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ON THE COVER

8 This week's issue is all about celebration! You voted for your favorite pizza place and theater company. We counted the votes and now present you with the reader favorites in the Best of 2026! And now we all have a new list of places to shop, hang, hike, go for art of all kinds and find eats ranging from a snack to a fine dining dinner. Looking for a bar for live music or a place to get some ice cream? Let Hippo readers tell you their favorites.

ALSO ON THE COVER Michael Witthaus gets the details on Saturday's Luna Moth Zine Fest in Manchester (page 28). Also on Saturday is the Derry Public Library's annual Author Fest; John Fladd gives you the information about that event on page 31. John also talks to the Nashua Center's organizers for its upcoming food-filled fundraiser, the Taste of the Towns (page 32).

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NEWS & NOTES

Egg update

The peregrine falcon nest at the Brady Sullivan Tower in Manchester now has a clutch of four eggs as of April 14, which you can see via nhaudubon.org/education/birds-and-birding/peregrine-cam. According to the daily log on the YouTube page for Feed 1 (there are three feeds, each offering a different angle on the nest), a second egg was laid on April 8 (about 14 days after the first egg on March 25), a third egg was laid on April 11 and the fourth on April 14. According to the log, a message from biologist Chris Martin posted on April 11 said, "Third egg — that's great! A good chance to see 1-2 more eggs between 13-17th April. Not much chance first egg will survive." According to the log, "Peregrines have a body temp of 103-106F; Eggs need steady incubation temps of 99-100.5F to develop properly and hatch; Both males and females develop brood patches to transfer their heat to the eggs." The cam offers livestreaming video of the nest via NH Audubon and the support of Peregrine Networks and Brady Sullivan Properties, according to the website. Last year the nest produced

five eggs, of which three hatched.

Trades

Bring Back the Trades will hold a Skills Expo Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Londonderry High School (295 Mammoth Road in Londonderry) featuring local trades organizations, according to bringbackthetrades.org, which describes the trades as "career paths requiring hands-on work and specialty knowledge." Trade careers described on the website include plumbing, HVAC, electrical work, construction, culinary careers, EMT and other medical careers, hairstylist, child care, manufacturing, welding, transportation careers and more. The event is free to attend and will also feature information on scholarships and internships, the website said.

Spring cleaning

It's outdoor cleanup season. Beautify Hooksett Day will be held Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Find details and sign up via the Hooksett Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page. SEE Science Center in Manches-

ter is part of Park2Park, which will hold a cleanup on Monday, April 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. at parks in Manchester, according to see-sciencecenter.org, where you can find information on signing up to volunteer.

New Hampshire State Parks will hold a Bear Brook State Park cleanup day on Sunday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to the State Parks Facebook page. Volunteers are asked to meet at Hayes Field off Podunk Road in Allentown — "Grab a drink, snack and some free swag then head out on the trails to help us clean up from winter storms. Bring gloves and hand saws. We will have some tools and gloves available for those who need some," the post said.

Squam Lakes Association and the Lakes Region Conservation Corps will hold "Volunteer: Spring Work Day" on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Holderness. "Help clear trails, rake campsites, and install swim lines to prepare for summer. Afterward, celebrate with a BBQ back on campus," according to squamlakes.org, where you can register to volunteer. 🌊

The Hall Street Wastewater Facility, 125 Hall St. in **Concord**, will hold daily public tours from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday, April 17, to celebrate New Hampshire Clean Water Week, which runs April 12-18, according to the Concord General Services General Gazette newsletter. "See the science in action and find out how we protect the river from pollution and why wastewater treatment is essential for a healthy environment," the newsletter said.

The Mosaic Art Collective, 66 Hanover St. in **Manchester**, will hold a movie in the gallery on Thursday, April 23, according to a post on its Facebook page. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., and an art movie starts at 6 p.m., the post said. Previous attendees vote on the next movie, the post said.

The 7th Evolution Expo, an event that "brings together a powerful collective of holistic practitioners, wellness businesses and conscious community members from across the region," will take place Sunday, April 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grappone Conference Center in **Concord** featuring 50+ vendors and exhibitors as well as workshops, presentations and live demonstrations, according to a press release. Admission costs \$10 at the door or get free admission with advance registration at holisticnh.org/evolution-expo, where you can also see a list of vendors.

The Woman's Service Club of Windham will hold its Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Golden Brook School, 112B Lowell Road in **Windham**, according to womansserviceclubofwindham.org.

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Rowing for a cause

A New Hampshire woman has raised money for trauma recovery programs by solo-rowing more than 3,000 miles across the Atlantic, WMUR reported in an April 9 online article. “Renee Blacken [who live in Bethlehem] began the journey in January, rowing from the Canary Islands to Antigua,” WMUR reported. After 65 days alone at sea, she made history as the first woman to row solo in the Atlantic Dash, the report said.

QOL score: +1

Comment: “Blacken raised nearly \$20,000 during her journey for the nonprofit Outdoor Adventuring for Good, which supports trauma recovery programs,” WMUR reported in an April 12 article. Seatatlanticdash.com for more on the event.

Thanks a lot, ticks!

“A tick-borne illness that can leave people severely allergic to meat and dairy is becoming a growing concern in New Hampshire,” Patch.com reported in an April 10 online article. The allergy, known as Alpha-gal syndrome, can induce an extreme allergic sensitivity to meat in previously unaffected patients and can be contracted through a tick bite. “The illness is carried most commonly by the Lone Star tick,” the article read. “Alpha-gal syndrome is becoming more frequent in New England as ticks move farther north, some say, due to climate change.”

QOL score: -1

Comment: Patch.com reported that “the CDC says the condition differs from typical food allergies because symptoms are often delayed by two hours or more after exposure and can appear suddenly after years of eating meat without problems.”

An old battery can still cause problems

According to an April 6 online article in the Concord Monitor, the batteries of an electric car that had been involved in a March 31 crash at the Bedford tolls spontaneously re-ignited in Merrimack days later. The Monitor article quoted Jim Bailey Sr., owner of Bailey’s Towing and Auto Body in Merrimack, who removed the car from the original accident site: “[T]his morning, I moved the car carefully to a different location. Within 15 minutes, the batteries shorted out and it went into thermal runaway,” the article quoted Bailey.

QOL score: -1

Comment: According to the Monitor article, “the resulting [second] fire took hours to put out with some 60,000 gallons of water.” For more on battery fires and the safe disposal of batteries, visit nhrecycles.org/recyclerightcampaign/how-properly-dispose-batteries.

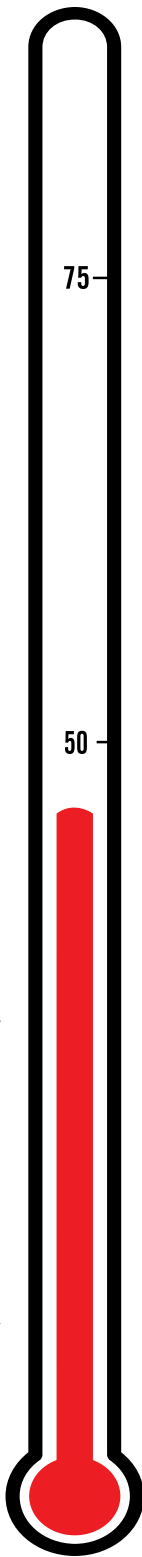
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The week that was



The Big Story (a three-way tie): The most immediate was **Rory McIlroy** winning his second straight Masters despite blowing a huge lead after setting a two-day record of -12. He hung on to grab the lead down the stretch and win at -12, one shot ahead of **Scottie Scheffler**.

Then there's the start of the NBA play-in tourney. Not sure who the C's eventually will play, but after seamlessly bringing **Jayson Tatum** back into the lineup by going 13-3 in games he played since returning on March 6 they look like the favorite to come out of the East.

Finally, the NFL Draft comes your way this weekend starting with Round 1 on Thursday night. The Pats pick 31st at the moment. But stay tuned, as I feel a trade up or down or a big deal coming.

Sports 101: Name the only team since the NFL and AFL began drafting in the same year in 1960 to draft a QB in both the first and second rounds in the same draft.

News Item – Red Sox Update

Going into the series with St. Louis four Red Sox starters were hitting under .200.

Ceddanne Rafaela has the second highest chase (out of the strike zone) rate in the majors according to Boston Globe analytics wonk **Alex Speier**. Which is supposed to be bad. Yet he's hitting .326 with a second best of the starters .396 OBP.

Garrett Crochet is 2-1 while striking out 11.4 batters every nine innings.

Nice return to St. Louis for **Willson Contreras** by going six for 13 with a double, a homer and six RBI.

In case you missed it, my No. 1 free agent target, **Pete Alonso**, hit .188 with one homer and three RBI with 15 k's in his first 50 Orioles at-bats. For **Alex Bregman** it's .213 with 6 RBI in 69 at-bats.

News Item – Pre-Draft Notes

Notre Dame has never had two RB's taken in Round I in the same year. But **Jeremiyah Love** and **Jadarian Price** have a chance to become the fourth RB teammates to do that.

Another reason to like **Fernando Mendoza**: The expected first overall will watch the draft with family/friends at home in Miami instead of preening for the cameras at the draft when he gets picked.

The Patriots have 11 picks in this draft including their own at 1, 2, 3 and 5 along with several others below the fifth round.

The Numbers:

2 – despite the Red Sox Nation pearl-clutching during their awful 6-9 start, games out of first place in the AL East for Boston.

5.43 – MLB's all-time high average salary

in millions.

69.4 – million bucks earned by NCAA Basketball champion Michigan.

... Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Up – Joe Mazzulla: Hate his game coaching and resting policies. But no one expected 56 wins without Tatum. He got them to play hard and brought along/trusted young players better than any Celtics coach I remember.

Thumbs Down – NBA on Prime Video: Yet another reason to dislike **Jeff Bezos** and the ever greedy NBA was being unable to watch the Knicks-Celtics last week unless you're a subscriber. Boooo!

'Those are the Breaks' Award – Ichiro Statue: Nice to see the great hitter see the humor of the bat his statue was holding break in half when unveiled last week by saying, "I didn't think **Mariano** [Rivera] would come out here and break the bat."

Trade of the Week – Angel Reese: The thoroughly unlikable petulant WNBA big will take her toxic personality and petty jealousy of **Caitlin Clark** to Atlanta after Chicago got two first draft picks.

Random Thoughts:

The Masters – it's just a nice golf course. Not St. Patrick's Cathedral like so many suck-ups act like it is.

I got SGA, The Joker and Jaylen Brown 1, 2, 3 in the MVP race.

Sports 101 Answer: The 1965 NY Jets drafted **Joe Namath** first and then took 1964 Heisman winner **John Huarte** in Round 2.

A Little History – John Huarte: Came out of nowhere to win the 1964 Heisman while leading Notre Dame to a shocking 9-0-1 season and a national title. Shocking because ND had been struggling for a decade. But the pro career was a different story, as Huarte lasted just two seasons in NYC and six overall in the NFL, where he completed just 39.1 percent of his 58 passes for one TD.

Final Thought – The Caitlin Clark Effect: Hope those jealous crybabies in the WNBA noticed that the rating for the Women's NCAA title game between South Carolina and UCLA was a 9.8 share as compared to the record 18.87 recorded in Clark's final year of 2024. That was the only year the women have beaten the men, let alone been within solar systems of the men's ratings. This year the UM-UCo-nn Men's Final had a 20.4 share. Conclusion: Wake up, WNBA, Clark is your meal ticket to higher ratings and ticket sales, which leads to more money for you.

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THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS APRIL 16 AND BEYOND

Saturday, April 18

Today is **Record Store Day**, a celebration of your local vinyl purveyors with special releases and limited-edition albums. See recordstoreday.com to find a participating store. At Pitchfork Records in Concord, they plan to open at 8 a.m., according to pitchforkrecordsconcord.com. Metro City Records, 691 Somerville St. in Manchester, will be open 8 a.m.



to 2 p.m. See recordstoreday.com for more local participating record stores, including area Newbury Comics and Bull Moose shops.

Thursday, April 16

The Manchester Garden Club will discuss “**Dahlias**” with presenter Valerie O’Reily at its monthly meeting today at 12:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig Church, 147 Walnut St. in Manchester, according to a press release. See manchesternhgardenclub.weebly.com.

Friday, April 17

Catch comedian **Jenny Zigrino** tonight at 6:30 p.m. at this show presented by Wicked Joyful at the new Queen City Center, 215 Canal St. in Manchester. See wickedjoyful.com

for tickets and find a story about the new venue and a discussion with Zigrino in last week’s issue of the Hippo. Find the April 9 issue in the digital library at hippypress.com. The cover story on local comedy starts on page 8.

Friday, April 17

The **Nossrat Yassini Poetry Festival** will take place at the University of New Hampshire, Hamilton Smith Hall in Durham, today and Saturday, April 18, when there will be a small press fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tonight, the Nossrat Yassini Book

Prize Reading will feature Diannely Antigua, Cornelius Eady, JeFF Stumpo and Adedayo Agarau followed by a “4X4 Team Slam,” all starting at 7 p.m., according to unhpoetry.com. On Saturday, programming will run from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and include panels, workshops, readings, a pop-up art and Cafe Mania, an evening of live poetry at Freedom Cafe from 9 to 11 p.m., according to the schedule on the website.

Saturday, April 18

It’s a good weekend for classical music. “**Antonio Vivaldi, Four Seasons and Ralph Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 5**” with special guest soloist David Kim from The Philadelphia Orchestra” will be presented by the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra today and Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Seifert Performing Arts Center in Salem, according to nhphil.org, where you can purchase tickets.

Saturday, April 18

And “**New Hampshire Passions**”

is presented by Symphony NH music director finalist Tianhui Ng tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Keefe Auditorium, 117 Elm St. in Nashua, in a show that will feature a collaboration with Black Hole Symphony as well as a pre-show talk at 6:30 p.m., according to symphonynh.org, where you can purchase tickets.

Sunday, April 19

Check out “**Chromatic Flow**,” a new exhibition featuring the art of Adam Krauss and Dave Robb, at See Saw Art, a gallery space inside Mosaic Art Collective at 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester, according to seesaw.gallery. The exhibit is on display through Sunday, April 26, and today’s open hours are from 1 to 4 p.m., according to the website, where you can find upcoming

ing open hours for the gallery.

Tuesday, April 22

Author Kathleen Bailey will discuss her book, *A History Lover’s Guide to New Hampshire*, tonight at 6 p.m. in the George H. Bixby Memorial Library in Franconia. The event is free; see franconia.nh.org/1201/Library.



Save the Date! Friday, May 1

The Community Players of Concord will present *To Kill a Mockingbird* Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, at 2 p.m. at Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St. in Concord. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$20 for 65+ and 17 and under. See communityplayersofconcord.org.

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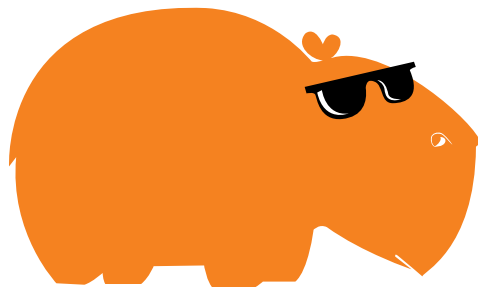
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Who won? You won!

In Hippo's Best of 2026, you, our lovely readers, voted for your favorites in food, in nightlife, in the arts, in yet more food because we ask about the important things. And now you have a list of recommendations for great places to go for pizza, live music, a cheap night out and a local hike.

You voted (thank you for voting!) and we tallied the votes. Most categories give you five reader favorites. A few categories are super-sized to give you even more reader picks. All



results are final for this snapshot of 2026 in southern New Hampshire. Information about locations is based on their websites and social media and all phone numbers have a 603 area code unless otherwise noted. Did we get any contact info wrong? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com and we'll run corrections on page 4 of upcoming issues.

Along the way we also quote some of the funnier reader answers to some of the questions.

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

ARTS

Best performing arts venue

★ **Best of the best: Palace Theatre** 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

★ **Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry,

437-5100, tupelomusic hall.com

★ **Capitol Center for the Arts** Chubb Theatre, 44 S. Main St. in Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com

★ **Nashua Center for the Arts** 201 Main St. in Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com

★ **BankNH Pavilion** 72 Meadowbrook Lane in Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com

Theater company whose shows are always a hit

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also presents productions featuring student actors.

★ **Ballet Misha** at Dimensions in Dance, 84 Myrtle St. in Manchester, 668-4196, balletmisha.com. "Ballet Misha is a performing dance company affiliated with Dimensions in Dance, Inc.," according to the website. "Ballet Misha is a non-profit professional performing dance company founded by Amy Fortier in 2008. The company is named in memorial of Michele 'Misha' Leslie, an amazing dancer and dance teacher, founder of the Dimensions in Dance school, and a lifelong friend and mentor to Amy Fortier," the website said.

★ **Majestic Theatre** 880 Page St. in Manchester, 669-7469, majestictheatre.net.

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★ **Actorsingers** 219 Lake St. in Nashua, 204-1289, actorsingers.org. "Actorsingers has been producing exceptional community theatre since 1955! We typically produce two 'main stage' shows a year in the spring and fall. Mainstage shows are performed at Keefe Auditorium and are open to anyone ages 16 and above to audition," according to the website. The Actorsingers also offers Teen and Junior Actorsingers shows.

★ **Peacock Players** 14 Court St. in Nashua, 889-2330, peacockplayers.org. "For over forty years, Peacock Players has proudly touched the lives of countless students, and audiences alike, by bringing the best in high-quality youth theatre and theatre arts education to the southern New Hampshire region. In addition to producing our highly acclaimed Mainstage productions each season, Peacock Players provides year-round educational programs

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Hippo's Best of 2026 readers' poll and results are for entertainment purposes only and all results are final.

Hippo readers answered questions online in January and February. Anybody could vote! Did you vote? We generally run the Best Of readers' poll the same time each year, so check back on our website, hippopress.com, in early 2027 to vote in next year's readers' poll.

The results come from the responses of people who voted — and thank you very much to all the readers who voted. For the Best Of 2026 questions (not the questions about pie for your birthday and beans for breakfast, but all the other questions about Best Pizza and Hiking Trail), readers typed in the names of people, events and locations they voted for. A regular non-robot human — using their eyeballs, elementary school math skills, copious amounts of caffeine and a calculator — counted all of the votes, trying their best to understand what the voter was voting for in each vote, even when the voter wasn't 100 percent on how the thing they were voting for was spelled or exactly what town it was in. But, like, seriously, we did our best with both the reading and the math

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In situations where the vote is tied or otherwise unclear, Hippo editorial staff reserves the right to disqualify individual votes, ballots and/or entries when they are incomplete or unclear, do not meet the letter or the spirit of the question asked, are clearly wiseass responses or otherwise do not meet the requirements to make them a usable vote.

Hippo's editorial staff makes the ultimate determination of the winners in the categories. Hippo's advertisers play no role in the determination of the winners. All results are final.

The Best of 2026 is a celebration of all things local and is meant to serve as a snapshot of the people and places in southern New Hampshire at roughly the time people voted. Large national chains and international chains are, for the most part, not included in the count.

Information presented here, such as addresses and phone numbers and ingredients in a specific cocktail, is gathered from sources including the location's website and social media pages. Double check with the spots before heading out to make sure times, locations and menu items haven't changed.

Questions, comments, concerns? Did we get an address or phone number wrong? Do you have an idea for a new category? Let us know. Contact editor Amy Diaz at adiaz@hippopress.com. Corrections will appear on the first page of the news section in future issues. Is your favorite category missing? Categories change regularly, with some categories taking a sabbatical and new categories introduced, so please send your suggestions for a category for next year to adiaz@hippopress.com.

Did your favorite thing not win, despite being objectively the best? As in other kinds of voting, turn-out matters! Check back in early 2027 to vote for your favorite thing next year and get out the vote to your friends, your family, your co-workers, your fellow people waiting for a takeout order who are also mindlessly scrolling on their phones. (You can totally vote on your phone.) Better yet, tell your favorite thing to urge its fans to vote — Hippo has fun Best Of graphics on our website during the voting period for use on websites and social media posts urging people to vote.

And, again, all results are final. Like, totally complete absolutely final. Hey, there's always next year.

and select community outreach performance groups,” according to a website.

★ **The Community Players of Concord** Players Studio is at 435 Josiah Bartlett Road in Concord, communityplayersofconcord.org. “The Community Players was founded in 1927, with a mission ‘... to encourage, foster and promote the participation by amateurs in all phases of the theatrical arts ...,’” according to the website. “The Children’s Theatre Project is an opportunity for young people interested in theatre to get experience in the many aspects of this art form,” the website said.

Best local place to buy art

★ **Best of the best: Two Villages Art Society** 846 Main St. in Contoocook, twovillagesart.org

★ **Green Envy** 377 Elm St., No. 1, in Manchester, 722-3885, greenenvywellness.com

★ **League of NH Craftsmen Annual Craftsmen’s Fair** Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, nhcrafts.org/annual-craftsmens-fair. This year’s fair will run Aug. 1-9.

★ **Manchester Craft Market** Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 606-1351, manchestercraftmarket.com

★ **League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Concord Fine Craft Gallery** 36 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-8171, concord.nhcrafts.org

★ **To Share Brewing Company** 720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com. In addition to art- and craft-related workshops, To Share has in the past held a Holiday Market featuring local artists.

