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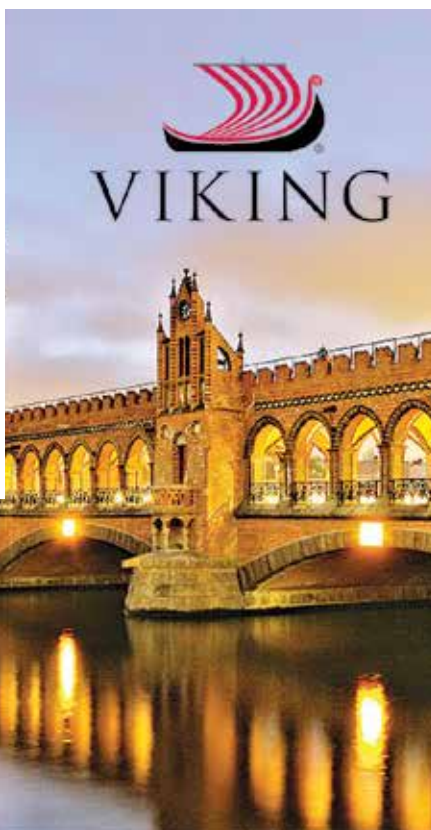
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10 The results are in for Hippo's Best of 2025 readers' poll! Where can you find the best pizza, the best happy hour hangout or the best bike trail? We asked you to name the "bests" and you picked your favorites!

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NEWS & NOTES

Pappas runs

Chris Pappas, four-term Democratic congressman for New Hampshire's 1st District, will run for Senate in 2026. The seat won't have an incumbent as Sen. Jeanne Shaheen decided not to run again. Pappas released a video on April 3 on his social media accounts and at his Senate campaign website, chrispappas.org, announcing his campaign.

Five eggs

Three more eggs joined the nest of the peregrine falcons at the Brady Sullivan tower in downtown Manchester — one each on April 1, April 5 and April 7, according to a log recording action at the nest. These new eggs joins the two laid March 22 and March 27. You can watch the couple and their progress at the Peregrine cam at nhaudubon.org/education/birds-and-birding/peregrine-cam, where the New Hampshire Audubon offers three live views of the nest with support of Peregrine Networks and Brady Sullivan Properties, the website

said. The log also has a link to a document with basic information about the nest and a look back at previous seasons of peregrine falcons that have occupied it and the chicks that hatched there.

Deadline extended

The deadline has been extended for Intown Concord's "Get Married At Market Days." Apply by April 30 to get married on Friday, June 27, at the city's downtown Market Days event and receive a package that includes a wedding night stay at Hotel Concord, a reception space at the Cantin Room at the BNH Stage, a live band for the first dance, an ice cream wedding cake from Social Club Creamery and crudité and fruit platters from Duprey Hospitality. See marketdaysfestival.com.

Mural fest

Arts Build Community in Manchester will hold its 10-day 2025 Community Canvas Mural Festival in the Queen City's downtown Thursday, Aug. 7, through Sun-

day, Aug. 17, according to an email about the event. The Festival will feature "10+ large-scale murals, interactive art installations, youth workshops, community storytelling, and a vibrant block party finale," the release said. "We're not just painting walls — we're building connection, identity, and joy," said Arts Build Community founder James Chase in the statement. See artsbuildcommunity.com.

Clean up

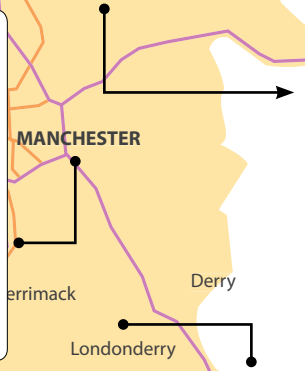
The Manchester Urban Ponds Restoration Program will hold spring pond and park cleanups, according to an email from the organization. The cleanups are scheduled for Saturday, April 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Nutts Pond and Precourt Park; Saturday, April 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Black Brook and Blodget Park, and Saturday, May 3, from 9 to 11 a.m. at McQuesten Brook and Wolfe Park, the email said. Find information about joining the cleanups at manchesternh.gov/Departments/Sewer-and-Stormwater/Pond-Restoration/Cleanup-Events. 🌊

CONCORD

Margaritas Mexican Restaurant at 1 Bicentennial Square in **Concord** will celebrate its 40th anniversary in the city on Friday, April 11, from 3 p.m. to midnight, with margarita and Modelo specials and a free T-shirt for the first 100 guests, according to margs.com.

Tickets are on sale now for the New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus spring concert series, called "Celebrations!" The first concert will take place at Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in **Newington** on Saturday, May 31, at 7 p.m. with subsequent shows at the Rex Theatre in Manchester on Sunday, June 1, at 3 p.m.; Saturday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Nashua, and Sunday, June 8, at 3 p.m. at BNH Stage in Concord. See nhgmc.com.

Manchester Historic Association's annual meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Millyard Museum (200 Bedford St., **Manchester**; manchesterhistoric.org) will feature a look at the new exhibit "All Bottled Up! The History of Bottling in Manchester" with more than 100 glass bottles from Manchester that reflect the city's liquor, soda, dairy and other bottling businesses, according to the website. Call 622-7531 or email history@manchesterhistoric.org to RSVP.



USAF Major Carl Stidsen, retired, will speak about his time commanding a Titan II missile crew in Arizona in a program called "Life in a Cold War ICBM Site: On the Nuclear Bullseye," on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road in **Londonderry**, according to a press release. Admission costs \$10 per person. See aviationmuseumofnh.org.

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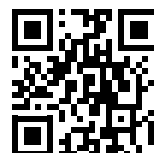
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The Big Story: By the time you read this we'll know if Houston won its first ever basketball title or if it's three times this century for Florida. UH got there overcoming a 14-point deficit with

70 – consecutive games scoring over 20 by OKC's **Shai Gilgeous-Alexander** to break **Michael Jordan's** all-time NBA record.

895 – career goals by **Alexander Ovechkin** after passing **Wayne Gretzky's** unsurpassable 894 to be the NHL's all-time leading goal scorer.

... Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Up – Red Sox Owner John Henry: For finally acting like the big market owner he is by spending big on free agent **Alex Bregman** and by locking up **Crochet** and **Campbell** with six- and eight-year deals last week.

Thumbs Down – Bonehead Move of the Week – Jayson Tatum: For not having the discipline to keep it zipped before getting a technical foul at the worst possible time after a 15-point lead had slipped to 9 with 2:55 left to give the **Kevin Durant**-less Suns a free point and the ball on Friday.

Random Thoughts:

With both on hand, Friday was *Where Are They Now? Night* at TD Garden. The "They" are those not admitting now they were behind the push a few years back for the Celtics to trade **Jaylen Brown** for **Bradley Beal**. Brown dominated him and others by scoring 31 points to Beal's measly one point on Friday. For the year it's Beal 17 per to Brown's 22.6 while also contributing much more on the boards and on D. Reminds all of what **Bill Parcells** famously said: "if you listen to people in the cheap seats, sooner or later you'll wind up there with them." Bullet dodged.

Sports 101 Answer: The other 60 triple double guys are **Luka Doncic** (2022) and **James Harden** (2018).

Final Thought – Parcells Headed to Patriots Hall of Fame: You can be magnanimous and say, thank you. Or you can be combative and say, what took so long?

Either way, thanks to Pats owner **Bob Kraft** for putting their personal history behind them to set in motion the induction of **Bill Parcells** into the Patriots Hall of Fame this summer.

Yes, there was him igniting the border war nonsense. But that was actually a good thing, as it made the Jets-Pats rivalry even better. But in resurrecting a moribund fan base after the disastrous **Victor Kiam** era you can make a case his four-year tenure, which concluded with a Super Bowl trip, makes him the fifth most important Patriot behind **Billy Sullivan**, **Tom Brady**, **Bill Belichick** and **Drew Bledsoe**. So well deserved, Tuna, and good job, Bob, for making it happen.

Email Dave Long at dlong@hippopress.com. 🐘

8:17 left to stun Duke 70-67, while Florida's 41-27 second-half blitz erased an 8-point halftime deficit to beat Auburn 79-73. On the women's side after eight hard-to-believe years of UConn not winning, the title is finally back again after crushing South Carolina 72-59 to win their 11th title overall behind 41 from **Azzi (Elmer) Fudd** (24) and **Paige Bueckers** (17).

Sports 101: In **Nikola Jokic's** latest astonishing feat, he posted the third ever 60-point game triple double (61-10-10) game in a two-OT loss to the T-Wolves. Name the other two 60-point triple-d guys.

News Item – Red Sox Week: (1) They won five straight after starting 1-3. (2) Rookie **Kristian Campbell** entered the week hitting .355 with four doubles, two homers, six RBI. (3) **Garrett Crochet** was not quite in the groove, but he did go eight while grinding out a needed 6-2 win over Baltimore. (4) The **Raffy Devers** hysteria after his 0-for-19 start ended when he went 10 for 19 with four doubles and a homer in the winning streak.

News Item – Celtics Update: Having won nine of 10 the C's are heading to the playoffs on a roll.

It should be noted, though, that the teams beaten in their first ever 6-0 road trip during the streak were a combined 78 games under .500. So not exactly overwhelming competition. But it still defies logic that at 32-7 they're better on the road than they are on the parquet at 26-13. **Derrick White** buried number 267 vs. Memphis to become Celtics record holder for most ever three-point shots made in one season.

A Little History – 60 Wins: If the C's win two of their last four, they'll be the first Celtics team with back-to-back 60-win seasons since the second Big 3 did it in 2007-08 and 2008-09. Before that it was the Bird-led group doing it three times between 1983-84 and 1985-86, as Larry's group was in the midst of doing it six times in seven seasons. Prior to that the Havlicek-Cowens C's did it twice ('72-'73 and '74-'75). The Russell-era team won 60 just three times despite winning 11 titles in 13 years.

The Numbers:

69.9 – best this century team FG percentage shot by Milwaukee when they went 51 for 74 in a 133-123 win over Phoenix.

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Share your two cents about sidewalks

The Manchester public is invited to share ideas and feedback on the Downtown Sidewalk Improvement Project at two public sessions on Friday, April 18, at the Spotlight Room (96 Hanover St.), according to a Monday, April 7, story in the Manchester Ink Link. The Project focuses on the block bordered by Elm, Chestnut, Concord and Manchester streets, the article said, and the visioning sessions will be hosted by the Manchester Economic Development Office, the Department of Public Works, and Plan NH. The first session will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and the second from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

QOL score: +1

Comment: "Public outreach is a requirement of the \$1.8 million federal grant that's supporting the project," the article said, and the funding is "explicitly designated to enhance pedestrian infrastructure...."

Two more warm destinations

Avelo Airlines (aveloair.com) announced on April 3 that it has added two new non-stop routes from Manchester-Boston Regional Airport: Wilmington (NC) International Airport (ILM) and the Grand Strand's Myrtle Beach International Airport (MYR). Flights to Wilmington will fly out of Manchester on Thursdays and Sundays. Flights to Myrtle Beach will leave Manchester on Mondays and Fridays. The press release stated that one-way fares started at \$39.

QOL score: +1

Comment: These two new routes bring Avelo's services to North Carolina to four, according to the press release, including Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), and Concord-Padgett Regional Airport (USA) in Charlotte.

... If they can get there

WMUR reported on April 5 that the FAA said an Avelo Airlines flight from MHT to Concord, North Carolina, was illuminated by a laser about 15 miles from the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport on Friday, April 4, around 9:40 p.m. Laser light can interfere with pilots' vision.

QOL score: -1

Comment: "Anyone who shines a laser at an aircraft can face fines up to \$11,000 per violation" and other penalties, WMUR said.

Maple sap thief on the loose

Sugarmomma's Maple Farm in Northwood reported the theft of 1,200 gallons of maple sap from a collection tank back in March. "Between 11 and 5 today someone stole 1,200 gallons of sap on Route 43, between Lucas pond road and Route 4," the farm posted on its Facebook page on March 11. In a Monday, April 7, story in the Union Leader, Sugarmomma's producer Debra Locke said she reported the theft to Northwood's police department. In the story, the police chief is quoted as saying that the case remained open and there were no other reports of sap thefts in the area. Locke said the sap would have produced 30 to 35 gallons of syrup, according to the story.

QOL score: -1

Comment: If you have any information about the missing sap, call the Northwood Police Department at 942-8284, the story said.

QOL score: 60

Net change: 0

QOL this week: 60

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Today is **Record Store Day!** You can score special releases including some that will only be sold at indie record stores. See recordstoreday.com for updates on this year's titles. According to that website, local participating stores include Metro City Records, 691 Somerville St. in Manchester (which will be open special hours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) and Pitchfork Records, 2 S. Main St. in Concord (opening at 8 a.m. on Record Store Day) as well as Music Connection in Manchester; Toadstool in Peterborough; Bull Moose in Plaistow and Portsmouth; area Newbury Comics and more. See recordstoreday.com.



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Company (ovationtc.com) present **Monty Python's Spamalot School Edition** this evening at 7 p.m. and tomorrow, Saturday, April 12, at 1 and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry). See derryoperalhouse.org for tickets.

Friday, April 11

Comedy star **Paula Poundstone** performs at the Chubb Theatre (Chubb Theatre at CCA, 44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com) tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$23.

Saturday, April 12

The **Stonyfield Organic Earth Day 5K** steps off at 9 a.m. today. The race, held by Millennium Running, also features a kids' fun run and is followed by an Earth Day Fair with games, vendors and more. See millenniumrunning.com/stonyfield5k.

Saturday, April 12

The Manchester True Collaborative Center (72 Concord St., Manchester, manchestertrue.org) is hosting a **Bug Out Basics** workshop today from noon to 2 p.m. Learn how to create a bug out bag and valuable emergency preparedness tips.

Saturday, April 12

The New Hampshire Philharmonic presents **"Drawn to the Music —The Planets"** featuring visuals by local students paired with Gustav Holst's "The Planets" today at 2 p.m. and tomorrow, Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at Seifert Performing Arts

Save the Date!

Saturday, April 19

Concord's Giant Indoor Yard Sale will take place Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road, Concord). Admission is \$5 per adult, according to the event's Eventbrite page. See facebook.com/CapitalEventsNH.



Thursday, April 10

Described as a "unique blend of traditional brass instruments with a full complement of drums and percussion," **Dallas Brass** performs at Stockbridge Theatre in Derry tonight at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$30. See stockbridgetheatre.showare.com.

Thursday, April 10

The **Merrimack Valley/Purple Finch Flute Choir** performs tonight from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4600, nashualibrary.org). This concert is free and open to the public.

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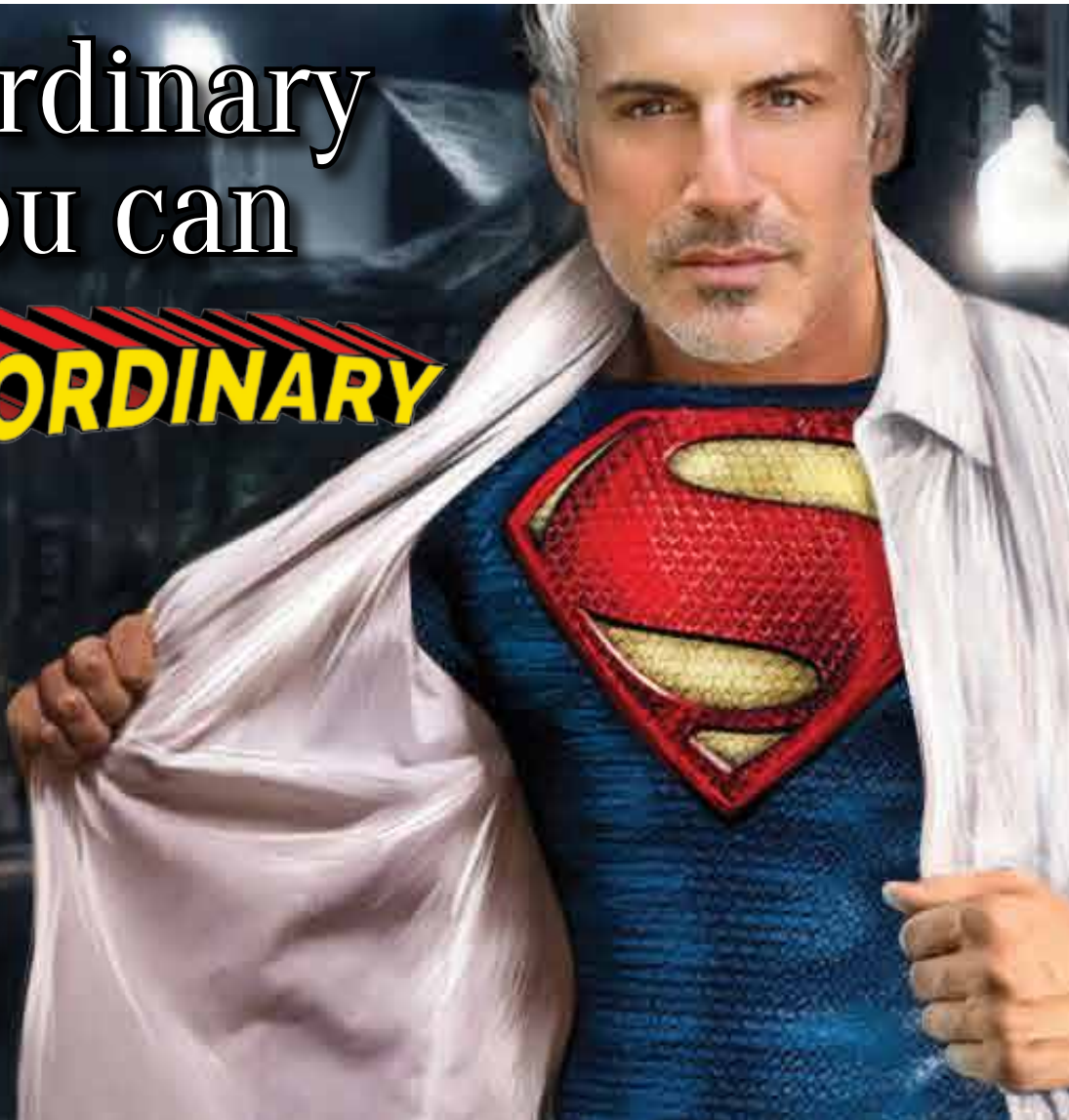


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Meet the big winners!

This year's picks for Best Ice Cream, Best Happy Hour Hangout, Best Ski Hill and Best Burger are big winners — but so are the readers who voted in the Best of 2025 readers' poll. And so are all of us who now have a great list of fine dining restaurants, family dining restaurants and cheap date spots to check out.

In our poll, which ran from mid January through the end of February, we also asked you for your thoughts on the important issues such as when to eat dessert (a winning answer: "always to-go. Chocolate cake, if they got it.") and "What Pet Should I Get?," which elicited some awesome rhyming responses.

Most categories give you the top five winners. A few categories are supersized to give you even more reader favorites. All results are final for this snapshot of 2025 in southern New Hampshire.

Looking to find a place for excellent pizza, innovative cocktails or fabulous nail art? Check out these reader picks for the area's very best.

ARTS

Best performing arts venue

- ★ **Best of the best: The Palace Theatre** 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org
- ★ **Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusic hall.com
- ★ **Capitol Center for the Arts** 44 S. Main St. in Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com
- ★ **Nashua Center for the Arts** 201 Main St. in Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashua-centerforthearts.com
- ★ **Rex Theatre** 23 Amherst St. in Man-

chester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Best theatrical production

- ★ **Best of the best: *A Christmas Carol*** at the Palace Theatre in Manchester in November and December 2024.
- ★ ***Nutcracker*** presented by Ballet Misha at Dana Center in Manchester.
- ★ ***Jersey Boys*** at the Palace Theatre in Manchester as part of its Performing Arts Series in October and November 2024
- ★ ***Piano Men & Women*** at the Palace Theatre in Manchester as part of its Performing Arts Series in January and February 2025
- ★ ***The Nutcracker*** presented by Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater at the Palace Theatre in Manchester as part of its Performing Arts Series in November 2024

Theater company whose shows are always a hit

- ★ **Best of the best: The Palace Theatres** 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org. The next show in its performing arts series is *Jesus Christ Superstar* April 18-May 11.
- ★ **Actorsingers** actorsingers.org, a community theater organization based in Nashua with adult and kids productions. Next up is *Disney's Frozen Jr.* from Actorsingers Youth April 11-13 and the mainstage production *Legally Blonde The Musical* May 2-4.
- ★ **Ovation Theatre Company** ovationtc.com, a Londonderry-based theater company with shows featuring actors ages kid through adult. Next up is *Monty Python's Spamalot: School Edition* April 11-12 at the Derry Opera House.
- ★ **Peacock Players** peacockplayers.org,

a Nashua-based youth theater company. Next up is *Chicago Teen Edition* May 9-18

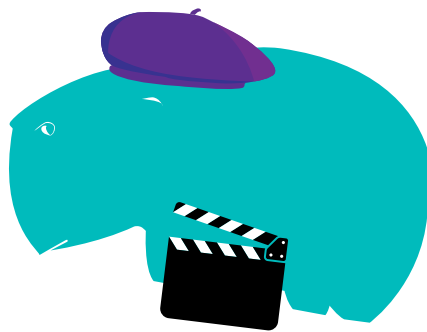
★ **The Seacoast Repertory Theatre** seacoastrep.org, "is a nonprofit, professional regional theatre in historic downtown Portsmouth," according to its website. Current offerings include *The Wedding Singer The Musical Comedy* running through May 4.

★ **Majestic Theatre** majestictheatre.net, "provides artistic enrichment for the community through the programming of family-oriented productions and educational opportunities," according to the website. Next up is *Jack of Diamonds* April 25-27.

★ **RB Productions Theatre Company** rb-productions.com, "is a nonprofit community theater organization ... [providing] experiential and educational theater opportunities for youth and young theater professionals throughout greater Concord and the state of New Hampshire," according to the website. Next up is *The Wedding Singer The Musical Comedy* at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord July 11-12.

Best local place to buy art

- ★ **Best of the best: League of New Hampshire Craftsmen's Annual Craftsmen's Fair**, which will take place this year



Saturday, Aug. 2, through Sunday, Aug. 10, at Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury. See nhcrafts.org/annual-craftsmens-fair.

★ **To Share Brewing Co.** 720 Union St. in Manchester, 836-6947, tosharebrewing.com. In addition to craft night classes (such as Sea Glass Art on April 9), To Share held a holiday market featuring local artists in December 2024.

★ **Green Envy** 377 Elm St. in Manchester, 722-3885, greenenvywellness.com. "Our store is proud to feature local artists and offer an array of unique goods and experiences," according to the website.

★ **Two Villages Art Society** 846 Main St. in Contoocook, twovillagesart.org. "Our gallery in Contoocook Village (part of the town of Hopkinton), is a place to experience art, whether as an exhibitor, student, shopper, or casual visitor," according to the website.

★ **Art 3 Gallery** 44 W. Brook St. in Manchester, 668-6650, art3gallery.com. "Art 3 Gallery is a premier retail fine art gallery showcasing one of the largest collections of art in northern New England," according to the website.

