team All-State for the Division III spring season.

Goodspeed of Sunapee and Khloe MacKenzie of Portsmouth Christian.

Maddie Trefethen of Franklin and Gene Cote of Pittsburg-Canaan were named Division IV Coaches of the Year while Kirk Romein of Sunapee was named JV/Assistant Coach of the Year.

In Division II, Kingswood's Morgyn Stevens was named Pitcher of the Year and earned First Team honors, where she was joined by teammates Avery Gregory and Carley Johnson. Kennett's Moira Irish earned Second Team honors and Kingswood's Rheegan Swift and Plymouth's Olivia Frost both earned Honorable Mention. Kingswood's Jill Stevens was named Division II Assistant Coach of the Year.

Also earning First Team honors were Coe-Brown's Kylie Bienieck, Haile Comeau and Jayden Porter, Merrimack Valley's Kayla Smith, Sanborn's Brooke Hanson, Campbell's LeAnn Ramos, Oyster River's Kate Michaud, Bow's Taylor Ouellette, Hollis-Brookline's Kailey Disco, John Stark's Ava

Rivers, Con-Val's Sydney Borges and Pembroke's Morgan Cloutier.

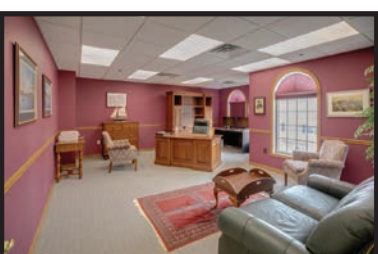
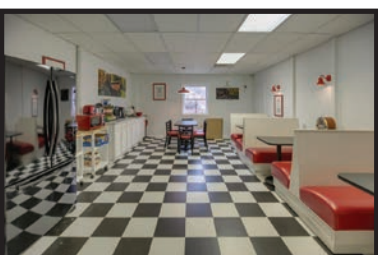
Earning Second Team honors were Merrimack Valley's Caydence Allberg, Coe-Brown's Annie Jerome, Sanborn's Phoebe Hood and Hannah Lambert, Oyster River's Gracie Spirito, Milford's Hannah Harrington, Lebanon's Ava Kaercher, Campbell's Katie Fluet, Laconia's Macy Swormstedt, Bow's Ella Roos, Con-Val's Avery Moore, Souhegan's Gabby Torres and Isabelle Brandt and Hollis-Brookline's Ava Imbrogno.

Also bringing home Honorable Mention honors were Bow's Madison Oppold, Coe-Brown's Addison Coffin, Oyster River's Maddy Veno, Addy Veno and Maeve Hickok, Hanover's Jess Lobb, Pelham's Morgan Berton, Pembroke's Ally Tessier and Hollis-Brookline's Emily Tebbetts.

Pelham's Todd Lozeau (varsity) and Henry Grismard (JV) were named Division II Coach of the Year.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

NOW AVAILABLE
RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL
5 Water Street, Meredith, NH



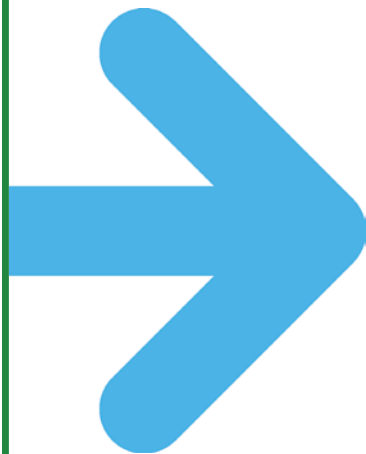
Once home to the historic Meredith News. 5 Water Street, Meredith, NH, is now available with 6,670 SF+/- of heated and cooled space, located in the central business district, allowing flexible use for residential & commercial ventures. Three-phase electric, interior front & back Stairs, fire suppression system, hard wired smoke detectors, emergency lighting, high speed internet, town water & sewer, loading dock, & furniture included.

Call Linda Matheson to
view 603.348.3764



Badger, Peabody, Smith Realty
603.823.5700
383 Main St, Franconia, NH 03580

Local Newspapers are **IMPORTANT**
Any Way You Look At It



Fact-Based Regional Reporting
Political Accountability
Local Business Support
Community Connection
Education, Jobs & Housing
An Informed Democracy



In Print • Online • Mobile
Subscribe Today

and support the trusted,
in-depth, locally focused reporting
that only your community
newspaper can provide.

- The Baysider
- Berlin Reporter
- Granite State News
- Record Enterprise
- Newfound Landing
- Carrol County Independent

- Meredith News
- Gilford Steamer
- Littleton Courier
- Winnisquam Echo
- Coös County Democrat



In Print & Online Local News

Call to subscribe:
1-877-766-6981

Great Waters brings Yacht Rock to the Concerts in the Clouds

MOULTONBOROUGH — The music known as Yacht Rock will fill the air on Saturday, July 20, at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough at 7:30 p.m., when The Docksid-ers bring you the Yacht Rock Experience. Pre- pare yourselves for a fun evening as you picture cruising the Atlantic shores of the Hamptons with your friends while listening to the music of such notables as Michael McDonald, Kenny Log- gins, Christopher Cross, Air Supply, and so many more. Familiar tunes such as “What a Fool Be- lieves,” “Africa,” and “I Just Want to Be Your Ev- erything” are just a few of the familiar soft rock hits from the ‘70s and ‘80s that the Docksid-ers will perform.

Led by three-time Grammy nominee Kev- in Sucher, the Docksid-ers band includes mu- sic industry veterans.

Show-stopping hit songs and costume changes are just a part of this world- class performance. They have entertained thou- sands of people across the country over the past four years. In 2023, they were voted the Winner of the Best in Las Ve- gas—Tribute Act and are currently in residency at 1923 Live in Vegas, where they appear before sold- out audiences.

