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ALSO ON THE COVER Memorial Day is Monday, May 29 — check out our list of where you can go locally to see a parade (page 9). Michael Witthaus catches up with Concord guitarist and singer-songwriter Mother Iguana ahead of his upcoming show at Penuche's Ale House on Saturday, May 27 (page 47). Juicy bacon and ice cold brews take center stage at the New Hampshire Bacon & Beer Festival, returning to Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Merrimack on Saturday, June 3 (page 40).

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Banned list

Last week, the Russian government announced the addition of New Hampshire Attorney General John M. Formella to its expanding list of 500 Americans permanently banned from entering the country. Formella issued a statement, saying, "Given the atrocities we are seeing the Kremlin carry out, being blacklisted by Russia is a badge of honor. I am proud to vigorously enforce New Hampshire law and will continue to do so despite attempts like this to try and intimidate America's public officials. This 'action' will have no impact on me, my office, or our work." Formella wasn't the only Granite Stater targeted by the ban. Late-night talk show host and New Hampshire native Seth Meyers also found himself on the list, as reported by WMUR. Meyers, sharing the article on Twitter, humorously commented, "Local kid makes good?" According to the article, the ban, which Russian officials attributed to U.S. sanctions, adds to the existing list that already includes the New Hampshire congressional delegation and former senator Kelly Ayotte.

Bill postponed

New Hampshire's proposed "parental bill of rights," which would have mandated educators to disclose to parents whether their children are using a different gender identity or name, was not passed, New Hampshire News Connection reported. Those against the bill emphasized the

importance of maintaining safe and supportive environments in schools, particularly for transgender youth, while supporters of the bill argued that it aimed to enhance transparency and communication between teachers and parents. The final vote to "indefinitely postpone" the bill prevents its reintroduction in this session. Similar "parental bill of rights" measures have been introduced in 24 states this year, according to the article.

Grants

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and The 1772 Foundation have awarded grants totaling \$125,000 to 16 nonprofit organizations in the state. According to a press release, the grants, ranging in amounts from \$4,250 to \$10,000, are awarded to help the organizations preserve historic buildings and support community landmarks. Recipients include museums, historical societies, and affordable housing organizations. Projects range from roof replacements to foundation repairs. The grants will ensure the preservation of buildings dating from 1774 to 1912. The selection committee considered factors such as resource significance, community visibility and local support. The grants leverage additional funding and emphasize incremental improvements.

One Goffstown

Goffstown Public Library announces the launch of a new public education series, "One Goffstown," aimed at

fostering a more inclusive and accepting community following the distribution of neo-Nazi propaganda in local neighborhoods in March. The program consists of a series of discussions for teens and adults, designed to encourage open communication and unity among residents. Five online sessions will be held on Thursday evenings throughout June, July, and August, the first being on June 8, titled, "What are Hate Crimes and Hate Speech?" Topics to follow will include implicit bias, bullying, being an ally and having difficult conversations. The program will culminate in a special in-person event called the "Human Library" on Sunday, Aug. 13. Registration is required for the online sessions. Visit goffstownlibrary.com/one-goffstown for more information and to register. To show support and unity, participants are also encouraged to share One Goffstown on social media using the hashtag #OneGoffstown.

Mental health series

Dartmouth Health's year-long monthly webinar series about mental health, "Heads Up: A Year-Long Mental Health Awareness Journey," concludes with the publication of its latest webinar, titled "Heads Up, A Year-Long Mental Health Awareness Journey: Looking Back and Looking Forward." According to a press release, panelists in this segment include John Broderick Jr., senior director of external affairs for Dartmouth Health and former Chief Justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court;

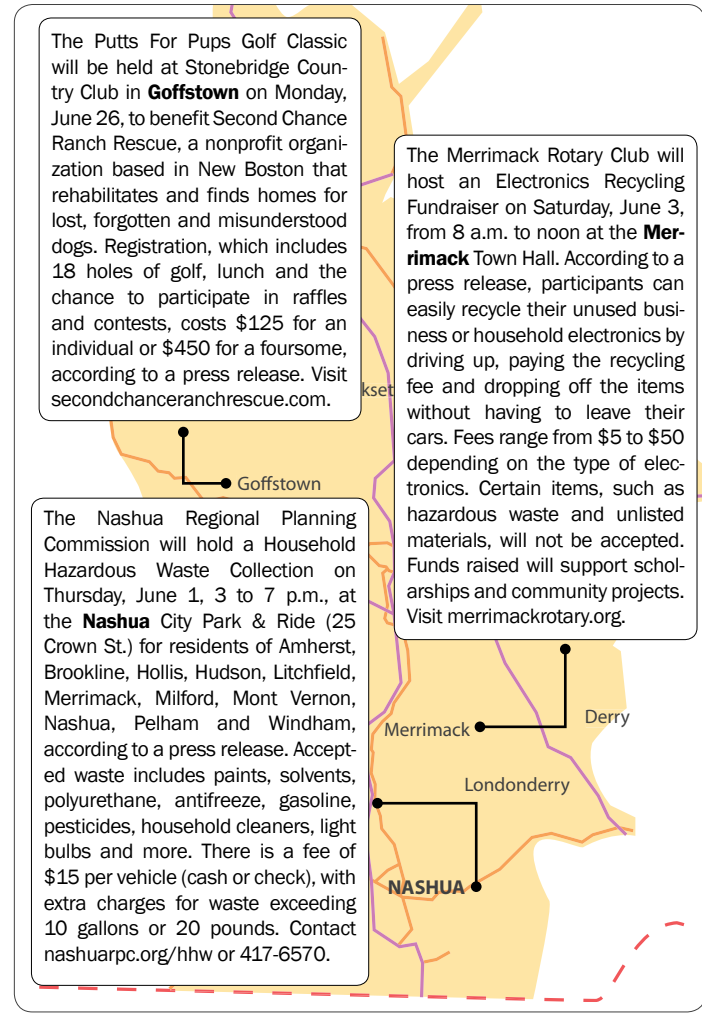
Brendan McQuaid, president and publisher of the New Hampshire Union Leader; Howard Altschiller, executive editor of Seacoast Media Group; and William C. Torrey, M.D., chair of the Department of Psychiatry at Dartmouth Health; with Audra Burns, Dartmouth Health's senior media relations manager, moderating. Together, they reflect on the series' highlights and share their insights gained throughout the year. The series explored various themes such as youth mental health, the impact of social media on teenagers,

mental health stigma in youth sports, the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system, guidance for parents and caregivers, challenges faced by older adults in isolation and grief, workplace mental health, the correlation between substance use disorder and co-occurring mental illnesses, state and federal mental health policies, and the mental health of veterans and active military personnel. To access the "Heads Up" series and mental health resources, visit dartmouth-health.org/mental-health.

The Putts For Pups Golf Classic will be held at Stonebridge Country Club in **Goffstown** on Monday, June 26, to benefit Second Chance Ranch Rescue, a nonprofit organization based in New Boston that rehabilitates and finds homes for lost, forgotten and misunderstood dogs. Registration, which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and the chance to participate in raffles and contests, costs \$125 for an individual or \$450 for a foursome, according to a press release. Visit secondchanceranchrescue.com.

The Nashua Regional Planning Commission will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Thursday, June 1, 3 to 7 p.m., at the **Nashua** City Park & Ride (25 Crown St.) for residents of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham and Windham, according to a press release. Accepted waste includes paints, solvents, polyurethane, antifreeze, gasoline, pesticides, household cleaners, light bulbs and more. There is a fee of \$15 per vehicle (cash or check), with extra charges for waste exceeding 10 gallons or 20 pounds. Contact nashuarpc.org/hhw or 417-6570.

The Merrimack Rotary Club will host an Electronics Recycling Fundraiser on Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to noon at the **Merrimack** Town Hall. According to a press release, participants can easily recycle their unused business or household electronics by driving up, paying the recycling fee and dropping off the items without having to leave their cars. Fees range from \$5 to \$50 depending on the type of electronics. Certain items, such as hazardous waste and unlisted materials, will not be accepted. Funds raised will support scholarships and community projects. Visit merrimackrotary.org.



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Woman directed

Filmmaker takes her movie on the road

New Hampshire filmmaker Laina Barakat is taking her award-winning feature film *Light Attaching to a Girl* on a New England screening tour. She discussed the inspiration behind the film, her unique filmmaking style and what audiences can look forward to at the screenings.

Q: Tell us about the film.

It's called *Light Attaching to a Girl*.

It's just over an hour. It's a narrative drama set in Iceland and Keene, New Hampshire. It's about an 18-year-old girl traveling alone for the first time, processing childhood trauma, and experiencing independence in an unknown country. ... A lot of people are really excited about the score;

we had a really beautiful orchestra that played on it. They did the music for *Parasite* and *Squid Game* and a bunch of other really phenomenal, much larger works.

What inspired it?

The film actually stars my sister. She's a non-actor; she's never been on camera before, but I knew she had talent. She wanted to go to Iceland, and I convinced her to let me bring a film crew. We filmed the trip in a documentary style and later wrote a narrative to complement it. We blended the two in New Hampshire.

What's your background in filmmaking?

I've been a filmmaker for about 18 years. I started with Either/Or Films, a film company in New Hampshire. I continued producing, and about six years ago I started my own film company called Wayward Ark Productions so that I could start directing. I've directed seven short films. I have some feature-length films as a producer under my belt, but this is my first as a writer-director.

The film blends documentary elements with narrative structure. How did you accomplish that?

My shooting style is very under-the-radar, with a very small crew. When it comes to lighting, I like to work with documenta-



Laina Barakat. Courtesy photo.

ry-style filmmakers, so that I don't have big lighting packages. ... With the narrative piece, I used a lot of local actors and non-actors. We used local locations to pick up bits of naturalism and things that are already there, so we get a sense of truth and reality in what we're making.

What is it like working with non-actors?

I love to work with non-actors. It's what I do most of the time, actually. When you live in a rural area like this and you don't have a lot of talented actors around you, I'd rather work with non-actors than poorly trained ones. I get a sense of realism by putting it into the writing. For my sister, there are bits of my own story and other bits of her story in it. For the rest of the actors in the film, I took pieces from their normal lives. It's not autobiographical at all, but the more of their personal stories that I can put into the narrative, the easier it is for them to seamlessly act.

The film tour also features women-directed short films. Why is it important to you to highlight other female filmmakers?

It's super important for women in any industry, especially in the film industry, to hype each other and to support each other. ... We are a real minority, not only in paid positions but also in awards and representation in film festivals. For me, when I made the film, it was really important that most of my cast and crew were women.

What does it mean for you to be present at the screenings, do Q&A sessions and engage with your audience?

It makes it a more enriching and meaningful experience. For me as a filmmaker, it's really great to hear interpretations of my work that maybe weren't my own, but are valid and important. ...I love any opportunity to hear how something hits someone else and why. — Angie Sykeny

Tickets cost \$15 for general admission and \$12 for seniors, students and children. Visit waywardarkproductions.com.

Light Attaching to a Girl screenings

- Friday, June 2, 6:30 p.m. at Studio Lab, 11 A St., Derry
- Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre, 40 Main St., Wilton
- Saturday, June 10, 7 p.m. at Scriven Arts Center, 452 Route 140, Gilmanton
- Sunday, June 11, 6:30 p.m. at The Park Theatre, 19 Main St., Jaffrey

The week that was



The Big Story – Celtics Feeling The Heat: In all likelihood by the time you read this the Celtics season will have ended with a big thud. As I write this they trail the Miami Heat 0-3 in the Eastern Conference

Finals after what can only be described as a 30-point surrender to a team all the “experts” said the Celtics should run out of the playoffs with relative ease.

The only trepidation I have for writing their obituary now is the perverse way they play better after putting themselves in a position when their backs are against the wall. But after doing that multiple times in the last two post-seasons it doesn't feel like they can do it this time. Especially since no team in history has ever come back to win after trailing 0-3.

We'll do our autopsy next week.

Sports 101: What do 1950s-'60s NFL stars **Paul Hornung**, “Jaguar Jon” **Arnett**, **John Brodie**, **Ron Kramer** and **Len Dawson** have in common?

News Item – More Last-Minute NHL Heroics: The Bruins learned the hard way you have to play the Florida Panthers past the final buzzer. That was the case again in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup semifinals, a game that appeared headed to a fifth overtime before **Matthew Tkachuk** did it again with 12.7 seconds left in the fourth OT to give them a 3-2 win over Carolina.

News Item – Greatest Team Sports Prospect Ever: That's what NBA info guru **Adrian Wojnarowski** drooled out about 18-year-old French hoopster **Victor Wembanyama** after Houston won the NBA lottery last week. I get it, at 7'5” he's mobile with skills of a guard while also being a top rim protector. But that's what the slobbering New York press said about the now on his third team **Kristaps Porzingis**. And best ever? Sorry, I'm a skeptic with a sense of history who knows monumental all-timers **Wilt Chamberlain**, **Lew Alcindor** and **LeBron James** all lived up to that title, while **Greg Oden** and **Ralph Sampson** did not. Said another way: I'm curious, but I'll believe it when I see it.

And, one more thing. Not sure if this is a bad omen, but when I saw his picture for the first time, I thought it was **Sampson**.

News Item – Durability Need Not Apply: Who can be surprised that in the age of the detestable “load management” **Jayson Tatum** was the only all-NBA first-teamer to play even 70 games. The others, **Joel Embiid**, **Giannis Antetokounmpo**, **Luka Doncic** and **Shai Gilgeous-Alexander**, ranged from 63 to 68.

Ditto for the second and third teams, where

only three were over 70, while **Steph Curry**, **LeBron James** and **Damian Lillard** played 56, 55 and 58 respectively.

Alumni News

Xander Bogaerts: After going hitless in 11 at-bats during their weekend series, he was hitting .257 with 6 homers and 16 RBI. Which isn't much more productive offensively than **Kiké Hernandez** and **Yu Chang**'s combined 6 homers and 24 RBI from shortstop so far in 2023.

Michael Wacha: After **Chaim Bloom** was too cheap/dumb to give him a two-year deal after going 11-2 last year, he has moved to 5-1 with a 3.58 ERA after 6 shutout innings in the Padres 7-0 win on Sunday. That his cheaper replacement, **Corey Kluber**, lasted just 2.1 innings in dropping to 2-6 with an unsightly 6.26 ERA was interesting.

The Numbers:

4 – major championships now won by **Brooks Koepka** after taking the PGA championship Sunday to move him within one of tying **Phil Mickelson** for most majors won among active players.

205 – home runs the Red Sox are on pace to hit after hitting just 155 last year.

515 – length in feet for the monstrous homer hit by the demoted **Bobby Dalbec** last week while playing for AAA Worcester.

Random Thoughts:

Jayson Tatum — pink shoes on Friday night. A long way from high black Cons or Pumps.

I've heard him recently compared to **Vlade Divac**, **Magic Johnson** and **Bill Russell** (as a rebounder), but position aside, with his feel for the game and ability to influence every aspect of every game with no apparent athleticism, for my money **Nikola Jokic** is the only player I've ever seen that reminds me of **Larry Bird**.

Sports 101 Answer: Those players were picks 1 through 5 before **Jim Brown** was taken sixth by Cleveland in the 1957 draft.

Final Thought: There's a difference between being the most valuable NFL player ever (**Tom Brady**) and being the best actual football player ever.

In my not so humble opinion the latter was the indestructible **Jim Brown**, who died last week at 87. The stat rationale is too long, so I'll just comment on an ESPN poll that had him the GOAT of running backs. The great **Barry Sanders** was second, but check out the difference between him playing on grass vs. artificial turf. JB just had grass. Trust me, with the highest yards per carry average ever he was the best.

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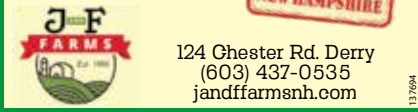
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Rendering of the Mill Girl Plaza. Courtesy photo.

Community Improvement

The City of Manchester recently completed a community improvement project near 359 Commercial St. that included the construction of an accessible ramp and stair structure, relocation of the Mill Girl Statue, lighting and new brick

pavers and concrete flatwork. "The project promotes inclusiveness in our diverse city and provides a renewed place where the community can gather and enjoy improved access between Manchester's active downtown and the vibrant Millyard," the City of Manchester, NH Economic Development Facebook page posted.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at the plaza on Wednesday, June 7, at 1:30 p.m.*

Military retirement

A recent WalletHub study ranked New Hampshire the sixth best U.S. state for military retirees. The study looked at various factors, such as state tax on military pension, job opportunities for veterans, rates of homelessness and suicide among veterans, state authorization for veterans' preference in private hiring, the quality of VA hospitals, the number of VA benefits-administration facilities per number of veterans and more. New Hampshire ranked especially high for veterans per capita (10th) and the share of veteran-owned businesses (5th).

QOL score: +1

Comment: *Connecticut is the only New England state to join New Hampshire in the top 10, coming in at No. 5. Florida was No. 1.*

Butterfly sanctuary

On the 50th anniversary of Endangered Species Day, observed on May 19, the New Hampshire Army National Guard, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services celebrated the success of their collaborative efforts to protect the endangered Karner blue butterfly, NHPR reported. The groups have worked for more than two decades to transform a 28-acre field near Concord Municipal Airport into a sanctuary for the butterflies. In addition to restoring the land, they've taken measures to cultivate lupine flowers — which the butterflies rely on for sustenance and egg-laying sites — including controlled fires to clear debris and create a dry climate preferred by the lupines. Their efforts have resulted in a flourishing population of more than 35,000 Karner blue butterflies, according to the article.

QOL score: +1

Comment: *The sanctuary has also seen the growth of another butterfly species, the Frosted Elfin, which also rely on lupine flowers.*

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Net change: +3

QOL this week: 75

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THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS MAY 25 AND BEYOND

Monday, May 29

Several towns celebrate today, Memorial Day, with a parade.

Concord's Memorial Day runs from 9 to 10 a.m. with the parade starting at Christ the King Church and ending up at City Plaza for a brief ceremony, according to concordnh.gov, where you can find the route.

Windham's parade steps off at 9:30 a.m. from Center School, according to windhamnh.gov.

Henniker's parade starts at 10 a.m. and runs from Henniker Community School to Henniker Community Park, according to henniker.org.

Hopkinton's parade also starts at 10 a.m. and runs along Main Street, starting and ending at Harold Martin School, where there will be a short ceremony and a performance by the Hopkinton Town Band, according to hopkinton-nh.gov.

Litchfield Historical Society starts its parade at 10 a.m. at Litchfield Middle School and ending at the Historical Society building, to be



followed by a program featuring Campbell High School Chorus and Band performances and more, according to litchfieldnh.gov.

In Raymond, the parade starts at 10 a.m. at Argo and goes to the New Pine Grove Cemetery and Old Pine Grove Cemetery, according to a post on the town's Facebook page. The parade is followed by a ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon.

In Pelham, VFW Post 10722 and American Legion Post 100 will host the town's parade and ceremonies with the parade stepping off at 10:30 a.m. headed to Gibson Cemetery, according to pelhamweb.com, where you can find a full listing of events, which include a town cookout.

The **Londonderry American Legion Post 27** will hold a parade and open house with the parade stepping off at 11 a.m. from Robert Lincoln Way, according to Post 27's Facebook post.

In Hudson, American Legion Post 48 will hold a parade starting at 2 p.m. in front of the Hannaford parking lot to Hudson Common for a memorial ceremony and then to the American Legion, according to a post on the Greater Hudson Chamber of Commerce website (hudsonchamber.com).

Thursday, May 25

Watch the work in progress by the four artists participating in this year's **Nashua International Sculpture Symposium** at Picker Artists (3 Pine St. in Nashua), where they are working Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See nashuasculpturesymposium.org.

Saturday, May 27

Bow Garden Club's plant sale runs today from 8 a.m. to noon at the Bow Community Center (2 Knox Road in Bow), according to the group's Facebook page.

Sunday, May 28

A few early Memorial Day parades today: The **Penacook Memorial Day Parade** is slotted for 9 to 10 a.m. on Village Street, concordnh.gov. In **Bedford** the parade steps off at 1 p.m. on County Road from Bedford High School to McKelvie Intermediate School.

See bedfordnh.myrec.com.

Sunday, May 28

Check out **Chad LaMarsh at the Derryfield** (625 Mammoth Road in Manchester) playing an acoustic show on the deck from 5 to 8 p.m. Find more live music in the **Music This Week** listing, which starts on page 48.

Sunday, May 28

Hampton Beach Village District hosts fireworks tonight at 9:30 p.m. at the top of B and C Streets; see hamptonbeach.org.

Monday, May 29

More town celebrations: The **Bow Community Men's Club** hosts a ceremony and community picnic at the Bow Gazebo (1 Knox Road in Bow) from 4 to 6 p.m., according to bownh.gov. The **Hollis Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Common starts at 4:30 p.m. today, according to hollisnh.org.

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Summer GUIDE 2023

Time to dive in to summer!

Looking for events to fill your calendar from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend? Our guide has you covered with suggestions for arts, theater, food, fairs, sporting events, music and more.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

• The 31st annual **Meredith Memorial Day Weekend Craft Festival** is happening on Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, May 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Mill Falls Marketplace (312 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith). New England-based artisans and craftsmen will gather to sell their crafts, ranging from jewelry, up-cycled items and pottery to pies, sauces, pickles and infused oils. Admission is free. Visit castleberryfairs.com.

• Join the Manchester Firing Line (2540 Brown Ave., Manchester) for its weekly **Summer Cruise nights** every Monday from 5 to 8 p.m., starting Memorial Day (Monday, May 29) and continuing through Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 4). Events will feature live music, raffles, food trucks and a People's Choice Award winner each week for the best cars, along with The Spot To Go food truck and Cedi's Tasty Treats. Admission is free. Visit gunsnh.com.

• The Goffstown Rotary Club's (Parsons Drive) **car show** is returning for its 10th year on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include goodie bags for the first 50 registrants, along with food trucks, raffles and trophies given in 16 classes. Admission is free, and the cost to participate as a registrant is \$20 per car, with all proceeds benefiting local charities. Visit goffstownrotary.org.

• The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org) **New Hampshire Maker Fest** is on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is a large-scale "show and tell," with makers of all kinds, including artists, engineers, scientists and others showcasing their creativity. Admis-

sion is on a pay-what-you-can basis, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person.

• **Milford's second annual Pride Festival** is happening on Sunday, June 4, at noon, at Emerson Park (6 Mont Vernon St., Milford), and will feature live music, food and more. "See Milford NH PRIDE" on Facebook for more details.

• **Market Square Day** in downtown Portsmouth will return on Saturday, June 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Produced by the local nonprofit Pro Portsmouth, the festival kicks off with a 10K road race and features craft and artisan vendors, food, two live entertainment stages and more. Visit portsmouth.org.

• It's **Children's Day at the New Hampshire Farm Museum** (1305 White Mountain Hwy., Milton; nhfarmmuseum.org) on Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Try your hand at old-fashioned games and check out storytelling, blacksmithing demonstrations, tractor rides, s'mores making and more. Admission is free for children under 4, \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children ages 4 to 17. A family pass can also be purchased for \$30.

• **Laconia Motorcycle Week** is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The rally goes from Saturday, June 10, through Sunday, June 18, and includes motorcycle tours, live entertainment, vendors and scenic rides around Weirs Beach in Laconia. Visit laco-niamcweek.com.