★ **Concord Fine Craft Gallery, League of NH Craftsmen** 36 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-8171, concord.nhcrafts.org. The gallery "showcases a diverse collection of traditional and contemporary fine craft," according to the website.

Best local studio or other venue to make art

★ **Best of the best: Studio 550 Art Center** 550 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com. "Primarily a pottery and stained glass studio, we offer fun one-day workshops for those just looking to try it out, and year-round classes for more in-depth learning," according to the website.

★ **Kimball Jenkins** 266 N. Main St. in Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com. "Whether through art education classes and workshops for students of all ages, exhibitions, events, or the preservation of our historic campus, Kimball Jenkins continues to serve hundreds of individuals annually while playing a critical role in the community," according to the website.

★ **Makers Mill** 23 Bay St. in Wolfeboro, 569-1500, makersmill.org. "Makers Mill is open to all levels of makers: students, hobbyists, and professionals; providing a place where people feed off one another's inter-

The fine print

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The Best of 2025 is a celebration of all things local and is meant to serve as a snapshot of the people and places in southern New Hampshire. Large national and international chains are, for the most part, not included in the count.

Information presented here is gathered from sources including the location's website and social media pages. Double check with the spots before heading out to make sure times, locations and menu items hav-

en't changed.

Questions, comments, concerns? Did we get an address or phone number wrong? Do you have an idea for a new category? Let us know. Contact editor Amy Diaz at adiaz@hippopress.com. Corrections will appear on the first page of the news section in future issues.

Is your favorite category missing? Categories change regularly, with some categories taking a sabbatical and new categories introduced, so please send your suggestions for a category for next year to adiaz@hippopress.com. And, again, all results are final. Like, final final.

Hey, there's always next year.

ests, curiosity, enthusiasm, ideas, feedback, and projects; and facilitating collaboration, mentorship, and learning exchanges,” according to the website.

★ **Green Envy** 377 Elm St. in Manchester, 722-3885, greenenvywellness.com. “Whether you ... pour a candle or learn a new craft, we hope that you’ll come back time and time again to try something new from our revolving schedule of classes,” according to the website.

★ **Currier Museum of Art** 150 Ash St. in Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org. “The Currier Museum is committed to connecting people with art by bringing art-making to audiences of all ages and abilities,” according to the website.

Best art gallery

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★ **Mosaic Art Collective** 66 Hanover St. in Manchester, mosaicartcollective.com. “Mosaic offers inexpensive studio spaces, public workshops, classes, camps, open studio and community events in the gallery,” according to the website.

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★ **See Saw Art** 66 Hanover St. in Manchester, seesaw.gallery. “See Saw Art is a 120-square-foot exhibition space located within Mosaic Art Collective.... See Saw Art features invitational and open call exhibitions on a monthly basis,” according to the website.

ENTERTAINMENT

Best bookstore

★ **Best of the best: Gibson’s Bookstore** 45 S. Main St. in Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com

★ **Bookery** 844 Elm St. in Manchester, 836-6600, bookerymht.com

★ **Balin Books** 375 Amherst St. in Nashua, 417-7981, balinbooks.com

★ **The Lost Page Found Bookshop** 10 Church St. in Goffstown, 714-5295, find them on Facebook

★ **Toadstool Bookshop** 12 Depot

Square in Peterborough, 924-3543, toad-books.com

Best bowling alley

★ **Best of the best: Lakeside Lanes** 2171 Candia Road in Manchester, 627-7722, lakesidelanes.com

★ **Yankee Lanes** 216 Maple St. in Manchester, 625-9656, manchester.yankee-lanesentertainment.com

★ **Merrimack Ten Pin Center** 698 DW Highway in Merrimack, 262-1464, merrimacktenpin.com

★ **Boutwell’s Bowling Center** 152 N. State St. in Concord, 224-0941, boutwell-sbowl.com

★ **Leda Lanes** 340 Amherst St. in Nashua, 889-4884, ledalanes.com

Best local casino

★ **Best of the best: Revo Casino and Social House** 1279 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 668-6591, revocasino.com/ revo-manchester.com. Revo Casino also has locations in Dover, Keene, Lebanon and Conway.

★ **The Brook** 319 New Zealand Road in Seabrook, 474-3065, livefreeandplay.com

★ **Gate City Casino** 55 Northeastern Blvd. in Nashua, 943-5630, thegatecitycasino.com

★ **Lucky Moose Casino & Tavern** 16 Gusabel Ave. in Nashua, 864-0175, lucky-moosecasino.com

★ **The Nash Casino** 310 DW Highway in Nashua, 751-6274, thenashcasino.com

Best comic book store

★ **Best of the best: Double Midnight Comics** 252 Willow St. in Manchester, 669-9636, dmcomics.com

★ **Jetpack Comics & Games** 37 N. Main St. in Rochester, 330-XMEN (9636), jetpackcomics.com

★ **Double Midnight Comics** 341 Loudon Road in Concord, 715-2683, dmcomics.com

★ **Merrymac Games & Comics** 550 DW Highway in Merrimack, 420-8161, merrymacgc.com

★ **The Comic Store** 55 Lake St. in Nashua, 881-4855, find them on Facebook

★ **Gorilla Games** 61 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-5369, gorillagamesnh.com

Best place for games — arcade, card or board

★ **Best of the best: Boards and Brews** 941 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-5184, boardsandbrewsnh.com

★ **Fun Spot** 579 Endicott St. North in Laconia, funspotnh.com, 366-4377

★ **Tycoon Arcade** 195 McGregor St., Suite 201, in Manchester, 401-4866, tabletoptycoon.com/pages/arcade

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★ **Diversions Puzzles & Games** 123 Congress St. in Portsmouth, 766-6220, diversionsgames.com. There are other locations in Somersworth and South Portland, Maine.

Best mini-golf

★ **Best of the best: Mel's Funway Park** 454 Charles Bancroft Highway in Litchfield, 424-2292, melsfunwaypark.com.

★ **Chuckster's Ice Cream & Miniature Golf** 53 Hackett Hill Road in Hooksett, 210-1415, chucksters-hooksett.com

★ **Chuckster's Family Fun Park** 9 Bailey Road in Chichester, 798-3555, chuckstersnh.com

★ **Mini Links at LaBelle Winery** 14 Route 111 in Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com

Who or what is the G.O.A.T.?

We asked voters to prove they weren't bots by answering the above question. Some took it quite literally, telling us what the acronym means ("greatest of all time"), some specified the animal and some answered The Goat Bar & Grill in Manchester. Of the voters that specified a person or thing as the G.O.A.T., it will surprise no one in Patriots Nation that "Tom Brady" was the overwhelming answer. Other people with multiple votes include:

Simone Biles
Taylor Swift
Cristiano Ronaldo
Michael Jordan
Lionel Messi
LeBron James
Larry Bird
Jesus
Not Tom Brady
And quite a few variations on "I am the G.O.A.T."

As one person summed it up, "Brady, Jordan, Messi, Gretzky, Mays"

Muhammad Ali got a few votes, as did Derek Jeter, Daddy Yankee, Wayne Gretzky, Eli Manning and pizza. We also got a few "You are the GOAT," which is nice, thank you.

Some of the fun one-off votes include:
"That iconic smell after a rainstorm"
"Tater Tots - Nature's most perfect snack food - is the greatest iteration of potatoes, ever."
"Probably iced lavender lattes honestly"
"Keanu Reeves is the all time GOAT"
"Mister Rogers"
"SANDLER"
"Chocolate cake"

★ **Aloha Mini Glow Golf** Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 606-8922, alohaminiglowgolf.com

Best record store

★ **Best of the best: Pitchfork Records** 2 S. Main St. in Concord, 224-6700, pitchforkrecordsconcord.com

★ **Music Connection** 1711 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 644-0199, musicconnection.us

★ **The Infectious Groove** 76 Route 101A in Amherst, 718-0109, theinfectious-groove.com

★ **Bull Moose** 1981 Woodbury Ave. in Portsmouth, 422-9525, bullmoose.com

★ **Skele-Tone Records** 50L N. Main St. in Rochester, 948-1009, skeletonerecs.com

★ **Bull Moose** 34 Plaistow Road in Plaistow, 898-6254, bullmoose.com

Best smoke shop

★ **Best of the best: Twins Smoke Shop** 80 Perkins Road in Londonderry, 421-0242; 9 W Alice Ave. in Hooksett, 421-0242; twinssmokeshop.com.

★ **Smoker's Haven** 105 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 518-8872; 4 Main St. in Manchester, 621-5293; 1092 Suncook Valley Highway in Epsom, 736-9748; 441 Amherst St. in Nashua, 402-1942; 245 Union Ave. in Laconia, 527-8311; 1176 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 606-1697; 34 Manchester Road in Derry, 404-6116; 2 E. Otterson St. in Nashua, 417-6667; 9B Ashuelot St. in Keene, 352-8320; 979 Union St. in Laconia, 527-8171; 6D Dobson Way in Merrimack, 513-1902; smokershaveninc.com

★ **Castro's Back Room** 972 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-7854; 132 Bedford Center Road, Suite B, in Bedford, 472-3378; 5 Depot St. in Concord, 225-6522; 119 Main St. in Nashua, 881-7703; castros.com

★ **Two Guys Cigars Smoke Shop** 304 S. Broadway in Salem, 898-2221; 15 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 891-2122; 741 Lafayette Road in Seabrook, 474-8222; 2guyscigars.com

★ **Wild Side Smoke Shop** 1356 Elm St. in Manchester, 518-7249

BEAUTY

Best barber shop

★ **Best of the best: Faded Armor Barber Co.** 2075 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 854-8990, fadedarmorbarberco.com

★ **Homegrown Barber Co.** 18 Orchard View Drive in Londonderry, 818-8989, homegrownbarber.com

★ **Polished Man Barbershop & Lounge** 178 Route 101 in Bedford, 233-7991, thepolishedman.com

★ **Black Clover Barber Co.** 604 DW Highway in Merrimack, 809-0457, black-cloverbarberco.com

★ **Ritual Grooming** 14B Broad St., Suite D, in Nashua, 365-4319, ritualgroomingnh.com

Best salon

★ **Best of the best: Blank Canvas Salon** 1F Commons Drive in Londonderry, 818-4294, blankcanvassalon.com

★ **Salon North** 102 Bay St. in Manchester, 483-3011, 102salonnorth.com

★ **The Loft Hair Studio** 106½ S. State St. in Concord, 784-5061, thelofthairstudioh.com

★ **BABE The Studio** 79 S. River Road in Bedford, babethestudio.glossgenius.com

★ **Pellé Medical Spa** 159 Frontage Road in Manchester, 627-7000, pellemedicalspa.com

Best spa

★ **Best of the best: Renew MediSpa** 23 B Crystal Ave. in Derry, 931-4345, renewmedispa.com

★ **Pellé Medical Spa** 159 Frontage Road in Manchester, 627-7000, pellemedicalspa.com

★ **Chill Spa** 1224 Hanover St. in Manchester, 622-3722, chillspa.com

★ **Serendipity Day Spa and Float Studio** 23 Sheep Davis Road in Pembroke, 229-0400, serendipitydayspa.shop

★ **Innovations Salon and Spa** 228 Naticook Road in Merrimack, 880-7499, innovationsnh.com

Where they do a good brow

★ **Best of the best: Beauty Works** 123 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 275-8672, beautyworksnh.com

★ **Renew MediSpa** 23 B Crystal Ave. in Derry, 931-4345, renewmedispa.com

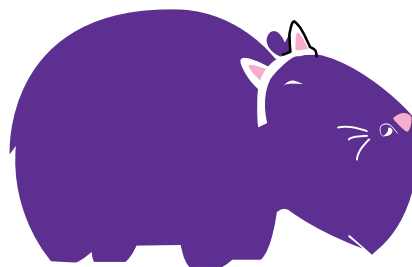
★ **Resilient Artistry** 679 Mast Road Manchester, find them on Facebook

★ **Pellé Medical Spa** 159 Frontage Road in Manchester, 627-7000, pellemedicalspa.com

★ **Chill Spa** 1224 Hanover St. in Manchester, 622-3722, chillspa.com

Where they make your nails look fabulous

★ **Best of the best: Glossy Nails** 1 S.



River Road in Bedford, 935-8383, glossynails.net

★ **Quince Nails & Spa** 50 S. Willow St., Unit 8, in Manchester, 232-5699, quincenailsandspamanchester.com

★ **Glossy Nails** 655 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 518-5557 glossynails.net

★ **Exotic 9 Nails** 30 Crystal Avenue, Suite 6, in Derry, 425-7731, exotic9nails.com

★ **Chill Spa** 1224 Hanover St. in Manchester, 622-3722, chillspa.com

Best tattoo shop

★ **Best of the best: Arrows & Embers Tattoo** 117 Manchester St., Suite 3, in Concord, 988-6067, arrowsandemberstattoo.com

★ **River Rose Tattoo** 679 Mast Road Manchester, find the business on Instagram, where you can connect directly with the artists

★ **New Inkland Tattoo Co.** 1358 Elm St. in Manchester, 518-7493, find them on Facebook

★ **Blood Oath Tattoo** 15 Pleasant St. in Concord, 227-6912, bloodoathtattoo.com

★ **Wayne's Tattoo World** 6 West Broadway in Derry, 432-4828, waynestattooworld.com

Best car wash

★ **Best of the best: Infinity Car Wash & Detailing** 763 Second St. and 47 Elm St., Manchester, 669-3235, find them on Facebook

★ **Royal T Car Wash** 20 Folsom Road in Derry, 425-6844, royaltcarwash.com.

★ **Golden Nozzle Car Wash** 24 Loudon Road in Concord, 856-8462, and 165 London Road in Concord, 225-4757, goldennozzlecarwash.com. New Hampshire locations also include Dover, Exeter, Goffstown, Manchester, Nashua, Rochester and Hooksett.

★ **Scrubadub Car Wash** 113 N. Broadway in Salem, 898-4243, scrubadub.com/salem-car-wash

★ **Kerner's Car Wash & Quick Lube** 66 S. Beech St. in Manchester, 877-312-2199, and 40 S. Beech St. in Manchester, 877-312-2199, and 708 Second St. in Manchester; kernerscarcare.com.

Best workout space

★ **Best of the best: Collective Studios** 4 Orchard View Drive in Londonderry, 216-2345, thecollective-studios.com

★ **Impact-X Performance** 150 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 247-9334, impactx-performance.com

★ **Strive Indoor Cycling** 10 Hills Ave. in Concord, striveindoorcycling.com

★ **Barre Life** 944 Elm St. in Manchester, barrelifenh.com

★ **2 Home Fitness** 2 Home Ave. in Concord, 219-7224, 2homefitness.com
 ★ **Humble Warrior Power Yoga** 155 Dow St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 218-3928, humblewarriorpoweryoga.com. Other New Hampshire locations include in Bedford and Exeter.

SHOPPING

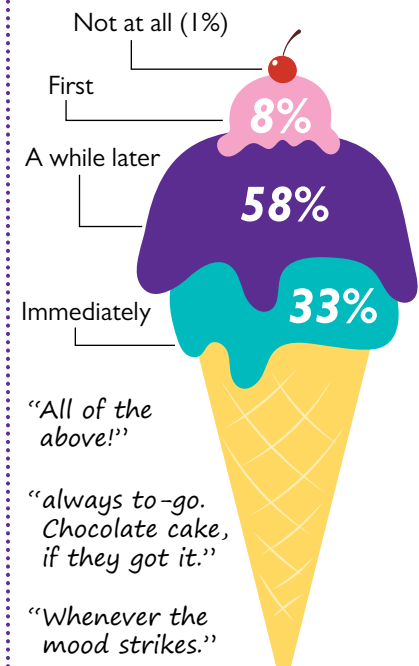
Best independent clothing or shoe shop

★ **Best of the best: Alec's Shoes** 1617 Southwood Drive in Nashua, 882-6811, alecs-shoes.com
 ★ **Joe King's Shoes** 45 N. Main St. in Concord, 225-6012, joeatings.com
 ★ **Kelly's Klose** online business with a pickup spot at 10 Maurais St. in Hooksett, kellysklosetllc.com
 ★ **Gondwana & Divine Clothing Co.** 13 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-1101, gondwanaclimbing.com
 ★ **Alapage** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 622-0550, alapageboutique.com

Best locally made product

★ **Best of the best: Ben's Maple Syrup** from Ben's Sugar Shack, 8 Webster Highway in Temple, 924-3111, bensmaple-syrup.com
 ★ **Chocolate from Loon Chocolate** 195 McGregor St., No. 121, in Manchester, 932-8887, loonchocolate.com
 ★ **Blackwater Mustard** from the Blackwater Mustard Co. blackwatermustardco.com

Dessert: Immediately after dinner, a while later or first?



★ **Chocolate at Granite State Candy Shoppe** 13 Warren St. in Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St. in Manchester, granitestatedandyshoppe.com
 ★ **Chocolate at Dancing Lion Chocolate** 917 Elm St. in Manchester, 625-4043, dancinglion.us
 ★ **Laurel Hill Jams and Jellies** 195 McGregor St. in Manchester, laurelhill-jams.com

Independent shop where the customer service keeps you coming back

★ **Best of the best: Kelly's Klose** online business with a pickup spot at 10 Maurais St. in Hooksett, kellysklosetllc.com
 ★ **BABE The Studio** 79 S. River Road in Bedford, babethestudio.glossgenius.com
 ★ **The Loft Hair Studio** 106½ S. State St. in Concord, 784-5061, thelofthairstudionh.com
 ★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Drive, Unit 1, in Londonderry, 552-3828, thenestfamilycafe.com
 ★ **Loon Chocolate** 195 McGregor St., No. 121, in Manchester, 932-8887, loonchocolate.com
 ★ **Granite State Naturals** 170 N. State St. in Concord, 224-9341, granitestatenaturals.com

Best local shop to get a one-of-a-kind gift

★ **Best of the best: Manchester Craft Market** Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester; 606-1351, manchestercraftmarket.com
 ★ **The Terracotta Room** 1361 Elm St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 518-8779, theterracottaroom.com
 ★ **Viking House** 19 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-1198, vikinghouse.com
 ★ **Green Envy** 377 Elm St. in Manchester, 722-3885, greenenvywellness.com.
 ★ **Loon Chocolate** 195 McGregor St., No. 121, in Manchester, 932-8887, loonchocolate.com

RESTAURANTS

Best restaurant overall

★ **Best of the best: The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com
 ★ **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.
 ★ **Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com
 ★ **Copper Door** 15 Leavy Drive in Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoor.com
 ★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

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Best new eatery

- ★ **Best of the best: Dishon Bakery** 915 Elm St. in Manchester, 600-1773, dishonbakery.com
- ★ **Lost Cowboy Brewing Co.** 546 Amherst St. in Nashua, 600-6800, lostcowboybrewing.com
- ★ **La Vaka Mexican Restaurant** 553 Mast Road in Goffstown, 218-3994, lavakamex.com
- ★ **Honey Cup Cafe & Tearoom** 150 Bridge St. in Manchester, 836-6008, honeycupnh.com
- ★ **Republic Brewing Co.** 72 Old Granite St. in Manchester, 836-3188, republicbrewingcompany.com

Best fine dining restaurant

- ★ **Best of the best: Hanover Street Chophouse** 149 Hanover St. in Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com
- ★ **Buckley's Great Steaks** 438 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com
- ★ **Copper Door** 15 Leavy Drive in Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoor.com
- ★ **Bedford Village Inn** 2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 427-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com
- ★ **Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com

Best eatery from which to get takeout

- ★ **Best of the best: Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 623-3182 for takeout.
- ★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746, pressedcafe.com. Other New Hampshire locations include 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only), and 1 Artisan Drive in Salem, 458-5922.
- ★ **Mr. Mac's** 497 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com
- ★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenrodrestaurant.com
- ★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

MORE STANDOUT EATERIES

Best date night restaurant

- ★ **Best of the best: Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com
- ★ **The Crown Tavern** 99 Hanover St. in Manchester, 218-3132, thecrownnonhanover.com
- ★ **Firefly Bistro & Bar** 22 Concord St. in Manchester, 935-9740, fireflynh.com

The best snacks are: salty, sweet or a kettlecorn-ish combination of the two?

"Yes. Sampler plate of all three."

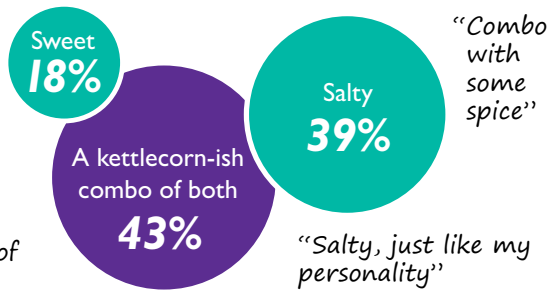
- ★ **Buckley's Great Steaks** 438 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com
- ★ **The Foundry Restaurant** 50 Commercial St. in Manchester, 836-1925, foundrynh.com

Restaurant that brings the heat

- ★ **Best of the best: Daw Kun Thai** 93 S. Maple St., No. 4, in Manchester, 232-0699
- ★ **Destination India Restaurant and Bar** 14 E. Broadway, Unit A, in Derry, 552-3469, dineatdestinationindia.com. A second location is at 320 Lafayette Road in Hampton.
- ★ **KS Kitchen** 1105 Elm St. in Manchester, 512-5577, kskitchennh.com
- ★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com
- ★ **Curry Leaf** 6 Pleasant St. in Concord, 715-5746, curryleafus.com
- ★ **La Vaka Mexican Restaurant** 553 Mast Road in Goffstown, 218-3994, lavakamex.com
- ★ **Thai Food Connection** 1069 Elm St. in Manchester, 935-7257, thaifoodconnection.com. There is also a location at 254 Wallace Road in Bedford, 488-1862.

Restaurant with the best outdoor seating

- ★ **Best of the best: The Crown Tavern** 99 Hanover St. in Manchester, 218-3132, thecrownnonhanover.com
- ★ **The Derryfield Restaurant** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com
- ★ **603 Brewery & Beer Hall** 42 Main St. in Londonderry, 404-6123, 603brewery.com
- ★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-3545, backyardbrewerynh.com
- ★ **The Foundry Restaurant** 50 Commercial St. in Manchester, 836-1925, foundrynh.com
- ★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com



Restaurant with the best shareable plates

- ★ **Best of the best: Stella Blu** 70 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, 578-5557, stellablu-nh.com
- ★ **Puritan Backroom Restaurant** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.
- ★ **The Birch on Elm** 968 Elm St. in Manchester, 826-1958, birchonelm.com
- ★ **Granite Tapas & Cocktail Lounge** 1461 Hooksett Road, Suite A6, in Hooksett, 232-1421, find them on Facebook
- ★ **Local Street Eats** 112 W. Pearl St. in Nashua, 402-4435, local-streeteats.com
- ★ **Thirsty Moose Taphouse** 795 Elm St. in Manchester, 792-2337, thirstymoosetaphouse.com/manchester. Other locations are in Portsmouth, Dover, Merrimack and Exeter.