Plan to make it a com- plete evening by partici- pating in this year’s new Ride and Dine Experi- ence or coming early and enjoying the food of the three food trucks that will be available before the show. The Ride and Dine Experience begins in Wolfeboro. Travel in Jolly the Trolley from the Kingswood Arts Center or the Taylor Community at Back Bay to a delicious three-course meal at Birch and Vine in Tufton- boro. Then, continue to the performance at the



Great Waters tent on the Castle in the Clouds grounds. Following the performance, Jolly will return you to your car in Wolfeboro. Are you look- ing for a different food option? Three food trucks will be available on-site near the Great Waters tent. Refuge Bar BQ, Arlenes Asian Kitchen, and Sweeties Cupcakes, where you can purchase a fabulous mason jar cup- cake, will be there before the performance.

Information about Great Waters and the 2024 summer performance season can be found by going to the Web site at www.greatwaters.org or by calling the office at 603-569-7710. Two concert sites are offered: Concerts in Town on the campus of Brewster Academy and Concerts in the Clouds at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough. Great Waters is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing outstanding musical performances

in the summer to those living in and visiting the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Major spon- sors of this performance

are Eastern Propane and Oil, Fidelity Investments, and Belknap Landscape Company Inc.

Smith Farm Stand

PICK YOUR OWN RASPBERRIES!

NOW OPEN!

Call for picking conditions!

Our Own Maple Syrup

Mon-Tue & Thur-Fri, 8am-12pm; Sat & Sun, 8am-2pm
Closed Wednesdays
(603) 524-7673 • 15 Smith Farm Road, Gilford

Facebook as Smith Farm Stand

OUR "NO CAVITY CLUB" WINNERS!

Congratulations ANTHONY!

Congratulations HARPER!

CHILDREN'S DENTISTRY
Lakes Region White Mountains North Country North Conway

Congratulations EASTON!

Congratulations NOAH!

www.ChildrensDentistNH.com

Serving all of New Hampshire for 50 years.

PORTER

PAVING, INC.

Paving & Resurfacing • Driveways & Parking Lots
Specializing in Residential and Commercial Paving
Owner Installs Every Job

286-8182
www.porterpaving.com

GREAT WATERS

Entertaining the Lakes Region

The Docksid-ers

Yacht Rock Experience

SATURDAY, JULY 20th
7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Castle in the Clouds

The Docksid-ers are composed of music industry veterans – led by 3-time Grammy™ nominee Kevin Sucher.

Their unique tribute act of your favorite “soft rock” songs of the 70s and 80s – now defined as Yacht Rock – has entertained thousands of people for years.

All shows, unless indicated, are approximately 90 minutes long. Lawn Seats are General Admission and you must bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Scan for tickets

Ride and Dine Music Series
available for this show.

Visit GreatWaters.org for more information.

GreatWaters.org
or call (603) 569-7710

www.ToomeyConstructionCompany.com

We look forward to working with you!

“Building your Heritage”
Since 1985

Custom Homes
603-707-9448

P.O.Box 1
Sandwich, NH 03227

Hire A Professional Who Is Properly Insured

- Shingles
- Metal Shingles
- Copper
- Standing Seam Metal Roofs

Mention This Ad!
Ask About Our Special Offers!

10 YEAR LABOR WARRANTY
Financing Available

DWIGHT & SONS, INC.
The **ROOFING** Experts!
We do it right the first time.

Instant Roof Quote!

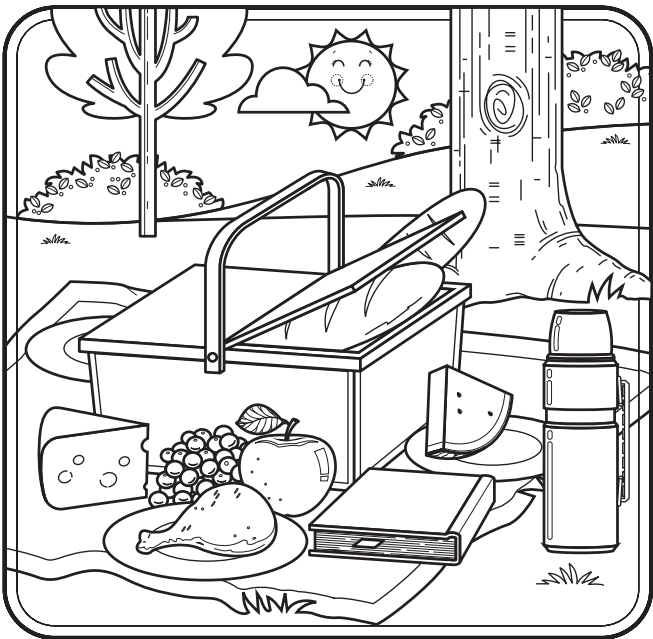
TEXT or CALL
603-766-3377

www.603Roofers.com



Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

CNEKIHC 4 3 8

LSAAD 9 7

SRGAS 5 1

ETLBNAK 6 2

W 1 2 3 4 O U 2 F O 5 2 4 6

7 8 2 9

Answers: Chicken, Salad, Grass, Blanket, Watch out for the ants

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1890: WYOMING IS ADMITTED AS THE 44TH STATE.
- 1938: HOWARD HUGHES BEGINS A 91-HOUR AIRPLANE FLIGHT AROUND THE WORLD THAT WILL SET A NEW RECORD.
- 1962: TELSTAR, THE WORLD'S FIRST COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE, IS LAUNCHED INTO ORBIT.



