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ON THE COVER

8 It's summer! Or at least, it's the season of festivals and happenings that start Memorial Day weekend and offer up those summer vibes. In this week's issue of the Hippo, we bring you oodles of summer events including fairs and festivals, art events, music festivals, outdoor and summer playhouse theater, nature events and more. Load up on sunscreen and get ready to head out for some summer fun.

ALSO ON THE COVER Looking for some tasty fun? John Fladd serves up all the details on Manchester's Taco Tour (next Thursday, May 28) and the Concord-based Sweet Springtime Stroll (this Saturday, May 23). See page 24 for those stories. John also talks to an organizer at the Rubber Duck Regatta in Nashua, part of four days of fun planned in the Gate City (page 23). Michael Witthaus also gets all the details about the ongoing Nashua International Sculpture Symposium. This year's sculptors are working now on pieces that will become a part of the city's landscape (page 20).

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NEWS & NOTES

Memorial Day

It's a weekend of Memorial Day parades and celebrations. Here are a few:

- The **Amherst** Memorial Day Parade takes place Friday, May 22, with a 5:30 p.m. start time in the Amherst Village Green, according to the Wreaths Across Amherst Facebook page.

- **Hooksett's** Memorial Day Parade will be held Sunday, May 24, at noon at Lambert's Park, according to a post on the Town of Hooksett's Facebook page.

- The Memorial Day events in **Epping** will begin with a 21-gun salute and wreath-laying at four cemeteries starting at 7 a.m., followed by a parade beginning at 9 a.m. at the American Legion, 232 Calef Highway, and then a ceremony at Plumer Park, according to a post on the Epping American Legion Post 51 Facebook page.

- The Memorial Day Parade in **Concord** will start at 9 a.m. at the Christ the King Church on Thorndike Street, travel left onto Park Street, then left onto North State Street and another left onto Capitol Street to end at City Plaza, with a brief ceremony, according to concordnh.gov.

- The **Brookline** Memorial Day

Ceremony will take place Monday, May 25, at 9:30 a.m. in front of Town Hall on Main Street hosted by the Brookline American Legion Post 74, according to brooklinenh.gov.

- The Memorial Day Parade in **Milford** takes place on Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m. beginning in the West Street Cemetery and traveling on Elm Street to the Milford Oval and then to the VFW, according to milford.nh.gov/news.

- The **Derry** Memorial Day Parade & Remembrance will take place on Monday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m. in Hoods Commons followed by a gathering at MacGregor Park at 11 a.m. for remembrance ceremony, speakers and music and a flag raising at noon, according to a post on the Derry Fire Department Facebook page.

- **Nashua's** Memorial Day Parade will take place down Main Street on Monday, May 25, at 10:30 a.m., according to a press release.

- The Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade in **Salem** will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a short ceremony at Pine Grove Cemetery followed by a parade to Salem Common, where the ceremony will continue, according to salemnh.gov.

- A Memorial Day Parade & Remembrance Ceremony in **Londonderry** will take place Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at Robert Lincoln Way, traveling to Glenwood Cemetery and returning to the Town Common for a ceremony, according to londonderrynh.gov.

- The **Manchester** Veterans Council will hold its Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, at 2 p.m. on Elm Street from Bridge Street to Central Street, according to a press release. "Following the parade, the Council will dedicate the Gulf Wars and War on Terror Monument in Veterans Park," the release said.

Celebration poster

The Manchester Arts Commission is looking for artists and graphic designers to participate in a poster contest to celebrate the city's 180th anniversary and the country's 250th anniversary, according to an item in the MEDO Minute newsletter from the City of Manchester Economic Development Office. Submissions are due May 31. See facebook.com/CityOfManchesterNHEconomicDevelopment for a post with all the submission details. 📧

Brookford Farm, 250 West Road in **Canterbury**, 742-4084, is running a plant sale daily in May, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., according to an email from the farm. A farm visit also offers an opportunity to visit the animals in the barnyard and sample local products, the email said. See brookfordfarm.com.

The "Paws & Claws" art show will take place Thursday, May 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Sullivan Framing, 15 N. Amherst Road in **Bedford**, to raise funds for the Animal Rescue League of NH. Purchase a \$125 6-inch by 6-inch original painting and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to the League, according to sullivanframing.com and rescueleague.org. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Copper Door, the Rescue League website said.

The Pierce Brigade will feature "Saving the General's House," a presentation by Trish Jackson (chapter regent of the DAR Molly Stark Chapter) about the efforts to save the boyhood home of General John Stark on Wednesday, May 27, at 2 p.m. at the Pierce Manse, 14 Horseshoe Pond Lane in **Concord**, according to a press release. The Pierce Manse, the home of Franklin Pierce (the only U.S. president to come from New Hampshire), will open for the season on Thursday, May 28, with tours Thursdays, through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., through Oct. 24, the release said. See piercemanse.org.

The Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St. in **Manchester**, will host Art for Vets Community Day on Saturday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for veterans, active service members and their families, featuring refreshments, a drop-in art activity and museum tours, according to an email from the Currier. At 1 p.m., "all museum visitors are welcome to attend a free auditorium Art Talk with sculptors participating in the 2026 Nashua International Sculpture Symposium," the email said. See currier.org for details.

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Fewer ODs

As reported by WMUR in a May 14 online article, new data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show a decrease in deaths from drug overdoses nationwide. "In New Hampshire," WMUR reported, "the CDC reported fewer than 270 overdose deaths in 2025, down roughly 5% from 2024. Despite the decline, officials said new substances continue to emerge, with 23 new drugs already identified in 2026."

QOL score: +2

Comment: "Overdose deaths fell about 14% nationwide last year," WMUR reported. "It marks the third consecutive year of declines, the longest stretch in decades. The biggest contributor has been a drop in overdoses involving fentanyl"

State college tuition may go up

As reported by the Portsmouth Herald in a May 15, online article, "Tuition bills across the University System of New Hampshire are proposed to increase for a second straight academic year following six years of frozen in-state fees." There is a proposed 2.5 percent increase in undergraduate in-state tuition at the University of New Hampshire.

QOL score: -1

Comment: The University System of New Hampshire's board of trustees will finalize the 2026-2027 tuition rates for UNH, Keene State College and Plymouth State University in June. Tuition at UNH "would jump to \$16,304 for the 2026-2027 academic year; if the new rates are approved, an increase of about 2.5%. Out-of-state undergraduates would pay \$37,996 for the year; also about a 2.5% increase," the Herald reported. "Granite Staters attending UNH presently pay \$15,908 per year for in-state tuition, compared to \$37,070 for out-of-state students."

Test scores are not encouraging

WMUR reported in a May 14 online article that "students nationwide are facing what researchers describe as a decade-long learning recession as test scores continue to decline. According to a recent report using data from the Education Scorecard and The Educational Opportunity Project, students across the country, including in New Hampshire, are performing worse academically than they were 10 years ago." The article quoted Dartmouth College economics professor Doug Staiger, one of the report's authors. "From 2019 to 2022, students in New Hampshire, on average, lost about two-thirds of a grade level," Staiger said. "That's a lot."

QOL score: -1

Comment: WMUR quoted professor Staiger, who said, "the decline began before the Covid-19 pandemic, though the pandemic accelerated the trend. While math scores have started to recover, reading scores continue to lag behind." Chronic absenteeism and the rise of social media also probably play a role, he was quoted as saying.

QOL score last week: 51

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QOL this week: 51

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Sox still scuffling along



The Big Story – Baseball at the Quarter Turn: It has not been pretty for your Boston Red Sox. They've been getting killed for their weak offense, no power and lack of spending, leading an enterprising pilot to fly over Fenway one day pulling a banner behind begging the owners to sell the team. Other than that, the start's been great.

Sports 101: Name the three second basemen to hit 300 career homers.

News Item – Patriots Schedule Out: For those outraged at the toughness of the Pats' 2026 schedule: What did you expect? They got the easy one last year because they finished last twice in a row. Now they get the first-place schedule. That happened annually for 20 years, so what's the big deal?

News Item – Rumor Mill: For those still whining about losing **Raffy Devers:** after hitting .207 with two homers and 11 RBI in April word is SF is having buyer's remorse over his declining production vs. his massive contract. And while the numbers jumped to .240-5-18 by mid-May they are hardly game-changing. So with the record at just 15-24 whispers are growing that the West Coast G-Men are about to dump payroll with Raffy headed out the door again.

News Item – Red Sox at Quarter Turn:

Good: With **Ceddanne Rafaela** hitting .281 with four homers and 20 RBI it appears he's taken the next step. Plus new starters **Sonny Gray** and **Ranger Suarez** have been solid, as have surprising young'n **Connelly Early** and **Payton Tolle**.

Bad: They were 17-23, 11 out. In 2025 it was 18-22 and they still won 89 games.

Ugly: **Jarren Duran**, **Trevor Story**, **Marcelo Mayer** and **Caleb Durbin** all hit under .200 as the Sox scored MLB's second-fewest runs.