A WORLD OF EATS

Best Asian food

- ★ **Best of the best: Asian Breeze** 1328 Hooksett Road, No. 41, in Hooksett, 621-9298, asianbreezenh.com
- ★ **Chen's Garden** 956 Second St. in Manchester, 836-5608, chensgardennh.com
- ★ **Lilac Blossom Restaurant** 385 E. Dunstable Road in Nashua, 888-9588; 650 Amherst St. in Nashua, 886-8420; lilacblossom.us
- ★ **Thai Food Connection** 1069 Elm St. in Manchester, 935-7257, thaifoodconnection.com. There is also a location at 254 Wallace Road in Bedford, 488-1862.
- ★ **Asahi** 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 437-1688, asahinh.com
- ★ **North Garden Chinese Restaurant & Lounge** 715 Mast Road in Manchester, 668-1668, northgardenrestaurant.com

Best Greek food

- ★ **Best of the best: Amphora Restaurant & Taverna** 55 Crystal Ave. in Derry, 537-0111, amphoranh.com
- ★ **Fotia Greek Taverna** 401 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 461-3007, fotiagreek-taverna.com
- ★ **The Gyro Spot** 1073 Elm St. in Manchester, 218-3869, thegyrospot.com
- ★ **Ya Mas Greek Taverna & Bar** 275

Rockingham Road in Salem, 635-4230, yourmythbeginsatyamas.com

★ **Al Basha Mediterranean Grill** 379 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 391-5613, albashamedgrill.com

Best Indian food

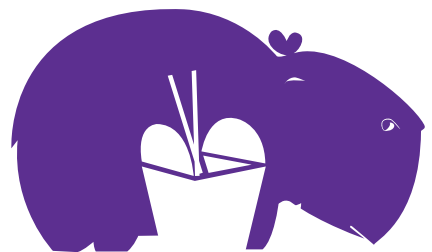
- ★ **Best of the best: Curry Leaf** 6 Pleasant St. in Concord, 715-5746, curryleafus.com
- ★ **Destination India Restaurant and Bar** 14 E. Broadway, Unit A, in Derry, 552-3469, dineatdestinationindia.com. A second location is at 320 Lafayette Road in Hampton.
- ★ **Taj India** 967 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-2677, tajindia.co
- ★ **Kashmir Indian Cuisine** 396 S. Broadway in Salem, 898-3455, kashmirindianfood.com
- ★ **Kathmandu Spice** 379 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 782-3911, ktm Spice.com

Best Italian food

- ★ **Best of the best: Villaggio Ristorante Italiano** 677 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 627-2424, villaggionh.com
- ★ **Lucciano's Ristorante & Bar** 4 Orchard View in Londonderry, 432-2442, luccianoscafe.com
- ★ **Fratello's Italian Grille** 155 Dow St. in Manchester, 624-2022, fratellos.com. There is also a location at 799 Union Ave. in Laconia.
- ★ **Angelina's Ristorante Italiano** 11 Depot St. in Concord, 228-3313, 044bc0e.netsolhost.com
- ★ **Trattoria Amalfi** 385 S. Broadway in Salem, 893-5773, tamalfi.com

Best Mexican food

- ★ **Best of the best: La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** 139 DW Highway in Nashua, 891-0055; 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899; 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 965-3477; 35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, in Derry, 421-0091; 172 Hanover St. in Portsmouth, 427-8319; lacarretamex.com
- ★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill** 865 Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182, vallartamexicannh.com
- ★ **La Vaka Mexican Restaurant** 553 Mast Road in Goffstown, 218-3994, lavakamex.com



★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

★ **Hermanos Cocina Mexicana** 11 Hills Ave. in Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com.

DELICIOUS DISHES

Best barbecue

★ **Best of the best: KC's Rib Shack** 837 Second St. in Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net

★ **Smokehaus Barbecue** 278 Route 101 in Amherst, 249-5734, smokehausbbq.com. There is also a location at 13 Main St. in Dublin.

★ **Smokeshow Barbecue** 231 S. Main St. in Concord, 227-6399, smokeshowbbq.com

★ **Goody Coles Smokehouse** 374 Route 125 in Bedford, 679-8898, goodycoles.com

★ **603 Bar-B-Q** 126 Hall St., Unit A, in Concord, 333-5387, bbqnh.com

Best bowls

★ **Best of the best: Buba Noodle Bar** 36 Lowell St. in Manchester, 935-7864, bubanoodle.com. There is also a location at 148 N. Main St. in Concord, 219-0064.

★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** 4 Orchard View Drive, No. 6, in Londonderry, 965-3411, troysfreshkitchen.com. There is also a location at 11 Manchester Road, Unit 2, in Derry, 552-3959.

★ **Poké Spot** 655 S. Willow St. in Manchester, pokespotnh.com. There is also a location at 270 Amherst St. in Nashua.

★ **Crazy Noodle** 44 Nashua Road, Unit 6, in Londonderry, 965-4914, crazynoodlehouse.wordpress.com.

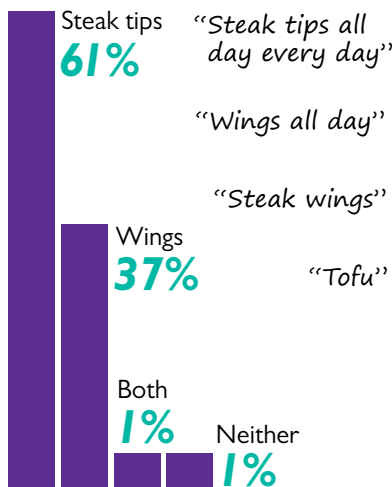
★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746, pressedcafe.com. Other New Hampshire locations include 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only), and 1 Artisan Drive in Salem, 458-5922.

Best breakfast

★ **Best of the best: Tucker's** 95 S. River Road in Bedford, 413-6503; 80 South St. in Concord, 413-5884; 238 Indian Brook Road in Dover, 413-5470; 1328 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 206-5757; 360 DW Highway in Merrimack, 413-6477; 207 Main St. in New London, 413-5528; tuckersnh.com. A location at 2028 Woodbury Ave. in Newington is slated to open in September, according to the website.

★ **MaryAnn's Diner** 29 E. Broadway in Derry, 434-5785; 4 Cobbetts Pond Road in Windham, 965-3066; 3 Veterans Memorial Parkway in Salem, 893-9877; 1 Craftsman Lane in Amherst, 577-8955; maryannsdiner.com

Steak tips or wings?



★ **Janie's Uncommon Cafe** 123 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 432-3100, janiescafe.com

★ **Riverhouse Cafe** 167 Union Square in Milford, 249-5556, damngoodgrub.com

★ **Red Arrow Diner** 61 Lowell St. in Manchester, 626-1118; 112 Loudon Road in Concord, 415-0444; 137 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 552-3091; 149 DW Highway in Nashua, 204-5088; redarrowdiner.com.

Best brunch

★ **Best of the best: Tucker's** 95 S. River Road in Bedford, 413-6503; 80 South St. in Concord, 413-5884; 238 Indian Brook Road in Dover, 413-5470; 1328 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 206-5757; 360 DW Highway in Merrimack, 413-6477; 207 Main St. in New London, 413-5528; tuckersnh.com. A location at 2028 Woodbury Ave. in Newington is slated to open in September, according to the website.

★ **The Foundry Restaurant** 50 Commercial St. in Manchester, 836-1925, foundrynh.com

★ **The Friendly Toast** 4 Main St. in Bedford, 836-6238, thefriendlytoast.com

★ **Firefly Bistro & Bar** 22 Concord St. in Manchester, 935-9740, fireflynh.com

★ **Janie's Uncommon Cafe** 123 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 432-3100, janiescafe.com

★ **The Moka Pot at City Hall Pub** 889 Elm St. in Manchester, 782-7881, find them on Facebook.

Best burgers

★ **Best of the best: The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

★ **BAD BRGR** 1015 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-8806, bad-brgr.com

★ **The Barley House** 132 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

★ **River Road Tavern** 193 S. River Road

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in Bedford, 206-5837, riverroadtavernbedford.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 641-6100; 404 S. Main St. in Concord, 715-1999; 39 Crystal Ave. in Derry, 434-3200; 77 Lowell Road in Hudson, 882-6677; 311 South Broadway in Salem, 893-3444; 1182 Union Ave. in Laconia, 528-7800; t-bones.com

Restaurant or food shop that is a cheese lover’s paradise

★ **Best of the best: Angela’s Pasta, Cheese & Wine** 815 Chestnut St. in Manchester, 625-9544, angelaspastaandcheese.com

★ **Mr. Mac’s** 497 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com

★ **Tuscan Market** 9 Via Toscana in Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com/tuscan-markets

★ **C’est Cheese** 845 Lafayette Road in Hampton, 964-2272, cestcheesenh.com

★ **Cheese Louise** 76 Congress St. in Portsmouth, 427-8615, eatcheeselouise.com. Other New Hampshire locations include North Conway and Conway.

Best chicken tenders

★ **Best of the best: Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritan-backroom.com, 623-3182 for takeout.

★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenro-drestaurant.com

★ **Charlie’s of Goffstown** 1 Pinard St. in Manchester, 606-1835, charliesgoffstown.com

★ **Vintage Pizza** 241 Candia Road in Manchester, 518-7800, vintagepizzanh.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 641-6100; 404 S. Main St. in Concord, 715-1999; 39 Crystal Ave. in Derry, 434-3200; 77 Lowell Road in Hudson, 882-6677; 311 S. Broadway in Salem, 893-3444; 1182 Union Ave. in Laconia, 528-7800; t-bones.com

Best fish and chips

★ **Best of the best: The Lobster Boat Restaurant** 453 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-5221; 273 Derry Road in Litchfield, 882-4988; lobsterboatrestaurant.com

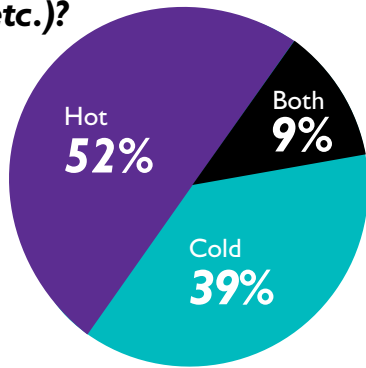
★ **The Peddler’s Daughter Irish Restaurant & Pub** 48 Main St. in Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com

★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenro-drestaurant.com

★ **Petey’s Summertime Seafood** 1323 Ocean Blvd. in Rye, 433-1937, peteys.com

★ **The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant** 909 Elm St. in Manchester, 625-0246,

Subs are best cold (cold cuts, veggies, etc.) or hot (steak bomb, meatballs, etc.)?



“Both/depends on my mood”

“hot if you live in New England, cold if you live in NYC/NJ”

“I love all sandwiches equally (not wraps tho)”

“subs are best, period. we don’t need to split our nation any more than this.”

shaskeenirishpub.com

Where the french fries are so good they can be the whole meal

★ **Best of the best: Republic Brewing Co.** 72 Old Granite St. in Manchester, 836-3188, republicbrewingcompany.com

★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenro-drestaurant.com

★ **The Town Cabin Pub & Restaurant** 285 Candia Road in Candia, 483-4888, towncabin.com

★ **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.

★ **River Road Tavern** 193 S. River Road in Bedford, 206-5837, riverroadtavernbedford.com

Best mac & cheese

★ **Best of the best: Mr. Mac’s** 497 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com

★ **The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

★ **O Steaks & Seafood** 11 S. Main St. in Concord, 856-7924, osteaksconcord.com

★ **Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746, pressedcafe.com. Other New Hampshire locations include 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only), and 1 Artisan Drive in Salem, 458-5922.

★ **New England’s Tap House Grille** 1292 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 782-5137, taphousenh.com

★ **The Barley House** 132 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-6363, thebarleyhouse.com

Best pizza

★ **Best of the best: Alley Cat Pizzeria** 486 Chestnut St. in Manchester, 669-4533, alleycatpizzerianh.com

★ **900 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria** 50 Dow St. in Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com

★ **Vintage Pizza** 241 Candia Road in Manchester, 518-7800, vintagepizzanh.com

★ **Constantly Pizza** 39 S. Main St. in Concord, 224-9366, constantlypizza.net

★ **The Pizza Man Bar & Grill** 850 E. Industrial Park Drive, Suite 3, in Manchester, 623-5550; 254 W River Road in Hooksett, 626-7499; thepizzamandelivers.com

Where they make the best sandwiches

★ **Best of the best: Pressed Cafe** 216 S. River Road in Bedford, 606-2746, pressedcafe.com. Other New Hampshire locations include 108 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 718-1250; 3 Cotton Road in Nashua (drive-thru only), and 1 Artisan Drive in Salem, 458-5922.

★ **Nadeau’s Subs** 776 Mast Road, Manchester, 623-9315; 110 Cahill Ave., Manchester, 669-7827; 673 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 644-8888; 89 Fort Eddy Road in Concord, 606-4898; 49 Portsmouth Ave. in Exeter, 580-4445; nadeaussubs.com

★ **The Bridge Cafe** 1117 Elm St. in Manchester, 647-9991, thebridgecafe.net

★ **Patz Deli & Catering** Find them on Facebook, where they announced in a Feb. 26 post that they were closing their Elm Street location and moving to a bigger space. Follow them for details.

★ **USA Subs** 66 Crystal Ave., Derry, 437-1550, usasubs.com

Best steaks

★ **Best of the best: Buckley’s Great Steaks** 438 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com

★ **Hanover Street Chophouse** 149 Hanover St. in Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com

★ **The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 641-6100; 404 S. Main St. in Concord, 715-1999; 39 Crystal Ave. in Derry, 434-3200; 77 Lowell Road in Hudson, 882-6677; 311 S. Broadway in Salem, 893-3444; 1182 Union Ave.

in Laconia, 528-7800; t-bones.com

★ **O Steaks & Seafood** 11 S. Main St. in Concord, 856-7925, osteaksconcord.com

Best subs

★ **Best of the best: Nadeau’s Subs** 776 Mast Road, Manchester, 623-9315; 110 Cahill Ave., Manchester, 669-7827; 673 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 644-8888; 89 Fort Eddy Road in Concord, 606-4898; 49 Portsmouth Ave. in Exeter, 580-4445; nadeaussubs.com

★ **USA Subs** 66 Crystal Ave., Derry, 437-1550, usasubs.com

★ **Bill Cahill’s Super Subs** 8 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, 882-7710, find them on Facebook

★ **The Pizza Man Bar & Grill** 850 E. Industrial Park Drive, Suite 3, in Manchester, 623-5550; 254 W River Road in Hooksett, 626-7499; thepizzamandelivers.com

★ **Great American Subs** 44 Nashua Road, Unit 3, Londonderry, 434-9900, greatamericansubsnh.com

Best tacos

★ **Best of the best: La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** 139 DW Highway in Nashua, 891-0055; 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899; 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 965-3477; 35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, in Derry, 421-0091; 172 Hanover St. in Portsmouth, 427-8319; lacarretamex.com

★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

★ **Los Reyes Street Tacos & More** 127 Rockingham Road, Unit 15, in Derry, 845-8327, losreyesstreettacos.com

★ **La VaKa Mexican Restaurant** 553 Mast Road in Goffstown, 218-3994, lavakamex.com

★ **California Burritos Mexican Grill** 655 S. Willow St., Suite 103, in Manchester, 722-2084; 2 Cellu Drive in Amherst, 417-6151; 101 Factory St. in Nashua, 718-8745; 35 Lowell Road in Hudson, 402-2130; californiaburritosnh.com

Restaurant that can make you love your vegetables

★ **Best of the best: Troy’s Fresh Kitchen** 4 Orchard View Drive, No. 6, in Londonderry, 965-3411, troysfreshkitchen.com. There is also a location at 11 Manchester Road, Unit 2, in Derry, 552-3959.

★ **The Green Beautiful** 168 Wilson St. in Manchester, 606-1026, greenbeautiful-cafe.com

★ **Green Elephant Vegetarian Bistro & Bar** 35 Portwalk Place in Portsmouth, 427-8344, greenelephantnh.com

★ **The Sleazy Vegan** at Pembroke City Limits, 134 Main St. in Pembroke, the-sleazyvegan.com. The Sleazy Vegan also operates a food truck.
★ **Greenleaf** 54 Nashua St. in Milford, 213-5447, greenleafmilford.com

SWEET TREATS
Best candy or chocolate shop

★ **Best of the best: Granite State Candy Shoppe** 13 Warren St. in Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St. in Manchester, 218-3885; granitestatecandyshoppe.co
★ **Van Otis Chocolates** 341 Elm St. in Manchester, 627-1611; 15 S. Main St. in

Wolfeboro, 515-1045, vanotis.com
★ **Dancing Lion Chocolate** 917 Elm St. in Manchester, 625-4043, dancinglion.us
★ **Loon Chocolate** Center Entrance, 195 McGregor St., No. 121, in Manchester, 932-8887, loonchocolate.com
★ **Lickee's & Chewy's Candies & Creamery** 53 Washington St., Suite 100, in Dover, lickeesnchewys.com
★ **Nelson's Candy and Music** 65 Main St. in Wilton, 654-5030, nelsonscandymusic.com
★ **Pearls Candy & Nuts** 58 Range Road in Wilton, pearlscandy.com

Grilled cheese: with a pickle, with tomato soup for dipping or the grilled cheese stands alone?



"Grilled Cheese don't need no man"
"Alone with maple syrup on top"
"Grilled cheese with bacon and tomato"
"Tomato soup for dipping, but you gotta have garlic powder on the bread before you toast it with butter."
"Why not tomato soup and pickle? Though, I prefer my grilled cheese with apple."

Best cookies
★ **Best of the best: Bearded Baking Co.** 819 Union St. in Manchester, 647-7150, beardedbaking.com; also a location at 580 Lafayette Road in Hampton, 601-6878
★ **Lighthouse Local** 21 Kilton Road in Bedford, 716-6983, lighthouse-local.com
★ **Black Forest Cafe & Bakery** 212 Route 101 in Amherst, 672-0500, theblack-forestnh.com
★ **Buckley's Bakery & Cafe** 436 DW Highway in Merrimack, 262-5929; 9 Market Place in Hollis, 465-5522; buckleysbakerycafe.com
★ **Social Club Creamery** 138 N. Main St. in Concord, 333-2111; 51 Elm St., Unit 105, in Laconia, 619-5098; socialclub-creamery.com

Best locally made doughnuts
★ **Best of the best: New Hampshire Doughnut Co.** 410 S. River Road in Bedford, 782-8968; 2 Capital Plaza in Concord, 715-5097; nhdoughnutco.com
★ **Klemm's Bakery** 29 Indian Rock Road in Windham, 437-8810, klemmsbakery.com
★ **The Bakeshop On Kelley Street** 171 Kelley St. in Manchester, 624-3500, thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com
★ **What the Fluff! Donuts** 87 Amherst in Manchester, find them on Facebook

★ **Brothers Donuts & Deli Shop** 426 Central St. in Franklin, 934-6678, facebook.com/brothersdonuts
Best ice cream
★ **Best of the best: Moo's Place Homemade Ice Cream** 27 Crystal Avenue in Derry, 425-0100; 15 Ermer Road in Salem, 898-0199, moosplace.com
★ **Puritan** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 623-3182, puritanbackroom.com
★ **Hayward's Ice Cream** 7 DW Highway in Nashua, 888-4663; 364 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-5915; haywardsicecream.com
★ **The Inside Scoop** 260 Wallace Road in Bedford, 471-7009, theinsidescoopnh.com
★ **Goldenrod Restaurant** 1681 Candia Road in Manchester, 623-9469, goldenro-drestaurant.com

FOOD SHOPPING
Best bakery
★ **Best of the best: Bearded Baking Co.** 819 Union St. in Manchester, 647-7150, beardedbaking.com; also a location at 580 Lafayette Road in Hampton, 601-6878
★ **Klemm's Bakery** 29 Indian Rock Road in Windham, 437-8810, klemmsbakery.com



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★ **The Bakeshop On Kelley Street** 171 Kelley St. in Manchester, 624-3500, thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com

★ **Dishon Bakery** 915 Elm St. in Manchester, 600-1773, dishonbakery.com

★ **Crosby Bakery** 51 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, 882-1851, crosbybakerynh.com

Best butcher or cheese shop

★ **Best of the best: The Tuckaway Tavern & Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com

★ **Mr Steer Meats & More** Route 102 (enter via Buttrick Road) Londonderry, 434-1444, mrsteermeats.com

★ **Angela's Pasta, Cheese & Wine** 815 Chestnut St. in Manchester, 625-9544, angelaspastaandcheese.com

★ **Wicked Good Butchah** 209 Route 101 in Bedford, 488-1832, wickedgood-butchah.com

★ **Brother's Butcher** 8 Spit Brook Road in Nashua, 809-4180; 142 Lowell Road in Hudson, 577-1130; brothers-butcher.com

Best specialty food shop

★ **Best of the best: Angela's Pasta, Cheese & Wine** 815 Chestnut St. in Manchester, 625-9544, angelaspastaandcheese.com

★ **Loon Chocolate** Center Entrance, 195 McGregor St., No. 121, in Manchester, 932-8887, loonchocolate.com

★ **Saigon Asian Market** 476 Union St. in Manchester, 935-9597

★ **Tuscan Market** 9 Via Toscana in Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com/tuscan-markets

★ **Concord Food Co-Op** 24 S. Main St. in Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop

★ **Dishon Bakery** 915 Elm St. in Manchester, 600-1773, dishonbakery.com

DRINKS

Best beer selection at a retail shop

★ **Best of the best: Bert's Better Beers** 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 413-5992, bertsnh.com

★ **The Packie** 581 Second St. in Manchester, 232-1236, thepackienh.com

★ **East Derry General Store** 50 E. Derry Road in Derry, 432-5302, eastderry-generalstore.com

★ **The Beer Store** 433 Amherst St. in Nashua, 889-2242, thebeerstorenh.com. There is also a location in Salem.

★ **The Packie** 88 W. River Road in Hooksett, 518-8069, thepackienh.com

Best NH brewery

★ **Best of the best: 603 Brewery & Beer Hall** 42 Main St. in Londonderry,

404-6123, 603brewery.com

★ **To Share Brewing Co.** 720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com

★ **Republic Brewing Co.** 72 Old Granite St. in Manchester, 836-3188, republicbrewingcompany.com

★ **Spyglass Brewing Co.** 306 Innovative Way in Nashua, spyglassbrewing.com, 546-2965

★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-3545, backyardbrewerynh.com

Best NH winery

★ **Best of the best: LaBelle Winery** 345 Route 101 in Amherst, 672-9898; 14 Route 111 in Derry, 672-9898; labellewinery.com

★ **Zorvino Vineyards** 226 Main St. in Sandown, 887-8463, zorvino.com

★ **Flag Hill Distillery & Winery** 297 N. River Road in Lee, 659-2949, flaghill.com

★ **Fulchino Vineyard** 187 Pine Hill Road in Hollis, 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com

★ **Appolo Vineyards** 49 Lawrence Road in Derry, 421-4675, appolovineyards.com

Best cocktail

★ **Best of the best: C.R.E.A.M. at Industry East** 28 Hanover St. in Manchester, 232-6940, industryeastbar.com. This drink is made with Mi Campo tequila, ancho verde, cucumber, lemon and jalapeño.

