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ALSO ON THE COVER Henry Homeyer offers advice for difficult gardening seasons (page 21). John Fladd talks to a baker who has gone from farmers markets to a brick and mortar shop (while still visiting markets) — see page 22. And check out all the live music options this weekend — music at area breweries and restaurants is listed in our Music This Week (starting on page 31). And find ticketed shows in the Concert listings on page 34.

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NEWS & NOTES

Hurricane season

The Atlantic hurricane season started June 1 and runs through Nov. 30, and the Red Cross is urging people to be prepared for the season predicted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to see 13 to 19 named storms, according to a Red Cross press release from its Northern New England Region office in Manchester. The release says even people living inland are at risk for wind, thunderstorms, flooding and power outages. The Red Cross Emergency app, which is free, offers weather alerts, open shelter locations and advice in English and Spanish, the release said. Find more on the app at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org).

Forest lands

The Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire acquired a 99-acre parcel of the Robert Rix Family Forest in Deerfield on May 14, an addition to the 4.5 acres donated last year and a 70.5-acre parcel across the street donated in 2022, according to a SELT press

release. The Robert Rix Family Forest, consisting of the three parcels, is owned and managed by SELT in honor of Robert Rix Sr., father of Robert and Brill Rix, who donated the land, the release said. See seltnh.org for a look at SELT's lands and trails as well as more on the organization.

NH Humanities

Tickets are on sale now for the New Hampshire Humanities 2005 Annual Celebration for the Humanities on Thursday, Oct. 9, featuring keynote speaker Akhil Reed Amar, an author and constitutional scholar, in conversation to Laura Knoy, according to an email from NH Humanities. "The Remaking of the American Constitution" is the subject of the talk, the email said. The evening begins at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m., at the Bank of NH Stage, 16 S. Main St. in Concord. Tickets cost \$44 general admission, \$166 for a VIP ticket; add \$40 for a copy of Amar's 2025 book *Born Equal: Remaking America's Constitution*

1840-1920, according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets.

Design contest

The New Hampshire Secretary of State David M. Scanlan announced the launch of a contest to "find an original heirloom marriage certificate design," according to a press release from the Secretary of State's office. "The winning design, which should combine the joy of marriage with the beauty of New Hampshire, will be the official heirloom marriage certificate issued by the state. The contest is being executed by State Registrar and Vital Records Director Kristin Martino. Ms. Martino drew inspiration for the contest from an 1886 decorative marriage certificate she found while searching for antiques," the release said. The contest is open through Sept. 5 to New Hampshire residents 18+ and designs "must be [non-religious] with a focus on New Hampshire and cannot be inappropriate or offensive," the release said. See sos.nh.gov. 🌊

Members of either the McAuliffe Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive in **Concord**, starhop.com) or the North East Motorsports Museum (922 Route 106N in Loudon; nemsmuseum.com) can enjoy free admission to the other museum during June, according to a press release from North East Motorsports Museum, which is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the summer, the Discovery Center is open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Pierce Manse, 14 Horse-shoe Pond Lane in **Concord**, piercemanse.org, the onetime home of President Franklin Pierce and his family, will host Ed Brouder to discuss his book *Manchester's Airport: Flying Through Time* on Wednesday, June 18, at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival Movie Club will present the 2024 documentary *Sabbath Queen* on Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m. at Chunky's Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Road in **Manchester**. Tickets cost \$10; see jewishnh.org/community-calendar/movie-club-sabbath-queen.

Science Cafe NH will feature a panel discussing "The Impacts of Technology on Child Development" on Tuesday, June 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Soel Sistas, 30 Temple St. in **Nashua**, according to an email. The event is free. See facebook.com/sciencecafenh.

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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS

Sox fighting downward spiral



The Big Story – Red Sox Update: The 2025 ship appeared to be sunk after Friday night's 9-6 loss to the Yanks, as it was their ninth in 12 games to leave them five under .500 and 10.5 back of the Yanks. But they did show some spunk with 10-7 and 11-7 comeback wins the next two nights, highlighted by Sunday's five-homer barrage and **Trevor Story** coming to life with a five-RBI day Saturday and going 5 for 9 with a double, homer and six RBI overall in those wins. A nice glimmer, but with their woeful pitching giving the Yankees 23 runs in a three-game series the ship is hardly out of choppy waters. They left the Bronx 32-35 and 8.5 behind in the AL East.

Sports 101: Rick Carlisle is trying to become the fourth coach to win NBA titles with two different teams. Name the three who have.

News Item – Knicks Fire Thibodeau: Here's the lone pertinent question on the shocking firing of their coach **Tom Thibodeau**: How can they have "plateaued" under him, as GM **Leon Rose** said in the announcement, when the win totals went 41, 37, 43, 50 and 51 in his five years and they went to a conference final for the first time in 25 years?

News Item – One-Word Descriptions for People in the News:

Angel Reese – jealous PUNK
Aaron Judge – GREATNESS
Tyrese Haliburton – CLUTCH
Brad Marchand: Florida BARGAIN
Rafael Devers – selfish. No, immature. No, selfish. No, make it BOTH.

The Numbers:

.133 – batting average since May 4 for struggling Red Sox rookie **Kristian Campbell**.

6 – pitchers used by Sox manager **Alex Cora** who pitched less than an inning as he used eight overall in nine innings during Sunday's 11-7 win over NY.

6 & 17 – Red Sox record in 2025 one-run games.

... Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Up – Thank You, Caitlin Clark Award: The New York Liberty was recently valued at \$450 million to make the WNBA team the most valuable women's sports franchise in America. And while that number is not just because of her, the "thank you Caitlin" part (even though she plays for the Indiana Fever) comes in when you know that after 19 years in business the Liberty were worth "just" \$130 million last spring and then, helped along by winning the 2024 WNBA title, they appreci-

ated a quick \$320 million in less than a year during the hoo-ha surrounding Clark's arrival in the WNBA. Not a coincidence.

Give Me a Break Award – Worst Quote of the Week: ESPN's **Mike Breen** opened Game 1 coverage by calling the Oak City vs. Indiana series "the most anticipated NBA Finals." Since when, Mike? More than any Lakers and Celtics match-up — ever? All six of Jordan's Finals? **Dr. J's** entry to the NBA vs. Portland in 1977? Actually it's two of the smallest TV markets ever to be in the Finals who, not surprisingly, delivered an awful Game 1 rating. A great matchup for real basketball people like me, but "most anticipated"? Come on, man.

Thank You, Paul George Award: Interesting how trading the so-called superstar to get the new team over the top actually was the key move that got both teams trading him to the NBA finals instead. The Clippers gave Oak City **Shai Gilgeous Alexander** and a zillion first-round picks for George after he first got to Oak City in a trade for **Domantas Sabonis**, who the Pacers later flipped for current Indy star **Tyrese Haliburton**. Thanks, PG.

Random Thoughts:

Given all Haliburton's end-of-game heroics, he's rapidly becoming to this era what **Big Shot Bob** (Horry) was to his.

Yes, **Deion**, I'm sure the Giants and other teams mistreated your son during pre-draft interviews. Of course it was a league-wide conspiracy to have him undrafted until the fifth round, instead of it being an entitled kid whose act turned all those teams off.

Sports 101 Answer: Pat Riley, Phil Jackson and **Alex Hannum** are the only two to win NBA titles with two different teams.

A Little History – Alex Hannum: He's also the only coach to stop **Bill Russell** from winning a title during his 13-year career. He was player-coach when the St. Louis Hawks did it in 1958 and later HC as the Wilt-led 76ers did it in 1967.

Prediction: The OKC-Indiana series tied 2-2 when you see this.

Final Thought – Rafael Devers Saga: Latest developments: (1) **David Ortiz** says the brass should let Raffy decide if he wants to play first or not, making the mess worse. 2) It's ridiculous that with **Alex Bregman** on the DL they still had to move journeyman first baseman **Abraham Toro** over to third because Devers is refusing to play there too. (3) Team owner **John Henry** actually flew to KC to beg a guy he's paying \$31 million a year to play a new position. Given No. 3, how could anyone be surprised at the shambles the team is in?

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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Maybe the pollen was preferable?

On June 8, the National Weather Service announced an Air Quality Alert for the state for particle pollution until 10 a.m. on June 9. “The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is predicting unhealthy air quality in the above-mentioned counties. Sensitive individuals include children and older adults; anyone with lung disease such as asthma, emphysema, and bronchitis; and people who are active outdoors. Even healthy individuals may experience mild health effects and should consider limiting strenuous or prolonged outdoor activities,” the alert said. In reports last week, WMUR attributed haziness to smoke from Canadian wildfires.

QOL score: -1

Comment: Find up to date air quality information at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Prediction website www4.des.state.nh.us/airdata.

At least it’s a dry heat, though, right?

Unexpectedly heavy rains over the past two weeks led to flash flood warnings in Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Belknap counties. In a June 7 online weather update, WMUR warned readers, “Drivers who encounter flooded roadways need to turn around. Never drive through a flooded roadway as it is hard to tell how deep the water is in flash flooding situations.” This followed reports the previous week of roads being washed out and eroded from another storm system. On May 31, WMUR reported that Route 47 in Frankestown was closed due to flooding, and quoted Frankestown Fire Chief Larry Kullren, who said that due to the rain damage, parts of Second New Hampshire Turnpike North had started to erode. “We were anticipating some heavy rains this afternoon, but we were not anticipating flooded roads and washouts,” he said.

QOL score: -1

Comment: According to U.S. Climate Data (usclimatedata.com), the state normally receives an average of 4.11 inches of precipitation in June. In a June 9 online article, WMUR reported that between Friday, June 6, and Saturday, June 7, “more than 5 inches of rainfall fell in Bradford. Rainfall totals between 1.5 and 3 inches were observed in Hopkinton, Weare, Hanover and Roxbury.”

At least things will dry out by the weekend, right?

As reported by New Hampshire Public Radio, the weather across the state has been rainy for the last 13 weekends in a row. In a June 6 online article, NHPR reported that “after an unusually wet May — in fact, this May was the third wettest in New Hampshire’s history, according to AccuWeather — this weekend marks an equally wet start to summer.”

QOL score: -1

Comment: On the plus side, NHPR reported, “All that rain will help keep temperatures down, especially in comparison to last year’s intense heat. In 2024, New Hampshire — and the entire country — registered its hottest summer on record. This year’s increased precipitation, combined with predicted cold fronts, means heat waves will most likely not last long or hit record breaking numbers, [Paul Pastelok, a senior meteorologist with AccuWeather] said.”

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Saturday, June 14

Balin Books (Somerset Plaza, 375 Amherst St., Nashua, 417-7981, balinbooks.com) hosts a book signing event today at 2 p.m. with **Paul August**, the author of *Ripples in the Nile*. This adventure/thriller is set in modern Egypt and is full of shocks, surprises and betrayal.

Saturday, June 14

Check out **Woofstock 2025** at Lake Park at Tuscan Village, 72 Rockingham Park Blvd., Salem, today beginning at noon. This event brings together local eight animal rescue organizations and shelters for a day of adoptions. Visit tuscanvillagesalem.com/events/eventdetails/woofstock.

Saturday, June 14

Comedian **Tim McKeever** will perform at 8 p.m. tonight at Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road, Manchester, 206-3888, chunkys.com). Tickets are \$20 through the Chunky's website.

Wednesday, June 18

It's poetry Wednesday! **Poetry Conversations**, a monthly gathering on the third Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m., runs today at Pembroke Town Library (313 Pembroke St., Pembroke). This is an opportunity to share favorite poets and poems. And Poetry Society of New Hampshire will fea-

ture poets **Holley Daschback** and **Patrice Pinette** at today's monthly poetry readings at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsons-bookstore.com), 4:30 to 6 p.m. with reading followed by an open mic. 🎤



Save the Date! Friday, June 20

Legendary band **Phish** will play the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com) Friday, June 20, through Sunday, June 22, as part of its 2025 Summer Tour. Visit the SNHU Arena website. Tickets start at \$94 through ticketmaster.com.

Thursday, June 12


The second annual **Unit-ed Through Color** art event takes place at Positive Street Art (48 Bridge St., Nashua, 589-9003, positivestreetart.org) this evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Members of Positive Street Art and Opportunity Networks have collaborated to learn and experience art, science, professional skills and studying the human form. Visit to see paintings and sculptures, performance, art and photography, and enjoy signature

food and dancing. There will be allergy-friendly foods and live DJ-ing from some of the group members. Visit positivestreetart.org/exhibitions.

Saturday, June 14

The New Hampshire Master Chorale will perform the **Brahms Requiem**, one of the most beloved choral works in the classical music repertoire, as the centerpiece of its 2025 spring concert series, tonight at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 21

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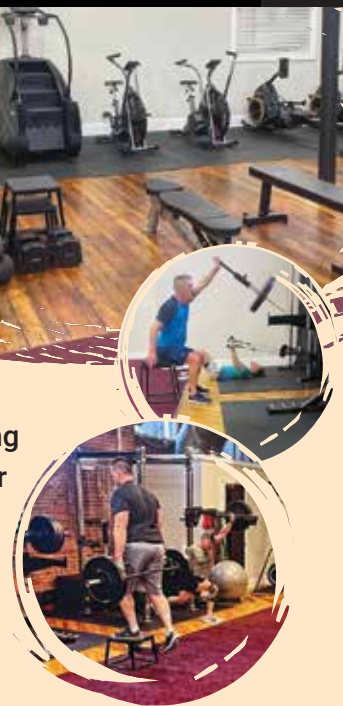
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Looking for excitement and entertainment for the kids this summer? Here are some of the events and attractions to help you fill the next dozen or so school-less weeks.

EVENTS

- The **Concord Spring Fair** is slated to run Wednesday, June 11, through Sunday, June 15 — opening at 6 p.m. on weekdays, 1 p.m. on weekends — at the Douglas N. Everett Arena (15 Loudon Road in Concord), according to the event organizers. Admission costs \$3 and children under 6 get in for free. Unlimited ride wrist bands as well as individual ride credits are available for purchase. See fiestashows.com.

- Check out the professional sand castle builders at the 25th **Annual Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic**, which will run Thursday, June 12, through Saturday, June 14, with the sculptures, lit up at night, on view through Monday, June 23. There will be a fireworks display on Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 p.m. See hamp-tonbeach.org.

- YMCA Downtown Manchester (30 Mechanic St. in Manchester) and YMCA of Concord (15 N. State St. in Concord) will each hold a **Block Party** on Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. These free community celebrations will feature a bounce house, music, games and crafts, food and drink and more. See graniteymca.org.

- The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire will hold its annual **Father's Day Weekend Fly In Barbecue** on Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nashua's Boire Field, with the event taking place at Nashua Jet Aviation (Nashua Airport, 83 Perimeter Road). The public can come to check out the planes and enjoy the meal. Tickets to the barbecue cost \$30 for adults and \$10 for ages 6 to 12; kids 5 and under are free, the website said. Check out the planes without the food for \$10 per person, kids 5 and under are free, the website said. Purchase tickets at the website or by calling 669-4877.

- SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; see-sciencecenter.org) will hold its **Kick Off to Summer, Dinosaur**

Edition running Saturday, June 21, through Friday, June 27. Throughout the week the center will offer special dinosaur activities and displays, which are included with the admission price. The museum is open daily at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays and 5 p.m. on weekends. Admission costs \$14 per person ages 3 and up.

- **Plaistow's Old Home Day** returns on Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a parade and activities on the Town Hall green (145 Main St., Plaistow). See plaistow.com for updates.

- St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church (1160 Bridge St. in Manchester; stnicholasgreekchurch.com) will celebrate on Saturday, June 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a **lamb barbecue and food festival** and on Sunday, June 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with gyros.

- Wilton Main Street Association will hold its annual **Summerfest** on Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring live music on two stages, food, street vendors, a pancake breakfast, a duck drop and a fireworks display in the evening on Carnival Hill. See visitwilton.com/summerfest.

- The **Somersworth International Children's Festival** will take place on Main Street and in Noble Pines Park on Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Wildlife Encounters, roaming entertainers, a petting zoo, World Cultures Passport Center, a play area and other activities for kids as well as food and craft vendors, according to the Somersworth Festival Association at nhfestivals.org. The Association will also hold a **Celebration Night** on Friday, June 27, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Somersworth High School (11 Memorial Drive) with live music, magic, kids' activities and fireworks, according to the website, where you can also find the Association's **series of kids concerts** in July and August.

- **Miss Alli's Kids Concert** will take place Saturday, June 21, at 1 p.m. in Stark Park (550 River Road in Manchester; starkpark.com). Find Miss Alli Music on Instagram.

- The Nest Cafe (25 Orchard View in Londonderry; thenestfamilycafe.com) is holding the free community festival **Nest-Fest** on Sunday, June 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will include live music (including Miss Alli), a bounce house, face painting,

lawn games, touch a truck and more.

- The **Hollis Strawberry Festival**, presented by the Hollis Woman's Club, will bring strawberry shortcake and other strawberry treats to the Town Common (7 Monument Square, Hollis) on Sunday, June 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. Visit holliswomansclub.org.

- The **New Hampshire Audubon Nature Challenge** will run Sunday, June 22, through Saturday, June 28, when participants can help to "document the birds, mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, flowers, trees, mosses, mushrooms, and everything that either stops at our sanctuaries or calls [the NH Audubon's wildlife sanctuaries] home!" according to nhaudubon.org, where you can see the list of sanctuaries and get more information about how to participate.

- Concord's annual **Market Days Festival** runs from Thursday, June 26, to Saturday, June 28, in downtown Concord from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with local vendors, live entertainment, family-friendly activities and more. Visit marketdaysfestival.com.

- The next **New England Reptile Expo** is scheduled for Sunday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St., Manchester). The show features more than 200 vendor tables full of reptiles, pet supplies and more. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids ages 7 to 12 and free for kids ages 6 and under. Visit reptileexpo.com.