• **Manchester Pride** week kicks off on Saturday, June 10, with "Layers of Identity: A Visual Exploration" at Mosaic Art Collective in Manchester. Events continue throughout the week — including Queen City's A Drag on June 12, Pride Karaoke on June 14, a flag raising at City Hall on June 16 — with the **Pride Festival** on Saturday, June 17, from 1 to 7 p.m. in Veterans Park featuring food trucks, vendors, arts, entertainment and more. See the complete line-up of events at manchestertrue.org.

• Take a trip to the coast for the 23rd **Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic**, happening from Thursday, June 15, to Saturday, June 17. Prizes will be awarded

for the best sand sculptures, and on Saturday a fireworks display will start at 9:30 p.m. The sculptures will be lighted for nightly viewing through June 26. Visit hamptonbeach.org.

• The **Somersworth International Children's Festival** will feature live music, food, wildlife encounters, a petting zoo, vendors and more on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street and at Noble Pines Park in Somersworth. A pre-festival celebration will be taking place that night before at Somersworth High School (11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth) on Friday, June 16, at 6 p.m. with fireworks to end the night. Visit nhfestivals.org.

• Join the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire for its annual Father's Day weekend **Fly-In BBQ**, happening on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Nashua's Boire Field (83 Perimeter Road, Nashua). Attendees are welcome to enjoy a barbecue buffet lunch and get a close look at visiting aircraft on the ramp. Pilots are invited to fly in, and vintage airplanes and home-built aircrafts are especially welcome. Tickets, including the barbecue, are \$30 for adults and \$10 for kids ages 6 to 12. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for kids ages 12 and under without the barbecue. To purchase tickets, visit nhahs.org to access the Eventbrite link.

• **Plaistow's Old Home Day** returns on Saturday, June 17, and will include local vendors on the Town Hall green (145 Main St., Plaistow), as well as a beard contest, a baby contest, raffles, entertainment booths, a parade and more. This year's theme is "Gather on the Green." Follow the town Old Home Day's Facebook [@plaistowoldhomeday](https://www.facebook.com/plaistowoldhomeday) for updates.

• Intown Concord's 49th annual **Market Days Festival** runs from Thursday, June 22, to Saturday, June 24, in downtown Concord from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event includes a wide array of local vendors, live entertainment, family-friendly activities and more. Visit marketdaysfestival.com to see the full schedule, or follow Intown Concord on Facebook [@intownconcord](https://www.facebook.com/intownconcord).

• Join the Wilton Main Street Association for its annual **Summerfest**, happening on Saturday, June 24, starting at 10 a.m. and featuring an arts market, live music, food, street vendors, a pancake breakfast and a fireworks display in the evening. A rain date is scheduled for June 25. See visitwilton.com/summerfest.

• Don't miss the annual **Nashua Pride Festival**, a free celebration of diversity, acceptance and fun focused on promoting equality. The festival is happening on Saturday, June 24, in the parking lot of the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St.), and will feature a parade that kicks off at 2 p.m. from Elm Street Middle School (117 Elm St.) and down Main Street. Visit nashuanh.gov/1217/nashua-pride-festival.

• Join the New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Hwy., Milton) for **Fourth on the Farm**, happening on Saturday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include a tractor ride to see farm animals, as well as demonstrations, reenactments, a scavenger hunt, lawn games, lunch and strawberry shortcake, and live performances of songs from the 1700s and 1800s. Admission is free for members and children under 4, \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children ages 4 to 17. A family pass can be purchased for \$30. Visit nhfarmmuseum.org.

• The **Raymond Town Fair** returns for its 48th year from Friday, July 7, to Sunday, July 9, at the Raymond Town Common (Epping and Main streets, Raymond), and will feature live music, family-friendly entertainment, a children's parade, a fireworks display and more. See "Raymond Town Fair" on Facebook to keep up to date on details as they become available.

• The next **New England Reptile Expo** is scheduled for Sunday, July 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St., Manchester). The show features more than 200 vendor tables full of reptiles, pet supplies and more. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 7 to 12 and free for kids ages 6 and under. Visit reptileexpo.com.

- The **Hillsborough Summer Festival** is back again this year at Grimes Field (29 Preston St., Hillsborough) from Thursday, July 13, to Sunday, July 16, with live entertainment, carnival rides, a fireworks show on Saturday night, a 5K road race on Friday, a parade on Sunday and more. Festival hours are from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, from 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, from noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Visit hillsboroughsummerfest.com.

- Returning to the grounds of American Independence Museum (1 Governors Lane, Exeter) for a 33rd year is the **American Independence Festival**, on Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be transported back in time with a live reading of the Declaration of Independence, and enjoy historical reenactments and colonial artisan demonstrations, as well as colonial games, music and dances. Visit independencemuseum.org.

- After a successful inaugural year, the **Stratham 4H Summerfest** returns for a second year on Saturday, July 15, at the Stratham Hill Park Fairgrounds (270 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham). Attendees are welcome to join as the work of 4-H volunteers and members will be on display in the 4-H building, show rings and livestock barns from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibits include shows, displays on gardening, cooking, environmental stewardship, hiking and much more. Visit extension.unh.edu/event/2023/07/stratham-4-h-summerfest.

- The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire's (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry) annual **car show** is set for Saturday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and vehicles of all makes and eras are welcome. Trophies will be given out for the People's Choice Award and the Museum Award, and the show will include a special appearance of a student-built two-seat RV-12iS light sport aircraft, completed in August 2022 by students at Manchester School of Technology. Vehicle registration is \$10, or you can come as a spectator for \$5 (cash only; kids ages 12 and under are free). A rain date of July 22 is planned. Visit nhahs.org.

- Organized by the Merrimack Valley Military Vehicle Collectors Club, this year's **Weare Rally** will go from Thursday, July 27, to Sunday, July 30, at Center Woods School (14 Center Road, Weare). The rally features military vehicle displays, scenic rides, demonstrations, food and more. Admission is free. Visit mvmvc.org.
- Don't miss the 15th annual **Live Free or**

- **Die Tattoo Expo**, happening from Friday, July 28, to Sunday, July 30, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St., Manchester). The event features various tattoo artists, contests, vendors, live music and performances. Show hours are from 5 p.m. to midnight on Friday, from 11 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, and from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$15 when purchased in advance for a one-day pass (\$20 at the door), \$20 in advance for a two-day pass (\$25 at the door), and \$30 when bought in advance for a three-day pass (\$30 at the door). Visit livefreeordietattoo.com.

- The annual **Summer Psychic & Craft Fair** returns for a 12th year to Weirs Beach Community Center (25 Lucerne Ave., Laco-nia) on Saturday, July 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by CAYA Reiki and Healing, the event will include psychic readings, vendors and door prizes. Admission is free. See the event page on Facebook @cayahealing for more details.

- The **Canterbury Fair** is celebrating its 65th year — join the fun on Saturday, July 29, at Canterbury Center (Baptist and Center roads) with live music, demonstrations from local artisan and antique vendors, children's activities and more. Admission is free. Visit canterburyfair.com.

- The **Belknap County Fair** is set to return on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 174 Mile Hill Road in Belmont. The fair features live entertainment, food, exhibits and animal shows. Admission at the gate is \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens 65 and older, police, fire and EMS personnel, and free for kids under 10 and for military service members. Visit bcfairm.org.

- The second annual **Manchester International Film Festival** is set for Thursday, Aug. 10, through Saturday, Aug. 12, according to palacetheatre.org/film. The deadline for film submissions recently passed, and details on this year's showcased films are expected to be available soon. Visit the website or follow the festival's Facebook page @manchesterfilmfestival.

- Returning to the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St., Manchester) from Thursday, Aug. 10, through Saturday, Aug. 12, is the 66th annual **New Hampshire Antiques Show**, hosted by the New Hampshire Antique Dealers Association. Nearly 60 professional antique dealers will exhibit their collections of antique furniture, art, jewelry and more. Show hours



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are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$15 on Thursday, and \$10 on Friday and Saturday, and return visits are free. Visit nhada.org.

• **Hudson's Old Home Days** return from Thursday, Aug. 10, to Sunday, Aug. 13, on the grounds of the Hill House (211 Derry Road, Hudson). There will be carnival games, live music, fireworks, food and more. Event times are Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from noon to 11 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. See hudsonchamber.com or visit their Facebook page @HudsonNHOldHomeDays for updates.

• Save the date for the **Alton Bay Boat Show**, returning to the Alton Town Docks on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, and featuring a variety of vintage boats on display. Admission is free. See the New Hampshire Boat Museum's website at nhbm.org for more details.

• Don't miss the **Hampton Beach Children's Festival**, happening from Monday, Aug. 14, through Friday, Aug. 18. The event includes ice cream, dancing, balloons, storytelling, a magic show and a costume parade. All activities are free and open to the public. Visit hamptonbeach.org.

• Don't miss **Londonderry's Old Home Days**, set for Wednesday, Aug. 16, to Saturday, Aug. 19. More details are in the works, but the four-day event promises concerts, fireworks, a parade, a 5K road race, a baby contest, children's games and more. See londonderrynh.gov or follow the event page on Facebook @townoflondonderryoldhomeday.

• The fifth annual **History Alive** event will be on Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug. 20, at Jones Road in Hillsborough. This year's event will center around battle reenactments and village life experiences and will include activities, crafts, musicians and more. Tickets are \$8 for adults when purchased ahead of time, and \$10 on the

days of the event. Kids ages 16 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Visit historyalivenh.org.

• The New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Hwy., Milton) is hosting its annual **Truck and Tractor Day** on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Trucks, wagons, antique cars and tractors dating back to the mid 1900s will all be on display, and the event will also feature demonstrations on things like the two-man saw and the butter churn treadmill. Admis-

sion is \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors 65 and older, \$6 for children ages 4 to 17, and free children under 4. A family pass is also available for \$30. Visit nhfarmmuseum.org.

• The 125th **Gilmanton Old Home Day** is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. outside the Smith Meeting House (Meeting House and Governor roads, Gilmanton). Details on this year's event are still being ironed out, but previous events have included live entertainment, a puppet show, a silent auction, an antique auto parade, an art show and more. Visit gilmantonnh.org.

• Join Field of Dreams Community Park (48 Geremonty Drive, Salem) for its annual **Family Fun Day** on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wide variety of activities are planned, from circus acts and face-painting to bounce houses, photo opportunities with superheroes and princesses, food trucks, local vendors and more. Visit fieldofdreamsnh.org.

• **Candia's Old Home Day** will return on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Moore Park (74 High St., Candia). The event starts with a parade after a firemen's homemade breakfast. Local crafters and artisans, town community booths, games, a wildlife exhibit, food and music will also be featured. Visit candiaoldhomeday.com.

• **Pembroke and Allentown's Old Home Day** returns on Saturday, Aug. 26, and will kick off with a parade down Main Street in Allentown and end at Memorial Field (Exchange Street) in Pembroke. A fun-filled day is planned at the field, featuring two stages of live entertainment, antique cars, children's games, a craft area, bounce

houses and a fireworks display at dusk. Admission and parking are free. See "Pembroke & Allentown Old Home Day 2023" on Facebook, or join its group page, for details.

• Don't miss this year's **Hopkinton State Fair**, a Labor Day weekend tradition happening from Thursday, Aug. 31, to Monday, Sept. 4, at the fairgrounds (392 Kearsarge Ave., Con-

toocook). There will be livestock shows, a demolition derby, carnival rides, monster trucks, live entertainment, food and more. The fair hours are 5 to 10 p.m. on Thursday; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday. Tickets are \$9 for all fairgoers ages 3 and up on Thursday night. Day passes for Friday through Monday are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$8 for youth ages 3 to 12. Children 35 months and under are free. Five-day passes are also available for \$39. Visit hsfair.org.



New Hampshire Wine Week. Photo by Timothy Courtemanche.

• One of the largest annual car shows in the area, **Cruising Downtown** is scheduled to return to the streets of downtown Manchester for a 22nd year on Saturday, Sept. 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Organized by the Manchester Rotary Club, the rain-or-shine event will feature all kinds of cars on display, along with food, live demonstrations, local vendors and two stages of live entertainment. Admission is free as a spectator, and vehicle registration is \$20. Visit cruising-downtownmanchester.com.

• The **Exeter UFO Festival** returns to downtown Exeter on Saturday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3 — the event commemorates the anniversary of the “Exeter Incident” (an alleged UFO sighting on Sept. 3, 1965) by featuring in-depth talks and presentations from leading experts on UFOs, along with a variety of “intergalactic” children’s games and food, all to benefit the Exeter Area Kiwanis Club. See exeterkiwanis.com/exeter-ufo-festival.

FOOD

• The town of Bennington will host a **rhubarb festival** from Friday, June 2, to Sunday, June 4, at Sawyer Memorial Park (Route 202) in Bennington. People can enter their own rhubarb plants and creations in a variety of contest categories, including the largest leaf, longest stalk and even a rhubarb-themed art contest. The celebration of all things rhubarb will also feature a pie contest, food trucks, vendors, live-action roleplay demonstrations, live music, petting zoos and more. Admission and parking to the festival are free. Follow the event page on Facebook [@nhrhubarbfestival](https://www.facebook.com/nhrhubarbfestival) for more details.

• Tickets are on sale now for the High Hopes Foundation’s seventh annual **New Hampshire Bacon & Beer Festival**, returning to Anheuser-Busch Brewery (221 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack) on Saturday, June 3, with general admission from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and VIP admission beginning at 12:30 p.m. See page 40 for details or go to nhbaconbeer.com.

• The **97.5 WOKQ’s annual summer kick-off chowder festival**, will be at Prescott Park (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) on Saturday, June 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several local eateries will serve chowders and the festival will feature live music, kid-friendly activities, ice cream and more. Tickets are \$20 per person and chowders will be available until the vendors run out. Visit portsmouthnhtickets.com/events/chowder-festival-summer-kick-off-6-3-2023.

• **Herb & Garden Day**, presented by the New Hampshire Herbal Network, returns to the Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner) on Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event features a full schedule of workshops tailored to

all skills and levels, along with plant and tree identification walks, an herbal market and plant sale, food vendors, children’s activities and more. Full-access general admission is \$25 in advance and \$35 the day of the event. Visit nhherbalnetwork.org/herbday.

• The Friends of the Library of Windham will present their 38th annual **strawberry festival and book fair** on Saturday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Windham High School (64 London Bridge Road, Windham). Homemade strawberry shortcake will be served, and the festival will have live music, raffles, local vendors, games and more. Visit flowindham.org.

• The **Taste of Downtown Nashua**, presented by Great American Downtown, returns to the Gate City on Wednesday, June 7, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. More than 30 participating restaurants, shops and other local businesses will have temporary food service set up inside their establishments, where samples will be served to ticket holders. Tickets are \$45 per person and include access to samples from all of the event’s participating vendors. Visit downtownnashua.org/taste.

• Join LaBelle Winery Derry (14 Route 111) for **From Vine to Wine: Tasting New England’s Grape Varietals**, an exclusive wine tasting class happening on Wednesday, June 7, from 6 to 7 p.m. Attendees will learn about the different types of grapes cultivated at LaBelle, as well as the overall winemaking process in New England. Mini cheese boards featuring locally sourced accompaniments will also be provided. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased online at labellewinery.com.

• The Colby Hill Inn (33 The Oaks, Heniker) will host an **Italian al fresco garden dinner party** on Friday, June 9 — the event will begin with an Italian antipasti station and passed appetizers, followed by a three-course dinner and an Italian dessert station, along with live music from Brad Myrick and Italian wine tables hosted by Rossi Imports throughout the night. Tickets are \$130 per person and include dinner and the wines. See colbyhillinn.com.

• Join the Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester) in welcoming LaBelle Winery owner and winemaker Amy LaBelle on Sunday, June 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. — she’ll be there to present and sign copies of her debut book, **Wine Weddings: The Ultimate Guide to Creating the Wine-Themed Wedding of Your Dreams**. Released Dec. 16, the book offers advice on planning and hosting weddings of every size and type, covering everything from choosing invitation designs and wedding favors to creating your own menu of signature drinks and wine choices. Admission is free and the event will include a wine tasting. Visit bookerymht.com.

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Mill Falls

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• Online ordering for the 26th annual **New Hampshire Jewish Food Festival**, presented by Temple B'nai Israel (210 Court St., Laconia), opens on Sunday, June 11, and will continue through Sunday, July 9. Menu items will include savory brisket with gravy, freshly sliced corned beef, pastrami and tongue from Evan's New York Style Deli in Marblehead, Mass., as well as sweet creamy noodle kugel and a vast assortment of other home-cooked Jewish foods. Those who place their orders online will be prompted to select a time on either Friday, July 21, or Saturday, July 22, at Temple B'nai Israel. Visit tbinh.org/food-fest-menu to view the full menu.

• Enjoy **garden-themed afternoon tea** with The Cozy Tea Cart on Sunday, June 11, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Gatherings at the Colonel Shepard House (29 Mont Vernon St., Milford). In addition to the fine quality teas, a variety of tea breads, sandwiches and pastries will be available. The cost is \$39.95 per person and reservations are required. Visit thecozyteacart.com.

• Head to Fulchino Vineyard (187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis) for **Canines Uncorked**, a dog-friendly event to benefit the Humane Society for Greater Nashua on Tuesday, June 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. Registration is free and 20 percent of each glass of wine sold will benefit the Humane Society. More events are also scheduled for Aug. 15 and Oct. 10. Visit fulchinovineyard.com.

• LaBelle Winery Amherst (345 Route 101) presents **A Celebration of Women Winemakers**, a special four-course wine dinner happening on Wednesday, June 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Amy LaBelle and winemaker Lisa Evich of Simi Winery in California will be on hand to provide commentary on their philosophies and their selected pairings throughout the evening. The cost is \$99 per person — purchase tickets online at labellewinery.com, where you can view the full menu.

• **New Hampshire Wine Week** is a June affair this year. The week will culminate with the New England Wine Spectacular on Thursday, June 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St.). The large seminar-style showcase is the premier event of the week, which has been moved to June from its traditional timeframe in January for the first time in its nearly 20-year history. The Spectacular will feature more than 1,700 wines to try, paired with all kinds of New Hampshire-sourced foods. It's expected to be surrounded by a week's worth of other events like wine dinners at local restaurants and tasting and sampling events at several of the Liquor & Wine Outlet stores. General-admission tickets to the Spectacular are \$65 per person (21+ only), with proceeds

benefiting the New Hampshire Food Bank. See nhwineweek.com.

• The next installment in **The Wine-maker's Kitchen cooking class series**, presented by LaBelle Winery, will be on Wednesday, June 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. in its Derry location (14 Route 111) and will highlight various Mexican recipes. Learn how to prepare everything from homemade flour tortillas to baked enchiladas, chicken and mole sauce and passionfruit seveal blanc margaritas, and collect recipe cards from the class to take home. General admission is \$40 per person and tickets can be purchased online at labellewinery.com.

• Tickets are on sale for New Hampshire magazine's annual **Best of NH Party**, happening on Thursday, June 22, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Flag Hill Distillery & Winery (297 N. River Road, Lee), with an additional VIP barrel tasting and tour from 5 to 6 p.m. Visit nhmagazine.com/best-of-nh.

• Get ready for the **Kingston Fire Association's fourth annual Brewfest**, set to take place on Saturday, June 24, from 2 to 6 p.m. on the Plains in downtown Kingston (148 Main St.). More than 60 different beers, ciders and hard lemonade from at least 30 pourers will be available to sample at the festival, which will also include food trucks and music. Tickets are \$40 per person for full access (event is 21+ only) and \$10 for designated drivers, and are available online now. Donations are also being accepted to the Kingston Fire Association. Visit kingstonbrew.com.

• Join the Colby Hill Inn (33 The Oaks, Henniker) for a **Charles Smith garden barbecue** on Saturday, June 24, at 6 p.m., which will feature grilled hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting tables, followed by a four-course wine pairing dinner, and live rock music in honor of "rockstar winemaker" Charles Smith. Derek Rush of Ruby Wines will serve as a guest presenter. Tickets are \$130 per person. Visit colbyhillinn.com to view the full menu.

• The **Hollis Strawberry Festival**, presented by the Hollis Woman's Club, returns for a 76th year to the Town Common (7 Monument Square, Hollis) on Sunday, June 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy strawberry shortcake and other strawberry desserts while the Hollis Town Band performs. Face-painting, games and craft vendors are also part of the festival. Visit holliswomensclub.org.

• A family-friendly event featuring local food, drinks and entertainment, **Farm-a-Q** returns to Tuckaway Farm (36 Captain

Smith Emerson Road, Lee) on Sunday, June 25, from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$15 for adult drink bracelets, \$25 for students and seniors and free for kids under the age of 5. Proceeds support the Heritage Harvest Project, whose mission is to promote regional heritage foods and agricultural diversity among farmers, chefs and local communities. See "Farm-a-Q" on Eventbrite to purchase tickets.

• Save the date for the annual **Keep NH Brewing Festival**, happening on Saturday, July 8, at the Kiwanis Waterfront Park (15 Loudon Road, Concord; behind the Douglas

N. Everett Arena). General admission is from 1 to 4 p.m., with VIP admission beginning at noon. The festival is the signature fundraising event for the New Hampshire Brewers Association and features one of the largest gatherings of craft beers on tap, with more than 140 options to try and more than 50 breweries represented. Food trucks, local vendors and live music will also be featured.



Kelsea "Terror Nova" Thom quickly maneuvers around a MRD blocker. Photo by Todd Grzywacz.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$55 on the day of the event (\$65 for VIP ticket-holders and \$20 for designated drivers over 21). All tickets will include souvenir tasting glasses, and foods are priced per item. Proceeds benefit the New Hampshire Brewers Association. Purchase your tickets online at nhbrewers.org.

• Get ready for the **Great American Ribfest & Food Truck Festival**, a three-day event slated to return to Anheuser-Busch Brewery (221 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack) from Friday, July 21, through Sunday, July 23. In addition to eats from a wide array of barbecuers and food trucks, the outdoor festival boasts a full schedule of live performances throughout the weekend. New this year will be an expanded children's area and a People's Choice rib sampler. The event will begin with a concert on Friday night, followed by two days of festivities, all to take place rain or shine. Advance admission is \$32.50 for adults and \$14.50 for kids ages 10 to 16 for the Friday night concert; and \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors over 60 and military service members for Saturday and Sunday (kids ages 16 and under get in free per paid adult). Free entry for all attendees is available on Saturday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and on Sunday, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. See greatamericanribfest.com to purchase tickets.

• Monadnock Music will host its annual **Progressive Garden Party**, featuring multiple tastings and performances across areas

of the Monadnock region, on Saturday, July 22. A botanical tour of the region, the event features unique food and drink options and live performances at each location. Tickets are \$80 (\$75 for Monadnock Music members). A rain date of July 29 is planned. Visit monadnockmusic.org.

• The Spicy Shark presents the second annual **New England Hot Sauce Fest**, returning to Smuttynose Brewing Co. (105 Towle Farm Road, Hampton) on Saturday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature more than two dozen local hot sauce companies selling and offering samples of all of their spicy products, along with bounce houses, face-painting, several food trucks, a hot wing contest and four hot pepper eating contests. General-admission tickets are \$11, and proceeds will benefit the Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation and the Seacoast Science Center. Visit newenglandhotsaucefest.com.

• The Cozy Tea Cart has a **summertime afternoon tea tasting** planned for Sunday, Aug. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Gatherings at the Colonel Shepard House (29 Mont Vernon St., Milford). In addition to teas, there will be tea breads, sandwiches and pastries available. Tickets are \$39.95 per person and reservations are required. Visit thecozyteacart.com.