★ **Mudslide at Puritan Backroom Restaurant** 245 Hooksett Road in Man-

chester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant. This drink is made with Baileys Irish Cream, Kahlua coffee liqueur and vodka and is offered in flavor variations.

★ **Blood Orange Cosmo at Copper Door** 15 Leavy Drive in Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoor.com. This drink is made with Tito's Handmade Vodka, blood orange liqueur, cranberry juice and fresh squeezed lime.

★ **Religion and Politics at Stashbox** 866 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-8109, stashboxnh.com. This drink is made with gin or mezcal, lemon, orange, carrot, honey and ancho.

★ **Angel Dust at Industry East** 28 Hanover St. in Manchester, 232-6940, industryeastbar.com. This drink is made with Reposado tequila, hibiscus, guava, ancho, black pepper and citrus.

Best margaritas

★ **Best of the best: La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** 139 DW Highway in Nashua, 891-0055; 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899; 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 965-3477; 35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, in Derry, 421-0091; 172 Hanover St. in Portsmouth, 427-8319; lacarretamex.com.

★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

★ **Hermanos Cocina Mexicana** 11 Hills Ave. in Concord, 224-5669, hermanosmexican.com.

★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill** 865 Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182, vallartamexicannh.com

★ **Amigos Mexican Cantina** 20 South St. in Milford, amigosmilford.com

Where they make a great bloody mary

★ **Best of the best: Firefly Bistro & Bar** 22 Concord St. in Manchester, 935-9740, fireflynh.com

★ **The Friendly Toast** 4 Main St. in Bedford, 836-6238, thefriendlytoast.com

★ **New England's Tap House Grille** 1292 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 782-5137, taphousenh.com

★ **The Village Trestle** 25 Main St. in Goffstown, 497-823, villagetrestle.com

★ **The Foundry Restaurant** 50 Commercial St. in Manchester, 836-1925, foundrynh.com

★ **Bistro 603** 345 Amherst St. in Nashua, 722-6362, bistro603nashua.com

Restaurant with the most innovative cocktails

★ **Best of the best: Industry East**

28 Hanover St. in Manchester, 232-6940, industryeastbar.com.

★ **Stashbox** 866 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-8109, stashboxnh.com

★ **815 Cocktails & Provisions** 815 Elm St. in Manchester, 782-8086, 815nh.com

★ **Copper Door** 15 Leavy Drive in Bedford, 488-2677, copperdoor.com

★ **The Birch on Elm** 968 Elm St. in Manchester, 826-1958, birchonelm.com

Where they make your coffee perfect every time

★ **Best of the best: Flight Coffee Co.** 209 Route 101 in Bedford, 836-6228, flightcoffeeco.com. There is also a Goffstown location.

★ **Hometown Coffee Roasters** 80 Old Granite St. in Manchester, 703-2321, hometownroasters.com

★ **O'Shea's Caife & Tae** 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 540-2971, osheasnh.com. There is also an Amherst location.

★ **The Moka Pot at City Hall Pub** 889 Elm St. in Manchester, 782-7881, find them on Facebook.

★ **Revelstoke Coffee** 100 N. Main St. in Concord, revelstokecoffee.com

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Best happy hour hangout

★ **Best of the best: The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com

★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 432-3210, stumbleinnnh.com

★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 404 S. Main St. in Concord, 715-1999; t-bones.com

★ **To Share Brewing Co.** 720 Union St. in Manchester, 836-6947, tosharebrewing.com

★ **603 Brewery & Beer Hall** 42 Main St. in Londonderry, 404-6123, 603brewery.com

Best restaurant, brewery or bar for live music

★ **Best of the best: The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 432-3210, stumbleinnnh.com

★ **To Share Brewing Co.** 720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com

★ **The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant** 909 Elm St. in Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com

★ **Strange Brew Tavern** 88 Market St. in Manchester, 666-4292, strangebrew-tavern.net

★ **The Derryfield Restaurant** 625

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Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

Best live music venue

- ★ **Best of the best: Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelo-musichall.com
- ★ **BankNH Pavilion** 72 Meadowbrook Lane in Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com
- ★ **Capitol Center for the Arts** 44 S. Main St. in Concord, 225- 1111, ccanh.com
- ★ **The BNH Stage** 16 S. Main St. in Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com
- ★ **Nashua Center for the Arts** 201 Main St. in Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashua-centerforthearts.com
- ★ **Rex Theatre** 23 Amherst St. in Man-

- chester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org
- ★ **Pembroke City Limits** 134 Main St. in Pembroke, 210-2409, pembrokecitylimits.com
 - ★ **The Flying Monkey** 39 S. Main St. in Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

Best bar with an outdoor deck

- ★ **Best of the best: The Derryfield Restaurant** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com
- ★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 432-3210, stumbleinnnh.com
- ★ **Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-3545, backyardbrewerynh.com

- ★ **Bernie's Beach Bar** 73 Ocean Blvd. in Hampton, 926-5050, berniesnh.com
- ★ **603 Brewery & Beer Hall** 42 Main St. in Londonderry, 404-6123, 603brewery.com

Best pub or bar

- ★ **Best of the best: The Shaskeen Pub and Restaurant** 909 Elm St. in Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com
- ★ **The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com
- ★ **The Wild Rover** 21 Kosciuszko St. in Manchester, 669-7722, find them on Facebook
- ★ **To Share Brewing Co.** 720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com
- ★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 432-3210, stumbleinnnh.com

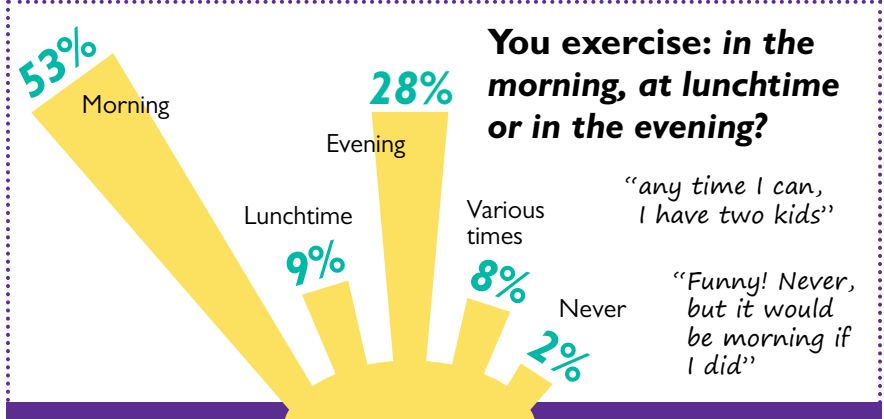
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- ★ **Best of the best: The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 432-3210, stumbleinnnh.com
- ★ **To Share Brewing Co.** 720 Union St. in Manchester, 836-6947, tosharebrewing.com
- ★ **The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com
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- 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com
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 - ★ **La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** 139 DW Highway in Nashua, 891-0055; 1875 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 623-7705; 545 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 628-6899; 44 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 965-3477; 35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, in Derry, 421-0091; 172 Hanover St. in Portsmouth, 427-8319; lacarretamex.com.

Best spot for a group outing

- ★ **Best of the best: Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelo-musichall.com
- ★ **The Barnyard Venue** 285 Old Candia Road in Candia, 483-4888, candiabarnyardvenue.com
- ★ **Boards and Brews** 941 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-5184, boardsandbrewsnh.com
- ★ **Canobie Lake Park** 85 N. Policy St. in Salem, 893-3506, canobie.com
- ★ **Republic Brewery Co.** 72 Old Granite St. in Manchester, 836-3188, republicbrewingcompany.com
- ★ **The Stumble Inn Bar & Grill** 20 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 432-3210, stumbleinnnh.com
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chester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com

Best late night eats

★ **Best of the best: Red Arrow Diner** 61 Lowell St. in Manchester, 626-1118, redarrowdiner.com.

★ **Red Arrow Diner** 112 Loudon Road in Concord, 415-0444, redarrowdiner.com.

★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

★ **KS Kitchen** 1105 Elm St. in Manchester, 512-5577, kskitchennh.com

★ **The Gyro Spot** 1073 Elm St. in Manchester, 218-3869, thegyrospot.com

HAPPENINGS

Best food festival

★ **Best of the best: Taco Tour Manchester** This event takes place in May — Thursday, May 8, this year — and features restaurants selling tacos at locations in downtown Manchester from 4 to 8 p.m. for \$3 each. See tacotourmanchester.com.

★ **Glendi** This annual celebration of Greek food and culture at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St. in Manchester; stgeorgenh.org) is slated to take place this year Friday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 13, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

★ **Hampton Beach Seafood Festival** Send summer offer in style with the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, a celebration of New England foods of all kinds with, of course, the spotlight on seafood. This year's event will be held Sept. 5 through Sept. 7. See seafoodfestivalnh.com.

★ **New Hampshire PoutineFest** This celebration of poutine in all its forms was held in October 2024 at the Budweiser Brewery in Merrimack. Check back with poutinefest.com for details on this year's event (tickets sell out fast a few months before the event).

★ **Milford Pumpkin Festival** This annual celebration of fall and pumpkins takes place at locations in downtown Milford including in the oval in October. See milfordpumpkinfestival.org.

Best farmers market

★ **Best of the best: Concord Farmers Market** The Capitol City's outdoor summer farmers market will run on Capitol

Street, next to the Statehouse, Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, May 3 through Oct. 25. See concordfarmersmarket.com.

★ **Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market** Derry's farmers market is held at 1 West Broadway on Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m., June 4 through Sept. 24. See derry-homegrown.org.

★ **Candia Farmers Market** Candia's market takes place on the third Saturday of the month, June through October, 9 a.m. to noon, at 55 High St. in Candia. The July 19 market will include an artisan fair as will the Oct. 18 market, which will also include a mini Octoberfest. See candiafarmersmarket.org.

★ **Bedford Farmers Market** The Bedford market takes place in the parking lot of Murphy's Taproom, 393 Route 101 in Bedford, and will run Tuesdays, from 3 to 6 p.m., May through October. See bedford-nhfarmersmarket.org.

★ **Contoocook Farmers Market** The market takes place Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon, at Maple Street School during the winter (October through May) and at the Riverway Park gazebo during the summer (June through September), according to the market's Facebook page.

Best community event

★ **Best of the best: Market Days Festival in downtown Concord** This event featuring music, food, vendors, family activities and more takes place this year June 26 through June 28. See marketdays-festival.com.

★ **Milford Pumpkin Festival** This annual celebration of fall and pumpkins takes place at locations in downtown Milford including in the oval in October. See milfordpumpkinfestival.org.

★ **The Giant Pumpkin Weigh Off & Regatta** This event takes place each October in downtown Goffstown and includes a race of carved-pumpkin boats on the river. This year's event is Oct. 18 and Oct. 19. See goftownmainstreet.org/pumpkin-regatta.

★ **Pizzastock** A production of The Jason R. Flood Memorial, Pizzastock has a tagline of "Healing Through Music, Connecting With Community" and its events have been both a celebration of local music and outreach for mental health and suicide prevention. Recently the "Pizzastock — 4 Bands, 4 Generations, 4 Mental Health" show took place at the Tupelo Music Hall in Derry. Check with pizzastock.org for upcoming events.

★ **Taco Tour Manchester** This event takes place in May — Thursday, May 8, this year — and features restaurants selling tacos at locations in downtown Manchester from 4 to 8 p.m. for \$3 each. See tacotour-manchester.com.

KIDS & FAMILY

Best place to take your kids

★ **Best of the best: Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820

★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Drive, Unit 1, in Londonderry, 552-3828, thenestfamilycafe.com

★ **Fun City** 553 Mast Road in Goffstown, 606-8807, funcitygoftstown.com

★ **Canobie Lake Park** 85 N. Policy St. in Salem, 893-3506, canobie.com

★ **Mel's Funway Park** 454 Charles Bancroft Highway in Litchfield, 424-2292, melsfunwaypark.com

Best historic or cultural attraction for an all-ages family crowd

★ **Best of the best: Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820

★ **Strawbery Banke Museum** 4 Hancock St. in Portsmouth, 433-1100, strawberybanke.org

★ **Currier Museum of Art** 150 Ash St. in Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org.

★ **Millyard Museum** 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, manchesterhistoric.org/millyard-museum-2.

★ **SEE Science Center** 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, see-sciencecenter.org.

Best outdoor spot to let kids get out their energy

★ **Best of the best: Benson Park** 19 Kimball Hall Road in Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov/bensonpark

★ **Livingston Park** 156 Hooksett Road in Manchester, manchesternh.gov, 624-6444

★ **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820. The museum's parking lot and outdoor area allow views of takeoffs and arrivals at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport.

★ **White Park** 1 White St. in Concord, concordnh.gov, 225-8690

★ **Hampton Beach** in Hampton, hamptonbeach.org

Best playground

★ **Best of the best: Livingston Park** 156 Hooksett Road in Manchester, manchesternh.gov, 624-6444

★ **White Park** 1 White St. in Concord, concordnh.gov, 225-8690

★ **Benson Park** 19 Kimball Hall Road in Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov/bensonpark

★ **Don Ball Park** 14 Humphrey Road in

Derry, 432-3136, derrynh.org

★ **Griffin Park** 111 Range Road in Windham, windham.recdesk.com

Best spot for all-ages family fun

★ **Best of the best: Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820

★ **Canobie Lake Park** 85 N. Policy St. in Salem, 893-3506, canobie.com

★ **Fun Spot** 579 Endicott St. North in Laconia, funspotnh.com, 366-4377

★ **Mel's Funway Park** 454 Charles Bancroft Highway in Litchfield, 424-2292, melsfunwaypark.com

★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Drive, Unit 1, in Londonderry, 552-3828, thenestfamilycafe.com

Best restaurant for the whole family

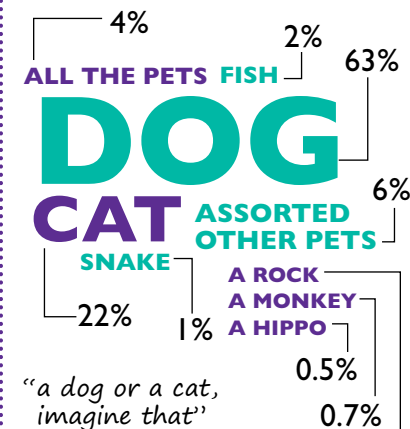
★ **Best of the best: Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant.

★ **Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 25 S. River Road in Bedford, 641-6100, t-bones.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** 39 Crystal Avenue in Derry, 434-3200, t-bones.com

As Dr. Seuss asked, what pet should I get?



"a dog or a cat, imagine that"

"Any pet your Mom lets!" 0.8%

"A kitty is nifty. A cat is good, get one you should!"

"Get yourself a cat, nothing's better than that!"

"not a bat but a cat! A cat is the best, this is no jest!"

★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Drive, Unit 1, in Londonderry, 552-3828, thenestfamilycafe.com

Best summer day camp for kids

★ **Best of the best: “Flights of Discovery” camp** at **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org, 669-4820

★ **Melody Pines Day Camp** 510 Corning Road Manchester, 669-9414, melodypines.com

★ **Hooksett’s Best After School and Summer Camp** 1271 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 851-3783, hooksettsbest.com

★ **Dimensions in Dance** 84 Myrtle St. in Manchester, 668-4196, dimensionsindance.com

★ **Executive Health and Sports Center** 1 Highlander Way in Manchester, 668-4753, ehsc.com

PETS

Best doggie day care

★ **Best of the best: Pawquet’s Play & Stay** 302 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 216-1147, pawquetsplaystay.com

★ **All Dogs Gym & Inn** 505 Sheffield Road in Manchester, 669-4644, alldogsgym.com

★ **American K9 Country** 336 Route 101 in Amherst, 672-8448, americank9country.com

★ **The Barking Dog** 208 Londonderry Turnpike in Hooksett, 833-370-1124, thebarkingdog.com/locations/hooksett

★ **Superdogs Daycare** 637 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-1515, superdogsdayscare.com

Best dog groomers

★ **Best of the best: Sarah’s Paw Spa** 16 Manning St. in Derry, 512-4539, sarahspawspa.com

★ **Pawquet’s Play & Stay** 302 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 216-1147, pawquetsplaystay.com

★ **Pawtopia Pet Grooming Salon &**

Boutique 244 Sheep Davis Road in Concord, 227-6140, find them on Facebook

★ **Poochie’s Dog Grooming** 123 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 229-9804, poochiesspa.com

★ **Honey Dog Salon** 9 Triangle Lane in Manchester, 674-9718, salonhoneydog.com

★ **All Dogs Gym & Inn** 505 Sheffield Road in Manchester, 669-4644, alldogsgym.com

Best pet retail shop

★ **Best of the best: Woofmeow Family Pet Center** 19A Manchester Road in Derry, 965-3218, woofmeownh.com. Woofmeow also has a location in Dover.

★ **Sandy’s Pet Food Center** 141 Old Turnpike Road in Concord, 225-1177, sandyspetfood.com

★ **The Wholistic Pet** 341 Route 101 in Bedford, 472-2273, thewholisticpet.com

★ **Pets Choice** 454 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-7297, petschoicenh.com

★ **Cat’s Kingdom** 679 Mast Road in Manchester, 935-8321, catskingdomonline.com

★ **Food for Pets** 468 S. Main St. in Manchester, 647-4700, and 76 Route 101A in Amherst, 673-7387, foodforpetsnh.com.

Best place to let your dog off leash

★ **Best of the best: Hudson Dog Park inside Benson Park** 19 Kimball Hill Road in Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov

★ **Derry Dog Park** Fordway and Transfer Lane in Derry, 432-6136, derryinh.org

★ **Hooksett Dog Park** 101 Merrimack St., Hooksett, 485-8471, hooksett.org. This park is open daily from 6 a.m. to dusk

★ **Nashua Dog Park** One Groton Road (Route 111A) in Nashua, nashuadog.org

Best on-leash dog outing


★ **Best of the best: Benson Park** 19 Kimball Hill Road, Hudson, hudsonnh.gov/bensonpark According to the website: “Benson Park is a 166-acre, passive recreational spot open to the general public and is the pride of the local residents.” Leashed

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 **26%** Pool “as long as i can see my feet”

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dogs welcome.

★ **Livingston Park** 244 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov/parks According to the website: "Livingston Park spans 131 acres in Manchester's north end. This community park serves as home to athletic leagues, hosts large events, and offers a variety of recreational opportunities. The park includes Dorrs Pond, which is open for fishing and ice skating (weather permitting)."

★ **Lake Massabesic Trail** a 3.7-mile loop with parking in the Massabesic Center parking lot (though dogs are not allowed on any Audubon trails), according to alltrails.com

★ **Mine Falls Park** Whipple Street in Nashua, nashuanh.gov, 589-3370 According to the website: "The 325-acre park includes forest, wetlands, and open fields and is bordered on the North by the Nashua River and the south by the Mill Pond canal system."

★ **Joppa Hill Farm Hiking Trails** in Bedford and Amherst. Find a trail map online at plcnh.org, under "our properties."

OUTDOORS

Best farm for pick-your-own

★ **Best of the best: Sunnycrest Farm** 59 High Range Road in Londonderry, 432-9652, sunnycrestfarmnh.com

★ **Mack's Apples** 230 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, 432-3456, macksapples.com

★ **Brookdale Fruit Farm** 41 Broad St. in Hollis, 465-2240, brookdalefruitfarm.com

★ **Lull Farm** 65 Broad St. in Hollis, 465-7079, livefreeandfarm.com

★ **Carter Hill Orchard** 73 Carter Hill Road in Concord, 225-2625, carterhillapples.com

★ **McQuesten Farm** 330 Charles Bancroft Highway in Litchfield, 424-9268, find them on Facebook

Best garden center

★ **Best of the best: Demers Garden Center** 656 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, 625-8298

★ **Lake Street Garden Center** 37 Lake St. in Salem, 893-5858, lakestreet.com

★ **Shady Hill Greenhouses** 1 Adams Road in Londonderry, 434-2063, shadyhillgreenhouses.com

★ **The House by the Side of the Road** 370 Gibbons Highway in Wilton, 654-9888, housebyshop.com

★ **Black Forest Nursery** 209 King St. in Boscawen, 796-2756, blackforestnursery.com

★ **Wentworth Greenhouses** 141 Rollins Road in Rollinsford, 743-4919, wentworthgreenhouses.com

Best city park

★ **Best of the best: Livingston Park** 156 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 624-6444, manchesternh.gov

★ **White Park** 1 White St. in Concord, 225-8690, concordnh.gov

★ **Greeley Park** Concord Street in Nashua, 589-3370, nashuanh.gov

★ **Benson Park** 19 Kimball Hall Road in Hudson, 886-6000, hudsonnh.gov/bensonpark

★ **Mine Falls Park** Whipple Street in Nashua, 589-3370, nashuanh.gov

Best state park

★ **Best of the best: Bear Brook State Park** 61 Deerfield Road in Allenstown, 485-9869, nhstateparks.org

★ **Pawtuckaway State Park** 128 Mountain Road in Nottingham, 895-3031, nhstateparks.org

★ **Hampton Beach** 160 Ocean Blvd. in Hampton, 227-8722, nhstateparks.org

★ **Franconia Notch State Park** 260 Tramway Drive in Franconia, 823-8800, nhstateparks.org

★ **Odiorne Point** 570 Ocean Blvd. in Rye, 436-7406, nhstateparks.org

Best bike trail or spot for a bike ride

★ **Best of the best: Goffstown Rail Trail** Goffstown, goffstownrailtrail.org, 5.5 miles of trail

★ **Windham Rail Trail** windhamrailtrail.org, 4.1 miles of trail

★ **Londonderry Rail Trail** londonderrytrails.org, 4.5 miles of trail

★ **Derry Rail Trail** traillink.org, 3.6 miles of paved trail

★ **Mine Falls Park** Whipple Street in Nashua, 589-3370, nashuanh.gov

Best bike shop

★ **Best of the best: Goodale's Bike Shop** 14B Broad St. in Nashua, 882-2111, trekbikes.com/us/en_US/retail/goodalesnashua

★ **S&W Sports** 296 S. Main St. in Concord, 228-1441, swsports.net

★ **Bike Barn** 720 Union St. in Manchester, 668-6555, bikebarnusa.com

★ **Cycles Etc.** 288 N. Broadway in Salem, 890-3212; 450 Second St. in Manchester, 669-7993; cyclesetc.com

★ **Buchika's Bike** 166 DW Highway in Nashua, 324-1620; Buchika's Ski & Bike, 340 S. Broadway in Salem, 893-5534; buchika.com

Best hike in southern New Hampshire

★ **Best of the best: Mount Monadnock** 169 Poole Road in Jaffrey, 532-8862,

nhstateparks.org
★ **Mt. Major** in Alton, blog.nhstateparks.org/mt-major-family-friendly-hike
★ **Andres Institute of Art** 106 Route 13 in Brookline, 732-0216, andresinstitute.org
★ **Pawtuckaway State Park** 128 Mountain Road in Nottingham, 895-3031, nhstateparks.org
★ **Pulpit Rock Conservation Area** New Boston Road in Bedford, plcnh.org/pulpit-rock-trails

Best trail or park for a winter hike

★ **Best of the best: Lonesome Lake Trail** in Franconia Notch State Park in Franconia, 823-8800, nhstateparks.org
★ **Massabesic Lake area Rockingham Recreational Rail Trail** 27.3 miles of trail from Auburn to Manchester, nhstateparks.org
★ **Pulpit Rock Conservation Area** New Boston Road in Bedford, plcnh.org/pulpit-rock-trails
★ **Beaver Brook** 117 Ridge Road in Hollis, 465-7787, beaverbrook.org
★ **Goffstown Rail Trail** Goffstown, goffstownrailtrail.org, 5.5 miles of trail

Best ski hill

★ **Best of the best: Pats Peak Ski Area** 686 Flanders Road in Henniker, 428-3245, patspeak.com
★ **Loon Mountain** 60 Loon Mountain Road in Lincoln, 745-8111, loonmtn.com
★ **McIntyre Ski Area** 50 Chalet Way in Manchester, 622-6159, mcintyreskiarea.com
★ **Mt. Sunapee Ski Resort** 1398 Route 103 in Newbury, 763-3500, mountsunapee.com
★ **Bretton Woods Ski Area** 99 Ski Area Road in Bretton Woods, 278-3320, bretttonwoods.com
★ **Cannon Mountain Ski Resort** 260 Tramway Drive in Franconia, 823-8800, cannonmt.com

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★ **Best of the best: Candia Woods Golf Links** 313 South Road in Candia, 483-2307, candiaoaks.com/candia-woods-course
★ **Derryfield Country Club** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, 669-0235, derryfieldgolf.com
★ **Stonebridge Country Club** 161 Goffham Pond Road in Goffstown, 497-8633, golfstonebridgecc.com
★ **Beaver Meadow Golf Club** 1 Beaver Meadow Drive in Concord, 228-8954, bmgc.golf
★ **Hidden Creek** 17 Morgan Road in Litchfield, 262-9272, hiddencreeknh.com
★ **Pembroke Pines Country Club** 45A

Whittemore Road in Pembroke, 210-1365, pembrokepinescc.com

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★ **Corey Fletcher at Revival Kitchen & Bar** 11 Depot St. in Concord, 715-5723, revivalkitchennh.com
★ **Bobby Marcotte at The Tuckaway Tavern and Butchery** 58 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-2431, thetuckaway.com
★ **Jeff Martin at Stash Box** 866 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-8109, stashboxnh.com
★ **Rick Korn at Rick's Food & Spirits** 143 Main St. in Kingston, 347-5287, rick-skingston.com

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★ **Best of the best: Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762, vallartamexicannh.com
★ **Stash Box** 866 Elm St. in Manchester, stashboxnh.com, 606-8109.
★ **The Hop Knot** 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com
★ **Second Brook Bar & Grill** 1100 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 935-7456, secondbrook.com
★ **The Nest Family Cafe** 25 Orchard View Drive, Unit 1, in Londonderry, 552-3828, thenestfamilycafe.com

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★ **Laura Collins at The Collective Studios** Apple Tree Shopping Center, 4 Orchard View Drive in Londonderry, 216-2345; 125 S. River Road in Bedford, 782-3321; thecollective-studios.com
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★ **Biliana Mihaylova at 2 Home Fitness** 2 Home Ave. in Concord, 219-7224, [2homefitness.com](https://www.2homefitness.com).