Injured List: Think Red Sox owner **John Henry** is down on his knees looking upward and saying please don't be another **Chris Sale**? As the next lefty Henry gave big bucks to after the \$150 million Sale fiasco was **Garrett Crochet**. He's on the DL with inflammation in his left shoulder after pitching

a career most 203 innings last year. Hmmmm.

Noteworthy baseball things after 40 games:

NL Central: Every team was playing over .500 baseball, from the 27-15 first-place Cubs to last-place Cincy at 21-20.

Billion-Dollar Dodgers: Tied with Padres at 24-16 instead of running away with everything with their pricey team. The Sox had a second-worst 31 homers and 161 runs scored in 45 games. Worst in homers was Milwaukee's 27, but they're ninth in runs with 209 and were 24-17 while the Sox were 17-23. Milwaukee has just the 20th-highest payroll at \$127 million. Boston is 12th at \$197 million, while the team with the worst record after, the 15-25 Mets, has baseball's highest at \$335 million.

Free Agents That Got Away:

Pete Alonso — 8 homers, 22 RBI, .306 avg.

Alex Bregman — 3 homers, 13 RBI, .233 avg.

Xander Bogaerts — 7 homers, 22 RBI, .267 avg.

The Numbers:

11 – percent increase in fouls during NBA playoffs vs. the regular season.

16 – astonishingly few pitches thrown by **Zack Wheeler** to get the first nine Red Sox batters out in Philly's 2-1 win last week. According to published reports it's the least needed to do that since 2000.

20 – “thank you very much **Chaim Bloom**” MLB-leading homer total (including two last week at Fenway) by **Kyle Schwarber**, who the power-poor Red Sox let walk 207 homers ago after 2021.

Sports 101 Answer: The 300-homer second basemen are **Jeff Kent** (354), **Robinson Cano** (335) and **Rogers Hornsby** (301).

Final Thought – RIP Award – Ted Turner: The CNN founder and Atlanta Braves manager for one game died last week at 87. His run as Braves owner produced 14 straight NL East titles, five NL pennants and a 1995 World Series title. He also owned the Atlanta Hawks, skippered the 1977 America Cup winning sailing team and founded the Goodwill Games. All while eventually revolutionizing cable TV and USA viewing habits. And he still had time to marry **Jane Fonda**. Email Dave Long at dlong@hippopress.com.





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Sunday, May 24

Celebrate 25 years of Elle Woods at a screening of 2001's *Legally Blonde* (PG-13) at Apple Cinemas in Merrimack and Hooksett at 7 p.m. and at the Regal Fox Run in Newington at 1 p.m., according



to fathomentertainment.com. The movie will also screen Wednesday, May 27, at Regal Fox Run at 6:30 p.m.

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester. "This classic story of a little mermaid who wishes for a life on land is told through dance, featuring original choreography in ballet, jazz, modern, tap, hip-hop, acro, pointe, and lyrical," according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.

the Washington at Mt. Vernon around 1773, Staines ... escaped [from the family's Philadelphia residence at the age of 22 in 1796] with the help of members of Philadelphia's free Black community, with whom she had built relationships during earlier visits. She hid on a boat destined for Portsmouth. ... Staines spent the rest of her life as a free woman in New Hampshire, where she married and had three children," according to the website.

6:30 p.m. and then the music and dancing start at 7 p.m., the website said.

Wednesday, May 27

The Nashua Silver Knights, members of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, host their home opener at Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St., Nashua) today against the Vermont Lake Monsters at 10:30 a.m. See nashuasilverknights.com for tickets. 🗨️



Thursday, May 21

The Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road in Canterbury, will hold a **Shaker Barn Dance** tonight from 7:30 to 10 p.m. with a "\$10-15 suggested contribution for Raise the Roof building fund for Canterbury Shaker Village. Collected at the door," according to a press release. Individuals and couples welcome, no experience needed, the release said. The band will feature Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki on fiddle, caller David Millstone and Sue Hunton on piano, the release said. Can't make it today? Another dance is slated for Thursday, June 18. See shakers.org.

Saturday, May 23

NH Alt Market, described in an email from an organizer as "an alternative pop-up market for the alternative maker [where] 25 wacky and wonderfully weird makers will gather to set up shop in the Newmarket Millspace," will be held today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Newmarket Millspace, 55 Main St., Suite 132, in Newmarket, according to an email. See nhaltmarket.com for a list of participating artists.

Saturday, May 23

Dimensions in Dance presents its production of Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid* today at

Saturday, May 23

Get some laughs at the **Tupelo Night of Comedy** featuring Steve Bjork, Ryan Gartley and Jack Lynch tonight at 8 p.m. at the Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St. in Derry, according to tupelomusic hall.com, where you can purchase tickets.

Saturday, May 23

The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire will hold an unveiling of a **mural of Ona Judge Staines** at 222 Court St. in Portsmouth on Saturday, May 23, with events starting at 11 a.m., according to blackheritagetrailnh.org, where you can find a schedule of events. "Born enslaved to George and Mar-

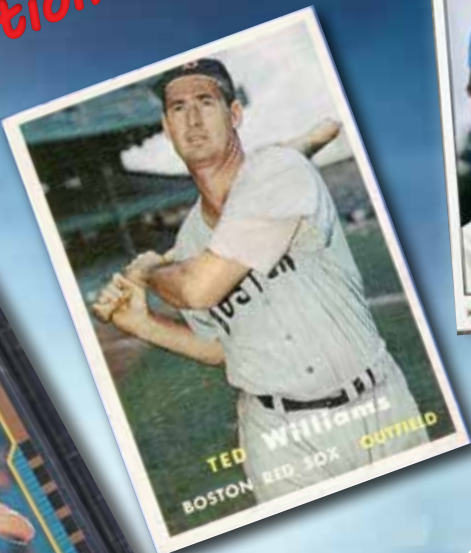
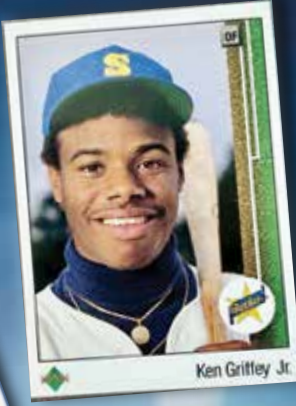

Saturday, May 23


It's **Swing Dance Night** featuring the New Hampshire Jazz Orchestra at the BNH Stage in Concord, according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets. Doors open at 6 p.m., a dance lesson starts at

Save the Date! Friday, May 29

New Hampshire Humanities will host a presentation called "**First in the Nation: New Hampshire's 1776 Constitution to the Present**" on Friday, May 29, at 5 p.m. on Zoom, according to a press release. "Join us to watch a rebroadcast of a panel discussion about New Hampshire's Constitution in the past and present, with Lorianne Updike Schulzke (pictured) and Robert F. Williams, moderated by the Honorable N. William Delker. All three panelists will join us live after the rebroadcast to answer questions," the release said. See nhhumanities.org to register.


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It's summer!

Or, it's "summer" — the state of mind we enter sometime around Memorial Day weekend, when we dig out the flip-flops and shove the snow boots to the back of the closet. In this guide we present summer season happenings from now through Labor Day, when the vibes turn autumnal. With information gleaned from the events' websites and social media pages, here are some of the happenings to put on your schedule over the next few months. Did we miss one of your favorite events? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

- Nashua will celebrate **Renaissance on the Riverwalk** Friday, May 22, through Monday, May 25 — "The grand reopening of the newly renovated Le Parc de Notre Renaissance [on Water Street in Nashua] will be the location for four days of music, food, events and fun for the whole family," according to a post on the Enjoy Nashua Facebook page. "A full schedule of Memorial Day weekend activities will include food trucks, lots of live music performances, free arts and crafts activities aimed at all ages, local vendors, lawn games, and more. We're planning a downtown Seek n Find that will have you looking for fun little prizes, and some objects that score you even bigger prizes! We'll also have coffee/breakfast food trucks ready before the annual Monday parade down Main Street, so you and your family can power up before supporting our marching veterans!"

- The **New Hampshire Arms Collectors** will hold a gun show on Saturday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Everett Arena in Concord, according to nharmscollectors.org.

- The Downtown Nashua Association will hold the **Rubber Duck Regatta** on Saturday, May 23, with a duck launch at 3 p.m. at the Nashua River Walk, according to downtownnashua.org, where you can purchase the ducks to compete. "[A]ll 5,000 ducks will be launched

into the Merrimack River from the footbridge between the Clocktower Apartments and the Cotton Mill Apartments. The first three ducks to cross the finish line will win cash prizes," the website said. See page 23 for more.

- The **Memorial Weekend Craft Fair** at Mill Falls Marketplace in Meredith from Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (until 4 p.m. on Monday) featuring more than 70 juried artists, according to castleberry-fairs.com/memorial-day-weekend-craft-festival, where you can see a list of exhibitors.

- **Third annual Granite State Tap Festival Show** will take place Sunday, May 24, at 4 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. The show is preceded (on Saturday, May 23) by a day of classes. See tickets.anselm.edu for details about the classes and to register and to purchase show tickets.