- Joppa Hill Educational Farm (174 Joppa Hill Road in Bedford; jhcf.org)

will hold its **KidsFest** on Sunday, June 29, from 3 to 6 p.m. The afternoon will feature kid-friendly performers including Mr. Aaron, Miss Alli and Magic Fred as well as food trucks, face painting, crafts, balloons and more, the website said. Tickets cost \$44.52 per family; register in advance via the website.

- The **Hillsborough Summer Festival** at Grimes Field (29 Preston St., Hillsborough) takes place Thursday, July 10, to Sunday, July 13, with live entertainment, carnival rides, a fireworks show on Saturday night,

a 5K road race on Friday and a parade on Sunday. Festival hours are 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday; 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday; noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free. Visit hillsboroughsummerfest.com.

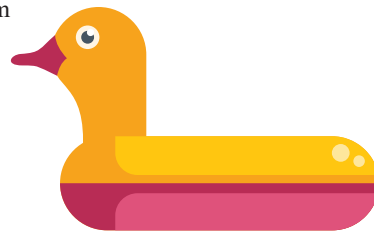
- The **Raymond Town Fair**, its 50th according to the group's Facebook page, will take place Friday, July 11, through Sunday, July 13, at the Raymond Town Common (Epping and Main streets, Raymond). It will feature live music, children's activities, a fireworks display, games, vendors and more. See "Raymond Town Fair" on Facebook.

- The American Independence Museum (1 Governors Lane, Exeter) will hold its **American Independence Festival** on Saturday, July 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Exeter. The day will feature the arrival and live reading of the Declaration of Independence, historical reenactments and colonial-era artisan demonstrations as well as colonial-era games, music and dances. Visit independencemuseum.org.

- The **9th annual Fairy and Hobbit House Festival** will take place at Bedrock Gardens (19 High Road, Lee; bedrockgardens.org) on Friday, July 18, through Sunday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Compete in the Fairy House and Hobbit House showcase (see the website in advance) or just come in costume to enjoy the day, which includes craft activities, story time and more. Tickets cost \$49.87 per carload.

- The **Stratham 4-H Summerfest** returns on Saturday, July 19, at the Stratham Hill Park Fairgrounds (270 Portsmouth Ave., Stratham) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature animal shows, agriculture exhibits, competitions and more. See extension.unh.edu/event/2025/07/2025-stratham-4-h-summerfest.

- Nashua will hold its **Fairytale Festival** in Greeley Park (100 Concord St., Nashua) Saturday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The day will feature performances, princess



characters and more. Visit nashua.gov.

- The **Canterbury Fair** is, as always, the last Saturday in July — Saturday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Canterbury Center (Baptist and Center roads) with live music, demonstrations from local artisan and antique vendors, children's activities and more. See canterburyfair.com.

- **Pizzastock 9**, a family community music event featuring 13 music acts on two stages as well as information on mental health, physical health and suicide prevention, will take place on Saturday, July 26, from noon to 6 p.m. at Pinkerton Academy in Derry next to the football field, according to a post on the Jason R. Flood Memorial Facebook page. The event will also feature kid activities, a teen/young adult "tailgate" game area, food trucks and of course pizza from Kendall Pond Pizza, the post said. Entrance to the event is free. See pizzastock.org or find them on Facebook.

- Find music, art, food, kids' activities and more at the **Nashua Summer Stroll** on Saturday, July 26, from 3 to 8 p.m. in downtown Nashua. Find details and updates on the event's Facebook page.

- Coppel House Farm (118 N. River Road in Lee; nhsunflower.com) will hold its **Sunflower Festival** Saturday, July 26, through Sunday, Aug. 3, 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily plus sunrise hours on Sunday, July 27, from 5:30 to 7 a.m. The festival also features kid events, a craft fair, music, food and more. See the website for information on tickets and happenings on specific days.

- The Suncook Valley Rotary's **Hot Air Balloon Rally** on Friday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 3, at Drake Field, Barnstead Road in Pittsfield. See nhballoonrally.org for updates on this year's schedule.

- The **Belknap County Fair** is set to return Saturday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 174 Mile Hill Road in Belmont. Admission at the gate is \$10 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens 65 and older, police, fire and EMS personnel, and free for kids under 10 and for military service members. Visit bcfairnh.org.

- Friends of Aine will hold its annual **Kids Try-athlon** on Sunday, Aug. 3, starting at 8 a.m. at Bedford High School and the Bedford Town Pool. The event is a swim, bike, run race for kids grouped by age — 4- to 10-year-olds and 11- to 15-year-olds, according to friendsofaine.com. The event is open to kids regardless of athletic ability and features a post-race festival, and registration

currently costs \$35 per kid, the website said.

- Tuesday, Aug. 5, is the **National Night Out** when many area first responder departments hold outreach events, such as fairs and touch-a-truck events. For example, in Concord, a National Night Out event featuring food, prizes, K-9 demonstrations, a climbing wall and more will take place in Rollins Park from 5 to 8 p.m.

- **Hudson's Old Home Days** will take place Thursday, Aug. 7, to Sunday, Aug. 10, on the grounds of the Hill House (211 Derry Road, Hudson). There will be carnival games, live music, food, vendors, a craft fair, kids' activities and more. Event times are Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. See hudsonoldhomedays.com.

- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St. in Dover; childrens-museum.org) will hold its annual **Teddy Bear Clinic** on Friday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Kids can bring stuffed animals in for a checkup and learn more about what happens at the doctor's office, according to the website. Admission costs \$14.50 for everyone over 12 months, \$12.50 for 65+ and free for kids under 12 months, the website said.

- **The Sunflower Bloom Festival** will take place Saturday, Aug. 9, through Sunday, Aug. 17, at Sunfox Farm on Gully Hill Road in Concord, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Visit the farm (admission costs \$12 per person, ages 10 and under are free). Also at the farm find artisan and craft vendors, live music and food trucks, according to sunfox-farm.org/sunflowerfestival.

- **Salembraction!**, a celebration of the 275th birthday of Salem, New Hampshire, will take place on Geremonty Drive on Saturday, Aug. 9, from noon to 5 p.m. The event will feature food trucks, craft vendors and more, according to salemnh.gov/1096/salembraction, and will take place in conjunction with Field of Dreams' annual Family Fun Day.

- The **Hampton Beach Children's Festival**, Monday, Aug. 11, through Friday, Aug. 15. The event includes ice cream, dancing, balloons, storytelling, a magic show and a costume parade on Friday. All activities are free and open to the public. Visit hampton-beach.org/events/childrens-events.

- **Londonderry's Old Home Days** are scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 13, to Saturday, Aug. 16. See londonderrynh.gov for updates on details.

- The **Mahrajan Middle Eastern Food Festival** (bestfestnh.com) will take place Friday, Aug. 15, to Sunday, Aug. 17, at Our Lady of the Cedars Church (140 Mitchell St., Manchester, 623-8944, olocnh.org). Lebanese foods such as shawarma, falafel, lamb, grilled chicken and many types of pas-



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tries will be served. The fest will be open from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

- The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry; aviationmuseumofnh.org) will hold **Plane-fest** on Saturday, Aug. 16, featuring an exhibit about the Tuskegee Airman and the World War II-era Woman's Army Service Pilots, known as the WASPs.

- **History Alive 2025** will present a week-end of reenactments on Saturday, Aug. 16, and Sunday, Aug. 17, at Jones Road in Hillsborough. The weekend will feature reenactments of historical battles across the centuries — including Roman and Viking battles, the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I and World War II, according to historyaliveh.org. The event will also feature other historical demonstrations as well as drawing and cartooning workshops with Marek Bennett, whose works include the Freeman Colby graphic novels about a real-life New Hampshire teacher in the Civil War. See the website for details and a schedule. Tickets cost \$10 per adult, \$8 for seniors and are free for kids 16 and under, the website said.

- Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (111 Island Pond Road, Manchester, 623- 2045, assumptionnh.org) will hold its **2025 Greekfest** on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 24, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit the Church's website for more information.

- **Candia's Old Home Day** will take place on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Moore Park (74 High St., Candia). The day will feature local crafters and artisans, town community booths, games, a wildlife exhibit, food and music. See candiaoldhomeday.com.

- **Pembroke and Allenstown's Old Home Day** returns on Saturday, Aug. 23, starting with a parade down Main Street in Allenstown to Memorial Field (Exchange Street) in Pembroke. A fun-filled day is planned at the field, featuring two stages of live entertainment, antique cars, children's games, a craft area, bounce houses and a fireworks display at dusk. Admission and parking are free. See pembrokeallenstown-oldhomeday.org.

- The **Hopkinton State Fair** bills itself as a Labor Day weekend tradition happening this year from Thursday, Aug. 28, to Monday, Sept. 1, at the fairgrounds (392 Kearsarge Ave., Contoocook). There will be livestock shows, a demolition derby, carnival rides, monster trucks, live entertainment, food and more. The fair hours are 5 to 10

p.m. on Thursday; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday. See hsfair.org.

- The **Exeter UFO Festival** returns to downtown Exeter on Saturday, Aug. 30, and Sunday, Aug. 31 — the event commemorates the anniversary of the "Incident at Exeter" (the report of a UFO sighting on Sept. 3, 1965, in nearby Kingston) with speakers, kids' events and more. See exeter-ufofestival.org.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

- **Hot Peas N Butter**, a family music band, will play at the BNH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord, ccanh.com) on Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 per person.

- Palace Theatre's (80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) **Bank of New Hampshire Children's Summer Series** runs July 8 through Aug. 28, with new shows each week and shows on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. as well as Fridays. Tickets cost \$10. The show schedule is *A Winnie-the-Pooh Birthday Tail* (July 8-11), *Peter Pan Jr.* (July 15-18), *Annie Jr.* (July 22-25), *Madagascar Jr.* (July 28-Aug. 1), *Berenstain Bears On Stage* (Aug. 5-8), *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Aug. 12-15), *Shrek The Musical Jr.* (Aug. 19-22) and Magician BJ Hickman (Aug. 26-28). Tickets for these shows are \$10.

The Palace also has productions from its various youth companies on the schedule.

The Palace Teen Company will present *Urinetown The Musical* on Tuesday, June 17, and Wednesday, June 18, at 7 p.m. The Palace Youth Theatre camp, featuring performances in grades 2 through 12, will present shows including *James & the Giant Peach Jr.* on July 2 and July 3; *A Year With Frog & Toad Kids* July 11; *Junie B. Jones Jr.* July 25 and July 26; *Annie Kids* Aug. 1; *Mean Girls Jr.* Aug. 15 and Aug. 16, and a youth version of *The Addams Family* Aug. 22.

- Teen Actorsingers will perform **Teen Anastasia** on Friday, July 11, and Saturday, July 12, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 13, 2 p.m. at the Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua, actorsingers.org. Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students.

- The Majestic Theatre (majestictheatre.net) will present **Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** on Friday, July 11, through Sunday, July 13, at the Derry Opera House (29 W. Broadway in Derry) at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost \$15 to \$22.

- RB Productions Theatre Company (PO Box 67, Concord, rb-productions.com) will perform **The Wedding Singer** (July 11 and July 12), **Wizard of Oz Youth Edition** (July 18 and July 19), **Aladdin Kids** (July 19), **Alice In Wonderland Jr.** (July 25 and July 26) and **Beetlejuice Jr.** (Aug. 1 and Aug. 2). Shows are slated for Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord according to RB Production's website; see ccanh.com.

- Epping Community Theatre (Epping Playhouse, 38 Ladds Lane, Epping, eppingtheater.org) will present **Seussical the Musical** on Friday, July 18, through Sunday, July 20.

- Ovation Theatre Company (61 Harvey Road, Londonderry, ovationtc.com) will present **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** Thursday, July 24, through Saturday, July 26, at 7 p.m. at Derry Opera House (25 Main St., Derry; derryoperahouse.org).

- Kids Coop Theatre (232 N. Broadway, Salem, kctnh.org) will present **Hadestown Teen Edition** Friday, Aug. 1, and Saturday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 3, at 2 p.m. at Derry Opera House (25 Broadway, Derry). See derryoperahouse.org for tickets.

- The end product of the Children's Theatre Project Summer Camp, run by the Community Players of Concord (communityplayersofconcord.org), will be a performance of **Moana Jr.** on Saturday, Aug. 8. Check back with the website for details.

- Peacock Players (Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua, peacockplayers.org) will present a cast of 6- to 15-year-olds in **Beetlejuice Jr.** Friday, July 25, through Sunday, July 27. A cast of teens will perform **Hadestown Teen Edition** Friday, Aug. 15, through Sunday, Aug. 17.

POPCORN SUMMER

- The **Summer Movie Clubhouse**, a lineup of kid-friendly films running Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Cinemark Rockingham Park (15 Mall Road in Salem; cinemark.com/theatres/nh-salem/cinemark-rockingham-park-and-xd), started June 4 and continues through Aug. 6 with discounted ticket-and-snack combo prices. The lineup includes *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (June 18), *Shrek 2* (June 25), *Despicable Me 4* (July 2), *Kung-Fu Panda 4* (July 9), *The Wild Robot* (July 16), *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* (July 23), *The Garfield Movie* (July 30) and *The LEGO Batman Movie* (Aug. 6).

- The **Milford Drive-In Theater** (531 Elm St., Milford; milforddrivein.com) has two screens for movie screenings, each mostly offering double features, Fridays through Sundays. The box office opens at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 7:15 p.m. on Sunday. Admission costs \$35 per car (for up to six people; \$6 per additional person).

See the website for each week's offerings.

- Red River Theatres (redrivertheatres.org) and Concord Parks & Recreation (concordnh.gov) will hold **outdoor movie nights** during the summer. Check back for updates on days, locations and films.
- Fathom Events (fathomevents.com) has anniversary screenings on the schedule for movies that might be of interest to teens and tweens at theaters including Apple Cinemas in Merrimack and Hooksett, Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem, O'Neil Cinemas in Epping and Regal Fox Run in Newington. Films include **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** (PG-13, 1989) on Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15, and Wednesday, June 18, and **Clueless** (PG-13, 1995) on Sunday, June 29, and Monday, June 30. Fathom Events is also continuing its Studio Ghibli Fest 2025 with films including **The Secret World of Arrietty** (G, 2010) Sunday, June 22, through Tuesday, June 24; **My Neighbor Totoro** (G, 1988) Saturday, July 19, through Wednesday, July 23; **Grave of the Fireflies** (1988) Sunday, Aug. 10, through Tuesday, Aug. 12, and **Ponyo** (G, 2008) Saturday, Aug. 23, through Wednesday, Aug. 27.

- **Movies in the Park** takes place in Riverfront Park in Tilton, hosted by the Hall Memorial Library (hallmemoriallibrary.org), on Fridays throughout the summer, with the park opening at 6 p.m. and the movie starting at dusk. According to the website, the upcoming schedule is *The Little Mermaid* on June 20; *Garfield* on July 25; *Moana 2* on Aug. 29, and *Minecraft* on Sept. 26.

- Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road, Manchester; chunkys.com) will be hosting **"Little Lunch Dates"** (usually at 11:30 a.m. on some Tuesdays) and **"Sensory-Friendly Showings,"** when house lights are left up and volume is lower than usual, throughout the summer. The next scheduled sensory-friendly screening is the new *How To Train Your Dragon* (PG) on Tuesday, June 24, 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

- Your kids can practice Elphaba's high notes in "Defying Gravity" along with the film at a **sing-along screening of Wicked** (PG, 2024) on Sunday, June 29, at 2 p.m. at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord, ccanh.com). Tickets cost \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

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Summer day camp

Looking for some full-day fun for the kids? Check out our Feb. 22 issue featuring area day camps. Even though many camps start registering campers early in the year, some organizations don't release camp schedules or programming until spring and many camps aren't yet full or have waitlist opportunities that can lead to a camp spot.

Calef Highway in Epping; oneilcinemas.com) will offer a **Summer Kid Series** with shows Monday and Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and special ticket and snack deals (tickets cost \$2; popcorn and soda combo is \$5), according to an email from O'Neil. The film schedule is *Despicable Me* (PG, 2010) on July 7 & 9; *Kung Fu Panda 4* (PG, 2024) on July 14 & 16; *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* (PG, 2022) July 21 & 23; *Sing 2* (PG, 2021) July 28 & 30, and *Trolls Band Together* (PG, 2023) Aug. 4 & 6.

VISIT THE MUSEUM

• **Amoskeag Fishways Learning & Visitor Center** (4 Fletcher St. in Manchester; find them on Facebook) was slated to open for the fish migration season. See fish on the move Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

• **The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** (27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, 669-4820, aviationmuseumofnh.org) offers exhibits related to the aviation history of the state — as well as a cockpit kids can get inside of, featuring real audio from traffic control at neighboring Manchester Boston Regional Airport. The museum is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission costs \$10 for ages 13+ and \$5 for ages 6 to 12 and ages 65+ (as well as veterans and active military) and is free for kids 5 and under.

• **The Children's Museum of New Hampshire** (6 Washington St., Dover, 742- 2002, childrens-museum.org) is a family museum featuring interactive exhibits with a focus on art, science and culture. It is open for morning (9 a.m. to noon) and afternoon (1 to 4 p.m.) play sessions Wednesdays through Saturdays and for morning sessions only on Tuesdays and Sundays. Admission costs \$14.50 for everyone over 12 months, \$12.50 for 65+; advance admission purchase is recommended. See the website for special programming, such as Toddler Tinker Time on Tuesdays, Wacky Art Wednesdays, Cultural Crafts on Thursdays and Science Fridays.

• **The Currier Museum of Art** (150 Ash St., Manchester; currier.org) is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission costs \$20 for regular admission, \$15 for 65+ and students and \$5 for ages 13 to 17 and is free for ages 12 and under. The museum also offers free admission for New Hampshire residents on the second Saturday of each month and offers free/donation-based admission during

Art Off the Walls evenings, 5 to 8 p.m., on Thursdays June 19, July 17 and Aug. 21.