Best local studio or other venue to make art

★ **Best of the best: Green Envy** 377 Elm St., No. 1, in Manchester, 722-3885, greenenvywellness.com

★ **Studio 550 Art Center** 550 Elm St. in Manchester, 232-5597, 550arts.com.

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

★ **You’re Fired** Bedford (25 S. River Road, 641-3474), Concord (133 Loudon Road, No. 101, 226-3473) and Salem (264 N. Broadway, 894-5456); yourefirednh.com

★ **Kimball Jenkins School of Art** 266 N. Main St. in Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com

Best art gallery

★ **Best of the best: Two Villages Art Society** 846 Main St. in Contoocook, twovillagesart.org

★ **Mosaic Art Collective** 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester, 512-6209, mosaicartcollective.com.

★ **Kimball Jenkins School of Art** 266 N. Main St. in Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com

★ **Go Native Gallery** 23 N. Main St. in Concord, 530-0722, gonativegallery.com

★ **Art 3 Gallery** 44 W. Brook St. in Manchester, 668-6650, art3gallery.com

Prove You’re Not a Bot: What is your walk-on song?

THE HIPPO READERS’ PLAYLIST

“Eye of the Tiger,” Survivor

“Thunderstruck” AC/DC

“Walking on Sunshine,” Katrina & The Waves

“Walk This Way” with RUN DMC featuring Aerosmith

“We Are The Champions,” Queen with a special mention of “We Will Rock You”

“Stayin’ Alive” Bee Gees

“I Will Survive” Gloria Gaynor, though possibly also Diana Ross, Cake or Demi Lovato

“Enter Sandman” Metallica

“Welcome to the Jungle,” Guns N’ Roses

“Crazy Train” Ozzy Osbourne

“Sweet Caroline” Neil Diamond bum bum BUM

“Livin’ on a Prayer,” Bon Jovi

“Dancing Queen,” ABBA

“Don’t Stop Believin’” Journey

“Pink Pony Club” Chappell Roan

“Lose Yourself” Eminem

“Girl on Fire” Alicia Keyes

“Dream On” Aerosmith

“Girls Just Want to Have Fun” Cyndi Lauper

“Survivor” Destiny’s Child

“Jump” Van Halen

“I’ll Be There For You,” theme to Friends, The Rembrandts

“All I Do Is Win,” DJ Khaled featuring Ludacris, Rick Ross, T-Pain & Snoop Dogg

“Back in Black” AC/DC

“Thriller” Michael Jackson

“Fight Song” Rachel Platten

“Happy” Pharrell Williams

“Stairway to Heaven” Led Zeppelin



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ENTERTAINMENT

Best bookstore

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

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

★ **Wonderland Books & Toys** Maple Valley Plaza, 245 Maple St., No. 12, in Manchester, 628-2806, wonderlandbooksandtoys.com

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

★ **The Toadstool Bookshop** 12 Depot Square in Peterborough, 924-3543, toadbooks.com. There is also a Toadstool Bookshop in Keene.

Best bowling alley

★ **Best of the best: Yankee Lanes Entertainment** 216 Maple St. in Manchester, 625-9656, yankeelanesentertainment.com. There is also a Yankee Lanes in Keene.

★ **King Bowling Lanes** 751 Mast Road in Manchester, 623-9215, kinglanes.com

★ **Lakeside Lanes** 2171 Candia Road in Manchester, 627-7722, lakesidelanes.com

★ **Merrimack Ten Pin Center** 698 DW Highway in Merrimack, 261-2352, merrimacktenpin.com

★ **Boutwell's Bowling Center** 152 N. State St. in Concord, 224-0941, boutwellsbowl.com

Best local casino

★ **Best of the best: The Nash Casino** 310 DW Highway, Suite 102, in Nashua, 751-6274, thenashcasino.com

★ **Revo Casino and Social House** 1279 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 668-6591, revocasino.com. There are also Revo Casinos in Dover, Conway, Keene and Lebanon.

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

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

★ **Rockingham Grand Casino** The Mall at Rockingham Park in Salem. The casino, formerly Casino Salem, is slated to reopen in 2027. Find details on the Casino Salem Facebook page.

Best comic book store

★ **Best of the best: Double Midnight Comics** 252 Willow St. in Manchester, 669-9636; 341 Loudon Road in Concord, 715-2683; dmcomics.com

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

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

★ **Pop Culture Cards, Comics and Collectibles** 66 Route 27 in Raymond, 244-1850, popculturenh.com

Best place for games — arcade, board or card

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

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

★ **Diversity Gaming** 1328 Hooksett Road, Unit 5, in Hooksett, 606-1176, find them on Facebook

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

★ **Game Club at the Bedford Public Library** for board and card games for adults, held the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the library, 3 Meetinghouse Road in Bedford. See bedfordnhlibrary.org for details.

★ **Block Party Social** 51 Zapora Drive in Hooksett, 263-5408, blockpartysocial.com

★ **Double Midnight Comics** 252 Willow St. in Manchester, 669-9636; 341 Loudon Road in Concord, 715-2683; dmcomics.com

★ **Diversions Puzzles & Games** 123 Congress St. in Portsmouth, 766-6220, diversionsgames.com. There is also a location in Somersworth.

Best mini golf

★ **Best of the best: Chuckster's** with two locations — Chuckster's Ice Cream & Miniature Golf, 53 Hackett Hill Road in Hooksett, 210-1415, chucksters-hooksett.com, and Chuckster's Family Fun Park, 9 Bailey Road in Chichester, 798-3555, chuckstersnh.com

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

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

★ **Aloha Mini Glow Golf** Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 606-8922, alohaminiglowgolf.com. There are also two locations in Massachusetts.

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

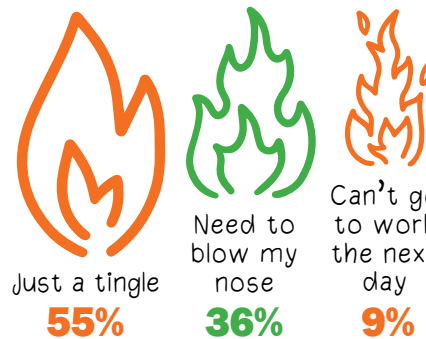
Best record store

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

★ **Music Connection** 1711 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 644-0199, musicconnection.us. There is also a location in Turners Falls, Mass.

★ **Bull Moose** with locations in Portsmouth (1981 Woodbury Ave., 422-9525) and Plaistow (34 Plaistow Road, 898-6254) as well as in Keene and in several towns in Maine. See

Heat: i like mine



bullmoose.com.

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

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

Best smoke shop

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

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

★ **Smoker's Haven** 105 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 518-8872; 4 Main St. in Manchester, 621-5293; 1092 Suncook Valley Highway in Epsom, 736-9748; 441 Amherst St. in Nashua, 402-1942; 245 Union Ave. in Laconia, 527-8311; 1176 Hooksett Road in Hooksett, 606-1697; 34 Manchester Road in Derry, 404-6116; 2 E. Otterson St. in Nashua, 417-6667; 9B Ashuelot St. in Keene, 352-8320; 979 Union St. in Laconia, 527-8171; 6D Dobson Way in Merrimack, 513-1902; 43 Allenstown Road in Allenstown, 956-3041; 88 W. River Road in Hooksett, 956-3043; smokershaveninc.com

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

★ **The Smoking Turtle** 9 Pleasant St. Extension in Concord, 715-5519; 1 Nashua Road in Londonderry, 260-6908. Find the shop on Facebook.

BEAUTY & WELLNESS

Best barber shop

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

★ **The Polished Man Barbershop & Lounge** with locations in Bedford (178 Route 101, 851-7258) and Merrimack (707 Milford Road, No. 3A, 718-8427) thepolishedman.com

★ **Homegrown Barber Co.** 18 Orchard

View Drive in Londonderry, 818-8989, homegrownbarber.com

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

★ **Rossi's Barbershop** 1D Commons Drive, No. 20, in Londonderry, 404-3447, rossisnh.com

Best salon

★ **Best of the best: Blank Canvas Salon** 1F Commons Drive, No. 38, in Londonderry, 818-4294, blankcavassalon.com

★ **Cachét Beauty Lounge** 44 Bridge St. in Manchester, 782-8030, cacht-beauty-lounge.square.site

★ **The HairHaus Salon** 6 Mohawk Drive in Londonderry, 234-1799. Find them on Facebook.

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

★ **Bleu Tangerine Salon & Day Spa** 416 Emerson Ave., Unit 9, in Hampstead, 329-3460, bleutangerine.com

Best spa

★ **Best of the best: Renew MediSpa** 23 B Crystal Ave. in Derry, 691-3704, renewmedispa.com

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

★ **Elite Medical Spa** 360 Route 101, Unit 11, in Bedford, 637-0037, elitemedspanh.com

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

★ **Bella Viaggio Salon & Spas** with locations in Windham (183 Rockingham Road, 898-9222) and Salem (15 Via Toscana, Suite 1040, 898-9222), bv-nh.com

Where they do a good brow

★ **Best of the best: Renew MediSpa** 23B Crystal Ave. in Derry, 691-3704, renewmedispa.com

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

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

★ **Beauty Works** with locations in Londonderry (123 Nashua Road) and Bedford (10 Commerce Park N. Suite 9) 275-8672, beauty-worksnh.com

★ **Ornate Beauty Studio** 215 Canal St. in Manchester, 232-3003, ornatebeautystudio.com

Where they make your nails look fabulous

★ **Best of the best: Glossy Nails** with locations in Bedford (1 S. River Road, 935-8383), Manchester (655 S. Willow St., 518-5557) and Nashua (266 DW Highway, 864-8232) as well as in Burlington, Mass. See glossynails.net or find them on Facebook.

★ **Exotic 9 Nails** 30 Crystal Avenue, Suite

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6, in Derry, 425-7731, exotic9nails.com

★ **South of the 6 Nail and Beauty Bar** 155 Dow St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 782-7198, southofthe6.com

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

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

Best tattoo shop

★ **Best of the best: Blood Oath Tattoo** 15 Pleasant St. in Concord, 227-6912, bloodoath-tattoo.com

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

★ **Tattoo Angus** 179 Elm St., Unit C, in Manchester, 935-9398, tattooangus.com

★ **Gardens of Ink** 913 Elm St., Suite 201, in Manchester, gardensofink.com

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

Best workout space

★ **Best of the best: Collective Studios** with locations in Londonderry (4 Orchard View Drive, 216-2345) and Bedford (7 Market St. #3, 782-3321), thecollective-studios.com

★ **JL Fitness** 516 Mammoth Road, Building 4, Unit 3, in Londonderry, facebook.com/JLepageFit

★ **Barre Life** 215 Canal St., No. 102 in

Manchester, 232-6868, barrelifenh.com

★ **Humble Warrior Power Yoga** with locations in Manchester (155 Dow St., Suite 102, 218-3928), Bedford (138 Bedford Road, 488-5372) and Exeter (31 Portsmouth Ave.) as well as in Kittery, Maine. See humblewarrior-poweryoga.com.

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

Best car wash

★ **Best of the best: Royal T Car Wash** 20 Folsom Road in Derry, 425-6844, royaltcar-wash.com

★ **Golden Nozzle Car Wash** with three locations in Nashua (620 Amherst St., 7 Harris Road and 86 Broad St.), two locations in Concord (24 Loudon Road and 165 Loudon Road), and one location each in Dover (1 Long Hill Road), Exeter (158 Exeter Road), Goffstown (100 Mast Road), Manchester (1932 S. Willow St.), Hooksett (1326 Hooksett Road) and Rochester (130 Washington St.) as well as locations in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island. See goldennozzle-carwash.com.

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

★ **Black Dog Car Wash** 1 Garden Lane in Londonderry and 276 DW Highway in Belmont, blackdogcarwash.com

★ **ScrubaDub Car Wash** 113 North

Broadway in Salem, 898-4243, scrubadub.com. There are also locations in Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island.

SHOPPING

Best independent clothing and/or shoe store

★ **Best of the best: Alec's Shoes** 1617 Southwood Drive in Nashua, 882-6811, alecs-shoes.com

★ **Joe King's Shoe Shop** 45 N. Main St. in Concord, 225-6012, joe.kings.com

★ **Gondwana & Divine Clothing Co.** 13 N. Main St. in Concord, 228-1101, gondwana-clothing.com

★ **Peridot** 18 Hanover St. in Manchester, shopperidotboutique.com

★ **Fishtoes** 87 Hanover St. in Manchester, 540-7560, fishtoes.com

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

★ **Best of the best: Green Envy** 377 Elm St., No. 1, in Manchester, 722-3885, greenenvywellness.com

★ **Manchester Craft Market** Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 606-1351, manchestercraftmarket.com

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

★ **Viking House** 19 N. Main St. in Concord, 239-2372, vikinghouse.com

★ **The Terracotta Room** 1361 Elm St., Suite 102, in Manchester, 518-8779, theterracottaroom.com

RESTAURANTS

Best restaurant

★ **Best of the best: Copper Door** with locations in Bedford (15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677) and Salem (41 S. Broadway, 458-2033) copperdoor.com

★ **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890 for the restaurant, 623-3182 for takeout and ice cream, puritan-backroom.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 641-6100), Concord (404 S. Main St., 715-1999), Derry (39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200), Hudson (256 Lowell Road, 882-6677), Salem (311 S. Broadway, 893-3444) and Laconia (1182 Union Ave., 528-7800). See t-bones.com.

★ **Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com

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

Best new eatery

★ **Bravo Restaurant and Cafe at Bravo** Bravo Restaurant is at 73 Hanover St. in Manchester, 854-8139, bravonh.com. Cafe at Bravo is at 85 Hanover St. in Manchester, 854-8089, cafeatbravo.com.

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★ **Tavern on the Square** in Market and Main, 125 S. River Road in Bedford, 635-4445, taverninthesquare.com. There are other Tavern on the Square locations in Salem, N.H., as well as in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

★ **Cedar & Main Tavern** 16 Cedar St. in Hopkinton, cedarandmainnh.com.

★ **The Sleazy Vegan** 205 N. State St. in Concord, 877-EAT-SVFT, thesleazyvegan.com. This longtime food truck recently found a new brick and mortar spot in Concord.

★ **Giabella's Cucina Italiana** 44 Nashua Road, No. 19, in Londonderry, 216-1848, giabellasnh.com

★ **The Miller's Tavern** 1087 Elm St. in Manchester, 854-8442, themillerstavern.com. There is also a location in Methuen, Mass.

Best fine dining restaurant

★ **Best of the best: Hanover Street Chophouse** 149 Hanover St.

in Manchester, 644-2467, hanoverstreetchophouse.com

★ **Copper Door** with locations in Bedford (15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677) and Salem (41 S. Broadway, 458-2033) copperdoor.com

★ **Buckley's Great Steaks** 438 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com

★ **Bedford Village Inn** 2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 427-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com

★ **Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com

Best eatery from which to get takeout

★ **Best of the best: Pressed Cafe** with locations in Bedford (216 S. River Road, 606-2746), Nashua (drive-thru only at 3 Cotton Road, 402-1003, and 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250) and Salem (1 Artisan Drive, 458-5922) as well as locations in Massachusetts. See pressedcafe.com.

★ **DeadProof Pizza Co.** The new brick-and-mortar location is 94 Rockingham Road in Derry, according to deadproofpizza.com, where you can sign up for updates and find links to their social media for the latest on hours and other information.

★ **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890 for the restaurant, 623-3182 for takeout and ice cream, puritan-backroom.com

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

★ **Smoke Shack Cafe** 226 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 404-2178, smokeshack-cafe.com

MORE EATERIES

Best date night restaurant

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

★ **Copper Door** with locations in Bedford (15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677) and Salem (41 S. Broadway, 458-2033), copperdoor.com

★ **Cotton** 75 Arms St. in Manchester, 622-5488, cottonfood.com

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

★ **Buckley's Great Steaks** 438 DW Highway in Merrimack, 424-0995, buckleysgreatsteaks.com

Restaurant that brings the

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★ **Best of the best: Daw Kun Thai** 93 S. Maple St., No. 4, in Manchester, 232-0699, dawkunthai.com

★ **Destination India Restaurant and Bar** with locations in Derry (14 E. Broadway, Unit A, 552-3469) and Hampton (320 Lafayette Road, 910-5192). See dineatdestinationindia.com.

★ **Curry Leaf** 6 Pleasant St. in Concord, 715-5746, curryleafus.com

★ **Kathmandu Spice** 379 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 782-3911, ktmspice.com

★ **La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** with two locations in Manchester (1875 S. Willow St., 623-7705, and 545 Hooksett Road, 628-6899), and locations in Nashua (139 DW Highway, 891-0055), Londonderry (44 Nashua Road, 965-3477), Derry (35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, 421-0091), Portsmouth (172 Hanover St., 427-8319) and Rochester (135 Marketplace Blvd., 430-1142). See lacarretamex.com.

Restaurant with the best outdoor seating

★ **Best of the best: Backyard Brewery and Kitchen** 1211 S. Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-3545, backyardbrewerynh.com

★ **The Crown Tavern** 99 Hanover St. in Manchester, 218-3132, thecrownhanover.com

★ **Copper Door** with locations in Bedford (15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677) and Salem (41 S. Broadway, 458-2033) copperdoor.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 641-6100), Concord (404 S. Main St., 715-1999), Derry (39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200), Hudson (256 Lowell Road, 882-6677), Salem (311 S. Broadway, 893-3444) and Laconia (1182 Union Ave., 528-7800). See t-bones.com.

★ **The Derryfield Restaurant** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

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

Restaurant with the best shareable plates

★ **Best of the best: Stella Blu** 70 E. Pearl St. in Nashua, 578-5557, stellablu-nh.com

★ **Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com. One vote shouts out the Tupelo Nachos.

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 641-6100), Concord (404 S. Main St., 715-1999), Derry (39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200), Hudson (256 Lowell Road, 882-6677), Salem (311 S. Broadway, 893-3444) and Laconia (1182 Union Ave., 528-7800). See t-bones.com.

★ **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890 for the restaurant, 623-3182 for takeout and ice cream, puritan-backroom.com

★ **Industry East** 28 Hanover St. in Manchester, 232-6940, industryeastbar.com

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

A WORLD OF FLAVORS

Best Asian

★ **Best of the best: Chen Yang Li** There are three area restaurants with the name Chen Yang Li — in Bedford (124 S. River Road, 641-6922, chenyangli.com), Bow (520 South St., 228-8508, chenyangli-bow.com) and Nashua (379 Amherst St., 578-9888, chenyan-glinh.com).

★ **Lilac Blossom Restaurant** 385 E. Dunstable Road in Nashua, 888-9588; 650 Amherst St. in Nashua, 886-8420; lilacblossom.us

★ **Chen's Garden** 956 Second St. in Manchester, 836-5608, chensgardennh.com

★ **Thai Food Connection** with locations in Manchester (1069 Elm St., 935-7257) and Bedford (254 Wallace Road, 488-1862). See thaifoodconnection.com.

★ **Super Wok Restaurant** 25 Orchard View Drive in Londonderry, 425-5108, superwokchinesetogo.com

★ **Asian Breeze** 1328 Hooksett Road, No. 41, in Hooksett, 621-9298, asianbreezenh.com

Best Greek food

★ **Best of the best: Amphora Greek Taverna** 55 Crystal Ave. #3 in Derry, 537-0111, amphoranh.com

★ **Fotia Greek Taverna** 401 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 461-3007, fotiagreek taverna.com

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



★ **Karv Greek Kouzina** 1 Delahunty Drive, Unit 1, in Windham, 377-5278, karvgreek.com

★ **Ya Mas Greek Taverna & Bar** 275 Rockingham Road in Salem, 635-4230, your-mythbeginsatyamas.com

Best Indian food

★ **Best of the best: Destination India Restaurant and Bar** with locations in Derry (14 E. Broadway, Unit A, 552-3469) and Hampton (320 Lafayette Road, 910-5192). See dineatdestinationindia.com.

★ **Curry Leaf** 6 Pleasant St. in Concord, 715-5746, curryleafus.com

★ **Kashmir Indian Cuisine** 396 S. Broadway in Salem, 898-3455, kashmirindianfood.com

★ **Taj India** 967 Elm St. in Manchester, 606-2677, tajindia.co

★ **Kathmandu Spice** 379 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 782-3911, ktmspice.com

Best Italian food

★ **Best of the best: Villaggio Ristorante Italiano** 677 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 627-2424, villaggionh.com

★ **Trattoria Amalfi** 385 S. Broadway in Salem, 893-5773, tamalfi.com

★ **Lucciano's Ristorante & Bar** 4 Orchard View, Unit 2, in Londonderry, 432-2442, luccianoscafe.com

★ **Fratello's Italian Grille** with locations in Manchester (155 Dow St., 624-2022) and Laconia (799 Union Ave., 528-2022). See fratellos.com.

★ **Cucina Toscana** 427 Amherst St. in Nashua, 821-7356, cucinatoscanaanashua.com

Best Mexican food

★ **Best of the best: La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** with two locations in Manchester (1875 S. Willow St., 623-7705, and 545 Hooksett Road, 628-6899), and locations in Nashua (139 DW Highway, 891-0055), Londonderry (44 Nashua Road, 965-3477), Derry (35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, 421-0091), Portsmouth (172 Hanover St., 427-8319) and Rochester (135 Marketplace Blvd., 430-1142). See lacarretamex.com.

★ **Raíces Authentic Mexican Cuisine** 2626 Brown Ave. at Manchester, 932-2770, raicesnh.com

★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill and Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** These closely situated restaurants with similar menus both use the website vallartamexicannh.com. Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill is at 865 Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182, and Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant is at 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762.