- **History Alive at Kemp Park** in Hillsborough will feature events about Abenaki culture and the Contoocook River on Friday, May 29, from noon to 3 p.m., and Saturday, May 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to historyalivenh.org. The theme is "The River That Runs Thru" and the Saturday keynote speaker is archeologist Robert Goodby, who will discuss "Paddling Thru Time: The Long History of Canoes in New Hampshire," the website said. Each day will begin and end with Abenaki drumming and singing, and the event will also feature Abenaki basket and pottery making, traditional foods, stories about the mills, a tour of the railroad corridor, a display of trucks, a presentation about the river, and a tapestry depicting the history of New Hampshire, as well as a Ben & Jerry's ice cream truck, the website said.

- Less Leg More Heart will hold the **3rd annual Fire Truck Pull & Festival** on Sunday, May 31, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Arms Park in Manchester featuring the fire truck pull competition, a car show, food and beverage vendors, a vendor village, a kids zone and raffles, according to lesslegmoreheart.com/events, where you can find details about participating in the pull or car show.

- **Truckfest**, an event featuring big

vehicles that kids can explore, will take place Sunday, May 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative High School and Middle School, according to an email from the event's organizer. The event is free to attend and will feature a "lemonade and cookie stand to raise money for Relay for Life, a program run by the American Cancer Society," the email said.

- The Nashua Historical Society will host two performances of **Declaring Independence: Then and Now** on Thursday, June 4, at 5 and 7 p.m. at the Florence H. Spears Memorial Museum, 5 Abbot St.

in Nashua, according to a press release. "Presented by actors in period dress, the performance combines historical storytelling with an annotated reading of the Declaration itself, inviting audiences to consider both the courage of 1776 and the enduring relevance of the nation's founding ideals today," the release said. The event is free but registration is required; see the society's Facebook page for links to register for one of the performance times.

- **First Friday Concord** continues with live music and other special programming June 5 and Aug. 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. as well as first Fridays through November. On Friday, June 5, the theme is Concord Pride with free face painting from 4 to 7 p.m. on City Plaza and live music by Ashborne (City Plaza, 4 to 8 p.m.), Kyle Erickson (4 to 5:45 p.m., Bicentennial Square) and Trade (6:15 to 8 p.m., Bicentennial Square), according to firstfridayconcord.com. Food trucks scheduled to attend June 5 include Nothing Bundt Cakes, Nice Ice Baby, DeadProof and Stacy's Grill, the website said.

- The Rotary Club of Goffstown will hold its **13th Annual Car Show** on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Parsons Drive in Goffstown, according to an email from the club. "Entering a show car costs \$20, spectators enter for free. Proceeds from the event are given as grants to area charities," the email said. See goftstownrotary.org.

- **Goffstown's Old Home Day** will take place Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with local vendors, food, live music and entertain-

ment and kids' activities and games, according to goftstownmainstreet.org/old-home-day. The festivities also include an outdoor movie at 7 p.m. and LED fireworks in the Town Common on Friday, June 5, the website said.

- **The 14th annual New Hampshire Maker Fest** will be held in and around the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to a press release. See demonstrations in a variety of subjects from engineers, scientists, bakers, tinkerers, hobbyists and artisans, the release said. See childrens-museum.org/programs/nh-maker-fest.

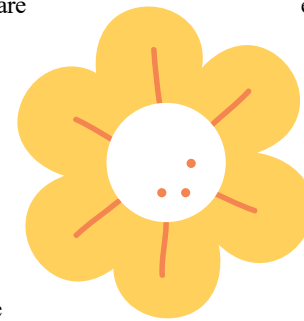
- The **Concord Pride 5K Run/Walk 2026** will take place Sunday, June 7, 9 a.m. to noon at the State House with the start/finish line on Capitol Street, according to posts on the the Equality Health Center Facebook page, where you can find links to sign up.

- The **Northern New England Book Fair** will take place Sunday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Everett Arena in Concord along with a show from New Hampshire Antiques Dealers Association in the same location, according to apassion4books.com. Admission costs \$5 and the event will feature more than 90 dealers, the website said.

- The **Milford Pride Fest 2026** will take place Sunday, June 7, from noon to 4 p.m. at the stage at Keyes Park in Milford featuring music, drag performers, food trucks, vendors and more, according to the event's Facebook page.

- The **Seacoast LitFest** will take place Thursday, June 11, through Sunday, June 14, at the Music Hall in Portsmouth, according to a press release. Events include multiple author talks including with Jenna Bush Hager (June 11), Temple Grandin (June 12) and Jill Lepore (June 14); a book fair and kid book giveaway on June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; panels; book signings and more, the release said. See themusichall.org for a complete schedule and to purchase tickets to some of the events.

- The **Make It Fest!**, a "gathering of makers, doers, DIYers, crafters, tinkerers, self-proclaimed engineers and aspiring mad-sci-



entists!” according to makeitfest.com, will take place Saturday, June 13, from noon to 4 p.m. at Make It Labs, 25 Crown St. in Nashua, the website said. The event will feature demonstrations, exhibits, workshops, a sumo robot competition, vendor sales and more, according to the website, where you can register to attend.

• **Laconia Motorcycle Week** is slated for Saturday, June 13, through Sunday, June 21, according to laconiamcweek.com, where you can find a schedule of rides and other events.

• The **26th Annual Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Classic** runs Thursday, June 18, through Saturday, June 20, with the illuminated sculptures on display through June 28, according to hamptonbeach.org/events/sand-sculpture-event. A group carve takes place Wednesday, June 17, according to the website, where you can find a schedule of events and a look at this year’s contributors.

• The Black Heritage Trail New Hampshire will hold events commemorating Juneteenth. On Friday, June 19, at 9 a.m. there will be a **Juneteenth Freedom Walk in Portsmouth** followed by **African drumming at the African burial grounds** in Portsmouth at 11 a.m.; visit blackheritagetrailnh.org. On Sunday, June 21, at 10 a.m. there will be a living history event, “**Meet New Hampshire’s 5 to Know,**” featuring interpreters of Wentworth Cheswell (a Revolutionary War veteran and the first Black person elected to public office in the U.S.); performer Richard Potter; author Harriet Wilson; Prince Whipple (Revolutionary War veteran and one of the signers of the 1779 Petition for Freedom) and Ona Marie Judge, the website said. On Saturday, June 27, there will be a **statewide reading of Frederick Douglass’** “What to a Slave Is Your Fourth of July.” On Sunday, June 28, starting at 10 a.m. in Portsmouth there will be a **guided bus tour of New Hampshire’s Black Revolutionary War history**, according to the website, where you can register for all of these events.

• Black Womxn in New Hampshire Collective will hold its **Juneteenth New England** celebration on Saturday, June 20, starting at 1 p.m. at Crossway Christian Church in Nashua featuring music, dancing, storytelling, food, history, community connection and more, according to a post at the group’s Facebook page facebook.com/bwinhinc. See also bwinhsc.com.

• The Concord Historical Society will host “**Liberty and Legacy: Civic Saturday Social**” on Saturday, June 20, from 1 to 6 p.m. at Kimball Jenkins, 266 N. Main St. in Concord, “in conjunction with Kimball Jenkins, the Pierce Manse and Concordia Lutheran Church. The event will kick off the city’s semiquincentennial celebrations. This celebration is free to the public and will be held on North Main Street amidst several iconic historic buildings,” according to kimballjenkins.com. Later that evening in a separate event starting at 6:30 p.m., Kimball Jenkins will host improv troupe Stranger than Fiction with *America, Signing Off*, “inspired by America 250, where some of the lesser-known Founding Fathers gather to debate one audience-suggested line for the soon-to-be-written Declaration of

Independence,” according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.

• **Nashua Pride Festival & Parade** will run Saturday, June 20, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Holman Stadium in Nashua, according to downtownnashua.org. The day will include live performances, food trucks, local vendors, community organizations and activities for all ages, according to the website.

• The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire will hold its annual **Father’s Day Weekend Fly-In BBQ** at Boire Field in Nashua on Saturday, June 20, according to aviationmuseumofnh.org, where you can check back for details.

• The Wilton NH Main Street Association’s **SummerFest** will be held Saturday, June 20, according to facebook.com/wiltonmainstreetnh. “Main Street will be closed to traffic and full of vendors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. We have live music on two stages during that entire time. The Lions will also have their annual Duck Drop fundraiser in the afternoon,” according to an email from organizers. “Activities move up to Carnival Hill in the evening from 6 to 10 p.m. That will include music provided by a DJ, kids’ games, a pie-eating contest and an amazing fireworks display by JPI Pyrotechnics, enhanced this year for the 250th birthday of America,” the email said.

• Concord’s **Market Days Festival** will run Thursday, June 25, through Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, according to marketdaysfestival.com. Each day features music and performances on three stages, food trucks and food vendors, vendors selling other goods and more, the website said.