• **The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** (2 Institute Drive in Concord; starhop.com), a celebration of space, science, engineering and aviation, is open daily, 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 16 through Aug. 21 (before and after those dates the center is open Wednesdays through Sundays). The outdoor Science Playground is open when the center is open, weather permitting. Admission costs \$13 for adults, \$10 for ages 3 to 12, \$12 for ages 62+ and ages 13 through college. Planetarium tickets cost an additional \$7 for ages 3 and up. See the website for the current line-up of planetarium films.

• **The Millyard Museum** (200 Bedford St., Manchester; manchesterhistoric.org) is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and college students, \$5 for ages 12 to 18, and free for children under 12. Print out the gallery games Mystery Objects and Millyard Museum Fun Book to help kids explore the exhibits.

• **New Hampshire Historical Society** (30 Park St., Concord; nhhistory.org) offers exhibits related to the state's history. The exhibition space is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$10 for adults and is free for kids ages 18 and under, full-time students and active military.

• **SEE Science Center** (200 Bedford St., Manchester; see-sciencecenter.org) is open daily at 10 a.m. — until 4 p.m. on weekdays and 5 p.m. on weekends. This hands-on science center offers exhibits on a variety of subjects. Admission (which is recommended to be purchased in advance via the website) costs \$14 per person ages 3 and up.

• **The New Hampshire Telephone Museum** (1 Depot St., Warner; nhphonemuseum.org) features nearly 1,000 telephones, switchboards and other telecommunication memorabilia and history and has an interactive kids' room. The museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission costs \$9 for ages 18 to 64, 7 for 65+ and \$6 for students in grades K-12.


ATTRACTIONS

• **Andres Institute of Art** (106 Route 13, Brookline; andresinstitute.org) has a network of trails decorated with sculptures. Find printable trail maps as well as a gallery of the sculptures online.

• **Beaver Brook** (117 Ridge Road in Hollis; beaverbrook.org) offers camps, reg-

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ular walks and hikes and other programs as well as trails and gardens that are open daily. Maps for the trails are available on the website.

• **Bedrock Gardens** (19 High Road, Lee) is a 30-acre public garden that integrates unusual botanical specimens and unique sculpture into an inspiring landscape journey, with fun programming for the whole family, according to their website. It is open Tuesday through Friday and the first and third weekends of the month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the website. Visit bedrockgardens.org.

• **Canobie Lake Park** (85 N. Policy St., Salem; canobie.com), an amusement park with rides and water attractions, is open daily (opening 9 a.m. on some days during June and 10:30 a.m. in July and August) with tickets sold in advance only via the website. Prices vary by day. After-5 p.m. tickets are available Friday through Sunday nights.

• **Charmingfare Farm** (774 High St. in Candia, 483-5623, visitthefarm.com) is a working farm with wildlife exhibits featuring animals such as black bears, coyotes and more. Charmingfare is currently open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Scouting for Bigfoot event will be held Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, featuring live music, food available for purchase, Bigfoot related activities and more. Reptile Day is slated for Saturday, July 19, with a reptile show scheduled for 1 p.m.

• **Chuckster's Family Fun Park** (Route 4 in Chichester; chuckstersnh.com) is open daily, hours vary by day (and weather). This year a new zipline is slated to open; the park also features minigolf, batting cages, bumper boats, a climbing wall, go karts and more. Admission varies based on attraction packages. Chuckster's also has a minigolf-only location at 53 Hackett Hill Road in Hooksett.

• **Funspot** (579 Endicott Lane in Laco-
nia; funspotnh.com) bills itself as the largest arcade in the world, including classic arcade games, and also offers bowling, indoor minigolf, on-site eateries and more. Open daily, Funspot's hours starting June 23 will be 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (11 p.m. on Saturdays).

• **Joppa Hill Educational Farm** (174 Joppa Hill Road in Bedford; jhcf.org) is open daily, dawn to dusk, with a suggested donation of \$5 per family. Visit the animals or check out the hiking trails, maps for which are on the farm's website.

• **Mel's Funway Park** (454 Charles Bancroft Highway in Litchfield; [\[waypark.com\]\(http://waypark.com\)\) offers minigolf, go karts, laser tag, arcade, batting cages, bumper boats, bounce houses and more. The park is open daily, with hours varying by day and attraction.](http://melsfun-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

• **New Hampshire Audubon** (nhaudubon.org) has two nearby centers — Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way in Auburn) and McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord). Both centers are open to visitors Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trails near the centers and in the Audubon's 40 wildlife sanctuaries throughout the state are open daily, free of charge (though donations are welcome), the website said. Find maps and other information about the trails on the website, as well as a calendar of events.

• **Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center** (928 White Oaks Road in Laconia; prescottfarm.org) offers 160 acres of field, forest and gardens on 3+ miles of nature trails and a Natural Playscape, according to the website. The outdoor amenities are open daily from dawn to dusk; the Samuel P. Pardoe Building featuring visitor information, conservation displays and restrooms, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the website, where you can find a calendar of special events and programs.

• **Seacoast Science Center** (in Ordiorne Point State Park, 570 Ocean Blvd in Rye; seacoastsciencecenter.org) offers exhibits, live animal displays and touch tanks featuring the nature of the New Hampshire coast and the Gulf of Maine. The center is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Advance purchase of tickets is recommended, according to the website where you can purchase both admission to the center and to Ordiorne Point State Park.

• **Squam Lakes Natural Science Center** (23 Science Center Road in Holderness; nhnature.org) offers animal exhibit trails featuring native animals as well as hiking trails, according to the website. The trails are currently open daily, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (last admission is 3:30 p.m.). See the calendar for information on special tours, events and the narrated lake cruises. Admission to the trails costs \$28 for adults, \$26 for 65+ and \$22 for ages 3 to 15. The 2025 Family Picnic "Friends of the Forest" will be held on Saturday, July 12, 5 to 8 p.m. and feature food, live music, lawn games, kids activities and more (see the website for tickets).

• **Strawbery Banke Museum** (14 Han-

cock St. in Portsmouth; strawberybanke.org) is open Wednesdays through Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (and until 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in July and August). The museum's historic houses and exhibits look at 350 years of Portsmouth history "from Indigenous history to the present day," according to the website where you can find the calendar of special tours and events. Admission costs \$24 for adults, \$22 for 65+ and students, \$12 for ages 5 to 17 and \$60 for a family, the website said. Kids under 5 get in for free.

IN A TOWN NEAR YOU

'Tis the season of reading programs at area libraries and live music in town green spaces. Some town and city events are meant just for residents and others don't specify. Your location's library and parks and recreation department will have the most up to date information about summer happenings. Here are some of the family-friendly highlights.

• **Amherst:** At the Amherst Town Library (amherstlibrary.org), Mondays are "**Chalk the Walk**" days, when chalk will be provided to draw on the sidewalk outside. The library is also kicking off its summer reading program with a **concert featuring Steve Blunt** Monday, June 16, at 6 p.m. (registration required).

The town's big summer happening is the **Amherst Fourth of July Celebration**, which includes a parade (stepping off at 9:45 a.m.) and activities on the town green. See facebook.com/AmherstNHJuly4thCommittee.

• **Auburn:** The Griffin Free Public Library (griffinfree.org) is hosting its annual book sale Saturday, July 26, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, July 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Auburn Village School in the gym.

Auburn Parks and Recreation will offer a concert series with monthly concerts at Circle of Fun Playground, 5 Bunker Hill Road, at 6 p.m. on the third Thursdays: Jennifer Mitchell Band on June 19, and Ukелadies on July 17; Bob Pratte Band on Aug. 21, according to the department's newsletter.

Movies will also be screened at the Safety Complex (99 Raymond Road): *Paddington in Peru* on Friday, Aug. 8, at 8 p.m.; *IF* on Friday, Sept. 5, at 8 p.m., and *Mufasa: The Lion King* on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m., the newsletter said. See auburnnh.gov.

• **Bedford:** The Bedford Public Library (bedfordnhlibrary.org) is also doing a summer reading kickoff concert with Steve Blunt — Tuesday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. (registration required). A Wildlife Encoun-

ters event is scheduled for Monday, July 14, at 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. (registration required) for ages 6 to 12.

The **Bedford Concerts in the Parks** at the Gazebo in Bedford Village Common Park will run Wednesdays, June 25 through July 30, with a 6 p.m. start time, according to bedfordnh.myrec.com. To celebrate **National Night Out**, Bedford's Police Department will play a softball game against Bedford Fire Department on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m., the website said.

• **Bow:** At the Baker Free Library (bowbakerfreelibrary.org), the **summer reading kickoff** party for kids is from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 20, with a show featuring **Magic Fred** from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. A **comics workshop** for ages 8 to 14 is slated for Monday, June 23, at 3:30 p.m. with author **Mat Heagarty** (registration required). The library is also staging a production of *The Wizard of Oz* (register to participate) with a performance on Thursday, Aug. 7, at 5:30 p.m.

• **Boscawen:** The Boscawen Public Library (boscawenpubliclibrary.org) will hold its **summer reading kickoff party** Monday, June 23, from noon to 4 p.m. It will host **Mr. Aaron** on Tuesday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Brookline:** The Brookline Public Library (brooklinelibrarynh.org) will hold its **summer reading kickoff party** on Friday, June 20, at 11 a.m. with ice cream, bubbles, lawn games and more. A **petting farm** will come to the library on Thursday, June 26, at 2 p.m. (registration required). On Wednesday, July 2, at 10:30 a.m. **visit the trucks** of the Department of Public Works (registration required). Science gets tasty at **STEM and Scoops** with Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream on Tuesday, July 22, at 3 p.m. (registration required). An **arthropod petting zoo** will be held Thursday, Aug. 7, at 6 p.m. (registration required).

• **Concord:** The Concord Public Library (concordnh.gov) will hold **storytimes in the park** on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.; see the website for a schedule of city parks.

Find Concord Parks and Recreation's summer brochure online at concordnh.gov, where it lists programs as well as drop-in events like Saturday summer **futsal**. Find **free concerts** on Tuesday evenings (at parks across the city) and Sunday at 10 a.m. (White Park); check back with the department's Facebook page for updates on Thursday concerts.

• **Derry:** The Derry Public Library (derrypl.org) has a packed schedule of summer events for kids. Register for fun such as **Level Up Glow Dance Party** on Tuesday,



Summer theater

Find information about summer theater in our May 15 issue. Go to hippopress.com and look for the issue in our digital library. The guide to summer theater starts on page 10.

Playground road trip

Looking for low-cost summer fun? Check out the **Live Free & Play Southern NH Playground Challenge**, available at saalemnh.myrec.com. The printout features a list of playgrounds in Salem, Auburn, Londonderry, Pelham, Milford, Merrimack and Danville.

June 17, at 1:30 p.m.; **FanCon** on Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; **Library Field Day** on Thursday, June 26, at 11 a.m.; and the **end of the summer party with Steve Blunt** on Thursday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. **Game Day** on Thursday, July 31, needs no registration.

Get **live music in MacGregor Park** (12 Boyd Road) on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. through Aug. 19. Next up on the schedule is The Reminisants, according to derryh.gov.

- **Dunbarton:** The Dunbarton Public Library (dunbartonlibrary.org) will kick off its summer reading program with a **concert featuring Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley** on Wednesday, June 18, at 11 a.m. on the band stand. Additional summer fun includes a **touch a truck** on Wednesday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m.; a family **concert with Mr. Aaron** on Wednesday, July 23, at 10:30 a.m.; **Raptor Rapture Outreach** with Audubon on Tuesday, July 29, at 1 p.m. and more.

- **Goffstown:** The Goffstown Public Library (goftownlibrary.com) will hold its summer kickoff on Saturday, June 21, with art programs that day for kids, teens and adults (registration required). The library offers a full slate of workshops and programs for kids and teens throughout the summer, including, on Thursday, Aug. 14, the **Great Cake Off** for kids in grades 5 to 12 (registration required). The library will also offer regular opportunities for kids to **read to Candy**, the reading therapy dog (see the website to sign up).

- **Hollis:** Hollis Social Library (hollislibrary.org) will host the one-person **Silver Circus** on Monday, June 23, at 2 p.m. at the Lawrence Barn (registration recommended). **Mr Aaron** will play the barn on Friday, July 11, at 1 p.m. (registration required). The barn will also host a **touch-a-truck** on Wednesday, July 16, at 2 p.m. (registration required). **Magic Fred** will perform Friday, July 18, at the barn at 1 p.m. (registration required). The **Pirate Guild the Brethren Order of the Northeast Sea** will bring pirate fun to the barn on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 2 p.m. (registration required).

- **Hooksett:** The Hooksett Public Library (hooksettlibrary.org) will hold a touch-a-truck event on Saturday, June 28, at 10 a.m.

- **Hopkinton:** Hopkinton Recreation Committee hosts the **July 4th Family Fun Day** in Riverway Park — a kids’ parade starts at 11 a.m. followed by the Independence Day parade at 11:30 a.m.; the Fun Day kicks off at noon in the park with live music by Brad Myrick, face painting, bounce houses, burgers and hot dogs, contests and more, according to hopkintonnh.myrec.com.

- **Hudson:** The George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library (rodgerslibrary.org) will hold a **Cupcake Caper & Birthday Party** on Saturday, July 14, at 10 a.m.

(registration required) and a **Tie Dye for Everyone** project on Wednesday, June 18 (register for specific time). Magician **Mike Bent’s AbraKIDabra! Magic** show is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, at 2 p.m. (registration required). Other events to register for this summer include **Wild-life Encounters** on Wednesday, July 9, at 6 p.m., a **Teddy Bear Picnic** on Friday, July 11, at 10 a.m., **Mr. Aaron** on Wednesday, July 23, at 2 p.m. and multiple **Storytime Safari** outings in Benson Park.

- **Litchfield:** At the Aaron Cutler Memorial Library (litchfieldnh.gov/222/Aaron-Cutler-Memorial-Library) events include a family summer reading **Kick-Off Concert with Mr. Aaron** on Wednesday, June 25, at 10:30 a.m. (registration required), Tuesday scavenger hunts on the library lawn, **Tween Summer Cupcake Wars** on Thursday, July 10, at 4 p.m. (registration required), and a **concert on the lawn with the Granite Statesmen Barbershop Chorus** on Wednesday, July 16, at 6:30 p.m. (registration required).

- **Londonderry:** Get some new-to-you summer reads at the book sale at the Leach Library (londonderryh.gov/371/Leach-Library) on Saturday, June 14, 10 a.m. to noon; Tuesday, June 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. Register for events including **Pete the Cat’s visit to the library** (Tuesday, June 24, at 11 a.m.; Wednesday, June 25, at 4 p.m., and Thursday, June 26, at 4 p.m.) and Children’s Cookie Decorating on Wednesday, June 18, at 4 p.m. No registration is required for a **screening of Dog Man** on Friday, June 27, at 1 p.m.

- **Loudon:** At the Maxfield Public Library (maxfieldlibrary.com), kid-friendly offerings include a Summer Reading Kick Off with **Jason Purdy Magic Show** on Saturday, June 21, at 11 a.m. and a wrap-up event featuring **Steve Blunt and Marty Kelley** on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 11 a.m., both at Charlie’s Barn/Loudon Community Building (29 South Village Road).

Summer Fun nights on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Loudon include **Touch a Truck** on July 9; **Ice Cream Social** on July 16; **Freese Brothers Big Band** on July 23 (6:30 p.m.); **Wildlife Encounters** on July 30; **Mr. Aaron Band** on Aug. 13 and a **Pickleball Tournament** on Aug. 20, according to loudonnh.org.

- **Manchester:** Manchester City Library (manchesterlibrary.org) offers programs for teens and kids throughout the summer — and the city, with **bookmobile events** (see the calendar for locations). Find community art projects on Mondays 10 to 11:30 a.m. at **We Create Mornings**, a drop-in event. Happenings to register for include **Beach Party** on Thursday, July 3, at 10 a.m. for ages 1 to 5; **Escape Room** on Wednesday,



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July 9, at 10 a.m. (grades 3 through 12); **Captain Underpants Party** on Wednesday, July 16, at 3 p.m. (grades preschool through 6), and more.

Check with manchesternh.gov/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation and with the department's Facebook page for updates on the **city's pools**.

• **Merrimack:** At the Merrimack Public Library (merrimack.aspendiscovery.org), the Friends of the Library will hold a **book sale** on Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The summer reading program will kick off with a **Mine-craft Party** on Thursday, June 26, noon to 2 p.m. followed by a **concert with Mr. Aaron** at 6 p.m. in Abbie Griffin Park (registration required for both). Other events to register for include **Old McDon-ny's Friendly Petting Zoo** in the park on Monday, July 21, at 11:30 a.m. and a **Teddy Bear Picnic** on Thursday, July 31, at noon.

Enjoy **live music on Thursdays**, June 26 through Aug. 21, at 6 p.m. in Abbie Griffin Park; the program kicks off with **Mr. Aaron** on June 26, according to merrimack-parksandrec.org. The Town of Merrimack

also hosts **Fourth of July celebrations** including a patriotic concert in the park on Thursday, July 3, at 6:30 p.m.; the Sparkler 5K Road Race and Pancake Breakfast, both on July 4 starting at 8 a.m.; the Fourth of July parade at 1 p.m. and fireworks display at Merrimack High School at 9:15 p.m. (the evening starts at 7 p.m. with music and food vendors), according to merrimackparksandrec.org/4th-of-july.

• **Milford:** At the Wadleigh Memorial Library (wadleighlibrary.org), the teen summer reading kickoff is Friday, June 13, at 3 p.m. and a children's **Level Up at Your Library party** with yard games and a hot dog dinner is at 6 p.m. (no registration needed for either). Other events include the **Silver Circus** on Wednesday, June 18, at 1 p.m. at the Amato Center; a **Red, White & Bluey party** on Thursday, July 3, at 10 a.m. and **Cookie Wars** on Wednesday, July 30, at 2 p.m.