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

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

DELICIOUS DISHES

Best barbecue

★ **Best of the best: 603 Bar-B-Q** The new location is 388 Loudon Road in Concord, 333-5387, bbqnh.com. Find them on Facebook for updates.

★ **KC's Rib Shack** 837 Second St. in Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net

★ **Smokehaus Barbecue** 278 Route 101 in Amherst, 249-5734, smokehausbbq.com

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

★ **Smoke Shack Cafe** 226 Rockingham Road in Londonderry, 404-2178, smokeshack-cafe.com

Best bowls

★ **Best of the best: Buba Noodle Bar** with locations in Manchester (36 Lowell

St., 935-7864) and Concord (148 N. Main St., 219-0064). See bubanoodle.com.

★ **Pressed Cafe** with locations in Bedford (216 S. River Road, 606-2746), Nashua (drive-thru only at 3 Cotton Road, 402-1003, and 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250) and Salem (1 Artisan Drive, 458-5922) as well as locations in Massachusetts. See pressedcafe.com.

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

★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** with locations in Londonderry (4 Orchard View Drive, No. 6., 965-3411) and Derry (11 Manchester Road, Unit 2, 552-3959). See troysfreshkitchen.com.

★ **Poké Spot** with locations in Manchester (655 S. Willow St.) and Nashua (270 Amherst St.). See pokespotnh.com.

Best breakfast

★ **Best of the best: Tucker's** with locations in Bedford (95 S. River Road, 413-6503), Concord (80 South St., 413-5884), Dover (238 Indian Brook Road, 413-5470), Hooksett (1328 Hooksett Road, 206-5757), Merrimack (360 DW Highway, 413-6477), New London (207 Main St., 413-5528) and Newington (2028 Woodbury Ave., 413-5933). See tucker-snh.com.

★ **MaryAnn's Diner** with locations in Derry (29 E. Broadway, 434-5785), Windham (4

Cobbetts Pond Road, 965-3066), Salem (3 Veterans Memorial Parkway, 893-9877) and Amherst (1 Craftsman Lane, 577-8955). See maryannsdiner.com.

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

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

★ **The Friendly Toast** with locations in Bedford (4 Main St., 836-8907), Concord (22 S. Main St., Unit 1, 207-3685), Nashua (225

DW Highway, 355-7080), Portsmouth (113 Congress St., 246-5285) and Salem (18 Via Toscana, 458-3131).

There are also locations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont. See thefriendlytoast.com.

Best brunch

★ **Best of the best: Tucker's** with locations in Bedford (95 S. River Road, 413-6503), Concord (80 South St., 413-5884), Dover (238 Indian Brook Road, 413-5470), Hooksett (1328 Hooksett Road, 206-5757), Merrimack (360 DW Highway, 413-6477), New London (207 Main St., 413-5528) and Newington (2028 Woodbury Ave., 413-5933). See tucker-snh.com.

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

★ **The Friendly Toast** with locations in Bedford (4 Main St., 836-8907), Concord (22 S. Main St., Unit 1, 207-3685), Nashua (225 DW Highway, 355-7080), Portsmouth (113 Congress St., 246-5285) and Salem (18 Via Toscana, 458-3131). There are also locations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont. See thefriendlytoast.com.

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

★ **The Old Salt & Lamie's Restaurant & Inn** 490 Lafayette Road in Hampton, 926-8322 for the restaurant, oldsalth.com.

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Best burgers

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

★ **Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen** 237 South St. in Milford, 672-9130, papajoesburgers.com

★ **The Crown Tavern** 99 Hanover St. in Manchester, 218-3132, thecrownonhanover.com

★ **BAD BRGR** with two locations in Manchester — 1015 Elm St., 606-8806, and the Mall of New Hampshire, 854-8767. A new location in Rochester is at 195 Wakefield St., according to bad-brgr.com.

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

Best chicken tenders

★ **Best of the best: Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890 for the restaurant, 623-3182 for takeout and ice cream, puritanbackroom.com

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

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

★ **603 Bar-B-Q** The new location is 388 Loudon Road in Concord, 333-5387, bbqnh.com. Find them on Facebook for updates.

★ **Vintage Pizza** 241 Candia Road in Manchester, 518-7800, vintagepizzanh.com. A reader shouted out Vintage's Asian Tenders in particular.

Best fish & chips

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

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

★ **The Peddler's Daughter Irish Restaurant & Pub** 48 Main St. in Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com. There is also a location in Haverhill, Mass.

★ **Fish & Chix** 22 Manchester Road, No. 13 in Derry, 704-3410, fshnchx.com

★ **Surf Seafood Restaurant** with locations in Nashua (207 Main St., 595-9293) and Portsmouth (99 Bow St., 334-9855) as well as Woburn, Mass. See surfseafood.com.

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

★ **Best of the best: River Road Tavern** 193 S. River Road in Bedford, 206-5837, riverroadtavernbedford.com

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

★ **Pressed Cafe** with locations in Bedford (216 S. River Road, 606-2746), Nashua (drive-thru only at 3 Cotton Road, 402-1003, and 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250) and Salem (1 Artisan Drive, 458-5922) as well as locations in Massachusetts. See pressedcafe.com.

★ **Street** with locations in Concord (76 N. Main St., 333-2125), Exeter (8 Clifford St., 580-4148) and Portsmouth (801 Islington St., 436-0860). See streetfood360.com. One reader gave a shout out to the restaurant's Curry Fries.

★ **The Crown Tavern** 99 Hanover St. in Manchester, 218-3132, thecrownonhanover.com

Best mac & cheese

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

★ **Pressed Cafe** with locations in Bedford (216 S. River Road, 606-2746), Nashua (drive-thru only at 3 Cotton Road, 402-1003, and 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250) and Salem (1 Artisan Drive, 458-5922) as well as locations in Massachusetts. See pressedcafe.com.

★ **O Steaks & Seafood** with locations in Concord (11 S. Main St., 856-7924) and Lakeport (62 Doris Ray Court, 524-9373) and O Bistro in Wolfeboro (200 N. Main St., 515-1003). See osteaksconcord.com.

★ **The Sleazy Vegan** 205 N. State St. in Concord, 877-EAT-SVFT, theleazyvegan.com

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

Best pizza

★ **Best of the best: 900 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria** 50 Dow St. in Manchester, 641-0900, 900degrees.com

★ **Sal's Pizza** with locations in Salem (99 Rockingham Park Blvd., 4 Mall Road and 11 Via Toscana), Derry (2 Lenox Road), Milford (180 Elm St.), Merrimack (501 DW Highway), Manchester (296 S. Willow St.), Laconia (360 Union Road), Concord (8 Storrs St.) and Hooksett (1329 Hooksett

Road), as well as Ashland and New Hampton. There are also locations in Massachusetts. See sals.com.

★ **Alley Cat Pizzeria** 486 Chestnut St. in Manchester, 669-4533, alleycatpizzerianh.com

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

★ **Buxton's Restaurant** 158 Rockingham Road in Derry, 818-4105, buxtonspizza.com

Where they make the best sandwiches

★ **Best of the best: Pressed Cafe** with locations in Bedford (216 S. River Road, 606-2746), Nashua (drive-thru only at 3 Cotton Road, 402-1003, and 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250) and Salem (1 Artisan Drive, 458-5922) as well as locations in Massachusetts. See pressedcafe.com.

★ **Nadeau's Subs** with three locations in Manchester (776 Mast Road, 623-9315; 110 Cahill Ave., 669-7827, and 673 Hooksett Road, 644-8888) and one each in Concord (89 Fort Eddy Road, 606-4898) and Exeter (48 Portsmouth Ave., 580-4445). See nadeaussubs.com.

★ **Biederman's** 1 Chase St. in Plymouth, 536-3354, biedermans.com

★ **Jerome's Deli** 393 Bridge St. in Manchester, 623-5388, jermesdeli.net

★ **Tucker's** with locations in Bedford (95 S. River Road, 413-6503), Concord (80 South St., 413-5884), Dover (238 Indian Brook Road, 413-5470), Hooksett (1328 Hooksett Road, 206-5757), Merrimack (360 DW Highway, 413-6477), New London (207 Main St., 413-5528) and Newington (2028 Woodbury Ave., 413-5933). See tuckersnh.com.

Best subs

★ **Best of the best: Nadeau's Subs** with three locations in Manchester (776 Mast Road, 623-9315; 110 Cahill Ave., 669-7827, and 673 Hooksett Road, 644-8888) and one each in Concord (89 Fort Eddy Road, 606-4898) and Exeter (49 Portsmouth Ave., 580-4445). See nadeaussubs.com.

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

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

★ **D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches** with locations in Concord (125 S. Main St. and

126 Loudon Road), Manchester (900 Second St. and 8 Perimeter Road), Hudson (77 Derry Road), Merrimack (3 Continental Blvd.) and Plaistow (9 Plaistow Road) as well as Laconia, Dover, Keene and Portsmouth. There are also locations in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont. See dangelos.com.

★ **Moe's Italian Sandwiches** There are 13 locations in New Hampshire including in Manchester (796 Elm St.), Concord (75 S. Main St.), Raymond (69 Route 27) and Plaistow (160 Plaistow Road, Unit 4) as well as in Dover, Durham, Exeter, Lee, Portsmouth, Rochester and Seabrook. There are also locations in Maine and Massachusetts. See moesitaliansandwiches.com.

Best tacos

★ **Best of the best: Los Reyes Street Tacos & More** 127 Rockingham Road in Derry, 845-8327, losreyesstreetacos.com

★ **La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** with two locations in Manchester (1875 S. Willow St., 623-7705, and 545 Hooksett Road, 628-6899), and locations in Nashua (139 DW Highway, 891-0055), Londonderry (44 Nashua Road, 965-3477), Derry (35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, 421-0091), Portsmouth (172 Hanover St., 427-8319) and Rochester (135 Marketplace Blvd., 430-1142). See lacarretamex.com.

★ **Dos Amigos Burritos** 26 N. Main St. in Concord, 410-4161, dosamigosburritos.com

★ **Taco Time Cocina & Cantina Mexicana** 11 Wilton Road in Milford, 554-1424, tacotimenh.com

★ **Raíces Authentic Mexican Cuisine** 2626 Brown Ave. at Manchester, 932-2770, raicesnh.com

★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill and Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** These closely situated restaurants with similar menus both use the website vallartamexicannh.com. Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill is at 865 Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182, and Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant is at 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762.

Restaurant that can make you love vegetables

★ **Best of the best: The Sleazy Vegan** 205 N. State St. in Concord, 877-EAT-SVFT, theleazyvegan.com.

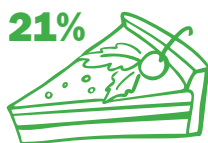
★ **Troy's Fresh Kitchen** with locations in Londonderry (4 Orchard View Drive, No. 6, 965-3411) and Derry (11 Manchester Road, Unit 2, 552-3959). See troysfreshkitchen.com.

★ **Pressed Cafe** with locations in Bedford (216 S. River Road, 606-2746), Nashua (drive-thru only at 3 Cotton Road, 402-1003, and 108 Spit Brook Road, 718-1250) and Salem (1 Artisan Drive, 458-5922) as well as locations in Massachusetts. See pressedcafe.com.

If you were a dessert, what would you be:



Pie 21%

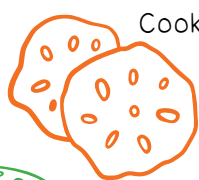


Cake 30%

Doughnut 13%



Cookie 26%



Other 10%



"All the above, stacked carefully"

"A Pear"

"Ice cream, duh"

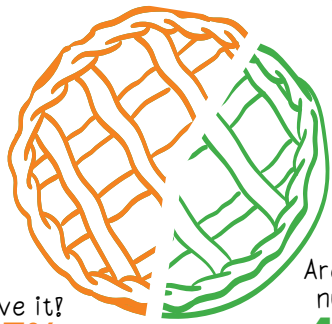
★ **Green Elephant Vegetarian Bistro & Bar** 35 Portwalk Place in Portsmouth, 427-8344, greenelephantnh.com

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

★ **Tavern on the Square** in Market and Main, 125 S. River Road in Bedford, 635-4445, taverninthesquare.com. There are other Tavern on the Square locations in Salem, N.H., as well as in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Readers shout out the Brussels sprouts.

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 641-6100), Concord (404 S. Main St., 715-1999), Derry (39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200), Hudson (256 Lowell Road, 882-6677), Salem (311 S. Broadway, 893-3444) and Laconia (1182 Union Ave., 528-7800). See t-bones.com.

Pie for a birthday?



Love it!
55%

Are you nuts?
45%

Readers shouted out the maple glazed carrots and the Brussels sprouts.

SWEET TREATS

Best candy or chocolate shop

★ **Best of the best: Granite State Candy Shoppe** with locations in Concord (13 Warren St., 225-2591) and Manchester (832 Elm St., 218-3885). See granitestatecandyshoppe.com.

★ **Van Otis Chocolates** with locations in Manchester (341 Elm St., 627-1611) and Wolfeboro (15 S. Main St., 515-1045). See vanotis.com.

★ **Loon Chocolate** with a Marketplace & Chocolate Factory location in Manchester (Center Entrance, 195 McGregor St., No. 121, 932-8887) and a Tasting Room & Chocolate Shop location in Bedford (460 Route 101, 932-8887). See loonchocolate.com.

★ **Lickee's & Chewy's Candies & Creamery** 53 Washington St., Suite 100, in Dover, 343-1799, lickeesnchewys.com

★ **Chutters** with locations in Littleton (43 Main St., 444-5787) and Lincoln (264 Main St., Depot Plaza, 728-6144)

Best cookies

★ **Best of the best: Lighthouse Local** 21 Kilton Road in Bedford, 716-6983, lighthouse-local.com

★ **Bearded Baking Co.** with locations in Manchester (819 Union St., 647-7150) and Hampton (580 Lafayette Road, 601-6878).

See beardedbaking.com.

★ **Buckley's Bakery & Cafe** with locations in Merrimack (436 DW Highway, 262-5929), Hollis (9 Market Place, 465-5522) and Portsmouth (60 Penhallow St., 585-5600). See buckleysbakerycafe.com.

★ **Frederick's Pastries** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 647-2253) and Amherst (109 Route 101A, 882-7725). See pastry.net.

★ **Social Club Creamery** with locations in Concord (138 N. Main St., 333-2111) and Laconia (51 Elm St., Unit 105, 619-5098). See socialclubcreamery.com.

Best locally made doughnuts

★ **Best of the best: New Hampshire Doughnut Co.** with locations in Bedford (410 S. River Road, 325-7339) and, coming soon, in Concord (89 Fort Eddy Road). See nhdoughnutco.com.

★ **Klemm's Bakery** 29 Indian Rock Road in Windham, 437-8810, klemmsbakery.com

★ **What the Fluff! Donuts** 87 Amherst in Manchester, find them on Facebook

★ **Lighthouse Local** 21 Kilton Road in Bedford, 716-6983, lighthouse-local.com, with call outs to Bird Food Baking Co.: "our bakery department is led by Trina Bird of the Bird Food Baking Company," according to the website.

★ **Brothers Donuts & Deli Shop** 426 Central St. in Franklin, 934-6678, facebook.com/

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Best ice cream

★ **Best of the best: Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890 for the restaurant, 623-3182 for takeout and ice cream, puritanbackroom.com

★ **Moo's Place Homemade Ice Cream** with locations in Derry (27 Crystal Avenue, 425-0100) and Salem (15 Ermer Road, 898-0199). See moosplace.com.

★ **The Inside Scoop** 260 Wallace Road in Bedford, 471-7009, theinsidescoopnh.com

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

★ **Hayward's Ice Cream** with locations in Nashua (7 DW Highway, 888-4663) and Merrimack (364 DW Highway, 424-5915). See haywardsicecream.com.

FOOD SHOPPING

Best bakery

★ **Best of the best: Dishon Bakery** 915 Elm St. in Manchester, 600-1773, dishonbakery.com

★ **Klemm's Bakery** 29 Indian Rock Road in Windham, 437-8810, klemmsbakery.com

★ **Frederick's Pastries** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 647-2253) and Amherst (109 Route 101A, 882-7725). See pastry.net.

★ **The Bakeshop On Kelley Street** 171

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Kelley St. in Manchester, 624-3500, thebake-shoponkelleystreet.com

★ **Lighthouse Local** 21 Kilton Road in Bedford, 716-6983, lighthouse-local.com

Best butcher shop

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

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

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

★ **The Flying Butcher** 124 Route 101A in Amherst, 598-6328, theflyingbutcher.com

★ **The Prime Butcher** 58 Range Road in Windham, primebutcher.store

DRINKS

Best beer selection at a retail shop

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

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

★ **The Beer Store** with locations in Nashua (433 Amherst St., 889-2242) and Salem (291 S. Broadway, 458-1440). See thebeerstorenh.com.

★ **East Derry General Store** 50 E. Derry

Road in Derry, 432-5302, eastderrygeneralstore.com

★ **Beer & Wine Nation** with locations in Merrimack (360 DW Highway, 418-6340), Londonderry (123 Nashua Road, 434-8224) and North Conway (2 Common Court, 670-2212). See beerandwinenation.com.

Best NH brewery

★ **Best of the best: 603 Brewery & Beer Hall** 42 Main St. in Londonderry, 404-6123, 603brewery.com

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

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com

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

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

Best NH winery

★ **Best of the best: LaBelle Winery** with locations in Amherst (345 Route 101, 672-9898) and Derry (14 Route 111, 672-9898). See labellewinery.com.

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

★ **Averill House Vineyard** 21 Averill Road in Brookline, 244-3165, averillhousevineyard.com

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

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

Best cocktail

★ **Best of the best: Rockin Rum Punch at Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusic hall.com.

★ **Mudslide at Puritan Backroom Restaurant** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, puritanbackroom.com, 669-6890 for the restaurant. This drink is made with Baileys Irish Cream, Kahlua coffee liqueur and vodka and is offered in flavor variations.

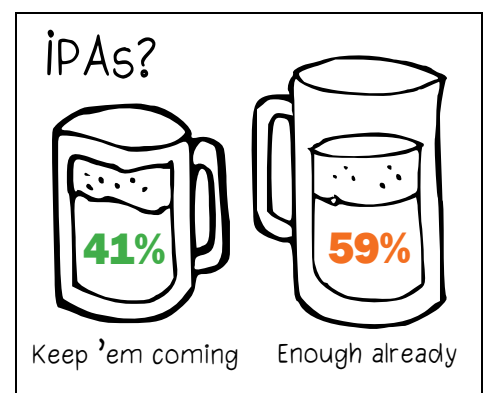
★ **C.R.E.A.M. at Industry East** 28 Hanover St. in Manchester, 232-6940, industryeastbar.com. This drink is made with Blanco, ancho verde, cucumber, lemon and jalapeño.

★ **Giorgio's espresso martini at Giorgio's Cocktails & Eatery** with locations in Manchester (270 Granite St., 232-3323), Merrimack (707 Milford Road, 883-7333) and Milford (524 Nashua St., 673-3939). See giorgios.com.

★ **Espresso martini at 7-20-4 Lounge** at Twins Smoke Shop, 80 Perkins Road in Londonderry, 421-0242, twinssmokeshop.com

Best margaritas

★ **Best of the best: La Carreta Mexican Restaurant** with two locations in Manches-



ter (1875 S. Willow St., 623-7705, and 545 Hooksett Road, 628-6899), and locations in Nashua (139 DW Highway, 891-0055), Londonderry (44 Nashua Road, 965-3477), Derry (35 Manchester Road, Suite 5A, 421-0091), Portsmouth (172 Hanover St., 427-8319) and Rochester (135 Marketplace Blvd., 430-1142). See lacarretamex.com.

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

★ **Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill and Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant** These closely situated restaurants with similar menus both use the website vallartamexicanh.com. Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grill is at 865 Second St. in Manchester, 935-9182, and Nuevo Vallarta Mexican Restaurant is at 791 Second St. in Manchester, 782-8762.

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★ **El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant** 22 Loudon Road in Concord, 224-9600, el-rodeo-nh.com

★ **Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com.

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

★ **The Friendly Toast** with locations in Bedford (4 Main St., 836-8907), Concord (22 S. Main St., 207-3685), Nashua (225 DW Highway, 355-7080), Portsmouth (113 Congress St., 246-5285) and Salem (18 Via Toscana, 458-3131). There are also locations in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine and Vermont. See thefriendlytoast.com.

★ **The Goat** with locations in Manchester (50 Old Granite St., 222-1677), Hampton (20 L St., 601-6928) and Portsmouth (142 Congress St., 590-4628) as well as in Newburyport, Mass. See goatbarnation.com.

★ **Copper Door** with locations in Bedford (15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677) and Salem (41 S. Broadway, 458-2033) copperdoor.com

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

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★ **Flight Coffee Co.** with locations in Bedford (209 Route 101, 836-6228) and Goffstown (24 Main St., 384-5173). See flightcoffeeco.com.

★ **The Moka Pot** 8 Hanover St. in Manchester, facebook.com/TheMokaPotNH

★ **O'Shea's Caife & Tae** with locations in Londonderry (44 Nashua Road, 540-2971) and Amherst (135 Route 101, 231-4099), osheasnh.com

★ **Revelstoke** 100 N. Main St. in Concord,

revelstokecoffee.com

★ **The Brothers' Cortado** 3 Bicentennial Square on Odd Fellows Ave. in Concord, 856-7924, brotherscortado.com

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Best happy hour hangout

★ **Best of the best: T-Bones Great American Eatery** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 641-6100), Concord (404 S. Main St., 715-1999), Derry (39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200), Hudson (256 Lowell Road, 882-6677), Salem (311 S. Broadway, 893-3444) and Laconia (1182 Union Ave., 528-7800). See t-bones.com.