• The Town of Windham will hold a **Revolutionary Living History and Encampment with the First New Hampshire Regiment** at Crossing Life Church, 122 N. Lowell Road in Windham, on Saturday, June 27, to celebrate America’s 250th, according to a post on the town’s Facebook page. The day featuring a camp and farmers market will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a contra dance and fireworks from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the post said. The event will have live reenactments, cannon and musket firing demonstrations, 18th century cooking, colonial music and clothes, animals and soldier’s drill as well as food truck, the post said.

• The **Manchester Pride Festival & Parade** will take place Saturday, June 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park in downtown Manchester, according to manchestertrue.org. The parade will kick off the day, followed by live performances, food, local vendors and community organizations and more, according to a post on the Manchester True Collaborative Facebook page. See the Manchester True Collaborative website for details on other Pride events happening throughout June including the Pride Youth

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- The next **New England Reptile Expo** is Sunday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm St. in Manchester, featuring more than 200 vendor tables, according to reptileexpo.com/all-shows/newhampshire.

- The **Liberty Weekend Craft Festival** takes place in the Town Common in Hampton Falls on Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring juried artisans and specialty foods, according to castleberryfairs.com/liberty-weekend-craft-festival, where you can find a list of exhibitors.

- The **Hillsboro Summerfest** will run Thursday, July 9, through Sunday, July 12, at 29 Preston St. in Hillsborough, featuring carnival rides and midway games, live entertainment, a 5K on July 10, a town parade, a women's skillet toss, fireworks on Saturday evening and more, according to hillsborosummerfest.com.

- The **Raymond Town Fair** will be held Friday, July 10, through Sunday, July 12, featuring "live music, fireworks, children's activities, educational exhibitions, games & vendors," according to facebook.com/RaymondTownFair, where you can check for schedule updates.

- The Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Road in Warner, will hold its **25th annual Pow Wow** on Saturday, July 11, and Sunday, July 12, according to indianmuseum.org, where you can purchase tickets. "Experience the vibrant colors of regalia, powerful dances, heartwarming music, and over 20 traders with handmade crafts," the website said about the event.

- The American Independence Center will hold the **American Independence Festival** in downtown Exeter on Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring a live reading of the Declaration of Independence, demonstrations of historic 18th-century trades, reenactment groups, colonial games and music and more, according to aicnh.org/american-independence-festival.

- **Merrimack Paddle Battle 2026** will take place Sunday, July 18, starting at 10:30 a.m. in Wasserman Park in Merrimack hosted by Merrimack Parks & Recreation and the Merrimack Run Club, according to merrimackparksandrec.org. The day features a community water race in a one-mile loop around Blueberry Island, according to the website.

- The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire, 27 Navigator Road in Londonderry, will hold

Movies!

Find listings of specialty movie screenings and movie series this summer in the film listings, which appear in the Pop section most weeks, including on page 28 in this week's issue.

its annual **Classic Car Show** on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to a press release. "Admission to the grounds for spectators is \$10 per adult; children 12 and under free. Admission is cash only," the release said. The day will also feature food trucks, and admission to the museum is included with admission to the car show, during the show, the release said. See aviationmuseumofnh.org.

- **Stratham Summerfest 2026** will take place Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Stratham Hill Park and feature 4-H animal barns, exhibits and more; magic shows, live music, kids' activities, helicopter exhibits weather permitting, a pie-eating contest and more, according to strathamnh.gov.

- The Second Congregational Church, 25 Gregg St. in Wilton, will hold its annual **Summer Fair** on Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring crafts, food, music, kids activities, plant sales, book sales, a food auction at 1 p.m. and more, according to an email from the church. See 2ccwilton.org.

- Organized by the Merrimack Valley Military Vehicle Collectors Club, the **Weare Rally** will run Thursday, July 23, through Saturday, July 25, at Center Woods School (14 Center Road, Weare). The rally features military vehicle displays, scenic rides, demonstrations, food and more, according to mvmvc.org.

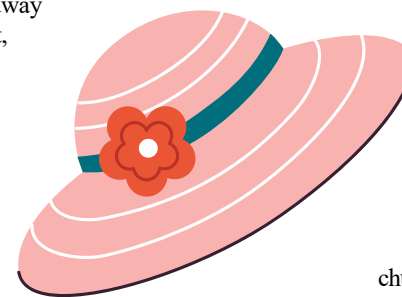
- **The Live Free or Die Tattoo Expo** runs Friday, July 24, through Sunday, July 26, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St., Manchester). The event features tattoo artists, contests, vendors, live music, food and performances, according to livefreeordietattoo.com, where you can find a schedule and purchase tickets.

- The **Canterbury Fair** is, as always, the last Saturday in July — Saturday, July 25, starting at 9 a.m. with a 5K at Canterbury Center, according to canterburyfair.com. The fair, which runs until 4 p.m., in Center Canterbury will also include children's games, a used book sale, live music including from Mr. Aaron and The Ragged Mountain Band, demonstrations of handicrafts, a "whatnot" tag sale, a barbecue and more, the website said.

- The Manchester Craft Market at the Mall of New Hampshire will hold its **Local Author Book Fair** on Saturday, July 25, from noon to 4 p.m., featuring more than 100 New England area authors, according to manchestercraftmarket.com.

- The Downtown Nashua Association will present the **Summer Stroll** on Saturday, July 25, on Main Street in Nashua, according to downtownnashua.org, where you can check for updates on the event. "This event turns Main Street into a pedestrian-only festival of food, art, music and kids' activities, featuring dozens of vendor tents and local makers," the website said.

- The Coppal House Farm in Lee will hold its annual **Sunflower Festival** Saturday, July 25,



through Aug. 2, open daily with food vendors and special events on the weekend including children's storytimes, music and a craft fair, according to nhsunflower.com, where you can find daily times and admission prices, purchase admission and find tickets to special events held during the festival.

• **The New Hampshire Film Festival Presents: NHFF Short Films — Best of the Fest part 1** at the Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St. in Manchester, on Thursday, July 30, at 7 p.m., according to an organizer email.

“The lineup includes live action, documentary, and animation titles that were produced in New Hampshire, across the U.S., and across the world,” the email said. See palacetheatre.org for tickets.

• The Suncook Valley Rotary **44th Hot Air Balloon Rotary** will run Friday, July 31, through Sunday, Aug. 2, at Drake Field on Barnstead Road in Pittsfield, featuring daily night glow displays of the balloons and flights (weather permitting) as well as touch-a-truck, a 5K, a regatta and more, according to nhballoonrally.org.

• The **Belknap County Fair** will run Saturday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 174 Mile Hill Road in Belmont, according to bcfairnh.org.

• The **New Hampshire Antiques Show**, hosted by the New Hampshire Antique Dealers Association, returns to the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown (700 Elm St., Manchester) Thursday, Aug. 6, through Saturday, Aug. 8, featuring 59 antique dealers, according to nhada.org, where you can find details on tickets, parking and more.

• **Hudson Old Home Days** runs Thursday, Aug. 6, through Sunday, Aug. 9, according to hudsonoldhomedays.com, where you can check for updates for this year's events. Last year's events and activities included carnival rides, food trucks and other vendors, live music, midway games, a craft fair and more, the website said.

• Dark Side Customs of Concord will present **The Granite State Gitdown**, a custom car and bike show, outside the Everett Arena in Concord on Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to the Everett Arena schedule. See dark-side-customs.com.

• The New Hampshire Boat Museum will host its annual **Alton Bay Boat Show** on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Alton Town Docks, according to a press release. See nhbm.org.

• Sunfox Farm in Concord presents its annual **Sunflower Bloom Festival** Saturday, Aug. 8, through Sunday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., featuring live music, food trucks and other vendors, according to sunfoxfarm.org/sunflowerfestival, where you can find details on pricing, parking and more.

• **Londonderry Old Home Day** includes a day-long event Saturday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. with a parade as well as, at the Town of Londonderry Historical Society, colonial crafts, music, cannon and musket firing and more, according to londonderryhistory.org. See [Facebook.com/TownofLondonderryOldHomeDay](https://www.facebook.com/TownofLondonderryOldHomeDay) for more events and updates.

• **History Alive 2026 in Hillsborough** on Jones Road will feature historical reenactments of famous battles as well as daily village life (from Viking and medieval demonstrations to

World War II) on Saturday, Aug. 15, and Sunday, Aug. 16. See history-alivenh.org for a schedule.

• The **Concord Model Railroad Show**, sponsored by the Concord Model Railroad Club, will take place Sunday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Everett Arena in Concord, according to a flyer from the club. Admission costs \$2 for adults, free for kids under 15 with an adult, the flyer said. The day will feature more than 20 dealers, a food stand, raffles and more, the flyer said. See trainweb.org/cmrc.

• The **Annual Hampton Beach Children's Festival** will run Monday, Aug. 17, through Friday, Aug. 21, with a lineup of performances and events each day leading up to a giant costume parade on Aug. 21, according to hamptonbeach.org/events/childrens-events.

• The **Hampton Beach Comedy Festival** runs Tuesday, Aug. 18, through Sunday, Aug. 23, with performances by at least five comedians each night at McGuirk's Ocean View Hotel, according to hampton-beach-comedy-festival.weebly.com, where you can purchase tickets and see the scheduled lineups.