• The town of Windham's Recreation

department will host a **food truck festival** on the grounds of Windham High School (64 London Bridge Road, Windham) on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition to eats from local food trucks, there will be music and games of cornhole. For more details contact the Windham Recreation office by phone at 965-1208 or by email at recreation@windhamnh.gov.

• The **Great New England BBQ & Food Truck Festival** returns for a seventh year to the Hampshire Dome (50 Emerson Road, Milford) on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The event will feature a crafter's booth and a kids' zone in addition to eats from local food trucks, along with craft beer, live music, a cornhole tournament and more. Visit gncraftartisanshows.com.

• After a successful comeback year in 2022, **Gate City Brewfest** will return to Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St., Nashua) on Saturday, Aug. 26, with general admission from 1 to 5 p.m. and VIP admission beginning at noon. Unique for being a family-friendly brewfest, the event also features food, live music, a cornhole tournament, children's activities and more. General-admission tickets are \$35 in advance and \$50 the day of the event, while VIP tickets are \$70 (limited to 200 tickets) and designated drivers and attendees under the age of 21 are \$15. Proceeds benefit the Nashua Police

Athletic League. See gatecitybrewfestnh.com.

• Food Truck Festivals of America presents the ninth annual **Portsmouth Food Truck & Craft Beer Festival**, happening at Cisco Brewers (35 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth) on Sunday, Aug. 20, with general admission from noon to 5 p.m. and VIP admission beginning at 11 a.m. In addition to food trucks, the festival features craft beer, lawn games, music and more. General admission is \$10 and VIP admission is \$20 (kids ages 10 and under are free). Visit foodtruckfestivalsofamerica.com/portsmouth.

CONCERTS

• **Louis Tomlinson** is playing the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) Saturday, May 27, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

• See **Live at the Fillmore**, an Allman Brothers tribute band, at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Saturday, May 27, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$37.

• **Dave Mason** is playing Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Sunday, May 28, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$60 to \$75.

• Tuesday, May 30, Johnny Depp, Alice Cooper, Joe Perry and Tommy Henriksen,

also known as **Hollywood Vampires**, are coming to SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, snuarena.com). Show starts at 8 p.m., tickets start at \$39.50.

• **Hannah Ellis with Martin & Kelly** are performing at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, cconh.com) on Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$10.

• See **Walker Hayes** at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) on Friday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$35.

• **Umphry's McGee** is playing the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Friday, June 2, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$33.

• See **33 1/3** at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$39.

• The **Dueling Pianos** are performing at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, cconh.com) on Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$28.

• **Stand Up Audio** is playing at The Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.com) on Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$29.

• Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) is having **Mike Girard's Big Swinging Thing** on Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

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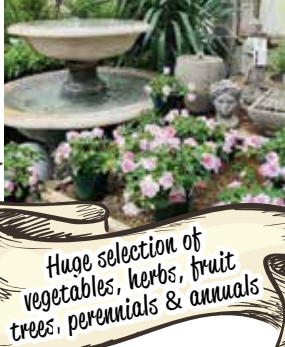
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• See **Voyage**, a Journey tribute band, at the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Saturday, June 3, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

• On Sunday, June 4, Air Supply is playing the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

• Singer and songwriter **Charlie Puth** is coming to the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Wednesday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$25.

• The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.com) is hosting **Debbie Gibson** on Thursday, June 8, at 7:30 p.m. Prices start at \$39.

• **Celebrating Billy Joel** is coming to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Thursday, June 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$29 to \$59.

• The Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) is having **Killswitch Engaged** on Friday, June 9, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$37.

• Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) is having **Pat Metheny Side-Eye** perform on Friday, July 9, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$59.

• See **The Subtronics** at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Sunday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$19.

• The Simon and Garfunkel tribute band **Forever Simon & Garfunkel** is performing at The Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.com) on Sunday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$29.

• See Neil Young tribute Band **Broken Arrow** at the Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Sunday, June 10, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$37.

• Sunday, June 11, **Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue** are performing at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

• **The Happy Together Tour** is coming to the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Sunday, June 11, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

• **Kidd G** is performing at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Wednesday, June 14, at 8 p.m. General admission tickets cost \$28, reserved balcony seating costs \$40.

• **Faster Pussycat** is playing Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Thursday, June 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$40.

• See **Leonid & Friends**, a Chicago tribute band, at The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.com) on

Thursday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$29.

• **The Marshall Tucker Band** is performing at the Chubb Theatre at Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Thursday, June 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$61.

• The Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) is having **Russell Dickerson** on Thursday, June 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

• On Friday, June 16, Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) is having **Dueling Pianos** play. Showtime is at 8 p.m., tickets cost \$20.

• The **Little River Band** is playing the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Friday, June 16, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

• The Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.com) is hosting **The Buddha Blue Band** on Saturday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$29.

• See **Grace Kelly** at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Saturday, June 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$40.

• Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) is having **Martin Barre** perform on Saturday, July 17, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$45 to \$60.

• The Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) is having **Not Fade Away Band presents: Dead Zeppelin** on Saturday, June 17, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.

• See **Toad the Wet Sprocket** at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Sunday, June 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$49.

• **Dierks Bentley** is performing at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$34.

• See **American Idol** alumnus **Phillip Phillips** at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, casinoballroom.com) on Thursday, June 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$40 to \$45.

• **Eric Gales** is performing at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Friday, June 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$40.

• Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) is having **Kashmir** perform on Friday, June 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

• See **Jerry Harrison** and **Adrian Belew** at the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Friday, June 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

• **Chris Pinnella** will be at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry) on Saturday, June 24, at 6 p.m. Tickets range from \$40 to \$45.

• See the classic rock group **Trinity** at The Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. Manches-

ter, palacetheatre.com) on Saturday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$29.

- **Dirty Deeds** is playing the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Saturday, June 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$19.

- The Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) is having **Cinderella's Tom Kiefer Band** on Wednesday, June 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$36.

- See **Metal Church** at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Thursday, June 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

- **Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters** are performing at The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.com) on Thursday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. Prices start at \$39.

- The Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.com) is having **The John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band** play on Thursday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$29.

- See **3 Doors Down** at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

- On Friday, June 30, **Michael Franti and Spearhead** are playing the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$45.

- Tribute band **Magical Mystery Doors** is performing at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry) on Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$35.

- **Badfish! A tribute to Sublime** is playing the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Saturday, July 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$27.

- On Saturday, July 1, **Chicago** is playing at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.

- See **John Cafferty and the Beaver Brown Band** on Saturday, July 1, at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com). Showtime is at 8 p.m., tickets cost \$45.

- **Falling in Reverse** is playing the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Sunday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$25.

- Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) is having **Tedeschi Trucks Band** on Monday, July 3, at 7 p.m. General admission tickets cost \$25.

- **Sam Hunt** is playing the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook

Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Friday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$34.75.

- The Doors tribute band **Peace Frog** is coming to Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Friday, July 7, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$30.

- See **Barenaked Ladies** at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Saturday, July 8, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

- **Dueling Pianos** is coming to Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Saturday, July 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.

- On Saturday, July 8, the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) is having **Echoes of Floyd** play at 8 p.m.

General admission costs \$31, reserved balcony seating costs \$44.

- See **The Allman Betts Band** on Sunday, July 9, at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com).

Showtime is at 7 p.m., ticket prices start at \$39.

- Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) is having **LA Guns** perform on Sunday, July 9, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$40.

- **The Dave Matthews Band** is playing the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Tuesday, July 11, and Wednesday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$50.

- Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) is welcoming **Tab Benoit** to its stage on Thursday, July 13, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

- The Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) is hosting **Peter Frampton** on Thursday, July 13, at 8 p.m. Prices start at \$35.

- **Bruce in the USA** is playing Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Friday, July 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$45.

- See **Counting Crows** at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Friday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

- **An Evening with Tom Rush accompanied by Matt Nakoa** is coming to Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Friday, July 14, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

- **The Head and the Heart** and **The Revivalists** will be performing at the Bank



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of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) on Saturday, July 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$31.

• See **Jake Shimabukuro** on Saturday, July 15, at 8 p.m. at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com). Tickets start at \$29.

• **The Kingston Trio** is playing at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$52.

• On Tuesday, July 18, and Wednesday, July 19, **The Music of ABBA – Direct from Sweden** is coming to Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

• On Wednesday, July 19, **Royal Bliss** is performing at Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$24.

• See **Theo Von** at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) on Thursday, July 20, at 8 p.m. Pricing starts at \$39.

• The Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) is hosting **Ghost Funk Orchestra** at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 20. Tickets for general admission cost \$23.

• **Matchbox 20** is playing the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) on Friday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$80.

• See **Beginnings**, a Chicago tribute band, at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Friday, July 21, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$37.

• **The Struts** are coming to the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Friday, July 21, at 8 p.m. General admission costs \$27.

• The Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) is hosting **Bret Michaels** on Saturday, July 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

• See **Martin Sexton** at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Saturday, July 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.

• **Ruben Studdard** is performing at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Saturday, July 22, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$45 to \$65.

• See **Kidz Bop Kidz** on Sunday, July 23, at 4 p.m. at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford,

bankhnpavilion.com). Tickets start at \$29.

• **The Young Dubliners** are performing on Sunday, July 23, at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com). Showtime is at 8 p.m., tickets cost \$36.

• See **Dueling Pianos** at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$28.

• **The Fab Four**, a Beatles tribute band, is coming to the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

• **Tupelo Music Hall** (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) is having **Stephen Percy** perform on Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$50.

• **The High Kings** are performing at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Sunday, July 30, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.

• See **The Beach Boys** on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com). Tickets start at \$29.

• **The Outlaw Music Festival** is coming to the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 5 p.m. Tickets start at \$42.

• See **Foreigner** on Friday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com). Tickets start at \$40.

• **Pointless Culture** is coming to the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Friday, Aug. 4, at 8 p.m. Tickets are not on sale yet.

• **Tupelo Music Hall** (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) is having **Zach Nugent's Dead Set** perform on Friday, Aug. 4, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$30.

• The Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) is having **The Chicks** on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$59.

• **Jelly Roll** is coming to the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com) on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$60.

• See **Marcus King** at the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$39.

• See **Incubus** on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 7:15 p.m. at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, bankhnpavilion.com). Tickets start at \$30.



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• **Melissa Etheridge** is coming to the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$59.

• Country music star **Chris Stapleton** is coming to the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) for three shows, Aug. 10 through Aug. 12, all starting at 7 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$98.

• **Kick – The INXS Experience** is performing at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) on Thursday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

• The Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) is having **KC and the Sunshine Band** on Saturday Aug. 12, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

• **Govt Mule's "The Dark Side of the Mule"** tour, a Led Zeppelin tribute, arrives on Thursday Aug. 17, at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com). Showtime is at 7 p.m., tickets start at \$18.

• The Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) is having **In This Moment** and **Motionless in White** play on Friday, Aug. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$29.

• See **Blue Light Rain** on Friday, Aug. 18, at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com). Showtime is at 8 p.m., tickets cost \$24.

• **The Boston Pops** are performing at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Saturday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$19.

• See **Cherry Cherry**, a Neil Diamond tribute band, on Sunday, Aug. 19, at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com). Tickets cost \$35.

• **Miko Marks** is performing at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are not listed at the time of publication.

• The Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) is having **Mary Chapin Carpenter** on Sunday, Aug. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$49.

• See **Disturbed** at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at 6 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$29.

• **Ann Wilson** is playing the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Wednesday Aug. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$24.

• See **Slightly Stoopid** and **Sublime with Rome** on Thursday, Aug. 24, at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com). Showtime is at 5 p.m., tickets start at \$29.

• **Tyler Hubbard** of Florida Georgia Line is playing the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) on Thursday, Aug. 24, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$65.

• The Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) is having **The Smashing Pumpkins** on Friday, Aug. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45.

• On Friday, Aug. 25, **Gabby Barrett** performs at the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

• See **Hank Williams Jr.** on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com). Tickets start at \$39, show starts at 7 p.m.

• **Ace Frehley** is coming to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$49.

• Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) is having Metallica tribute band **Four Horsemen** on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$35.

• See **W.A.S.P.** on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton). Tickets start at \$30.

• **Rod Stewart** is coming to the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com) on Monday, Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$50.

• The Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton, casinoballroom.com) is having **One Night of Queen** on Friday, Sept. 1, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$39.

• See **The Zac Brown Band** on Saturday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, banknhpavilion.com). Both shows start at 7 p.m., ticket prices start at \$64.

COMEDY

• Hypnotist **Frank Santos Jr.** will perform an 18-and-up comedy and hypnotism show at Chunky's Cinema Pub (151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua, chunkys.com) on Saturday, May 27, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online at chunkys.com.

• Headliners Comedy Club (700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinersnh.com) will have **Mark Riley** on stage on Saturday, May 27, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at headlinersnh.com.

• See **Marty Caproni** at Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Saturday, May 27, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

• Comedian **Stephanie Peters** is bring-

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ing her brand of humor to Chunky's Nashua (chunkys.com) on Saturday, May 27, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.

• The Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd. in Hampton, casinoballroom.com) is having **Sam Morril** on Thursday, June 1. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., and the doors open at 6 p.m. This is an 18-and-older performance. • See **Improv-Boston** at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester) on Friday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. as part of its Friday Night Comedy series. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at palacetheatre.org.

• Comedian **Brian Beaudoin** is performing at Chunky's Nashua (Chunkys.com) on Saturday, June 3, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

• Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com) is having **Johnny Pizzi** take the stage on Saturday, June 3, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

• **James Dorsey** is coming to Headliners Comedy Club (700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinersnh.com) on Saturday, June 3, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

• **Peter Revello** is coming to Ruby Room Comedy at the Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant (909 Elm St., Manchester, shaskeenirishpub.com) on Wednesday, June 7, at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.

• Friday Night Comedy at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) continues with a performance from **Jim Colliton with Chris D** on Friday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

• On Saturday, June 10, **Dan Crohn** will be telling jokes at Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com). The show starts at 8:30 p.m..

• **James Dorsey** is going to be telling jokes at Chunky's Nashua (chunkys.com) on Saturday, June 10, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

• See **The Prince of Mystery**, a comedy and magic show by Skip Daniels at Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com) on Saturday, June 10, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

• **A Tribute to Robin Williams** by Roger Kabler is coming to the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Friday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

• See **Queen City Improv** at the Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road, Concord, hatboxnh.com) on Friday, June 16, at 7:30 p.m. The improv group's shows are always different, making for unique performances each time. Ticket prices range from \$16 to

\$22.

• On Saturday, June 17, **Anthony Rodia** is going to be telling jokes at the Capitol Center for the Arts' Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com). The show starts at 8 p.m.; doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$35.75 to \$53.75.

• See **Brian Beaudoin** at Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com) on Saturday, June 17. The show starts at 8:30 p.m.; doors open at 8 p.m.

• **Dan Crohn** is performing at Chunky's Nashua (chunkys.com) on Saturday, June 17, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

• Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com) is having **Mike Hanley** on Saturday, June 17, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at chunkys.com.

• **Brian Regan** is performing at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Thursday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$39 and can be purchased at palacetheatre.org.

• Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com) will have **Steve Scarfo** take the stage on Saturday, June 24, at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at



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8 p.m. and tickets can be purchased online at headlinersnh.com.

• See **Amy Tee** at Chunky's Manchester (chunkys.com) on Saturday, June 24, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at chunkys.com.

• **Skip Daniels** is performing his magic and comedy show "The Prince of Mystery" on Saturday, June 24, at 8:30 p.m. at Chunky's Nashua (chunkys.com). Tickets are \$20.

• On Friday, July 7, **Lenny Clark** is bringing his stand-up stylings to the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org). Showtime is 7:30 p.m., and tickets cost \$25.

• Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St.) is putting on **Glassjaw Presents: Boston's Best Comic - A Night with Will Noonan** on Saturday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. Visit nashuacenterforthearts.com.

• **Ace Aceto** is bringing his comedy show to Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com) on Saturday, July 8, at 8:30 p.m. The venue's doors open at 8 p.m.

• Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com) is having **Mike Hanley** perform on Saturday, July 15. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 8:30 p.m.

• **Chris Zito** is performing at Headliners in Manchester (headlinersnh.com) on Saturday, July 22, at 8:30 p.m.

• See **Robert Kelly** at the Nashua Center

for the Arts (201 Main St., nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$30.

- Laugh with **Amy Tee** at Headliners (headlinersnh.com) on Saturday, July 29, at 8:30 p.m. The doors open at 8 p.m.

- Spend **An Evening with Actor and Comedian Kevin Pollak** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Saturday, Aug. 12. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m., and ticket prices start at \$39.

- **The Mother of a Comedy Show** is coming to Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Friday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. The show stars comics Kelly MacFarland, Kerri Louise and Christine Hurley. Tickets cost \$32.

- Comedian **Jimmy Dunn** is performing on Saturday, Aug. 26, at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St, Concord, ccanh.com). Showtime is 8 p.m., with the venue opening at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale to the public on Thursday, June 1, at noon.

THEATER

- The Disney Musical **Newsies** opens at the Seacoast Rep (125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org) on Thursday, May 25, and will run through Saturday, July 8. Shows are Thursday through Sunday, with showtimes at 2 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. that vary every day. Tickets start at \$35.

- Join the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) for the musical **The Lightning Thief**, a show based on the popular young adult novel *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*. The show is on Friday, May 26, at 10 a.m. Tickets for the show cost \$8.

- **Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** is opening on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at The Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road, Concord, hatboxnh.com). The show will run through Sunday, June 11, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$16.

- The Majestic Theatre (880 Page St., Manchester, majestictheatre.net) is putting on **The Wild Women of Winedale**, with opening night Friday, June 2, at 7 p.m. There will be additional showtimes Saturday, June 3, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 4, at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$15 to \$20.

- See **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org). The show opens on Friday, June 2, and runs through Sunday, June 25, with shows at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$25.

- The Palace Youth Theatre is putting on **The Music Man** at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Wednesday, June 7, and Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from

\$12 to \$15.

- See Theatre Kapow's presentation of **Tiny Beautiful Things** Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 11, at 2 p.m. at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com). Full-price tickets cost \$33.75; student tickets cost \$26.75.

- The comedy **Menopause: The Musical** is coming to Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Saturday, June 10, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$32 to \$69.

- Live forever at Palace Teen Apprentice Theater's production of **Fame** on Tuesday, June 13, and Wednesday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org). Tickets cost \$12 to \$15.

- Palace Teen Company is serving up all that jazz with **Chicago** on Tuesday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 21, at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org). The shows are at 7 p.m. and tickets cost \$12 to \$15.

- The **2023 Bank of New Hampshire Children's Summer Series at The Palace** (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) begins with **magician BJ Hickman** Wednesday, July 5, through Friday, July 7. Children's Series productions have shows Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., and Friday at 10 a.m. Tickets cost \$10. The series includes **Beauty and the Beast** July 11, through July 14; **Rapunzel** July 18, through July 21; **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs** Aug. 1 to Aug. 4; **The Little Mermaid** Aug. 8 to Aug. 11; **Frozen Kids** Aug. 15 through Aug. 18, and **Finding Nemo Jr.** Aug. 22 through Aug. 25.

- **Cabaret** opens at The Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road, Concord, hatboxnh.com) on Friday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. The show will run through Sunday, July 16. Showtimes are on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$16.

- The creepy and kooky musical **The Addams Family** is coming to Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Friday, July 7, and Saturday, July 8, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.75 for students and seniors and \$18.75 for adults.

- **Hair** is being performed at Seacoast Rep (125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org). The show opens Thursday, July 13, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 27. The theater will have performances Thursday through Sunday, with curtain times at 2 and 7:30 p.m. There is one additional show on Wednesday, July. 19. Tickets start at \$35.

- The Majestic Theatre is producing **Catch Me If You Can** at the Derry Opera

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SAT 17	An Evening with Paul Hodes and The Blue Buddha Band	7:30PM
SAT 24	Trinity: Ultimate Crosby Stills Nash & Young Experience	7:30PM
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- Up, up and away at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) for the Palace Youth Theatre's version of *Peter Pan* on Friday, July 14, at 7 p.m. Tickets begin at \$12.

- See *Mary Poppins Jr.* at the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, at 7 p.m. Tickets for the show cost \$18.75 for adults, \$15.75 for seniors and students.

- On Saturday, July 15, at 2 p.m., RB Productions is putting on *Annie Kids* at the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com). The show starts at noon. Tickets cost \$10 for adults, \$8 for students.

- Head *Into the Woods* with RB Productions at the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Friday, July 21, and Saturday, July 22, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$18.75 for adults, \$15.75 for students and seniors.

- See *Big Fish* at The Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road, Concord, hatboxnh.com) for its three-day run, starting on Friday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. The other shows are on Saturday, July 22, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, July 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets start at \$16.

- The youth performers with RB Productions are putting on *Newsies Jr.* at the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) on Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets to the shows start at \$15.75.

- Celebrate Christmas in July with *Elf Jr.* by Palace Youth Theatre on Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palace theatre.org). Tickets range from \$12 to \$15.

- The Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road, Concord, hatboxnh.com) will have the show *Private Lives* open on Friday, Aug. 4, and run through Sunday, Aug. 20. The show will be on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$16.

- See *Snow White* by the Palace Youth Theatre at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Friday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$12.

- See *Nunsense II* at The Majestic Theatre (880 Page St., Manchester, majestictheatre.net) opening night, Friday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. with three other shows on Saturday, Aug. 12, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

and on Sunday, Aug. 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets to the show range from \$15 to \$20.

- Palace Youth Theatre presents *High School Musical Jr.* at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Friday, Aug. 18, and Saturday, Aug. 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$12.

- For three days only, Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road, Concord, hatboxnh.com) will be showing performances of *Masked*. The show will run Friday, Aug. 25, and Saturday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 27, at 2 p.m. Ticket prices begin at \$16.

- Grab some honey and see The Palace Youth Theatre's performance of *Winnie the Pooh Jr.* at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) on Aug. 26 at noon. Tickets for the show start at \$12.

ART EVENTS

- See the four artists participating in this year's **Nashua International Sculpture Symposium** at work on their pieces at Picker Artists (3 Pine St. in Nashua), where they are working Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on this year's pieces. The artists are Anna Rasinska from Poland, Parastoo Ahovan from Iran, Tanya Preminger from Israel and Jim Larson, who grew up in New Hampshire and now lives in Maine, according to nashuasculpturesymposium.org, where you can sign up to donate to or pick up a meal for the artists. The pieces, which will become part of Nashua's town-wide exhibit of sculptures, will be unveiled in their installation locations on Sunday, June 3.

- **The 31st Annual Memorial Weekend Craft Festival** at Mill Falls Marketplace (312 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith) will be held on Saturday, May 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore a wide variety of crafts, including handmade jewelry, pottery, woodwork, textiles and more. Admission is free. Visit castleberryfairs.com.

- The Portsmouth downtown area hosts the **Art 'Round Town gallery walk** on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. (14 Market Square). Explore the art scene in this creative historical community by visiting different art galleries downtown. Visit artroundtown.org.

- **The Concord Arts Market**, an outdoor artisan and fine art market, will run one Saturday a month from June through October, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Rollins Park (33 Bow St., Concord). Market dates are June 3, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16 and Oct. 21. Visit concordartsmarket.net.

- View jaw-dropping sculptures crafted on Hampton Beach at the 23rd annual **Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic**,

happening Thursday, June 15, through Saturday, June 17, at Hampton Beach (180 Ocean Blvd.). The event includes award ceremonies and prizes for the greatest sand sculptures built. The competition is by invitation only, but the sculptures will be illuminated for viewing at night until June 26. Visit hamptonbeach.org.