FROLIC

move about cheerfully



ENGLISH: Picnic

SPANISH: Picnic

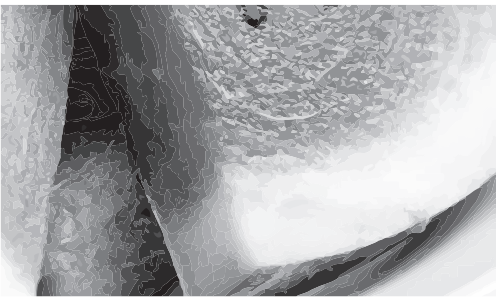
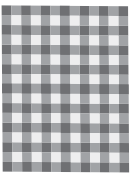
ITALIAN: Picnic

FRENCH: Pique-nique

GERMAN: Picknick



RED AND WHITE CHECKERED TABLECLOTHS AT PICNICS CAN BE TRACED BACK TO EARLY EUROPEAN INFLUENCES, PARTICULARLY IN REGIONS LIKE ITALY AND FRANCE.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: WATERMELON

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to barbecue.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 19 = O)

A. 1 19 19 16

Clue: Sustenance

B. 1 20 14 12 15

Clue: Fire

C. 5 21 14 25

Clue: Burn outside

D. 24 12 19 4 15

Clue: Product of burning

Answers: A. food B. flame C. char D. smoke

SUDOKU

	7	6		4	9	8		
	8	9		3			6	
								7
		7	3				4	
2	3		4					8
4	6			9	7		1	3
	2				5		8	
8	5					7	2	9
			2	8				4

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	6	5	3	8	2	1	9	7
8	5	3	6	1	4	7	2	9
6	2	4	9	7	5	3	8	1
4	6	8	5	9	7	2	1	3
2	3	5	4	6	1	9	7	8
9	1	7	3	2	8	5	4	6
3	4	2	8	5	6	1	9	7
1	8	9	7	3	2	4	6	5
5	7	6	1	4	9	8	3	2

ANSWER:

PETS OF THE WEEK

June

Meet June! June is a sweet and playful female looking for her forever home. Toys? Oh, she can't get enough of them! Whether it's a squeaky ball or a fluffy plush, count her in for a play session anytime.



She's not just all fun and games though. She also a loyal companion in the making, ready to be your ultimate sidekick. Whether you're going for a walk in the park or lounging at home, she'll be right by your side, bringing joy and companionship to your life.

June would love to be your one and only as she learns the ropes of her forever home.

NH Humane Society
Over a century of love for those without a voice. 1305 Meredith Center Rd Laconia, NH 03246 • (603) 524-9539



Reba (McIntire)

Meet Reba McEntire! Are you ready to add a touch of country charm and a whole lot of sass to your home? Reba is excited to meet her forever family and share her incredible personality.

Reba has a heart of gold and will bring lots of love with her!

Forest Pump & Filter Co.

Serving The Greater Lakes Region Area for Over 50 Years

WE DO IT ALL

WELL DRILLING

PUMP SYSTEMS

FILTERS

Family Owned Business for 40 Years

CALL FOR SERVICE

FOREST PUMP & FILTER CO., INC.

603-332-9037

Step Up Your Advertising Game



Talk our experienced ad consultants today about advertising in one of our papers.

Advertising Works

Contact Tracy
(603) 616-7103 • tracy@salmonpress.news
or Lori
(603) 444-3927 • lori@salmonpress.news

THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	75 Pipers Point Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$1,150,000	Thomas L. and Susan E. Adams	Erik P. Dutson
Alton	N/A (Lot 183)	N/A	\$59,000	John Farhadian	John and Angela Weeman
Barnstead	24 Beauty Hill Rd.	Mobile Home	\$185,000	Julie O'Leary	Christopher A. Houghton and Josie L. Dondero
Barnstead	Province Road	N/A	\$190,000	Anthony Somma	William J. and Rhonda M. Liamos
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$38,000	Parker D., Jr. and Lydia S. Mullins	Tucceri Fiscal Trust and Robert G. Tucceri
Gilford	315 Weirs Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$470,000	Michael J. and Nicole Shruhan	Lillian and William J. Deeb, Jr.
Gilford	121 Woodland Ave.	Single-Family Residence	\$436,000	Winni Waters Trust and Raymond R. Tetu	Connor R. Johnson and Kylie R. Bean
Gilmanton	41 Gale Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$600,000	Glenn M. and Jody A. Auclair	Zachary Collier and Lauren Wilson
Gilmanton	140 Levitt Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$970,000	Richard B. Burchell Estate and Sarah S. Ambrogio-Esquire	Lon C. and Jana T. Fairchild
Gilmanton	Mill Pond	N/A	\$89,000	Wayne E. & M.L. Burgess RET	Route 106 RT and Alfred E. Mitchell
Gilmanton	751 Province Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$420,000	F. & Kathleen Messer RET and Francis A. Messer	Daniel and Reilly Paquin
New Durham	171 Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$675,000	Wilfred T. III and Linda J. Roy	Rene and Melanie A. Labranche
New Durham	N/A	N/A	\$19,000	Christopher M. Larochelle	Lily & Co. LLC

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 informa-

tion 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.

Local Olympic connections: You have any? Let us know



Who's ready for Paris? For those who aren't regular readers, I should start with a bit of background. In late 2012, thinking that there might be a few local connections heading to the Sochi Olympics, I applied for credentials to cover them through the US Olympic Committee. This was totally on a whim and I had no belief whatsoever that I would end up getting approved for those credentials. However, after an interview process with other media members, I got approved for the credentials to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

While there I got to see two athletes that I had covered in their high school days, Leanne Smith and Sean Doherty, compete for Team USA and also found a ton of other local connections, many of them thanks to the great Dan Egan, who helped introduce me to people I may not have otherwise known were local. It was a tremendous experience and at the time, I labeled it 'once in a lifetime,' not expecting I would do it again. I solicited donations and raised money, there were some fundraisers and my company matched all the money I raised, which allowed me to completely pay for the trip.