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

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

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com

★ **Industry East** 28 Hanover St. in Manchester, 232-6940, industryeastbar.com

Best restaurant, brewery or bar for live music

★ **Best of the best: Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com

★ **The Derryfield Restaurant** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

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

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

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

Best live music venue

★ **Best of the best: Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com.

★ **BankNH Pavilion** 72 Meadowbrook Lane in Gilford, 293-4700, banknhpavilion.com



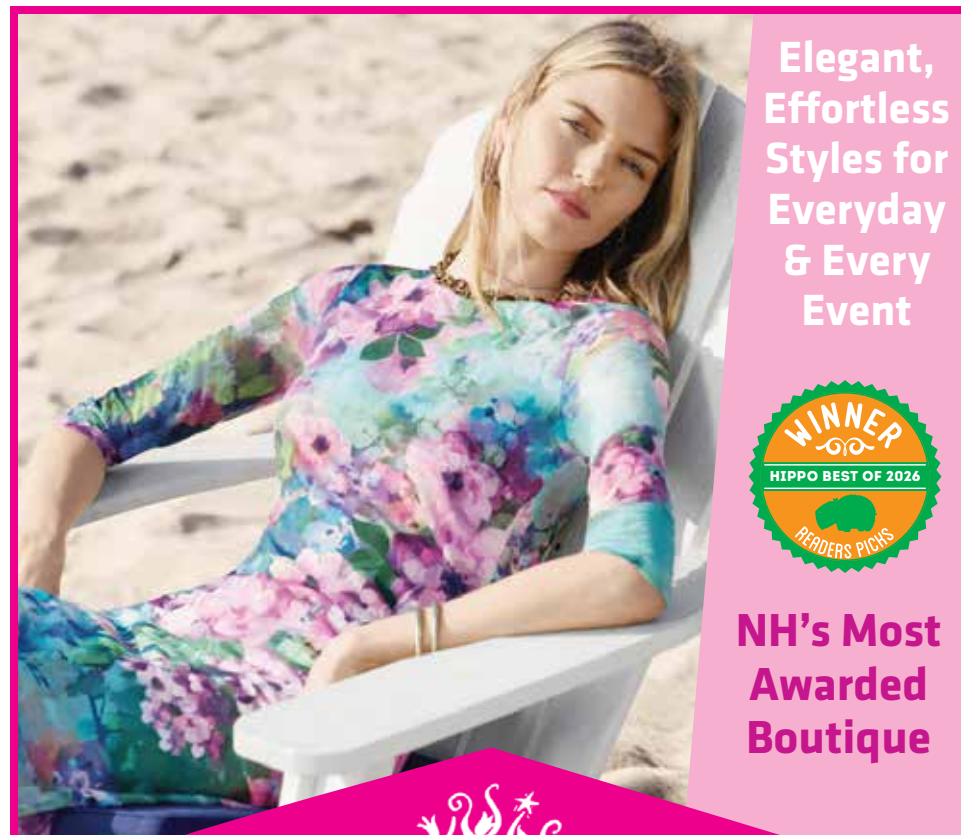
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★ **Rex Theatre** 23 Amherst St. in Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

★ **Casino Ballroom** 169 Ocean Blvd. in Hampton, 929-4100, casinoballroom.com

Best bar with an outdoor deck

★ **Best of the best: The Derryfield Restaurant** 625 Mammoth Road in Manchester, 623-2880, thederryfield.com

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

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

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, feathered-friendbrewing.com

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

★ **7-20-4 Lounge** at Twins Smoke Shop, 80 Perkins Road in Londonderry, 421-0242, twinssmokeshop.com

Best bar or pub

★ **Best of the best: The Wild Rover** 21 Kosciuszko St. in Manchester, 669-7722, find them on Facebook

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

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, feathered-friendbrewing.com

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

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

Best spot for a cheap date

★ **Best of the best: To Share Brewing Company** 720 Union St. in Manchester, tosharebrewing.com

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★ **Dos Amigos Burritos** 26 N. Main St. in Concord, 410-4161, dosamigosburritos.com

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, feathered-friendbrewing.com

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

Best spot for a group outing

★ **Best of the best: Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St. in Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com

★ **Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, feathered-friendbrewing.com

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

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

★ **New Hampshire Fisher Cats game** at Delta Dental Stadium in downtown Manchester, 641-2005, milb.com/new-hampshire

Thing We Forgot

“Dumbest Bill of the year? (the bike license)”

Best late night eats

★ **Best of the best: Red Arrow Diner** with locations in Manchester (61 Lowell St., 626-1118), Concord (112 Loudon Road, 415-0444), Londonderry (137 Rockingham Road, 552-3091) and Nashua (149 DW Highway, 204-5088). See redarrowdiner.com.

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★ **Industry East** 28 Hanover St. in Manchester, 232-6940, industryeastbar.com

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

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

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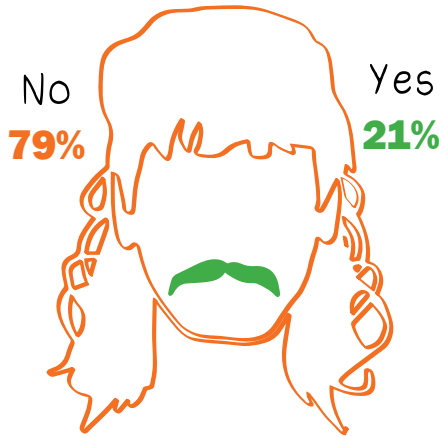
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HAPPENINGS

Best food festival

★ **Best of the best: Taco Tour Manchester** This year’s Taco Tour is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, from 4 to 8 p.m. See tacotourmanchester.com.

★ **Glendi** This annual celebration of Greek food and culture at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St. in Manchester; stgeorgenh.org) is slated to take place this year Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 20.

★ **Hampton Beach Seafood Festival** A celebration of New England foods of all kinds with, of course, a spotlight on seafood, this year’s event will be held Friday, Sept. 11, through Sunday, Sept. 13. See seafoodfestival-nh.com.

★ **Concord Multicultural Festival** “The Concord Multicultural Festival is a vibrant event that celebrates the rich diversity of our city,” according to concordnhmulticultural-festival.org, where you can check back for updates on 2026. The 2025 festival took place in September in Keach Park.

★ **NH Bacon and Beer Festival** The festival will be held on Saturday, June 6, 1:30 to 5 p.m., in Arms Park in Manchester. See nhbaconbeer.com for tickets and details.

★ **Market Days Festival** This multi-day Concord event will take place Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Concord. See marketdaysfestival.com.

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Best farmers market

★ **Best of the best: Concord Farmers Market** The Capital City’s outdoor summer farmers market will run on Capitol Street, next to the Statehouse, Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon, May 2 through Oct. 31. See concordfarmersmarket.com.

★ **Derry Homegrown Farm & Artisan Market** Derry’s farmers market is held at 1 West Broadway on Wednesdays, 3 to 7 p.m., June 3 through Sept. 30. See derryhomegrown.org.

★ **Candia Farmers Market** Candia’s market takes place on the third Saturday of the month, June through October, 9 a.m. to noon, at 55 High St. in Candia. See candiafarmersmarket.org for a schedule of events at this year’s markets.

★ **Bedford Farmers Market** The market will run Tuesdays, May 12 through Oct. 13, 3 to 6 p.m. in the parking lot at Murphy’s Taproom on Route 101 in Bedford. See bedfordnhfarmersmarket.org.

★ **Salem New Hampshire Farmers Market** The Salem market is a year-round event, running outdoors May through October at the Mall at Rockingham Park and indoors at Mary A. Fisk School from November through early April. See salemnhfarmersmarket.org.

Best community event

★ **Best of the best: Market Days Festival** This multi-day Concord event will take place Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Concord. See marketdaysfestival.com.

★ **Santa Claus and Easter Bunny at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, 669-4820, aviationmuseumofnh.org. Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, during their respective holiday seasons, visit the Aviation Museum, arriving by air and then visiting with guests.

★ **Milford Pumpkin Festival** This year’s celebration is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9, through Sunday, Oct. 11. See milfordpumpkinfestival.org.

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FAMILY FUN

Best place to take your kids

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

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

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★ **Strawbery Banke Museum** 14 Hancock St. in Portsmouth, 433-1100, strawberybanke.org

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

★ **America's Stonehenge** 105 Haverhill Road in Salem, 893-8300, stonehengeusa.com

★ **Millyard Museum** 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, 622-7531, manchesterhistoric.org/millyard-museum-2

★ **Castle in the Clouds** 455 Old Mountain Road in Moultonborough, 476-5900, castleinthecLOUDS.org

Best outdoor spot to let kids get out their energy

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

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

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

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

★ **Don Ball Park** 14 Humphrey Road in Derry, derryNH.gov/parks-recreation/pages/don-ball-park

★ **McIntyre Ski Area** 50 Chalet Way in Manchester, 622-6159, mcintyreskiarea.com

Best playground

★ **Best of the best:** **White Park** 1 White St. in Concord, 225-8690, concordnh.gov

★ **Don Ball Park** 14 Humphrey Road in Derry, derryNH.gov/parks-recreation/pages/don-ball-park

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

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

★ **Griffin Park** 111 Range Road in Wind-

ham, windham.recdesk.com

★ **Roby Park** Spit Brook Road in Nashua, nashuanh.gov

★ **Twin Bridge Park** in the Town Center section of Merrimack on DW Highway, according to merrimacknh.gov/parks-and-recreation/pages/twin-bridge-park

Best spot for all-ages family fun

★ **Best of the best:**
Aviation Museum of New Hampshire 27

Navigator Road in Londonderry, 669-4820, aviationmuseumofnh.org

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

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

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

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

Best shop to buy toys for kids

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★ **Wonderland Books & Toys** Maple Valley Plaza, 245 Maple St., No. 12, in Manchester, wonderlandbooksandtoys.com

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★ **Whirlygigs Toy Shop** 107 Water St. Extension in Exeter, 772-4923, whirlygigstoyshop.com

Best restaurant for the whole family

★ **Best of the best:** **Puritan Backroom** 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, 669-6890 for the restaurant, 623-3182 for takeout and ice cream, puritanbackroom.com

★ **T-Bones Great American Eatery** with locations in Bedford (25 S. River Road, 641-6100), Concord (404 S. Main St., 715-1999), Derry (39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200), Hudson (256 Lowell Road, 882-6677), Salem (311 S. Broadway, 893-3444) and Laconia (1182 Union Ave., 528-7800). See t-bones.com.

★ **The Common Man** with locations in Concord (25 Water St., 228-DINE) and Merrimack (304 DW Highway, 429-DINE), Windham (88 Range Road, 898-0088), as well as Ashland, Lincoln and Claremont. The Common Man Roadside locations include Hooksett (at the welcome centers on the northbound and southbound sides of I-93), Manchester (in the Millyard and on South Willow Street), Derry on Crystal Ave., the Epsom traffic circle, Portsmouth and Plymouth. There are also Common Man Inns in Claremont and Plymouth. See thecman.com.

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★ **Best of the best: American K9 Country** 336 Route 101 in Amherst, 672-8448, amerikancan9country.com

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

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

★ **The Dog Club** 50 Gay St. in Manchester, 606-13448, thedogclub.com

★ **The Barking Dog** with locations in Hooksett (208 Londonderry Turnpike, 833-688-0750), Derry (210 Rockingham Road, 833-688-0737) and Exeter (7 Beech Hill Road, 686-7274). See thebarkingdog.com.

Best dog groomers

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

★ **D’Tails Dog Grooming** 178 Route 101 in Bedford, 703-6288, find them on Facebook.

★ **Hollywood Hounds Pet Spa** 250 Wallace Road in Bedford, 472-PETS, hollywoodhoundsnh.com

★ **Woofmeow Family Pet Center** with locations in Derry (19A Manchester Road, 965-3218) and Dover (825 Central Ave., 842-4466). See woofmeownh.com.

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Best pet retail shop

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

★ **J & F Farms** 124 Chester Road in Derry, 437-0535, jandffarmsnh.com

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

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

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

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★ **Best of the best: Pawtuckaway State Park** 128 Mountain Road in Nottingham, 895-3031, nhstateparks.org

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★ **Best of the best: Windham Rail Trail** According to windhamrailtrail.org, the trail is a "4.1 mile section of the Rockingham Recreational Trail."

★ **Derry Rail Trail** According to derryrail-trail.org, "The Derry Rail Trail is four miles of continuous paved path, which connects to the Windham Rail Trail at the southern end and ends in Derry's town center to the north."

★ **Londonderry Rail Trail** According to londonderrytrails.org, "The Londonderry Rail Trail is a cooperative effort between Londonderry Trailways and the Town of Londonderry to complete 6 miles of trail on the abandoned rail corridor that runs through North Londonderry."

★ **Nashua River Rail Trail** According to nashuanh.gov, the trail is "a 17-mile bike path that follows the Nashua River from downtown Ayer, Massachusetts to the heart of Nashua."

★ **Goffstown Rail Trail** According to goffstownrailtrail.org, "With the section of the trail from East Union Street to Factory Street (840 ft.) improved to meet the town specification, the Friends of the Goffstown [Rail Trail] (FGRT) is pleased to announce that 5.41 miles of the trail have been finished and donated to the town."

Best bike shop

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

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

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


★ **Cycles Etc.** with locations in Salem (288 N. Broadway, 890-3212) and Manchester (450 Second St., 669-7993), cyclesetc.com

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

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★ **Mount Uncanoonuc** in Goffstown. See goffstowntrails.com/pdf/Uncanoonuc-Trails-2017.pdf for a look at north and south mountain trails.

★ **Miller State Park** 13 Miller Park Road in Peterborough, 924-3672, nhstateparks.org

★ **Lake Massabesic** The NH Audubon's Massabesic Center in Auburn has a guide to its trails at nhaudubon.org/center-and-events/massabesic-center-auburn. Find more about the Lake Massabesic Watershed Trails at manchesternh.gov/Departments/Water-Works/Lake-Massabesic-Watershed.

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★ **Best of the best: Pats Peak Ski Area** 686 Flanders Road in Henniker, 428-3245, patspeak.com

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

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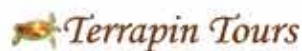
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★ **Best of the best: Julie Lepage of JL Fitness** 516 Mammoth Road, Building 4, Unit 3, in Londonderry, facebook.com/JLepageFit

★ **Brianna Benoit** at Brie B Fit, 11 Rockingham Road, Suite 201, in Windham, briebfit.com

★ **Claudia Michel of Collective Studios** with locations in Londonderry (4 Orchard View Drive, 216-2345) and Bedford (7 Market St., 782-3321), thecollective-studios.com

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★ **Ashley Oberg of Barre Life** 215 Canal St., No. 102 in Manchester, 232-6868, barrelifenh.com

Best barber

★ **Best of the best: Benny D'Ambrosio The Polished Man Barbershop & Lounge** at 707 Milford Road, No. 3A in Merrimack, 718-8427, thepolishedman.com

★ **Melanie Rose at Faded Armor Barber Co.** 2075 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 854-8990, fadedarmorbarberco.com

★ **Madi Houle at Faded Armor Barber Co.** 2075 S. Willow St. in Manchester, 854-8990, fadedarmorbarberco.com

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

★ **Phill McNulty at Roots Barber Shop** 85 Manchester St. in Manchester, 932-2153, See phillmcnultynh.com.

Best hair stylist

★ **Best of the best: Amy Rigo at The Loft Hair Studio** 106½ S. State St. in Concord, 784-5061, theloffhairstudionh.com

★ **Desirae Burdick at Cachét Beauty Lounge** 44 Bridge St. in Manchester, 782-8030, cachetbeautylounge.com

★ **Lauren Graham of Laney Beauty Co.** 254 N. Broadway, No. 205, in Salem, 548-5090, laney-beauty-co.square.site

★ **Coco Lever of Blank Canvas Salon** 1F Commons Drive, No. 38, in Londonderry, 818-4294, blankcanvassalon.com

★ **Aaron Losier of Hairpocalypse** 904 Hanover St. in Manchester, 627-4301, hairpocalypse.com

★ **Jenna Mahoney of Elle & Co. Hair Studio** 583 DW Highway in Merrimack, 377-7454, ellecohair.com

★ **Jake Doble of Blank Canvas Salon** 1F Commons Drive, No. 38, in Londonderry, 818-4294, blankcanvassalon.com

Friendliest dentist

★ **Best of the best: Dr. Danielle London** of London Family Orthodontics, 502 Riverway Place in Bedford, 622-2100, londonfamily-orthodontics.com

★ **Dr. Elizabeth Spindel and Dr. Victoria Spindel Rubin** at Spindel General and Cosmetic Dentistry, 862 Union St. in Manchester, 669-9049, elizabethspindel.com

★ **Dr. Nicholas C. Rizos** at the Office of Dr. Nicholas C. Rizos, D.M.D., 103 Riverway Place in Bedford, 669-4384, drnickdmd.com

★ **Dr. Roger Lamontagne** 252 Jewett St. in Manchester, 622-7973

★ **Dr. Chris Moriarty of North End Dental** 1361 Elm St. in Manchester, 668-6360, northenddentalcarenh.com

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★ **Best of the best: Donald Labbe of Inner City Auto Repair** 560 Elm St. in Manchester, 623-0099

★ **Ken Lee of Ken Lee's Auto Repair** 26 Coteville Road in Londonderry, 432-7481

★ **Lenny McLaine at Extra Care Auto Repair** 2266 Candia Road in Manchester, 232-5283, extracareautonh.com

★ **Pete Koster in Second Car Center** 181 Rockingham Road in Derry, 432-4200,

★ **Jeremy Jobin at 603 Performance and Maintenance** 527 Mammoth Road in Londonderry, 264-6624, 603performance.com

Best local musical act

★ **Best of the best: Gus & Jean** According to gusandjean.com, "Performing together for over 25 years, Gus & Jean are a New England based husband-and-wife duo, known for their creative interpretations, seamless harmonies, and undeniable chemistry." They are scheduled to appear at Feathered Friend Brewing in Concord on Friday, April 24, at 6 p.m.

★ **Small Town Stranded** Described as "an explosive mix of rock, pop, R&B, rap and hip-hop." Small Town Stranded is scheduled to play the Saddle Up Saloon in Kingston on Saturday, April 18, at 8:30 p.m., according to saddleupsaloonnh.com. Find the band's schedule and more on their Facebook page.

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★ **Nostalgia Lane** The band bills itself as playing the top 100 hits of the 1990s and 2000s, including rock, pop, reggae and dance music. See them on Friday, July 10, at Shaskeen in Manchester. See nostalgialaneband.com

★ **The Slakas** “The Slakas are a 5 piece Nashua-based classic/modern rock, high energy cover band that has been playing local venues & events in the southern NH area since 2002,” according to theslakas.com. See them Friday, May 1, at 8 p.m. at Stumble Inn in Londonderry, according to the website.

★ **The Whole Loaf** “The Whole Loaf is the closest thing you’ll get to an all-in-one modern sixties band. The Loaf blends multiple genres together including psychedelic blues, jazz and funk to achieve their tasteful old school sound,” according to thewholeloaf.net. The Whole Loaf is slated to play The Moka Pot in Manchester on Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m.

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Best local museum

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

★ **Aviation Museum of New Hampshire** 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, 669-4820, aviationmuseumof-nh.org

★ **SEE Science Center** 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, 669-0400, see-sciencecenter.org

★ **Millyard Museum** 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, 622-7531, manchesterhistoric.org/millyard-museum-2

★ **Castle in the Clouds** 455 Old Mountain Road in Moultonborough, 476-5900, castleinthecLOUDS.org

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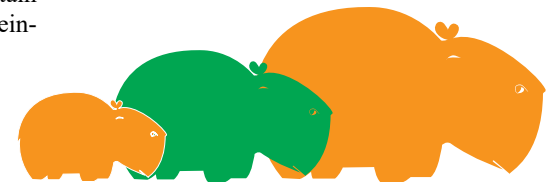
★ **Best consignment shop: M&C Clothing & Gifts** The Square on Amherst, 135 Route 101A in Amherst, 886-6727, mcclotthingandgifts.com

★ **Best acupuncture: Manchester Acupuncture Studio** with locations in Manchester (895 Hanover St., 669-0808) and Merrimack (380 DW Highway, 579-0320), masnh.org

★ **Best place to make new friends (& bring your dog): Feathered Friend Brewing Co.** 231 Main St. in Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com

★ **Best florist: Jacques Flower Shop** 712 Mast Road in Manchester, 625-5155, jacquesflowers.com

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Human touch

Luna Moth Zine Fest champions DIY spirit

By Michael Witthaus
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Three years on, Luna Moth Zine Fest is back and bigger than ever. There are more vendors (“tablers” in the parlance), and workshops covering storytelling, crowdfunding, game drawing and community care. The festival also has its first group of paid sponsors, plus a new and larger location in Manchester, after two years in Salem.

It’s a big leap for an event that began when cartoonist April Landry grew frustrated with long drives to similar events, so she decided to do one in her home state. Landry named the festival after a species of moth that’s native to the region and found in the wild, seemingly in defiance of nature.