Best barber

★ **Best of the best: Mackenzie Maguire at Black Clover Barber Co.** 604 DW Highway in Merrimack, 809-0457, [blackcloverbarberco.com](https://www.blackcloverbarberco.com)

★ **Melanie Rose at Faded Armor Barber Co.** 2075 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 854-8990, [fadedarmorbarberco.com](https://www.fadedarmorbarberco.com)

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★ **Benny D'Ambrosio at Polished Man Barbershop & Lounge** 707 Milford Road, No. 3A, in Merrimack, 718-8427, [thepolishedman.com](https://www.thepolishedman.com)

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★ **Amy Rigo at The Loft Hair Studio** 106½ S. State St. in Concord, 784-5061, [thelofthairstudionh.com](https://www.thelofthairstudionh.com)

★ **Jake Doble at Blank Canvas Salon** 1F Commons Drive in Londonderry, 818-4294, [blankcavassalon.com](https://www.blankcavassalon.com)

★ **Chandell Cater at The Loft Hair Studio** 106½ S. State St. in Concord, 784-5061, [thelofthairstudionh.com](https://www.thelofthairstudionh.com)

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★ **Dr. Andrew Albee at Suncook Dental** 119 Pembroke St. in Suncook, 485-CARE (2273), [suncookdental.com](https://www.suncookdental.com)

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★ **Mike Alton at Pro-Image Automotive** 254 Sheffield Road, Manchester, 644-8480, [proimageautomotive.com](https://www.proimageautomotive.com)

★ **Bill Morin at Morin’s Service Station** 1091 Valley St., Manchester, 624-4427, [morinsservicestation.com](https://www.morinsservicestation.com)

Best local musical act

★ **Best of the best: Nostalgia Lane** [nostalgialaneband.com](https://www.nostalgialaneband.com) The band bills itself as playing the top 100 hits of the 1990s and 2000s, including rock, pop, reggae and dance music. Catch them Saturday, April 19, at Wally’s in Hampton and Friday, May 30, at The Goat in Manchester.

★ **Justin Jordan** Find him on Facebook [@justinjordanmusic](https://www.facebook.com/justinjordanmusic). Jordan, a Manchester-based singer, bassist and acoustic guitarist, is known for his country and rock stylings. He performs solo as Justin Jordan Music, in the duo 21st and 1st, and in his band Small Town Stranded. See him on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the Copper Door in Bedford and Saturday, April 12, at 10 a.m. at the craft fair in the Hampshire Dome in Milford.

★ **Recycled Percussion** [recycledpercussion.com](https://www.recycledpercussion.com). The Laconia-based band placed third on Season 4 of *America’s Got Talent*, the highest for a non-vocalist group. Catch them at a variety of venues including their own CAKE Theatre in Laconia.

★ **Small Town Stranded** Find them on Facebook. Catch them Saturday, May 3, at 8:30 p.m. at the Derryfield Restaurant in Manchester and Saturday, June 21, at 8 p.m. at Bernie’s Beach Bar in Hamp-



ton Beach.

★ **Nicole Knox Murphy** [nkmsings4u.com](https://www.nkmsings4u.com). See her Friday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Auburn Pitts in Auburn and on Saturday, April 26, at 5:30 p.m. Pizza Man in Manchester.

Best local comedian

★ **Best of the best: Bob Marley** Bob Marley lives in Maine and regularly performs in New Hampshire. See him at the Palace Theatre in Manchester on Friday, May 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, at 5:30 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. See [bmarley.com](https://www.bmarley.com).

★ **Juston McKinney** McKinney lives in New Hampshire, according to [juston-mckinney.com](https://www.juston-mckinney.com), where you can find his schedule. See him on Saturday, May 24, at 8 p.m. at the Colonial Theatre in Laconia.

★ **Matt Barry** See [mattbarrycomedy.com](https://www.mattbarrycomedy.com) and find him on Instagram. Upcoming shows include Headliners Comedy Club in Manchester on Saturday, April 12, and Saturday, April 26, at Chunky’s in Manchester.

★ **Jimmy Dunn** See [jimmydunn.com](https://www.jimmydunn.com) for upcoming shows and follow him on Facebook

★ **Joe Nahme** Find him on Facebook for upcoming shows. Catch him at Shaskeen in Manchester on Wednesday, April 16.

Best locally performing DJ

★ **Best of the best: DJ Mike Benoit** A DJ with Main Event DJ, [amainevent.com/mike-benoit](https://www.amainevent.com/mike-benoit). Catch him at Bonfire Restaurant, 950 Elm St. in Manchester, 217-5600, [bonfiremanch.com](https://www.bonfiremanch.com), on Friday, April 11, 9 p.m. Find him on Instagram.

★ **Dan Pelletier** A DJ with Main Event DJ, [amainevent.com/mike-benoit](https://www.amainevent.com/mike-benoit). Find him on Facebook.

★ **Chad Ardizzoni** A DJ with Get Down Tonight Entertainment, [getdowntonight.com](https://www.getdowntonight.com). Find him on Facebook and Instagram.

★ **DJ Keith** at East Side Club, 750 Massabesic St. in Manchester. Find the club on Facebook. DJ Keith emcees the karaoke nights at East Side Club on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

★ **DJ Swaydai** regularly emcees karaoke nights at The Hop Knot, 1000 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-3731, [hopknotnh.com](https://www.hopknotnh.com).

★ **Rick Lee** A DJ with Main Event DJ,

[amainevent.com/rick-lee](https://www.amainevent.com/rick-lee).

★ **Nazzy** of Nazzy Entertainment, [nazzydjs.com](https://www.nazzydjs.com). Catch Nazzy at the FIT Walk Against Hunger in Veterans Memorial Park in Manchester on Sunday, May 18; at the Concord Pride 5K at the Statehouse in Concord, and at the Market Days kickoff event in downtown Concord on Friday, June 27.

Best NH-based (or northern New England-based) visual artist

★ **Best of the best: Karen Jerzyk** [karenjerzykphoto.zenfolio.com](https://www.karenjerzykphoto.zenfolio.com).

★ **Alma Lyons** is a freelance illustrator (with work that includes fantasy/sci-fi and self expressive pieces). Find Lyons’ work on Instagram at [@almahowell_](https://www.instagram.com/almahowell_).

★ **Jon Brooks** a New Boston sculptor, [jonbrooks.org](https://www.jonbrooks.org).

★ **Emily Parsons** a poet and visual artist (mostly paintings) who performs at events including at Hop Knot in Manchester, where she performs at a weekly open mic. Find her on Instagram at [@poetsolaire](https://www.instagram.com/@poetsolaire).

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★ **Best of the best: NH Statehouse** 107 N. Main St. in Concord, 271-2154, [gc.nh.gov/nh_visitorcenter](https://www.gc.nh.gov/nh_visitorcenter). Stop by between 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on weekdays to see if a docent is available for a guided tour or take a self-guided tour.

★ **Stark Park** North River Road in Manchester, [starkpark.com](https://www.starkpark.com). According to the city’s website, “The western lower 15 acres of Stark Park consists of the ‘Walk in the Woods’ trail network for walking (with or without your dog), jogging, cross-country skiing/snowshoeing, and mountain bike riding. Along the trail, stop to enjoy “Molly Stark’s Wildwoods,” an outdoor nature playspace for children behind the Stark Farm Community Garden that includes the artistic work of Tom LeComte from Laurel Hill Studio.” During the summers Stark Park has hosted a “Summer Concert Series” on Sunday afternoons.

★ **Mount Washington** The Sargent’s Purchase-located 6,288.2-foot mountain is the highest peak in the Northeastern U.S., according to Wikipedia. The Sherman Adams Summit Building is at the top of Mount Washington and includes a gift shop, water refilling station, shelter for hikers, Mount Washington Observatory Museum and more, which open for the season in May, according to [nhstateparks.org](https://www.nhstateparks.org). The Mt. Washington Auto Road is a private road; find information on tours and other experiences at [mt-washington.com](https://www.mt-washington.com).

★ **The Old Man of the Mountain** Exit 34B from Interstate 93 in Franconia Notch. The rock formation on Cannon Mountain fell in 2003 but in Old Man of the Mountain Profile Plaza a series of steel profiler rods recreate the look of the profile, according to oldmannh.org.

★ **Hannah Duston Memorial Site** 298 US Route 4 in Boscawen. The “Hannah Duston Memorial was erected in 1874 and is the first publicly funded statue in New Hampshire ... the statue commemorates the escape of Hannah Duston, who was captured in 1697 in Haverhill, Mass., during the French and Indian War,” according to nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/hannah-duston-memorial-historic-site.

Best local museum

★ **Best of the best: Currier Museum of Art** 150 Ash St. in Manchester, currier.org. The Currier’s permanent collection contains more than 15,000 items as well as exhibitions, which currently include “Ann Agee: Madonna of the Girl Child” (on display through June 5) and “Nicolas Party and Surrealism: An Artist’s Take on the Movement” (April 10 through Sept. 1), according to the website. The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$20 for regular admission; \$15 for 65+ and students; \$5 for ages 13 to

17, and free for children 12 and under. On the second Saturdays of each month New Hampshire residents are admitted free.

★ **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, aviationmuseumofnh.org. The museum is operated by the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society and “aims to preserve and popularize the region’s rich aviation heritage,” according to the website. Located near the airport, the museum is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m.

★ **Millyard Museum** 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, manchesterhistoric.org/millyard-museum-2. Run by the Manchester Historic Association, the museum “tells the story of Manchester from its earliest inhabitants to the present day” including a look at Amoskeag Manufacturing Co. and a gallery of rotating exhibitions (such as “All Bottled Up! The History of Bottling in Manchester,” which opens on April 16). The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for 65+ and college students and \$5 for ages 12 to 18, and is free for children under 12.

★ **SEE Science Center** 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, see-sciencecenter.org. Billed as “hands-on science fun for everyone to enjoy,” SEE features a variety of exhib-

its with interactive elements such as “Sun, Earth, Universe,” “Physics Fun,” “Dinosaurs” and more as well as a Lego recreation of the Manchester Millyard circa 1900, according to the website. Through May 25, the museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open seven days a week in the summer). Admission costs \$14 per person ages 3 and up.

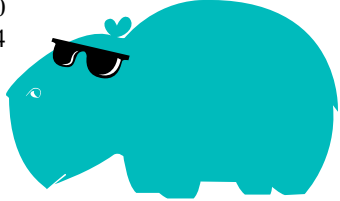
★ **Children’s Museum of New Hampshire** 6 Washington St. in Dover, childrens-museum.org. The museum “offers two floors of ... hands-on exhibits where you can explore nature, STEM, pretend play, art, world cultures, and more for ages 0 to 10,” according to the website. The museum offers play sessions Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon; Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m. to noon. Admission costs \$14.50 for everyone over 12 months old and \$12.50 for ages 65+, and is free for children under 12 months.

THING WE FORGOT TO ASK ABOUT

★ **Best Dance Studio: Dimensions in Dance** 84 Myrtle St. in Manchester; dimensionsindance.com, 668-4196. The studio offers camps and classes for the youngest dancers (“Twos in Tutus”) through adult. Dimensions is also the home of Ballet Misha (balletmisha.com), a dance company that presents productions such as the recent *Cinderella* at the Concord City Auditorium.

★ **Best consignment store: Chic Boutique Consignment** 126 S. River Road in Bedford, chicboutiqueconsignments.com; 935-7295. The boutique focuses on luxury brand items, such as the Christian Louboutin pumps, Marc Jacobs micro leather tote and Lilly Pulitzer dresses listed recently. Chic Boutique also has stores in Portsmouth and in Bridgewater, Mass.

★ **Best New Hampshire Jams and Jellies: Laurel Hill Jams and Jellies** (laurelhilljams.com) offers a wide variety of flavors: fruit (such as Wicked Good Blueberry Jam), tea (Earl Grey, chamomile) and cocktails (banana rum jam, margarita jelly). See the website for all the offerings. A showroom for the company is located at 195 McGregor St. in Manchester and is open Mondays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.





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A gallery's growth

Glimpse in Concord readies new show

By Michael Witthaus
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For its inaugural show in February 2024, Glimpse Gallery featured four artists hailing from the South, along with two New Hampshire painters and another from Vermont. Glimpse owner Meme Exum always intended for the space, tucked down an alley by the Capitol Building in Concord, to reflect her home region, but knew it would take time.

A little over a year later the seeds Exum and curator Christine Landry-Boullion planted to entice New England artists and buyers to Glimpse are coming to fruition.

"The trajectory's been just straight up, positive, wonderful," Exum said recently. "I now have a lot of folks submitting their work, and it's giving me more flexibility with how I can create the shows."

The choice provided by a deep well of talent allows for shows weighted between up-and-comers and established artists like

Robin Whitney Fairclough, who anchored a successful show in October. It also allows for thematic balance, as with an upcoming exhibit of seven New England artists that includes the colorful abstracts of Rosie Wolf Williams alongside darker works by Talia Dinger. Williams' paintings suggest prairie impressionism, such as the colorful movement in "Breaking Free" and "Lion and the Mouse," an Aesop's fable-inspired piece glowing with childlike energy.

Dinger's mixed media works focus on monochromatic subjects and explore topics like alienation in "I'll Miss You" and the frailty of hope in "Holding On To You," which depicts a person hanging by a thread over a pool of lava or something equally threatening. Her three-dimensional pieces are particularly impressive, such as "Out of Time," an eyeball-shaped, working clock spilling an acrylic tear, and the abstract chest X-ray, "Golden."

Matthew McCain uses gray scale and shadow compellingly in "If You Go, I'll Stay," a foreboding work depicting either an interrogation or an illuminating moment. The main subject's posture is ambiguous; the artist leaves interpretation up to the viewer.

"I love how people can see different things while looking at the same image, and I really try to exploit that in my artwork as

much as possible," McCain writes in his bio.

A few of McCain's pieces are adorned with butterflies to convey nostalgia for a bygone time. Similarly whimsical are the line and circle drawings of Amy Moffett. Their simplicity is underscored by her creative process; each is begun with eyes closed, so Moffett can feel the shapes before seeing them. The works are colorful and affordable — all cost under \$100.

Mark Ruddy has shown at the Glimpse Gallery before, but as with other shows, this exhibit will feature all new works.

"Every time it has to be completely different, because I don't want people to see the same thing ever," Exum said. "Every show has to be its own new art and the energy that it carries."

A series of three Ruddy paintings is hung for the upcoming show. Two are of vintage pugilists, arranged around a close-up of the recently renamed Gulf of Mexico on a map. Each picture is covered with multicolored polka dots, a motif he's used in other works to juxtapose a serious subject with something lighter.

Brenda Wilbert is both a mixed media and fine art digital artist. "A Moment of Bliss," a treated photograph of a woman in a river drinking water from her hand, is an example of the latter. Her riotous collages employ



Glimpse Gallery. Courtesy photo.

a wide range of textures and colors, from metallic pen lines to painted fabric, watercolors and ink to stunning effect.

The works of Lakes Region artist Benjamin Archibald are a blend of realistic portraits of wildlife, such as the peacock in "Glory," along with patterned portraits done for charity. For the latter, donors purchase one or more fingerprint spots on a piece like "Heliosa," which welcomes patrons at Glimpse's entryway.

"I love what he's doing," Exum said. "He's taking his art to this level where he's making it a communal process..."

Glimpse Gallery April/May show opening reception

When: Saturday, April 12, 5-7 p.m.
Where: Glimpse Gallery, 4 Park St. (Patriot Building), Concord
RSVP: contact@theglimpsegallery.com

Art

Opening

• **"Nicolas Party and Surrealism: An Artist's Take on the Movement"** will run at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, currier.org) Thursday, April 10, through Monday, Sept. 1. "In celebration of the Surrealist Manifesto (1924), Nicolas Party and Surrealism: An Artist's

Take on the Movement explores the lasting influence of Surrealism through the work of contemporary artist Nicolas Party," according to the website.

Theater

• **The Wedding Singer** at the Rep, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org, will run through Sunday, May 4, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on

Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

• **Disney's Frozen Jr.** presented by Actorsingers Youth at the Janice B. Streeter Theater (14 Court St. in Nashua) on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. See actorsingers.org for tickets.

• **Monty Python's Spamalot School Edition** The teens of Ovation Theatre Company (ovationtc.com) will present *Monty Python's*

Spamalot School Edition on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, at 1 and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry). See derryoperahouse.org for tickets.

• **Seussical The Musical** Friends of the Amato Center will present *Seussical The Musical* on Friday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 12, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 at Souhegan High School

in Amherst. Tickets cost \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and kids. See amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company.

Classical

• **Dallas Brass** with music ranging from classical to Broadway and more on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m., at the Stockbridge Theatre (Pinkerton Academy, Derry, pinkertonacademy.org/stockbridge-theatre).

Tickets cost \$15 to \$30.

• **Drawn to the Music — The Planets** The New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra will present a program featuring Gustav Holst's "The Planets" on Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. at Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Drive, Salem). Tickets cost \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$10 for students and \$5 for Salem students. See nhphil.org.

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22 years of Highland dance

Music, craft & more at the Indoor Scottish Festival



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By Zachary Lewis
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Claire MacPherson is the President of Scottish Arts and she spoke with the Hippo about their 22nd Annual New Hampshire Indoor Scottish Festival, set to take place at Manchester Memorial High School on Saturday, April 12. “It’s actually a three-day event,” she said, “but the main festival itself is on the 12th. It’ll be open to the public, it’s completely free, and there is also some Walker shortbread to be handed out free with the program as well.”

“We will have our solo piping competitions, there’s a new fiddle competition happening this year, our Highland dance and drumming, and we have over 100 solo competitors. We’re going to have 15 pipe bands. The great thing about this being indoors is that the weather can be doing what it likes outside ... In the morning it will be Highland dancing and in the afternoon it’s all these pipe bands that come on individually and do their competition sets. It’s a really enjoyable afternoon,” she said.

The morning will also involve history. “We’re going to have our main history lecture, which is given by a local New Hampshire scholar, Mary Adams, and she’s going to be talking about the Scots Irish in New Hampshire from the 1600s to the 1900s. That’s going to be fascinating. It’s going to be talking about the legacy, why they came from Scotland to Ireland and Ireland to America, specifically to New Hampshire, and what they brought with them, and how they interacted in the making of America,” MacPherson said.

22nd Annual New Hampshire Indoor Scottish Festival
When: Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Manchester Memorial High School, 1 Crusader Way, Manchester
Free admission. Visit scottisharts.org.

No Scottish festival would be complete without the weaving of tales.

“We also have Nancy Bell, who’s a renowned storyteller, and she’ll be bringing her spinning wheels, so she’ll be doing a demonstration on how she does spinning. There’s an opportunity to spin your own bookmarks. She’ll be bringing her castle with her and telling a lot of Celtic folk tales,” she said.

More treats are available for little ones and some will sneakily involve learning.

“We also have another new thing which is a craft called Create Your Own Clan Crest. So, all the clans have their own crests and they have different things on them depending on symbols that were important to the clans like ships or swords or lions, what have you, so it would be an opportunity for kids to create their own one or investigate. We’ll also have golf and curling for the kids to try as well. That’s new this year, that’s exciting. A lot for families and kids. And what’s super nice is it’s all free.”

Participants can also take part in a Scottish-themed raffle where they can win a set of Wallace Bagpipes. Vendors such as Scotlandshop, Thistles and Things, Twisted Creations, Razzbree Dragon Handmades, and Celtic Beat Magazine will be in attendance as well as clans and societies.

“We have the Scots Charitable Society. They are the oldest charity in the Western Hemisphere. They were founded in 1657, so they’re absolutely fascinating to talk to, as well as all our clans,” she said.

The indoor games continue a long tradition of Scottish heritage.