When the opportunity came up to apply for credentials for the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, I decided to do it again and this time, since I was in the pool already, there was no interview process, just the acceptance of my credential request. And with all the money I had been given or raised for Sochi, PyeongChang was basically paid for.

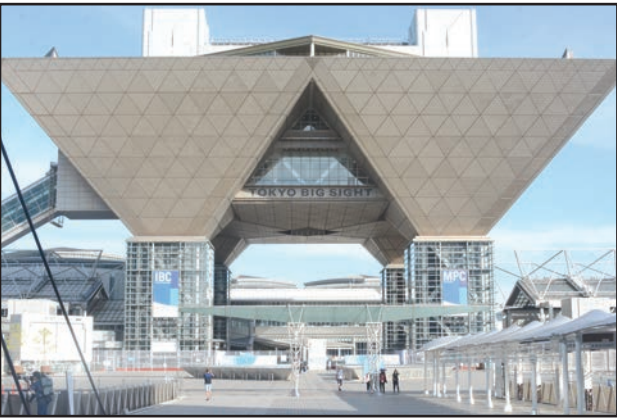
Returning from South Korea, I made the decision to apply for Summer Olympic credentials for the first time for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Because I had never applied for the summer credentials, there was an interview process again, but once again, my application was accepted and I geared up for the 2020 Olympics.

Of course, we all know how 2020 turned out. The Olympics were postponed a year, so I was in Tokyo in 2021 and in Beijing in 2022 for the Winter Olympics, both without any fans and tight COVID-19

protocols. There was a lot of paperwork, a lot of testing and a lot of empty stadiums. But, I was at the Olympics and there was no complaining about that.

The 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris kick off on Friday, July 26, and after working many hours making donuts, bread, cookies and the like at the Yum Yum Shop in Wolfeboro four or five mornings a week, the Paris trip is paid for and I will be boarding a plane on Monday night, July 22, with a final destination of Charles deGaulle Airport in Paris.

The reason for this column is to help me decide what I should see in Paris



Tokyo Big Sight was the home of the Main Press Center at the Tokyo Olympics in the summer of 2021. The Paris Olympics kick off at the end of this month.

or who I should be looking for. I know Dover diver Jessica Parrotto will be in her third Olympics, while former UNH star Elle (Purrier) St. Pierre is competing in two events in her second Olympics.

But are there local connections? Is your child or grandchild a coach or athlete heading to Paris? Is there someone who might spend summers in the local communities competing (or even

working) in the Summer Olympics?

I can't possibly know everybody in every community our newspapers cover, so I am asking for anyone who might know of some local Olympic connections to drop me an e-mail with that information so I can possibly get the chance to see them and/or talk to them in Paris coming up at the end of the month.

If you know of someone, just e-mail josh@salmonpress.news with their name, sport, local connection and whatever else you want to include.

And for updates on the trip to Paris, check out the paper you're reading each week in addition

to my blog at www.salmonsportsguy.blogspot.com. My X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram accounts are both SalmonSportsGuy and they will feature content from Paris throughout my three-week journey.

Joshua Spaulding is the Sports Editor for the Granite State News, Carroll County Independent, Meredith News, Gilford Steamer, Winnisquam Echo, Plymouth Record-Enterprise, Littleton Courier, Newfound Landing, Coos County Democrat, Berlin Reporter and The Baysider. He can be reached at josh@salmonpress.news, at 279-4516, or PO Box 729, Meredith, NH 03253.

REAL ESTATE

Camelot Home Center
ALWAYS OPEN DAILY • 10 TO 6 SATURDAYS & 10 TO 5 SUNDAYS
NEW 14' WIDES
List Price: \$86,995
\$77,995*
66' 3 Bed, 2 Bath
List Price: \$89,995
\$86,995*
68' 2 Bed, 2 Bath
DOUBLE WIDES
List Price: \$119,995
\$115,995*
56' 3 Bed, 2 Bath
List Price: \$130,995
\$127,995*
48' 3 Bed, 2 Bath
*PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Homes From COLONY, MARLETTE, NEW ERA & TITAN
MODULARS
List Price: \$131,995
\$125,995*
48' 3 Bed, 2 Bath
List Price: \$179,995
\$179,995*
1,568sq ft, 2 story, 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath.
Visit Our Website: **WWW.CM-H.COM**
WE HAVE DELIVERED OVER 10,000 HOMES TO SATISFIED CUSTOMERS. CAN WE DELIVER ONE TO YOU?
Rt. 3, Tilton NH, exit 20 on Rt. I-93 across from Lakes Region Factory Mall

MEREDITH LANDING
REAL ESTATE, LLC
285 Daniel Webster Highway
(603) 677-7007
www.MeredithLanding.com
MEREDITH: Location! Location! Great 400 sq ft retail unit abutting the Millfalls Marketplace in downtown! Good visibility and foot traffic to capture business all 4 seasons in the Lakes Region. Bring you dreams! **\$1,250/mth #5001250**
SANDWICH: Two lots of record totaling 10.28 acres with 682' of frontage on the Cold River. This tranquil and magical setting with views of White Face and Sandwich Ranch is ideal for those seeking a peaceful retreat! **\$150,000 #4998517**

ROCHE REALTY GROUP
97 Daniel Webster Highway
Meredith, New Hampshire
Call us at: (603) 279-7046
Find us @rocherealty
Search New Hampshire properties at www.rocherealty.com
Over 10,000 CLOSED transactions in New Hampshire!
Voted #1 BEST Real Estate Company in NH's Lakes Region six years in a row, and #1 BEST Commercial Real Estate Broker!
* Statistics obtained from NEREN for the past 26 years since 1997 for all real estate firms reporting sales in the entire state of NH during that time.