“It’s very strange that something that vibrant and almost tropical-looking lives in New England,” she said. “It’s a magical-looking thing, a little mythical, so it’s a way to say New England-based and New Hampshire-based while also giving it this ethereal vibe. It’s a little special.”

For anyone wondering, zines are small-circulation booklets — comics, word art, ephemera, covering all manner of topics. They’re self-published, rather than commercially, and exist “for self-expression, art, storytelling, information

sharing and pure creative joy ... passion projects for humans, by humans,” according to a festival press release.

“The great thing about zines is that anybody can make a zine, and anybody can put whatever they want in a zine,” Landry said. “There’s no publisher telling you, ‘you can’t do that’ and no editor telling you can’t do anything. There’s literally no barrier between your idea and getting it out into the world with zines.”

Landry entered the zine world after she designed a Dungeons & Dragons world to play with friends. “Once the game night was over, I felt like the work was wasted, so I figured out a way to put it in a book ... facts about different monsters, their hit points, where to find them, things like that.” She called her first-ever zine *Things to Fight and Places to Fight Them*.

Artists are often drawn to zines as an extension of their other forms of self-expression, or as a way to distribute their work.

“It’s very liberatory,” Landry said. “There are people who are making art all the time and don’t know what to do with it, or don’t have a way to get it out there. Finding zines and making zines is typically a way to do that.”

For others, they’re a tool. One person told Landry they fold a zine together on Sunday, then write in it like a diary for the week. “When they’re done, they don’t print it, they don’t make copies, they just put it on the shelf,” she said. “It’s just a way for them to get thoughts out of their heads ... something that’s both outward and inward.”

There are more than 70 tablers showing their wares at this year’s event. Katherine Leung,



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based in Vermont, is doing Zine Fest for the first time. Leung’s *Canto Cutie* zine explores the experience of Cantonese people living in America. Like many other vendors, Leung’s table will offer other art products like prints and enamel pins.

“The unifying factor is that in some way, shape or form, they make zines,” Landry said. “One vendor’s zines are about learning how to knit, and there’s someone who makes coloring books ... it’s a mix across the board, but in some shape or form these people are writing or publishing something themselves that they want other people to read and look at.”

Another new vendor is Silas Denver, who works using the name *Sweater Muppets*. “They are only now just getting into zine making, and all

the stuff they’ve been putting out is cutting-edge and incredible stuff,” Landry said. “It feels really vital, and I’m so excited to have them.”

Landry said Zine Fest’s “four amazing sponsors” are *Goosepoop*, a Portland, Maine, game studio whose work includes the RPG *Laundry Punks*; *Wrong Brain*, a Seacoast collective celebrating “unconventional, under-represented & emerging arts”; the *Boston Comics Foundation* and *Xomik Bük*, a comic book collective.

Come with an open mind and eagerness to engage at the all-ages event, Landry urged. “What makes Luna ... so popular with people is the culture there and the vibes. It’s one of these places where you can go and talk to interesting people who have like-minded interests, and they’re approachable.” 🌱

Luna Moth Zine Fest

When: Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: YWCA, 72 Concord St., Manchester

More: lunamothzinefest.bsky.social

Art

Craft fairs

• **Spring Craft Fair** The Woman’s Service Club of Windham will hold its Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Golden Brook School, 112B Lowell Road in Windham, according to womansserviceclubofwindham.org

Exhibits

• **“Mixing It Up,”** featuring mixed media artists Anne Boedecker, Adele Sanborn, Becky Sawyer, Joy Malcolm, and Sandy Steen Bartholomew, will run through Saturday, April 25, at the Two Villages Art Society, 846 Main St. in Contoocook, according to twovillagesart.org.

• **“Chromatic Flow,”** a new exhibition featuring the art of Adam Krauss and Dave Robb, is on display at See Saw Art, a gallery space inside Mosaic Art Collective at 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester, according to seesaw.gallery. The exhibit is on display through Sunday, April 26, according to the website.

• **“Clear To Me,”** a show “focusing on negative space and the balance of light and dark,” will run at Mosaic Art Col-

lective, 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester through Tuesday, April 28, according to mosaicartcollective.com.

• **“After the Storm: American Winter Landscapes,”** an exhibition of historic and contemporary painting, is on display at New Hampshire Antique Co-op, 323 Elm St. in Milford, through April 30. See nhantiquecoop.com.

• **“Pairings”** The Art Gallery at Rivier University in Nashua is currently presenting “Pairings,” a rotating exhibition featuring two artworks of varying media presented side by side with a new pairing each week. The exhibition will run through May 1. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall on the Rivier University campus, 435 S. Main St. in Nashua. See rivier.edu/artgallery.

• **“Party Animals,”** an exhibition of linocuts by Bethany Clarke, runs through Saturday, May 2, at McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, 224-9909), which is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to nhaudubon.org.

• **April 9-May 9** show at The Glimpse Gallery, 4 Park St. in Concord. See theglimpsegallery.com.

• **“All Kinds of Everything,”** featuring the works of Lucy Mink and Keiko Narahashi, is on display at Outer Space Gallery, 35 Pleasant St. in Concord, through Saturday, May 23. The gallery is open Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. See outer-spacearts.xyz.

Theater

• **“Something Rotten!,”** the musical comedy, will be presented by The Anselmian Abbey Players on Friday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. See tickets.anselm.edu for tickets.

• **“Don Quixote”** will be presented by Safe Haven Ballet at the Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St. in Nashua on Saturday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. See safehavenballet.org.

• **“Footloose”** will run at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, from Friday, April 17, through Sunday, May 10, with shows on Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. See palacetheatre.org for tickets.

Classical

• **“Antonio Vivaldi, Four Seasons and Ralph Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 5** with Special Guest Soloist, David Kim from The Philadelphia Orchestra”

will be presented by the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Epping Playhouse, 38 Ladds Lane in Epping, according to eppingtheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.

• **“Celebration!” Songweavers 35th Anniversary Concert** will take place Saturday, April 18, at 5 p.m. at South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant St. in Concord. Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$15 for 65+ and under 17; see ccmusicschool.org.

• **Brooklyn composer Sunny Jain,**

Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton Academy, 44 N. Main St. in Derry, on Saturday, April 18, at 7 p.m., according to stockbridgetheatre.showare.com, where you can purchase tickets.

• **“New Hampshire Passions”** presented by Symphony NH music director finalist Tianhui Ng on Saturday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Keefe Auditorium, 117 Elm St. in Nashua, in a show that will feature a collaboration with Black Hole Symphony as well as a pre-show talk at 6:30 p.m., according to symphonynh.org.

BOARDING NOW

The curtain rises on the Majestic Theatre’s *Airport Encounters*, described as a “hilarious romp and sometimes touching peek at an ‘Anytown Airport’ gate waiting area, as passengers interact before boarding their flights,” according to majestictheatre.net, Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at Majestic Theatre, 880 Page St. in Manchester. You can also catch the show Saturday, April 18, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. *Featured photo: “Therapy Dog” - (from L to R) David Kennedy, Ally Bordeleau, Jaycee Cunha*



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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Timing matters in spring clean-up

Take notes now for a nice garden later

By Henry Homeyer
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This was supposed to be my very last gardening column, but (spoiler alert) it is not. I started writing a gardening column in 1998 and wrote weekly for 25 years. Then in late 2023 I dropped down to once a month. I liked the extra time and freedom it gave me to do other things.

Recently I have been tempted to say, "Adios, my friends" once I turned 80 this month (same day as Will Shakespeare, different year). But I have decided that I will continue on — as long as I can and still have readers who tell me they learn from the column. And so long as local newspapers, like this one, keep on being willing and able to pay me. Thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm and support.

Despite occasional snows, our gardens are awake in April. Flowering bulbs abound: Snowdrop and winter aconite have been blooming since March; early daffodils, glory of the snow, scilla (also called Siberian squill) and crocus are plentiful. Trees are awakening, too: Spring witchhazel is blooming and leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) will bloom by the middle of the month.

Spring is a good time to determine where you should plant bulbs, come fall. Get some plant tags and place them where nothing is coming up, places that would look good with some daffodils or snowdrops. Come fall, most of us cannot remember exactly where we have clusters of spring-blooming bulbs.

Bulb flowers can last decades. My family had hundreds of daffodils that bloomed along the paths through our woods in Connecticut. The high canopy of mature maples was quite dense, but the daffies got enough sunshine to re-charge their energy before the maple leaves were big. I have some clumps of daffodils I moved from there, some 40 years ago. FYI:



Drumstick primula is an early spring bloomer. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

Planting bulbs under evergreens is not a good idea.

The timing of spring clean-up depends on the weather and where you live. We don't cut back many of our tall perennials and grasses in the fall as they offer food for seed-eating birds, and some harbor eggs or larvae of pollinators in their hollow stems. We'll wait until the weather is consistently in the 50s before we clean up and remove dead stems so insects can hatch. We'll rake and remove debris from mid to late April.

April is a good month for pruning fruit trees. Although there are entire books about pruning, the rules are fairly simple:

1. Never remove more than 20% or 25% of the live, leaf-bearing branches. This may mean spreading out your pruning over two or three years if a tree is badly overgrown. Pile up your branches as you work, so you can estimate more easily how much you have cut off.
2. Don't leave short stubs of branches. Cut back to the swollen area called the branch collar. This is where it heals.
3. Remove all dead branches. They don't count in that 25% threshold.
4. If two branches are rubbing, crossing or fighting for sunshine, remove one. Don't be



Don't leave stubs. They have to heal back to branch collar. Photo by Henry Homeyer.



Primula vulgaris in early April. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

afraid to cut out large branches.

5. Remove all "water sprouts," which are thin, pencil-like sprouts growing straight up. Do this every year. Remove any root sprouts, too.

6. Remove branches pointed toward the middle of the tree.

April is a good month for planning what you want to grow this year, and what you want to eliminate. I know people who refuse to cut down trees or dig out shrubs. Not me. If a woody plant is not performing well or is difficult to keep looking nice, I remove it. It opens up a place for something new.

This year Cindy and I plan to plant two

more peach trees. I planted a good-sized 'Contender' peach in 2021, and although it has produced some peaches they have not been very tasty. So this year I will plant a 'Reliant' peach and a 'Red Haven.' Both are peaches that are tasty and hardy here in our Zone 5 garden. And I hope to convince Cindy we should remove the 'Contender.' She is much less ruthless than I am.

Pay attention to what pleases you in the perennial garden as spring moves along. Last year I planted a few common primroses (*Primula vulgaris*). They started blooming at the beginning of April this year, a striking bright yellow. I will plant half a dozen more since they bloom so early. They prefer part shade, rich soil and plenty of moisture. Another early primrose is the Drumstick Primrose (*P. denticulata*). It sends up a purple, blue or white cluster of florets vaguely in the shape of a chicken drumstick.

If you have a good location for primroses, think about obtaining some Candelabra Primroses (*P. japonica*). These beauties bloom on 2-foot stalks with rings of small trumpets in magenta, pink or white. They grow and produce a new set of flowers each week for four to six weeks starting in mid-May for me. And best yet: They produce lots of seeds and spread quite rapidly. They do best in rich, moist soil beneath mature apple trees. Buy three plants and before you know it you'll have a dozen, then three dozen. Twenty-five years ago I was given seven plants; now I have more than 500!

I firmly believe that gardening keeps me fit and young. I always have to survive the winter to see what blooms well in the spring and beyond!

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE CAR TALK

Why did tire rotation patterns change?



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:
Back in the days of bias ply tires, there was a standard X-plus rotation pattern that also involved the spare. When radials came along, we were told they were directional and should only be switched

between front and rear, and had to be kept on the same side of the car. Now, when pros do tire rotation on our cars, they've reverted to the old X-plus method.

What changed? — David

More experience and better tire construc-

tion. When radials first came into common use in the 1960s and 1970s, manufacturers believed that those tires developed a "memory" for what direction they turned.

I don't think they believed tires had a literal memory ("Remember the time David bashed me into that curbstone after Fred's bachelor party?"). But they were concerned that the adhesives that held the internal belts together could fail if the forces at work on the tire switched to the opposite direction. And when you switch a tire from the right side of your car to the left side, you change its rolling direction and change the direction of those forces.

As better adhesives were developed, and

we had more real-life experience with radial tires, the manufacturers eventually concluded that this was really not an issue, and it was perfectly safe to switch the tires' direction. Sadly, they missed the opportunity to call this "tire amnesia."

Not only is it safe to use the X pattern, but it's highly desirable. The X pattern you refer to is where you take the right rear and move it to the left front, and the left rear to the right front. So, you're switching both the rolling direction and the front/rear position of all tires. If you have a full-size spare (that's the "plus"), it usually goes on the right rear, and the left front becomes the spare.

That rotation evens out the way all the tires wear down. Front tires wear faster than rear tires, since they carry a heavier load of steering and braking. And the individual chunks of tread tend to wear down more at their trailing end than their leading end. Reversing the rolling direction evens that out and makes the tires less noisy and longer lasting.

So, the X pattern, or X-plus, is the way to go now if you opt to rotate your tires. And unless your tires are specifically designed to be directional (some are), you can forget all about that issue, just like your tires have.

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Connecting writers and publishers

Derry Author Fest takes on a practical theme

By John Fladd
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Elizabeth Ives was a long-time supporter and trustee of the Derry Public Library, and she had a dream, said Erin Robinson, Reference Librarian and coordinator of the Derry Author Fest.

“She was great. She’s since passed away, but she wanted to have an Author Fest that would have MFA-style classes and would be beneficial for people who want to become writers and authors and illustrators. The idea was that they wouldn’t have to jump through a lot of hoops or pay to go to a conference. She wanted it to be free and open to the public.”

“So,” Robinson continued, “year after year we’ve held the Author Fest here at the Library. It was a little messy at first — you know, everything takes a little fine-tuning — but now we have it down to what we really want it to be, which is focused on writing and publication and a very straightforward one-day series of lectures. Each year we have a different theme, and this year’s Fest is Pathway to Publication.”

This year’s presentations will be geared toward the practical steps of producing a book, Robinson said.

“We’re going to have a publishing panel that tells us what happens behind the scenes,” she said. “We have an executive editor from Harper Collins and an agent from Calligraph [literary agency]. We’ll have someone from the Public Relations and Marketing department at Penguin Random House, specializing in young readers. They’re going to demystify the process of publishing for us. We also have a creative panel where people are going to talk a little bit more about just being creative, but also what that entails, how they carve out structure in their day, do they have a day job? That sort of thing. We’ll have an illustrator, a picture book writer, and a YA writer on that panel. We’ll also be talking about niche publishing — what is it like to work with small presses as opposed to going for a big, traditional press? What’s the difference? Finally, Rebecca Allen is going to talk to us about finding a community that can help you succeed, finding critique partners, and how you can encourage each other to make your work better.”

“It’s going to be a full day,” she said.

The keynote speakers will be mother and daughter New Hampshire writers Rebecca and Adi Rule.

“They both have very interesting backgrounds

because they write very different things,” Robinson said. “Becky’s writing is very regional. Adi writes children’s, middle-grade and YA fiction. They are going to talk about publishing over decades and generations. That should be a really interesting conversation to kick off the day.”

Robinson said that in past years the people attending Author Fest have been writers in a wide variety of genres.

“It’s hard for us [when we plan the conference], because we have to decide, ‘Do we want to lean more into the adult writers and do we want to get more for the kids? We have a sprinkling of nonfiction writers. We try to even the day out — some people write for adults and some for kids. People don’t have to stay all day, so some people will come and they will stay all day because they are going to gather something from every lecture regardless and they’re happy to be here and learning, but some will pick and choose. During lunchtime we try to split up the groups. If people want to stay and hang out during that block, we have tables where people can gather together by genre or subject or interest, so we have like our nonfiction writers table, or our children’s book writers, and they can all group together and connect. It depends on the year,” Robinson said.



Previous Author Fest. Courtesy photo.

In addition to the day of speakers and panels, the library will host a book sale throughout the day provided by Gibson’s Bookstore, according to derryauthorfest.wordpress.com where you can see the full schedule and links to register . 🍌

2026 Derry Author Fest: Pathways to Publication

When: Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry, 432-6140, derrypl.org

More: derryauthorfest.wordpress.com

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Wild!

• **Discover WILD New Hampshire Day** is Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NH Fish and Game Department, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord, according to wildlife.nh.gov/dwnh. Described as a family-friendly event, Discover WILD New Hampshire is free to attend and will feature more than 100 education and experiential exhibits, according to the website.

Exhibits include live animals, big fish, trained falcons, archery, an air-rifle range, a retriever dog demonstration and wild craft activities, the website said. Attendees can also meet a Fish and Game biologist and a conservation officer, the website said.

There will also be a food truck alley including Bubble Bee Milk Tea and Dumplings, Koz’s Haute Box, Smoke Shack, The Pink House Food Truck and Wicked Good Wood Fired Pizza, according to the exhibitor map available on the website.

• To celebrate this year’s Concord Reads book — *Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell* by Sy Montgomery — the Concord Public Library is holding an event with **Reptiles of New England** that will feature a variety of reptiles including snakes on Saturday, April 12, at 2 p.m. at the City Wide

Community Center auditorium, 14 Canterbury Road in Concord, according to concordnh.gov/1983/Library, where you can register for the event.

On stage

• Epping Community Theatre will present the “revoluting children” of **Roald Dahl’s *Matilda Jr.*** Friday, April 17, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m. at the Epping Playhouse, 38 Ladds Lane in Epping, according to eppingtheater.org, where you can purchase tickets.

• The Palace Youth Theatre, with performers in grades 2 through 12, will present the Young@Part edition of ***Monty Python’s Spamlot*** on Tuesday, April 21, and Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester. See palacetheatre.org for tickets.

Storytime

• Maine author and illustrator Alexandra Thompson will be at Bookery, 844 Elm St. in Manchester, for a storytime with her new book ***Hazel & Herbert!*** on Saturday, April 18, at 11 a.m. See bookerymht.com.

• **Wonderland Books and Toys**, Maple Valley Plaza, 245 Maple St. in Manchester, holds weekly drop-in Saturday storytimes at 3 p.m., according to wonderlandbooksandtoys.com.

Game time!

• The **New Hampshire Fisher Cats** began a six-game series against the Chesapeake Baysox

on April 14 that continues through the weekend with games on Thursday, April 16, and Friday, April 17, at 6:03 p.m. and Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19, at 1:05 p.m. At Saturday’s game the team will play as the New Hampshire Space Potatoes, its first use of that alternate identity this season. After Friday’s game, stay for fireworks. See milb.com/new-hampshire for tickets.

Family movie theater fun

• Chunky’s Cinema Pub, 707 Huse Road

INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

*Dear Donna,
I have a tin full of assorted mostly damaged pieces of old jewelry. I don’t want to throw it away if someone can find a use for it. Can you help me with any information on where to take it? Sell or donate, what’s best? Thank you for any help.*

Deb

Dear Deb,
I think before I did anything with it I would go through it. Bring it to a local store you can trust. What to look for would be pieces of gold or silver. Or any signed jewelry, watches etc. that stand out.

After that I would feel safe to either sell it as a lot or even possibly donate it. Crafters love jewelry fragments to remake into new



pieces etc.

Wherever you bring it to for help, they might even be interested in purchasing it — an antique collectible shop, jeweler. Even if you don’t find any hidden valuable pieces, the tin lot should be worth at least \$25. Cross your fingers! Maybe a tiny treasure is there.

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](mailto:footwdw@aol.com), or call her at 391-6550. 🍌



News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **Permanent pizza:** On April 2 popular mobile pizza oven DeadProof Pizza (deadproof-pizza.com) announced on social media that it has found a permanent brick-and-mortar location at 94 Rockingham Road in Derry, the former location of Clam Haven. Details will be forthcoming.

• **Bad Brgr in Rochester:** A new location for smash-burger chain Bad Brgr will open in Rochester on Saturday, April 18, at 100 Wakefield St. The opening was originally scheduled for April 11 but was pushed back one week. The Bad Brgr team has announced that on Saturday they will hide \$1,000 somewhere in Rochester and have a scavenger hunt. The new Bad Brgr location will have live bands and prizes, and the restaurant will donate an additional \$1,000 to the local school district to help pay for student lunches. Visit badbrgr.com.

• **Cookies and wine:** There will be a spring cookie decorating class Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at LaBelle Winery Derry (14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com/labelle-winery-derry). Cookie guru Kelli Wright will guide participants through the process of creating spring-themed cookie designs. You may choose to add on a glass of LaBelle wine and a cheese plate to help with the creative process. After class you'll leave with a set of four decorated cookies and the knowledge to re-create your designs at home. Tickets start at \$59 through the LaBelle website.

• **Science fiction, dinner and MURDER:** There will be an immersive sci-fi themed murder mystery dinner party on April 18 at LaBelle Winery Amherst (345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinery.com) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Step into an evening full of suspense, secrets and unexpected twists as the mystery unfolds around you performed by professional actors. During the event you'll enjoy a three-course dinner. Tickets are \$84 through the LaBelle website.

• **"Nothing Gold Can Stay":** There will be a special chef's dinner presented by The Sleazy Vegan Cafe (205 N. State St., Concord, 877-328-7838, thesleazyvegan.com/concord) Saturday, April 18, at 6 p.m. This dinner will be prepared to reflect local springtime ingredients, as well as the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay" by Robert Frost. There will be non-alcoholic beverages available; you may bring your own wine or beer to enjoy responsibly during the meal. Tickets are \$100 at the-sleazy-vegan.square.site.