Milford Recreation will hold its **4th Annual Keyes Summer Bash** on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring touch a truck, food trucks, kid activities, music and more in Keyes Memorial Park,

according to milfordnh.recdesk.com

• **Nashua:** The Nashua Public Library (nashualibrary.org) will hold its **summer reading kickoff** on Friday, June 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring a life-size Hungry Hippo game, Mario Kart Live!, popcorn, snow cones and more, the website said. See the website for a rundown of programs for children, tweens and teens each week.

The city also offers a full calendar of **SummerFun** programming including **Tuesday concerts** in the park at 7 p.m.; a **Tree**

Street Block Party on Ash Street on Saturday, June 14, from 2 to 6 p.m.; **July 4 event** that includes a Silver Knights Game, a free concert and more events leading up to a fireworks show; the **Nashua Community Music School's Musical Playgroup**; the National Police Night out on Aug. 5, a **Nashua Goes Back to School** event at the library on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 5 p.m. and more. See nashuanh.gov.

• **New Boston:** Whipple Free Library (whipplefreelibrary.org) will hold its sum-



See the performers

Some family-friendly performers make the rounds of libraries and other venues during the summer. Here are a few of the family performance favorites.

• **Miss Alli** — Alli Beaudry has long been a regular on the local music scene and her family-friendly Miss Alli performances reach a whole new audience. Find updates at instagram.com/missallimusic.

• **Mr. Aaron** — Mr. Aaron offers classes as well as concerts. See a list of his upcoming engagements at area libraries at mraaronmusic.com/calendar.

• **Steve Blunt** — Watch videos of Blunt's performances at steveblunt.com, where you can also check back for updates on his scheduled appearances. He can sometimes be found at appearances with author Marty Kelley — the two have some upcoming

library events scheduled, according to martykelley.com.

• **BJ Hickman** — This family-friendly magician already has appearances booked at festivals this summer as well as a stretch of shows in August at the Palace. See bjhickman.com.

• **Magic Fred the Magician** — Several library events are already on the summer schedule with Magic Fred; see magicfred-show.com.

• **Judy Pancoast** — The singer/songwriter has a few New Hampshire library events on her schedule so far. See judypancoast.com.

• **Marek Bennett** — A comics creator and musician, Bennett has some in-person library events on his upcoming schedule at marekbennett.com.

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mer kickoff with **Wildlife Encounters** on Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Common. In addition to story times, movie nights, teen events and more, the library will hold craft events, such as **Build Your Own Pokemon Terrarium** on Monday, July 14, at 6 p.m. (registration required).

Catch **concerts on the Common** every other Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. at the New Boston Common starting June 24 with the Freese Brothers Big Band, according to newbostonnh.gov/recreation, where you can find the lineup.

- **Salem:** At the Kelley Library (kelleylibrary.org), the **summer reading fun** starts Monday, June 23. Check back for updates.

Salem is celebrating its 275th anniversary with a series of events all year, including a **reenactment of the return of Lafayette** on Saturday, June 21, at 2 p.m.; **Salem Nights** at Hedgehog Park starting Tuesday, July 8; **Salembration** on Saturday, Aug. 9, and more, according to salemnh.gov/1097/Anniversary-Events-Info.

- **Windham:** Nesmith Library (nesmithlibrary.org) starts the summer celebrations

with a **Tween School End Celebration** on Thursday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. for grades 5-8. The official **Summer Reading Kick-Off** featuring **mini golf** will be Tuesday, June 24, starting at 4 p.m. (register for a time slot). Other events include **Fun Cart Friday** (find STEAM-related projects and play from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 27 through Aug. 1), a **Summer Scavenger Hunt** (Monday, June 30, through Saturday, July 5), **Wildlife Encounters** (Wednesday, July 9, at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.; registration required); **Meet the Town Vehicles** (Wednesday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. to noon), and **Magician Mike Bent's AbraKIDabra** (Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.; registration required), as well as a variety of children, tween and teen events.

Windham will hold **Concerts on the Common** (Emerson Carracedo on Saturday, June 14, at 2 p.m.; Windham Swing Band on Saturday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m.) and **Concerts at Griffin Park** (PopRoks on Tuesday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m.; Relative Soul on Thursday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m.) and a **Bubble Dance Party** in Griffin Park on Thursday, Aug. 7, with the Fire Department, Police Department and Recreation Department followed by a movie (*Moana 2*) at 8 p.m., according to windham.recdesk.com. Catch an early Independence Day celebration on Wednesday, June 25, at Windham High School with a band, food vendors and fireworks; parking lot opens at 5:30 p.m. 🍌

Outdoor adventures

Looking for minigolf or a state park? Check out our Best of 2025 readers' poll results issue, which ran April 10 and features reader recommendations for all sorts of outdoor excitement.

More fun this weekend

This week, we made the whole cover story Kiddie Pool! The Kiddie Pool is our weekly column of kid and family fun. Other events happening this weekend:

- On Friday, June 13, at 11:30 a.m., Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St. in Concord; gibsonsbookstore.com) offers a **supersized story time**. Four New Hampshire authors will attend with their picture books: David Preece and Jim Webber with *Mr. Higgins to the Rescue*, Katy Hunt with *There's a Wub in the Tub* and Heidi Solomon-Orlick with *I Have a Voice: A Book of Listening*, according to the website.
- At Bookery Manchester (844 Elm St.; bookerymht.com), there are three kid events on the schedule this week. On Thursday, June 12, at 11:30 a.m., the **story-time will feature Mickey Davis and her book Noy, The Little Laotian Ambassador**, according to the website, where you can reserve your spot. The event is free and geared at kids ages 2 to 10.
- On Friday, June 13, from 5 to 7 p.m., the bookstore celebrates the spooky day with a **Halfway to Halloween Party** for kids (recommended ages 6 to 12). The event will feature games, prizes, a costume contest and more, according to the website, where you can reserve a spot.
- And on Saturday, June 14, from 11:30

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the story will host Scholastic's nationwide **Fire Fanwing Fest** for readers of the *Wings of Fire* series. The event will feature games, activities and giveaways, the website said.

- As the "Second Saturday" in June, Saturday, June 14, features free admission for New Hampshire residents to the **Currier Museum of Art** (150 Ash St. in Manchester; currier.org). The museum is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Celebrate **Father's Day — Sunday, June 15 — at Charmingfare Farm** (774 High St. in Candia; visitthefarm.com) with free admission, a ride wristband and a meal for dads, according to the website. Fathers accompanied by kids 12 and under can have a complimentary meal at the barbecue party (loaded hamburger or two hot dogs with chips and a drink), the website said. General tickets cost \$23 or \$29 with a ride wristband, which includes pony ride, horse-drawn ride and a tractor train ride, according to the website, where you can purchase advance admission (required for free father admission).
- The **Nashua Silver Knights** will celebrate Father's Day after their Sunday, June 15, 3 p.m. game at Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St., Nashua) with post-game catch on the field. See nashuasilverknights.com.



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A Chorus Line closes out Palace season — a review

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When *A Chorus Line* opened in 1975, it upended the Broadway world. The behind-the-scenes look at casting a musical has no star; it's a study in a shared spotlight. An impossibly massive ensemble of dancers opens the show, singing "I Hope I Get It" in unison. Each is vying for one of eight spots on the line, and half are dismissed in the first 10 minutes.

The musical ends the current Palace Theatre season, and it's a detour from the multimedia-enhanced productions done so far. The staging is spare, set changes are minimal, and raw emotion drives the action, as Zach, the show's director, admirably played by Justin Wolfe Smith, probes the remaining 17 hopefuls to learn more about them.

What begins with Zach asking a reluctant group about when and where they were

born quickly leads to prodding the aspirants about their hopes, dreams and demons. Mike (AJ Love) recounts how he began dancing in preschool, while streetwise Sheila (Olivia Warner in a standout performance) dismisses the process.

The cracks in Sheila's hard exterior are then laid bare in "At The Ballet," an early musical highlight that reveals how she turned to dance as a refuge from a painful childhood. She's joined by fellow auditionees Bebe (Alexis Yard) and Maggie (Jessie Roddy) for the poignant number, as both describe similar experiences.

One by one, each has their moment. Tone-deaf Christine (Palace veteran Emilee Clapp) and her supportive husband and dancer Al (Matthew Quintero), too short Connie Wong (Madeline Falco), Mark (Kevin Bowman), struggling with sexual identity, and others respond to the Oz-like Zach, who stays off-stage for most of the show.

As Diana, Camille Theriault shines in her solo of "Nothing," a song that reveals a primary theme of *A Chorus Line*, the line separating those who perform in search of acclaim from others who simply seek a sense of belonging. Spoiler alert: Everyone here belongs to the latter group.

"One," the most well-known song in the



The cast of *A Chorus Line*. Photo courtesy of AnnMarie Lidman Photography.

show, is performed twice; the first time is a rehearsal, the second fully fleshed out and splendid. The initial run-through reinforces the tone raised by Diana, when Zach tells the dancers to move in perfect synchrony, commanding, "I don't want anyone to draw my eye."

The Act Two spotlight closes in on two characters who clearly don't want it. During a tense interaction with Zach, Maggie pleads for a spot on the line as she performs "The Music and the Mirror," a showstopper that brings her past to the surface, and finally shows a bit about the mysterious Zach.

Director Carl Rajotte does a solid job of bringing *A Chorus Line*'s many elements into focus, particularly in the first act. With help from Assistant Choreographer Sebas-

tian Goldberg (who doubles as Zach's number two in the show), an enormous cast is distilled fluidly, meeting the show's biggest challenge of making many into one.

The show has many memorable and expertly performed songs, including AJ Love's wonderful reading of "I Can Do That" and "Dance: Ten; Looks: Three," a comically NSFW number done by Brooke Cox as Val. In "What I Did For Love," Camille Theriault is joined by the full cast to testify everyone else longs to belong to the family of dance. The final number, brimming with the Palace's signature flash and verve, is a great payoff. This production of *A Chorus Line* is by all means worth seeing, with a solid cast, wonderful music and a vital message. 🎭

A Chorus Line

When: Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at 2 & 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through June 22

Where: Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester

Tickets: \$39 and up at palacetheatre.org

Art Events

• **JUNETEENTH** The Currier Museum of Art and the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire celebrate Juneteenth with a program called "Never Caught: The Defiant Journey of Ona Marie Judge Staines" that brings Ona's voice to life on Thursday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m. at the museum (150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org) through a dramatic reading of her 1845 interview, originally published in *The Granite Freeman*, featuring New Hampshire actress Sandi Clarke Kaddy as Ona Judge. Following the performance, Dr. Erica Arm-

strong Dunbar, author of the Pulitzer Prize finalist *Never Caught: The Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge*, will discuss Ona's story. Admission is free but space is limited; reserve a spot at blackheritagetrailnh.org or by calling 570-8469.

• **25th Annual Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic** will run Thursday, June 12, through Saturday, June 14, with the sculptures, lit up at night, on view through Monday, June 23. There will be a fireworks display on Saturday, June 14, at 9:30 p.m. See hamptonbeach.org.

Craft fairs

• **Arts & Crafts Fair** held by the Jaffrey Civic Center (40 Main St. in Jaffrey) will run on the center's front lawn Saturday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See jaffreyciviccenter.com.

Exhibits

• **ArtHub**, the gallery of the Nashua Area Artists Association at 98 Main St. in Nashua. The gallery hours will be Wednesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 2 to 7 p.m.

• **Kimball Jenkins Student Spring Art Show** will feature

works from students enrolled in winter and spring art classes at Kimball Jenkins (266 N. Main St., Concord, kimballjenkins.com), including drawings, paintings, ceramics, watercolors, photography through June 14.

• **"Creative Nature Ventures"** an exhibit of pieces by local artists inspired by nature is on display at the NH Audubon's Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way in Auburn; nhaudubon.org) through June 20. The center is open Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **"Impressions,"** "an exhibition celebrating the breadth of original printed art," will be on display at the Mosaic Art Collective (66 Hanover St. in Manchester; mosaicartcollective.com) through Friday, June 27. The gallery is open Thursdays from 2 to 6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m.

• **"Pollinator Garden in Pictures"** an exhibit of photography from Kate Osgood will be on display at the NH Audubon's McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord; nhaudubon.org) through Friday, June 27. The center is open Wednesday through

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **"The Canine Collection,"** an exhibit of the photography of Sandra McCarthy, will be on display in the gallery at the Baker Free Library (509 South St. in Bow; bowbakerfreelibrary.org) through Monday, June 30. See more of her work at sandramccarthyphoto.com.

• **"Creativity Explored,"** an exhibit of works from Creativity Explored, "a San Francisco non-profit that partners with artists with developmental disabilities," at Outer Space (35 Pleasant St., Concord, outerspacearts.xyz) will be on display through Wednesday, July 16. The gallery is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Theater

• **12 Angry Jurors**, adapted by Sherman L. Sergel from Reginald Rose's 1954 teleplay *12 Angry Men*, will be presented by Bedford Off Broadway at Bedford Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, bedfordoffbroadway.com, through June 15, with 7:30 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday matinees.

• **The Bridges of Madison County** from the New London Barn Playhouse 84 Main St., New London,

nlbarn.org, runs through Sunday, June 22.

• **The Best We Could (a family tragedy)** a New Hampshire debut presented by Theatre Kapow at the Bank of NH Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com, on Friday, June 13, and Saturday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$33.75, \$26.75 for seniors and students.

Classical

• **Avaloch Farm Chamber Music Festival** will feature artists Sunmi Chang, Julia Glenn, Jessica Tong, Nicholas Cords, Caeli Smith, Nina Lee, Ashley Bathgate, Gregg August and Andrius Zlabys, with Susana Matos-Puente at Avaloch Farm Music Institute (16 Hardy Lane in Boscawen; avalochfarm-music.org). Concert 1 (featuring works by Mozart and Richard Strauss) is on Thursday, June 12. Concert 2 (featuring John Adams "Shaker Loops" and Michael Gordon "Weather One") on Friday, June 13. Concert 3 (featuring Debussy, Beethoven and Ernest Bloch) is on Saturday, June 14. All shows feature a preconcert talk at 5 p.m., the concert at 6 p.m. and a dinner with the musicians at 7:30 p.m. See website for tickets.

THE ART OF WHAT'S NEXT

Art 3 Gallery (44 W. Brook St., Manchester, art3gallery.com) has opened its summer exhibition, "The Art of What's Next." "What is the answer to 'Where do we go from here?'" This is a show that will invite both artists and viewers to consider the evolving nature of art and the changing world in which we live," according to an email from the gallery. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. and by appointment.



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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Turn off the safety feature so you can run into walls

CAR TALK



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk: Our new Toyota Tundra uses ALL of the available space in our garage. And if I want to close the garage door, I have to pull within inches of the front wall.

Here's the problem: The automatic brake system continually hits the brakes for me every time I approach the wall, even though I am just creeping at 1 mph.

Is there a danger in repeatedly having the auto brake system activate when I park each time? Will this damage the brakes? — Dan

No, but it might damage your neck, Dan. For those who don't have this feature, lots of newer cars have automatic emergency braking. If the car's sensors conclude that there's an obstacle ahead (a stopped car, for instance), and you haven't given any indication that you're aware of it by taking your foot off the gas or hitting the brakes, the automatic braking system kicks in.

As a first step, the vehicle will issue an audible and/or visual warning. And then, if you continue to browse your wife's sister's

Instagram photos while the obstacle gets closer, it will actually apply the brakes for you to prevent a crash.

Many cars and trucks also have a slow-speed version of this system for use in parking. It works in both forward and reverse. So, if trying to parallel park between two Maseratis, and you're about to take out the hood of the one behind you, the system will warn you and then apply the brakes to keep you from hitting it and having to join the witness protection program.

This can be incredibly useful. It can also be irritating, as you've learned, Dan. So, your vehicle (and most others) allows you to turn off the slow-speed auto brake feature in situations where you'd rather it mind its own business.

On the Tundra, there's a button to the left of your steering wheel with an image of a car making impact with a traffic cone and the word "OFF" underneath it. When you pull into your garage, just press that button.

An orange light with that same image will show up on your dashboard, letting you know that the system is off. You'll still hear the audio warning when the sensors detect a nearby obstacle (like the garage wall), but

the truck will not apply its own brakes. Once that light is on, Dan, you are free to drive right into your radial arm saw.

It's also useful for going through a car wash. Just keep in mind that most vehicles

will reset the system to "On," when you restart. So, you'll have to hit the button each time you pull into the garage. But that's better than the whiplash, right?

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna, I was ready to put this in a yard sale this summer. My sister said "no, it could be worth a lot of money." She said to ask you. Hopefully you can help resolve this.

Thank you, Donna, Ann

Dear Ann,

Corningware can be very collectible. It's been around since the 1950s, made in Corning, New York. Some pieces can be worth more than others; the age of the pieces, rarity, pattern and condition all are factors. I have seen some pieces with values into the thousands. Tough to believe for cookware pieces, but true. I grew up with Corningware and my mom used it a lot. I remember the blue and white pattern in the cabinets.



Your pattern French Spice was in production from the 1970s to the late 1980s. Your 5-quart with the cover would be in the \$50 range. Having the cover is a bonus. Uncovered would have less value.

So your sister was right in checking! Thanks for sharing, Ann, and good luck finding it a new home. Maybe worth keeping now?

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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Tough row to hoe

Gardening in difficult conditions

By Henry Homeyer
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THE GARDENING GUY

The very last day of May this year surprised me: We got three inches of rain in a little over 12 hours. Although not unheard of, it came after a month when we often got an inch or two of rain over a two- or three-day period. The ground is soggy, our brook is overflowing — and we have no way of knowing if the summer will continue wet or turn hot and dry. As gardeners in uncertain times, it helps to plan for the worst and celebrate when we have the best. Let's look at what you can do to help your plants survive.

First, if you have a big rain, the best thing you can do is STAY OUT OF THE GARDEN. Wet soil compacts when you walk on it, making it less hospitable for plants because they get nutrients, water and oxygen through their roots. You already know better than to walk in your growing beds, both in the vegetable and flower gardens. But your lawn will suffer, too, if you walk on it while wet, and your footprints may make it lumpy.