\$369,000
MLS# 5003088
Laconia: Well maintained two family home within walking distance to downtown, public schools, and hospitals. Great opportunity for first time home buyers that would like additional income.
\$995,000
MLS# 5002633
Center Harbor: 3BR/3BA, 3,144 sf. classic reproduction of a Colonial Williamsburg overlooking pastoral fields, stonewalls, and rolling countryside on 7.93 acres. Enjoy serene sunsets from the large rear deck or patio.
\$699,900
MLS# 5002969
Concord: 3BR/2BA, 3,518 sf. custom built ranch in a peaceful neighborhood known for its community spirit. Enjoy hosting gatherings with a well appointed kitchen, double wall ovens, large living room, and landscaped yard.
\$1,350,000
MLS# 5002671
Meredith: 5BR/3BA, 2,015 sf. cape in Fish Cove Association with 28' dock, new roof, double composite decking, stunning lake views, new flooring, and new water heater. The association with just eight homes offers shared amenities such as sandy beach, water raft, common area, and more.

BUYING OR SELLING A HOME?
HAGEN C. NATAL - REALTOR®
821 CENTRAL ST FRANKLIN, NH 03235
OFFICE: 603-729-3030
603-393-6176

Belmont Village Apts, Belmont, NH
AVAILABLE SOON!
Now accepting applications:
Subsidized two bedroom town house style apartment. On-site laundry, parking, 24-hr maintenance, close to center of town, No Pets, NO SMOKING.
Must meet income limit guidelines; rent starting at \$1,135.00, plus utilities; security deposit required.
Download application at <https://www.sterling-management.net>
or call office at 603 267 6787

Equal Housing Opportunity
All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to The Federal Fair Housing Law which makes it illegal to make, print, or published any notice, statement, or advertisement, with respect to the sale, or rental of a dwelling that indicates any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.
(The Fair Housing Act of 1968 at 42 U.S.C. 3604(c))
This paper will not knowingly accept any advertising which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed, that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.
To complain of discrimination call HUD toll free at 1-800-669-9777
For The Washington DC area, please call HUD at 275-9200. The toll free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.
You may also call The New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights at 603-271-2767 or write The Commission at 163 Loudon Road, Concord, NH 03301
Neither the Publisher nor the advertiser will be liable for misinformation, typographical errors, etc. herein contained. The Publisher reserves the right to refuse any advertising.

www.salmonpress.com

Prospect Mountain students explore the Northeast

ALTON — An essential part of being a well rounded student is exploring and being an active participant in the world around them.

With that being said, Prospect Mountain High School facilitated a enrichment trip for 16 students to visit several historical and culturally significant sites with New York, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The purpose of this adventure

was to combat learning loss and diminished levels of social interaction with kids during the pandemic.

The start of the kids adventure was a journey to Hyde Park National Park in Hyde Park, N.Y., the home Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who is arguably one of the America's greatest Presidents, this visit was followed by site trips to Croton Gorge Dam a massive hand hewed stone

dam built by Italian immigrants in 1842 , and Croton Point Park, a park located on a peninsula on the Hudson River which was inhabited by Native Americans dated up to seven thousand years ago, both places are located in Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. The kids stayed in Tarrytown, N.Y., the home and burial site of Washington Irving, the author of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"

and resting place of Andrew Carnegie and William Rockefeller.

The next stage of the adventure led the students to the West Point Armory Museum at the West Point Military Academy in West Point, New York where the students were able to learn about citizenship, duty and eternal vigilance towards our democracy, as well as observe several military artifacts collected at their free museum.

The next step led the kids to visit Lyndhurst Mansion on the Hudson River just outside of Tarrytown, where they were able to learn about the early history of the Hudson River commerce of the Gilded Age.

From Tarrytown, the students traveled up the coast to Groton, Connecticut where the kids explored the Submarine Force Museum where they were able to tour the USS Nauti-

lus, a decommissioned nuclear submarine at their free museum. The kids then journeyed up the coast to the Mystic Seaport Village, where they toured a whaling ship, a replica turn of the century seaport village and other maritime vessels.

The final leg of the adventure finished on Newport, R.I., where the students were able to traverse through the Gilded Age mansions the Marble House and Breakers who were once owned by the Vanderbilt family, they then visited Fort Adams a Revolutionary War fort at the mouth of Narragansett Harbor, and finally were able to adventure around historic Newport Harbor and Bowens Wharf.

The level of engagement, responsibility and manners demonstrated by our students resulted in numerous compliments from the sites we toured, and other visitors alike. The students ask that their appreciation be directed to the Prospect Mountain School Board and Superintendent Broderick for supporting these trips as well as to Principal Davis, Mr. Folan and Mr. Troendle for chaperoning this adventure and all of the kids can't wait to see what we do next year.

HELP WANTED

FIRST CHOICE FOODS
FAMILY

NOW HIRING
Dishwashers & Cooks

Rates and salary depending on experience
PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON AT:

ELLACOYA BARN & GRILLE **THE BREEZE**
2667 Lake Shore Road, Gifford NH • 603-293-8700 25 Dock Road, Gifford, NH • 603-293-8833



Help protect NH Loons!

HELP WANTED

LOON PRESERVATION COMMITTEE is seeking to hire a part-time Center Assistant. This individual must be a personable, self-motivated team player. Duties include greeting customers, retail, and buildings and grounds oversight. Must be able to stand for extended periods. Moderate lifting is required. Retail experience preferred. For additional information go to <https://loon.org/job-opportunities/>. Please send a cover letter and resume to info@loon.org.

BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH

Belmont High School is seeking an Girl's Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Past coaching experience preferred.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Cayman Belyea, Athletic Director, at cbelyea@sau80.org, or mail to Belmont High School, 255 Seavey Road, Belmont, NH 03220



WE ARE HIRING!

PSI Molded Plastics, located in beautiful Wolfeboro, NH.

We offer competitive pay rates.