• **Gourmet festival:** The 38th Annual Gourmet Festival and Auction will be held Sunday, April 19, beginning at 4:15 p.m. at the Event Center at Courtyard Nashua (2200 Southward Drive, Nashua, 952-4536, eventcenternashua.com). Enjoy a sampling of delicious **34 ▶**

FOOD

Sample the state

The Made in NH Expo offers a taste of local products

By John Fladd
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Christine Carignan is the co-publisher and chief operating officer for Business New Hampshire Magazine, and co-owner of the Made In NH "Try It & Buy It" Expo, which will be held April 17 through April 19 at the Doubletree by Hilton Expo Center in Manchester.

"It's in its 29th year this year," Carignan said. "It's an expo that welcomes people in. We have vendors and exhibitors from all across New Hampshire showcasing their handmade products, their artisan goods. It's a great way for people to come in and see all of the really cool things that are made here in the Granite State. And one thing that's new this year is that your one ticket price gets you in all three days of the weekend. If you come on Friday, you can buy one ticket, and as long as you get a wristband from us — we have wristbands available — that will give you entry for the rest of the weekend."

Nearly half of the vendors at Made in NH this year will be food or beverage businesses.

"This is a Try It and Buy it expo," Carignan said, "so we want people to be able to come in and sample their way through the show and then, ideally, purchase these great things as well. We kind of run the gamut of different kinds of food and treats that people can try. So we have everything from Greek pastries to a farm that's bringing in some pork and beef. We have chocolate vendors. We have dog treats as well. You'll find some jams and jellies, freeze-dried candies, and lots of different bakeries.

We also have a couple of beverage people that are going to be there — we have a company that makes lemonade. We'll also have a coffee vendor there, which everyone loves."

One area of the Expo, Carignan said, will focus exclusively on producers of alcoholic beverages. "It's called our "Libation Station," she said. "That's where we have vendors with different spirits, beers, wines and mead. They're sampling and selling in that section. As long as you're 21-plus and you have your ID, you're welcome to come through and sample all of the spirits that are available in that aisle; it's the last aisle, all the way against the wall — the 700 Aisle."

Each year, the Expo usually has more than 5,000 visitors across the three days of the show, Carignan said, with Saturday generally being the most highly attended. This includes a lot of families. Many of the exhibitors reflect that.

"This year, we have a couple of different rescue organizations that are going to be there," she said. "So we're going to have animals that people get to come and visit. We have Live and Let Live Farm, who comes every year, and they usually bring goats and some mini ponies, sometimes some bunnies, some puppies. And we also have Darbster Rescue that also comes and usually brings puppies. One of the great things is we've had dogs get adopted right at the show. So there's chocolate, wine, and puppies. How much better could you get?"

One of the food exhibitors at Made In NH will be Celeste Oliva, a Concord specialty shop that sells premium olive oils and balsamic vinegars.



Courtesy photo.

Charla Mayotte is the owner. She said the Expo is an excellent way for new customers to discover her business. "I've been there a few years," she said. "A good amount of people that come through. I have customers who met me at the Made in New Hampshire Expo, which is why I keep coming back. It's a good way to connect with repeat customers. It's a way for people to realize how good true extra virgin olive oil is. And balsamic." 🍷

The Made In NH "Try It & Buy It" Expo

When: Friday, April 17, from 1 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Doubletree by Hilton Expo Center, 700 Elm St., Manchester, 625-1000

Admission: Tickets are \$8 each, senior tickets are \$7, and children under 14 get in free. One admission fee is good for all three days.

More: businessnhmagazine.com/made-in-nh-expo

Good eats for a cause

Taste of the Towns raises money for the Nashua Center

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The Nashua Center spends the vast majority of its time and energy helping children and adults in the greater Nashua area with disabilities or traumatic brain injuries, but for a brief time each spring some of that energy is focused on Taste of the Towns, an event that brings together the area's food and beverage businesses and the people of Nashua to raise money and awareness for the Center.

"It's our signature event," said Marianne Gordineer, the Nashua Center's Director of Development. "It brings together local restaurants, breweries, vineyards, etc. — local businesses — and of course, our supporters, who all enjoy great food while supporting the work happening at Nashua Center. I call it dinner by the bite because all of our vendors create amazing [food] for the event and it's all in tasting portions, so our guests can go from table to table and just enjoy themselves."

Gordineer said Taste of the Towns is the Nashua Center's biggest fundraiser of the year. Between fundraising and help from corporate sponsors like Milliard Bank, the Center was able to purchase its building last spring.

"[That] has been so incredibly important for our programming," she said, "and it gives us a permanent home to continue and grow our services. We've been leasing our location for practically 30 years, so we're happy to say we're home at last. It's permanent."

The restaurants and businesses that participate in Taste of the Towns range from small family-owned businesses to national chains and will include Bellavance Beverage Co., Brick-

house Restaurant and Brewery, The Good Place Cafe, The Imported Grape, In the Mix Bartending, K'sone's Thai Restaurant & Lounge, Le Gris Charcuterie, Maggie's Munchies, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Not Your Average Joe's, Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse, Soel Sistas, Spyglass Brewing, Tara House Grill, Thon Khao, Tito's Vodka, Woodman's Artisan Bakery, YouYou Japanese Bistro and Zorvino Vineyards.

"Tito's Vodka has been a great partner of ours," Gordineer said. "They're also a sponsor of the event, and they're coming back again with some great drinks.... And another great partner has been K'Sone's [K'Sone's Thai Dining and Lounge]. The owner has been participating for many years and just the energy that he brings and his display is spectacular. The Tala House Grill, the in-house restaurant from the Sheraton, makes a really dramatic presentation, too."

Gordineer said 17 area food and beverage businesses will serve more than 300 attendees this year.

"It's a really great event," she said. 🍷

Taste of the Towns

When: Thursday, May 7, from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

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FOOD



DRINKS WITH JOHN FLADD

Blackberry Holstein

Let's do a deep dive to the back of your kitchen cabinets.

Behind five or six half-full boxes of pasta, three different brands of canned diced tomatoes, and that bottle of Champagne vinegar you've always meant to use but never have, you will find a couple of truly surprising items that you have hazy memories at best of ever buying:

Three packets of fried chicken-flavored ramen noodles

A tin of smoked oysters

A vintage (but still unopened) jar of grapefruit marmalade

Some of us have a similar situation going with our liquor cabinets. A quick look will show pretty much exactly what we expect to see — a couple bottles of whiskey, maybe some tequila, and in my case about a dozen bottles of rum, because where there's rum there's citrus juice, and you have enough problems in your life without risking scurvy.

But in the back, behind the mainstream bottles of expected and respectable spirits, there is at least one bottle — and let's face it, probably more — of some sort of purple-ish, fruit-flavored alcohol. It might be sloe gin. It might be plum brandy. There is almost certainly a bottle of blackberry brandy you have no memory of buying, using, drinking or even seeing before. It's like the cocktail elves have paid a visit.

Let's use a little of that blackberry brandy:

½ ounce blackberry brandy

½ ounce fresh squeezed lemon juice

½ ounce half and half

1½ ounces botanical gin – I very much like Hendrick's Oasium

¼ ounce simple syrup

Chill a coupe glass with several ice cubes. Set it aside, telling it, "Go think about what you've done." In point of fact, this more or less innocent piece of glassware hasn't actually done anything, but it's good to keep it on its toes.

In a cocktail shaker, add ice, the blackber-



Blackberry Holstein. Photo by John Fladd.

ry brandy, lemon juice, half and half, gin, and simple syrup. Shake enthusiastically for 30 seconds or so, until you hear the ice start to break up. Ideally, you're going to want a few tiny ice chips floating on the surface of your cocktail, so shake until you hear them make an appearance.

Retrieve your coupe glass and discard the ice. Strain the cocktail into the glass. Because it has a stem, this glass will keep your drink colder for longer.

Ask your digital assistant to play a classic banger of a rock song from your youth. I recommend "Hold the Line" by Toto.

Sip your cocktail, and play a little game with yourself. Try to get an overall impression of the flavor. What does it taste like in the aggregate? Pretty good, right?

Now, try to identify each ingredient. Look for the flavor of blackberries. You'll find it. Ditto with the lemon juice. And the creaminess of the half and half.

There are some cocktails I like to think of as an ensemble cast — together, they create something greater than the sum of their parts. I think of the Blackberry Holstein as a top-notch variety show. Each performer gets a solo. 🍷

Weekly Dish

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food prepared by 20 local chefs, wine and spirits tastings, Gourmet's infamous "Golden Brick" raffle, and a live and silent auction featuring more than 100 items to bid on. All proceeds benefit local families at risk of homelessness. Visit frontdooragency.org/events/gourmet-festival-and-auction.

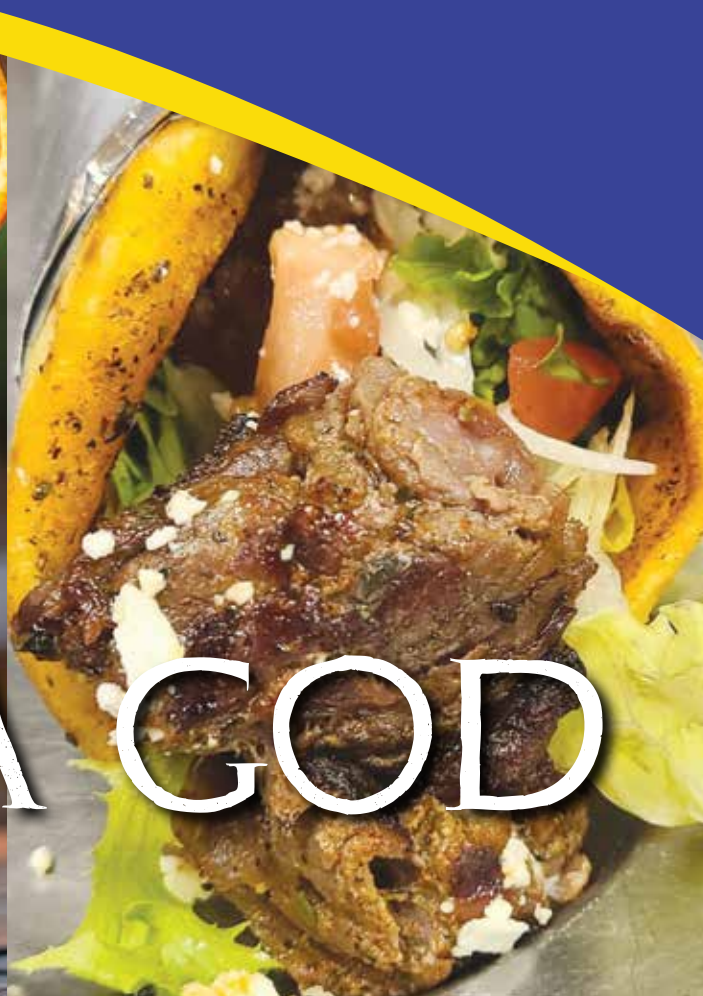
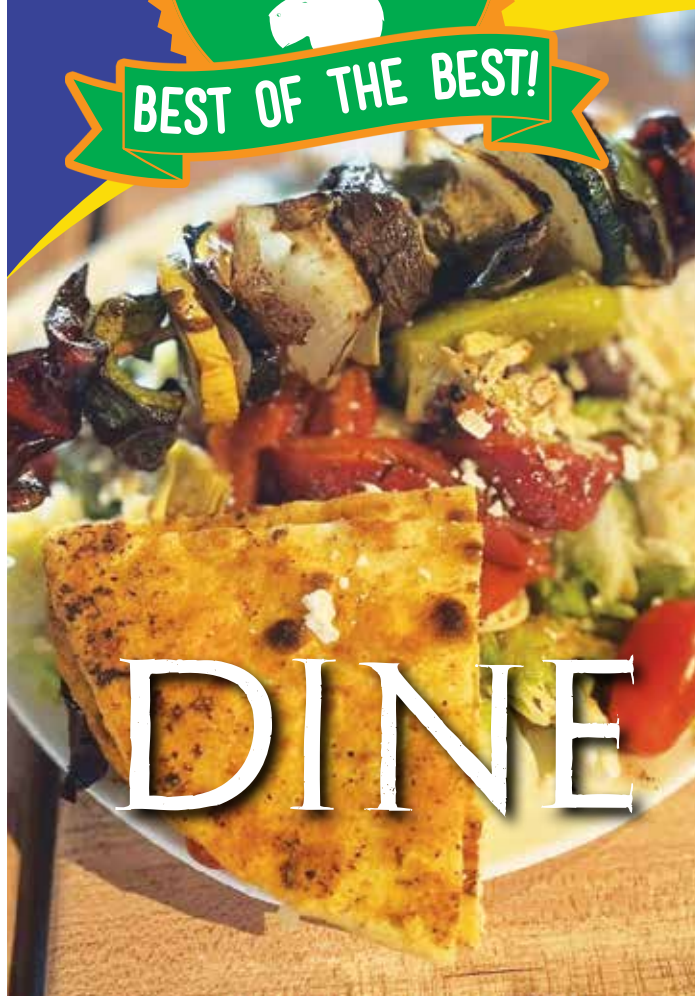
• **Drumshanbo dinner:** Local Street Eats (112 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 402-4435, local-streeteats.com)

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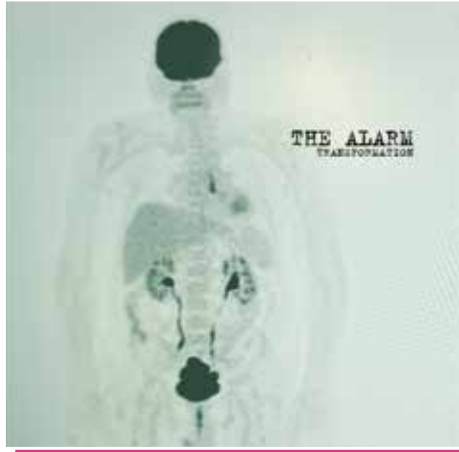
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POP CULTURE

MUSIC, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE

The Alarm, *Transformation* (Twenty First Century/Virgin Records)



This may or may not be the final album from this Welsh new-wave band under its original name, whose tuneage I've previously described as a kinder, gentler Clash or a more aggressive U2. Last year, bandleader Mike Peters finally lost his battle with the cancer that had been attacking him for 30 years; Peters' son Evan is now fronting the band as "The Alarm Presented by Evan Peters," while original bassist Eddie McDonald is leading "The Alarm 2.0," but whatever, this may be it for The Alarm proper, a band that was maligned since birth in the British press for being derivative and pretentious and only scored one hit in the U.S. ("Sold Me Down the River," which ripped off "Bang A Gong,"

for the Gen Xers who can remember all that stuff). This one leads off with "New Life," which, um, derivatively enough, is basically a jam-out version of Gary Glitter's "Rock n Roll Part 2." But most of the other songs are fine, like "Chimera," a stadium-ready protest-stomper that's a lot better than that U2 EP I reviewed here the other week, if you're a fan who needs to read some faint praise. **B**—Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Anyma and Lisa, "Bad Angel" (Interscope Records)



You know, if there's anything that gets on my nerves about the current timeline with regard to the music-tastemaking space, it's the blinding array of collaborations between (mostly disparate) artists. I mean, I get that we're in a post-band/post-album world, but every other day it seems like there's a new pair of strange bedfellows barfing out a single that wants to squeeze money out of today's youth, a cohort that's of course more concerned with preserving what's left of their mental health than maintaining their hipness level. Records like this one remind me of the one-off *Marvel Team-Up* comic books of my youth, which were cynically intended to, among other things, expose regular Iron Man readers to the

improbable world of the Silver Surfer, that sort of thing. This tune, with its dark, melodic techno, could have just as easily been promoted as an "Anyma feat Lisa" joint and added to his next *ÆDEN* album or whatnot; Lisa's just got more ethereal reverb/next-gen-Autotune effectage on her vanilla-diva voice here than usual. It's not any more interesting than Chris Avantgarde's stuff, let's say, and furthermore — oh, wait, I get it, she's headlining Coachella this year, that's what this is about. Well played, Interscope, well *played* (eyeroll emoji). **D+**—Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Friday, April 17, is almost here, my dudes, so what will you do to advance the cause of rock 'n' roll in our republic on that album release day? Just look at all the new albums that are coming out that day, the bigly-est albums ever in the history of the universe, until next Friday! Look at all these new albums, and never even mind that it's already too late to talk about *The World Is To Dig*, the new one from famous Weezer-for-dummies children's band **They Might Be Giants**, who did the *Malcolm in the Middle* song at the dawn of the Aughts, before the last flickers of hope for humanity began to falter, remember those days, and all the faltering? Yup, it's too late to talk about this new They Might Be Giants album, because that one actually came out on Tuesday, even though Tuesdays stopped serving as the traditional album release weekday in 2015, according to this pesky spamming Google AI bot, who says "Tuesdays officially stopped being the traditional day for album releases in the United States on July 10, 2015, when the industry shifted to 'Global Release Day' (or New Music Fridays) to align releases with Fridays in more than 45 countries, reducing music piracy and syncing with streaming culture." Of course, that tradition has been obsolete for years now, now that everyone simply uses YouTube-to-MP3 sites to rip music for their mixtapes, naïvely expecting their virus protection software to — you know, protect them from viruses, which it can't when people are practically begging to get hacked, but can't we just stick to Global Release Day Fridays anyway? Is nothing sacred anymore, but belay that patently naïve question, nothing has been sacred since Walmart started making their people work on Thanksgiving starting in the 1980s (that is until 2020, when even Walmart realized how stupid that was). But let's just pretend They Might Whatever weren't the Walmart of children's emo bands and were putting out their new album this Friday, what would I say about their new single, "Wu-Tang?" Well, I'd probably say that it was an uninteresting, strummy, mid-tempo children's singalong that has no Wu Tang guest-feats on it, but it's too late to talk about it, so let's just move along.

• Canadian DJ/producer **Tiga** releases "Hotlife" this week. As always, "Hot Wife" is a fun and silly track, but this time it is slow and stompy and makes use of the "Bugatti snare" drum sound, which impressed one YouTube commenter enough to make a fuss about it, which was kind of stupid to see. The tune is a collaboration with German producer Boys Noize, who's usually pretty selective about whom he collaborates with (which is neat and everything, but I'm sure if the Muppets called he'd be on the next flight. See how the Matrix works?).

• **Honey Dijon** (Honey Redmond) is a renowned Black American DJ, producer and fashion icon with an energetic DJ style that leans heavily on "golden-era disco, techno and house," so maybe her new single "The Nightlife" from her new album *Nightlife* will be fun to listen to and have nothing to do with the old 1978 Alicia Bridges song, because my nerves can only handle so much today. Nope, this song is a torchy sexytime thing in the vein of Kylie Minogue, I don't mind it.

• And finally it's Canadian alt-rock band **Arkells** with a new LP titled *Between Us*. "Next Summer" is a pretty neat tune, catchy, the singer is really good in an old-school way, like a cross between Michael Bolton and the dude from The Outfield (just Google them, guys). —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

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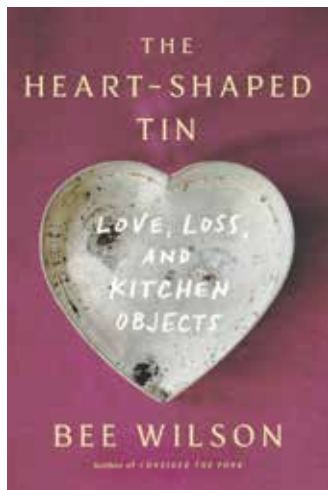
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POP CULTURE BOOKS

The Heart-Shaped Tin: Love, Loss, and Kitchen Objects, by Bee Wilson (W.W. Norton, 291 pages)



Not long after Bee Wilson's marriage of 23 years dissolved, a heart-shaped cake tin clattered to the floor at her feet. It was the tin she had used to bake her wedding cake, and later to bake birthday cakes for her children. Now she was unsure what to do with the tin and all the complicated feelings it evoked.

Wilson started to think about all the other items that filled her kitchen cabinets and cupboards, and the sentimental attachment that so many held. Many had been passed down to her from family members or arrived as gifts. It is notable, she writes in *The Heart-Shaped Tin*, that "kitchenware seems to be one of the main forms of currency between grown-up family members, whether given by a child to a parent or the other way around. What is really being exchanged is an idealised memory of the family dinner table."

We all have the equivalent of Wilson's heart-shaped tin, some item that, whether used or not, is absurdly precious. Mine is an antique Coca-Cola-branded bottle opener that was attached to the wall of my late grandmother's home and now hangs in my kitchen. It is rarely used since I hardly ever buy bottled drinks, but I would fight to the death anyone who tried to take it from me.

In her book — part memoir, part history — Wilson delves into the reasons for these attachments, looking at her own family's treasures as well as the treasures of other people around the world. She explores the psychological and societal factors that influence what we consider priceless or worthless, from a relatively cheap melon baller that her sons fight over, to

an iron pan that a South American woman is so attached to that she sometimes takes it with her on vacation.

"We like to think that love is a natural phenomenon that happens all by itself, springing directly from our hearts. But to live in the modern commercial world is to have thousands of desires and longings inside us without our say-so. You wake up with an urge to buy a giant coffee in a paper cup decorated with a green mermaid and you have no idea why," Wilson writes.