• **Candia Old Home Day** kicks off on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 11 a.m. with a parade, followed by a celebration featuring a dunk tank, food vendors, music and more, according to candiaoldhomeday.com.

• The **8th Annual Family Fun Day** at Field of Dreams in Salem will take place Saturday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to fieldofdreamsnh.org.

• Dog Friendly NH will host **Bark in the Park: Wag Around the World Festival** on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rollins Park in Concord, according to a post on the Dog Friendly NH Facebook page. “Come wander through country and region themed areas, [and] enjoy international food trucks, live music, vendors, and a park full of fun and discovery” according to the post, which said the event would also feature a Kids Zone, shopping and more. The event is open to dogs who are “vaccinated, healthy, well-behaved with people and dogs, and comfortable on a leash,” the post said.

Day at the museum

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• **Pembroke and Allenstown's Old Home Day** returns on Saturday, Aug. 22, with homemade crafts, merchants, information booths and more, according to pembrokeallenstown-oldhomeday.org, where you can check back for updates on this year's events.

• The **Capital Mineral Club Show** will take place Saturday, Aug. 29, and Sunday, Aug. 30, at the Everett Arena in Concord, according to capitalmineralclub.org, where you can find updates on the show.

• The **Hopkinton State Fair** bills itself as a Labor Day weekend tradition happening this year from Thursday, Sept. 3, to Monday, Sept. 7, at the fairgrounds (392 Kearsarge Ave., Con-toocook). There will be livestock shows, a demolition derby, carnival rides, monster trucks, live entertainment, food and more. The fair hours are 5 to 10 p.m. on Thursday; 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, according to hsfair.org.

• **Cruisin' Downtown**, billed as New England's largest classic car show, will take place Saturday, Sept. 5, on Elm Street in downtown Manchester, and feature vendors, music on two stages and more, according to cruisingdowntownnh.com.

• The **2026 Exeter UFO Festival** will take place Saturday, Sept. 5, and Sunday, Sept. 6, with a lineup of speakers as well as family-friendly festival activities (costume contests for people and pets, a parade, a dance party and more), according to toexeterufofestival.org.

ARTS EVENTS

• The **Craftworkers' Guild Spring Fair Craft Shop** at Oliver Kendall House (3A Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, behind the Bedford Public Library) is open through Sunday, May 24, Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See thecraftworkersguild.org.

• The **2026 Nashua International Sculpture Symposium** continues at the Picker Artists building, 3 Pine St. in Nashua, with a closing ceremony and visit to the sculptures' installation sites on Saturday, June 6, at 1 p.m. During the symposium you can watch the sculptors work at the Pine Street site. See NashuaSculptureSymposium.org.

• **NH Alt Market** will be held Saturday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Newmarket Millspace, 55 Main St., Suite 132, in Newmarket, according to nhaltmarket.com.

• The Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire will hold an unveiling of a **mural of Ona Judge Staines** at 222 Court St. in Portsmouth on Saturday, May 23, with events starting at 11 a.m., according to blackheritagetrailnh.org, where you

can find a schedule of events. "Born enslaved to George and Martha Washington at Mt. Vernon around 1773, Staines ... escaped [from the family's Philadelphia residence at the age of 22 in 1796] with the help of members of Philadelphia's free Black community, with whom she had built relationships during earlier visits. She hid on a boat destined for Portsmouth. ... Staines spent the rest of her life as a free woman in New Hampshire, where she married and had three children," according to the website.

• The **Concord Arts Market** will return to Rollins Park in Concord for another season of Arts in the Park dates starting Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and running one Saturday a month through October, according to concordartsmarket.org. The Concord Arts Market will also be at Concord's Market Days Festival in the downtown.

• "**Art in Bloom Celebration**" will take place Friday, June 12, through Sunday, June 14, at the Center for the Arts Members Gallery, 428 Main St. in New London. Local garden clubs and florists will create floral interpretations inspired by selected works from "Emergence," a spring juried members exhibition at the gallery, according to a press release. See cfanh.org.

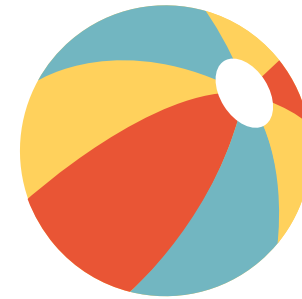
• The **4th Annual Community Arts Festival at Castle in the Clouds** in Moultonborough will be held Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to a press release. "The festival will feature dozens of crafters, artists, and community organizations in the field of this iconic destination," the release said. The event is free to attend and will feature food trucks and a scavenger hunt, the release said. See castleintheclouds.org/event/community-arts-festival.

• **Bike Night at the Currier Presented by Manchester Harley-Davidson** will take place Thursday, July 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St. in Manchester, in conjunction with the current exhibit "Danny Lyon: The Bikeriders," in which 16 works by photographer Danny Lyon of the Chicago Outlaws Motorcycle Club are on display through Aug. 16 at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, according to currier.org. The event encourages people to "[b]ring your motorcycle to the Currier for a fun and free night out at the museum," according to an email from the museum. See currier.org for details.

• **Uncommon Art On the Common** in the village of Goffstown takes place Saturday, Aug. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to goffstown-mainstreet.org/uncommonart, where you can check back for updates.

• The League of NH Craftsmen's **Annual Craftsmen's Fair** will take place Saturday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury, according to nhcrafts.org/annual-craftsmen-fair.

• The **73rd Greeley Park Art Show** will take place Saturday, Aug. 29, and Sunday, Aug. 30,



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SPECTATOR SPORTS

- The **New Hampshire Fisher Cats** at Delta Dental Stadium in downtown Manchester continue their run against the Hartford Yard Goats through Sunday, May 24, with games at 6:03 p.m. on May 21 and May 22 and 1:05 p.m. on May 23 and May 24. Catch after-show fireworks on Friday, May 22. Regular season games continue through Sunday, Sept. 13. See milb.com/new-hampshire for tickets.

- The **Nashua Silver Knights**, members of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League, will host their home opener at Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St., Nashua) on Wednesday, May 27, against the Vermont Lake Monsters at 10:30 a.m. followed by a game Saturday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m. against the Lowell Spinners. The first post-game fireworks will take place at the game on Friday, June 5, at 6:03 p.m. against the Worcester Bravehearts. Their last home game of the regular season will be on Friday, Aug. 7, at 6:03 p.m. against the Norwich Sea Unicorns. See nashua-silverknights.com.

- **NH Roller Derby** continues its season with a doubleheader on Saturday, May 30, at 4 p.m. at JFK Coliseum, 303 Beech St. in Manchester, according to nhrollerderby.com. Up next, a doubleheader on Saturday, June 27, at 4 p.m. and the Granite Skate Invitational on Saturday, July 18, and Sunday, July 19, according to NH Roller Derby's Facebook page, where you can find updates on their events.

- The **2026 New Hampshire Soap Box Derby Local Championship** will be held on Sunday, May 31, at 120 Broadway in Dover — check-ins begin at 7:45 a.m., with competitions (between drivers ages 7 to 20) starting at 10 a.m. Spectators can cheer on the races for free. See nh.soapboxderby.org

- The **Special Olympics New Hampshire State Summer Games** take place Friday, June 12, and Saturday, June 13, at the University of New Hampshire (105 Main St., Durham). The games include competition in athletics, bocce, equestrian, powerlifting, unified sprint triathlons and swimming, according to sonh.org.

- **Dartmouth Health Children's NH East-West All Star Football Game** featuring "the state's best graduating high school football players together" will take place Friday, June 26, at 6 p.m. at the Grappone Stadium at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, according to childrens.dartmouth-health.org/events, where you can purchase tickets.

NATURE EVENTS

- The NH Audubon and the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire are partnering on a **Black Birders Week 2026 Tour** on Saturday, May 30, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in Portsmouth, according to nhaudubon.org, where you can purchase tickets.

- New Hampshire Audubon's Massabesic Center (26 Audubon Way in Auburn, nhaudu-

bon.org) will hold **Garden Tours** on Tuesday, June 2, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 6, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; RSVP on the website to attend.

- The summer **Free Fishing Day** in New Hampshire takes place on Saturday, June 6, when residents and nonresidents can "fish any inland water — or saltwater — in New Hampshire" without a fishing license, according to wildlife.nh.gov, which noted that season dates and other fishing regulations still apply.

- The NH Audubon's McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road in Concord, will hold a **Pollinator Fest & Native Plant Sale** on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring local artisans, pollinator groups, food trucks, live music and more, according to nhaudubon.org.

- The **37th Annual Pocket Gardens of Portsmouth Tour**, a fundraiser for South Church, will take place Friday, June 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to southchurch-uu.org/what-we-offer/pocket-garden-tour. "This year's tour returns to the historic South End neighborhood and features 10 private gardens and the Goodwin Garden at Strawberry Banke Museum. Along the route you will find musicians, artists, and refreshments," the website said.

- The Palace Theatre's **Red, White and Bloom Garden Tour 2026** takes place Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a self-guided tour of public and private gardens throughout Manchester, according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.