Benefits include Health & Dental Insurance, Vision, Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability, Life Insurance, 401k, 10 paid holidays, paid vacation time, paid sick time, and many other incentives!

CNC Setup/Operator 1st shift – Pay depending on experience.

Sander 2nd shift – Pay \$19.00, plus shift differential.

Press Operator 2nd & 3rd shift – Pay \$18.00, plus shift differential.

Painter 2nd shift – Pay \$21.00 and up (depending on Experience), plus shift

Assembler 2nd & 3rd shift – Pay \$18.00, plus shift differential.

Process Tech 3rd shift – Pay \$23.00 and up depending on experience.

\$2.00 per hour shift differential on 2nd shift.
\$3.00 per hour shift differential on 3rd shift.

For immediate consideration, please come to Five Wickers Drive Wolfeboro, NH to complete an application or visit our website for more information at www.psimp.com. You can also email your resume directly to donna.doyle@psimp.com or call me at 603-941-0022. Please be specific as to what shift and position.

PSIMP an Equal Opportunity Employer.
ISO 9001:2015 Registered.



Full-Time Position Warehouse/Service

Energysavers Inc is looking for a self-motivated individual to add to its staff. The position would include, but is not limited to, organizing and pulling parts for jobs as well as receiving deliveries. We are a highly recommended 49 yr old Lakes Region retailer of well-known hearth & spa products. You can earn while you learn! Potential to move into a service or installation position is a possibility. No prior experience required. Must have a valid driver's license & be able to lift/carry an 80lb min.

Stop in to fill out an application:
Energysavers Inc,
163 Daniel Webster Hwy, Meredith NH



Full-Time Installers Apprentice

Energysavers Inc., a 48 year old hearth & spa product retailer in the Lakes Region, is looking for a motivated individual that wants to learn the trade of installing hearth products. You must be comfortable working on roofs when necessary and able to work with an installer to move heavy items. Energysavers pays for all educational costs to get and maintain NFI wood, gas and pellet certifications as well as a NH gas fitters license for gas hearth installations and service. Starting pay, \$18-\$20 hour based on experience.

LEARN WHILE YOU EARN!
No prior experience required. Must have a valid driver's license and pass the pre-employment drug screening.

Stop in to fill out an application:
ENERGYSAVERS INC.
163 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith NH

Looking for New Customers?



FROM THE LAKES REGION TO THE GREAT NORTH WOODS.

- The Baysider
- Meredith News
- Berlin Reporter
- Gifford Steamer
- Granite State News
- Littleton Courier
- Record Enterprise
- Winnisquam Echo
- Newfound Landing
- Coös County Democrat
- Carrol County Independent

CALL 603-279-4516 TO PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!





SAVE A LIFE. DON'T DRIVE HOME BUZZED.
BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING.



Local students honored at annual SkillsUSA Workforce Development Event

ATLANTA, Ga. — Career and technical students in New Hampshire won one of the nation's highest awards at the 2024 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 26-27. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 115 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 850 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time,

MEETING

(continued from Page A1)

period.

Right when the meeting started, the school board moved to amend the article reducing \$400,000 from the amount to be bonded by using that amount from the Building Maintenance Fund. The motion as made because this project would cover significant maintenance issues and there wouldn't be a need to keep a significant amount of money in that fund if the maintenance work was done in this project.

The amendment passed with no discussion.

Space Needs Committee member Michelle Rosado talked about the process that led to that night's meeting.

"I want to thank each and every one of you," Rosado said. "No matter how you vote tonight, you showed up as members of your community."

Rosado said the process started with a facilities assessment in 2001 that indicated the building needed \$3.1 million in deferred maintenance work. The district applied for state building aid in 2022. In 2023 the school board brought forth two articles to the voters to address issues at the school. One was a project of over \$23 million to renovate and expand the school contingent on receiving over \$10 million in state building aid. The BES project was ranked 10th in state building aid with a likelihood it wouldn't receive that money. If the state didn't give Barnstead that money, the second project of around \$1.8 million for renovations to certain areas would go forward.

This year, voters approved \$1.7 million for that smaller renovation project and work has already started. Rosado said that \$1.7 million project is part of the overall building project.

Rosado said less than a week before this year's

equipment, cash and material. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

A total of 1,250 gold, silver and bronze medals were presented to students on Friday night, June 28 at the SkillsUSA Awards Session. Many winners also received industry prizes, tools of their trade or scholarships. The medalists also received a Skill Point Certificate representing workplace readiness in the student's occupational specialty. Students can add the certificate to an employment portfolio. As an indicator of proficiency, Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants who medaled or who met a threshold contest score for their event.

The following students from your area received a SkillsUSA Championships medal and Skill Point Certificate:

Team B (consisting of Elliot Connell, Dante Caverno, Cooper Place), from Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro), was awarded the school district meeting Broadrick was notified the school would receive the building aid money after a project in Concord was delayed another year. While Barnstead would have been eligible for 45 percent funding last year, the district is now eligible for 55 percent totaling almost \$13 million.

"I say the stars have aligned because it is going to be a very long time before Barnstead sees this aid from the state again," Rosado said.

Rosado said some people have said this project is only building a new gym, but she said this will take care of a long list of issues.

The project received opposition from a number of voters with concerns about the tax impact, if the project as economical enough, and other concerns.

Concerns were raised about how this project might mean increased operating costs and need for new staff. Broadrick said the maintenance cost should be the same as Alton Central School, a similarly sized K-8 school, and the expanded school is unlikely to need any more staff and the cost of heating and cooling is unlikely to go up. The renovated school will have much more energy efficient lighting.

Another concern raised as that the town was looking at a bond for road maintenance and going with this project could preclude the town from doing that work. Board of selectman chair Diane Beijer said the bond for roads isn't even in the planning stages now and shouldn't be considered hen deciding on this article.