Wilson is an English writer whose previous nonfiction books have also involved kitchenware and food (see 2012's *Consider the Fork* and 2010's *Sandwich: A Global History*). Her latest is a surprisingly engaging tour de kitchenware that takes us from an ancient ceramic container found in Ecuador that challenged what we thought we knew about the history of chocolate consumption to the mysterious kitchen sieve that Queen Elizabeth I is holding in a 1583 portrait of her. The vast range of items discussed goes from vegetable corers to canisters, from glory boxes (a kind of hope chest or dowry) to burial plates, the blue and white ceramic plates sometimes buried with corpses in England in the 18th and 19th centuries. All together, it is a cornucopia of fascinating historical anecdotes.

Wilson also helps to explain why fine china has been so important throughout human history, to the point where even people of modest means would work to obtain a full setting, one piece at a time, in order to honor their guests. She writes of the legacy of guilt that such household items like this leave when you realize the china either never appealed to you or has outlived its purpose.

"Every time I opened the cupboard that contained the Kutani Crane vegetable tureens they

made me feel faintly strangled," she writes. "These dishes had been handed down to me not just by my own father but by his father. When I looked at them, I felt weighed down by two generations of filial obligation."

Wilson is a master of the interesting aside, as when she explores the control that the philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre believed is at the center of gift-giving. Nowhere is this a greater problem than in Japan, she writes, "which has a culture of gift-giving more extensive than any other advanced capitalist society." The Japanese not only give lavishly to each other but are expected to give a gift after being presented with a gift. Moreover, next time you complain about the preponderance of "Hallmark holidays" in America, remember that Japan also celebrates Girl's Day, Boy's Day and Old People's Day — all of which come with gifts.

Wilson also writes poignantly about the difficulty of getting rid of sentimental objects, even when you are psychologically ready to do so, and sometimes even when they are broken. She had finally packed up an expensive set of china, having decided to donate it to a thrift shop, when one of her sons protested her giving away those pieces of his childhood. She had better luck when she finally decided to give away the "Elmer the Elephant" plate her sons had eaten on as toddlers, but it wasn't without pain.

It is possible "to hanker deeply after something which is neither pretty nor useful, just because of the person who once used it," she writes. "The fact that no one needs it anymore is exactly what makes the wanting so fierce, because it reminds you of a time when you were needed too."

I approached *The Heart-Shaped Tin* with some skepticism about whether Wilson's premise could hold my attention for nearly 300 pages, but it did. Readers will continue to think about not only the stories the author tells but the stories contained in their own kitchens. **B+** —Jennifer Graham

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Book Author events

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- **Sara Hall**, professional dis-

- **Kathleen Bailey** will talk about her book *A History Lover's Guide to New Hampshire* on Wednesday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at

- **Rebecca Mahoney** will talk about her new campus horror novel, *Thrall*, on Wednesday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com).
- **Julie Dobrow** presents *Love and Loss After Wounded Knee*, a dual biography of two activists, on Thursday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at

- **Sy Montgomery and Matt Patterson** will talk about their book *Of Time and Turtles* on Thursday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord), hosted by Concord Public Library. Reserve tickets at ccanh.com.
- **Emma Straub** will talk about

her new novel, *American Fantasy*, on Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord). Straub will be in conversation with All Things Considered host Julia Furukawa. A signing line will follow the talk. Tickets are \$30 for one admission plus one book or \$40 for two admissions and one book, via ccanh.com.

Film

- *The Drama* (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, April 16, at 4 & 7:15 p.m.
- *Project Hail Mary* (PG-13, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, April 16, 3:45 & 7 p.m.; Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 19, at 12:15, 3:45 & 7 p.m.; Monday, April 20, through Thursday, April 23, at 3:45 & 7

- p.m. (plus 12:15 on April 22)
- *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* (PG, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, Thursday, April 16, at 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 19, at 12:30, 3, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Monday, April 20, at 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, April 21, at 3 p.m.; Wednesday, April 22, at 12:30, 3, 5:30 & 8 p.m.
- *The Christophers* (R, 2026)

- will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 19, at 1:30, 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, April 20, through Thursday, April 23 at 4 & 6:45 p.m. (plus 2 p.m. on April 22).
- **Milford Drive-In** 531 Elm St., Milford, milforddrivein.com, opens Friday, April 17, for the season with two screens: Screen 1 — *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* (PG, 2026) and TBD;

- Screen 2 — *Lee Cronin's The Mummy* (R, 2026) and *They Will Kill You* (R, 2026). Shows start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- *The Biggest Little Farm* (PG, 2019) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Saturday, April 18, at 10 a.m.
- *Out There: A National Parks Story*, a documentary about a trip through the National Parks, will screen with a Q&A with the

director at BNH Stage in Concord on Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m.

- *The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* (PG, 2026) will screen in a "Little Lunch Date" screening at Chunky's in Manchester on Tuesday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m.
- *Earth's Greatest Enemy* a documentary presented by the League of Conservation Voters at Red River Theatres in Concord on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m.

THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Mom rock:** Adopted as their own by New England music fans in her Berklee days, **Liz Longley** has remained a favorite here. She returns to an intimate room for a solo show. On the title track of Longley's latest album, *New Life*, she describes motherhood as "clarity in all this static" of uncertain times. "I brought new life to a dying planet," she sings, "a shoreline to a sea of panic." Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose, 40 Andover Road, New London, \$25, 526-6899.

• **Last pass:** With alumni including Jackson Browne and Steve Martin, the **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** was a driving force in the melting pot of folk, rock and roots music that came to be called Americana. After six decades together they're in the midst of a farewell tour, offering a final chance to hear classics like "Long Hard Road (The Sharecropper's Dream)" and "Mr. Bojangles." Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St., Nashua, \$68 and up, etix.com.

• **Night moves:** Return to the days of holding up a Bic lighter at a concert instead of an iPhone video with **Live Bullet**, a Bob Seger tribute band that sticks to his two live albums. Hopefully the extended versions, as the *Nine Tonight* version of "Brave Strangers," originally a B-side, is among Seger's best. Since 2010 the New England-based band has built a steady audience. Friday, April 17, 8:30 p.m., Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House, 393 Route 101, Bedford, \$42, eventbrite.com.

• **Green night:** At the third annual Earth Day concert, **The Mighty Colors and Jamdemic** return to raise environmental awareness and funds for Beaver Brook Association and show host Andres Institute of Art. Nashua-based Mighty Colors cover everyone from the Stones to Goose, while Jamdemic aims to "revive the public soul" with interpretations of Phish, Pink Floyd and more. Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m., Andres Institute of Art, 106 Route 13, Brookline, \$25, andresinstitute.org.

• **Song man:** Inspired by Nashville music clubs like the Bluebird Café, **Charlie Chronopoulos** launched the White Horse Round series last month, inviting fellow singer-songwriters to come by and swap tunes. Check Chronopoulos's Facebook page for this week's guest, and head to Apple Music or YouTube to hear his music, including his most recent single, the dark, mournful "Shot." Sunday, April 19, 5 p.m., Riley's Place, 29 B Mont Vernon St., Milford, charliechronopoulos.com. 🍷

NITE

Collective effervescence

Sunny Jain's *Love Force* hits New Hampshire

By Michael Witthaus
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For his debut theatrical project, *Love Force*, Sunny Jain is performing his hypnotic, percussive brand of Bhangra-inspired jazz for a congregation. He's on a mission to blur the lines between band and crowd, to make them one with the music and capture the energy of the shows he does in sweaty clubs with his band Red Baraat.

"What I've always enjoyed about music is that kind of communal experience ... where you really rely on the energy in the room as a performer," Jain said by phone recently. "I wanted to bring that element to a theatrical space ... storytelling and narrative just through sound; how that impacts people, and how we vibe off of it."

The message of *Love Force* comes from the concept of *satyāgraha* — the existence of truth. In the early 20th century, it underscored Gandhi's nonviolent protests against British colonialism in India. It was later adapted by B.R. Ambedkar and, during the U.S. civil rights movement, employed by Martin Luther King Jr.

Jain, who plays drums and the dhol, combines it with music and personal stories of the immigrant experience, using *Love Force* to confront social oppression.

"You can't fight back with more tyranny," he said. "You have to lead with love and just melt away any kind of evil doing."

The stage is a pulpit, he continued, and music a sermon delivered in a common language.

"I'm trying to really tap into that energy of music really unifying people, putting aside these differences we have," he said. "Recognizing places of worship, the thing that really unifies people in there is the chants, the mantras, the songs, the hymns, everything that we sing."

Jain's *Love Force* ensemble consists of long-time accompanists Alison Shearer on sax and bassist Almog Sharvie, along with horn players David Adewumi (trumpet) and Jasim Perales (trombone) and with Julia Chen on keyboards. As they play, images flash behind them, as well as word collages — one a phrase that provides a lot of the evening's energy.



Courtesy photo.

Jain discovered "collective effervescence" after a conversation with Ash Fure, a Dartmouth associate professor of sonic arts, a few years back. The two were discussing Jain's developing project and his interest in music's coalescing power. Fure pointed him to Barbara Ehrenreich's 2006 book *Dancing in the Streets: A History of Collective Joy*.

"Ehrenreich talks about this shared activity, almost akin to religion, that you find nowadays in the rave scene," Jain said. "Then she points back to Emile Durkheim, the French sociologist, [who] coined the term collective effervescence." His research found that it was key to the early beginnings of organized religion.

"People came together around a totem ... reflective of their group or clan, and stomped in unison to give reverence to one another or to the human being," Jain said. "Something just stuck to me about that — being engaged with and a lover of Sufi music, especially Sufi dhol drumming. Where the essence is of music and sound enabling you to reach the omnipotent."

One fun fact learned in the interview was that a different twist of fate might have led Sunny

Jain to join a rock 'n' roll band. When he was 12 his brother took him to see Mötley Crüe and Whitesnake, his first concert. It inspired an interest in percussion, and he enrolled in drum class to learn Tommy Lee and Neil Peart. "Because I loved Rush as well," Jain said. But his first teacher was a bebop jazz drummer and taught him that instead. "That's how I fell in love with jazz."

Does performing *Love Force* differ from working with his best-known band? "Yes," Jain said. "There's a lot more expression. Red Baraat is very much a musical force of the club and festival circuit of like just really amped up party music [and] this has a much more dynamic expression of emotion, just with the fact of the storytelling." 🍷

Sunny Jain's *Love Force*

When: Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Where: 5 Pinkerton St., Derry

Tickets: \$28 and \$33 at pinkertonacademy.org

Also Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Hopkins Center, 12 Lebanon St., Hanover, \$30+ at dartmouth.org

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Events

• **Amy Tee/ Matt Berry/Mark Scalia** Chunky's, Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., londonderry-womensclub.org
 • **Garrison Keillor/Richard Dworsky** Music Hall in Portsmouth, Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m.
 • **Andrew McGuinness, Greg Boggis, Ryan Gartley** SoHo Asian Bistro in Hudson, Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.
 • **Steve Sabo** Black Bear Vineyard, 289 New Road, Salisbury,

Friday, April 17, 6 p.m.

• **Jenny Zigrino** Queen City Center, 213 Canal St. Manchester, Friday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m.
 • **Brian Glowacki/Jeff Koen** Tupelo in Derry, Friday, April 17, at 8 p.m.
 • **Bean Shooter Comedy Party** Ya Mas Greek Tavern & Bar in Salem, Friday, April 17, at 9 p.m.
 • **Hasan Minhaj & Ronny Chieng Debate to the Death** Casino Ballroom in Hampton Beach, Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.
 • **Jack Burke/Kindra Lans-**

burg/Tony Moschetto/Tristen Hoffer/Kaile Krenzer Sunstone Brewery in Londonderry, Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m.
 • **Frank Santorelli & Friends** Inn on Main Wolfboro, Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
 • **Brad Mastrangelo** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m.
 • **Steve Bjork McCue's** in Portsmouth, Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m.
 • **Mike Hanley** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, April 18, 8:30 p.m.

• **Late Nite Catechism** Nashua Center for the Arts, Sunday, April 19, at 2 p.m.
 • **Michael Palascak** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Sunday, April 19, 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 • **Frank Santos Jr. R-Rated Hypnotist** Marker 21 Wolfboro, Sunday, April 19, at 6 p.m.
 • **New England Comedy Showcase** Shaskeen Pub in Manchester, Wednesday, April 22, 9 p.m.
 • **Lenny Clarke** Vanderbilt Room in Hudson, Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.
 • **James Austin Johnson** Nashua Center for the Arts, Thursday,



Jenny Zigrino. Courtesy photo is by Kim Newmoney.

April 23, 8 p.m.

• **Steve Sweeney Johnny Pizzi** Cello's Farmhouse in Candia Thursday, April 23, at 10:30 p.m.

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Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614

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Contoocook

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Derry

Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946

Dover

Auspicious Brew 1 Washington St., 953-7240

Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390

Epping

Holy Grail 64 Main St., 679-9559

Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225

Epsom

Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027

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Hampton

Bogie's 32 Depot Square, 601-2319

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Sea Ketch 127 Ocean Blvd., 926-0324

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Hudson

The Bar 2B Burnham Road

Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900

Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962

Laconia

405 Pub & Grill 405 Union St.

Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022

Tower Hill Tavern 264 Lakeside Ave., 366-9100

Londonderry

Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern 176 Mammoth Road, 437-2022

Stumble Inn 20 Rockingham Road, 432-3210

Manchester

Backyard Brewery 1211

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Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022

The Goat 50 Old Granite St., 836-1925

Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789

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Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246

South Side Tavern 1279 S. Willow St., 935-9947

Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St., 625-4444

Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666-4292

Meredith

Twin Barns Brewing 194 DW Highway, 279-0876

Merrimack

Homestead 641 DW Highway, 429-2022

Tortilla Flat 595 DW Highway, 424-4479

Milford

Riley's Place 29 Mont Ver-

non St., 380-3480

Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Square, 213-5979

Nashua

Casey Magee's Irish Pub 8 Temple St., 484-7400

Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St., 577-9015

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Peddler's Daughter 48 Main St., 821-7535

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New Boston

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The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628

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Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186

Thirsty Moose Taphouse 21 Congress St., 427-8645

Rochester

Governor's Inn 78 Wakefield St., 332-0107

Porter's 19 Hanson St.,

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Salem

Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033

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Tuscan Kitchen 19 Via Toscana, 952-4875

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Seabrook

Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581

Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706

Red's Kitchen + Tavern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030

Somersworth

Earth Eagle North 350 Route 108, 841-5421

Warner

The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333

Windham

Common Man 88 Range Road, 898-0088

Thursday, April 16

Amherst

LaBelle: The Joshua Tree Concert, 7 p.m.

Bedford

Copper Door: Lewis Goodwin, 7 p.m.

Candia

Barnyard: karaoke, 5 p.m.

Concord

Hermanos: Craig Fahey, 6:30 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.

Epping

Telly's: Brian Gray, 7 p.m.

Epsom

Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Farmington

The Hawg's Pen: open mic, 7 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Whitechapel, 8 p.m.
Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

Hudson

Luk's: Matt Borrello, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/DJ Jason, 7 p.m.

Laconia

405 Pub: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 5:30 p.m.
Tower Hill Tavern: karaoke w/ Luke Skyrock, 9 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Chad LaMarsh, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: music bingo w/ DJ Joe, 6:30 p.m.
BAD BRGR: Meow Meow/Cellar Door/Fawns, 8 p.m.
Fratello's: Eddie Sands, 5:30 p.m.
Strange Brew: Ralph Allen, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Jamie Hughes, 6 p.m.

Milford

Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.

Stonecutters Pub: DJ Bingo, 7 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m.
Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Shorty's: Clint Lapointe, 5:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Matt Jackson, 5:30 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: The Gravel Project, 8 p.m.

Pittsfield

Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth

Black Rock: Andrea Paquin, 5 p.m.
Cup of Joe: Tyler Levs, 8 p.m.

Rochester

Governor's Inn: Eric Bisson, 6 p.m.

Salem

Copper Door: Bella Perrotta, 7 p.m.

Somersworth

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

Warner

The Local: Ryan Allen Meier, 5 p.m.

Windham

The Common Man: Andrew McManus Band, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 17

Auburn

Auburn Pitts: Sons of Otto, 7 p.m.

Bedford

Murphy's: Lewis Goodwin, 6 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.



TEENAGE PHENOM

In the past three years **Gavin Merengi** has recorded two full-length albums, headlined the legendary nightclub The Basement in Nashville and opened for Dylan Scubb. Not bad for someone who is only 18 years old. Don't miss his upcoming appearance at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com) on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 plus fees.

Plaistow

Sweet Hill Farm: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth

Black Rock: Dave Zangri, 5 p.m.
Clipper Tavern: Max Sullivan, 9 p.m.
Cup of Joe: Jamie Martin, 8 p.m.
Gas Light: Matt Luneau, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Press Room: North Village, 6 p.m.; DJ Chad Banks, 10 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Alterego, 9:30 p.m.

Rochester

Governor's Inn: Road Crew, 7 p.m.

Salem

Dreo: Clint Lapointe, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Red's: 21st & 1st, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 18

Bedford

Murphy's: Patrick Synan, 6 p.m.

Bow

Chen Yang Li: Rob James, 7 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.

Concord

Feathered Friend: Katie Dobbins, 6 p.m.
Hermanos: Chris O'Neil, 6:30 p.m.

Contoocook

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

Derry

Fody's: The Twos, 8 p.m.

Dover

Auspicious Brew: Five Feet, Myles Byrr & The Last Straw, Biggest Beast, Kill-Kennie, The Moon Snails, Habitat, Wyn & The White Light, 2 p.m.
Revo: Diva and The Playboys, 8 p.m.

Epping

Telly's: Rob & Jody, 8 p.m.

Epsom

Hill Top: Rust & Pine, 7 p.m.

Hampton

The Goat: Jared Moore, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Paul Lussier, 1 p.m.
Wally's: Matty & The Penders, 9 p.m.

Hudson

Luk's Bar: Dave Clark, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: No More Blue Tomorrows, 8:30 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Small Town Stranded, 8:30 p.m.

Laconia

405 Pub & Grill: Dan Fallon, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Duke Snyder noon; Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.
Tower Hill Tavern: line dancing, 6 p.m.; karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 9 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Blind Date, 1 p.m.; Shaken Not Stirred, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.
Derryfield: Stray Dog Band, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Justin Cohn, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Sean Coleman, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Justin Surgent, 4 p.m.
Shaskeen: Bound, Iron Gate, Cytokine, Bambino, 8 p.m.
Stark Brewing Co.: Brian James Due, 6:30 p.m.
Strange Brew: Sou du Jour, 9 p.m.

Meredith

Twin Barns: Jack Ancora, 5 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Torrey, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: The Milkcrates, 8 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: Wooden Soul, 8 p.m.
Fody's: Whole Loaf, 10 p.m.
Peddler's Daughter: Code Switch, 9:30 p.m.
SFK: Justin Federico, 6:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Justin Bethune, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Soulcolour, 4 p.m.; Stone Dead, 9 p.m.

Pembroke

Pembroke City Limits: Bob Dylan Tribute, noon to 5 p.m.; Junk Drawer, 7 p.m.

Plaistow

Sweet Hill Farm: Mark Huzar, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth

Black Rock: Whatsername, 6 p.m.
Cup of Joe: Tim Bear, 8 p.m.
Gas Light: Jamie Cain, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Max Sullivan, 9 p.m.
Press Room: The Accidentals w/ Tin Palace, 6 p.m.; Jersey Swap Tour, 10 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Jump The Line, 9:30 p.m.

Rochester

Governor's Inn: Curmudjun, 7 p.m.

Salem

Dreo: Ralph Allen, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Chop Shop: Fast Times
Red's: Mass Ave Duo, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 19

Bedford

Copper Door: Phil Jacques, 11 a.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Rich Wallace, 5 p.m.

Concord

Hermanos: Gary Smith, 6:30 p.m.
Lithermans: Matt Borrello, 1:30 p.m.

Dover

Auspicious Brew: Paul Hodes & The Blue Buddha Band, 4 p.m.

Epsom

Hill Top: Dans Jam, 4 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: line dancing, 6 p.m.
Whym: Max Sullivan, 1 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: Wooden Soul, 4 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Denise Sanborn, 5:30 p.m.
Tower Hill Tavern: karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 9 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: 603's, 4 p.m.

Manchester

The Goat: Chris Toler, 10 a.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Milford

Riley's Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: Tyler Marshall, 4 p.m.

Nashua

Spyglass: Hal Holiday, 2 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Village Acoustic, 4 p.m.; Irish Matinee, 4 p.m.; open auditions, 6:30 p.m.

Pembroke

Pembroke City Limits: Jazz w/ Gary, 2 p.m.

Portsmouth

Black Rock: Tyler Levs, 5 p.m.
Press Room: Tom Dimenna & Friends, 1 p.m.; Pintail w/ Megan, 6 p.m.

Salem

Copper Door: Steve Aubert, 11 a.m.
Tuscan: Andrew McManus Band, 4 p.m.

Monday, April 20

Concord

Feathered Friend: bingo, 6 p.m.

Dover

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

Gilford

Patrick's Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson

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

Laconia

Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester

The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.



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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Fody's: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.
The Spot: Open mic with Calla Yetto, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth

The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 6:30 p.m.
Press Room: Chris Pierce w/ Kimaya Diggs, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 21

Concord

Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Hermanos: Kid Pinky, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Whym: Bourbon & Beats, 3 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: line dancing, 7 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua

Fody's: music bingo w/ DJ Jay, 8 p.m.

Portsmouth

Press Room: The Jazz Jam, 6 p.m.

Rochester

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

Seabrook

Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 22

Atkinson

Merrill's Tavern: Chris Lester, 8 p.m.

Concord

Hermanos: Kid Pinky, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Hampton

Bogie's: open mic w/ Ben Butterworth, 7 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 6:30 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Jordan Quinn, 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.