We have lots of wide flower beds, wide enough that we cannot weed some of them while standing on the lawn. So we place flat stepping stones in the beds, strategically placed so we can step on them to weed or pick flowers for vases in the house. This being New Hampshire, we seem to have a good supply of relatively flat stones to use. If we dig one up, we save it for future use. If you don't have stones, you can buy them from garden centers. Look for stones that are larger than your shoe, but get some bigger ones, too.

We also make pathways through large beds. We have a bed of candelabra primroses (*Primula japonica*) that is approximately 25 feet by 30 feet in size that contains hundreds of these beauties. We designed and built three pathways through and around it. And although we cannot access it all, it helps.

First we picked a route. Then we dug up and moved primroses and weeds to create a pathway about 18 inches wide. I find the CobraHead Weeder (cobrahead.com) can get under even mature plants and lift them, undamaged, for moving. This works best if the soil is moist — not a problem this summer. We got a nice rootball with each if we inserted the CobraHead in three or four places and loosened the soil a little before lifting the plant.



Flat stones enhance this walkway. Photo by Henry Homeyer.



This homemade raised bed drains well in rainy times. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

For our walkways we put down landscape fabric and pin it in place with landscape staples. We avoid woven landscape fabric, as weeds tend to grow through it. We use an almost see-through spun fabric, which does well by us. We cover the fabric with a 2-inch layer of quarter-inch washed pea stone that I buy at a gravel company and bring home in my trusty, rusty 2004 Toyota pickup truck. Lastly, we spread some finely ground bark mulch along the edges of the path to help keep weeds and soil from migrating into the walkway. Steel edging would be good, but it's expensive.

Bark mulch is good in both wet times and dry times. Persistent weeds can grow through it, even a layer an inch-and-a-half thick. But it reduces weeding considerably. It helps to minimize evaporation in hot, dry weather, too. In wet times some weeds will grow in it — but they can't hold on as well as in soil, so they pull easily.

Raised beds are great in wet times. I have a wooden one I built using rough sawn pine that is 16 inches tall. I filled it with a mixture of garden soil and compost I buy loose in bulk. You can buy both at good garden centers, and a 50-50-mix works well, though I sometimes add peat moss and perlite if the mix is too heavy. In these recent rains my raised bed stood happily above the water-filled walkway around it.

Mostly in the vegetable garden I make 30- to 36-inch-wide raised beds without wood sides. I just hoe up soil from the walkways

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News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **Noodles at Nash:** The Lucky Lantern Noodle Restaurant has opened at The Nash Casino (Pheasant Lane Mall, 310 DW Highway, Nashua, thenashcasino.com). It is one of three sit-down restaurants in the casino. As its name suggests, the restaurant specializes in Asian and Asian-inspired dishes, particularly those with noodles. It is open seven days a week, from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.

• **Harpoon in NH:** Harpoon will open its first brewery and pub in New Hampshire on Sunday, June 15. The brewpub will be located at 215 Canal St., Manchester, in the Queen City Center. In a June 5 press release, the Harpoon parent company said the new location will include an experimental brewery, restaurant, tap room, private event space, and an outdoor beer garden. Visit harpoonbrewery.com.

• **Two great tastes:** There will be a chocolate and wine pairing event at Wine on Main (9 N. Main St., Concord, 897-5828, wineonmainnh.com) Thursday, June 12, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Chocolate expert Maggie Prittie will guide participants through tasting four single-origin chocolates alongside four complementary wines. Tickets for this 21+ event are \$39.19 through eventbrite.com and include chocolate and wine samples as well as a lesson on the history of chocolate and how to taste it.

• **Better than breakfast in bed:** Celebrate Father's Day with a "Dad and Me Pizza Cooking Class" at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road, Concord, 226-8667) on Saturday, June 14, from noon to 2 p.m. This is an interactive cooking class where dads and the kids can bond over making deep dish pizza from scratch. Chefs will guide participants through every step from preparing the dough to adding favorite toppings. Adult tickets are \$44.52 and children's tickets are \$12.51 through eventbrite.com.

• **Order online for this food fest:** Starting Sunday, June 15, Temple B'nai Israel (210 Court St., Laconia, 524-7044, tbinh.org) will accept orders for its annual Jewish Food Festival. Dozens of types of traditional Jewish dishes will be available for drive-thru pickup on Saturday, July 19, and Sunday, July 20. Orders will be accepted at tbinh.org/shop-page through Monday, July 7. 🍷

FOOD

A home for the bread

Woodman's Artisan Bakery takes its farmers market success to its own shop

By John Fladd
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Bill Woodman makes bread — a lot of bread.

"We rotate the breads every day," he said, "probably a good 12 to 14 potential varieties of breads that we can offer from types of sourdough, German rye, baguettes, Italian semolina with sesame seeds — that's a nice one — a German flaxseed rye called leinsamenbrot. That's a hearty, hearty bread. Leinsamenbrot means flaxseed bread. So with rye flour, it's a much denser bread."

But what Woodman, the owner of Woodman's Artisan Bakery in Nashua, really dreams about is panettone, a tall, round loaf of enriched Italian bread.

"Right now," he said, "the unicorn, so to speak, is probably the Italian panettone. There's a baker in Italy — we follow him on social media — I've dabbled a little bit in trying to make a panettone, but I'm too busy to actually focus on it the way it needs properly. But to be able to get a nice, proper Italian panettone like he makes, with a nice open, airy crumb from the sourdough, to be able to use the exact sourdough culture, you know, it's a pasta madre, I believe they call it in Italian. It's like a drier starter dough and it's like wrapped up in a towel, so it partially dries out on the outside of the actual starter dough. And it's supposed to impart these different finer nuances into the bread. But to be able to get that, it's something that would be very unique and very special. You just don't see around here very often or at all. You get the stuff in the grocery stores around Christmastime, but it's definitely not the same thing."

Woodman started his business by selling bread at area farmers markets.

"We started at Salem [the Salem Farmers Market] on Sundays," he said. "We started there, trying to figure out if there is a demand for breads. We make European-style artisan breads and pastries — croissants, Danishes and German pretzels. After about a season, we had picked up business, so we decided to do the winter season. At that point we picked up a couple more farmers markets for the winter season. Business picked up a little bit. You started to see your regulars coming more and more. And then the following year came and we just decided to go all in. We picked up six markets a week, so there was no sleep for me whatsoever. And it kept going from there."

Woodman recently opened a storefront bakery in Nashua. The bakery offers sand-



Woodman's Artisan Bakery makes traditional European style breads. Photos courtesy Bill Woodman.

wiches and coffees, but the main focus is on bread.

"We tell people our breads are real bread," he said. "The pastries are real pastries, and what we mean by that is that our sourdough for instance is flour, water and salt. So it's real ingredients, real breads. We have a lot of people who are gluten-sensitive who can eat a lot of our sourdoughs and not get sick not have a reaction. They can eat our croissants and Danishes because the flour that we use in those products comes from France and it has a lower protein content, so they can eat those and have no reaction as well."

Woodman was approached by an importer who introduced him to French flour.

"The sales rep came in and introduced himself," Woodman said, "and started telling us a little bit about what the product was. He had explained the company is out of France, and they sell through his compa-

ny here. If we were interested, a sales rep as well as a baker would come for a couple days, work with us and teach us about the products. I thought it was a great opportunity for my staff and myself to learn about something new. And so we said, sure, let's give it a try, so they came in and we started working with it." It was a game-changer, Woodman said. 🍷

Woodman's Artisan Bakery

Where: 4 Sunapee St., Nashua,
Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More: 718-1694, woodmansartisanbakery.com

During the summer, Woodman also sells his bread at the Concord Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Bedford Farmers Market on Tuesdays from 3 to 6 p.m., and at the Salem Farmers Market on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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FOOD

Cute coops Winning chicken homes

By John Fladd
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In May, the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation held a statewide Chicken Coop Contest.

"People love chickens," said Leandra Pritchard from the Farm Bureau Federation, "especially our backyard farmers. We knew we would probably reach a good amount of people with a chicken coop competition. A lot of the backyard farmers like to put their creativity to work, and they take good care of their chickens because they love their eggs and [practice] good animal husbandry and taking care of their animals. We wanted to celebrate that."

In partnership with the Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) and Osborne's Farm and Garden Center in Concord the Farm Bureau Federation invited New Hampshire chicken enthusiasts to send it photos of their coops. There were three categories: Most Likeable by a Chicken, Best Reuse of Existing Materials, and Best Youth-Built.

The winner in each category won a prize package of a Farm Bureau membership, a NOFA membership, a grain certificate and a chicken care basket. "And a sign that they can put on their cupola," she said.

Pritchard, who raises chickens herself, pointed out that while raising chickens is fun and emotionally rewarding, it involves a lot of work. People shouldn't make the decision of keeping a coop lightly, she said.

"Chickens need fresh water every day.



The Compost Coop-oration by Liz Barbour. Won Most LIKEABLE by a chicken. Photo courtesy of the NH Farm Bureau Federation

They need plenty of good feed and they need their roosting boxes filled with fresh bedding. You have to check on them at minimum once a day, but I'm sure more people do more than that because they're not going to produce good eggs for you unless you have proper water and food for them."

This year's contest winners with descriptions according to the Federation:

Best Re-Use of Existing Materials: The Cluck Wagon by Ted West This won for its durable, mobile design built largely from repurposed parts, housing up to 25 chickens with features like a gravity-fed waterer, a predator-safe ramp, and a circus wagon flair.

Best Youth-Built: Feather Fort by The Paone and Lebel Family This winner features kid-led construction with classic wood framing, T1-11 siding, asphalt shingles and a charming Dutch door.

Most Likeable by a Chicken: The Compost Coop-oration by Liz Barbour This won for its integrated coop, run and "chunnel" system that lets chickens safely roam and compost garden waste. It also offers features like heated water, a poop bench and a sand floor for happy, healthy hens. 🐔

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into a bed that stands up 6 inches above the walkway. Our dog, Rowan, seems to instinctively know not to run through the beds. I work lots of compost into the soil to keep it light and fluffy.

The walkways I mulch with a layer of newspaper (three or four pages thick) covered with straw. I can use the same technique around big plants like tomatoes or Brussels sprouts. Onions and carrots? I just fit some straw in between the rows.

Peonies are a problem in wet times. Double peonies, those that have a blossom packed with petals, get heavy when wet. They flop over and sometimes the stems break. Metal peony rings are sold — they are like tomato cages but wider and lower. It is best to install them in April, before they get tall and bushy. Even so, I find they often don't work — they are too short to protect

tall stems.

What I prefer for peonies and other tall plants is to install three stakes around them, and then encircle the clump about two-thirds the way up with green garden string. For plants like peonies, I use bamboo stakes. For taller, heavier plants like New York ironweed or 'Henry Eiler' Rudbeckia, I use 4-foot-long 1-inch hardwood grade stakes that I paint green to disguise them. I drive them into the ground with a 3-pound sledge.

The bottom line is this: Despite all we do to prevent damage by storm or drought, not every plant is going to look its best all summer. So I focus on the beauty of the successful plants, and dream of sunny days punctuated with an occasional shower.

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"Culinary's something I kind of fell into," MacCrea said. "I was working at a hotel when I was like 16 or 17. I was actually a busboy. And then something happened where one of the cooks was on vacation ... and one cook got let go, and one guy just kind of stopped showing up. I looked at the executive chef and said, 'Hey, you can come get me; I can fill in a few shifts.' That was kind of how I got started. ... I did some chain restaurant work. I worked in elder care as a culinary director for Expected Living for about eight or nine years. That was actually really rewarding. Then ... I was the executive chef at Great Wolf Lodge for about three years before I took this Pats Peak job. I graduated high school, but then never really went to culinary school because I was already working and in the field doing it, and I love what I did, and I just wanted to work and move up the ladder and progress that way.

Do you have a particular culinary point of view or a philosophy in the kitchen?

I do. I mean, I honestly think it's not about me; it's really just about whatever my guest wants. I try to cater to anyone and everyone. I really got into cooking for people with allergies and specific kinds of needs. I started really in health care, but then I expanded it when I was at my last job at Great Wolf Lodge. For me, it's just all about guest satisfaction. If I can make somebody happy with my food, I've done my job.

What's your must-have kitchen item?

Other than the very obvious, like just a good quality chef's knife, I feel like oregano is my secret ingredient. I add oregano to a lot of dishes. I just like fresh herbs. I think if you have fresh herbs in general, you're going to be better off. Fresh herbs, I think they elevate just about every dish.

What do you think is the most important skill in the kitchen?

For me, the most important skill is really being able to interact with a lot of different kinds of people. People skills are huge. You're interacting with people from all different backgrounds, all different walks of life, all different personalities, and to be able to get the most out of those people that work around you I think is just so important

What would you have for your last meal?

I'd probably just have like a nice steak, like a nice T-bone or porterhouse, cooked

medium rare, with something like creamy mashed potatoes and garlic green beans on the side.

What's the best dish that you ever ate at a restaurant?

I was in Chicago — I think the place was called Gibson's Italia. It was all family style, but literally everything I tried on that table was amazing — great steak, great pasta, great everything. We were at a leadership course thing, it was like a long weekend, and this woman was local to Chicago and she was taking us to all these places. I mean she's walking up to these restaurants, no signage, no nothing, you wouldn't know it was a restaurant unless you lived there. The service was incredible. The food was incredible.

Who's a celebrity you'd like to see eating your food?

I'd be terrified, but I would love to have Gordon Ramsay eat my food. Although I admit I would be absolutely terrified, but, I mean, he'll tell you like it is.

What's your favorite dish to put on a menu?

When I'm planning a menu, I like to have some barbecue items. I love pulled pork, I love smoked brisket. I just like smoked meats. It's a lot of the kind of weird cuts that way back when people didn't appreciate them, and then we started making them into fantastic meals and I just love that.



Daniel MacCrea, New Culinary Director, Pats Peak Ski Area. Courtesy photo.

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JOHN FLADD COOKS Lime Custard Cake

½ cup (1 cube) butter, melted
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4 eggs, separated
zest of 3 limes
¼ cup (4 Tablespoons) fresh squeezed
lime juice
2 teaspoons dehydrated lime juice
powder (optional) – available online,
dehydrated citrus powders let you bump
up citrus flavor in a recipe without throw-
ing off your moisture content
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup (65 g) all purpose flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1¼ cup (300 ml) evaporated milk



Lime Custard Cake. Photo by John Fladd.

Heat oven to 325°F.
Butter a 9-inch spring-form pan, and
line the bottom with parchment paper.
Measure and set aside all your ingredi-
ents. This is something restaurant cooks
call mise en place, or “meez.” If you’ve
ever watched a cooking show and won-
dered why everything looks so effortless,
takes five minutes, and the kitchen on set
doesn’t look like a war zone, it’s because
an intern has already found all the ingre-
dients, prepared them, and set them aside,
so the chef isn’t running around with her
sleeve on fire shouting, “HOW CAN WE
POSSIBLY BE OUT OF BUTTER!??” If you
haven’t done this before, try it. It’s a
game-changer.

Whip the egg whites into stiff peaks. Set
aside.

Beat the egg yolks and sugar togeth-
er until the mixture is light in color and
fluffy.

Mix in the lime zest, lime juice, lime
juice powder and vanilla. Add the flour

and salt, and mix until everything is incor-
porated. Drizzle in the evaporated milk
and mix everything together.

Stir 1/3 of the beaten egg whites into the
mixture to lighten it, then gently fold in
the rest, one half at a time, until the batter
is light and mousse-like. (Not moose-like;
if that happens, something has definitely
gone awry.)

Spoon the batter into your spring-form
pan, and bake it for 50 to 55 minutes, until
the top is slightly golden but still a little
jiggly if you shake it.

Let the cake cook completely in the pan
before removing it. It might collapse in on
itself a little, and lose some volume, but it
will still be beautiful.

Serve in small slices — it’s very rich —
with glasses of seltzer over crushed ice.
Eat it listening to “Summertime” from
Porgy and Bess. You’ll be able to tell
your child — even an eye-rolling teenager
— that their daddy is rich, and their mom-
ma’s good-looking, and mean it. 🍷

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What’s your favorite cookbook?

I’ve read a lot of cookbooks. I don’t
know if I have an exact favorite one. I
know they’re not actually cookbooks, but
I like anything by [Anthony] Bourdain. I
love that stuff. The cookbook I go to the
most is literally a culinary textbook from
Johnson & Wales. I just sort of picked that
up, and it’s just amazing. It’s so easy to use,
it has everything you could want. Right
now, I’m reading about smoking.

What’s a big new food trend that you see?

There’s a lot of stuff I think that is trend-
ing, but hot honey is huge right now. I

also think people are trying to get back to
basics. I think overdone dishes with a mil-
lion ingredients are kind of a way of the
past. I think simple dishes, simple flavors,
just good quality fresh ingredients is kind
of on the rise. And I love that.

What’s your favorite thing to cook at home?

I like to cook a lot of Asian-fusion food. I
like to make orange chicken and Szechuan
chicken, things like that. I like to make sim-
ple meals that I can make really quick that
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Lüt, “Opp Ned” (Indie Recordings)



Well here’s a filthy, ear-grabbing burner, the final advance from this Norwegian post-emo band’s third, apparently as yet untitled LP. I’d love to tell you more about them, since I really like everything I’ve heard from them so far, but we’re in the era of Anonymous, when bands and various other artistes — Banksy, for instance — keep their identities secret, or force prospective fans to do their own research if they want to know more about them. Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich loves these guys, if that’s of any import to you, and they’ve played at a good number of unpronounceable European festivals, but

all you really need to do is hear one of their better songs, like this one. This song’s hook is absolutely epic, for one thing, but the ingredients list for their vibe is uniquely awesome: the attitude of The Hives, a guitar sound that binds ’80s goth-rock to no-wave (think Taking Back Sunday, for shorthand), and the boisterous energy of Dropkick Murphys. If that doesn’t interest you, go check your pulse. Seriously, give this a shot.