“Nobody actually knows exactly when the very first Highlands games was, but they’re at least 1,000 years old. These are like feats of strength and endurance. It’s keeping the clan ready for battle and having their warriors in tip-top shape as it were,” MacPherson said. Their outdoor festival takes place in Quechee, Vermont, on Aug. 23. 🍀

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CAR TALK



By Ray Magliozzi

I recently purchased a new vehicle, and in less than a month, to my surprise, while making a slow right-hand turn, the chain got caught underneath one of the paddles. I was unable to straighten out of my turn and jumped the curb before I yanked the wheel hard enough to break the chain and straighten out my car.

A little road rash on my right front wheel was the only damage, but I wanted to mention this to others who like to hang stuff off their rearview mirrors. Just wanted to reach out to warn others that this could happen.

— Michael

I'm glad no one got hurt, Michael. This is just another reason why I oppose hanging anything off your rearview mirror.

The primary reason is that it can block your vision. Even if it's something rela-

tively thin, like a chain, it could swing and keep you from seeing a pedestrian at certain angles. Or it could catch the sun and glint in your eye for a moment, causing you to miss something.

At best, it's a distraction. At worst, as you

can attest, Michael, it can get caught in the steering wheel and prevent you from steering the car.

So, take all that crud down, folks. Seeing is of primary importance while piloting a 3,000-pound machine, and you don't want

to do anything that could, in any way, distract you or limit your vision. Thanks, Michael.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Hello, Donna.

I saw someone had some dishes and asked you their worth. That prompted me to reach out and see if you have comments or information about this child's rug that I inherited from my mother-in-law approximately 11 years ago. I don't know how long she owned it or where it originated from. Also I'm wondering if you have a value you would suggest.

Your help and time are greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Lisa

Dear Lisa,

The hooked rug has a sweet subject!

Hooked rugs are tough to evaluate without a real visual on them. So my end suggestion is to bring it to a local antique shop. They will be able to approximately date it for you and tell you if it was hand hooked or machine done.

Age, subject and fine details all go into put-

ting a value on them. I have seen even modern hooked rugs bring substantial value because of the work in them. But I've also seen modern machine-made ones in stores that look like older ones.

I think, Lisa, I would try to find out more information on whether it was handmade by your mother-in-law or someone in the family etc. If so, try to come close to when it was made. Then when you bring it to be evaluated you can provide that information to help.

It's a sweet rug, Lisa, but a lot depends on whether it is older, newer, hand done, machine done, and made with newer materials or older ones.



Good luck in your hunt for information and let's hope it is a treasure!

Donna

Note: Some of the best hooked rigs I have seen were hooked with rags from a homestead! Reusing everything is what you did then.

Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new location is an Antique Art Studio located in Dunbarton, NH where she is still buying and selling. 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.

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Bunnies and eggs

• The Easter Bunny will arrive in a student-built airplane when he visits the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, aviation-museumofnh.org) on Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m. The Easter Bunny will get a water cannon salute from the Manchester Airport Fire Department on his arrival and will hand out candy and take photos with fans from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., when he will leave on a fire truck, according to an Aviation Museum press release. The event is free and families are asked to arrive by 10:30 a.m. for this outdoor event. The day will also feature free admission to the museum until 1 p.m. and free activities for kids in the museum’s classroom, the release said. The event will feature chocolate treats from Granite State Candy Shoppe and coffee and goodies from the Common Man Roadside, the release said. After 1 p.m., admission to the museum will cost \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$5 for ages 6 to 12 and for 65+ and military and veterans; kids 5 and under get in for free, the release said.

• Merrimack Parks and Recreation will hold its annual **Easter Egg Hunt** in Wasserman Park for Merrimack residents only on Saturday, April 12, starting at 10 a.m. with egg hunt times grouped by age. See merrimackparksandrec.org.

• The Well Church in Nashua will hold an **Easter Egg Hunt** for kids Saturday, April 12, in Greeley Park. Register at egg-nh.com for a time slot and BYO basket.

Cats invite dogs

• The Fisher Cats will play a series of games against the Harrisburg Senators starting Tuesday, April 15, at 6:35 p.m. At the Wednesday, April 16, game, also at 6:35 p.m., it’s Waggin’ Wednesday, when your (leashed) doggos can come to the park. Games continue through Sunday, April 20 — on Friday, April 18, the team plays as Los Gatos Feroces and on Saturday, April 19, they’ll debut their New Hampshire Space Potatoes alter ego, honoring the Granite State’s potato and UFO history. See milb.com/new-hampshire.

Kids on stage

• The teens of Ovation Theatre Company (ovationtc.com) will present *Monty Python’s Spamalot School Edition* on



The Easter Bunny’s visit to the Aviation Museum of N.H. in 2024. Courtesy photo.

Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12, at 1 and 7 p.m. at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway, Derry). See derryoperahouse.org for tickets.

• *Disney’s Frozen Jr.* will present Actorsingers Youth at the Janice B. Streeter Theater (14 Court St., Nashua) on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. See actorsingers.org for tickets.

• The Palace Youth Theatre will also present *Frozen Jr.* on Thursday, April 10, and Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org). Tickets cost \$17.

• Friends of the Amato Center will present *Seussical The Musical* on Friday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 12, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 at Souhegan High School in Amherst. Tickets cost \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and kids. See amatocenter.org/riverbend-youth-company.

Introduction to ‘The Planets’

• The NH Philharmonic will present “*Drawn to the Music —The Planets*” featuring visuals by local students paired with Gustav Holst’s “The Planets” on Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. (with a livestream option for Sunday) at Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem. Tickets cost \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors, \$10 for students. See nhphil.org.

Outdoor excitement

• Author Susie Spikol will come to Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com) on Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m. to discuss her new book *Forest Magic for Kids: How to Find Fairies, Make a Secret Fort and Cook Up and Elf-in Picnic*. The book features “50+ magical activities for everything from finding hidden flower fairies in your own backyard and making a special wizard staff to creating a tiny woodland village and making your own forest potions,” according to a Gibson’s press release. Admission is free and no registration is required, the email said. 🍷

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FOOD

Thai food like Grandma used to make

New Dessert House satisfies a sweet tooth

By John Fladd
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Some of Vasita Saktanaset's favorite memories of growing up in Bangkok center around her grandmother's cooking.

"She's 82 years old right now and she's still working," Saktanaset said, "and her hobby is cooking. She actually used to like to open a small street restaurant. It was like a pop-up shop in front of the house. In Thailand you don't have to have a health permit or anything like that. You can open up a restaurant and you can just say, oh today I want to sell something. You just unfold a table and you can sell it right away. She used to do that on and off for her hobbies. She loves cooking. So I grew up with a grandma who liked to feed me with her recipes."

Saktanaset's new restaurant, After Thai Dessert House in Concord, grew out of her love of Thai desserts. After she moved to New Hampshire, she found herself missing the sweets she grew up eating in Bangkok. There are many good Thai restaurants in the area,



Brown Sugar Boba Strawberry Roti and Coconut Cake. Photo by John Fladd.

she said, but she found herself craving Thai desserts.

"I have a sweet tooth," she said, "so I love dessert. I love bingsu [a treat made with shaved ice, condensed milk, and many, many other ingredients] and everything. And there's no dessert shop around here — I mean Asian dessert shop. You have to drive like an hour to Boston to just grab a couple of bites of [Thai] ice cream or anything. It just made me miss my home country a little bit."

Saktanaset's husband and his family own the Siam Orchid Thai Bistro in Concord, and she said he encouraged her to open her own place.

"I saw the potential of this space downstairs from the Siam, and we already rent the whole building. [My husband said,] 'Why don't you use it for something that will earn money?'" At first, the idea was to open a dessert space for the restaurant upstairs, Saktanaset said, but soon the space took on a personality of its own, one that reflected hers.

"I just put all my passion in here — anything that I like. Sweets, sour foods, some cute stuff, snacks, everything here is something that I like," she said.

Saktanaset noticed that many American desserts lacked complexity.

"The cake and foods you buy in bakeries here are a little too sweet for me," she said. "Asian desserts are less sweet, softer in texture, and everything is light and fluffy."

For instance, After Thai's coconut cake is a moist cake that relies on most of its sweetness from the natural sugars in the coconut and is frosted with

unsweetened whipped cream, which adds richness and even more moisture to the cake without covering up the flavor of the cream itself.

Strawberry Roti is a fusion of influences from Thailand, India and the United States.

"The roti [a flaky fried flatbread] is actually Indian," Saktanaset said. "And you have condensed milk and strawberry sauce and condensed milk and just the whipped cream. This is street food in Thailand. It's just like you can find anywhere there. They roll it up as a stick, but I think it's a little hard to eat, so we adapted it a little and chopped the roti in pieces."

After Thai serves a couple dozen desserts at any given time, including bingsu [the shaved ice], custards made with rice or taro, and bubble tea, with large tapioca pearls.

"I want to have more," Saktanaset said, "but we want to find out what sells. Right now I only pick the ones that I like. Because if I want to have it, I can have it right away. That's the key point of this dessert shop." 🍓

After Thai Dessert House

Where: 4 Kennedy Lane, Concord, 229-8291

When: Thursdays 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays until 9:30 p.m., and Sundays until 9 p.m.

Desserts from After Thai can also be ordered through Siam Orchid Thai Bistro (12 N. Main St., Concord, 228-1529, siamorchid.net).



Owner Vasita Saktanaset. Photo by John Fladd.

News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **Cheers and farewell:** WineNot Boutique in Nashua has announced on its website that it will close its doors later this year. Owner Svetlana Yanushkevich posted, "Starting this September, WineNot will no longer have a retail space, but we're not going away! Instead, we're expanding our experiences — bringing you special wine events, new collaborations with local businesses, curated travel adventures, and unique ways to stay connected."

• **Dining with experts:** LaBelle Winery in Derry (14 Route 111; labellewinery.com) will host An Evening with America's Test Kitchen Chefs, specifically Bridget Lancaster & Julia Collin Davison, on Thursday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. The evening will include five courses, each paired with wine. Tickets cost \$150 or \$200 for VIP tickets.

• **Greek Easter bake sale:** The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos Society will hold an Easter Bake Sale on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church hall at 111 Island Pond Road in Manchester. Spinach peta, cheese peta, Greek cookies, Greek pastry and Easter bread will be available for sale. Quantities are limited. For information call the church office at 623-2045.

• **Making fresh pasta:** Learn to make Italian dishes from an expert chef at Angela's Pasta, Cheese & Wine (815 Chestnut St., Manchester, angelaspastaandcheese.com). The next cooking class is Tuesday, April 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission costs \$95 per person; call 625-9544 to reserve a spot.

• **Searching for the best chicken coop:** The New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation (295 Sheep Davis Road, Concord, 224-1934, nhfarmbureau.org) is sponsoring a Chicken Coop Competition. Follow the link on the Federation's website and submit your pictures of your coop along with a detailed description by April 30. Judging will be done by the professionals at NHFB, NOFA and Osborne's Farm and Garden Center. Winners — one from each category — will be announced on May 2. 🍓

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Jackie O'Dowd. Photo by John Fladd.

Owner and baker of The Sweet Spot, 353 Riverdale Road, Weare, 529-6667, thesweetspotnh.com
 "My grandfather was a Japanese chef in New York City. Both my parents were wonderful cooks.... I've always baked my whole life, since I was a little girl," O'Dowd said. "I grew up in Long Island and I baked with my mother. I tried an office job. I didn't like it, and then I tried a baking job and I loved it. ... I worked in a couple of bakeries and coffee shops and then finally the fancy plating stuff with this pastry chef. Then, we bought this place. The previous owner [Just Like Mom's] really wanted it to stay a bakery."

What is your 'must-have' in the kitchen?

Butter. I make everything from scratch. And I use real cream in all my chantillys, ... My meringue is from egg whites, but I've separated the eggs. ... But I guess butter would be the first thing.

What would you have for your last meal?

I would have linguine with white clam sauce. My father was a really good cook, a really amazing cook. And he had five daughters, and for our birthdays he would make us whatever we wanted. And every year I wanted his linguine with white clam sauce and he'd always be like 'Jackie, that's so easy! Like the easiest thing to make, come on!' But I told him, 'That's my favorite.'

What is your favorite local place to eat?

That's a tough question. I like Campo Enoteca [in Manchester], though. I just like the vibe in there. I like homemade pasta.

Who is a celebrity you would like to see eating something you've baked?

I love Joanne Chang [celebrity baker and owner of Flour and Myers+Chang in Boston]. I love her. Her recipes are great. ... I also like Paul Hollywood [from *The Great British Baking Show*] ... [H]e's actually legit, he grew up baking bread with his father. So those are my two top bakers who are alive.

What's your favorite thing on your menu?

Everyone here knows it: pecan sticky buns, which actually use Joanne Chang's brioche recipe. I've tweaked it a little bit here, but really like the pecan sticky buns. My staff all know on the weekend when things are left over you save sticky buns for Jackie.

What's the biggest food or baking trend that you see in New Hampshire?

Gluten-free, absolutely. ... [Gluten-free baking] has advanced so much with new flour mixtures that I can bake almost anything gluten-free.

What's your favorite thing to cook at home?

It's not one thing. I get the Milk Street magazine and they have a lot of interesting recipes from all over the world. So I love to pick a recipe like that. For Christmas we always pick a different country and we'll just dive into that country, something different and exotic, usually from overseas. Last week I made this Korean fried chicken from a Milk Street [recipe], and it was so good. It was so good, so satisfying. So if I'm home making something, I try and do something fun and interesting like that. 🍷

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 1½ handfuls whole almonds
 3 teaspoons sea salt
 1½ teaspoons cinnamon
 1½ cups organic coconut oil, melted
 ¾ cup maple syrup
 ¾ cup honey
 3 teaspoons vanilla
 2 cups total dried fruit (dark and golden raisins, dried cranberries, etc.)

Mix oats, nuts, salt and cinnamon. Mix wet ingredients separately, stir well. Add to oat mixture and stir by hand until all items are coated. Add to parchment-lined, lightly sprayed full sheet pans (two pans). Spread evenly. Bake in 275°F oven. Stir every 20 minutes until nicely browned, approximately 1½ hours. Allow to cool. Place in large bowl when cooled. Add dried fruit and mix well. Leave some clumps. Store in airtight container.

Tangelo Madness

The Sample Lady at the grocery store and I have an understanding. As long as I don't block traffic and stand around telling her dad jokes, she will look the other way as I take more than my fair share of samples:

"So, the police have released some details about that guy who fell to his death off the nightclub roof."

"Oh, yeah?"

"Apparently, not a bouncer."

"Shut up and have some more pretzels."

"Don't mind if I do."

Last week, the Sample Lady and I bonded over wedges of tangelo, which sounds like it could be the name of your aunt's latest boyfriend with a pencil-thin mustache and too much gold jewelry but is actually a citrus hybrid of a tangerine and a grapefruit. It turns out that tangelos are insanely delicious — sweet and perfumy, but balanced with enough acidity to make them taste super-juicy.

One thing led to another and I ended up with a bag of them on my kitchen counter. I really, really thought about adapting a lemon

cake recipe into a tangelo one, but curiosity got the better of me and I decided to see what fresh tangelo juice tasted like.

Even better.

For reasons known only to fruit geneticists and perhaps Pomona, the Roman goddess of oranges, tangelos, instead of taking after their large, grapefruity parent, are actually a bit smaller than standard run-of-the-mill tangerines and fit nicely into a lemon juicer. Place a fine-mesh strainer over a leftover plastic takeout container and squeeze five or six tangelos through it. The plastic container is flexible enough to allow you to squeeze the sides and pour juice neatly into a cocktail jigger.

Which leads us nicely to the topic of tangelo cocktails.

TWO TANGELO COCKTAILS

#1 – A Beer-mosa

4 ounces fresh squeezed tangelo juice
12-ounce bottle of not-too-hoppy pale beer – a Mexican lager is great for this

This is very complicated, so pay close attention:

Pour the tangelo juice into a pint glass, and top it with beer.

Even though a tangelo looks like a pony in the tangerine stable and tastes really sweet and juicy on its own, there is something about a mild beer that calls to its grapefruit forebears and forges a bond. The slight bitterness of the beer clasps hands with the background bitterness of the tangelo juice and won't let go. The beer tastes juicy, and the juice tastes even more refreshing, if that is possible.

While not as daintily sophisticated as a traditional mimosa, this might be my new brunch go-to.

#2 – Pencil-Thin Mustache

2 ounces vodka
½ ounce Aperol — a ruby-colored, slightly bitter liqueur made from rhubarb and miracles
½ ounce orange liqueur — in this partic-

ular case, dry orange curacao
3 ounces
fresh squeezed tangelo juice

Combine all ingredients with ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake thoroughly.

Strain over fresh ice in a rocks glass. If you are prone to garnishes, a slice or twist of tangelo would not go amiss here.

It is hard to imagine any cocktail more orange than this one. It looks orange. It tastes orange. Not like oranges, mind you — tangelos and sunshine are the primary flavor profiles here. The Aperol and curacao add a bit of complexity, and the vodka hides in the background, but the fresh tangelo juice is the star here. Two or three of these could make porch-sitting an event.

I'm not entirely sure if there is an actual tangelo season, but it seems shortsighted not to drink a large number of each of these cocktails while the opportunity presents itself. 🍊



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Ingrid Laubrock, *Purposing the Air* (Pyroclastic Records)



Her fully caffeinated handlers describe Laubrock as an “experimental saxophonist and composer interested in exploring the borders between musical realms and creating multi-layered, dense and often evocative sound worlds.” In this album the composer pairs single instrumentalists with lone vocalists to futz with the poetry of African-American poet/essayist Erica Hunt, whom I’d imagine might be a little taken aback (or totally not) by this LP, which, at 60-odd short compositions, is a Whitman’s sampler of modern alienation, its half-written/half-improvised passages offering seemingly random bite-sized

chunks of psychic turmoil. There are sing-song thingies about kites, general observations on everyday items and such (I lost track), fleshed out musically by an acidic, often noisily played cello for the first 16 pieces (undergirding Fay Victor in noise-scat mode) and a much tamer but equally animated piano, played by Matt Mitchell for the next set, over which our old buddy Sara Serpa unleashes her inner songbird (as in actual bird, seemingly). If you want unapologetically urban ambiance, this is one-stop shopping.

B+ —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Art Nation, *The Ascendance* (Frontiers Music s.r.l.)



Seems to me — mostly because I haven’t heard a lot of this kind of stuff — that melodic metal may be starting to move in an emo direction, that is unless this Swedish trio is startlingly original. Here we have the speed of Good Charlotte and the hormone-tugging angst of Trivium without the low end; I suppose the short version is Iron Maiden as its most highly evolved Pokemon character, if that makes any sense. The thing these guys do really well is bring the hooky, operatic melody without making it as indecipherable as those things can get; there’s almost no punk element to this tuneage but it’s quite

powerfully done. And boy, the sound is pretty huge, which one wouldn’t expect from a trio, not that that can’t be explained by multi-tracking of course, but yeah, they shoot for the rafters. Past the obligato ballad (“Julia”) you’ll find songs like “Lightbringer,” which is like a cross between King Diamond and Pendulum, i.e. next-gen tech metal. High marks for sure. **A+** —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Happy weekend, rock fans, it’s your weekly ray of musical sunshine and blind hope for humanity, back with another fresh Dumpster-load of albums from rock stars, nepo babies, comedy bands whose silly monkeyshines amuse unfunny people, and whatever else is in this list of new records coming out on April 11, don’t mind the stench, I hope you guys all brought clothespins for your noses! Jeezum crow, look at all these darned albums, durn burn it, this is gonna make a freakin’ mess! Since I probably should, I’ll launch the festivities by drinking five much-needed fingers of scotch and heading to the YouTube matrix to listen to something from Wisconsin-based soft-rocker **Bon Iver**’s (pronounced “BONE ee-VAIR” for you readers who couldn’t care less about mispronouncing his name and will continue to do so regardless, sticking to the New England-centric pronunciation “Bawn EYE-vah”) new album, *SABLE fABLE*, see what he did there, with those modern Latin alphabet letters [shocked face emoji]? No, I kid Bon Iver, his first record was done in total DIY fashion; he played a borrowed old Sears brand Silvertone guitar, which has become sort of a cult instrument among musicians, hilarious as that may seem. I don’t hate those things myself; my first guitar was a 12-string Silvertone, and its sound was pretty neat, so I won’t argue about it, but that doesn’t mean I approve of any Bon Iver music I’ve ever heard, because I don’t, but maybe this new record will change my mind about this crazily overrated dude, let’s go. So the album opens with “THINGS BEHIND THINGS BEHIND THINGS” (in which Mister Ivah continues his capitalization gimmick, which, to the average reader, is pretty rude, like getting yelled at on Facebook by someone who really, really wants you to LEAVE ELON MUSK ALONE). With all that capitalization stuff I assumed I’d be hearing a new Ivah-meister, maybe even packing a little aggro-metal attitude, but nope, it’s yet more sleepytime music for awkward millennials, just like during the Aughts, when Ivah-bro was relevant, when millennials hated music and music hated them back. I suppose the tune is nice if you ever wanted to hear Coldplay doing some unplugged twee-Americana hybridization, so if that interests you, by all means, go buy this album and stay away from me on my socials, that’d be great.

• Speaking of the Aughts, look who it is, guys, it’s **OK Go**, with a new album, *And The Adjacent Possible*! You rock fans all remember when this Chicago band filmed the most epic music video of all time for their yelly indie-pop song “This Too Shall Pass,” the one where they built a gigantic Rube Goldberg machine (you know, like the kids’ game Mousetrap, but a million times more elaborate) in a warehouse and it was awesome, right? Well, times change, so the video for the new single “A Stone Only Rolls Downhill” is a wickedly elaborate shoot that involved 64 smartphones; the tune is kind of like something you’d hear if Maroon 5 were kinda funky. They’ll be at the Royale in Boston on May 30.

• Ecstasy-gobbling Norwegian soundsystem **Røyksopp** releases *True Electric* on Friday; it looks like a bunch of re-rubs of their more explosive techno tunes. Fever Ray guests on a version of “What Else Is There” that’s basically a repeat of the Trentemöller remix you may have heard on the HBO show *Entourage* back when our planet was still managed by dinosaurs and giant dragonflies.

• Lastly it’s the posthumous album from Flaming Lips fixture **Nell Smith**, *Anxious*. The title track is a pretty little twee-ish mid-tempo thing; the only thing wrong with it is the occasional tremolo effect on her voice (probably Wayne Coyne’s dumb idea). —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

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Waste Wars,
by **Alexander Clapp** (Little, Brown and Co., 341 pages)



When you toss a plastic water bottle in a recycling bin, you're saving the Earth — or so we've been told for decades. But in recent years a more disturbing story has been emerging, with evidence that much of the stuff in our recycling bins is not being recycled but is being shipped, at significant financial and human cost, to developing nations.

In *Waste Wars*, journalist Alexander Clapp goes Dumpster diving for the truth, traveling the globe to witness what he calls “the wild afterlife of your trash.”