- The Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point State Park in Rye celebrates **World Oceans Day** on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with "hands-on games, educational activities, naturalist-led tide pooling sessions, food trucks, and more," according to seacoast-sciencecenter.org, where you can purchase tickets for the event.

- **Heritage in Bloom: A Garden Tour** held by the Garden Club of Deerfield will take place Saturday, June 27, from 3 to 7 p.m. and feature "a self-guided tour through the gardens of historic homes and properties throughout Deerfield. Guests will have the opportunity to explore beautifully maintained landscapes rooted in the town's rich agricultural and cultural history while enjoying the magic of a New England summer evening during the golden hour. More than a traditional garden tour, Heritage in Bloom offers a thoughtfully curated experience where music, art, and nature come together. Throughout the gardens, visitors will discover local musicians, artists, and special touches ..." according to a club press release. See givebutter.com/heri-

Concerts

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tage-in-bloom for tickets.

• New Hampshire Audubon's McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord) will hold **Pollinator Garden Tours** on Thursday, July 9, from 4 to 6 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. according to nhaudubon.org, where you can RSVP to attend.

• The **Granite VNA Hospice Home & Garden Tour** will take place Wednesday, July 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to granitevna.org/ways-to-give/hospice-home-garden-tour, where tickets will be on sale in late May. "This year's tour features a wonderful mix of homes on or near the waterfront of Lake Winnepesaukee, from sprawling estates to charming cottages, open-air retreats to rustic getaways," the website said.

• The **Second Annual Five Sense Tour at Tiffany Gardens**, a fundraiser for Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, will take place Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the private Tiffany Gardens, a one-acre residential garden with more than 20 garden beds, according to comcaregivers.org/garden-tour, where you can purchase tickets.

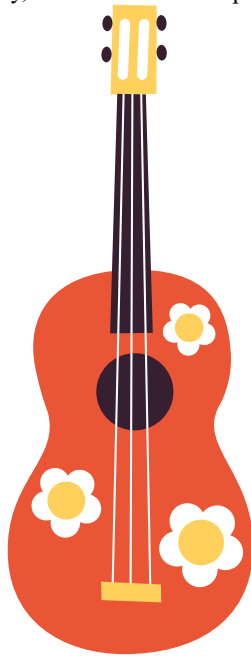
• New Hampshire Audubon's McLane Center (84 Silk Farm Road in Concord) will hold the **Capital Area Butterfly Survey** on Saturday, July 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to nhaudubon.org, where you can register to participate.

MUSIC FESTIVALS

• **Synthfest 2026**, an evening of live electronic music, will take place Saturday, May 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Rollins Park Gazebo in Concord, according to boseyjoe.com/synthfest. The lineup includes Bosey Joe, Green Leader and Hyponova, according to the website.

• The **Granite State 2026 Blues Challenge** will take place Sunday, May 31, at noon at the Brickhouse Restaurant and Brewery, 241 Union Square in Milford, according to granitestateblues.org.

• **Halcyon Music Festival**, which "brings world-class musicians and talented young professionals to live, work, and perform together ... to create a community where chamber music will be explored and presented at the highest artistic level," will offer six concerts Thursday,



June 11, through Saturday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, according to halcyonmusicfestival.org, where you can purchase tickets including ticket packages for multiple concerts. Shows are "In the Americas" on June 11, featuring the music of Schubert, Beach, Villa-Lobos and Barber; "Otherworldly" on June 12, featuring the music of Mozart, Ives and Beethoven; "All'Ongarese" on June 13, featuring the music of Foote, Haydn, Schulhoff and Brahms; "Breath of Inspiration" on June 18, featuring the music of Williams, Brahms and Price; "Music of the Sea" on June 19, featuring the music of Fauré, Shostakovich and Herrmann, and "Pinnacles" on June 20, featuring the music of Mozart, Bernstein and Mendelssohn.

• **Northlands Music and Arts Festival** will take place Friday, June 19, through Sunday, June 21, at the Cheshire Fairgrounds in Swanzey, according to northlandslive.com, where you can purchase passes to the festival for three days or one day and find information about camping and parking. You can also find the lineup of bands on each day on the website as well as information on food, craft and art vendors, health and wellness activities and kids' activities.

• The **New Hampshire Music Festival** runs Tuesday, July 7, through Thursday, July 30, with four chamber music concerts and four orchestra concerts all at the Plymouth State University Silver Center for the Arts in Plymouth, according to nhmf.org, where you can purchase tickets to individual shows or the season. This summer's theme is "A Musical Traverse," described as "a sweeping journey across cultures, centuries, and sound worlds. ... [O]ur musicians will explore music that moves from intimate reflection to dazzling spectacle, tracing pathways between American voices and treasured international masterworks. As we mark the United States of America's 250th anniversary, this season proudly celebrates the richness and diversity of American artistry, placing it in vibrant conversation with music from around the globe," the website says.

• The **Kinfolk Music & Arts Festival**, described as "A day where reggae drifts into roots, jam bands run into songwriters, and by the end of the day it somehow all makes perfect sense," will take place Saturday, July 25, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at Ragged Mountain Resort in Danbury, according to raggedmountainresort.com/event-overview, where you can purchase tickets. In addition to a lineup of musicians (which you can see on the website, with a headliner to be announced June 22), the day will feature 65 artisan booths, interactive activities and demos, family fun, food trucks, a beer garden and more, according to a press release about the event.

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- The **Granite State Blues Festival** will take place Saturday, Aug. 1. Check back at granitestateblues.org for updates on this year.

- The **Mountain Music & Arts Festival 2026** will take place Friday, Aug. 7, and Saturday, Aug. 8, at Melody Mountain Farm in Warren, according to a post on the farm's Facebook page. See melodymountainfarm.com for tickets and information on camping. The festival will feature headliners Dead Ahead and The Rins as well as a lineup of other bands and artists, food and other local vendors, the post said.

- Continuum Arts Collective will present **Revel in the Meadow 2026** at Dover Elks Field, 282 Durham Road in Dover, on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., according to continu-

More theater

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umarts.org, where you can purchase tickets. The day will include two music stages, art activities for kids, more than 20 artisans and headlining acts "A Band of Brothers: An Allman Brothers Tribute, Seacoast Last Waltz Band, Ramble on Rose Band, Terrafunk, and Lightheaded Collective," the website said.

- The **NH Irish Festival** takes place at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and is slated to feature Screaming Orphans, The Spain Brothers, The Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio and Rory Makem, according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.

- The **Keene Music Fest** will take place Saturday, Sept. 5, according to facebook.com/KeeneMusicFestival, where you can find updates.

OUTDOOR THEATER

- The Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative will hold their **Play Festival** Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31, at Prescott Farm Environmental Education Center, 928 White Oaks Road in Laconia, according to powerhousenh.org.

- The Prescott Park Arts Festival's outdoor production in Portsmouth this summer is Rodgers & Hammerstein's **Cinderella**, which will run June 19 through Aug. 9, with performances most Thursdays through Sundays at 7 p.m., with some matinee performances, according to prescottpark.org, where you can reserve blanket or table space.

- Theatre Kapow will present William Shake-

spere's **As You Like It** for this summer's Shakespeare on the Green at Saint Anselm College in Manchester from Thursday, July 23, through Saturday, July 25, and Thursday, July 30, through Saturday, Aug. 1. See tickets.anselm.edu for updates.

- Nashua Theatre Guild will present William Shakespeare's **The Tempest** Friday, July 31, through Saturday, Aug. 8, with shows Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 and 7 p.m. in Greeley Park in Nashua, according to nashuatheatreguild.org.

- Advice to the Players will present Shakespeare's **Romeo & Juliet** at Quimby Park in Sandwich at 5 p.m. on July 31, Aug. 1, Aug. 8 and Aug. 9 and at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough at 4:45 p.m. on Aug. 2 and Aug. 5-7, according to advicetotheplayers.org, where you can purchase tickets.

- The Prescott Park Arts Festival's Camp Encore student performers will present **Mean Girls Jr.** Saturday, Aug. 1, and Sunday, Aug. 2, at 1 p.m. and **Willy Wonka Kids** on Saturday, Aug. 8, and Sunday, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., according to prescottpark.org, where you can reserve blanket or table space.

SUMMER PLAYHOUSE THEATER

- The New London Barn Playhouse, 84 Main St. in New London, will feature shows Friday, May 29 through Sunday, Sept. 6, with most productions running about two weeks, according to nlbarn.org/summer-season, where you can

see the full schedule and purchase tickets. The season begins with **Man of La Mancha** in concert May 29-31, the **New London Playhouse Straw Hat Revue** on June 3-7 and **Million Dollar Quartet** June 10-21, the website said.

- The Winnepesaukee Playhouse, 33 Footlight Circle in Meredith, has seven professional company shows on the schedule through the end of 2026 with five running this summer: **Come From Away** (June 11-27), **The Complete History of America** (July 3-11), **The Odd Couple** (July 17-25), **Wait Until Dark** (July 31-Aug. 8) and **The 39 Steps** (Aug. 14-23), according to winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org, where you can purchase tickets.