• The **Hampton Falls Liberty Craft Festival** takes place on Saturday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hampton Falls Town Common (4 Lincoln Ave.) This event is free to the public. More than 75 juried artisans will feature their work. Discover pottery, pillow quilts, wind chimes and more. Visit castleberryfairs.com.

• The **Craftsmen's Fair**, an annual nine-day outdoor craft fair hosted by the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, returns to Mount Sunapee Resort (1398 Route 103, Newbury) from Saturday, Aug. 5, through Sunday, Aug. 13. There will be hundreds of craftspeople with vendor booths, plus special craft exhibitions, demonstrations, hands-on workshops and more. Call 224-3375 or visit nhcrafts.org.

• The **2nd annual Manchester Arts & Crafts Fair** takes place on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Manchester. The event features more than 30 booths, food trucks, the Manchester City Library Bookmobile, and an interactive art wall for kids run by Unchartered Tutoring. Visit manchesterartsandcraftsfair.com.



Silver Knights. Courtesy photo.

• The **Greeley Park Art Show** (100 Concord St., Nashua) returns on Saturday, Aug. 19, and Sunday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., both days. The annual outdoor juried art show hosted by Nashua Area Artists Association features a variety of artwork for sale. Visit nashuaarts.org/greeleyparkartshow.

ART EXHIBITS

• The Women's Caucus for Arts' New Hampshire Chapter presents the exhibit **"Head's Up: The Many Hats Women Wear"** at Twiggs Gallery (254 King St., Boscawen). The exhibit, showcasing a wide variety of works including paintings, sculptures, artist books, installations, photography, and mixed media pieces, runs through Saturday, May 27. The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Call 975-0015 or visit twigsgallery.org.

• **Natalia Yuresko-Belous's exhibit** at The Gallery at West Pearl Street (100 W.

Pearl St., Nashua) will be on display until Tuesday, May 30. Natalia, a Ukrainian guest artist and a new member of the Hollis Arts Society, showcases her works in landscapes, still life, portraits and mural paintings. Visit hollisartssociety.org.

• The **"Just Above a Whisper"** exhibit, on display through May at Seacoast Artist Association (130 Water St., Exeter), showcases Lynn Krumholz's paintings and small books, which were created using the relatively new process of oil and cold wax, resulting in a hard, durable surface with a velvety, matte finish. The gallery is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Visit seacoastartist.org.

• The New Hampshire Art Association's Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St., Portsmouth) presents **"Element,"** on display throughout the month of May. The exhibit features works from member artists, exploring the connections and influences of the elements of life. The gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Visit nhartassociation.org or call 431-4230.

• The exhibit **"Thirteen Moons — An Abenaki Child's Year"** is on display at the Children's Museum of NH (6 Washington St., Dover) in its Gallery 6 until the end of May. This exhibit showcases photographs, drawings, diagrams, scale models and stories that depict the daily life of a child in an Abenaki village before the arrival of Europeans. The gallery is open during the museum's operating hours, and you can visit the gallery at no extra charge. Museum admission costs \$12.50 for everyone over 12 months and \$10.50 for individuals aged 65 and above. The museum is open on Sundays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Visit childrens-museum.org.

• The Gallery at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth) presents **"Somewhere Around There,"** an exhibition showcasing the ink paintings of abstract landscapes by Nishiki Sugawara-Beda, on display until June 11. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Visit galleryat3s.org.

• See **"Celebrating the Artist Next Door,"** presented by Two Villages Art Society at the Bates Building (846 Main St.,

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Contoocook) through June 17. The exhibition features works by more than 30 New Hampshire artists representing various media. The gallery is open Thursday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m. Visit twovillagesart.org or call 413-210-4372.

• **“Seeing Is Not Believing: Ambiguity in Photography”** is on view at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) through June 25. This exhibition challenges our perception through still lifes, abstract images and manipulated photographs, heightening our sense of wonder. The museum is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and admission costs \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth ages 13 through 17 and is free for members and children under age 13. Visit currier.org or call 669-6144.

• **“All My Friends Are in This Show,”** curated by Yasamin Safarzadeh, is on view until July 1 at the Carolyn Jenkins & Jill C. Wilson Galleries at Kimball Jenkins (266 N. Main St., Concord). The exhibit showcases innovative artists who actively shape their communities. Gallery hours vary weekly. Visit kimballjenkins.com.

• **“rest/ROOM”** exhibit at the New Hampshire Art Association’s Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St., Portsmouth) is

on view until July 2. The exhibit is the first showcase in the W.C. Gallery. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Visit nhartassociation.org or call 431-4230.

• **“A Garden Story Photography Exhibit”** at The New Hampshire Audubon’s McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord) is on view until July 5. The center is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit nhaudubon.org.

• Michelle Peterson, a New Hampshire Art Association artist, presents her paintings in the exhibit **“Threads and Where They Lead”** at the Concord Chamber of Commerce (49 S. Main St. Suite 104, Concord) through July 7. The artwork depicts strings in patterns and shapes inspired by the game of cat’s cradle. According to Peterson, the use of symbols like water bottles, rocks, birds, and hands intertwined with visible and invisible strings helps create a personal psychogeography. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit concordnhchamber.com.

• **“In Full Bloom: Floral Still Life & Garden Paintings from the 19th Century to the Present”** is on display at the New Hampshire Antique Co-op (323 Elm St., Milford) through Thursday, Aug. 31. The gallery is open Tuesdays through Sundays

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit nhantiquecoop.com or call 673-8499.

• Discover **“A New Scheier Medium”** at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester), on view through the summer. Curated by Lorenzo Fusi, this showcase explores the connection between the renowned ceramic artists Mary and Edwin Scheier’s sculptures and tapestry work and the complexity of their artistic practice through drawings, textiles and sculptures, highlighting the relationship between cultures and the natural world. The museum is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and admission costs \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth ages 13 through 17 and is free for members and children under age 13. Visit currier.org or call 669-6144.

• **“The Living Forest: UYRA”** is on display at Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester) through Sept. 24. The exhibition features a comprehensive selection of photographs and videos encompassing UYRA’s entire artistic trajectory, with work from many of their past performances and recent appearances. The museum is open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and admission costs \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for students,

\$5 for youth ages 13 through 17 and is free for members and children under age 13. Visit currier.org or call 669-6144.

• Don’t miss the **“NEST”** exhibition at Twigg’s Gallery (254 King St., Boscaawen), on view June 3 through Sept. 1. Juried by Pam Tarbell, this showcase features the works of New Hampshire artists exploring the literal and metaphorical dimensions of the concept of “NEST.” The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. A reception will be held on Saturday, June 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 975-0015 or visit twiggsgallery.org.

• **“Biennial One”** will be on display at the New Hampshire Art Association’s Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery (136 State St., Portsmouth) from Aug. 31 through Oct. 1. The exhibit invites artists to showcase their best work that takes creative risks and explores abstract expression, contemporary environmental and social justice issues and new media, with no specific theme. The gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Visit nhartassociation.org or call 431-4230.

• **Nancy Josephson’s exhibit** featuring mixed media sculptures is on display at the Mariposa Museum (26 Main St.,

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- Join Chris Martin, NH Audubon Senior Biologist, on Thursday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. for a **presentation on tracing peregrine falcons** across the state. Hear stories of individual falcons and the dedicated people who monitor them. The hybrid presentation can be attended in person at the Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way, Auburn, nhaudubon.org) or virtually via Zoom. Registration is required by May 31. The cost is \$15.

- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) presents an indoor educational program for adults, **“A Year in the Life of the Honeybee,”** on Thursday, June 1, at 7 p.m. Learn about the activities of honeybees throughout the year, similarities and differences between honeybees and other species of bees and how non-beekeepers can support the health of honeybees. The cost is \$15.

- Go for a **guided walk at Pickering Ponds** (Pickering Road, Rochester) with the NH Audubon on Saturday, June 3, at 7 a.m. to observe nesting birds and their breeding evidence along the trails. Space is limited, and registration is required. Visit seacoastchapter.org.



Great American Ribfest & Food Truck Festival. Photo by Gary Reynolds.

- Saturday, June 3, is New Hampshire Fish and Game's **Free Fishing Day**, when state residents and nonresidents are allowed to fish any inland water or saltwater in New Hampshire without a fishing license. Visit wildlife.state.nh.us.

- Join NH Audubon on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. at Keach Park (Newton Avenue, Concord, nhaudubon.org) for a special **guided nature hike in honor of Black Birders Week**. The hike, free and open to all, celebrates and supports Black appreciation of and connection with nature and will focus on bird watching and highlight all aspects of nature within the park. Registration is required.

- Join the Seacoast Science Center for the annual **Piscataqua Riverfest** at Strawberry Banke Museum (14 Hancock St., Portsmouth) on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature sailing trips and tours, local food, a beer garden, live music entertainment and more. Visit seacoastsciencecenter.org.

- Discover the impact of invasive plants and learn how to manage them at the **invasive plants workshop** at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks

Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. Led by the Belknap County Forester, the free program will provide insights into the non-native plants that disrupt the balance of local ecosystems.

- Southeast Land Trust (SELT) is hosting a **National Trails Day** on Saturday, June 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the Spruce Swamp Conservation trail systems in Fremont. Explore hiking trails with forester Phil Auger, enjoy a picnic, and volunteer for trail work afterward. Visit seltnh.org to register.

- NH Audubon and NH Fish and Game will host free **field training sessions on New Hampshire butterfly monitoring and conservation** on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. and Thursday, June 15, at 11 a.m. at the McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, nhaudubon.org). Participants will learn how to identify butterflies in various habitats and contribute to long-term data collection to monitor changes in species' ranges. All skill levels are welcome. Space is limited, and registration is required.

- Explore the world of birds on a **guided birding walk** with NH Audubon and local birder Joe Mahoney at Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way, Auburn, nhaudubon.org) on Saturdays, June 3 and June 17, at 8 a.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Binocular rental is included. The cost is \$8 for NH Audubon members and \$10 for non-members. Register by June 2.

- A **native plant sale and spring craft fair** will be held at the NH Audubon's McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, nhaudubon.org) on Sunday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- The Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis, beaverbrook.org) will have a 10-week **adult aerobic trail walking class** held every Monday from 9 to 11 a.m., from June 5 through Aug. 7. The class will include moderate- to fast-paced hikes, providing cardio exercise and outdoor exploration. The total cost is \$100.

- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) will host a workshop, **“Homegrown Wellness: Making Plantain Oil to Soothe the Sting,”** on Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m. Discover the healing properties of plantain, a common weed found in lawns and fields. The cost is \$25. Visit prescottfarm.org.

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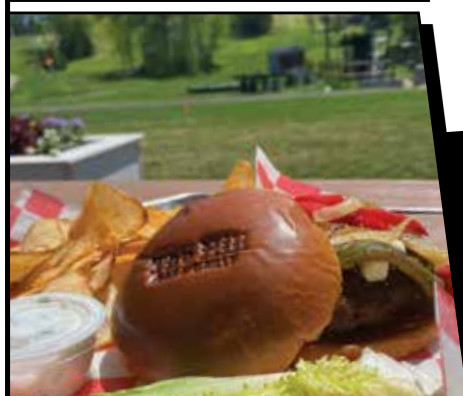
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(534 Route 3, Holderness, nhnature.org) has its annual **Breeding Bird Census** on Saturday, June 10. The public is invited to listen for and document the territorial songs of male birds, which indicate probable nesting. The early session, from 5:30 to 8 a.m., will cover two forested zones including Mt. Fayal while the later session, from 8 to 9:30 a.m., will cover fields, exhibit areas and Kirkwood Gardens. There is no cost to participate, but registration is required.

- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) will host a workshop, **“Wilderness Skills: Geocaching – The Nature Treasure Hunting Game,”** on Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m. The workshop is open to youth and adults and costs \$15 per person.

- Join the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) for **World Ocean Day**, Sunday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will feature hands-on games, educational activities, naturalist-led tide pooling sessions, food trucks, a beach clean-up and a life-size inflatable whale. Visit seacoast-sciencecenter.org.

- UNH Cooperative Extension will host a program on the **identification and role of native and non-native shrubs as habitat for birds** at Pickering Ponds trails (Pickering Road, Rochester) on Wednesday, June 14, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and Friday, June 16, from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Participants will identify various shrub species, explore their roles as bird habitats and learn which shrubs are beneficial to encourage on their own land for the benefit of birds. Space is limited, and registration is required. Visit seacoastchapter.org.

- Patrick Tate, Wildlife Biologist at NH Fish and Game, presents a lecture, **“Facts, Myths, and Tales Regarding Mountain Lions in New Hampshire,”** at Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (534 Route 3, Holderness) on Thursday, June 15, at 6 p.m. Learn about eastern and western mountain lions, New Hampshire sighting reports, hoaxes and misidentifications and more in relation to mountain lions in New Hampshire. Registration is required. Visit nhnature.org.

- Southeast Land Trust (SELT) is hosting a **Howard Swain Memorial Forest Naturalist Tour** on Thursday, June 15, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Deerfield. Explore Pawtuckaway State Park, plant and animal species, rocky trails, ponds and more with Kim Cote, a Natural Resources Steward and Nature-Based Educator. Visit seltnh.org to register.

- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) will host a workshop, **“Wilderness Skills: Poisonous Plants &**

Hazards,” on Saturday, June 17, at 1 p.m. The cost is \$15.

- Pumpkin Blossom Farm (393 Pumpkin Hill Road, Warner) hosts **Lavender U-Pick** in its lavender fields on various dates between July 5 and July 23, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to wander the fields and cut and harvest bundles of lavender. Attendees are welcome to relax and have a picnic on the lawn, walk the shaded trail and visit the baby chicks. Lavender plants, products and treats will also be for sale. Discount bundles are \$15 during the weekdays and \$20 on weekends. Visit pumpkinblossomfarm.com.

- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) will hold an introductory session on **mindful walking** on Saturday, July 8, at 10 a.m. The session, recommended for adults, involves moderate physical demand in indoor and outdoor settings. The cost is \$40.

- Head to Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) for **Forest Trail Games for Kids and Adults** on Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 per person.

- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia) will host a workshop, **“Homegrown Wellness: First Aid Trail Plants,”** on Saturday, July 29, at 1 p.m. Discover the power of nature’s remedies as you explore the fields and learn about the identification and uses of wild first aid plants. The workshop is open to adults and involves a moderate physical demand. The cost is \$15. Visit prescottfarm.org.

- The inaugural **New Hampshire Butterfly Survey** will take place on Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NH Audubon’s McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord). The collaborative effort between New Hampshire Audubon and New Hampshire Fish and Game is aimed at gathering long-term butterfly data in the Concord region and beyond to better understand the changing ranges of butterfly species over time and support statewide butterfly conservation efforts. Visit nhaudubon.org.

- Head to Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) for a special evening program, **“Animals of New Hampshire: Fireflies Light Up the Sky,”** on Saturday, July 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Learn about fireflies, then witness their emergence as dusk approaches. The program is recommended for adults and involves a moderate physical demand. The cost is \$15.

- Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia, prescottfarm.org) presents an educational program, **“Animals of New Hampshire:**

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Monarch Butterflies,” on Saturday, Aug. 5, at 1 p.m. Learn about monarch butterflies; their habitat, life cycle and annual migration; and ways to contribute to conservation efforts in your own backyard. This program is open to youth and adults. The cost is \$15.

• Go for a **beginner wild mushroom walk** at Farm Environmental Education Center (928 White Oaks Road, Laconia) on Saturday, Aug. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Led by experts from the New Hampshire Mushroom Co., this guided walk will take you along the farm’s scenic trails to search for, collect, identify and become familiar with the distinguishing features of different mushrooms. The cost is \$30. Visit prescottfarm.org.

SPORTS

• The six-time champion **Nashua Silver Knights**, members of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, will host their home opener at Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St., Nashua) on Saturday, May 27, against the Worcester Bravehearts, with first pitch scheduled for 6 p.m. Their last home game will be on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 3 p.m., when they will take on the Vermont Lake Monsters, before the playoffs begin later that week. Visit nashuasilverknights.com.

• The **New Hampshire Fisher Cats**, the Double-A minor-league affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays of Major League Baseball, play their next home game at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium (1 Line Drive, Manchester) on Tuesday, May 30, at 6:05 p.m. against the Reading Fightin Phils. That game kicks off a six-game homestand through Sunday, June 4, at 1:35 p.m. Games on Thursday, June 1, and Saturday, June 3 (a.k.a. “603 Night”), will be immediately followed by fireworks shows courtesy of Atlas Fireworks. Kids will be able to run the bases after the game on Sunday, June 4. Other events this season include a Father’s Day brunch on Sunday, June 18, at 1 p.m.; Pride Night on Wednesday, June 28; Star Wars Night with fireworks on Thursday, June 29; “Megablast Fireworks Weekend” at the games Saturday, July 1, through Monday, July 3; Manchester Chicken Tenders night on Thursday, July 27, and more. The final home game is slated for Sunday, Sept. 17. Visit nhfishercats.com.

• The **Hoodkroft Open** at Hoodkroft Country Club (121 E. Broadway, Derry) will feature the men’s super senior division on Thursday, June 1; the men’s senior division and the women’s division (all ages) on Friday, June 2, and the men’s division

(all ages) on Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4. The cost ranges from \$50 to \$100, depending on the chosen division, and golf carts are sold separately. Visit hoodkroftcc.com.

• Join Special Olympics New Hampshire for its 52nd annual **State Summer Games**, the organization’s largest competition of the year for its athletes, on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, at the University of New Hampshire (105 Main St., Durham). The games include competition in athletics, bocce, equestrian, powerlifting, unified sprint triathlons and swimming. Visit song.org.

• RelAxe Throwing (157 Gay St., Manchester) will be home to the annual **Granite State Axe Tournament** on Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4, in celebration of the venue’s fourth anniversary. Matches begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday (big ax and dual matches) and at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday (hatchets). See relaxethrowing.com.

• AG Paintball (158 Deering Center Road, Weare) is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year — join them on Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4, for the **New Hampshire Paintball Classic**, featuring 10-vs.-10 preliminary games and finals of Capture the Flag, with first, second and third-place cash prizes. Visit agpaintball.com.

• The 79th annual **New Hampshire Soap Box Derby** race will be held on Sunday, June 4, at 120 Broadway in Dover — check-ins begin at 7:45 a.m., with side-by-side competitions kicking off at 9:30 a.m. The Derby creates an opportunity for kids ages 7

and older to create a gravity-powered car and race it down a track in hopes of making the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship, hosted in Akron, Ohio. Cheering on the racers is free, and parking is available at 73 Oak St. in Dover. Visit nh.soapboxderby.org.

• AmpSurf New England will hold a **learn**

to surf clinic for people living with disabilities, as well as veterans and first responders, at Sawyers Beach (5 Perkins Road, Rye) on Saturday, June 10, from 7 a.m. to noon. Registration is \$25 per surfer. Visit ampsurf.org.

• The final match of the **Division 1 NHIAA Baseball Tournament** will take place on Saturday, June 10, at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium (1 Line Drive, Manchester; time TBA). Visit nhiaa.org.

• The third annual **Chandler’s Ball 3-on-3 Kids Basketball Tournament** is happening on Saturday, June 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Emmett-Sheridan Park (324 Beech St., Manchester). The cost is \$15 per team, and players will be divided into age groups



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of 10 to 12, 13 to 17 and 18 to 21 years old. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded. Visit changersangels.org.

• The Milford Community Athletic Association's annual softball and baseball **Hit-a-Thon** is happening on Sunday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 26 N. River Road in Milford. Visit mcaa.us.

• Join the Milford Rotary Club to play **100 Holes of Golf in One Day** on Friday, June 16, at Amherst Country Club (72 Ponemah Road, Amherst), with tee-off at 6 a.m. Play is expected to be completed by 7:30 p.m., and scoring will be based on 90 holes played continuously. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin and hole-in-one, if made. See golf100holes.com.

• Don't miss the 100th annual **Loudon Classic Middleweight Grand Prix**, a 1.6-mile road race happening at New Hampshire Motor Speedway (1122 Route 106, Loudon) on Saturday, June 17, as part of Laconia Motorcycle Week. General admission is \$40 and VIP admission is \$70. Visit nhms.com.

• The **Franklin Animal Shelter's fifth annual charity golf tournament** is happening on Monday, June 19, at Beaver Meadow Golf Course (1 Beaver Meadow Drive, Concord), with registration beginning at 7 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to the first- and second-place winning teams, and several contests are also planned. All proceeds will benefit the Franklin Animal Shelter. Visit franklinanimalshelter.com/golf.

• Registration is now open for this year's **New Hampshire Senior Games** — the first local event, a candlepin bowling tournament, is happening at Boutwell's Bowling Center (152 N. State St., Concord) on Friday, June 23, at 1 p.m. More events are scheduled to take place throughout July and August, covering everything from disc golf, archery, basketball and swimming to racquetball, table tennis, badminton, pickleball and more. See nhseniorgames.org.

• Dozens of high school football players from across the state will participate in the 11th annual **CHaD NH East-West High School All-Star Football Game**, scheduled for Friday, June 23, at 6 p.m. at the Grappone Stadium at Saint Anselm College (100 St. Anselm Drive, Manchester). General admission tickets are \$15, with all proceeds benefiting Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock (CHaD). Visit chad-kids.org.

• **NH Roller Derby** (nhrollerderby.com) has double-headers scheduled for Saturday, June 24, and Saturday, Aug. 5, at the JFK

Coliseum in Manchester. For more on the team and the sport, check out last week's cover story; see hippopress.com to find the May 18 e-edition (story starts on page 10).

• **Putts for Pups**, a golf tournament fundraiser for Second Chance Ranch Rescue in New Boston, returns to Stonebridge Country Club (161 Gorham Pond Road, Goffstown) on Monday, June 26. Registration opens at 8 a.m., followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start — the day will include 18 holes of golf, lunch, drinks, raffles, silent auctions, giveaways and more. Registration is \$125 per person, or \$450 per foursome. Visit secondchanceranchrescue.com/events/golf.

• It's **NASCAR Weekend at New Hampshire Motor Speedway** (1122 Route 106, Loudon) from Friday, July 14, through Sunday, July 16 — weekend happenings include Friday Night Dirt Duels on Friday; a doubleheader on Saturday featuring the Ambetter Health 200 NASCAR Xfinity Series race, followed by the Mohegan Sun 100 NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour race, and the Crayon 301 race on Sunday. Tickets vary in price, depending on the race. See nhms.com.

• **Monte Scheinblum's Boston Clinic** is hosted at World Cup Golf Center (4 Friel Golf Road, Hudson), where the professional golfer works with players of all skill types over the course of a few days. There will be group and individual sessions from Saturday, July 15, through Monday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Search "Boston Golf Clinic with Monte Scheinblum" on eventbrite.com.

• The **Milford Community Athletic Association's third annual golf tournament** is happening on Monday, July 17, at Amherst Country Club (72 Ponemah Road, Amherst), with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. The tournament will be followed by lunch and an awards ceremony and will feature several contests. Registration is \$600 per foursome. Visit mcaa.us.

• The annual **Fore Paws Golf Tournament**, a fundraiser for the Salem Animal Rescue League, is tentatively scheduled for Monday, Aug. 14. Visit sarlnh.org.

• The next available event in the New Hampshire Golf Association's **Stroke Play Series** is on Thursday, Aug. 24, at Hoodcroft Country Club (121 E. Broadway, Derry). The cost is \$70 per golfer per individual 18-hole tournament. Visit nhgolfassociation.org.