It's a sobering story that's being compared to Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, which in 1962 launched the environmental movement with its examination of the devastating effects of pesticides. But *Waste Wars* is not so much about how America's garbage is destroying us, but about how it's trashing other countries.

Clapp's introduction includes an astonishing statement: “Since the early 1990s, when your discarded Coke bottle first emerged as a major object of global commerce, China had been the recipient of half the plastic placed into a recycling bin anywhere on Earth.” In another decade, he writes, “America's biggest export to China was the stuff Americans tossed away.”

But China got fed up and stopped accepting the world's plastic, creating chaos in the global trash trade. “Within months, Greek garbage started surfacing in Liberia. Italian trash wrecked the beaches of Tunisia. Dutch plastic overwhelmed Thailand.”

The richest nations soon realized that the poorest could be counted on to take their waste — not just plastic and the remains of incinerated garbage (all that ash has to go somewhere) but also things like sewage sludge. The garbage and waste shipped to other countries is sometimes processed and sometimes repurposed, but often buried or dumped anywhere a truck driver thinks he can get away with it. In some areas sewage sludge has been broadly distributed and then paved over with “roads to nowhere.” In one area of Kenya, there are acres of six-story-high trash mountains seeping a poisonous soup that mosquitoes won't breed in.

These sorts of arrangements have

sometimes been brokered by government officials with no say by the citizens affected. In Guatemala in the early 1990s, for example, 200 families were “relocated” from their villages to make way for the processing of sewage coming from Miami, Galveston and other U.S. cities. In Turkey, a Kurdish farmer watched a truck stop outside his citrus groves, dump a load of garbage and light a match, the resulting fire nearly destroying his livelihood in the coming years.

Then there's the e-waste. Clapp travels to a place in Ghana known as Agbogboshie, which is a slum in which much of our electronic waste winds up. Perhaps, he says, your first cell phone and Game Boy, your DVD player, your college laptop, perished here. He writes about “enterprising young men in Ghana who have spent their lives rummaging through the piles of keyboards, desktop monitors, and smartphones that waste brokers in rich countries have shipped to Agbogboshie; they are seasoned at restoring these busted electronics back to life — and, on occasion, using them to conduct epic long-range fraud against residents of the countries that sent them.”

At the same time, he writes, Agbogboshie has become “a byword for ecological ruin.” Chicken eggs there contain high levels of chemical compounds, making them “probably the most poisonous on Earth.”

And yet the enterprise provides jobs. Clapp describes what he calls a “de-manufacturing line” — young men who sit for eight or nine hours a day dismantling and smashing trash: “old ceiling fans, motorcycle mufflers, speaker systems.” It is ironic, he observes, that some of the discarded objects being destroyed contain the world's most advanced technology and yet it is backbreaking human labor — “of an almost unimaginably archaic kind” — doing the destroying.

Unfortunately, the problems Clapp uncovers have no easy fix, driven as they are by consumer demand for products that don't just become waste themselves but produce waste, are literally wrapped in waste, every step on the way to your house, from their production to their packaging to the cash-register receipt you receive.

The book sometimes feels a bit like a lecture in which Clapp is chastising each of us for the contents of our closets and refrigerators. And yet we needed that Game Boy, didn't we? Yes, water bottles are bad, we get it, but for many of us, so is our tap water. It's easy to see the problem, not so easy to see the solution. Unfortu-

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nately, *Waste Wars* offers no way out of the mess we are in.

At the beauty store where my youngest daughter works, they recently tried to reduce plastic bag consumption by discontinuing plastic bags and offering a paper bag for 10 cents. They had to return to plastic bags within a few months because customers were so angry, they would storm out of the store.

Other countries are being more hard-nosed. In Indonesia, which is said to be the third largest contributor to plastic in the ocean (behind China and India), stores in Jakarta banned single-use plastic bags five years ago, levying a fine that amounts to \$1,800. Dubai is building an enormous

incinerator that it says will burn what amounts to a thousand trucks full of trash every day. But Indonesia also has plastic being sent there from other countries, and incineration has environmental costs of its own.

Depressingly, Clapp admits at one point, “As long as plastic keeps getting physically diverted by those who consume it the most, the farther from public concern — and political action — it is likely to remain.” *Waste Wars* is an eloquent and deeply researched call to action, even as it’s frustratingly unclear about what that action should be. **A** —Jennifer Graham

Books
Author events

• **Andru Volinsky** will talk about his new book *The Last Bake Sale: The Fight for Fair School Funding* at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, waterstreetbooks.com) on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m.
• **Abby Paige**, a Vermont playwright and performer, launches *Piecework / Travail à la pièce*, her bilingual book of plays exploring French Canadian heritage, with an event on Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the Dana Center, Room 1D, at Saint Anselm College in Manchester.

Admission is by donation with proceeds benefiting the Franco-American Centre. RSVP at fachh.org.
• **Andru Volinsky** will talk about his new book *The Last Bake Sale: The Fight for Fair School Funding* at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com) on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to noon.
• **Suzannah Hicks**, a local author, will launch her new historical fiction book, *The Shadow of Numbers*, at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookery-mht.com) on Saturday, April 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Film

• ***The Chosen: Last Supper Part 1 (Episode 1 & 2)*** will screen via Fathom Events, fathomevents.com, will screen at Apple Cinemas Merrimack and Hooksett, Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem, O’neil Cinemas in Brickyard Squared in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington through Sunday, April 20. See the website for specific days and times.
• ***The Chosen: Last Supper Part 2 (Episode 3-5)*** will screen via Fathom Events, fathomevents.com, will screen at Apple Cinemas Merrimack and Hooksett, Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem, O’neil Cinemas in Brickyard Squared in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington through Sunday, April 20.
• ***The Chosen: Last Supper Part 3 (Episode 6-8)*** will screen via Fathom Events, fathomevents.com, will screen at Apple Cinemas Merrimack and Hooksett, Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem, O’neil Cinemas in Brickyard Squared in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington Thursday, April 10, through Sunday, April 20..
• ***Snow White*** (PG, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org, on Thursday, April 10, at 3:45 & 6:15 p.m.

• ***The Friend*** (R, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, redrivertheatres.org on Thursday, April 10, at 4 p.m.; Friday, April 11, through Sunday, April 13, at 1:15, 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, April 14, and Tuesday, April 15, at 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Thursday, April 17, 4 & 6:45 p.m.
• ***Secret Mall Apartment*** (NR, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, April 10, at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
• ***Twisters*** (PG-13, 2024) will screen at Flying Monkey in Plymouth, flyingmonkeynh.com, on Thursday, April 10, at 6 p.m.
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• ***The Penguin Lessons*** (PG-13, 2025) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, on Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m. and Friday, April 11, at 1 p.m.
• ***Warfare*** (R, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Friday, April 11, through Sunday, April 13, 12:30, 2:45, 5 & 7:15 p.m.; Monday, April 14, through Thursday, April 17, 4:15 & 6:30

Poetry
• **Liane St. Laurent** is the featured poet at an open mic and book signing on Saturday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, 417-7981).
• **Poetry Society of New Hampshire** holds monthly poetry readings at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com), with reading followed by an open mic. Featured poets April 16 are Mark Pawlak and Marina Bonina. Newcomers are welcome and encouraged.

p.m.
• ***Rude Boy Featuring The Clash*** (R, 1980) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth, themusichall.org, Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 19, at 7 p.m.
• **21+ Apres Ski Party with Dumb and Dumber** (PG-13, 1994) will screen at Chunky’s in Manchester, chunkys.com, Friday, April 11, doors open at 8 p.m. and screening starts at 9 p.m.
• ***Ben Hur*** (1925), a silent film presented with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, at Wilton Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m.
• ***Flow*** (PG, 2024) will screen at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org on Sunday, April 13, at 2 and 6:30 p.m.
• ***Hop*** (PG, 2011) will screen at Chunky’s in Manchester, chunkys.com, as part of the Little Lunch Date series on Tuesday, April 15, at 11:30 a.m.
• ***Bob Trevino Likes It*** (PG-13, 2024) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 19, at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m.
• ***WALL-E*** (G, 2008) will screen at Flying Monkey in Plymouth, flyingmonkeynh.com, on Wednesday, April 16, at 6 p.m. as part of a family movie night series.

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Join the band:** On a tour that includes stops at five New England high schools, **Dallas Brass** performs music ranging from classical to Broadway, swing and American standards. The ensemble has appeared at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and other vaunted venues. For a show in Derry, they'll welcome Pinkerton Academy students to play, along with local middle schoolers. Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Stockbridge Theatre, 5 Pinkerton St., Derry, \$15 and up, 437-5210.

• **Crowd work pro:** Few comedians incorporate an audience into their act quite like **Paula Poundstone**. She has a knack for finding something to talk about with just about anyone, anywhere; her act has a handful of jokes and a lot of back and forth. She moves easily from topic to topic like a Beetle at a car rally, keeping her sets as fresh as the fans that regularly return to see her perform. Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St., Concord, \$25 and up at ccanh.com.

• **Mixed up music:** One of the more unique tribute acts on the scene, **Pink Talking Fish** imagines what a mashup of three bands — Pink Floyd, Talking Heads and Phish — might sound like. For an upcoming show they're playing it a bit straight. For the 50th anniversary of Floyd's *Wish You Were Here*, they'll recreate the album in the first set, and do their thing to it the next set. Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, \$20 at rochesteroperahouse.com.

• **Return to base:** A Concord favorite and current ex-pat working in Nashville, **Senie Hunt** returns for a brief regional tour that includes a show with his electric blues rock Project in a downtown showcase. Known for his percussive guitar sound, Hunt's heavier effort is a blend of originals and covers, drawing inspiration from The Allman Brothers Band, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jimi Hendrix. Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage, 60 S. Main St., Concord, \$24 at ccanh.com.

• **Back and forth:** Lean and limber blues rock trio **The Record Company** would have been right at home in a '70s milieu that produced Cactus, ZZ Top and Three Man Army. Foundational blues influences like Muddy Waters and Willie Dixon are filtered through the lens of no-nonsense rock for a muscular sound. Their latest effort, 2023's *The Fourth Album*, is a fierce rendering of this approach. Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$45 at tupelohall.com.

NITE

Remembering Brooks Young

Friends and bandmates to perform tribute show

By Michael Witthaus
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The New England music scene suffered a huge loss last October, when Brooks Young was killed in a car accident. The guitarist, singer and songwriter was celebrating a wave of success that included tours with George Thorogood, Sammy Hagar and Three Dog Night, and shows sharing the stage with stars like Bryan Adams and B.B. King.

Young's career was fueled equally by talent and tenacity.

"If someone called and wanted him for a good gig, he was saying yes," Mike Liane, a bandmate of Young's organizing a memorial show in Concord, recalled recently. "He didn't care, and I say this in a loving way, if the group of people around him were going to be able to do it. He knew he was going to do that gig."

Occasionally, he'd book a show and learn some members of his band had prior commitments, Liane continued. That didn't matter; Young would put together a quick pick-up group or, failing that, do the show solo. "Brooks wasn't going to lose an opportunity for anyone ... he just had this confidence and bravery."

Young was a genre-bending rocker who began in the blues. He met B.B. King in his late teens, after the legendary guitarist performed in Manchester on September 11, 2001. Eight years later Young's band opened for King in Concord. Over his career Young would range into rock and pop, without losing his early inspiration, Liane recalled.

"The thing that paints an accurate picture in my mind of what he really liked to do is when we'd play 'Hoochie Coochie Man.' The reason I say that is because it has very true, deep blues roots, but we'd do it in a way that was muscular and a little rock ... he would take all his influences and combine them into every performance."

The April 13 event at BNH Stage is a fundraiser to benefit Young's three children. House band performers span the Brooks Young Band's history, including drummer Blake Wyman, a member of the group's first incarnation. Three other drummers will be on hand as well: Adam Soucy, Rob McCarthy and Dave Lombard, who was behind the kit longest.

"Usually the hardest band member to find is a good drummer, but in this instance we've got four that raised their hand," Liane said. "But outside of the drummers, the lineup's pretty consistent. Charles Mitchell's on bass ... there's myself and Mike Gallant on guitars, and Jeff LeRoy, who played keys with Brooks basically his entire career ... a great band."

Also performing is Charlie Farren, who contributed to Young's second album. "They had a relationship since then, and we're delighted that he's going to play," Liane said. "He's going to do a few songs, and hopefully I can get him on stage to sing some harmony with us or something like that during the set with the Brooks Young Band."

Also appearing are Hank Osborne, Dakota Smart and Valerie Baretto, and there will likely be additional guests.

Liane was a band member late in the game, accompanying him on Three Dog Night and George Thorogood tours from 2016 to 2020, but he'd known Young since high school. He recalls when the two enrolled in an introductory guitar class, even though both were pretty good players at that point.

"We just wanted to play guitar, but we also knew we could get a really good grade," he recalled. "While everyone else was learning 'Mary Had a Little Lamb,' he would show me a Clapton lick, and then I would show him an Angus Young lick. We did that during class."

His old friend never lost the joy of being a musician, Liane continued, recalling another memory that happened a lot.



Brooks Young. Courtesy photo.

"Every night standing side stage, he'd put his hands on my shoulders right before we walked out and he'd look me right in the eye and he'd say, Mike, we're going to have a good time tonight," he said. "Every single time that he did this, and it was hundreds of times, but every single time he did this, he was excited, he had a huge smile on his face, and it's the only place on Earth he wanted to be in that moment."

Memorial Concert for Brooks Young

When: Sunday, April 13, 4 p.m.

Where: BNH Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord

Tickets: \$20 and up at ccanh.com

Appearing are Brooks Young Band, with Charlie Farren, Hank Osborne, Dakota Smart, Mikey G and Valerie Baretto

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

- **Wednesdays** Ruby Room at the Shaskeen, Manchester, 9 p.m.
- **Thursdays** Laugh Attic at Strange Brew, Manchester, 8:30 p.m.

Events

- **Paul Virzi** Music Hall Lounge, Portsmouth, Thursday, April 10, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- **Couch to Mic** 3S Artspace, Portsmouth, Thursday, April

10, 7 p.m.

- **Michael Palascak** Music Hall Lounge, Portsmouth, Friday, April 11, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- **Ladies of Boston Comedy** Rex, Manchester, Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
- **Paula Poundstone** Chubb Theatre, Concord, Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
- **Gary Gulman** Colonial, Laconia, Friday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
- **Annie Powell/Mark Scallia/Rob Steen** Contocock

American Legion, Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m.

- **Matt Shore Does Songs at You** Word Barn, Exeter, Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m.
- **Tracy Morgan** Chubb Theatre, Concord, Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.
- **Andrew Della Volpe** Music Hall Lounge, Portsmouth, Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m.
- **Ace Aceto/Brad Masstrangelo/Frank Santorelli** Nashua Center for the Arts, Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m.

- **Cory Gee Chunky's**, Manchester, Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m.
- **Peter Coppola Chunky's**, Manchester, Saturday, April 12, 8:30 p.m.
- **Steve Sweeney** Headliners, Manchester, Saturday, April 12, 8:30 p.m.
- **Garrison Keillor** Nashua Center for the Arts, Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
- **TTTom Clarke** Music Hall Lounge, Portsmouth, Friday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
- **Lenny Clarke** Tupelo, Derry, Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.

- **Ben Pratt Chunky's**, Manchester, Saturday, April 19, 6 p.m.
- **Frank Santos Jr.** Flying Monkey, Plymouth, Saturday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
- **Ken Rogerson** Chunky's, Manchester, Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m.
- **Jody Sloane/Rob Steen** Holy Grail, Epping, Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m.
- **Stacy Kendro** Headliners, Manchester, Saturday, April 19, 8:30 p.m.
- **Paul D'Angelo** Fulchino Vineyard, Hollis, Friday, April 25, 8 p.m.

MUSIC THIS WEEK

Alton Bay Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234	The Forum Pub 15 Village St., 552-0137	Epsom Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027	Bad Brgr 1015 Elm St., 606-8806	Bonfire 950 Elm St., 663-7678	Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880	To Share Brewing 720 Union St., 836-6947	San Francisco Kitchen 133 Main St., 886- 8833	Dreo 254 N. Broad- way, 824-6337
Auburn Auburn Pitts 167 Rockingham Road, 622-6564	Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669	Exeter Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116	Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900	Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832	Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St., 532-9300	Meredith Twin Barns Brewing 194 DW Highway, 279-0876	Peddler's Daughter 48 Main St., 821-7535	Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033
Barrington Nippo Lake Restaurant 88 Stagecoach Road, nip- pobluegrass.com	Lithermans 126B Hall St., 219-0784	Gilford Patrick's 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841	Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832	Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St., 532-9300	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962	Merrimack Homestead 641 DW Highway, 429-2022	New Boston Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581
Barnstead The Lower East Side Pub 769 Suncook Valley Road, Center Barnstead, 269-0044	Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614	Goffstown Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230	Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832	Jaffrey Park Theatre 19 Main St., 532-9300	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962	Jade Dragon 515 DW Highway, 424-2280	Pembroke Pembroke City Limits 134 Main St, 210-2409	Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706
Bedford Copper Door 15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677	Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667	Hampton CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road, 929-7972	Lakonia 405 Pub & Grill 405 Union St.	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962	Lakonia 405 Pub & Grill 405 Union St.	Tomahawk Tavern 454 DW Highway, 365-4960	Penacook American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753-9372	Red's Kitchen + Tavern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030
Bow Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508	Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946	The Goat 20 L St., 601-6928	Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022	Litchfield Day of the Dead Mexican Taqueria Mel's Funway Park, 454 Charles Bancroft Highway, 377-7664	Litchfield Day of the Dead Mexican Taqueria Mel's Funway Park, 454 Charles Bancroft Highway, 377-7664	Tortilla Flat 595 DW Highway, 424-4479	Pittsfield Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216-2162	Somersworth Earth Eagle North 350 Route 108, 841-5421
Bristol Kathleen's Irish Pub 90 Lake St., 744-6336	Dover Auspicious Brew 1 Washington St., 953-7240	L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777	Londonberry Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022	Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246	Londonberry Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022	Milford Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480	Portsmouth The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122	Sunapee Sunapee Community Coffee House 9 Lower Main St., 398-8214
Brookline The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000	Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390	Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road	Stumble Inn 20 Rock- ingham Road, 432-3210	Shopper's Pub & Eatery 18 Lake Ave., 232-5252	Stumble Inn 20 Rock- ingham Road, 432-3210	Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979	Moultonborough Buckey's 240 Governor Wentworth Hwy., 476-5485	Suncook Oddball Brewing 6 Glass St., 210-5654, oddballbrewingnh.com
Concord The Barley House 132 N. Main St., 228-6363	Epping Holy Grail 64 Main St., 679-9559	Wally's Pub 144 Ash- worth Ave., 926-6954	Manchester Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545	South Side Tavern 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947	Manchester Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545	Nashua Casey Magee's Irish Pub 8 Temple St., 484-7400	Warner The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333	Windham Common Man 88 Range Road, 898-0088
	Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225	Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801				Thirsty Moose Tap-house 21 Congress St., 427-8645	Windham Restaurant 59 Range Road, 870-9270	
						Rochester Porter's 19 Hanson		

Thursday, April 10	Epping Telly's: Tim Theriault, 7 p.m.	Hudson Luk's: Paul Wolstencroft, 6 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Liz Ridgely, 5:30 p.m. Tomahawk: Chad LaMarsh, 6 p.m. Tortilla Flat: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.	Nashua Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m. Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.	Pittsfield Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.
Bedford Copper Door: Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.	Epsom Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/ DJ Jason, 7 p.m.	Milford Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.	Pembroke Pembroke City Limits: The Fretbenders, 7 p.m.	Portsmouth Press Room: Matt Michienzie Band w/ Stillwater, 7 p.m. Thirsty Moose: Bad At Math, 9:30 p.m.
Concord Hermanos: Eric Chase, 6:30 p.m.	Goffstown Village Trestle: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.	Lakonia 405 Pub & Grill: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.			

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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK
Salem
Copper Door: Dave Zangri, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Red’s: Freddie Catalfo, 7 p.m.

Somersworth
Earth Eagle: open mic w/Dave Ogden, 6 p.m.

Warner
The Local: Garrett Smith, 5 p.m.

Windham
Common Man: Malcolm Salls, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 11
Alton Bay
Foster’s Tavern: Henry LaLiberte, 6 p.m.

Auburn
Auburn Pitts: Nicole Knox Murphy, 7 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy’s: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.

Bristol
Kathleen’s: Irish Sessiun, 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Clint LaPointe, 6 p.m.

Concord
Forum Pub: Gavin Silver, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: Chris Bonoli, 6:30 p.m.

Deerfield
Lazy Lion: live music, 6 p.m.

Dover
Auspicious Brew: Queeraoke with Lezhang Seacoast, 8 p.m.

Epping
Holy Grail: Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.
Telly’s: Swipe Right, 8 p.m.

Epsom
Hill Top: The Daves! Graham and Ayotte , 7 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: karaoke w/

Pete, 7 p.m.

Hampton
CR’s: Bob Tirelli, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally’s: Scott Brown & The Diplomats, 9 p.m.
Whym: Freddie Catalfo, 6 p.m.

Henniker
Henniker Brewing Co.: Speed Trap, 6 p.m.

Hudson
Luk’s: Huck & The Hounds, 7 p.m.
Lynn’s 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: Eve Pierce, 6 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Eric Grant band, 8 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub and Grill: Temple Mountain, 7 p.m.
Fratello’s: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.

Litchfield
Day of the Dead: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Ralph Allen, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Neon Wave, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.
BAD BRGR: Guns of Brighton with Sotah, Glue, 9 p.m.
Bonfire: DJ Mike Benoit, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Radio Daze, 8:30 p.m.
Foundry: Garrett Smith, 6 p.m.
Fratello’s: Casey Roop, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Pulse, 9 p.m.
Olympus Pizza: Chris Taylor, 7 p.m.
Shaskeen: Leon Trout, 9 p.m.
South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Peter Higgins,

8 p.m.
To Share: Kevin Horan, 6:30 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Rebecca Turnel, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Marc Apostolides, 6 p.m.

Milford
Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.

Moultonborough
Buckey’s: Red Hat Band, 6:30 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee’s: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Peddler’s Daughter: Over-served Again, 9:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly’s: Acoustic BS, 6:30p.m.

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: Monkey Fingers

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

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Lewis Goodwin, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Press Room: Heart Attack Ack Ack, A Billy Joel Tribute, 7 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Mischief Mile, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Jonny Friday, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Red’s: Roc and Ron, 8 p.m.

Sunapee
Sunapee Community Coffee House: E.J. Tretter, 7 p.m.; open mic, 8 p.m.

Windham
The Windham Restaurant: Brian Walker, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 12
Alton Bay
Foster’s Tavern: Karen Grenier, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy’s: Richard Wallace, 6 p.m.

Bow
Chen Yang Li: Mikey G, 7 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Matt Bergeron, 6 p.m.

Concord
Forum: Acoustic Circle, 2 p.m.; Acoustic Dead Jam, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: The Coterie, 6:30 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Ryan Williamson, 1 p.m.

Dover
Auspicious Brew: Kouchera, Rayel, Kelsey Wilson, 8 p.m.

Epping
Holy Grail: Jackie Lee, 6 p.m.
Telly’s: Lewis Goodwin Duo, 8 p.m.