Mary Clarke addressed the projected tax impact of 84 cents per \$1,000, saying this will be on everyone's taxes for the next 20 years.

She said putting this money into the building would not be a good idea, saying the school

Middle School Silver medal in Promotional Bulletin Board.

"More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2024 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates SkillsUSA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

About SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is America's proud champion of

has other issues with its quality of education. Clarke many staff members have been leaving BES. At the same time she sad other schools have been doing fine in older buildings.

"It's not the building, it's what's inside," Clarke said.

Beijer later said the 84 cents per thousand figure is only the estimated tax impact of this project. She said the Department of Revenue Administration also sets the tax rate around October or November and the estimate is based on the town's valuation.

Jim Conrad said while he appreciated the work that was done for this plan, the price tag didn't make it economical for just an expansion. He said Allentown built a new school building for around \$32.5 million with around \$19.5 million in state aid, though Barnstead is proposing around \$25 million for a renovation.

"Do I know everything about that building? I definitely do not," Conrad said. "If you look at the cost comparison I feel passionately they are getting more value for their buck than we will."

Several voters spoke in favor of doing this project, saying the building was in dire need of this work and receiving state aid was an ideal opportunity.

Debi Winager said the current situation is a "perfect storm." She said she knows what it's like to be on a limited budget, but said this project needs to move forward.

"If we drag our feet and wait on this it's going to cost us more," Winager said.

Suzanne Allison said this is a project that needs to be done. She said the school hasn't changed since her daughters went there and her daughter recently taught in the modular building. She said the committee and the district has carefully listened over the

the skilled trades. It's a student-led partnership of education and industry that's building the skilled workforce our nation depends on with graduates who are career ready, day one. Representing nearly 380,000 career and technical education students and teachers, SkillsUSA chapters thrive in middle schools, high schools and college/postsecondary institutions nationwide. SkillsUSA's mission empowers students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders and responsible community members. That mission is accomplished through the SkillsUSA Framework of Personal Skills, Workplace Skills and Technical Skills Grounded in Academics, which is integrated into the classroom curriculum. Through Framework instruction, students develop the character-shaping leadership skills - teamwork, communication, professionalism and more - that successful careers and lives demand. At the same time, students hone their high-level technical

course of several meetings and put together a plan to meet the school's needs.

"I think we're being penny wise and pound foolish if we vote against this," Allison said.

Budget Committee and Space Needs Committee member Wayne Whitney said the town considered an expansion project eight years ago that cost around \$12 million at the time and waiting longer isn't going to be economical. He said there are a lot of things that need to get done at the school and if they take care of this now the voters won't get asked for more money for maintenance.

"If we ignore all of this, every year you're going to be asked to fund another project," Whitney said.

A motion was made to call the question and all speakers were done around 7:07 p.m. Voters got in line to vote, and the process took over an hour with the last request for votes going out around 8:07 p.m.

After counting the 326 votes, the article passed in a vote of 208 in favor and 118 against with 65 percent approval. Broadrick said after the meeting that they received 12 votes over the required three-fifths threshold to pass.

skills against current industry standards in more than 130 skilled trade areas, from 3-D Animation to Welding. The result? Focused, confident and highly skilled graduates who are ready to work, ready to lead and ready to make a difference in our schools, workplaces

Alton FD shares history at next Historical Society program

ALTON — The Alton Historical Society has invited the Alton Fire Department to share some of their Alton history with us at our July program. The program will be held on Tuesday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., Alton, in the lower level meeting room.

The Alton Fire Department will be bringing their antique Model T fire truck for us to

REVALUATION
(continued from Page A1)

At the end of the revaluation they were around 98 percent, now they're closer to 62 percent.

Walker said she didn't recommend doing a revaluation this year considering the low number of property sales for this year.

"The only thing I would caution with that, this is our five-year assessment review year," Walker said. "The state of New Hampshire will be looking for us to be between 90 and 110 percent of market value in order to meet all of their expectations during this assessment review year. If we don't do a revaluation and we fall below that 90 percent, which there's an opportunity that we will do, we will not meet expectation of what the state of New Hampshire would be looking for from us for our assessment practices."

She said if this happens, the only consequence is the town would be reported to the assessing standards board as being under the 90 percent median. If all of the town's other assessing practices are good, she said the Department of Revenue Administration shouldn't be concerned.

Walker said if the town did want to do a revaluation they would have to look at that soon and she would have to work on this by the end of this month.

and communities. A vital solution to the skills gap, where more in-demand skilled trades positions are available than qualified professionals to fill them, SkillsUSA has served over 14 million difference-making members since 1965. To learn more, visit www.SkillsUSA.org.

enjoy. This truck was the first piece of motorized fire equipment purchased by the Town of Alton in 1917. Members of the Alton Fire Department will be on hand to present a brief history of the truck, demonstrate how the truck operated and to answer questions.

All Alton Historical Society programs are open to the public and are always free of charge. Hope to see you there.

Board chair Gus Benavides said he would be concerned about the owners of other property types that are closer to market value taking the tax burden for the properties that are at lower assessed market value.

Benavides asked about the option of doing a revaluation for only the types of properties at lower value, but Walker said doing so could be a tricky process and can throw off other values.

"I recommend just leaving it as it is, but knowing that you don't know what's going to happen over the next year for market," Walker said. "If we adjust 6,800 parcels based on 129 sales we could end up with a lot of outliers that may not be at market value. I don't have a lot of datapoints to bring us to market value, we typically have like 300 sales or more."

Selectman Kevin Hayes said the town should budget for a revaluation next year and Town Administrator Scott Dunn said he would suggest that.

Dunn said over the past five years they have done revaluations every year but one. Last year the town saw a significant value decline and the town decided to give the taxpayers a break this year.