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• **Mozart and Friends:** The Nashua Chamber Orchestra (nco-music.org) will wrap up its season with “Mozart and Friends” on Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Nashua Community College (505 Amherst St., Judd Gregg Hall, in Nashua) and on Sunday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Milford Town Hall (1 Union Square on the Milford Oval). Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and college students; students under 18 get in free. Tickets can be purchased on the orchestra’s website or at the door. The show will feature David Feltner, music director, performing as a viola soloist in the premiere of his new work “From the Depths” as well as “Five Woodland Sketches” by Edward MacDowell and Mozart’s Symphony No.

39, according to a press release.

• **Memorial Day Weekend theater:** Looking for some theater this holiday weekend? The Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road in Concord; hatbox-nh.com, 715-2315) and Not Too Loud Productions present Edward Albee’s *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* It opens this Friday, May 26, and runs through Sunday, June 11. Performances will run Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$22, \$19 for seniors and students.

The Kids Coop Theatre will present Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast: The Broadway Musical* at the (29 W. Broadway in Derry; derryoperahouse.org) Friday, May 26, and Saturday, May 27, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 28, at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth; seacoastrep.com)



David Feltner. Courtesy photo.

is also raising the curtain on its production of Disney’s *Newsies The Musical*, which will open with a show Thursday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m. That production will run through Saturday, July 8, with shows Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sundays, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$37 to \$62.

• **Audition calls:** The Nashua Theatre Guild (nashuatheatreguild.org) has “a secret project a la Shakespeare in the Park coming but shhh! We can’t tell you yet!” according to its website. Actors of all experiences are welcome to audition for the production (performance dates Aug. 6 and Aug. 13) on Saturday, June 3, and Sunday, June 4, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Academy of Science and Design (486 Amherst St. in Nashua). Come prepared for a cold reading. For details, contact Valerie at val.aug.wis@gmail.com.

Performers age 14 and up can audition for the Friends of the Amato Center’s pro-

duction of *Guys and Dolls*, according to the website. Auditions will be held Tuesday, June 6, and Wednesday, June 7, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Souhegan Valley/Amato Center for the Performing Arts (56 Mont Vernon St. in Milford). The production will be Aug. 18 through Aug. 20, according to a press release. Email friendsguysdolls2023@gmail.com with questions. Go to amato-center.org to register.

• **Theater in June:** *Tiny Beautiful Things*, a production based on the book by Cheryl Strayed, will be presented by Theatre Kapow on Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 11, at 2 p.m. at the Bank of NH Stage (16. S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com). Tickets cost \$33.75, \$26.75 for students (the play contains mature subject matter and language), according to tkapow.com.

Also in June, Cue Zero Theatre (cztheatre.com) will present the musical *Be More Chill* at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry; derryoperahouse.org) Friday, June 23, through Sunday, June 25. 🍀

Art Events
• **NASHUA INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM**
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in this year’s Nashua International Sculpture Symposium at work on their pieces at Picker Artists (3 Pine St. in Nashua), where they are working Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The artists are Anna Rasinska from Poland, Parastoo Ahovan from Iran, Tanya Preminger from Israel and Jim Larson, who grew up in New Hampshire and now lives in Maine, according to nash-

uasculpturesymposium.org, where you can sign up to donate to or pick up a meal for the artists. The pieces, which will become part of Nashua’s townwide exhibit of sculptures, will be unveiled in their installation locations on Sunday, June 3.

• **CONCORD ARTS MARKET** begins its Summer Arts market on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rollins Park (33 Bow St. in Concord). The market will run July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16 and Oct. 21. See concordartsmarket.com.

• **KITCHEN TOUR 2023** held by the Palace Theatre (668-5588, palacetheatre.org) to benefit professional and youth theatre programming, will feature a self-guided tour of kitchens in Amherst, Bedford and Manchester on Sunday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance; registration for the day

of activities (including a lunch offered at Baron’s Major Brands in Manchester) will begin at Granite State Cabinetry in Bedford at 9:30 a.m. Tickets cost \$55 per person; recommended for ages 12 and above.

Exhibits
• **“HEAD’S UP: THE MANY HATS WOMEN WEAR”** The Women’s Caucus for Arts’ NH Chapter will present the exhibit “Head’s Up: The Many Hats Women Wear” at Twigg’s Gallery (254 King St. in Boscawen; 975-0015, twiggsgallery.org) through Saturday, May 27. “The hat theme is expressed in a wide variety of works that include paintings, sculptures, one-of-a-kind artist books, small installations, photography and mixed media pieces,” according to a press release. The gallery is open Thursdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Satur-

day, noon to 4 p.m.


• **NATALIA YURESKO-BELOUS** The Gallery at West Pearl Street (100 W. Pearl St. in Nashua; HollisArtsSociety.org) will feature an exhibit from Ukrainian guest artist Natalia Yuresko-Belous, a new member of the Hollis Arts Society who works in landscapes, still life, portraits and mural paintings, according to a press release. The exhibit will be on display until Tuesday, May 30.

• **ANDREW FRESHOUR** is a Manchester illustrator whose work is on display at Framers Market (1301 Elm St. in Manchester; 668-6989, framersmarketnh.com). See andrewfreshour.com for more on the artist and his work. The Framers Market is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.




JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Get your tickets now for the Palace Theatre’s production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which will begin Friday, June 2. The production, which will feature a live orchestra for this sung-through musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, will run through Sunday, June 25, at the Palace (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) with shows on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 to \$46.



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• **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF** produced by Not Too Loud Productions will run at the Hatbox Theatre (270 Loudon Road in Concord; hatboxnh.com, 715-2315) Friday, May 26, through Sunday, June 22, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets cost \$22, \$19 for seniors & students.

• **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT** The sung-through musical comedy will run at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org, 668-5588)

Friday, June 2, through Sunday, June 25. Showtimes are Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 to \$51.

• **MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL** will be presented at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St. in Nashua; nashua-centerforthearts.com, 800-657-8774) on Saturday, June 10, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Individual tickets start at \$39 plus fees.

• **TINY BEAUTIFUL THINGS**, based on the book by Cheryl Strayed, will be presented by Theatre Kapow on Friday, June 9, and Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 11, at 2 p.m. at Bank of NH Stage (16

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• **NH FIDDLE ENSEMBLE** The New Hampshire Fiddle Ensemble — a community orchestra of fiddles, guitars, banjos, mandolins, basses, harps and cellos — has a concert Sunday, June 4, at 2 p.m. at Franklin Opera House (316 Central St. in Franklin). Tickets in advance cost \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, students and children. See nhfiddleensemble.org.



THE WILD WOMEN OF WINEDALE

The Majestic Theatre Studios (880 Page St. in Manchester; majestictheatre.net, 669-7469) will present the comedy about three women at crossroads in their lives, *The Wild Women of Winedale*, Friday, June 2, through Sunday, June 4, according to a press release. The play will run Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$17 for 65+ and 17 and under, the release said.

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Tips for planting the vegetable garden

Some veggies like a crowd, others want space

By Henry Homeyer
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— THE GARDENING GUY —

Although there are many old sayings like, “Plant your potatoes when the oak leaves are the size of a mouse’s ear,” I would rather depend on soil temperature and calendar dates. Besides, who really knows the size of a mouse’s ear?

Mid-May is good for cool-weather crops like spinach, peas, lettuce, onions, potatoes and broccoli-family plants. Heat-loving plants like tomatoes, cukes, zukes, corn and peppers? I have a soil thermometer and I don’t put them in the ground until it is at least 60 degrees. The date for this is usually around June 10 here in chilly Cornish Flat but may be sooner depending on where you are.

Before you think about putting plants in the ground, please harden them off. That means introducing them to full sun over the period of a week. Start with morning-only sun, then add an hour of afternoon sun and work up to a full day of sun. Cloudy days allow you to keep

them out all day, but watch out for rain. If they are in a flat that holds water, they can get too wet or get beaten flat.

I also consult with a biodynamic calendar that recommends when to plant the different categories of plants: flower, fruit, leaf and root. The one I use, called “Stella Natura,” uses the position of the moon, stars and planets to determine what to plant — or more importantly, when to plant nothing.

Ask at the nursery where you buy your plants if they have been hardened off. Things like cabbage and lettuce probably are already hardened off and sitting outside the greenhouses on tables. If so, they are ready to plant anytime, but no harm in asking.

While keeping your plants happy in their little plastic six-packs, you might want to water with a dilute fish fertilizer solution. At the nursery they generally are given dilute chemical fertilizer, but I find fish fertilizer works well, and they grow strong and tall. I like Neptune’s Harvest brand.

Few of us have enough garden space for everything we want to grow, so we have to make decisions. Don’t crowd your plants.

Tomatoes need 24 inches between plants. Potatoes need 18 inches, onions 4 or 5 inches in rows a foot apart. Crowd them? You get more onions but smaller ones. Peppers on the other hand only need 12-inch spacing as they like to actually touch their neighbors.

A good reference guide is *The Vegetable Gardener’s Bible* by Vermont author Ed Smith. Even I use it from time to time, and I’ve been growing veggies for decades. Ed and his wife Sylvia really know their stuff and buy very few vegetables in a year.

To maximize garden space I plant quick-growing plants like radishes and lettuce between or around slower-growing things like tomatoes. Plant a tomato, put it in its 54-inch support cage (never use small cages), then circle it with lettuce starts. The lettuce will be ready to eat before the tomato is big enough to shade it. I just planted my onions and planted lettuce in the spaces between rows of onions. Don’t plant things in your asparagus patch, as asparagus hates company.

To maximize production, think about growing up. No, not you. Your cucumbers, squashes, and pole beans. If you do this, be



Black stones placed near heat-loving peppers help keep them warm at night. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

sure to put the trellis on the north side of your garden to avoid shading out other plants. You can buy a trellis or build your own using posts with attached chicken or welded wire with square openings.

If you want to grow hot peppers or eggplants, think about providing them some extra heat. No, not blankets. Choose dark rocks the size of a loaf of bread and place them near your plants. They will absorb heat from the sun and radiate it back during the night. You can also cover them with ReMay or row cover, a light synthetic fabric made for gardens that holds in heat and keeps bugs off.

Being a good gardener takes time, but don’t be discouraged.

Henry is a lifelong organic gardener and the author of four gardening books. His website is www.Gardening-Guy.com.

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• Manchester's Dimensions in Dance will present *Wonderland*, its 28th annual production, at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) on Saturday, May 27, with two showtimes, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The production is inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic novels *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through The Looking Glass* and is told through dance, featuring original choreography in ballet, jazz, modern, tap, hip-hop, acro, pointe and lyrical. Tickets are \$25 per person for either orchestra or balcony seats and can be purchased online at palacetheatre.org.

• Join the Kids Coop Theatre as they present *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry) from Friday, May 26, through Sunday, May 28 — showtimes are at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The classic story follows Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, a young prince who is trapped under the spell of an enchantress but will be transformed into his former self if he can learn to love and be loved. Regular tickets to each show are \$15 per person and can be purchased online at kids-coop-theatre.org.

• Chunky's Cinema Pub will hold a special **sensory-friendly showing** of the new live-action version of *Disney's The Little Mermaid* on Friday, May 26, at 4 p.m., at each of its three theater locations (707

Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Drive, Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham). Audience members are allowed to walk around, dance, shout or sing during these special monthly screenings, which feature the lights on and the sound of the film turned down. Matinee ticket rates apply to the showing, ranging from \$5.99 to \$6.49 per person depending on the theater location. See chunkys.com.

Fun with animals

• Kids of all ages are welcome to an **outdoor animal storytime** at Griffin Park (101 Range Road, Windham) on Friday, May 26, at 10:30 a.m. presented by the Nesmith Library. Enjoy songs, dancing and stories centered around animals with the library's youth services program. Admission is free and no pre-registration is necessary, but attendees must provide their own transportation to meet at the park. In the case of inclement weather, updated information on the status of the event will be posted to the website and social media. Visit nesmithlibrary.org.

• The Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (23 Science Center Road, Holderness) recently reopened its **live animal exhibit trail and hiking trails** — daily hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last trail admission at 3:30 p.m. According to the Center's website, the live animal exhibit trail meanders through open meadows, mature forests and marsh boardwalks along a packed gravel path. Tickets are \$24 for adults, \$22 for seniors ages 65 and up, \$18 for kids and teens ages 3 to 15 and free for kids ages 2 and under. Tickets grant attendees check-in access anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Plan about two and a half hours to walk through the trail. See nhnature.org for more details. 🐾



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Donna,
 I have these five salt dishes with stamps from Prussia. No chips, perfect condition. Can you give me the value for these?
 Gail



Dear Gail,
 Your salt dishes by CS Prussia were produced in the late 1800's or early 1900's. That is what the blue mark on the bottom shows. Salt dishes were always an add-on to a larger dish set. Imagine using them in the day! Being in perfect condition should put them in the range of \$50 to a collector.

It would be fun to use them today, right? Thanks for sharing, Gail, and I hope this was helpful.

Donna

Donna Welch has spent more than 30 years

in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing, and recently closed the physical location of *From Out Of The Woods Antique Center* (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com) but is still doing some buying and selling. She is a member of *The New Hampshire Antiques Dealer Association*. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at footwdw@aol.com, or call her at 391-6550 or 624-8668. 🐾

Note how range is affected when heating and cooling your EV



By Ray Magliozzi

*Dear Car Talk:
A question about electric vehicles! How is an EV cooled and heated?*

I assume an electric motor runs the compressor for cooling. And I assume heating is done by either a heat pump or with resistance heating.

My question is, since electricity is used for both of these things, how does this affect the range? — Jim

Good question, Jim.

The answer is complicated. There are different systems, and lots of variables. Unless you count “water bottle” and “electric socks,” you’re right that there are two types of heaters used in EVs. There are resistance heaters (basically, a toaster), and heat pumps, which pull heat out of the air — even cold air. A heat pump is far more efficient.

To get a sense of how they affect range, we called our pal Tom Voelk, who tests lots of EVs for his “Driven” car review series on YouTube.

Tom says that in his experience, the effect on range varies, depending on the actual outside temperature, the size of the cabin, and

how toasty you want your cheeks to be. But for old style, toaster/resistance heaters, Tom says range can drop by a third or even more in sub-freezing weather. For EVs with heat pumps, he’s seen range drop by around 15 percent under similar conditions. Quite a bit less.

Of course, all that loss in range is not just due to using the heater. The loss is greater when using heat because it’s, what? Cold out! And batteries are already less efficient in cold weather.

When you’re using air conditioning, it’s usually hot out. Unless you’re a weirdo. So, the batteries are already working much more efficiently. Tom says that with constant air conditioning, he typically sees about a 10 percent drop in range. You can reduce those losses if you use what’s called pre-conditioning.

A number of EVs now allow you to pre-condition the cabin before you drive away. So, you can tell the car you’re leaving for a recreational root canal at 8 a.m., and the car will either heat or cool the cabin while it’s still plugged into your home charger — before you drive off and use up any range.

You can also reduce your heating demand by using a seat heater and heated steering wheel, which keep your most sensitive parts warm without having to turn the whole cabin

into a blast furnace.

I hope that gives you a ballpark idea, Jim. And I sincerely hope I haven’t done Tom Voelk’s career any lasting damage today by associating him with Car Talk.

Dear Car Talk:

I have a 2020 Toyota Avalon. I recently put new Michelin tires on the car and immediately noticed a 10 percent decline in mileage, coinciding with the arrival of fall temperatures.

My mileage fell even more when temperatures this winter dropped into the single digits. Is this for real? — Joe

I don’t think your tires should take all the heat here, Joe. New tires will have some negative effect on mileage. New tread provides better grip than worn out, flatter tread. But that better grip increases friction and rolling resistance.

By how much? Well, it depends on the tires you buy. If you replace your tires with a similar type of tire (like an all-season passenger car tire), the decrease in fuel economy should be far less than 10 percent.

On the other hand, if you go from a low-rolling-resistance, high-fuel-economy tire to a performance tire with a soft, sticky rubber

compound designed to maximize cornering grip, you will see a larger drop in mileage.

Somehow, I don’t see you signing up for a track day, and running through chicanes at 90 mph in your Toyota Avalon, Joe. So, assuming the tires you got are similar to what you had before, and they’re properly inflated, I think it’s more likely your drop in mileage is caused by seasonal factors.

When it gets cold out, cars typically use more gasoline. There are behavioral reasons for that — you spend more time warming up the car, you take more short trips and drive places where you’d normally walk, and you may use heated seats, defrosters, and other accessories that use energy.

Then there are mechanical reasons why your mileage is lower in the winter. Your tire pressure drops one PSI for every 10 degrees the temperature drops, and lower tire pressure means lower mileage. Your oil and fluids are more viscous, and take more energy to circulate. And winter blends of gasoline have slightly less energy per gallon.

So, I’d wait and see if your previous mileage, or something closer to it, returns with the warmer weather, Joe. I’m guessing it’ll come pretty close.

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ON THE JOB

BRIAN CALLNAN POWER COALITION CEO

Brian Callnan is the newly appointed CEO of The Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire, based in Concord, which empowers local communities to choose their energy sources, collaborate with utilities to upgrade energy infrastructure and provide inclusive electricity supply rates and services to all program participants.

Q: *Explain your job and what it entails.*
I'm lucky enough to help spread nonprofit power opportunities for communities throughout New Hampshire.

How long have you had this job?
I just started and couldn't be more thrilled with everyone I've met at CPCNH so far. It's a great organization.

What led you to this career field and your current job?
I've been dedicated to the public, non-

profit model of delivering electricity for 20 years. I started out in Vermont with a focus on energy efficiency and quickly found myself working on securing renewable power options for municipal utilities and cooperatives.

What kind of education or training did you need?

I focused on resource economics in college and found that it really helped with my choice of work. Continuous training has kept me energized in this ever-changing industry. Training has helped me learn

about the many different ways to meet the needs of distributed energy resources like solar PV and electric vehicles as more and more folks adopt these technologies.

What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?

I should probably wear a tie more often, but somehow they went missing.

What is the most challenging thing about your work, and how do you deal with it?

We have so many opportunities to provide great service to our communities, and finding that we need to focus on the ones with the greatest benefits first has become a challenge.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

Try to find the smartest people you can to work with, even if they don't have the exact skill set you need.

What do you wish other people knew about your job?

That you get to work with some really great people. We have some excellent



Brian Callnan. Courtesy photo.

minds in the industry that are working hard to make long-lasting change that focuses on the clean, efficient use of electricity. It's a lot of fun to work with them.

What was the first job you ever had?

I started working at 13 for a sawmill right across our road. I moved a lot of lumber with my best friend that

summer.

What's the best piece of work-related advice you've ever received?

Always include an idea you at first don't like; it may end up being the best for everyone. — Angie Sykeny 🍌

Five favorites

Favorite book: I love the *Foundation* series by Isaac Asimov

Favorite movie: *Polar Express* around Christmas

Favorite music: *The In Sound from Way Out!* Beastie Boys album is often playing.

Favorite food: My wife's chicken paprikash

Favorite thing about NH: Our skiing in the winter and our lakes in the summer



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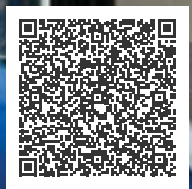
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Bacon it happen

New Hampshire Bacon & Beer Festival returns

News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll
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• **Eats by the slopes:** McIntyre Ski Area (50 Chalet Way, Manchester) is due to reopen its seasonal onsite restaurant, **The Hill Bar & Grille**, for a fourth season on Tuesday, May 30, marketing director Aly Coakley confirmed. Since 2020, the eatery has been open during the spring, summer and fall months, offering a menu of burgers, sandwiches, plated entrees, salads and appetizers, with an outdoor patio and lawn seating areas in addition to indoor dining. Coakley said a number of weekly events and happenings are scheduled throughout the summer before the restaurant closes for ski season around the end of October — beer, bourbon and boards nights on Tuesdays, ladies’ nights on Wednesdays, trivia nights on Thursdays and live music and prime rib specials on Fridays and Saturdays are among those that are planned. Visit mcintyreskiarea.com/the-hill-bar-and-grille to view the eatery’s full menu.

• **Third time’s a charm?** Postponed twice due to inclement weather, Gibson’s Bookstore’s (45 S. Main St., Concord) author event featuring longtime New Hampshire radio personality Mike Morin is now scheduled for Thursday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. Morin will present his newest book, *If These Walls Could Talk: Celebrating 100 Years of the Red Arrow, America’s Most Beloved Diner*, which details various stories and anecdotes that contribute to the original Red Arrow’s lasting legacy in Manchester’s culinary scene, from connections to celebrities like Adam Sandler and Kevin Costner to its reputation as a spot for presidential hopefuls over the past four decades. No admission to the event is required, and for those who can’t make it, signed copies of *If These Walls Could Talk* may be ordered online at gibsonsbookstore.com. For additional details on the Red Arrow’s 100th anniversary, check out our cover story that appeared in the Sept. 29, 2022, issue — go to issuu.com/hippopress.com to find the e-edition. The story starts on page 10.

• **Green Mountain spirits:** Vermont’s **Village Garage**, a craft distillery and tasting room that opened last year in the town of Bennington, recently launched three bottles of its products in New Hampshire, according to a press release. The distillery’s Village bourbon, Village rye

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Scenes from the New Hampshire Bacon & Beer Festival. Photos by Celia Gatsas.

By Maya Puma
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Unique flavors of savory bacon and smooth cold beer take center stage at the New Hampshire Bacon & Beer Festival, returning to Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Merrimack on Saturday, June 3.

The festival is a fundraiser for the High Hopes Foundation, which has raised more than \$600,000 in the last seven years. It will feature 60 craft brewers — the greatest number in the event’s history, up 20 from last year — and each is expected to serve at least two to three varieties, including beers, ciders, meads and a few cocktails.

“Quite a few have been with us since Day 1,” festival organizer Jeremy Garrett said of the participating drink vendors. “We’ll have 150-plus different craft brews to pull from.”

North Country Smokehouse of Claremont, a longtime partner, provides the bacon to each of the event’s participating samplers, from food trucks to competi-

tive barbecue teams. Samplers are then given creative freedom to craft any dish they want with the bacon. Attendees can expect to discover everything from maple bacon cupcakes and ice cream to bacon pizza, bacon macaroni and cheese, bacon-wrapped Italian sausages, fried dough with bacon and all kinds of other goodies.

Garrett said the Pulled Pork People’s Choice contest, a new feature to last year’s event that proved to be super popular, is also returning.

“These are competition barbecue teams from throughout the Northeast and Canada, so 25 of them will be doing pulled pork samples,” he said, “and again, they are going to be creative with it. It may just be samples of pulled pork with some barbecue sauce on it. I know some folks are doing things like mac and cheese with some pulled pork on top.”

Participating bacon samplers

The Alamo Texas Barbecue and Tequila Bar (Brookline, alamobarbecue.com)
All Real Meal (Manchester, allrealmeal.com)
Bone Daddy’s Competition BBQ Team (find them on Facebook)
Celebrations Catering (Manchester, celebrationsmenu.com)
Clyde’s Cupcakes (Exeter, clydescupcakes.com)
Dandido Sauce (Manchester, dandiosauce.com)
Donali’s Land and Sea (Nashua, donalifoodtruck.com)
Heavenly Dogs and Catering (find them on Facebook)
Hill’s Food Service (hillshomemarket.com)
Jeannette’s Fried Dough (find them on Facebook)



New this year is a Bacon People’s Choice contest, in which attendees choose their favorite bacon samples.

“Between the bacon and pulled pork samples, everyone should leave with at least a pound of food in their bellies,” Garrett said.