Merrimack

Homestead: Brian Gray, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Portsmouth

Cup of Joe: open mic, 7 p.m.

Rochester

Governor's Inn: Dave Gerard, 6 p.m.

Seabrook

Red's: Ralph Allen, 7 p.m.

Concerts

• **Liz Longley** Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London

• **Gavin Marengi/Taylor Hughes & Dakota Smart** Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord

• **The Rumble** Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• **Muse: A Salute to Divas of the '90s** Thursday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth

• **The Joshua Tree** (U2 tribute) Thursday, April 16, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst

• **Deconstructing Abbey Road** (Beatles tribute) Friday, April 17, 7 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord

• **Antje Duvetot & David Berkeley** Friday, April 17, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter

• **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **Adam Ezra Group** Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth

• **Marty Stuart** Friday, April 17, 8 p.m., Colonial in Laconia

• **One Night of Queen** (Queen tribute) Friday, April 17, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton

• **Liz Frame & the Kickers/The Cormorants** Friday, April 17, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth

• **Livingston Taylor** Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m., Rex in Manchester

• **The Accidentals/Tin Palace** Saturday, April 18, 6 p.m., Press Room in Portsmouth

• **Michael Galligan** Saturday, April 18, 6 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith

• **Jamdemic/The Mighty Colors** Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m., Andres Institute in Brookline

• **Sunny Jain's Love Force** Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m., Stockbridge Theatre in Derry

• **Gregory W. Brown's Rural Hours** Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth

• **Shane Guerrette** Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter

• **Verse & Voice: Seacoast Songwriters Showcase** Saturday, April 18, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth

• **Haus of Monsters** (Lady Gaga tribute) Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth

• **Bad Animals** (Heart tribute) Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• **Savoir Faire** Saturday, April 18, 8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth

• **Jake Shimabukuro** Sunday, April 19, 7 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• **Shemekia Copeland** Sunday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• **Community Music Spring Concert** Sunday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester

• **Jimmy's Jam: Funk Jam with Richard James** Monday, April 20, 7 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• **Cecile McLorin Salvant** Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth

• **Soul Asylum** Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth

• **Lee Ritenour** Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• **Roger McGuinn** Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **Magnolia Boulevard** Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• **Vanilla Fudge** Wednesday, April 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• **Richard Shindell** Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m., Word Barn in Exeter

• **From Broadway to the Big Screen with Jenene Caramielo** Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester

• **Wailin' Jennys** Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth

• **Celtic Woman** Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord

• **Sam Robbins** Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London

• **CROWNED28** (Tribute to Legendary Women in Music) Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester

• **Grace Kelly** Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• **Soul Asylum** Thursday, April 23, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• **Studio Two** (Beatles tribute) Thursday, April 23, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst

• **Crazy Train** (Ozzy Osbourne tribute) Thursday, April 23, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry

• **Hiroya Tsakamoto** Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester



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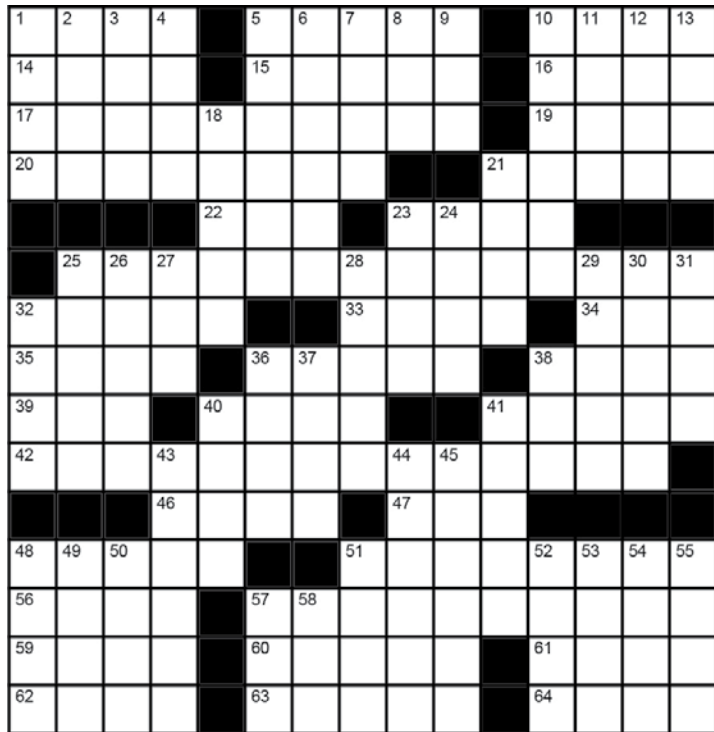
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Across

1. Blown away
5. 'Long Hard Road Out Of Hell' Marilyn Manson/Sneaker ___
10. 'These Arms Of Mine' soul singer Redding
14. Foo Fighters "Give me some ___ I'm coming loose"
15. Bob Dylan "No ___ front of me and nothing behind" (3,2)
16. German band that has '99 Luftballons'
17. Sufjan Stevens' Slade-inspired '___ The Illinoise!' (4,2,4)
19. Them Crooked Vultures has a 'New' pointed tooth or this
20. '95 Mad Season song 'River ___' (2,6)
21. 'Courting Tragedy And Disaster' metal band
22. Borknagar bassist for son of Odin
23. Melissa Auf Der ___
25. Jimmy Buffett '78 classic '___ Par-

R&R answer from pg 27 of 4/9



Down

2. British record label named after bark sound
3. 'Da Joint' NY rap duo
4. Not Snider, but 'Groove Is In The Heart' band ___-Lite
5. Linda Ronstadt band Stone ___
6. '87 John Cougar Mellencamp hit 'Paper ___' (2,4)
7. Jimmy Buffett '___ Me In Memphis'
8. "When the moon hits your eye, like a big pizza ___, that's amore"
9. Lorne Michaels show Jimmy Buffett appeared on, in '78 (abbr.)
10. Bruce Springsteen 'I'm ___' (2,4)
11. Bloc Party '___ A'
12. Road stops: Holiday ___
13. OK Go was on 'Twilight ___: New Moon' soundtrack
18. Band with eight people
21. This Hefner hosted Playboy After Dark with musical guests
23. Remote button for bad music video
24. Steve Winwood's 'Diver' does it
25. 'Time = ___' Broken Social Scene
26. '01 Rod Stewart album for being?
27. 70s Greg Lake trio (abbr)
28. Bassist Frank of Anthrax
29. 'Thing Called Love' Bonnie
30. Pre-Badfinger band
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NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 45.

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle A

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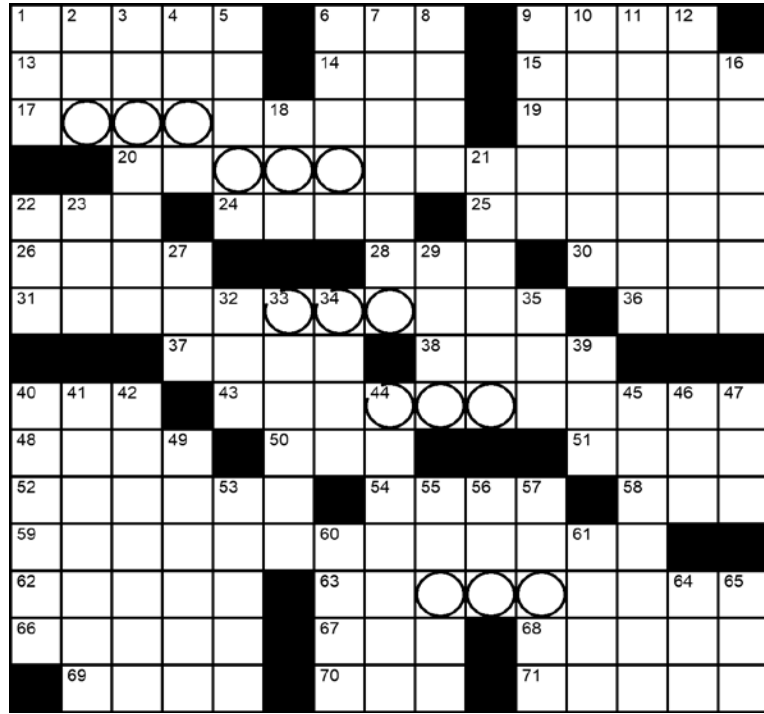
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Across

- 1. More genuine
- 6. Mount St. Helens output in 1980
- 9. Former L.A. Dodger Chin-Hui _____ (first MLB pitcher from Taiwan)
- 13. Moisten, as a roast turkey
- 14. ___ 180 (turn around)
- 15. Lisa on the 2026 season of "The Traitors"
- 17. Online tracker of U.S. economic stats
- 19. "Citizen Kane" actress Moorehead
- 20. Portrayer of Lydia Tár
- 22. To opposite
- 24. Prefix with "gram" or "logical"
- 25. Bilingual world capital
- 26. Costumed IRL fantasy game
- 28. Pocketlike structure
- 30. Drudgery
- 31. With certainty
- 36. 157.5 degrees from N
- 37. Spot in the water
- 38. Invisible glow
- 40. ___-relief
- 43. "That's ludicrous"
- 48. "The Simpsons" German exchange student (he's Swiss in the German dubbed version)
- 50. Bob Hope tour gp.

Jonesin' answer from pg 28 of 4/9



- 68. What colors may do in hot water
- 69. Crafty marketplace
- 70. Jennifer Lien's Ocampa character on "Star Trek: Voyager"
- 71. Snow day rides

Down

- 1. "Not sure yet," on a sched.
- 2. Songwriter Corinne Bailey _____
- 3. Item from a wall socket to a phone charger, familiarly
- 4. ___ Candy (ally of Wonder Woman)
- 5. Lead-in to "linear"
- 6. Acrobat software company
- 7. "Not quite!"
- 8. Dance for New Zealand's All Blacks team
- 9. Parcel of land
- 10. Vacation highlights
- 11. Toughens, as metal
- 12. Boxing combos
- 16. "All the world's ___"
- 18. Headed up
- 21. "Beats me"
- 22. Winter malady
- 23. Published, as an article
- 27. Mashed luau staple
- 29. Just ___ (minimal amount)
- 32. \$, in exchange rate tables
- 33. Humorist Roy ___ Jr. (the writer, not the standup)
- 34. Big turnout for a birthday party
- 35. Soph., jr., and sr.
- 39. Spearfishing asset
- 40. "Carmina ___" (Carl Orff composition)
- 41. Dined at 9, perhaps
- 42. Songs to be played at a concert

- 51. Lotto prefix before "Millions"
- 52. Bring a library book back
- 54. Spice Girl married to David Beckham
- 58. Brewpub unit
- 59. "Anything could happen!" (or what's happening with the circled letters)
- 62. Salon specialty
- 63. Root beer option (before it got rebranded as "Zero Sugar")
- 66. Confused
- 67. Confusion

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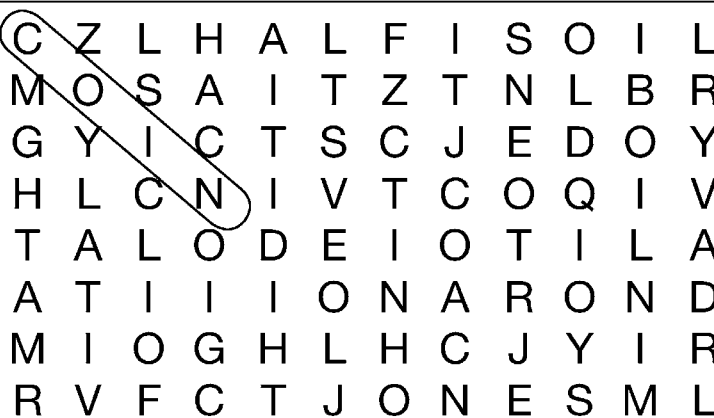
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Find and Circle...

- Nine words with OI in the middle
- Three school subjects
- Three three-syllable countries
- Monkees lead singer (first/last name)
- 50%

Last Week's Answers: GALLON LITER QUART PINT / CARTER NIXON GRANT FORD / BREAKFAST DINNER LUNCH / NORTH SOUTH / WINTER SPRING

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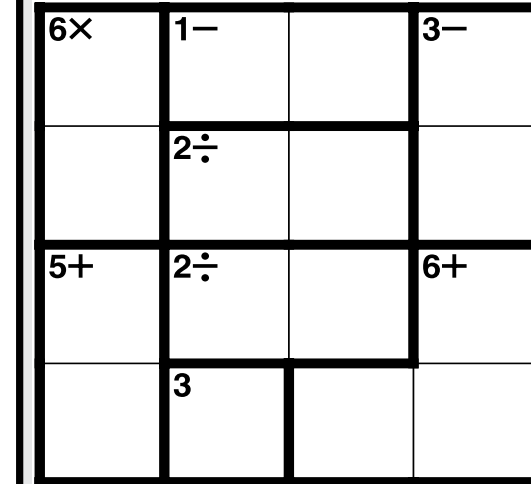
- 44. Chief assistant to a politician, more than twice its calorie number
- 45. Released
- 46. Airport near the U.S. Open site
- 47. Bark
- 49. Moscow money
- 53. Utter again
- 55. Snacks whose anniversary number is
- 56. Collector's goal
- 57. "Fast & Furious" pair ___ & Shaw
- 60. Badlands National Park st.
- 61. It arrives with an equinox
- 64. Proof-ending letters
- 65. '60s activist gp.

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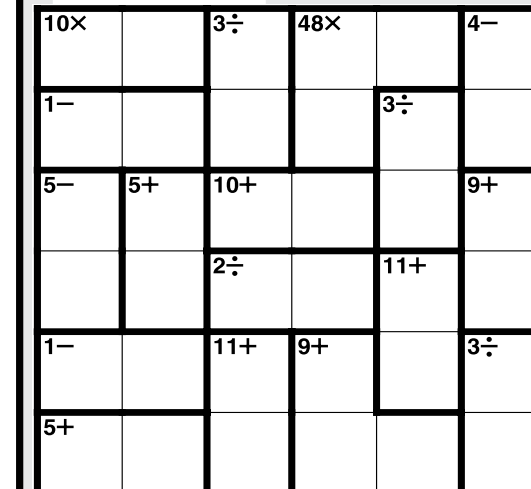


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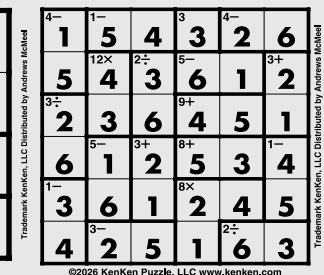
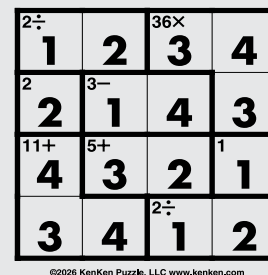
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RULES

- 1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- 2 The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- 3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS



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SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *The Stories We Tell*, by Joanna Gaines, born April 19, 1978.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) What about you? What do you want more of? Less of? We don't have to settle for a story we've fallen into. Climb out or just look around.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) I've been spending a lot of time in my laundry room. Writing, mostly. Laundry room is a great place to get away.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) As you write down your own story, pay attention to the moments you've kept close. ... My hope is that the more you write, the more you remember; the more you'll feel the moments themselves. Get a nice journal and a nice pen.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) Have you noticed that people always want to tell you about the book they read that was so good they couldn't put it down? YMMV.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Over the next couple of days, pay attention to the moments that do something to your heart. Moments that make you feel again. That connect you back to a life you recognize. Live in the moment.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) I'm the weirdo who brings my own candle and speaker from home when we stay in a hotel, and one of the first things I'll do when we arrive is put a fresh vase of flowers somewhere in our room. Whatever works for you.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Of course, no life is completely flaw-free. Who knew?

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) Not everything we want to hold wants to be held by us. Ask first.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 –

Dec. 21) My best advice ... is to simply pick up what you can't or no longer want to carry forward with you, say, 'Thanks for what you taught me,' and let it go. Pick it up, let it go.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) The moment I decided to create a home that actually worked for our family, it changed me as a designer. But ... it changed me even more profoundly as a mom and as a human being. Do what really works.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) It's unlikely that I'll be all fun, all the time. But now at least I'm looking for chances. Opportunities abound.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) I've always heard that back in the day farmers couldn't work the same land too many times. It needed a break from what they'd been planting to be restored back to health. Take a break. 🍷

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 Penguin, for example (9)

2 battleship in a 1925 film (8)

3 cat who loves lasagna (8)

4 "Top Hat" costar Ginger (6)

5 Scottie dog owned by FDR (4)

6 race car driving legend Dale (9)

7 T-rex or velociraptor, e.g. (8)

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Last Week's Answers: 1. BUTTON 2. BUCKLE 3. DRAWSTRING 4. SNAP 5. CLASP 6. ZIPPER 7. VELCRO

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Sudoku Answers from pg 27 of 4/9

Puzzle A

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

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Puzzle B

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


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Puzzle C

6	2	5	1	9	8	7	3	4
7	1	9	4	3	2	8	6	5
8	3	4	5	7	6	1	2	9
3	8	6	2	1	4	9	5	7
4	9	7	8	5	3	2	1	6
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See You Later, Alligator

Anthony Buhl, 56, and March Chadwick, 57, are awaiting arraignment after being charged in Florida for driving with a dead alligator on the roof of their car, *The Smoking Gun* reported. On April 4, witnesses and license plate readers tracked Buhl and Chadwick as they drove from central Florida to the Atlantic coast with the carcass in plain view. After learning that possession of an alligator is illegal in Florida, the two tourists came up with a solution: They covered the deceased with a white sheet. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) commissioner finally caught up to them and pulled them over, but it's unclear whether the pair still had the alligator at that point. The arrest report indicated that they had earlier called the FWC dispatch to inform them they had disposed of the alligator. The report also offered an explanation: Evidently, the duo "admitted taking the roadkill alligator and wanting to take it to a taxidermy office to have it stuffed." They were booked into the Brevard County jail and released after paying a \$5,000 bond. They are scheduled to appear in court on April 28. *The Smoking Gun*, April 8

Live, From Cincinnati

WKRP is finally coming home to Cincinnati. D.P. McIntire of Raleigh, North Carolina, runs a media nonprofit that has been the proud owner of the call sign WKRP since 2014. McIntire, 56, recalled watching the first episode of the 1978 CBS sitcom "WKRP in Cincinnati": "I got up and I proclaimed, 'I'm going to be in radio. And if I ever have the opportunity, I'm going to run a station called WKRP.'" According to *The Associated Press*, McIntire's local broadcast WKRP-LP 101.9 FM went live on Nov. 30, 2015, and boasted "irreverent" offerings such as a show called "Weird Al and Friends," and even an annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway, where McIntire's team gives out gift certificates to a local grocery store — a nod to the sitcom's famous Turkey Day episode. When McIntire sought bids on the call letters, Cincinnati answered. "I cannot, by contract, tell you when. I cannot tell you who. But I can tell you, direct to the camera, WKRP, after 48 years, is coming to Cincinnati," McIntire said. "It has a special place in the hearts of an awful lot of people, and we have been very, very, very proud to have been a steward of that legacy." *AP*, April 3

In the Mood

In London, younger millennials and older Gen Zers are ditching the dating apps for slide decks. At "Date My Mate," a live dating event hosted by a north London pub, participants create and present PowerPoint slides to pitch their close friends as potential dates for those looking for love, *Reuters* reported on March 27. Attendees adorn "Date" or "Mate" stickers, and friends boast about their pals. "A bit more about Lauren. She's 30. She's a structural engineer, so

even though she will stop walls from falling down, she'll always be there to support you," said one friend. All 150 tickets sold out within minutes, and organizers are already planning additional events. "Date My Mate" comes as satisfaction with dating apps has dropped across the U.K. in recent years. The wine company Nice helped organize the event and hopes to plan as many as one per week across the country. *Reuters*, March 27

Diehard

There are sports fans, and then there are sports fans. Andy Milne, a 62-year-old retired teacher, is set to follow the 2026 World Cup around North America, *The Associated Press* reported on March 27, just as soon as he sells his second home to do so. Milne currently lives in Thailand and rents out a home in northern England, which he plans to put on the market for the equivalent of \$465,000 to fund his World Cup dreams. "I definitely want to see the whole tournament. I am going to the U.S. on June 3 and will be there for seven weeks," he said. "So it will cost quite a lot of money." *AP*, March 27

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

KFC isn't just about chicken anymore. The fast-food chain is partnering with BYD, China's electric vehicle company, to place car chargers at its locations across the country, *CNBC* reported on April 9. The ultra-fast (9-minute) chargers will provide just enough time for drivers to fill up on finger-lickin' chicken and all the fixins. BYD will facilitate the visits with onboard ordering and location displays. KFC is, according to an industry report, China's leading fast-food chain, with 13,000 outlets in 2,500 cities. *CNBC*, April 9

Bright Idea

University of British Columbia engineering students have a tradition of placing Volkswagen Beetle shells in unusual locations, *The Associated Press* reported on April 6. This year's prank involved a Beetle shell precariously perched on a rock face above a highway in Squamish, B.C. Authorities have asked people to avoid the area as they figure out how to secure the old car and lower it to safety. Squamish Mayor Armand Hurford called the area a "sacred place" among the Squamish Nation and said what "may have felt like an innocent prank" has affected hikers and climbers, too. "This is an area that deserves respect, and that wasn't the case here," he said. Officials say the VW will be removed within the week. *AP*, April 6

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