- Andy's Summer Playhouse, 582 Isaac Frye Highway in Wilton, features productions and workshops for kid and teen performers, according to andysummerplayhouse.org, where you can find the schedule of productions to which audiences can purchase tickets. First up is **Welcome to the Hilltop**, a night of plays by young artists on Saturday, June 27, at 7 p.m., followed by **A Staged Reading Through the Greenhouse Initiative: The Murder of Roger Ackroyd** on Friday, July 3, at 7 p.m., the website said.

FOOD EVENTS

- The Friends of the Library of Windham will hold the 41st annual **Strawberry Festival & Book Fair** on Saturday, May 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Windham High School, according to facebook.com/FlowWindham. In addition to

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strawberry shortcake, the day will feature other food vendors, entertainment, raffles, a children's bike parade at 1 p.m. and more, according to the post and to flowwindham.org.

- **Sip and Sun Brew Fest** will take place Saturday, May 30, from noon to 4 p.m. at Mel's Funway Park in Litchfield, featuring tastings from local breweries, live music from The Slakas, food trucks and more, according to melsfunwaypark.com, where you can purchase tickets.

- The Palace Theatre's annual **Kitchen Tour** will take place Sunday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring a self-guided tour of kitchens in southern New Hampshire, according to palace-theatre.org, where you can purchase tickets (a lunch is included).

- The **Taste of Downtown Nashua** is slated for Wednesday, June 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., according to downtownnashua.org/taste-of-downtown, where you can check back for updates and to purchase tickets.

- The NH Herbal Network will hold its annual **Herb & Garden Day** on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Society for the Protection of NH Forests in Concord, featuring workshops and a vendors market, according to nhherbalnetwork.org/herbday, where you can purchase tickets

- Hampstead Congregational Church, 61 Main St. in Hampstead, will hold a **Strawberry Festival** featuring crafters, raffles, a bake sale and strawberry shortcake on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to hampsteaducc.org.

- The **Rhubarb Festival** takes place in Sawyer Memorial Park, 148 Route 202 in Bennington, on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring "[c]raft fair, vendors, food trucks, children's activities, petting zoo, story walk, music, plants, baked goods, jams, beverages and more," according to townofbennington.com/rhubarb-festival.

- **97.5 WOKQ Chowder Festival Summer Kick Off** will take place Saturday, June 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Prescott Park in Portsmouth featuring live music, lawn games and chowder, according to prescottpark.org, where you can purchase tickets.

- The **NH Bacon & Beer Festival** will take place Saturday, June 6, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. in Arms Park in Manchester, according to nhbaconbeer.com, where you can purchase tickets. A fundraiser for High Hopes Foundation, the festival will feature live music from The Slakas, bacon creations from more than 20 restaurants, vendors selling additional food and samples from local brewers, the website said.

- Applecrest Farm Orchards, 133 Exeter Road in Hampton Falls, has a series of festivals throughout the summer and into the fall on select weekends, kicking it off with a **Strawberry Festival** on Saturdays, June 13 and June 20, and Sundays, June 14 and June 21, according to applecrest.com. Other festivals include a

Blueberry Celebration July 12, a **Blueberry Festival** July 25-26, **Blueberry & Peach Celebration** Aug. 2, **Peach Festival** Aug. 15-16, **Fall Harvest Kick-Off** Aug. 29-30 and Labor Day weekend Sept. 5-7.

- Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 68 N. State St. in Concord, will have a meal to go featuring **gyro, fries and a Greek salad** for pick-up on Sunday, June 14, according to a post on the church's Facebook page. Call 225-2961 or go to holytrinitynh.org for details on ordering.

- St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Portsmouth (at 40 Andrew Jarvis Drive) will hold its annual **Greek Festival** Friday, June 19, and Saturday, June 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. featuring food service, music, a kids' corner, Greek dancing, church tours and more, according to stnicholasgreekfestival.com, where you can find the schedule of events.

- The New London Parks and Recreation Department will hold its ninth annual **Strawberry Fest** on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the town green featuring strawberries and strawberry shortcake for sale (cash or check only), as well as other food and vendors and entertainment, according to newlondon.nh.gov/recreation and a post on the department's Facebook page.

- St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 1160 Bridge St. in Manchester, will hold its **Lamb BBQ and Food Festival** on Saturday, June 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to a church's email. Check back on the church's socials or at stnicholasgreekchurch.com for updates.

- Susie Q's Bakery in Deerfield will hold **Cakefest 2026** at the Old Town Hall in Deerfield on Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., according to susieqscakery.com/cake-fest-2026. "Bring a cake, share a cake," the website said. "[E]ach guest will get 7 minutes to wander on the cake walk to gather their slices of cakes." See the website to purchase tickets and for additional details about participating in the event.

- Lavender Fields at Pumpkin Blossom Farm in Warner will hold a **Lavender Garden Party** on Saturday, June 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. featuring farm-to-table dishes and lavender cocktails and beverages, according to pumpkinblossomfarm.com, where you can purchase tickets to the event.

- The **New Hampshire Beer Trail Festival** takes place Saturday, June 27, noon to 4 p.m. at Tuckerman Brewery in Conway featuring more than 40 breweries with more than 100 craft beers as well as live music, food trucks, local vendors and makers, sales of the Beer Trail Guidebook



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and more, according to nhbrewers.org, where you can purchase tickets.

• Heritage Harvest Project will hold **Farm-a-Cue**, “a day of celebration, education, and delicious local food at Tuckaway Farm in Lee,” on Sunday, June 28, from noon to 5 p.m., according to heritageharvestproject.org, where you can purchase tickets. The day will include samples of dishes with local ingredients, information about heritage crops, an opportunity to meet farmers and food producers, local craft beer and beverage tastings (with purchase of drink bracelet) and family-friendly activities, the website said.

• The **Strawberry Festival** held by the Hollis Town Band and Congregational Church of Hollis will be held Sunday, June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Monument Square in Hollis featuring strawberry shortcake for purchase with locally sourced strawberries as well as a concert by the Hollis Town Band, according to hollistownband.info.

• The **Southern New Hampshire Food Truck Festival** will take place Saturday, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hampshire Dome on Emerson Road in Milford and feature food trucks, live music, a craft market and a kids’ zone, according to gnefoodtruckfest.com (tickets available for purchase at the gate).

Beach stuff

Looking for more events on the Seacoast? Check out the seasonal publication Seacoast Scene at seacoastscene.net, where you can find current and previous issues.

• The **New England Hot Sauce Fest** will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth featuring hot sauce samples, food trucks, beer, contests, bounce houses and more to benefit Blue Ocean Society and Seacoast Science Center, according to newenglandhotsaucefest.com, where you can purchase tickets.

• **Mahajan Middle Eastern Food Festival** is held toward the end of August at Our Lady of the Cedars Church, 140 Mitchell St. in Manchester. Check back at bestfestnh.com for updates on this year’s event.

• **Greekfest**, a celebration of Greek food and culture, will take place at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 111 Island Pond Road in Manchester, on Saturday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., according to an email from the church. The event, held underneath a tent rain or shine, will feature Greek food and pastries, raffles, kids activities and vendors, the email said. See assumptionnh.org.

• **Granite State PoutineFest** will take place Saturday, Aug. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 603 Brewery in Londonderry, according to poutinefest.com, where you can purchase tickets.

• The **Gluten Never Ever Expo** will be held Saturday, Sept. 5, and Sunday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hampshire Dome on Emerson Road in Milford and will feature 100 booths, food trucks, workshops, live music, a kids’ zone and more, according to glutennevereverexpo.com . 🍌

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ARTS

Meet the sculptors

Nashua International Sculpture Symposium offers access to artists

By Michael Witthaus
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In front of a revitalized Civil War-era cotton mill, four sculptors are doing something unique: creating their work in full view of the public. Through early June, Pauline Berger of Germany, Margaux LaSalle of France, Anna Moultoni of Italy and Sean Williams of Barre, Vermont, are shaping stone into permanent public sculpture.

For close to two decades it's been a rite of spring, and the longevity of the Nashua International Sculpture Symposium has changed the scope of the event's debt to the city. This year the organization behind it has a new name: the Nashua Sculpture Project. It's a subtle but telling shift in identity.

"We had 56 sculptures as of last year," Executive Director Gail Moriarty said in a recent phone interview. "When I looked at them, it became pretty clear to me that we need to change our focus from just being three weeks in May to the care and preservation of our collection."

So much outdoor sculpture, spread across Nashua's parks and public spaces, represents an enormous civic investment and an equally large maintenance responsibility. The new organizational framework puts stewardship of its legacy

alongside the annual event itself.

The Symposium remains the same, Moriarty continued, but what's different is a focus on care and restoration for the rest of the year. It means expanded programming, including fundraising events, family classes, stone-carving workshops and the like.

"Art is everything," she said. "The Nashua Sculpture Project is about art in every form."