Attendees receive a sampling cup and tickets they will use to vote for their favorite bacon and barbecue samplers as part of the contests. There are special perks available to VIP attendees, including a new cocktail hour from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that will feature exclusive appetizers and drinks. According to Garrett, VIP attendees can also enter the festival an hour early, at 12:30 p.m. Live music by The Slakas will be featured.

The High Hopes Foundation, according to general board director Lisa D. Rourke, is now in its 40th year of providing life-enhancing experiences and adaptive equipment to terminally and chronically ill children in New Hampshire. As a New Hampshire-based nonprofit, Rourke said, the Foundation receives no government grants or state funding and therefore runs solely on volunteers.

Garrett said all proceeds from the festival go directly to the High Hopes Foundation, which is aiming to surpass its threshold of \$110,000 in ticket sales from last year. 🍷

New England’s Tap House Grille (Hooksett, taphousenh.com)
North Country Smokehouse (Claremont, ncsmokehouse.com)
Phily’s Good Eats (Candia, find them on Facebook)
Piggy Sue’s Steakin’ Bacon (steakinbacon.com)
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Stark Brewing Co. (Manchester, starkbrewingcompany.com)
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IN THE KITCHEN

WITH ADAM DONNELLY



Adam Donnelly, executive chef of the Riverside Grille in New Boston. Courtesy photo.

Adam Donnelly of New Boston is the executive chef of the Riverside Grille (737 River Road, New Boston, 384-2149, riversidegrillenb.com), which opened in January. Known for its eclectic modern-American menu, served alongside a full bar in a family-friendly casual setting, Riverside Grille offers items like burgers, wraps, sandwiches and flatbread pizzas in addition to plated steak and seafood dishes. Donnelly is originally from Goffstown and has several years of local restaurant experience, mostly specializing in classic French and Italian cooking.

What is your must-have kitchen item?
The easy answer is to say a French knife, but it's because it's true. You can use it for almost anything.

What would you have for your last meal?
Mac and cheese. Always has been and always will be. ... You can always mess with it a little bit and do it how you want.

What is your favorite local restaurant?
It's Firefly [American Bistro & Bar] in Manchester. They are old friends of mine and great owners. I learned more from Chef David [Becker] when I was younger than anyone else and I attribute a lot of what I've done to those relationships.

What celebrity would you like to see eating at the Riverside Grille?
To be honest, I would much rather see the members of my community enjoying themselves. We have been missing a gathering point for our communities and I love that people can do that here. Especially in a small town like this, I think it's really important.

What is your favorite thing on your menu?
I would love to say it's the new app sampler or the Mixed Grille, but it is definitely the grilled stuffed chicken. [It has] fresh spinach and feta cheese, topped with roasted tomatoes and a garlic cream sauce. It's got everything you want in a dish.

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?
I have really enjoyed that people are getting back to basic homestyle dishes — classic Americana. The culinary world got pretty pretentious for a while and I think it's kind of returning to its roots now.

What is your favorite thing to cook at home?
I really like to cook breakfast for my kids [ages 9, 8 and 7] in the morning. They have been picky up until now, but they're really opening up to new things. Cheese omelets are their newest favorite.
— Matt Ingersoll 🍷

Tasha's pan sauce
From the kitchen of Adam Donnelly of the Riverside Grille in New Boston

Any cut of steak to your liking	Sear the steak in a cast iron pan and finish it in the oven. Remove the steak and deglaze the pan with red wine. Add the garlic, rosemary and thyme and simmer for a minute. Add the beef stock and reduce by half. Take off the heat and add a couple of tablespoons of butter. Swirl until melted. Stir it up and serve.
Red wine	
Pinch of garlic	
Pinch of rosemary	
Pinch of thyme	
1 cup beef stock	
1 to 2 Tablespoons butter	

Weekly Dish
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and Village Bonfire — the latter a campfire-inspired smoked maple whiskey — are all being rolled out across the Granite State through Republic National Distributing, according to the release. “We brought Village Garage to Massachusetts, and New Hampshire is the logical next step in our New England expansion,” distillery co-founder and Vermont native Matt Cushman said in a statement. “We think Bonfire will do really well here, especially around these summer campfires.” See villagegarage.com. 🍷

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Too many thorns

I know I'm not the first person to point this out, but the original versions of a lot of nursery rhymes and fairytales were pretty brutal. In the original version of *Little Red Riding Hood*, the story ends with the wolf eating her. *Ring Around the Rosie* is about the Black Death. In *The Old Woman Who Lived in Her Shoe*, the shoe is less an actual shoe and more a family-planning metaphor. An old version of *Snow White* was known in Switzerland as *The Death of Seven Dwarfs*.



Blackberry without the thorns.
Photo by John Fladd.

- 1 ounce fresh squeezed lemon juice
- ½ ounce blackberry brandy
- 1 egg white

Add all ingredients to a cocktail shaker, and dry-shake it (without ice) for 30 seconds. It is important to do this, because if you add an egg white directly to ice it will seize up in an extremely unappetizing

way.

Few of them though, are as hard-core as *Rapunzel*:

“The prince was overcome with grief, and in his despair, he threw himself from the tower. He escaped with his life, but the thorns into which he fell poked out his eyes. Blind, he wandered about in the forest, eating nothing but grass and roots, and doing nothing but weeping and wailing over the loss of his beloved wife. Thus, he wandered about miserably for some years, finally happening into the wilderness where Rapunzel lived miserably with the twins that she had given to.” — Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, *Rapunzel*

Never mind Rapunzel's mother selling her into captivity to a witch in exchange for a head of lettuce at the beginning of the story. These four sentences alone would make an eight-episode Netflix series. Also, wife? Twins?

“That's both fascinating, and disturbing,” you say, “but how does it relate to cocktails?” I'm glad you asked.

In my relative youth, a combination of poor decision-making skills and the callous forces of Capitalism left me living in a forest cottage for a summer, with literally no money, existing largely on birdseed and the berries that I could forage in a nearby clearing. I can attest to the flesh-slashing properties of blackberry thorns.

I call today's cocktail “Too Many Thorns.” The prince from *Rapunzel* would agree with me.

Add ice, and shake for another 30 seconds. Strain into a cocktail or coupé glass. Your drink should have a foamy head on it.

Raise a toast to our unnamed, bethorned prince wandering blindly through the wilderness, eating grass and roots, and eat some pâté on a cracker.

So, what's with the egg white? Two things: First, it adds a foamy, velvety quality to a cocktail. Additionally, egg whites are slightly alkaline, which levels out the acidity from the lemon juice and blackberries. Lemon is a classic combination with blackberries, and the bite from the gin cuts through the sweetness of the drink and reminds you that there is an adult in the room. Hopefully you.

Though it's usually grown-ups who climb towers and get their eyes gouged.

Blackberry syrup

Combine one bag of frozen blackberries with an equal amount (by weight) of sugar in a small saucepan. Cook on medium heat. As the berries thaw, the sugar will draw the juice out from them. Because they've been frozen, all the cells in the berries have been stabbed by ice crystals and are more than willing to cry about it. Cook slowly, until the mixture comes to a boil. Somewhere in this process, mash everything with a potato masher. Let the mixture boil for 10 to 15 seconds, to make sure that all the sugar has dissolved.

Remove from the heat, then strain it to remove seeds and berry gunk. This will keep for several weeks in your refrigerator.

Too many thorns

2 ounces gin – this week, I'm using Engine Organic Gin, which comes in an oil can, because why not?

½ ounce blackberry syrup (see below)

John Fladd is a veteran Hippo writer, a father, writer and cocktail enthusiast, living in New Hampshire.



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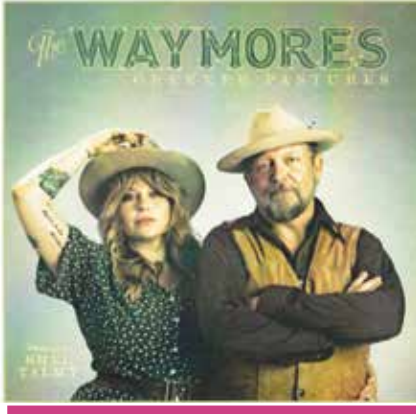
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The Waymores, *Greener Pastures* (Chicken Ranch Records)



This one comes with a backstory that's kind of encouraging for artists slogging away in more remote, less arts-centric areas of the country. We're talking about throwback-country/bluegrass stuff here, the real deal, and this duo's success came about when they released a two-song demo featuring Marty Robbins' "Don't Worry" and Buck Owens' "Under Your Spell." Their hayseed sound is so close to Tammy and George's that it caught the ear of actor Howard Zinn, who passed it along to a music producer buddy, Shel Talmy, a 1960s fixture who'd done The Who, Bowie and The Kinks among others. All of a sudden there were heavyweight session players all over the pair's orbit, and this record, their third full-length,

comes as a result of all that. Dave Pearlman (who's worked with Merle Haggard, Hoyt Axton and all those guys) is on steel guitar, creating a large proportion of the magic; the songs weave a tapestry of old-school country and pop that's at times reminiscent of Linda Ronstadt, Bonnie Raitt, that kind of thing. Good for them. A+ — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

Michael Dease, *The Other Shoe: The Music of Gregg Hill* (Origin Records)



There are jazz-heads who read this space, watching like lonely lost puppies, ever hoping I'll finally get back to giving the genre some love, and the guilt does weigh mildly heavy, so let's do this one, from Georgia trombonist Dease, whose previous 15-odd records as a bandleader were mostly on Posi-Tone Records, with guest shots scattered in his oeuvre with the Dizzy Gillespie All-Star Big Band and others. Here he pays tribute to equally fruitful Michigan-raised jazz composer Gregg Hill, who grew up on swing and big band stuff as a kid and went on to cobble 150 pieces starting at age 39 (see? It's never too late, folks). All About Jazz called this one of the year's best LPs to date, to which I can only rejoin with a meek "sure, why

not," given that I've been such a bad apple this year (again, my apologies). Dease has rearranged some of this stuff, which may have led to its being more mathematically interesting; "Wake Up Call" evokes Monk and leads to what sounds like a post-bop outing for the most part. Flashes of keyboard brilliance stand out, but Dease does hold down the melodic focal points. Nice blend of echo-bop, for lack of a better term. A+ — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Onward, my scamps, on we go, to May 26 and the albums that will sally forward thence; the moon will enter its first quarter phase the next day, May 27, bringing with it laments of regret from the record-buying world, as they give a listen to the things they purchased this Friday! O Fortuna, no store returns on CDs that have been opened, abandon all hope ye who blah blah blah, so let's do some reconnoitering, so your money won't be used on musical nothingburgers, I am here to *help* you! Ha ha, look what's first on the docket, a new album from the Spinal Tap of techno, **Sparks**, titled *The Girl Is Crying In Her Latte*, I can hardly wait! No, you know what, Sparks isn't like Spinal Tap, they're more like ManOWar, that band that used to dress up like Conan the Barbarian, like they have this stubborn fan base that insists their limp tunes are the best ever, because good taste can't be taught to people, but it doesn't matter because they're already a parody of themselves, which leaves them impervious to snark attacks from mayhem jerks like me, whose sense of duty calls on us to remind people that Sparks and ManOWar are really stupid bands and that it's OK to give up on that one friend who believes otherwise; not everyone can be saved, is what I mean, like some people who voted for Vermin Supreme for president weren't being ironic, they literally believed he was going to give everyone a pony or whatever it was. OK, now that I'm almost out of room for this nonsense, it's time to get listen to the title track from this new Sparks album, and — wait, Cate Blanchett is in the dumb video? Hellooooo nurse, heart-eyes emoji, I've had a crush on that lady forever, let's see if she can change my mind about Sparks! Oh, for Pete's sake, no, she can't, the tune is their usual Devo-krautrock with Cate Blanchett standing still throughout the video and breaking into a boomer dance every 30 seconds, this is so stupid that I wouldn't be surprised if the Stupid Stuff Society sends Sparks a cease-and-desist order. Why on earth would someone even do this?

• Moving on, it looks like all of today's "artists" have names that rhyme with "snarks," because here we are with a new LP from Nigerian R&B/indie-folk lady **Arlo Parks**, titled *My Soft Machine*! It's her second album; 2021's *Collapsed In Sunbeams* suffered from a lack of touring owing to Covid, but it did chart pretty well everywhere. So let's check out the new single, "Pegasus," which includes a guest appearance from Los Angeles-based indie-folkie Phoebe Bridgers. Well, well, the song is really nice, sort of a trip-hop-pop hybrid recalling Kate Bush in mellow mode but with some drum glitch and stuff like that. Nothing wrong there, let's push our luck and move on.

• Next, it's *More Photographs (A Continuum)*, the latest album from **Kevin Morby**, a Texan who was formerly with the bands Woods and The Babies and is eight albums into his solo trip as of this one, which I assume is a bunch of remixes lifted from his 2022 LP, *Photographs*. The single, "This Is A Photograph II," is like a cross between Wilco and '70s disco, and there's lots of edge to it, believe it or not. Cool stuff, I can deal with it.

• And finally, we have Canadian hard-indie band **The Dirty Nil** with a new full-length, called *Free Rein To Passions*! Teaser single "Nicer Guy" is an amalgam of Weezer and Foo Fighters, which shouldn't be too hard to imagine, and it's pretty decent overall, because the singer sounds angry but awkward. Wow, I wasn't mean to any bands this week, was I? Wait, no, I was, to Sparks, never mind. — *Eric W. Saeger* 🍷

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All the Beauty in the World, by Patrick Bringley (Simon & Schuster, 226 pages)

When Patrick Bringley's older brother died after a lingering illness, his life was upended at age 25 and so he did the only thing that made sense at the time: He applied to be a guard at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, that hallowed institution most people simply call "The Met."

Like a lot of us, Bringley had visited the museum as a child and had memories of being gobsmacked by a couple of exhibitions even at age 11. Looking at a Pieter Bruegel painting from 1565, he writes, "I experienced the great beauty of the picture even as I had no idea what to do with that beauty. ... As such, my response to the picture was trapped inside me, a bird fluttering in my chest." The opportunity to be a guard was both employment and healing, though he didn't realize it at the time. Bringley's brother, Tom, was two years older and a math genius who was, at the time he was stricken with cancer, studying for a Ph.D. in biomathematics (which I'd never heard of, but which is exactly what it sounds like: the use of mathematical models to understand biology). Newly wed, he'd been philosophical about his fate and rapid deterioration. ("Everybody suffers, my time. Everybody dies, my time.") But the loss of such an extraordinary person, and the time caring for Tom for before he died, hit the family especially hard. Art of all kinds was one way they coped — reading Dickens, tacking a Raphael print above Tom's hospital bed.

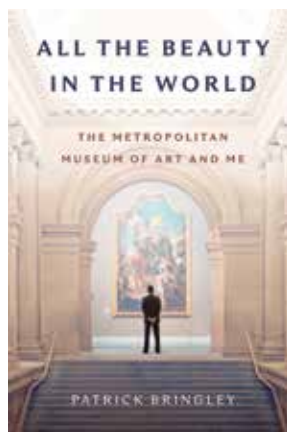
After Tom's death, Bringley and his mother took their grief to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where his mother lost herself in a painting of Mary supporting the dead body of Jesus, a cathartic experience. "She cupped her face and her shoulders shook, and when I met her eyes, I saw she wept because her heart was full as well as breaking, because the pic-

ture inspired love in her, bringing both solace and pain. When we adore, we apprehend beauty. When we lament, we see the wisdom of the ancient adage "Life is suffering."

It was on his way back home to New York that he conceived of quitting a dream entry-level job he held at The New Yorker, where he hobnobbed with people like Stephen King and Michael Chabon, in order to stand as a sentry at the Met, which in many ways was *not* a dream job. (It's so hard on the feet that the guards are given extra compensation to buy socks, and you have to work there more than a year to get a week's vacation, the timing of which is assigned by seniority.) But working at the museum expanded his horizons in ways working penny-ante tasks for the magazine for four years had not. It connected him with the ages, and with beauty, and gave him an education as fine as — or finer than — any Ivy League school.

Bringley becomes an authority on the various pieces of art in the corridors he patrols, as well as the minutiae of what the museum contains. (He takes to counting, for example, the number of inhabitants in the paintings in any particular hall — "I will count 210 Jesuses in Section B" — and says, "If you're wondering how I could possibly count all that, you underestimate the kind of time I have.")

In conversations with visitors to the museum, and with his coworkers, he brings us fully into the job with him, letting us see through the eyes of first-time and regular visitors the effect that the ancient art has on them. All the while, he himself is healing, not only from his brother's death but from the stifling job and career trajectory that he had escaped. A remark from a co-worker one day is telling: "You know, it really isn't such a bad job," Bringley's



colleague says. "Your feet hurt, but nothing else does." One of the gifts of *All the Beauty in the World* is that you don't need to know anything about the Met, or even about art, to enjoy the book. The best memoirs don't just chronicle the author's experiences; they also bring value to ours. Bringley provides an easily digestible education of some of the Met's greatest

pieces, and the museum itself, and rough illustrations show the outlines of the art. As such, this is a great book for anyone planning a visit to the museum.

But it also opens a window into why art matters, and Bringley's account can kindle, or rekindle, an interest gone dormant. His reflections on grief will be especially poignant to anyone who has recently experienced a loss, as will his slow path to recovery.

The book spans roughly a decade, during which time Bringley marries and becomes a father, an experience he compares to the "Virgin and Child" paintings of the masters. ("How composed the Child always looks! How serene the holy parent! By contrast, the animal squirming in my arms is lusty, rude, ridiculous.") His experience of fatherhood is a hopeful one, analogous to life: "goodness subsuming the struggles."

He ends with some advice for the Met goer: "Come in the morning, if you can, when the museum is quietest, and at first say nothing to anyone, not even a guard. ... Find out what you love in the Met, what you learn from, and what you can use as fuel, and venture back into the world carrying something with you, something that doesn't quite easily fit in your mind, that weighs on you as you go forward and changes you a little bit." Wise counsel from a short but memorable book. **A — Jennifer Graham** 🍷



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• **BRADFORD BLODGETT & DICK RICHARDS** will discuss their new book *Iron Roads of Monadnock Vol. III* on Saturday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the Toadstool Bookshop (12 Depot St. in Peterborough; toadbooks.com).



• **SARAH ADLER** will discuss her book *Mrs. Nash's Ashes* in conversation with rom-com author Sarah Hogle in an online-only event hosted by Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562) on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. RSVP is required; visit gibsonsbookstore.com to RSVP.

• **MIKE MORIN** will discuss his book *If These Walls Could Talk: Celebrating 100 Years of the Red Arrow* at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562; gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m.

• **KEVIN DUNN** and **MICHAEL FOURNIER** will be at Bookery (844 Elm St. in Manchester; bookerymht.com) on Thursday, June 8, at 5 p.m. in a group author reading to discuss their books. Dunn is the author of *Vicious is My Middle Name*, and Fournier is the author of *Swing State*. The event is free; register online.

• **CHAD FINN** will discuss his book *The Boston Globe Story of The Red Sox* at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562; gibsonsbookstore.com) on Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. Finn is an award-winning sports and media writer for the Globe.

• **SARAH LAMAGNA** will discuss

her guidebook *Hiking with Kids New England* at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562; gibsonsbookstore.com) on Saturday, June 10, at 11 a.m.

Poetry

• **HYLA BROOK READING SERIES** at Robert Frost Farm (122 Rockingham Road, Derry, 432-3091; roberfrostfarm.org) brings acclaimed poets reading their work on various Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public. Featuring Martin Elster on Thursday, June 8; Liz Ahl on Thursday, July 13; Oliver de la Paz on Thursday, Sept. 14.

Fast X (PG-13)

Dominic Toretto family family car vroom boom in Fast X, a scene-setting part-one situation.

Which I knew going in. I've read that *Fast X* is the second (or maybe third, according to *Vulture*) to last of the *Fast & Furious* central-storyline movies. The result, though, is that the characters largely spend the movies segregated off in their own locations and quests building toward a cliffhanger.

But first the movie goes back to *Fast Five*, the entry where the gang meets The Rock and eventually steals a vault by dragging it out of a building, to do a little retcon-ing. I don't remember all the particulars of that movie but *Fast X* is all "what if *Fast Five*'s bad guy had a son and what if that son was Jason Momoa?" After *Fast Five* bad guy (played by Joaquim de Almeida) bites it, his son Dante (Momoa) is left to seek revenge.

Er, eventually.

Ten years later, Dom (Vin Diesel) and the gang are barbecuing it up in Los Angeles, listening to an underused Rita Moreno, playing Toretto grandma, yada yada about family. Later that night Cipher (Charlize Theron) appears at Dom and wife Letty's (Michelle Rodriguez) door. Cipher, an annoying villain from a few of the previous movies, has been out-villained by Dante and now she's on the run from her own henchmen. Trouble's a-coming, Cipher tells Dom before he calls "The Agency" (a law enforcement group of some kind?) on her. Also, it's likely the mission Dom's crew — Roman (Tyrese



Fast X

Gibson), Tej (Chris "Ludacris" Bridge), Han (Sung Kang) and Ramsey (Nathalie Emmanuel) — are on is not for The Agency, as they believe, but an elaborate trap. Somehow, Dom and Letty bend time to get to Rome like immediately (with a Dom muscle car — does he just have them stashed all over the world?) to try to warn the gang. The truck the gang steals is not full of some supercomputer thing as they've been told but a giant, hilarious-looking Acme-style bomb that eventually goes rolling through the streets of Rome, getting everyone involved labeled as terrorists. Letty ends up sent to a secret Agency prison, the Roman+ gang sorta wanders around Europe providing exposition and Dom heads to Rio (the setting of the *Fast Five* stuff) to look for Dante and provide the movie with a scene of street racing, which is the whole franchise's origin.

Along the way, various members of the

Fast family have cameo conversations with fun franchise regulars, like Helen Mirren as Queenie Shaw and her son Deckard (Jason Statham). We also get newbie Tess (Brie Larson), daughter of Mr. Nobody (Kurt Russell), and Isabel (Daniela Melchior), sister of the late mom of Dom's son,

little Brian (Leo Abelo Perry), who is now old enough to be kidnappable and participate in action scenes and stuff. B, as they call him, spends some of the movie with his aunt Mia (Jordana Brewster) and some of the movie with the latest Toretto, Dom's brother Jakob (John Cena — who gets to be a little goofier than I remember him being in the last movie).

These cameos underline a central problem with these movies, which is that everybody has more of a personality than Dom. Diesel's gravelly voice family talk is the whole character now. He doesn't even have a lot of menace anymore. Letty and Mia, OG characters who have also had less and less to do as the movies have gone on, are not particularly lighting the screen on fire but Letty does get some fun scenes with Cipher — ones that made me appreciate Theron's presence. Then you have Statham, whose

straight-faced over-the-top tough guy shtick just, like, sparkles. Or the very nice Cena. Or Momoa, who absolutely understood the assignment. In the trailers, there's a shot of Dante in a silky purple shirt with some kind of shark-tooth-y looking necklace, his hair in what I'm pretty sure is a scrunchy, his fingernails painted purple and his sunglasses sporting a chain of the "grandma librarian" variety. It is *perfect*. It really sums up his approach to Dante, which is, like, theatrically yet psychopathically bonkers with almost cutesy flair. It's fun but it does highlight how little fun Dom has become.