A+ —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Noah Haidu, Standards III (Infinite Distances Records)



One of New York’s finest active jazz pianists here, a guy on his way up, jamming his third set of standards with count-’em two different rhythm sections. A busily simmering “Yesterdays” opens the album in fine black-tie style, followed by a bustling version of Rodgers and Hart’s “Lover” that’ll make wonks’ heads spin. Of course, jazz isn’t all about showing off technical skill, so we move into slowbies at that point with a bouncily phlegmatic take on Mercer Ellington’s “Things Ain’t What They Used To Be” and a lovingly rendered essay on Thad Jones’s “A Child Is Born” that reveals Haidu’s boundless

capacity for turning melodies inside out. The more melodically sticky things come from the pop world, with the appropriately soulful “Stevie W,” and then from Chappell Roan’s (yes, *that* Chappell Roan) “Casual,” which is presented not as the stunning park-and-make-out mega-anthem that it is, but yet another scalar place to explore surgically (interpret that as you wish, but, reluctant as I am to admit it, sometimes Taylor Swift-flavored bubblegum is its own guilty reward). A —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Nothing like a Friday the 13th, am I right guys, and as far as the new albums that are coming out that day, what could be more apropos than a new album from **Van Morrison**, my least favorite fedora-wearing pop musician, not that there are any fedora rockers that I’ve ever liked in this life? Yes, it’s as if I walked under a ladder and had five black cats cross my path on my way to my house, where I promptly opened an umbrella when I walked in and then broke a mirror, because I know there’s like five of you who’d flip out and message me on Facebook, yelling misspelled epithets in ALL CAPS if I neglected to mention this dude’s new album *Remembering Now*, so save it, I was already prepared for this disaster, because I was in the Mahket Basket the other day buying my week’s supply of Cheetos when there it was, assaulting me over the store’s evil loudspeakers, the song “Mister Jones,” which I’ve always hated, not because I thought it was a Van Morrison song (which it isn’t, it’s actually the biggest hit by Counting Crows) but because it makes me want to join the marines and volunteer to sweep for forgotten landmines in Afghanistan just so I’ll never hear it again. Whatever, I think I’ve heard a couple of Van Morrison songs that were OK, so I shall sally forth and click the clicky to hear — let’s see, the first song, “Cutting Corners,” I do these things only for you people. Oh, this isn’t all that bad if you like country music that sounds like it’s being sung by a mechanic from upstate New York, because that’s what it sounds like, there’s Slim Pickens-style dobro and fiddle, and at least it doesn’t sound at all like “Domino,” the dreadful Van Morrison song that obviously inspired “Mister Jones,” nor does it sound like the even-worse “Brown Eyed Girl,” which, as I’ve mentioned before, is the national anthem for accountants who can’t dance. So carry on with your sort-of country music, Van Morrison, until we meet again or whatnot.

• Now that that’s over with, we can turn our attention to my literal favorite Australian band, **King Gizzard & the Lizard Wizard**, whose name takes up almost a whole line of column space, thanks for being insane, guys! *Phantom Island* is the name of this month’s King Gizzard & the Lizard Wizard album, just in time, because I’ll tell you, I’d actually been worried for a few weeks that they weren’t going to put out an album like they usually do literally every other month, so here it is! When last we left our heroes, on whichever album it was, they were fully committed to making nonsense acid-pop, refusing to bother with stupid boring music-nerd stuff like hooks, instrumental interplay or song structure, so why don’t we just mosey on down to the YouTube corral, Van Morrison style, and take a gander at the latest blah blah blah from these blotter-acid-gobbling turkey-people, yes let’s. Lol, listen to the band’s funny singing man on the new single, “Grow Wings and Fly,” making no sense, something about hanging out in Shanghai, and then — wait, now it’s an actual good ’70s radio-pop song! What are they even doing! Help!

• But wait a minute, we’re not out of the woods yet, because look who it is, **Buckcherry** with their new album, *Roar Like Thunder*! The title track comes off like AC/DC, as always, but in arena-punkabilly mode. Ha ha, who *buys* these albums?

• Last but not least this week is British grime-rapper **AJ Tracey**, with the appropriately hip-hoppishly titled *Don’t Die Before You’re Dead*, aren’t you already scared of this hip-hop fellow? “Friday Prayer” recycles/steals from some old Otis Redding beat, and then we get some above-average grime-rapping, as advertised (hilarious note: the band’s Like-bots made no attempt to disguise themselves on the YouTube page for this one, it’s so cute). —Eric W. Saeger 🍷



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Morgenstern's Finest Ice Cream, by **Nicholas Morgenstern** (Knopf, 368 pages)

Despite a title that sounds like a fiction beach read, *Morgenstern's Finest Ice Cream* is pretty much a cookbook. The book's promotional material promises to give "home cooks everything they need to churn out professional grade ice cream at home" — provided they already have some sort of ice cream maker (which is kind of disappointing to those of us who don't). It also offers a brief history of ice cream, its various ingredients and flavors, and ice-cream adjacent things, like, for example, hot-fudge sundaes and banana splits.

Nick Morgenstern is a Manhattan restaurateur whose small-batch ice cream has developed something of a cult following, with artisanal flavors that include cardamom lemon jam, cinnamon honey animal crackers, cheddar cheese Ritz bits, pineapple salted egg yolk, and sudachi whiskey sour. There is no shortage of premium ice cream makers these days, even though supermarket ice cream is astonishingly good, and so competition seems rather fierce between ice cream makers who ship online, as Morgenstern does.

Plus, he's a bit late to the party since the founder of Jeni's Splendid Ice Cream, out of Ohio, already has her own cookbook (*Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams at Home*, Artisan, 2011) as do Vermont's Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield (*Ben and Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream and Dessert Book*, Workman, 1987) and Benjamin Van Leeuwen (*The Van Leeuwen Artisan Ice Cream Book* (Ecco, 2015), among others.

But for those of us who cannot get enough ice cream, there can never be too many ice cream books, and this one satisfyingly delivers what amounts to ice cream porn (there are 329 photographs, many of them pictures of ice cream giving us a sultry come-hither look). It is the sort of book that you might open mildly or greatly concerned about the economy, and close thinking, everything's going to be alright, because if there are still people in this world ordering fresh vanilla pods from Madagascar, how bad can the economy be? The good thing about great ice cream, however, is that even people of modest means can enjoy it; you can be quite decadent for under \$10.

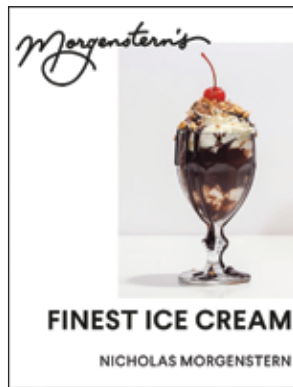
Morgenstern opens with his back story: He grew up poor in San Francisco with a single mother obsessed with health food. "Most

of my upbringing found my brother and I staring down plates of my mother's version of healthy, disgusting options such as raw zucchini salads and steamed chicken." But for a couple of glorious weeks each summer, the brothers were sent to their grandparents' house in Ohio, where food was the language of love. "Meals with my grandparents were simple but formidable: pork chops, lima beans and corn, chicken-fried steak with tomatoes, burgers.... Appetizers were sal-tines with butter, a treat I indulge in to this day. But most exciting was this absolute: there was always dessert, and it was always ice cream."

The boys' grandfather had grown up in the Depression and fought in World War II and he wasn't into deprivation: "Having ice cream every day was a reminder that both he and America had made it through something tough, and this was their reward."

Yes, this is a book that will absolutely convince you that eating ice cream every day is a fundamental right, cholesterol levels be damned. Morganstern started working in restaurants right after graduating from high school; grinding his way through 80-hour weeks, he eventually became a pastry chef at fine-dining restaurants in New York City. He'd learned to make ice cream in his late teens, while still in San Francisco, and found the offerings in New York at that time were substandard. He was, he writes, "offended that something so good was being made so badly." It would still be a few years after opening his own cafe that he decided to do something about the problem — buying an ice cream machine online (it cost \$9,000) and opening up a gourmet ice cream cart in front of the cafe. From the start, people lined up for Morgenstern's ice cream, he writes, and the next year, The New York Times called it "The Holy Grail of Ice Cream."

As a writer, Morgenstern is at his best helping us work through our own neuroses about ice cream, such as how to choose a flavor at our local shop: "I love ordering an ice cream cone, and I never ask for a taste first. I read the menu, feel the anticipation, and then commit," he writes, showing a moral fortitude that I do not have. He also absolves all of us who are mocked for always eating vanilla with so many mind-boggling choic-



es, admitting that vanilla remains his personal favorite even though the flagship store in NYC makes 88 flavors every day. Vanilla ice cream famously came to the U.S. because of Thomas Jefferson's love for it, and it is consistently the most ordered flavor in America, Morgenstern writes.

Among his many forays into ice cream-adjacent

recipes, he teaches us how to make our own vanilla extract at home (although, surprisingly, most people will choose imitation vanilla in a taste test, he says) and hot fudge sauce and caramel sauce, and a coconut whipped cream for vegans.

Morgenstern writes with humor, attitude and no small measure of snark. Of chocolate, he writes that most "is made from cocoa beans that have been over-fermented, burned, and then blended with lots of sugar and other garbage to cover up the taste." Of dump-truck varieties of add-in ice cream, "why not just dump a bag of sugar into your mouth?" Then again, this is a man who believes "olive oil charred egg-plant" is a good ice cream flavor, so maybe don't accept every word that comes out of his mouth.

He uses Diamond Crystal kosher salt and Domino granulated sugar, although has, on occasion, obtained something called palm sugar, or jaggery, that is made from red dates in southern India. As for ice cream makers, "In my opinion, the best option is a hand crank rock salt and ice machine. This is probably how ice cream was made for the longest time and these salt and ice machines lingered well into the age of batch freezers, sorta like CD or DVD players today." (He tested the recipes in the book using a 4-quart machine by Nostalgia that he said cost \$60, but I just found one at Walmart for \$19.98, you're welcome).

The problem with *Morgenstern's Finest Ice Cream*, other than a cringy number of photos of the author and some questionable illustrations, is that all of this ice cream making seems quite a lot of work, and it seems much easier (and not that much more expensive) to just go to the business's website and order it shipped to your door. Which perhaps was the goal all along. **B-**

—Jennifer Graham

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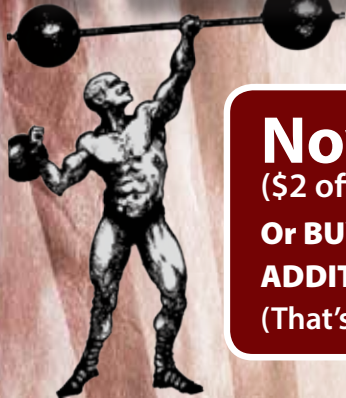
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• **Gathering:** In its first socially distanced iteration, the **Northlands Festival** was a creative way to offer live music during the pandemic, with a series of pod seating shows. Now in its sixth year, it's grown to three days, with the cream of the jam scene headlining each night. This year includes String Cheese Incident, Cory Wong, moe., Umphrey's McGee and Lotus. Friday, June 14, through Sunday, June 15, Cheshire Fairgrounds, 247 Monadnock Hwy., Swanzey, \$99 and up at northlandslive.com.

• **Rolling:** New Hampshire drivers should check their mirrors twice as **Laconia Motorcycle Week** is back for nine days. The oldest bike rally in the United States always has a lot of live music. For the past five years, an AC/DC tribute act has held forth, with guitarist Jonny Friday as Angus Young and Dean Celisia doing the late Bon Scott and his replacement Brian Johnson. Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m., The Big House, 322 Lakeside Ave., Laconia, more at laconiawcweek.com.

• **Jamming:** Named after its front man, a Senegalese rhythm guitarist, **Mamadou** is strongly influenced by West African music, along with reggae, salsa, merengue and Cubano. All lyrics are sung in Wolof, Mamadou Diop's native language. Sunday, June 15, noon, Tuscan Village, 9 Via Toscana, Salem, mamadou.com.

• **Honoring:** Led by 2016 *American Idol* alumni Tristan McIntosh, **The Linda Ronstadt Experience** offers an enjoyable re-creation of the singer's prime era. Ronstadt's longtime producer Peter Asher gave McIntosh a thumbs up for her solid work interpreting songs like "You're No Good," "That'll Be the Day," "It's So Easy," "Heat Wave" and "Just One Look." Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m., Town Common, 265 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, londonderryartscouncil.org.

NITE Making lemonade

Country singer Annie Brobst stays positive

By Michael Witthaus
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There's a timeless adage both revered and reviled among songwriters. Essentially, it says that any misery is mitigated if it produces a song. Shawn Colvin once responded to this sentiment with terse words. "I'd rather do anything," she sang back in 1992, "than write this song for you."

Annie Brobst can look at it from both sides.

For more than a decade, Brobst has been a big part of the region's country music scene. The single "Red Wine On Mind," from 2021's *Where We Holler*, netted her latest in a string of New England Music Awards. The album is packed with gems like the popgrass rocker "Little Girl Dreams" and the blues-inflected "On the Record."

Brobst didn't set out to be a singer. She found her talents belting out her favorite hits in Boston karaoke bars, and followed her muse after meeting songwriter Roger Hagopian. He encouraged her to channel the elements of her life that resembled a country song into her own music.

Her first song came after a breakup. Brobst had followed her boyfriend from Ohio to Boston, where the romance faded. In response, she wrote "Ghost," and won her first NEMA. On the other hand, she'd be content with skipping the experience that produced her second drawn-from-life composition, "After the Rain."

Eighteen months ago, Brobst and her husband and creative partner Ryan Dupont returned from an out-of-town trip to find a burst pipe in their third-floor bathroom. "The place was ruined," Brobst recalled in a recent phone interview. "We were displaced from our home for about a year."

Initially, she didn't feel inspired to write

something like *When We Holler's* charming "Make Lemonade," however fitting that might have felt.

"I was just in this mind space," she said. "I didn't feel super creative in the time. Once we started to get on the other end of that, I did write a song about that. And then we have a couple more that we wrote and recorded."

She'll perform those and others from her debut EP and two albums — the other is *My First Rodeo*, released in 2018 — when she appears at Lost Cowboy Brewing Co. in Nashua on June 13. It's one of a few shows Brobst has coming up in New Hampshire, a state she's played infrequently, though she and Dupont were married in the White Mountains.

On June 28 she'll headline an early evening show at Stone Church in Newmarket, backed by singer/songwriter Keith Crocker and special guest band Punktry Bumpkins. On July 12 she opens for country rapper Big Murph at The Flying Monkey in Plymouth, and she returns to The Range, a buzzy outdoor venue in Mason, on July 17.

Though the new song was inspired by Brobst's own tragedy, its message is universal.

"It's for anyone in that moment of limbo," she explained. "There's sun that comes out after the rain; you just can't quite see it yet. That's definitely what the song's about. I think it can apply to so many people and so many situations that they're just pushing through."

"After The Rain" and a few others that have been polished in the studio will make their way into a future album.

"Yeah, we're going to release some singles, and definitely keep writing now that we're in a better space," Brobst said. "I definitely always like to have my singles



Annie Brobst. Photo by Liza Czech.

live on an album at some point. That's kind of always been my M.O. "

Brobst, who's spent close to 15 years in New England, is resisting the pull of Nashville as her next career move.

"I'm happy here," she said. "My husband and my stepdaughters are here, so I do have our life rooted.... We're going to be ourselves, write our music, play our awesome shows out this way, and see if at some point we can't gain some traction or attention. I don't see moving in our future anytime soon — not to say we wouldn't if the opportunity was a great one."

Annie Brobst

When: Friday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Where: Lost Cowboy Brewing Co., 546 Amherst St., Nashua

More: anniebrobstmusic.com

Also Saturday, June 28, 5:30 p.m. at Stone Church, 5 Granite St., Newmarket (\$15 at stonechurchrocks.com)

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

• **Wednesdays** Ruby Room at the Shaskeen in Manchester, 9 p.m.

• **Thursdays** Laugh Attic at Strange Brew in Manchester, 8:30 p.m.

Events

• **Myq Kaplan** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.

• **Geoffrey Asmus** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth,

Friday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

• **Dave Russo/Harrison Stebbins/Annie Powell/Ace Aceto** Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis, Friday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.

• **Lenny Clarke** Park Theatre in Jaffrey, Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.

• **Karen Knotts** Park Theatre in Jaffrey, Saturday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

• **Juston McKinney** Rochester Opera House, Satur-

day, June 14, 7:30 p.m.

• **Jonathan Van Halem** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m.

• **Tim McKeever** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m.

• **James Dorsey** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, June 14, 8:30 p.m.

• **Jimmy Cash** LaBelle Derry, Thursday, June 19, 8 p.m.

• **Amy Tee** Music Hall

Lounge in Portsmouth, Friday, June 20, 7 p.m.

• **Anniversary Show** McCues in Portsmouth, Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m.

• **Matt Barry** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, June 21, 8:30 p.m.

• **Demetri Martin** Chubb Theatre in Concord, Thursday, June 26, 7:30 p.m.

• **Poppy Champlin/Ellen Feeney/Shivani Dave/Nancy O'Connor** Rex in Manchester, Friday, June 27, 7:30 p.m.

• **Rob Steen** Headliners in



Karen Knotts

Manchester, Saturday, June 28, 8:30 p.m.