Epsom
Hill Top: Stray Dog, 7 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Angelo & Paul Boneshakerz Duo, 6 p.m.

Hampton
The Goat: James Stark, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally’s: Wednesday 13, 8 p.m.
Whym: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.

Henniker
Henniker Brewing: Ben Harris, 3 p.m.

Hudson
Luk’s Bar: Jimmy D, 7 p.m.
Lynn’s 102: Project Mess, 8:30 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Bite The Bullet, 8:30 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub and Grill: Garrett Smith, 7 p.m.
Fratello’s: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Jeff Mrozek, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Tom Dixon Band, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Backyard Brewery: Kyle McGuinness, 6 p.m.
Bonfire: Lexi James, 8 p.m.

Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh, 8:30 p.m.
Foundry: Ian Archibold, 6 p.m.
Fratello’s: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Musical Brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.; Run-4Covers, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Paul Nelson, 4 p.m.
Shaskeen: Gina Fritz, Anaria, Proelium, & Arcantica, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: Outside Help, 9 p.m.
To Share: Ernesto Burden, 4 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Temple Mountain, 5 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Marc Apostolides, 6 p.m.
Jade Dragon: The Slakas, 8:30 p.m.

Milford
Hampshire Dome: Justin Jordan, 10 a.m.

Moultonborough
Buckey’s: Eric Grant Duo, 6:30 p.m.

Nashua
Peddler’s Daughter: Best Not Broken, 9:30 p.m.
SFK: Jack Ancora, 6:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly’s: Robert & Rich, 6:30 p.m.

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: Olivia Conway, 3 p.m.; Derek Astles, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Max Sullivan, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m.
Press Room: The Stray Horses, 7 p.m.; Pink Moon Party w/ DJ Chad Banks, 10 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Fighting Friday, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Brian Gray,7 p.m.

Seabrook
Red’s: Kitchen Party, 8 p.m.

Suncook
Oddball Brewing: Jackie Crow, 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 13
Barrington
Nippo Lake Restaurant: Unsung Heroes, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Copper Door: Marc Apostolides, 11 a.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Jode Frawlee, 5 p.m.

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

Hampton
CR’s: Andrew Emmanuel, 4 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn’s 102: No Decision, 4 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello’s: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Chuck Alaimo, 4 p.m.

Manchester
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Milford
Riley’s Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: Divergent Strings, 2 p.m.

Portsmouth
Press Room: Jazz Brunch w/ James Geraldén Quartet, noon; Everything Yes, 7 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11 a.m.

Monday, April 14
Dover
Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Gilford
Patrick’s Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 8 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello’s: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello’s: Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 Line Dancing, 7 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Dave Zangri, 5:30 p.m.
Nashua
Fody’s: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.

Portsmouth
Press Room: Lizzie No w/ Riverbeds, 7 p.m.



FLYING SOLO

Nels Cline has made a name for himself as one of the most in-demand guitarists in contemporary music, most notably as the lead guitarist for Wilco. He just released *Consentrik Quartet*, his latest solo album, and his tour to support it takes him to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Thursday, April 10, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$39 to \$59, plus fees.

NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

Trivia

Trivia events
• **The Office** trivia Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Chunky's in Manchester (chunkys.com).

Weekly trivia

- **Thursday** trivia with ABC Trivia at Oddball Brewing (6 Glass St., Suncook, 210-5654, oddballbrewingnh.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Lithermans (126 Hall St., Concord, lithermans.beer) at 6 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Henniker Brewing (129 Centerville Road, Henniker, hennikerbrewing.com) 6 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St., Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** music trivia at Day of the Dead Taqueria (454 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, 377-7664) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia with Geeks

- Who Drink at the Barley House (132 N. Main St., Concord, thebarleyhouse.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia with Raise the Bar at The Derryfield (625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, thederryfield.com) 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** Opinionation by Sporcle trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road, Concord; 226-8667) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Chantilly's Restaurant (1112 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, find them on Facebook) 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Hop Knot (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Bonfire Restaurant & Country Bar (950 Elm St., Manchester, bonfiremanch.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Liquid Therapy (14 Court St., Nashua, 402-9391) at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396,

- gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Strange Brew (88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292) at 8 p.m.
- **First Thursday of every month** trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua, fodystavern.com) at 8 p.m.
- **First and third Thursday of every month** trivia at To Share Brewing (720 Union St., Manchester, tosharebrewing.com) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday** trivia at Biergarten Anheuser-Busch (221 DW Highway, Merrimack) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Friday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Cheers (17 Depot Square, Concord, cheersnh.com) 8 p.m.
- **Sunday** trivia at Mountain Base Brewery (553 Mast Road, No. 111, Goffstown, 315-8382) at 4 p.m.
- **Monday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Renegade's Pub (103 Nashua Road, Londonderry, renegadepub.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Monday** trivia with Raise the

- Bar at Thirsty Moose (360 DW Highway, Merrimack, thirsty-moosestaphouse.com) 7 p.m.
- **Monday** Pub Quiz at Shaskeen (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com) at 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Able Ebenezer Brewing (31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack, 844-223-2253) at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Second Brook Bar & Grill (1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, secondbrook.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Fody's (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.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 Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Shopper's Pub + Eatery (18 Lake Ave., Manchester, shoppersmht.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at the Forum Pub (15 Village St., Concord, 552-0137), at 8 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 Bert's Beers (545 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 413-5992, berthsnh.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** Brews & Qs trivia, 21+, at Feathered Friend (231 S. Main St., Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglass-brewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at East Derry Tavern (50 E. Derry Road, Derry, eastderry-tavern.com) 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Flannel Tavern (345 Suncook Valley Road, Chichester, flanneltavern.com) 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Talespinner Brewery (57 Factory St., Nashua, ramblingtale.com, 318-3220) 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 Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Backyard Brewery (1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com) 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Don Ramon (6 Whitney St., Merrimack, 420-8468) from 7 to 9 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 City Hall Pub (8 Hanover St., Manchester, 232-3751, snhhg.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (795 Elm St., Manchester, thirstymoosetaphouse.com/Manchester) 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Gate City Casino Lounge (55 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua, thegatecitycasino.com) 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

- **Piano Battle: Andreas Kern/ Paul Cibis** Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord
- **A Jazz Milestone** (Miles Davis tribute) Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
- **Matt Michienzie Band/Stillwater** Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **Los Sugar Kings** Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
- **Fretbenders** Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Sam Robbins** Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London
- **Pousette-Dart Duo** Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
- **Scott Brown & the Diplomats** Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **Broommaker/Eternal Slum-**

- ber** Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth
- **Nels Cline: Consentrik Quartet** Thursday, April 10, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **The Hazel Project/The Mountain** Friday, April 11, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
- **Heart Attack Ack Ack Ack** (Billy Joel tribute) Friday, April 11, 7 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **The Grateful Dads of Jaffrey** (Grateful Dead tribute) Friday, April 11, 7 p.m., Park Theatre in Jaffrey
- **Monkey Fingers** Friday, April 11, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Almost Queen** Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
- **The Phil Collins Experience** Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
- **Plaidstock: An Evening in Seattle** Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., Jewel in Manchester

- **Pink Talking Fish** (Pink Floyd/Talking Heads/Phish tribute) Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House
- **Jamnatics/Superfrog** Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
- **Primal Soup** Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
- **Grace Guggenheim** Friday, April 11, 8 p.m., Button Factory Stage in Portsmouth
- **Olivia Conway** Saturday, April 12, 3 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **The Stray Horses Perform Harvest Moon** by Neil Young Saturday, April 12, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **Derek Astles** Saturday, April 12, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
- **Dave Matthews Tribute Band** Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
- **Tonight's the Night** (Rod

- Stewart tribute) Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester
- **Hiroya Tsukamoto** Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library
- **Senie Hunt** Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
- **The British Invasion Years** Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth
- **Being Petty** (Tom Petty tribute) Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Park Theatre in Jaffrey
- **The Eagles Experience** Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Lakeport Opera House in Laconia
- **Funky Dawgs Brass Band** Saturday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **The Artimus Pyle Band** Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
- **Band of Brothers** (Allman Brothers tribute) Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera

- House
- **Anabasis** Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m., Button Factory Stage in Portsmouth
- **Snakes and Stars** Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
- **Music Matters** Sunday, April 13, 2 p.m., Rex in Manchester
- **Brooks Young Band** Sunday, April 13, 4 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
- **The Record Company** Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
- **Matthew Morrison** Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth
- **Everything Yes** Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **Duane Betts & Palmetto Motel** Sunday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth
- **Benny Green** Sunday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Ports-

- mouth
- **Hiroya Tsukamoko** Monday, April 14, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library
- **Marty O'Reilly Trio** Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
- **Bearly Dead** (Grateful Dead tribute) Tuesday, April 15, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth
- **High Range Trio & Friends** Wednesday, April 16, 5 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
- **Mixtape** Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Concord City Auditorium
- **Ballroom Thieves** Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
- **Eric Bibb/Michael Jerome Browne** Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
- **House Lights/The Forest Forgets/Trading Tomatoes** Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket

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Across

1. Groupie getting backstage will seduce or do this
6. English R&Ber Craig
11. What Michael Jackson's 'PYT' needs
14. 'Come Away With Me' Jones
15. George Harrison "Yes it's true, ___ for you"
16. '88 Hall & Oates album '___ Yeah'
17. Four-eyed Van Halen is 'Learning ___'
18. Rod Stewart classic 'Reason ___'
20. 'Golden Age of Radio' singer Josh
22. Sarah McLachlan "We are born innocent, believe me ___"
23. Cracker despises: '___ Generation'
27. Pearl Jam bassman Jeff
28. 'Click Click Boom' band
29. Liam & Noel Gallagher, e.g.
32. Egyptian goddess-inspired Dylan song
33. Brother Cane 'Got No ___'
34. '99 Smash Mouth hit 'Then ___'
41. Steely Dan is never going back to '___ School'
42. Canadian "Life is just a fantasy" Aldo
43. Tom Petty '___ Her Heart'
47. Filter 'Anthems For The ___'

49. Phish covered 'Rocket Man' by this John
50. Travis' Britney Spears-cover '___ More Time'
51. Michael Penn's actor brother
52. '82 Who hit off 'It's Hard' with girl's name
55. Bonnie Raitt 'Something To ___'
57. Otis Redding's pal Thomas
62. Metalers Hallow ___
63. Pigeon Detectives '___ At Sea'
64. We've Got A Fuzzbox & We're Gonna ___
65. Fountains Of Wayne's Joe's last name
66. Bob Dylan "May God ___ and keep you always, may your wishes all come true"
67. Kind of Brazilian musical genre

5. Reverend Horton Heat (abbr)
6. Jingle
7. Alan Jackson knows '___ About Livin' (And A Little 'Bout Love)'
8. Fountains Of Wayne feel a 'Radiation' one
9. Half of 'For Emma, Forever Ago' band name, w/Bon
10. GnR co-writer James
11. Sleep Token feel Heaven: 'Take Me Back ___'
12. Scorpions 'Still ___ You'
13. Swindles, as fake ticket seller
19. Egotistical Queensrÿche 'Promised Land' song?
21. Dwight Yoakam "___ thousand miles from nowhere"
23. Kenny Loggins hit 'This ___'
24. Symbol used for concert pic on IG
25. Lisa Loeb "I could tell a half truth, but I cannot tell ___"
26. De RigueurMortis Aussies (abbr)
27. Baldwin in musical South Pacific
29. Neil Diamond "___ I was young, I used to call your name"
30. Avett Brothers '___ Love And You'

31. Bertelsmann Music Group (abbr)
33. 'The Box' nu metal band
35. '12 Antestor album about gathering clouds?
36. 'OctaHate' singer Weaver
37. Patti LaBelle/Michael McDonal'd '___ Own'
38. Electronic Brits that are not in stereo?
39. Like face-value ticket sale
40. 'The Sweetest Taboo' soft rock girl
43. Grammy-winning producer Sonny
44. A Day To Remember asks 'If ___ will you miss me?'
45. Layne of Mad Season
46. Honky ___ Women
47. 'Leader Of The Band' Fogelberg
48. Joy Formidable 'A Heavy ___'
50. Dickie of Allman Brothers
52. '18 Days' band Saving ___
53. Del Amitri sang 'Roll ___' when they didn't want to chase the ball
54. Colors on album cover
56. 'Pick Up The Pieces' Scots (abbr)
58. Paul McCartney 'Dress Me Up ___ Robber'
59. 'Man On The Moon' band
60. Múm improves on 'Ad ___'
61. Adam Sandler '___ Medium Pace'

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65					66						67			

Down

1. Semisonic's "Fascinating new thing" (abbr)
2. Keb' Mo' 'Loola ___'
3. Collection agcy. for all those millions
4. 'Good Time' Carly ___ Jepsen

R&R answer from pg 31 of 4/3

S	I	V	A		I	S	H	I	G	H		N	A	T
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Jonesin' answer from pg 32 of 4/3

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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 45.

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★

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King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★

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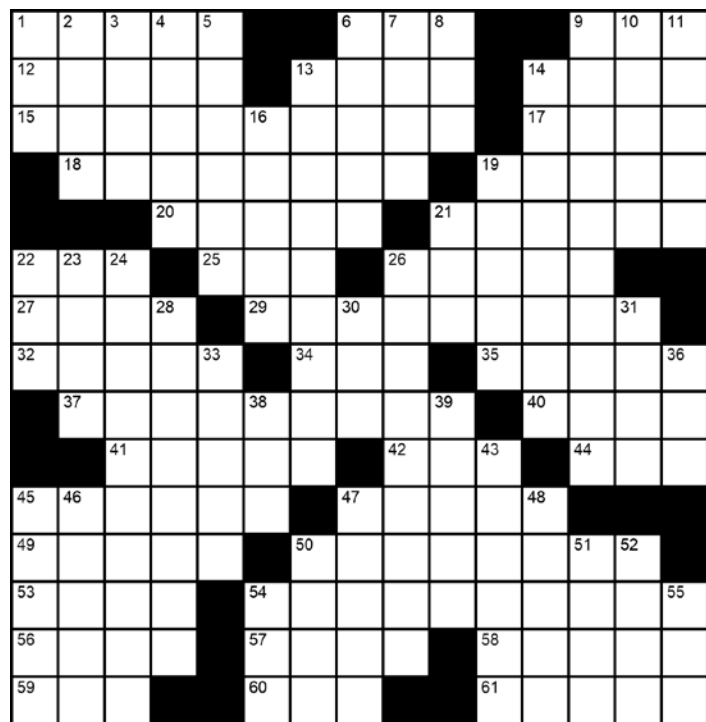
King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★

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1. Thai coins
6. Not so many
9. Gen Z term of endearment
12. Dark area in an eclipse
13. Neighbor of Hispaniola
14. Be furious
15. Adjective for college sophomores
17. Subject of adoration
18. In an apt way
19. ____ 3000 (“New Blue Sun” artist)
20. Red tag events
21. Moved back and forth
22. ____ points (really low Eurovision score)
25. Word used a lot by Grover when pestering the “blue guy”
26. It might be blue or gray
27. Onetime ruler of Iran
29. Barbecue servings
32. IRS investigation
34. Aussie students’ school
35. “The Only Way is ____” (long-running UK reality show)
37. Put one name after another, maybe?
40. Send a message
41. Kindle material
42. ____ Bo (Billy Blanks workout)
44. JFK serves it
45. Parts of some emoticons
47. Wild
49. “Fresh Off the Boat: A Memoir” author Eddie
50. Selectively un-hears
53. End in ____
54. Just me, really?
56. Fish parts

57. Muscat's country
58. Up and about
59. Added charge
60. German article
61. Sound, for one

1. Vehicle with a route

2. Iowa State locale
3. Morehouse or Howard, for short
4. Three, to Marie
5. December mall employees
6. Energizes
7. Web bidding site
8. “Avengers: Infinity ____”
9. Portrayer of Jed Clampett
10. Love, to Lorenzo
11. Went looking for lampreys
13. William Gibson genre
14. Runner-up, usually
16. Some surrealist paintings
19. Mindful
21. “And ____ Was” (Talking Heads hit)
22. Code-breaking org.
23. “Nope”
24. Museum-Go-Round proprietor on “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood”
26. Used, like a notepad
28. Pelvis parts
30. Actress de Armas
31. Hot
33. Beachwear item
36. “Making Plans For Nigel” band
38. “Rosy-fingered” goddess
39. Lop-____ rabbit
43. Chill classes
45. Grain husks
46. “Severance” persona, partially
47. Terrible, acronymically
48. “My Fair Lady” composer
50. Overwhelming volume
51. Bator

52. Scolding noises
54. Subtle signal
55. Ultra-wide shoe size

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	1-	3-	
6×			
		12×	

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WORKSPACE:

CHALLENGING

5-		2÷	2-
3÷	48×	2-	5-
		3+	10+
30×		2÷	24×
	5	4-	3÷
3-			1-

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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.

12-13-24

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

1-	4	2-	
2	4	3	1
3	2	1	4
3-		4	5+
1	3	4	2
4	2÷	1	2

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20×	3+	10+	5-
5	4	2	1
3	6	4	2
4	5	1	3
5-	6+	12+	3-
1	2	3	6
6	1	5	4
2	2	3	6

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Aida Mollenkamp's Keys to the Kitchen*, by Aida Mollenkamp, born April 15, 1980.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *You wouldn't drive a car without the keys, so you shouldn't cook without first having the keys to the kitchen. First things first.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *This side [dish] is a mix of sweet and sour and smoky flavors that still allows the flavor of the greens to shine through. Mix and shine.*

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *Don't shop hungry. The hungrier you get, the more likely you are to grab the cheese puffs and make a run for it. First cheese puffs, then shop?*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *Keeping a well-stocked pantry ... isn't just for looks — it'll allow you to feed yourself even if you've arrived home late at night after a long day. Well-stocked leftovers also a good idea.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *A combination of avocado, sprouts, and a nutty and sweet, almost hummus-es-que dressing breathes new life into the classic green side salad. Deep breaths.*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Poor eggplant, it always seems to be type-cast in the kitchen, being constantly fried or breaded. Show the eggplant around.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *Keep in mind what's been in the fridge the longest and be sure to use that first. It's the smart thing to do.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *There's something about the freezer that makes people tend to throw*

almost everything into it. Unfortunately, not everything freezes well.... Stop and think first.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Some-where, somehow, muffins got as sweet as cupcakes and no one seemed to be bothered. Except me. Raise your hand if you don't like extra-sweet muffins.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *Compound butters are simply flavored butters, but their usefulness goes well beyond toast. Usefulness expands to fill the available space.*

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *How are you going to know what it is and when it went into the refrigerator or freezer if you don't label it? You're not.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *Butter-scotch seems to have fallen out of favor in recent years, overshadowed by caramel. What others have overlooked, I consider their loss.... Look for the over-looked. 🍯*

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 Becky Sharp creator (9)
- 2 Jo March creator (6)
- 3 Jay Gatsby creator (10)
- 4 Leopold Bloom creator (5)
- 5 Santiago creator (9)
- 6 Jeeves creator (9)
- 7 Mr. Toad creator (7)

SOLUTIONS

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

ALC	GR	OTT	CKE	ZG
YCE	ERA	RAY	HEM	USE
LD	EHO	FIT	ING	JO
AH	WOD	AME	THA	WAY

Last Week's Answers: 1. DRIZZLING 2. PELTING 3. SPRINKLING 4. SPITTING 5. SHOWERING 6. MISTING 7. POURING

Sudoku Answers from pg 31 of 4/3

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★ 3/17

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★ 3/18

Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 3/20



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Pat DeReamer of Louisville, Kentucky, and Mary Wheaton go waaaaay back — all the way to 1944 in Indianapolis, when Wheaton gave DeReamer a birthday card for her 14th birthday on April 1. When Wheaton’s birthday came around a month later, DeReamer added her own message to the same card and gave it back to Wheaton. For the last 81 years, they’ve been sending the card back and forth, WLKY-TV reported. “We never said, ‘We’re going to do this,’” DeReamer said. “It just happened.” Now in their 90s, the old friends don’t get together as much, but they remain “really good friends.” *WLKY, April 2*

Animal Antics

Mail carrier Wayne White was on his route in Hyannis, Massachusetts, on March 28 when he ran into a flock of troublemakers, WHDH-TV reported. As he got in and out of his truck and delivered mail, three wild turkeys followed and harassed him while he tried to fend them off with a box. “Every time I moved the truck, the turkeys followed,” White said. One encounter with the birds was caught on a home’s surveillance video and showed White trying to do his job as

they gobbled at him. “I do a lot of stuff on Nantucket, so I see deer all the time, but this is my first time with turkey,” he said. *WHDH, March 29*

Least Competent Criminal

Crush Comics in California’s Castro Valley was burglarized on March 22, CBS News reported. The thief took a display of the store’s most valuable comic books, said owner Josh Hunter. He figured they were gone for good, but then, just 12 hours later, one of his employees stumbled upon an eBay listing for a very specific comic book from the store. “I’m just going to buy that and see what happens,” Hunter said. When he got the seller’s name and address, he searched on Instagram and saw the burglar’s offer to buy, sell or trade Lego sets. Next, Hunter called another comic shop and a toy store that had also been broken into and shared his findings. When the sleuths turned their results over to police, Alameda County Sheriff’s officers served a search warrant at the home of a Livermore man, where they found tens of thousands of dollars’ worth of comic books, collectibles and Lego sets. The man was taken into custody on March 27. *CBS News, April 2*

Great Art

• When performance artist Marco Evaristi installed three piglets in a cage as an art installation in Copenhagen, he was hoping to raise awareness of the suffering caused by mass meat production in Denmark, Sky News reported on March 6. The piglets were being denied food and water and were intended to starve to death in the show, called And Now You Care. But animal rights activists, assisted by Evaristi’s friend Caspar Steffensen, stole the pigs from the exhibition. “I was very disappointed when Caspar told me ... that he was involved in the theft,” Evaristi said. “But then I thought about it for a few hours and realized that at least this way, the piglets would have a happy life.” The artist said he’ll revive the exhibition but will try to get dead piglets from meat processing plants and present them to the public. “I want to display them in a transparent refrigerator,” he said. “I’m willing to pay a high price.” *Sky News, March 6*

• At the Goldin auction house in Runnemede, New Jersey, a Cheeto shaped like the Pokemon Charizard sold on March 2 for \$72,000, the Associated Press reported. The “3-inch-long Flamin’ Hot Cheeto ... affixed to a customized Pokemon card and encapsulated in a clear card storage

box” was discovered and preserved sometime between 2018 and 2022. Sixty people bid on the item. Sixty. *AP, March 5*

Phones Down

An unnamed 55-year-old Canadian woman lost both her hands on Feb. 7 when she “attempted to engage” with a 6-foot-long shark while snorkeling in Turks and Caicos, The New York Times reported. The tourist reportedly wanted to take photos of the animal. After she was treated in the Caribbean, she returned to Canada for further medical attention, but doctors could not save her hands. Conservationist Chris Stefanou said the shark might have mistaken the woman’s phone for a fish. “Sharks, or any predatory animal in the ocean, can confuse that as, like, a bait fish,” he said. *New York Times, Feb. 15*

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