But, look, Dom turns a couple of helicopters into nunchucks with his muscle car and sorta plays the Claw arcade game with a crane to knock that Wile. E. Coyote bomb into a river. How much can you really complain about lackluster acting and character development when it is so clearly Not The Point of this? I might not care about Dom's family and his kid and all the forgettable dialogue about these things, and this movie might have no idea what to do with all its characters at this point, but when it's on, doing ridiculous stuff with muscle cars and acting like "jumping" is basically the power of flight, it delivers a good time. **B-**

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action, language and some suggestive material, according to the MPA on filmratings.com. Directed by Louis Leterrier with a screenplay by Dan Mazeau and Justin Lin, Fast X is two hours and 21 minutes long and is distributed in theaters by Universal Studios.

Film

• *Anxious Nation* (NR, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St., Concord 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) Thursday, May 25, at 4 p.m.
 • *Book Club: The Next Chapter* (PG-13, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) Thursday, May 25, at 4:30 & 7 p.m.; Friday, May 26, through Monday, May

29, at 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.
 • *Master Gardener* (R, 2023) will screen at Red River Theatres, in the Simchik Cinema, (11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) Thursday, May 25, at 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, May 26, through Monday, May 29, at 1:45, 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.; Thursday, June 1, at 4:15 & 6:45 p.m.
 • *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* (PG, 1982) will screen at Red

River Theatres (11 S. Main St., Concord, 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org) on Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m.
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p.m.; Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, May 30, through Friday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 3, at 2 & 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 4, at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, June 6, through Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m.
 • *Speedy* (1928) the final silent feature starring Harold Lloyd, will screen on Sunday, May 28, at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre (40 Main St., Wilton, wiltontownhalltheatre.

com, 654-3456) featuring live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis. Admission is free; \$10 donation per person suggested.
 • *Peter Pan* (1924) a silent film adaptation of J. M. Barre novel, will screen on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org) featuring live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis. Tickets cost \$10.

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• **Poetry slam:** The weekly spoken word gathering **Slam Free or Die** has two familiar names, **Amber Tamblin** and **Derrick Brown**. Tamblin is an actress, director and writer whose latest book is *Listening in the Dark: Reclaiming the Power of Women's Intuition*. Brown is a comic who's penned books, screenplays and librettos. Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., Stark Brewing, 500 N. Commercial St., Manchester, \$3 to \$5 at the door (sliding scale).

• **Well-rounded:** An eclectic local bill has doom rockers **Dead Harrison**, whose 2020 premonitory anthem "End of the Bloodline" was one good thing to come out of the pandemic, and Horsefly Gulch, the twang-fueled alter ego of prog rock trio Mindset X. Dust Prophet, a metal band that's the latest project of guitarist and Bluntface Records founder Otto Kinzel, and Witch Trot, a Maine-based stoner grunge trio, round out the show. Friday, May 26, 8 p.m., Strand Theater, 20 Third St., Dover, \$10 at eventbrite.com

• **Country goth:** Leading purveyors of the Underground Gothic scene **The Legendary Shack Shakers** do a Manchester date. Playing a bluesy mix of swamp music and rockabilly, they're led by singer/harmonica player J.D. Wilkes, who's done studio work with Merle Haggard, Sturgill Simpson, John Carter Cash, Mike Patton and Hank Williams III. The Kentucky band's most recent album is *Cockadoodledeux*, released in 2021. Saturday, May 27, 8 p.m., Jewel Music Venue, 61 Canal St., Manchester, \$20 at eventbrite.com.

• **Full throttle:** With a long list of iconic songs, **Collective Soul** isn't easing up. A new album, *Vibrating*, was released last year Sunday, May 28, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom, 169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, \$39 at ticketmaster.com.

• **Stars turn:** Named after now-sober Alice Cooper's '70s celebrity drinking club, **Hollywood Vampires** is the world's most famous cover band. Joe Perry, Johnny Depp and Tommy Henricksen join Cooper singing songs by performers who didn't survive that decade of excess. Their latest album is a live recording of the group's second show in front of tens of thousands at the 2015 Rock in Rio festival. Tuesday, May 30, 8 p.m., SNHU Arena, 555 Elm St., Manchester, \$39 to \$99.50 at ticketmaster.com. 🍷

NITE Global local

Mother Iguana plans release show

By Michael Witthaus
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Restlessness animates many artists; insomnia can cripple more than a few. For a Concord guitarist and singer-songwriter it does both. On the new album *Eyeball Planet*, Mac Holmes, performing as Mother Iguana, has created a song cycle about sleeplessness. The music isn't comforting, but it brilliantly conveys the experience of the struggle to finally rest, both sonically and lyrically.

Though well-ensconced in the local music scene, Holmes recruited 22 musicians from around the world for the project. Each was given a loose outline to work with. Their tracks were emailed and assembled, collage-like, for each song. Frank Zappa and Charlie Mingus are named as influences, and the complex, textured results evoke both. Holmes explained his approach in a recent phone interview.

"My process was to write detailed prompts and briefs ... including a number of reference tracks," he said. "I encouraged people to bring their own ideas to the table and if something contradicted my idea, I'd love to hear that as well. My thinking was, they know what they do best, better than I do."

International collaboration wasn't the plan when Holmes began writing a few years ago.

"My initial vision for it was to do fairly dense, psychedelic arrangements with a lot of moving parts. And I can't play most of those instruments," he said. "Once I started along that path, I figured I should push that as far as I could go with it and just layer those things up ... that's the aesthetic I

was trying to work with."

Brazilian percussionist Tom Andrade appears on every cut, playing an exotic list of instruments too lengthy to catalog, including guizo, udu, agogô, seeds and, more prosaically, bongos. "I just love what he did so much," Holmes said. "I wanted him on the whole thing."

Carina Bruwer, a flute player from South Africa, offered a standout performance on "It Must Always Be Night," which leads off the album. "She sent four or five takes of her just shredding the flute, and I felt compelled to use as much of it as I could," Holmes said. He set them into multiple places in the mix, "kind of weaving in and out in different parts. Midway through the song, they're kind of all going at once."

Another Holmes influence is songwriter Van Dyke Parks, best known for his collaborations with Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys. "Lights Out" is reminiscent of Parks' work. The touchstone song hints at the ambivalence of being on the line between waking and dreaming. "I watch the crack beneath the door, and every breath I take reminds me I'm awake, reminds me I'm alive," Holmes sings over bouncy chords, and a swampy swell of horns, cello and vibraphone.

A release show for *Eyeball Planet* will happen Saturday, May 27, at Penuche's Ale House in Concord. Singer Kelsie Collins, who contributed to the album (and is Holmes' girlfriend), will be in a band that includes Zane McDaniel on bass, fiddlers JD Nadeau and Audrey Budington, along with multi-instrumentalist Brian Burnout.

Collins, who plays jazz standards and vin-



Mac Holmes. Courtesy photo.

tage country songs with Holmes in the duo Mac & Kelsie, will do a few of her own songs.

Missing from the group will be drummer/percussionist Killian Venman, who died suddenly on May 12. At the time of his death Venman was working with Holmes on a project at Rocking Horse Studio in Pittsfield, where *Eyeball Planet* was mixed. Holmes considered postponing the show, but encouragement from others who knew Venman compelled him to carry on with the date.

"I've repeatedly heard from friends that he would have wanted me to do that," he said, "because he was very supportive. He was also a very ambitious, creative guy, who always had crazy art projects going on. That resonates with me as being the truth."

Losing his close friend and collaborator does, however, cast a pall over what was supposed to be a celebration. That said, he's glad to put the finishing touches on a project that's consumed years of his life.

"It was already having a weird impact on my mental health, just in terms of orienting so much of my mental real estate," Holmes said. "I indulged my mania working on this thing way past the point where anyone would even notice little things I was changing. I'm definitely proud of it, and the response to it so far has been good. A number of people whose opinions I really respect have said nice things about it." 🍷

Mother Iguana

When: Saturday, May 27, 9 p.m.
Where: Penuche's Ale House, 16 Bicentennial Square, Concord
More: motheriguana.bandcamp.com

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

- **Juston McKinney** Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com), Saturday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.
- **Dave Rattigan** Murphy's (494 Elm St., Manchester, scampsc Comedy.com/shows), Saturday, May 27, 8 p.m.
- **James Dorsey** Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester; chunkys.com), Saturday, May 27, 8:30 p.m.
- **Mark Riley** Headliners (DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinerscomedyclub.com), Saturday, May 27, 8:30 p.m.
- **R-Rated Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr.** Chunky's (151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; chunkys.com), Saturday, May 27, 8:30 p.m.
- **Stephanie Peters** Chunky's (151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; chunkys.com), Saturday, May 27, 8:30 p.m.
- **Marty Caproni** Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester; chunkys.com), Saturday, May 27, 8:30 p.m.
- **Sam Morrill** Casino Ballroom (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com), Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.
- **Improv Boston** Rex (23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org), Friday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.
- **Cindy Foster** Press Room (77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186, pressroomnh.com), Saturday, June 3, 7 p.m.
- **James Dorsey** Headliners (DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester, headlinerscomedyclub.com), Saturday, June 3, 8:30 p.m.



Juston McKinney

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<p>Alton Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234</p> <p>Alton Bay Dockside Restaurant 6 East Side Drive, 855-2222</p> <p>Auburn Auburn Pitts 167 Rockingham Road, 622-6564</p> <p>Bedford Copper Door 15 Leavy Dr., 488-2677</p> <p>Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875</p> <p>Bow Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508</p> <p>Brookline The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000</p>	<p>Concord Area 23 State Street, 881-9060</p> <p>Cheers 17 Depot St., 228-0180</p> <p>Courtyard by Marriott Concord 70 Constitution Ave.</p> <p>Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669</p> <p>T-Bones 404 S. Main St., 715-1999</p> <p>Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667</p> <p>Contoocook Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811</p>	<p>Deerfield The Lazy Lion 4 North Road, 463-7374</p> <p>Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946</p> <p>Dover Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390</p> <p>Epping Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225</p> <p>Epsom Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027</p> <p>Exeter Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116</p> <p>Gilford Patrick's 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841</p>	<p>Goffstown Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230</p> <p>Hampton Bogie's 32 Depot Square, 601-2319</p> <p>CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road, 929-7972</p> <p>The Goat 20 L St., 601-6928</p> <p>L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777</p> <p>Sea Ketch 127 Ocean Blvd., 926-0324</p> <p>Shane's Texas Pit 61 High St., 601-7091</p> <p>Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road</p> <p>Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954</p>	<p>Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801</p> <p>Henniker Colby Hill Inn 33 The Oaks, 428-3281</p> <p>Hudson The Bar 2B Burnham Road</p> <p>Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900</p> <p>Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832</p> <p>T-Bones 77 Lowell Road, 882-6677</p> <p>Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St., 532-9300</p> <p>Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962</p> <p>Laconia Belknap Mill 25 Beacon St. E., No. 1, 524-8813</p> <p>Bernini Pizzeria and</p>	<p>Wine Bar 1135 Union Ave., 527-8028</p> <p>Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022</p> <p>Tower Hill Tavern 264 Lakeside Ave., 366-9100</p> <p>Londonderry Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022</p> <p>Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210</p> <p>Manchester Angel City Music Hall 179 Elm St., 931-3654</p> <p>Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545</p> <p>BluAqua 930 Elm St., 836-3970</p> <p>Bonfire 950 Elm St., 663-7678</p> <p>CJ's 782 S. Willow St., 627-8600</p> <p>City Hall Pub</p>	<p>8 Hanover St., 232-3751</p> <p>Crown Tavern 99 Hanover St., 218-3132</p> <p>Currier Museum of Art 150 Ash St., 669-6144</p> <p>Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880</p> <p>Elm House of Pizza 102 Elm St., 232-5522</p> <p>Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740</p> <p>The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925</p> <p>Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022</p> <p>The Goat 50 Old Granite St.</p> <p>The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159</p> <p>Jewel Music Venue 61 Canal St., 819-9336</p> <p>KC's Rib Shack</p>	<p>837 Second St., 627-RIBS</p> <p>Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St., 644-3535</p> <p>Penuche's Music Hall 1087 Elm St., 932-2868</p> <p>Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624-4020</p> <p>Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246</p> <p>South Side Tavern 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947</p> <p>Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St., 625-4444</p> <p>Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666-4292</p> <p>To Share Brewing 720 Union St., 836-6947</p> <p>Wild Rover 21 Kosciuszko St., 669-7722</p> <p>Meredith Giuseppe's 312 Daniel Webster Hwy., 279-3313</p> <p>Twin Barns Brewing 194 Daniel Webster</p>
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Thursday, May 25

<p>Auburn Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Bedford Copper Door: Lou Antonucci, 5 p.m. Murphy's: Sean Coleman, 5:30 p.m. T-Bones: Jess Olson, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Brookline Alamo: Open mic with Travis Rollo, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Concord Cheers: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m. Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m. T-Bones: Johnny Angel, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Epping Telly's: Lewis Goodwin, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Gilford Patrick's Pub: Don Severance with Yamica Peterson, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Goffstown Village Trestle: Jodee Frawlee, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Hampton CR's: Ross McGinnes, 6 p.m. Smuttynose: Rob & Jody, 6 p.m. Wally's: karaoke, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Henniker Colby Hill: Brad Myrick, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Hudson Luk's: Dillan Super, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m. T-Bones: Chris Taylor, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke</p>	<p>with DJ Jason, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Laconia Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 7 p.m. Tower Hill: karaoke w/ Luke Skyrocker, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Londonderry Stumble Inn: 21st & 1st, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Manchester CJ's: John Chouinard, 5 p.m. City Hall Pub: The Latchkey Gang, 7 p.m. Currier: Green Heron, 5 p.m. Derryfield: Swipe Right, 6 p.m. Firefly: Caylin Costello, 5 p.m. Foundry: Andrea Paquin, 5 p.m. Fratello's: Dave Zangri, 5:30 p.m. Murphy's: Alex Cormier, 5:30 p.m. Strange Brew: Jon Ross, 8 p.m. To Share: Bird Friend, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Merrimack Homestead: Dave Clark, 5:30 p.m. Tortilla Flat: KOHA, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Meredith Giuseppe's: The Sweetbloods, 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Milford Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Nashua Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Shorty's: Jordan Quinn, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Portsmouth The Goat: Dapper Gents Duo, 7 p.m.; Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.</p> <p>Salem Copper Door: Bella Perrotta, 5 p.m. T-Bones: Chris Gardner, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Seabrook Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Strafford Independence Inn: April Cushman, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Concord Area 23: jam with Stoned Wasp, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Contoocook Contoocook Cider Co.: Ryan Williamson, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Epping Telly's: The Drift Duo, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Exeter Sea Dog: Chad Verbeck, 5 p.m.</p> <p>Gilford Patrick's Pub: Music Bingo with Jeff Lines, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Goffstown Village Trestle: Charlie Chronopoulos, 5 p.m.</p>
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ZACH NUGENT'S DEAD SET

Vermont-based guitarist Zach Nugent, who has toured with Melvin Seals & JGB as the "defacto Garcia expert," will play the BAank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com) with Zach Nugent's Dead Set on Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.; tickets in advance cost \$23.75 general admission or \$35.75 for reserved balcony (\$5 more at the door).

Friday, May 26

<p>Alton Foster's Tavern: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Auburn Auburn Pitts: NKM, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Bedford Murphy's: Pete Massa, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Brookline Alamo: Daniel Gay, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Hampton CR's: Greg DeCoteau, 6 p.m. The Goat: Alex Anthony, 8 p.m. Wally's: Chris Toler, 3 p.m.; Rosie, 9 p.m. Whym: Sam Hammerman, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hudson Luk's: Sean Coleman, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ George Bisson, 8 p.m.</p>
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Hwy., 279-0876 Merrimack Homestead 641 Daniel Webster Hwy., 429-2022 Tortilla Flat 595 Daniel Webster Hwy., 424-4479 Milford The Pasta Loft 241 Union Square, 672-2270	Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480 Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979 Nashua Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St., 577-9015 Millyard Brewery 125 E. Otterson St., 722-0104	Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 48 Gusabel Ave., 882-4070 New Boston Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362 Northfield Boonedoxz Pub 95 Park St., 717-8267	Penacook American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753-9372 Portsmouth The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122 The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628 Mojo's West End	Tavern 95 Brewery Lane, 436-6656 Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186 Rochester Porter's Pub 19 Hanson St., 330-1964 Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-	2033 Luna Bistro 254 N. Broadway, 458-2162 Smuttynose 11 Via Toscana T-Bones 311 South Broadway, 893-3444 Tuscan Kitchen 67 Main St., 952-4875	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581 Chop Shop 920 Lafayette Road Red's Kitchen + Tavern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030	Strafford Independence Inn 6 Drake Hill Road, 718-3334 Tilton Pour Decisions 500 Laconia Road, 527-8066 Windham Old School Bar & Grill 49 Range Road, 458-6051
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Laconia Fratello's: Paul Warnick, 7 p.m.

Londonderry Coach Stop: Peter Miles, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Swipe Right, 8 p.m.

Manchester Backyard Brewery: Ken Budka, 6 p.m.
BluAqua: Justin Jordan, 9 p.m.
Bonfire: Eric Grant Band
Derryfield: Red Duo, 6 p.m.; The Slakas, 8 p.m.; Amanda Dane band, 9:30 p.m.
Firefly: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.
The Foundry: April Cushman, 6 p.m.
Murphy's: Scotty Cloutier, 5:30 p.m.; Amanda Dane Band, 9:30 p.m.
Shaskeen: Mosaic Mirrors, 9 p.m.
South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Gorilla Gang, 9 p.m.

Meredith Giuseppe's: Bob Kroepel, 5:45 p.m.
Twin Barns: Slim Volume, 5 p.m.

Merrimack Homestead: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.

Milford Pasta Loft: The Pop Farmers, 8 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.

New Boston Molly's: Matt Bergeron, 7 p.m.

Northfield Boonedoxz Pub: karaoke night, 7 p.m.

Penacook American Legion Post 31: JMitch Karaoke, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth Gas Light: Max Sullivan, 7 p.m.; Matt Luneau, 9:30 p.m.

The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.

Salem Luna Bistro: Jordan Quinn, 7 p.m.

Tilton Pour Decisions: Hank and Chaz, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 27

Alton Bay Dockside: Mike Laughlin, 8 p.m.

Alton Foster's Tavern: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.

Bedford Murphy's: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.

Brookline Alamo: Matt Bergeron, 6 p.m.

Bow Chen Yang Li: Josh Foster, 7 p.m.

Concord Area 23: Acoustic circle with Brian Booth, 2 p.m.; Fatha Groove, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: Colin Hart, 6:30 p.m.

Contoocook Contoocook Cider Co.: April Cushman, 4 :30 p.m.

Epping Telly's: J-Lo Duo, 8 p.m.

Gilford Patrick's Pub: John Irish, 6 p.m.

Goffstown Village Trestle: Johnny Angle, 7 p.m.

Hampton L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9 p.m.
Sea Ketch: KOHA, 1 p.m.
Smuttynose: Chris Fitz Band, 6:30 p.m.
Wally's: Chris Tolyer, 9 p.m.
Whym: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.

Laconia Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.
Tower Hill: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Londonderry Stumble Inn: Daisy Cutter, 8 p.m.

Manchester Backyard Brewery: April Cushman, 6 p.m.
Bonfire: Lexi James
Derryfield: Chuck Alaimo Duo, 6 p.m.; Mostly 90's, 8 p.m.
Firefly: Chris Taylor, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.
Foundry: Brad Myrick, 6 p.m.
Murphy's: Johnny Angel, 5:30 p.m.; Dis n Dat, 9:30 p.m.
Shaskeen: Dazed, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Lisa Marie, 9 p.m.
Wild Rover: Chris Gardner, 5 p.m.

Meredith Twin Barns: Hank and Chaz, 5 p.m.

Merrimack Homestead: Paul Gormley, 6 p.m.

Milford Pasta Loft: Horizon, 8:30 p.m.

New Boston Molly's: The Incidentals, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth Gas Light Pub: Jodee Frawlee, 2 p.m.; Redemption Band, 7 p.m.; David Carson, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 9 p.m.

Salem Luna Bistro: Phil Jacques, 7 p.m.

Seabrook Chop Shop: Fast Times (80s Tribute), 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 28

Alton Bay Dockside: Pete Peterson, 4 p.m.

Bedford Copper Door: Lilly Innella, 11

a.m.
Murphy's: Chris Cavanaugh, 3 p.m.

Brookline Alamo: Jae Mannion, 4 p.m.

Concord Cheers: KOHA, 5p.m.

Goffstown Village Trestle: Bob Pratte, 3:30 p.m.

Hampton L Street: Up-Beat w/J-Dubz, 9 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Ralph Allen, 8:30 p.m.; Ralph Allen, 8:30 p.m.
Smuttynose: 21st & 1st, 1 p.m.

Hudson Lynn's 102: Carter On Guitar, 4 p.m.

Laconia Belknap Mill: open mic, 2 p.m.
Bernini's: Don Severance, 5 p.m.
Fratello's: John Stanly Shelley, 6 p.m.

Londonderry Stumble Inn: Charlie Chronopoulos, 3 p.m.

Manchester Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh, 5 p.m.
Firefly: Chuck Alaimo, 11 a.m.
Foundry: Brad Myrick, 10 a.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 10 a.m.
Murphy's: Tim Kierstead, 3 p.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.
To Share: Upright Dogs, 4 p.m.

Meredith Giuseppe's: open mic w/ Lou Porrazzo, 5:45 p.m.

Milford Riley's Place: open mic w/ Blues Jam, 1 p.m.

Northfield Boonedoxz Pub: open mic, 4 p.m.

Portsmouth Gas Light: Chris Powers, 2 p.m.; Radio Daze, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Salem Copper Door: Nate Comp, 11 a.m.
Luna Bistro: Steve Baker, 4 p.m.

Windham Old School: Whiskey 6, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 29

Bedford Murphy's: Pete Peterson, 5:30 p.m.

Dover Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Gilford Patrick's Pub: open mic w/ Paul Luff, 6 p.m.

Hudson The Bar: karaoke with Phil

Londonderry Stumble Inn: Lisa Guyer, 7 p.m.

Manchester Fratello's: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: David Campbell, 8 p.m.
Murphy's: Casey Roop, 5:30 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Meredith Giuseppe's: Lou Porrazzo, 5:45 p.m.

Merrimack Homestead: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m.

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GREEN HERON

Catch the duo Green Heron, who describe their music as stretching “across the folk landscape” with “old time, folk, bluegrass, country, celtic and blues music” (see greenheronmusic.com) on Thursday, May 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Currier Museum of Art’s (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org) Art After Work, when admission to the museum is free. Head to the Winter Cafe to hear live music (the full menu and cocktail specials are available for purchase). And check out the museum’s current exhibits including “The Living Forest: UYRA,” “Seeing Is Not Believing: Ambiguity in Photography,” “Celebrating the Art and Life of Tomie dePaola” and “A New Scheier Medium.”

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

◀ CONTINUED FROM PG 49

Nashua
Fody's: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Tim Theriault, 7:30
The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: music bingo, 7 p.m.

6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Doug Mitchell, 5 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Chris Powers, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 8 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

Murphy's: Jordan Quinn, 5:30 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Michael Bour-

geois, 6 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Henry Laliberte, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Raga: karaoke, 7:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Paul Warnick, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: country night, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 31

Bedford
Murphy's: Sam Hammerman, 5:30 p.m.

Concord
Courtyard Marriott: Brad Myrick, 5 p.m.
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Jordan Quinn, 6 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Hampton
Bogie's: open mic, 7 p.m.
L Street: karaoke with DJ Jeff, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Chris Toler, 7 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Munk Duane, 5 p.m.

Manchester
Derryfield: Pete Peterson, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Forgette, 7 p.m.
Murphy's: Ralph Allen, 5:30 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Will Bemiss, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Mitch Alden, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.
Press Room: open mic, 5:30 p.m.