MUSIC THIS WEEK

Alton Bay Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234	The Forum Pub 15 Village St., 565-3100	Epping Holy Grail 64 Main St., 679-9559	Blvd., 926-0324 Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road	Mammoth Road 625-1730	Fody's Tavern 9 Clin- ton St., 577-9015	Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186
Auburn Auburn Pitts 167 Rockingham Road, 622-6564	Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669	Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225	Wally's Pub 144 Ash- worth Ave., 926-6954	Stumble Inn 20 Rock- ingham Road, 432-3210	Lost Cowboy Brewing Co. 546 Amherst St., 600-6800	Thirsty Moose Tap- house 21 Congress St., 427-8645
Bedford Copper Door 15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677	Lithermans 126B Hall St., 219-0784	Exeter Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116	Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801	Manchester Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545	Peddler's Daughter 48 Main St., 821-7535	Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033
Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875	T-Bones 404 S. Main St., 715-1999	Hudson The Bar 2B Burnham Road	Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900	Bonfire 950 Elm St., 663-7678	San Francisco Kitchen 133 Main St., 886-8833	Dreo 254 N. Broadway, 824-6337
T-Bones 169 S. River Road, 623-7699	Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667	Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832	Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740	Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880	Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 48 Gusabel Ave., 882-4070	T-Bones 311 South Broadway, 893-3444
Bow Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508	Contoocook Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811	Goffstown Stonebridge Country Club 181 Gorham Pond Road, 497-8633	The Foundry 50 Com- mercial St., 836-1925	Mason The Range 96 Old Turnpike Road, 878- 1324	New Boston Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581
Bristol Kathleen's Irish Pub 90 Lake St., 744-6336	Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946	Hampton 935 Ocean 935 Ocean Blvd., 926-2500	Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022	Meredith Giuseppe's 312 DW Highway, 279-3313	Pembroke Pembroke City Limits 134 Main St., 210-2409, pembrokecitylimits. com	Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road, 760- 7706
Brookline The Alamo Texas Bar- becue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000	LaBelle Winery 14 Route 111, 672-9898	Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962	Twin Barns Brewing 194 DW Highway, 279- 0876	Red's Kitchen + Tav- ern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030	Somersworth Earth Eagle North 350 Route 108, 841-5421
Concord The Barley House 132 N. Main St., 228-6363	T-Bones 39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200	CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road, 929- 7972	Laconia 405 Pub & Grill 405 Union St.	Merrimack Homestead 641 DW Highway, 429-2022	Penacook American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753- 9372	Temple The Birchwood Inn 340 Route 45, 878-3285
CC Tomatoes 209 Fisherville Road, 753- 4450	Dover Auspicious Brew 1 Washington St., 953- 7240	The Goat 20 L St., 601- 6928	Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022	KC's Rib Shack 837 Second St., 627-RIBS	Pittsfield Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216- 2162	Warner The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333
Cheers 17 Depot St., 228-0180	Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390	L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777	High Octane Saloon 1072 Watson Road, 527-8116	Olympus Pizza 506 Valley St., 644-5559	Tortilla Flat 595 DW Highway, 424-4479	Windham Old School Bar & Grille 49 Range Road, 1015
Feathered Friend 231 S. Main St., 715-2347		McGuirk's Ocean View Restaurant & Lounge 95 Ocean Blvd.	Naswa Resort 1086 Weirs Blvd., 366-4341	Murphy's Taproom 494 Elm St., 644-3535	Milford Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon St., 380-3480	
		Sea Ketch 127 Ocean	T-Bones 1182 Union Ave., 528-7800	Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624- 4020	Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979	
			Londonderry Coach Stop Restau- rant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437- 2022	Murphy's 494 Elm St., 644-3535	Moultontonborough Buckey's 240 Governor Wentworth Hwy., 476- 5485	
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				Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse 1050 Bicentennial Drive,	The Gas Light 64 Mar- ket St., 430-9122	
					The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628	
					Mojo's West End Tav- ern 95 Brewery Lane, 436-6656	

Thursday, June 12	Derry Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m. LaBelle: The Eagles Experience, 7:15 p.m. T-Bones: Tim Kierstead, 6 p.m.	Hampton 935 Ocean: Lewis Goodwin, 5 p.m. CR's: The Dog Fathers, 6 p.m. Smuttynose: Rob & Jody, 6 p.m. Wally's: Joey Belladonna's Juke- box, 8 p.m.	Manchester Cactus Jacks: Pat Foley Trio, 8 p.m. Derryfield: Due South, 6 p.m. Firefly: Johnny Friday, 5 p.m. Fotia Greek Taverna: Chad Lamarsh, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Eddie Sands, 5:30 p.m. KC's: Jodee Frawlee, 6 p.m. Shorty's: Jordan Holmes, 6 p.m.	p.m. Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Shorty's: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.	Somersworth Earth Eagle: open mic w/Dave Ogden, 6 p.m.
Bedford Copper Door: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m. Murphy's: David Hoffman, 5:30 p.m. T-Bones: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.	Epping Holy Grail: salsa dancing night, 6 p.m. Telly's: Stephen Decuire, 7 p.m.	Hudson Luk's: Chris Cyrus, 7 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m. T-Bones: Jack Fox, 6 p.m.	Meredith Giuseppe's: AThe Sweetbloods, 6 p.m. Merrimack Homestead: Max Sullivan, 5:30 p.m. Tortilla Flat: Johnny Angel, 6 p.m.	Pembroke Pembroke City Limits: Mikey G, 7 p.m.	Warner The Local: The Lone Wolf Proj- ect, 5 p.m.
Concord CC Tomatoes: Lucas Gallo, 8 p.m. Cheers: Andrea Paquin, 5 p.m. T-Bones: Ryan Williamson, 6 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.	Pittsfield Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.	
		Laconia 405 Pub & Grill: Colin Hart, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m. T-Bones: Mitch Alden, 6 p.m.	Nashua Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30	Portsouth Gas Light: Dave Ayotte Duo, 7 p.m. Press Room: Foxglove w/ Leav- ing Irene, 7 p.m.	Friday, June 13 Bedford Murphy's: Tom Rousseau, 6 p.m.
				Salem Copper Door: Chris Lester, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Kat Ivy, 6 p.m.	Bristol Kathleen's: Irish Sessiun, 7 p.m.
				Seabrook Red's: Gordon Turrisi, 7 p.m.	Brookline Alamo: Matt Borrello, 6 p.m.
					Concord Feathered Friend Brewing: Lucas Gallo, 6 p.m. Forum: Faith Ann, 8 p.m. Makris: Leaving Eden, 9 p.m.

Music, live and in person

These listings for live music are compiled from press releases, restaurants' websites and social media and artists' websites and social media. Call the venue to check on special rules and reservation instructions. Get your gigs listed by sending information to adiaz@hippopress.com.

Epping Holy Grail: Quinton Center, 6 p.m. Telly’s: SumX4, 8 p.m.	6 p.m.	Contoocook Contoocook Cider Co.: Ian Archibold, 1 p.m.
Hampton CR’s: The Dog Fathers, 6 p.m. The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m. McGuirk’s: Redemption, 6 p.m. Wally’s: The Native Howl, 8 p.m. Whym: Chris Cavanaugh, 6:30 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Marc Apostolides, 6 p.m.	Dover Auspicious Brew: Ghostbird, The Cormorants, Kate Possi, 8 p.m.
Hudson Luk’s: 2 Drink Minimum, 7 p.m. Lynn’s 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.	Milford Riley’s: Moonlight Bandits, 8 p.m. Stonecutters Pub: DJ Dave O karaoke, 9 p.m.	Epping Holy Grail: Keith Crocker, 6 p.m. Telly’s: Tim Theriault, 8 p.m.
Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: Bam the Drummer, 8:30 p.m.	Nashua Casey Magee’s: karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Lost Cowboy: Annie Brobst, 7:30 p.m.	Goffstown Stonebridge: Paul Lussier, 4 p.m.
Laconia 405 Pub & Grill: Temple Mountain, 7 p.m. Fratello’s: John Chouinard, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Brian Gray, 6 p.m.	New Boston Molly’s: Clint Lapointe, 7 p.m.	Hampton 935 Ocean: Stephen Decuire, 5 p.m. Boardwalk: Craig Lagrassa, 2 p.m. The Goat: MB Padfield, 1 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. McGuirk’s: Mason Brothers, 1 p.m.; Sean Buckley, 8 p.m. Tuxbury Pond: Whatsername, 7 p.m. Sea Ketch: Clint Lapointe, 1 p.m.; Ryan Williamson, 7 p.m. Smuttynose: Ryan Williamson, 1 p.m.; Jim Devlin Band, 6:30 p.m. Wally’s: Nu Metal, 9 p.m. Whym: Sam Hammerman, 6:30 p.m.
Londonderry Coach Stop: Dave Zangri, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Chuck Clough, 3 p.m.; White Noise Band, 8 p.m.	Pembroke Pembroke City Limits: Clyde Bisbee and The Wheelhouse Revellers, 7 p.m.	Hudson The Bar: Leaving Eden, 8 p.m. Luk’s: Shakedown Station, 7 p.m. Lynn’s 102: Whiskey Tango, 8:30 p.m.
Manchester Backyard Brewery: Dan Fallon, 6 p.m. Bonfire: Samantha Rae & Jay, 7 p.m. Cactus Jacks: Rob & Rody Duo, 8 p.m. Derryfield: Two Towns, 6 p.m.; SlipShot, 8:30 p.m. Firefly: Jordan Quinn, 5 p.m. Foundry: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m. Fratello’s: Matt Luneau, 6 p.m. The Hill: Sean Coleman, 5:30 p.m. KC’s Rib Shack: Casey Roop, 6 p.m. Olympus Pizza: Chris Taylor, 7 p.m. Shaskeen: TFR, Give Up Hope, DHS, Gloom State, 8 p.m. South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: Jack Grace Band, 9 p.m. To Share: Upright Dogs, 6:30 p.m.	Penacook American Legion Post 31: live music, 7 p.m.	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: Chris Gendron & Unleaded, 8:30 p.m.
Salem Dreo: Mark Lapointe, 7 p.m.	Seabrook Red’s: Roadhouse Acoustic Duo, 8 p.m.	Laconia 405 Pub and Grill: Randy McGravey, 7 p.m. Fratello’s: Jordan Holmes, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Colin Hart, 1 p.m.; Chris Taylor, 6 p.m.
Meredith Giuseppe’s: Jeffrey D. Mitchell,	Bedford Murphy’s: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.	Manchester Backyard Brewery: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: Dancing Madly Backwards, 8 p.m.
	Bow Chen Yang Li: Mikey G, 7 p.m.	Seabrook Red’s: Ignite, 8 p.m.
	Brookline Alamo: Brother Seamus, 1 p.m.	Seabrook Red’s: Ignite, 8 p.m.
	Concord Forum acoustic circle with Joe Messineo, 2 p.m.; Dead Jam with Crazy Steve, 8 p.m.	Seabrook Red’s: Ignite, 8 p.m.

8 p.m. Derryfield: Slow Burn Duo, 6 p.m.; Chad Lamarsh Band, 8 p.m. Firefly: Kat Ivy, 5 p.m. Foundry: Brendan Cleary, 6 p.m. Fratello’s: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m. The Goat: Musical Brunch with Brooks Hubbard, 10 a.m.; Pop Daddy, 9 p.m. The Hill: Casey Roop, 5:30 p.m. KC’s: Joe McDonald, 6 p.m. Shaskeen: Sound Off, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: Lisa Marie & All Shook Up, 9 p.m.	Concord Cheers: Colin Hart, 5 p.m.	Portsmouth Gas Light: Rich Wallace, 2 p.m.; Max Sullivan Group, 6 p.m. Press Room: Greg Abate, Bruce Gertz & Gary Johnson, noon
Meredith Giuseppe’s: Bob Kroepel, 6 p.m. Twin Barns: Rebecca Turmel, 3 p.m.	Contoocook Contoocook Cider Co.: Ryan Williamson, 1 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: Matt Fuller, 11 a.m.
Merrimack Homestead: Marc Apostolides, 6 p.m.	Epping Holy Grail: Keith Crocker, 3 p.m.	Windham Old School: Emily Rae, 3 p.m.
Milford Riley’s: Blind Date, 8 p.m.	Hampton CR’s: Greg De Coteau, 6 p.m. The Goat: Tommy Flynn, 9 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. McGuirk’s: Charley Carrozo, 7 p.m. Smuttynose: Doug Mitchell Duo, 12:30 p.m. Wally’s: Joey Belladona, 7 p.m.	
Nashua Casey Magee’s: Workin’ Stiffs, 8 p.m. SFK: Jack Ancora, 6:30 p.m.	Hudson Lynn’s 102: Time Bandits Acoustic Duo, 4 p.m.	
Pembroke Pembroke City Limits: Miketon Graton, 7 p.m.	Laconia Fratello’s: Kyle Dumais, 6 p.m. High Octane: Leaving Eden, 9 p.m. T-Bones: Joe Winslow, 1 p.m.; Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.	Brookline Alamo: Jodee Frawlee, 1 p.m.
Portsmouth Cup of Joe: Taylor Marie, 8 p.m. Gas Light: Sean Coleman, 2 p.m.; Jamsterdam, 7 p.m.; Jack Plante, 9:30 p.m. The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m. Press Room: Jason Anick and Matt Dechamplain, 5:30 p.m. Thirsty Moose: Fighting Friday, 9:30 p.m.	Dover Cara Irish Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.	Gilford Patrick’s Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.
Salem Dreo: Steve Haidachuk, 7 p.m.	Londonderry Stumble Inn: On Two, 2 p.m.	Hampston The Goat: Caylin Costello, 9 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. Wally’s: DJ Provo, 9 p.m.
Seabrook Red’s: Ignite, 8 p.m.	Manchester Derryfield: Chuck Alaimo Duo, 5 p.m. Firefly: Chuck Alaimo, 11 a.m. The Goat: Mike Jetti, 9 p.m. KC’s: Jonny Friday, 3 p.m. Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.	Hudson The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 15 Bedford Copper Door: Marc Apostolides, 11 a.m. Murphy’s: Dani Sven, 12:30 p.m.; MB Padfield, 4 p.m.	Mason The Range: Blues & Brews w/ Erin Harpe, 3 p.m.	Laconia T-Bones: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.
Brookline Alamo: Dan Fallon, 4 p.m.	Meredith Giuseppe’s: open stage night w/ Lou Porrazzo, 6 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.
	Milford Riley’s Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.	Meredith Giuseppe’s: Lou Porrazzo, 6 p.m.
	New Boston Molly’s: Travis Rollo, 1 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Joanie Cicatelli, 5:30 p.m.
	Pembroke Pembroke City Limits: Gary Smith, 1:30 p.m.	Nashua Fody’s: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.
		Portsmouth Gas Light: Tim Theriault, 7:30 p.m. Press Room: DJ Chad Banks, 9 p.m.



STANDUP FOR ALL SEASONS

How many comedians have shared a stage with JJ Walker, Lenny Clarke and Jackie “The Joke Man” Marling? We can think of only one: the versatile New England comic **Tim McKeever**. He returns to Chunky’s (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Saturday, June 14, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 plus fees.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

For the past few years comedian **Dave Russo** has been inviting his funny friends to perform with him at Fulchino Vineyard (187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis, 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com). In the latest installment, **Harrison Stebbins**, **Annie Powell** and **Ace Aceto** will be joining him for an evening of comedy. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 13. Tickets cost \$35 plus fees.

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Tuesday, June 17
Bedford
Murphy's: Lewis Goodwin, 5:30 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Chris Powers, 1 p.m.

Concord
Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton
The Goat: Chris Gendron, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Stephen Decuire, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: karaoke w/ George Cox, 8 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Michael Bourgeois, 6 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Mitch Alden, 7:30 p.m.
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Seabrook
Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.
Red's: Johnny Angel, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18
Bedford
Murphy's: Joanie Cicatelli, 5:30 p.m.

Concord
Forum: Don Bartenstein Music, 8 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria & Grill: Scott King, 6 p.m.

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

Hampton
The Goat: Mike Jettie, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk's: Redemption, 6 p.m.

Hudson
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/ Edge, 6 p.m.

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

Laconia
Fratello's: Matt Luneau, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Common: The Linda Ronstadt Experience w/ Tristan McIntosh, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Derryfield: Jonny Friday, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Joe Winslow, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Jordan Quinn & Scott Armstrong, 8 p.m.

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Dalton Sayball, 5:30 p.m.

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

Pembroke
Pembroke City Limits: 90 Miles Away (90s acoustic rock), 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Clinton Lapointe, 7:30 p.m.
Press Room: Paper Lady w/ Trophy Wife & Gollylagging, 8 p.m.

Seabrook
Chop Shop: DJ Manny karaoke, 7:30 p.m.
Red's: Chris Perkins, 7 p.m.