"I think we're on a good path to take a look at it again next year," Dunn said.

GENERAL SERVICES

FIX IT!

Handy Dad
fixes things.

Leave a
message
and play
telephone tag.

Gunnar
269-3616

LOW COST
SPAY/NEUTER

Rozzie May

Animal Alliance,
cats and dogs.

Cat Cab service available.
Military discounts.

Sign up on line
www.rozziemay.org
or call 603-447-1373

Share my
home in
Barnstead

Room in secluded
log home.
No pets
Non smoker
preferred
References and
Security deposit
required
\$650/month

Call Gunnar
269-3282

Interlakes Summer Theatre Opens “Chicago” July 17

MEREDITH — The Interlakes Summer Theatre will continue its 17th season with “Chicago” on July 17 at 7:30 p.m.

A tale of fame, fortune, and “all that jazz,” with one show stopping song after another, “Chicago” is now the longest-running American musical in Broadway history. This six-time Tony Award-winning musical is set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s and tells the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife who maliciously murders her lover. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago’s slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines that entertain an entire city.

The production will be directed and choreographed by Gustavo Wons, with Musical Direction by Susie Jolink. Set Designer is Katherine Wexler,



Kayelin Leon & Margaret Bergman appear as Velma Kelly & Roxie Hart in “Chicago” at the Interlakes Summer Theatre in Meredith Starting July 17-28.

Costume Designer-Izzy McClelland, Lighting Designer-Connor White, Sound Designer-Jared Lipkin, Technical Director-Michael Byne, Prop Design-Troy Tedeschi, Stage Manager-Lily Landoch, Production Manager-Kristen Wettstein, Costume Shop Manager-Ginny Fisher, Assistant Stage Manager-Raeya Garcia,

Assistant Lighting Designer Brandon Clague, Costume Shop Technician-Savannah Richey.

Chicago will run from July 17-28, with a matinee on both Thursdays. Next up will be “Legally Blonde” July 31-Aug. 11, and Million Dollar Quartet Aug. 14-18.

Interlakes Summer Theatre is grateful for our Sponsors-Season Sponsor-Meredith Village Savings Bank, Show sponsors-The Mug Restaurant, Golden View Health Care, Voila Salon, Friedman & Bresaw Law, Sanders Management, RC Brayshaw Printing, The Daily Sun.

Tickets can be purchased at our Box Office at 1 Laker Lane from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every day, or online at interlakes theatre.com, or by calling 1-603-707-6035.



Don't miss the On The Green Arts & Crafts Festival to be held once again at Brewster Academy on July 12-14, Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be more than 110 arts & crafts exhibitors with a fabulous chain saw demonstration on Saturday by Buck Ridge. Don't miss his amazing talents! Some of the other exhibitors will include handsome soy candles, cedar wood furniture, beautiful leather jewelry, handsome alpaca products, personal care products, soft sculpture dolls & animals, gourmet oils & vinegars, stained glass, kettle corn, amazing metal creations with nuts & bolts, laser engraving, home decor & signs, cribbage boards, pottery, handsome leather items - belts/pocketbooks, fabric creations, New Hampshire maple syrups, embroidered hats/tee shirts, beautiful tie dye clothing, inlaid wooden tables & mirrors, fine art paintings, doggie apparel, & lots more! Music and food. Rain or shine under canopies. Friendly, leashed dogs welcome. Free admission & free parking. GPS address: 80 Academy Dr., Route 28, Wolfeboro. For more information, call Joyce at (603) 387-1510. See you there!



Lakes Region Art Association members have the opportunity to enter a piece of artwork into the Artist of the Month Program at each monthly Member Meeting. Winners are able to display and sell a single work for a month in various public venues throughout the Lakes Region in participating Banks and Libraries or Local Businesses. June's Artists of the Month are, from left to right — Back Row: Gavin Macdonald, Martha AuCoin, Sally Hibberd, Sherwood Frazier. Front Row: Ben Archibald, Fay Lee, Jim Cryan. These winning artists' artwork will be on display in locations in the Lakes Region until July 15. Gavin Macdonald, this month's First Place winner, has the distinct honor of displaying several pieces of her artwork at Annie's Cafe & Catering in Laconia. Warm up with some scrumptious homemade soup and sandwiches and enjoy the art while you eat! The art pieces for the Honorable Mention artist will be on display through the third week of April in the following locations: Martha AuCoin - Northway Bank, Meredith; Sally Hibberd - Northway, Tilton; Fay Lee - Gilford Library; Sherwood Frazier - Northway Bank, Laconia; Jim Cryan - Franklin Savings, Gilford.



GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED.

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Join us for the 4th Annual Bean Family BBQ

Sponsored by the BELKNAP COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE



PAID FOR BY BELKNAP COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Food

The Beans will once again be serving a wonderful meal. Feel free to bring a dish if you'd like to showcase your favorite recipe.

All candidates for Belknap County have been invited. Don't miss your chance to meet them in person!

Please bring a non-perishable item for our food drive. All items collected will benefit local food pantries



www.belknapcountygop.org

The one and only Bill Wright will once again be the DJ for this year's BBQ!

The Annual Bean Family BBQ begins AT 5pm On Saturday July 20th and goes till it gets dark.

- 50/50
- Scratch board
- Silent Auction
- Cornhole
- Snow Cones
- Bouncy House!!!!!!!!!!

** Please bring cash/checkbook for the auctions and raffles!!



AMEN ROOFING
Repairs & New Installations of Metal Shingles Rubber & PVC

Mark Dagoumas

1 (603) 455 - 2014



BRYANT PAVING
603-279-1499
GRADING
PAVING
CRACK FILLING
SEALCOATING
REPAIRS
PLOWING
FREE ESTIMATES
WWW.BRYANTPAVING.COM