Rochester
Porter's: karaoke night, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30

Bedford
Murphy's: Chris Lester, 5:30 p.m.

Concord
Hermanos: Paul Bourgelais,

Trivia

Events
• Friends 21+ trivia night at Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road in Manchester; chunkys.com, 206-3888) on Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. Reserve a spot for \$6 per person, which gets you a \$5 food voucher.

Weekly
• Thursday trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.
• Thursday trivia at Great North Aleworks (1050 Holt Ave., Manchester, 858-5789, greatnorthaleworks.com) from 7 to 8 p.m.

• Thursday trivia with Game Time Trivia at Hart's Turkey Farm (223 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
• Thursday trivia at Yankee Lanes (216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656, yankeelanesentertainment.com) at 7 p.m.
• Thursday Kings trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396, gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
• First Thursday of every month trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua; fodystavern.com) at

8 p.m.
• Friday Team Trivia at Cheers (17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com) from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the lounge.
• Friday trivia at Gibb's Garage Bar (3612 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, gibbsgaragebar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
• Monday trivia at Crow's Nest (181 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 817-6670, crowsnestnh.com) at 8 p.m.
• Tuesday trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St. in Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
• Tuesday trivia at Fody's (187

Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.com) at 7 p.m.
• Tuesday trivia at Area 23 (254 N. State St., Concord, 881-9060, thearea23.com) at 7 p.m.
• Tuesday trivia at Lynn's 102 Tavern (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-7832, lynns102.com), at 7 p.m.
• Tuesday Geeks Who Drink trivia at Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
• Wednesday trivia at Main Street Grill and Bar (32 Main St., Pittsfield; 435-0005, mainstreet-

grillandbar.com) at 6:30 p.m.
• Wednesday trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
• Wednesday Kings Trivia at KC's Rib Shack (837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net), sponsored by Mi Campo, in Manchester 7 to 9 p.m..
• Wednesday trivia at Millyard Brewery (125 E. Otterson St., Nashua; 722-0104, millyard-brewery.com) at 7 p.m.
• Wednesday trivia at The Bar (2b Burnham Road, Hudson, 943-5250) at 7 p.m.
• Wednesday trivia at City Hall



Friends Pub (8 Hanover St.; 232-3751, snhhg.com) at 7 p.m.
• Wednesday World Tavern Trivia at Fody's Tavern (9 Clinton St. in Nashua, fodystavern.com, 577-9015) at 8 p.m.

Concerts

• Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m., Music Hall (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusic-hall.org)
• Harold Lopez Nussa (featuring Gregorie Maret) Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
• Lee Brice & Cole Swindell Friday, May 26, 7:30 p.m., Bank of NH Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook

Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com)
• Bill Frisell Friday, May 26, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
• Last of the Duke Street Kings Friday, May 26, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com)
• Dueling Pianos Friday, May 26, 8 p.m., Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com)
• Zach Nugent and Dead Set Fri-

day, May 26, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage ((16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com)
• Allen James Saturday, May 27, 1:30 p.m., Averill House (21 Averill Road, Brookline, 371-2296, averillhousevineyard.com)
• Louis Tomlinson Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m., Bank of NH Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com)
• The Rough & Tumble Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m., Word Barn (66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com)

• Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters Saturday, May 27, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
• "Live at the Fillmore" Allman Brothers Tribute Saturday, May 27, 8 p.m., Tupelo (10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com)
• Tower of Power Saturday, May 27, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
• Daryl Hall Sunday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall
• Fenne Lily and Christian Lee

Hutson Tuesday, May 30, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330, 3sarts.org)
• Hollywood Vampires Tuesday, May 30, 8 p.m., SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com)
• Lisa Fischer & Grand Baton Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com)
• Hannah Ellis/Martin & Kelly Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., Bank of NH Pavilion (72 Meadow-

brook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com)
• Bruce Cockburn/Dar Williams Thursday, June 1, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey (39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flying-monkeynh.com)
• Walker Hayes Friday, June 2, 5:30 p.m., Bank of NH Pavilion (72 Meadowbrook Lane, Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com)
• Jimmy Kenny & the Pirate Band (Jimmy Buffett/Kenny Chesney/Zac Brown tribute) Friday, June 2, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry

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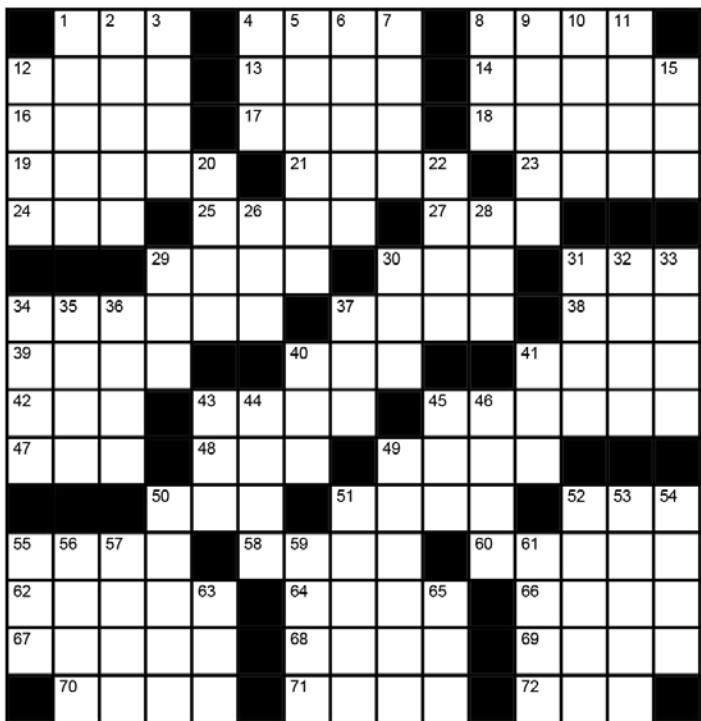
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Of Four album you hear in an indoor shopping center?

4. '14 Three Days Grace hit 'Machine'
5. Donald Fagen band ___ Dan
6. Bill Withers '___ To Spend The Night'
7. Yo La Tengo 'Let's Save ___ Orlando's House'
8. Trippy UK pioneers
9. Coal Chamber song for an evil one
10. Bob Dylan pulled his boat up to Detroit's 'Belle ___'
11. Mark Dinning '___ Angel'
12. Gladys Knight's band
15. Ice Cube group
20. 'Highway To Hell' band
22. Drummer Van Halen
26. Scottish keyman/guitarist/singer Midge
28. Lone Star state Stevie Ray Vaughan is from (abbr)
29. 'Frosty The Snowman' ___ King Cole
30. Perjurer ___ Kim
31. Softrocking 'A Love Song' Murray
32. Mexican 'Drama Y Luz' band
33. Irish rockers God ___ Astronaut
34. Marc Anthony song meaning "life" in Spanish
35. 'Lust For Life' singer Pop
36. The band Viva ___ means "with the living voice" in Latin
37. "All the rage" music scene might be a short-lived this
40. '96 Tori Amos EP '___ Jupiter'
41. Genre of Smashing Pumpkins or 90s rock (abbr)
43. 'Time Ago' band Black ___
44. Cream '___ Glad'
45. 'No More Stories...' Danish band for a cat cry?
46. Lee Michaels '___ Get A Witness'

49. Donna Summer's misspelled 'Who Do You Think You're ___ On!'
61. Producer Rodgers
63. A sly Machine Gun Kelly song of 'My ___ Best Friend'
65. 'Tears' Force ___
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53. 'Oh Yeah' one hitters
54. Happened 'In The Life', to Beatles
55. Howe and Hackett 80s band
56. The Weeknd's real first name
57. Britney Spears 'I'm ___ Girl, Not Yet A Woman'
59. Michael Jackson exclamation "___

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Across

1. Paul Weller's 'Beat Surrender' band
4. Kenny Loggins hit 'This ___'
8. Loverboy 'Lovin' Every Minute ___'
12. Beyonce 'Single Ladies (___ Ring On It)'
13. Kenny Chesney 'Ten With ___'
14. What comeback career had done
16. 'Dancing With Myself' Billy
17. How Axl acted, at times
18. Guitarist Adrian of King Crimson
19. 'Forever Your Girl' Abdul
21. Ethereal 'Orinoco Flow (Sail Away)' singer
23. '99 Red Balloons' band
24. Sound barrier breaker
25. Ian Astbury band
27. '(Everytime I Turn Around) Back In Love Again' band
29. '81 Def Leppard album 'High ___'
30. Love singer Arthur
31. Sammy Davis Jr. 'What Kind Of Fool ___?'
34. Italian musical term for lively movement
37. 'One Thing Leads To Another' band
38. Rapper that plays w/Damian Marley
39. Jim Croce '___ A Name'
40. Iconic lyricist David
41. She 'Begins' w/Counting Crows on 'August & Everything After'
42. Geffen's 90-99 label
43. Maroon 5 'The Man Who Never ___'
45. 'Vincent' sing/songster Don
47. Repeated word in Ween 'Blamey Stone' chorus
48. Lee of Evanescence
49. Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame

achievement

- is considered a musical this
50. Company Sony acquired in '88
 51. Bread "I would give everything ___"
 52. 'It's All About Me' girl
 55. Gordon of Violent Femmes
 58. Norwegian city synth-poppers A-ha is from
 60. Bryan Adams "___ somebody, somebody like you"
 62. 'O Brother, Where Art Thou?' Grammy-winner Burnett
 64. Singer Peter that married Joan Collins
 66. Where Miss-ian Persons walks
 67. Fall Out Boy "Detox just to ___"
 68. Like big fan of band
 69. Brit popster Allen
 70. Metallica drummer Ulrich
 71. Important room during show, at times
 72. 'Music For Films' musician/producer Brian

Down

1. 'You've Got Another Thing Comin' ___ Priest
2. Megadeth '___ Le Monde'
3. '91 Gang

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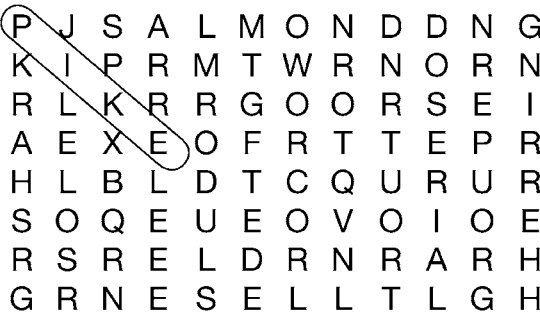
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Find and Circle...

- Seven fish □□□□□□
- Three parts of an atom □□
- ___ in "Out of Africa" □
- Opposite of buy □
- Appliance ID: ___ number □

Last Week's Answers: FLAMINGO GOOSE SWAN DUCK / GALLON LITER QUART PINT / CARIBOU PANTHER GORILLA / JAZZ ROCK FOLK / PLANET

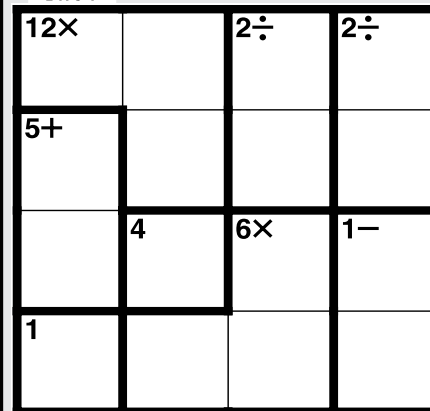
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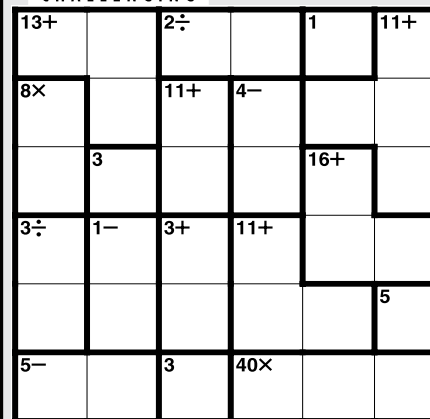
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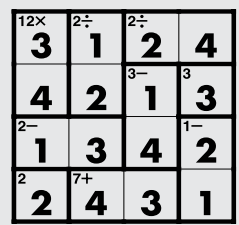
RULES

- 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- 2 The numbers within the heavily

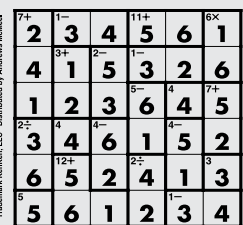
outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

- 3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS



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"Sandwiched Between"—some deep cuts here.

Across

- 1. Burger essential
- 6. Nadal's nickname
- 10. Limerick, e.g.
- 14. Get along
- 15. Responsibility
- 16. U2's guitarist, with "The"
- 17. Add "minus" to your math skills?
- 20. Like all leap years
- 21. Former "Bake Off" host Fielding
- 22. Amounts on Monopoly cards
- 23. Po's color
- 24. Is apt
- 25. Exuberant feeling
- 26. Fighting
- 28. Question of possibility
- 29. Maple syrup base
- 32. Part of 12-Down
- 34. Face boldly
- 37. Manuscript about the Milky Way, maybe?
- 39. Some of them are famous
- 40. Cancelled
- 41. Check follower?
- 42. Drink suffix
- 43. Comedian Crowder known as "The Liberal Redneck"
- 44. "Harper Valley ___"

- 45. "Frozen" role
- 47. Wiz Khalifa's genre
- 50. Sandy site
- 53. Totally get, slangily
- 54. Taj Mahal site
- 55. Undermining scheme by a blanket hog?
- 58. Numbered piece
- 59. "I Am Not My Hair" singer India, ___
- 60. Damages
- 61. Directors Robbins and Burton
- 62. Planters products
- 63. Dental restoration

- 10. "The Little Rascals" dog
- 11. "Thor" role for Anthony Hopkins
- 12. Four-award feat
- 13. ___ Warehouse (suit retailer)
- 18. Single part
- 19. Get carried away at a concert?
- 24. Moonshine, by another name
- 25. "Big Yellow Taxi" singer Mitchell
- 27. Social wisdom
- 28. Overactors
- 29. "Mayday" Parker's alter ego
- 30. "Bonne fete ___" ("Happy Birthday" line, in Canada)
- 31. Polliwog's place
- 32. Site of the Kon-Tiki Museum
- 33. Bridge length
- 34. "OK"
- 35. Up in the air, briefly
- 36. Annapolis inst.
- 38. Bartender's mixer
- 43. "___ On Me" (A-ha song)
- 44. News coverage
- 45. Planetary path
- 46. Really enjoys
- 48. Tacoma ___ (local slang for a nearby industrial emanation)
- 49. Violet family flower
- 50. "Nae" sayer?
- 51. Arizona language
- 52. Cell in a Fallopian tube
- 53. All-knowing advisor
- 54. ___ alternative
- 56. ___ Rafael, Calif.
- 57. Letter after pi

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Down

- 1. "Table's ready" signaler
- 2. It's used to make tequila
- 3. Worked in court, perhaps
- 4. Al Gore's state, for short
- 5. "OK"
- 6. "Futurama" character, maybe
- 7. Some poker bets
- 8. Fold up, like a flag
- 9. Harvard botanist Gray

R&R answer from pg 35 of 5/18

C	A	L	I	N	A	D	A	L	O	B	O	S	
O	N	U	S	O	T	E	P	A	F	A	C	E	
D	A	F	T	T	E	L	E	B	A	T	T	A	
A	S	T	O	R	I	A	G	O	E	R			
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O	N	C	E	I	N	A	L	I	F	E	T	I	M
N	A	S	G	I	M	M	E	I	F	I	T		
S	A	Y	I	T	A	I	N	T	S	O			
A	D	O	G	A	T	S	H	I	R	T			
R	O	U	G	E	A	B	B	A	E	D	I	E	
A	R	I	E	L	H	O	O	N	L	I	T	E	
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Jonesin' answer from pg 36 of 5/18

S	P	I	T	P	H	O	N	O	A	U	R	A
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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44					45	46			47	48	49	
50	51	52			53				54			
55					56				57			
58					59				60			
61					62				63			

NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 37.

King Classic Sudoku Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★★

King Classic Sudoku Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★★

King Classic Sudoku Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★★★

SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Genius Kitchen*, by Max Lugavere, born May 29, 1982.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) I get bored easily (what can I say? I'm a Gemini). That's why, when constructing a salad, I always make sure there's a variety of chopped veggies that'll keep every bite interesting. Radishes and scorzonera.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) A true connoisseur will have their favorites, but you'll never develop your palate if you stick to the same old oil. Try a whole flight.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Cooking is fun, but the prospect of cleanup can be agonizing unless you do it as you go. ... In between recipe steps, throw out scraps, wipe down your countertops ... and soak pots and pans before the food dries and becomes caked on. You'll be glad you did.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) Growing up in New York City, I had access to the best falafel outside of the Middle East! ... Not too long ago, I wondered, Could baked falafel ever be as delicious as fried? Try some and see.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Cooking should first and foremost be fun. It's sort of like karaoke: whether you're a terrible singer or a budding pop star, if you're not having fun with the mic, no one's having fun watching you. Sing while you cook.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) I'm such a big fan of raw fennel that I almost decided to name my podcast *The Max Lugavere Raw Fennel Love Show*. Show some love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) When we scramble eggs, we typically try to accomplish

the job as quickly as possible. But the best scrambled eggs require a little time and patience. Use low heat and stir your eggs constantly to ensure even cooking. Even cooking is the way to go.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) Herbs and spices may not add much volume to your dishes, but don't let their small footprint fool you. Flavor doesn't take up any space.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) Have you ever eaten almond butter out of the jar? No? Well, let me tell you, it's hard to stop once you get that train rolling. Use a spoon.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) Whether you're a seasoned pro or herbally timid, I inspire you to free your mind and push your flavor boundaries to new heights with herbs and spices. Free your mind.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) Each nut has a unique nutrient profile. True!

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) A quality olive oil is a prized possession.... And one worth sharing. 🍷

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 banter (8)
- 2 barter (8)
- 3 batter (6)
- 4 latter (10)
- 5 letter (7)
- 6 litter (7)
- 7 lifter (5)

SOLUTIONS

PAR	HAN	SI	EXC	VE
GE	NT	UE	FET	HOI
RE	BUF	MIS	BI	SEQ
TEE	SH	ST	SUB	RUB

Last Week's Answers: SNAPPED 2, CAPPUCCINO 3, UNFLAPPABLE 4, SCRAPPY 5, PINEAPPLE 6, ZAPPED 7, TRAPPINGS 8/25

Sudoku Answers from pg36 of 5/18

Puzzle A

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

Puzzle B

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

Puzzle C

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

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Not a moment too soon, Oscar Mayer announced on May 17 that it is changing the name of its iconic Wienermobile to the Frankmobile, CNN reported. The company says the name change “pays homage” to its new recipe for hot dogs, which will roll out this summer. A company spokesperson said the change is a test; they’ll have “to see if it cuts the mustard” with fans. The Wienermobile first appeared in 1936; 23 of the eye-catching vehicles now travel around the country. *CNN, May 17*

Extreme measures

Lillian Ip of Cheltenham, Australia, was stranded in the country’s remote bushland for five days in late April after she took a wrong turn and became stuck in mud, United Press International reported. Sgt. Martin Torpey of the Wodonga police said Ip had planned just a day trip, “so she had taken a couple of snacks and lollies with her, but no water. The only liquid Lillian, who doesn’t drink, had with her was a bottle of wine she had bought as a gift for her mother.” Without cell service, Ip couldn’t call for help. Her family notified police about her absence, and a four-day search over the region included helicopters. Finally, Ip was spotted waving her arms, and police were directed to her location. “I thought I was going to die there,” she said. *UPI, May 9*

Unclear on the concept

When cake baker Brianna Romero of El Paso, Texas, got an order for a birthday cake this spring, she was on board, NBC New York reported on May 10. The customer wanted an emo cake, so Romero put her newly perfected black icing to the test and constructed the confection. Before she delivered it, she said, she asked the client if they wanted a number on the cake. “Yes,” the client answered, “it’s for my granddaughter and she’s turning 4.” Romero “thought it was a little bit weird ... but maybe she just likes ‘Wednesday’ or something like that.” Still, wanting to cover her bases, she asked the client for the theme of the party. When she got the answer — “Sesame Street” — it all became clear. “I misread emo and it says ‘Elmo cake.’” Romero rushed to a local grocery, where the bakery topped the cake with an Elmo image; Romero gave the cake to the client for free. Social media ate the story up, with more than 10 mil-

lion views on Twitter. *NBC New York, May 10*

Bright idea

On May 16 in Hemlock, Michigan, an enterprising student reported an alien invasion to avoid a math test, according to KTVZ-TV. The student reported that ETs came from the skies in flying saucers and landed on the playground, and the rumors quickly began circulating amongst the student body on social media. But Superintendent Don Killingbeck wasn’t having it: “We have thoroughly investigated the situation, and there is no evidence of any alien activity on our school grounds,” he said. The prankster has been disciplined, he added. *KTVZ, May 17*

Precocious

Two brothers in Langkawi, Malaysia, were detained after crashing the car one was driving into a lamp post on May 10, CNN reported. It’s not hard to imagine why driving might have been difficult for them: They are 6 and 3 years old. Police Chief Shariman Ashari said the Toyota Vios they were in attracted attention from other drivers, who thought the driver might be intoxicated. The boys sneaked out of their home and took the car, hoping to buy a toy car at the local shops. “Mama is at home and we are going to the store,” the 6-year-old said. “We want to buy a black car,” the 3-year-old elaborated. The only injury was a cut to one boy’s chin. *CNN, May 10*

Weird science

Spring weather can be unpredictable, but a man in Ankara, Turkey, got an up-close glimpse of exactly what intense winds can do on May 17, Metro News reported. As Onur Kalmaz looked out his window, trying to check on his car during the storm, he captured on video a sofa flying from a balcony of a 35-story block of apartments nearby. Kalmaz said the sofa crashed into other buildings before falling to the ground. “No one was hurt, but we were pretty scared,” he said. *Metro News, May 18*

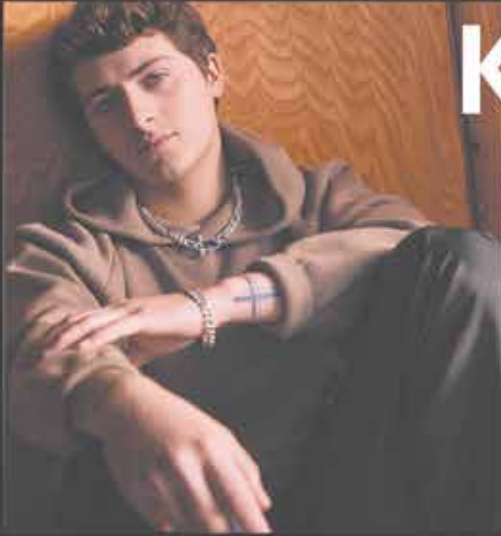
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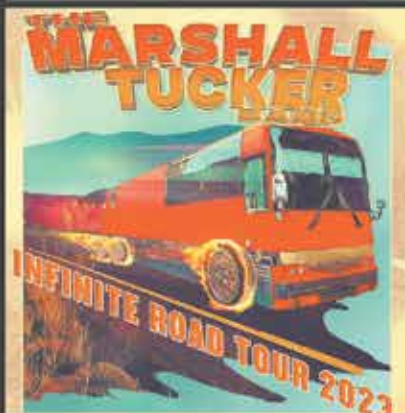
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