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• **Monday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (360 DW High-way, Merrimack, thirstymoosetap-house.com) 7 p.m.
• **Monday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Wing-Itz (256 Central Ave.,

Dover, wing-itz.com) 7 p.m.
• **Monday** Pub Quiz at Shaskeen (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com) at 7:30 p.m.
• **Monday** trivia with Good Thom-as at Red’s (530 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 760-0030, seabrook.redskitchenandtavern.com) 8 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia at Able Ebenezer Brewing (31 Columbia Circle, Mer-

rimack, 844-223-2253) at 6 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia at Sea Dog Brew-ing (5 Water St., Exeter, 793-5116) at 6 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Axe & Ale (9 Old Shore Road, Gilford, axe-ale.com) 6:30 p.m.
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• **Tuesday** trivia at Fody’s (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.com) at 7 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia at Lynn’s 102 Tav-ern (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, shop-persmht.com) at 7 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia with Raise the Bar

at The Old Salt (490 Lafayette Road, Hampton, oldsalthn.com) 7 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (83 Washington St., Dover, thirstymoosetaphouse.com/dover) 7 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia with Raise the Bar at Thirsty Moose (72 Portsmouth Ave., Exeter, thirstymoosetap-house.com/exeter) 7 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia at the Forum Pub

(15 Village St., Concord, 552-0137), at 8 p.m.
• **Tuesday** trivia at Gibb’s Garage Bar (3612 Lafayette Road, Ports-mouth, gibbsgaragebar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
• **Tuesday Geeks Who Drink** triv-ia at Peddler’s Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, theped-dlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Concerts

Shows

• **Keith Urban** Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m., BankNH Pavilion in Gilford
• **Tyler Nail** Thursday, June 12, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
• **Foxglove/Leaving Irene** Thurs-day, June 12, 7 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
• **House of Waters** Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth
• **Spyro Gyra** Thursday, June 12, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Joe Russo’s Almost Dead** (Grateful Dead tribute) Thursday, June 12, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton
• **The Eagles Experience** Thurs-day, June 12, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry
• **Kyle Trombley** Friday, June 13, 6 p.m., Park Theatre in Jaffrey
• **Abigail Lapell** Friday, June 13, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
• **Another Tequila Sunrise** (Eagles tribute) Friday, June 13, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **The Stray Horses Present Tonight’s the Night By Neil Young** Friday, June 13, 7 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth

• **NOTley Crue** (Motley Crue tribute)/**ADHD** (AC/DC tribute) Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth
• **Reckoners/The Gravel Proj-ect** Friday, June 13, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
• **Tom DiMenna** Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **Vyntye Skynyrd** (Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute)/**Beautiful Los-ers** (Bob Seger tribute) Friday, June 13, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House
• **Dueling Pianos** Friday, June 13, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Miracle Blood/Deranged Youth/Abel Blood** Friday, June 13, 8 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth
• **Junior Brown** Friday, June 13, 8 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth
• **Jason Annick & Matt DeChamplain/Gregory Toro** Saturday, June 14, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
• **Little Lies** (Fleetwood Mac trib-ute) Saturday, June 14, 6:30 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
• **Blues Inferno** Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Ryan Montbleau** Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter

• **Miketon Graton** Saturday, June 14, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
• **Green River** (Creedence Clear-water Revival tribute) Saturday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Man-chester
• **Another Tequila Sunrise** Satur-day, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Colonial in Laconia
• **Red Solo Cup** (Toby Keith trib-ute) Saturday, June 14, 8 p.m., Lakeport Opera House in Laconia
• **Bellwire/Dan Blakeslee** Satur-day, June 14, 8 p.m., Button Fac-tory in Portsmouth
• **Koo Koo** Sunday, June 15, 1 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth
• **Howard University Gospel Choir** Sunday, June 15, 4 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth
• **A Yacht Rock Night With Cor-duroy** Sunday, June 15, 6 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth
• **EXTC** (XTC tribute) Sunday, June 15, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **90 Miles Away** (90s tribute) Wednesday, June 18, 7 p.m., Pem-broke City Limits
• **Mostly Bones** Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Mer-edith
• **Slightly Stoopid** Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m., BankNH Pavilion in

Gilford
• **Bow Wow Wow/Gene Loves Jezebel/Tommy Tutone/Big Country** Thursday, June 19, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Shawn Colvin & Rodney Crowell** Thursday, June 19, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth
• **Bell Bottom Blues** (Eric Clap-ton tribute) Thursday, June 19, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
• **Chris Janson with Chris Gen-dron** Friday, June 20, 7 p.m., The Range in Mason
• **Rev. Todd Seely** Friday, June 20, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
• **Dueling Pianos** Friday, June 20, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **Phish** Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., SNHU Arena in Manchester
• **Arrival from Sweden** (ABBA tribute) Friday, June 20, 7:30 p.m, Music Hall in Portsmouth
• **Tempest** (Tool tribute) Friday, June 20, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House
• **Soggy Po’ Boys** Friday, June 20, 8 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter
• **Mike Tramp’s White Lion** Friday, June 20, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Pangea Pop** Friday, June 20,

8 p.m., Button Factory in Ports-mouth
• **Wolfman Jack** (Grateful Dead tribute) Friday, June 20, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
• **Emily’s Garage Band** Friday, June 20, 8 p.m., Rockingham Ballroom in Hampton
• **Hibernaculum Student Con-cert** Saturday, June 21, 1 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
• **Tom Waits Tribute** Saturday, June 21, 3 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
• **Dueling Pianos** Saturday, June 21, 6 p.m., Mojo’s West End Tav-ern
• **Tim Goss On The Keys** Satur-day, June 21, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
• **Pepper/Cydeways** Saturday, June 21, 6 p.m., The Range in Mason
• **ICONS: Freddie Mercury** Sat-urday, June 21, 7 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
• **Crash the Net/Trading Tomb-stones** Saturday, June 21, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth
• **Funk Night** Saturday, June 21, 7 p.m., Pembroke City Limits
• **Willie Nile** Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester

• **Dionne Warwick** Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord
• **The Brandee Younger Trio** Saturday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Jim-my’s in Portsmouth
• **Yellow Brick Road** (Elton John tribute) Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House
• **Magical Mystery Doors** (Beat-les/Zeppelin/Doors tribute) Sat-urday, June 21, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Chris Trapper** Saturday, June 21, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth
• **Hot Peas & Butter** Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m., Chubb Theatre
• **Trifecta** Sunday, June 22, 3 p.m., Crows Feat Farm in Kensington
• **The Allman Betts Band** Sun-day, June 22, 7 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth
• **Blue Cactus/Modern Fools** Sunday, June 22, 7 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth
• **Spafford** Sunday, June 22, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **Curtis Salgado** Sunday, June 22, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Dery
• **Club d’Elf** Sunday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy’s in Portsmouth

Film

• **Friendship** (R, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, June 12, at 4:30 & 6:40 p.m.; Friday, June 13, through Sunday, June 15, at 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m; Monday, June 16, through Thursday, June 19, at 4:30 & 7 p.m.
• **The Phoenecian Scheme**

(PG-13, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, June 12, at 4:15 & 6:50 p.m.; Friday, June 13, through Sunday, June 15, at 1:45, 4:15 & 6:50 p.m.; Monday, June 16, through, Thursday, June 19, at 4:15 & 6:50 p.m.
• **The Materialists** (R, 2025) will screen at Red River Theatres in

Concord on Thursday, June 12, at 4:45 & 7 p.m.; Friday, June 13, through Sunday, June 15, at Friday, June 13, through Sun-day, June 15, at 1:30, 4 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, June 16, through Thursday, June 19, at 4 & 6:30 p.m
• **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** (PG-13, 1989) will

screen via Fathom Events on Saturday, June 14, at Apple Cinemas in Merrimack & Hook-sett (both at 7 p.m.), Cinemark Rockingham Park in Salem at 1 p.m. and Regal Fox Run in Newtonington at noon; on Sunday, June 15, at the Apple Cinemas at 7 p.m., Cinemark Rockingham Park at 4:30 & 7:20 p.m. and at

Regal Fox Run at 4 & 7 p.m., and on Wednesday, June 18, at the Apple Cinemas at 7 p.m., Cinemark Rockingham Park at 7:10 p.m. and Regal Fox Run at 7 p.m.
• **Summer Movie Clubhouse**, a lineup of kid-friendly films run-ning Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at Cinemark Rockingham Park (15

Mall Road in Salem; cinemark.com/theatres/nh-salem/cine-mark-rockingham-park-and-xd). The lineup includes *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* (June 18), • *Car* (G, 2006) will screen at Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Wednesday, June 18, at 6 p.m.

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1. Collective Soul ‘___, Allegations, And Things Left Unsaid’
6. Star’s post-show ride (abbr)
10. Bob Seger did ‘The Horizontal’ one
13. This Northwestern state is ‘Private’, to B52s 1
4. Oingo Boingo live in the ‘___ Luxury’
15. Adelitas Way ‘Dog ___ Leash’
16. Road musician’s night stop
17. ‘02 Coldplay album ‘___ Of Blood To The Head’
18. Elton John’s real name (abbr)
19. Krokus is ‘___ Pack’ to the fin-
ish line
21. “New Musical Express” site (abbr)
22. American Authors ‘Go Big ___ Home’
23. Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr “You don’t have to be ___, baby”
25. NYC composer Eastman
29. Sing like Bing Crosby
30. Florence + The Machine “A kiss with ___ is better then none”
31. Third Eye Blind ‘08 EP
34. Ian Hunter?
35. Half of ‘No Rain’ band, w/Blind

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9		10	11	12
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44									45	46			
47						48	49	50				51	52
54						55					56		57
58						59					60		
61						62					63		

36. Slint is on this ‘95 Chloë Sevigny film soundtrack
39. ‘03 Story Of The Year hit ‘Until ___ Die’
41. What Kristin Hersh and Tanya Donelly “threw”
42. “Gloria, I think they got the ___” Laura Branigan
43. ‘Escape (The Pina Colada Song)’ Holmes
44. After drinking hard, New Found Glory is ‘Such ___’
45. Folky Williamson
47. ‘Twistin’ The Night Away’ Cooke
48. Supertramp classic ‘___ Song’
54. Slipknot ‘The Devil ___’
55. Award-winning blueswoman Staples
56. ‘___ Little Closer’ Cage the Elephant
58. Radios spots for concerts
59. Robbie Williams ‘97 album ‘Life Thru ___’
60. Band Of Horses wrote a poem or ‘___ LRC’
61. Nelly Furtado ‘Mi Plan’ song

R&R answer from pg 27 of 6/5

D	O	M		T	O	B	E	G		S	O	W	
U	H	O	H		A	M	O	V	E		B	U	N
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A	F	A	R		L	I	F	T	A		I	D	O
R	O	M	E		I	S	H	O	T		N	O	T
T	U	B	A		B	E	E	N	A		G	R	A
		R	A	T	S		U	R	E		G	O	N
				M	U	R	P	H		B	U	N	
W	A	K	E	M	E		A	F	A	S	T	C	A
A	G	U	N		D	O	N	O	R		H	O	M
S	A	L	T		U	N	D	E	R		E	P	M
A	S	A			B	A	S	S	Y		S	O	D

- meaning “more” in Spanish
62. Sixpence ___ The Richer
63. 40s jazz label for a country estate

Down

1. ‘Giving ___ Something He Can Feel’ En Vogue
2. TV show: American ___
3. fun. singer Ruess
4. Ed Sheeran debut hit ‘___ Team’
5. Like show with no available seat
6. “Sailing away to Key” this
7. Screamin’ Jay Hawkins ‘___ A Spell On You’
8. Pit dance
9. ‘02 Lenny Kravitz single ‘Stillness ___’
10. Redlight King song for one’s birth purpose being to ascend
11. Three Dog Night were using all limbs on ‘___ Band’
12. Manager had one on his hip, pre-cell phone
14. ‘All You Can Eat’ singer k.d.
20. Collection agcy. for all those millions
24. A tan Sheryl Crow wants to ‘___ The Sun’
25. Wing it, as players having fun
26. Coldplay song that crashed in Roswell?
27. Who ‘Can’t Be Wrong’, to Spin Doctors
28. Iconic Bob Marley song ‘___ Love’
29. Stephen Stills band (abbr)
31. ‘Fool (If You Think It’s Over)’ Chris
32. ‘The Road Goes On Forever’ Texan Joe

33. Arctic Monkeys ‘___ Wanna Know’
35. ‘Tender Love’ Force ___
37. 80s hit “Don’t turn around uh-oh, ___ Kommissar’s in town uh-oh”
38. SoCal Subhumans label
40. Linda McCartney’s birth surname (see
25. Across)
41. Eric Johnson ‘Ah Via ___’
42. Boston “I’m going to take you by surprise and make you realize” this girl
43. Semi, for tour
44. Alicia Keys ‘No One’ album
45. 1985’s film Sweet Dreams was about this Patsy
46. Supremes singer Diana
49. 90s Christian rock band that wore angel’s headwear?
50. Guster is ‘Getting ___’ with their enemy
51. ‘82 Led Zep album
52. Ben Harper ‘___ Omen’
53. ‘30 Seconds To Mars’ drummer Shannon
57. Album oriented rock radio format (abbr)

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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 37.

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle A

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

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King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle B

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

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

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J	C	A	S	G	Z	F	A	L	C	O	N
Q	A	T	T	P	U	M	A	J	A	V	R
Y	J	N	G	L	R	P	A	R	R	O	T
E	Y	K	E	E	A	U	H	D	C	X	H
K	O	T	L	I	O	N	C	W	T	N	P
R	R	J	U	D	Y	R	T	E	I	Y	I
U	L	C	E	D	A	R	G	I	C	L	N
T	E	I	N	D	I	A	N	E	C	T	E

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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *A Year in Provence*, by Peter Mayle, born June 14, 1939.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *A job like this is never done in Provence simply on the basis of a phone call and a verbal explanation. There has to be a preliminary visit of inspection ... then have a drink or two, and then to make another rendezvous. Walk around. Rendezvous.*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *The village bakery in Ménerbes ... had first encouraged us to visit other bakeries in other villages. It was a revelation. ... it was like discovering a new food. New to you.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *The temptation to settle for the shortcut nags away as the delays add up and the excuses multiply.... Settle? Settle??*

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *The goats themselves were unaffected by the drama of the occasion. Baaaaa.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *When a Frenchman takes up cycling or tennis or skiing, the last thing he wants is for the world to mistake him for the novice that he is, and so he accessorizes himself up to professional standard. Dress the part.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *We had also been told that July and August were the two months when sensible residents left Provence for somewhere quieter and less crowded, like Paris. Not us. Whatever makes sense to you.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *A breeze was coming through the hole in the kitchen wall ... I could hear something dripping. When I went outside I found that the seasons had changed. That's what they do.*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *With so many distractions on our doorstep, we were neglecting the more famous parts of Provence... Distrac-*

tions abound.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *...[S]he told me about a restaurant where the chef serves a different bread with each of the five courses on his menu. Choose the right bread.*

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *He had started with the firm intention of finding a village house with no land. ... But as he went through the properties I could see him mentally becoming the Provencal squire with acres of vines and olives. How it started, how it's going.*

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *When the weather is warm, tables and chairs are placed on the pavement outside the bakery so that the matrons ... can sit with their hot chocolate and almond biscuits or strawberry tarts while they give proper, leisurely consideration to the bread they will buy for lunch and dinner. Give proper consideration.*

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *Within fifty yards, it became apparent that these goats were not instinctive athletes, or else they had misunderstood the purpose of the event. But which is it? 🐐*

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	SOLUTIONS
1 Austrian chef Puck (8)	_____
2 English chef Berry (4)	_____
3 French chef Boulud (6)	_____
4 Australian chef Stone (6)	_____
5 American chef Waters (5)	_____
6 Japanese chef Morimoto (8)	_____
7 Mexican chef Cámara (8)	_____

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Last Week's Answers: 1. JUSTICES 2. LICENSE 3. VERMICELLI 4. SPICES 5. UNDERPRICED 6. RETICENT 7. TRICEPS

Sudoku Answers from pg 27 of 6/5

Puzzle A

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

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Puzzle B

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

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Puzzle C

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

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Wait, What?

Turkmenistan’s top tourist attraction is the Gateway to Hell, a huge gas leak that has been burning since 1971 in the Karakum Desert, Yahoo! News reported on June 5. The fire started when Soviet scientists accidentally drilled into an underground pocket of gas and then ignited it, starting a blaze that could be seen from several kilometers away. Officials announced this week that the fire has been reduced three-fold. “Today only a faint source of combustion remains,” said Irina Luryeva, a director at the state-owned energy company Turkmengaz. Wells have been drilled around the site to capture the methane from the leak, she said. *Yahoo! News, June 5*

Saw That Coming

After performers debuted “Westphalia Side Story” on Paterborn Cathedral’s altar in Berlin, Germany, on May 15, more than 22,000 people signed a petition demanding that the archbishop apologize and reconsecrate the cathedral. The Associated Press reported that the production included a song and dance which featured two shirtless men and one woman displaying raw, plucked

chickens wearing diapers while singing “Fleish ist Fleish” (“Meat is Meat”). The song was part of a larger production celebrating the 1,250th anniversary of Westphalia, Germany, a region in the country’s northwest. The finished show will premiere in September. *AP, May 30*

Florida

No Longer Weird: alligators in Florida. BUT this story caught our eye: Not one but two motorcyclists were injured on May 31 in Volusia County, Florida, after they hit an alligator crossing I-4, WFOL-TV reported. Cameron Gilmore, 67, said he and Brandi Goss, 25, were riding with a larger group when he saw a “big blob in the road.” Goss elaborated: “I just seen something and ... it was too late,” she said. Goss sustained a concussion and cracked wrist bone; Gilmore had a broken foot and toes. The alligator’s fate is unknown. *WFOL, June 2*

Animal Antics

A 30-year-old elephant named Plai Biang Lek escaped Khao Yai National Park and went shopping on June 2 in Bangkok, Thailand, the Associated Press reported. The enormous male pachyderm ducked through the door of

a grocery store and helped himself to snacks while park workers tried to shoo him out. When he was ready to go, he backed out the door, still holding a bag of treats with his trunk. The only damage to the shop was mud tracks on the floor and ceiling. Kamploy Kakaew, the owner, said he ate nine bags of sweet rice crackers, a sandwich and some dried bananas. This isn’t his first offense: He’s been known to enter homes in search of food. *AP, June 4*

Bright Idea

Here’s one way to disrupt government: At a Mecklenburg County (North Carolina) commission meeting on June 3, a protester released an “unknown” number of crickets, WBTV reported. “She dropped something from the balcony,” one commissioner said. Crickets were “everywhere on the walls, on the stairs” and “in the balcony,” commissioners said. Board chair Mark Jerrell stopped the meeting, saying, “It’s shameful. Shameful. You can leave, thank you very much, we appreciate it.” After protesters were removed, the meeting continued, but commissioners were forced to take a 10-minute recess so the environmental services staff could come in and vacuum

up the critters. Jerrell said the commission was familiar with the protesters but that they lost all credibility with the stunt. *WBTV, June 4*

Weird in the Wild

On May 29 at Wekiva Island, Florida, one man was transported to the hospital after suffering a bite from ... nope, not an alligator, but rather an “aggressive” otter. WSVN-TV reported that after biting the victim, the otter ran off, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers couldn’t find it. Megan Stolen, a senior scientist at the Blue World Research Institute, advised area residents to keep their distance. She said the otter may have felt the person was too close, or it could be suffering from rabies, which makes them more aggressive. *WSVN-TV, June 4*

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