Annual sculptor selection was a peer-driven process, led by Artistic Director Jim Larson. It began with last year's artists recommending sculptors for the current year. From a compiled list, the board considered individual portfolios, along with what Larson called "less quantifiable considerations."

Speaking by phone recently, Larson explained what that meant. "We try to consider what Nashua needs, how these artists might enmesh into our community, and how they'll serve Nashua. We try to create a group that will work well together ... have similar perspectives in some ways, but also varying perspectives."

This year's guiding theme for the four sculptors is "Gathering Momentum." It was chosen as a principle, not a prescription. Artists are free to interpret the phrase wherever their instincts lead them. For Larson, though, they are impactful words that reflect his convictions about art's role in the present age.

"I and many other sculptors share this idea that artists today should be working at a scale that matches the level of destruction we see in the world right now," he said. "If we are going to keep up with that, we need as much momentum and as much power and forward movement as we can muster. That's what it's about."

All four sculptors this year will work in stone.



Clockwise from top left Sean Williams, Pauline Berger, Margot Lasalle, Anna Multone. Courtesy photos.

It's a deliberate choice and, for Larson, also philosophical for a symposium that requires materials built to last. A hundred-year maintenance-free lifespan is their stated goal, but the reasoning goes deeper than durability, Larson believes.

"We're not making luxury objects for Nashua, we're not trying to boost property values," he said. "We are trying to make livable, meaningful artwork for people. That means we have to work with humble materials that are accessible,

and stone is the most humble material we have. It's just a piece of the ground."

Larson encourages the curious to come out to see it happen, to experience what he considers a rare opportunity.

"It's so hard to just have a conversation with an artist, because they're not out in public working, and this is the chance," he said. "If you want to go talk to an artist, just show up and they'll talk to you. If you really want a long conversation, bring a meal and sit down and have dinner with them."

For details on buying a meal for a sculptor, visit the Project's website, or contact the organization for information on other ways to support the effort. Larson offered a final thought on why watching enduring

art come to life is a valuable and truly enlightening experience.

"In America, manual [and] demanding labor is really rare to see. The widespread view of hard physical labor right now is that it's an unfortunate byproduct of having to afford an expensive American life. But for these artists, this version of work is one of the most joyous things that they get to do." 🍀

19th Nashua International Sculpture Symposium

When: Mondays through Saturdays, through June 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Picker Artists Studios, 3 Pine St., Nashua

More: nashuasculpturesymposium.org

Closing ceremony - Saturday, June 6, at 1 p.m.

Art

Events

• **NH Alt Market** Saturday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Newmarket Millspace, 55 Main St., Suite 132, in Newmarket, nhaltmarket.com.

• **The Memorial Weekend Craft Fair**

at Mill Falls Marketplace in Meredith from Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (until 4 p.m. on Monday), according to castleberryfairs.com/memorial-day-weekend-craft-festival.

• **The Craftworkers' Guild Spring Fair Craft Shop** at Oliver Kendall

House (3A Meetinghouse Road in Bedford) is open through Sunday, May 24, Thursdays - Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See thecraftworkersguild.org.

Theater

• **The Little Mermaid** will be presented

by Dimensions in Dance on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. See palacetheatre.org for tickets.

• **Cabaret** will be presented by the Palace Teen Company on Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St. in Manchester. See

palacetheatre.org for tickets.

• **Third annual Granite State Tap Festival Show** will take place Sunday, May 24, at 4 p.m. at the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College in Manchester. See tickets.anselm.edu.

Classical

• **New Horizons Band Spring Concert**, will take place Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Fletcher-Murphy Park on Fayette Street in Concord. See cmusicschool.org/new-horizons-band.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Storage tips for plug-in hybrids



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:
A snowbird question! We don't want to drive back up to Michigan from Florida later this spring, so we're thinking of leaving our 2022 Toyota RAV4 Prime plug-in hybrid in the garage for six months.

Should we arrange for someone to drive it periodically or can we just leave it?

In either case, how full should the gas tank be, and at what level should the electric battery be charged while not actively used? — Scott

The fuel level is relatively unimportant, Scott. Gasoline won't degrade in six months, so that doesn't really matter.

For the traction battery, you'll want to run that down to zero miles. That's what Toyota recommends for long-term storage. When your RAV gets to zero EV miles remaining, it switches to normal "hybrid vehicle" (HV) mode. And even with zero miles available in EV-only mode, the big battery maintains a reserve charge of 15-20% for hybrid operation. Toyota says that's the ideal battery chemistry for long-term storage and stability.

A bigger concern, Scott, is the 12-volt starter battery. That's much more likely to cause you to be stranded when you get back to Florida next winter.

So, one option is to just disconnect the negative terminal of the battery. Or you could leave the battery connected and set up a trickle charger (also known as a battery tender) to keep the battery charged while you're gone.

I suppose you could also just let the battery run down over the summer, and have a 12V battery charger standing by to throw on it when you arrive. But that will delay your crucial first trip outside the house, a run for mojito makings.

And then there's my biggest concern of all, Scott: mice. So in addition to all that, be sure to leave a cat in your garage, too.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,
I have several of these metal figures. They belonged to my grandfather. Do you think they are safe to allow my son to use in play? Thank you, Donna, for your help.
 Tina

Dear Tina,
 Your question is a good one. Your figures are Lincoln Logs people. They were made from the early 1900s to the 1940s.

They are made from a metal with lead base. They are cold painted to give the details. After years and lots of use the paint cracks and chips. So my thought is that to play with them would be a safety issue. Collecting them and displaying them is fine. This is only my opinion, though! Lincoln Logs have been around for many years. I think everyone as a child played with them. The figures just made them more fun.

Lincoln Log figures in good shape with minimal to no damage are collectible. Values run in the range of \$6 to \$10 and up. So maybe a collection for your son would be fun. Now look for more!

Thanks for sharing, Tina.



Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new location is an Antique Art Studio located in Dunbarton, NH where she is still buying and selling. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at footwdw@aol.com, or call her at 391-6550. 🐭

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Duckie race

Buy a six-quack and watch

By John Fladd
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On Saturday, May 23, the Downtown Nashua Association will launch what it hopes will become a yearly tradition, a Rubber Duck Regatta on the Nashua River. Participants will be able to purchase rubber ducks from Downtown Nashua. At 3 p.m. the ducks will be set loose in the river. The owners of the first three ducks to cross the finish line downriver will win prizes.

Alyssa O'Mara is the executive director of the Downtown Nashua Association. She said that while this will be the first year there has been a Regatta, rubber duck races have happened in Nashua for many years.

"We were gifted this event from Nashua Rotary West," she said. "They had been doing this event for many years, but in the last couple of years they stopped doing it. When I took this position, our nonprofit community really stepped up and wanted to support us. [The Rotary Club] was one of the first organizations to do so and said if we wanted this event we could take it over. It's a long-term community event that people love, and I absolutely jumped on it."

So is this just a matter of dropping a few thousand rubber ducks in the river and watching them float downstream? Essentially, yes, O'Mara said.

"The ducks will be released near the area of the footbridge between Cotton Mill and Clocktower Apartments right on the edge of the river. Right now we're still coordinating with a couple of people on the logistics of whether we'll use a truck or a crane, but there will be 5,000 ducks launched from that area and they will race down to the bridge over Main Street to the finish line, where we will have catchers there to stop the ducks. The first three that go through will win prizes. First prize is \$1,500, second prize is \$750 and third prize is \$500."

The ducks will all be tagged with numbers, O'Mara said,

"When you purchase ducks, you will have numbers assigned to those ducks and that's how we'll do it. The winner doesn't have to be there. If your duck is a winner, you win, whether you're here or even in another state. This first year, we've started small with 5,000 ducks, but we're hoping [this race] will grow and we can do up to 50,000 ducks at some point. Ducks are available for purchase through our website. People can purchase single ducks. They also can

Rubber Duck Regatta

When: Saturday, May 23, starting at 3 p.m. Ducks can be purchased on the Downtown Nashua Association's website at downtown-nashua.org/rubber-duck-regatta. Ducks will also be available on site on the day of the event. Single ducks can be purchased for \$5 each, six for \$25, and 12 for \$50. A "flock" of 25 ducks is \$100.



Courtesy photo.

purchase a 'six-quack,' a 'quacker's dozen' or a whole flock. We're really pushing teams this year, so if [a group] has a nonprofit locally that they really want to support, they can create a team with that nonprofit name or their group's name. In addition to our first-, second- and third-place prizes, the team that sells the most ducks will have \$2,500 donated to the nonprofit of their choice, local to the Nashua area."

Given that this is the Regatta's first year, O'Mara said, sales have been strong. "Sales of ducks for Bridges: Domestic & Sexual Violence Support is definitely in the lead. We're hoping people will jump on the bandwagon and make some more purchases. But no matter what, we knew that at a max we were probably going to be making the same amount as the nonprofit that we were donating to for this year. So if we can do anything, as long as we can get the prize money for the winners and for the nonprofit that has the highest team sales, we'll be happy."

Renaissance on the Riverwalk

Nashua will celebrate the newly renovated Renaissance Park on Water Street and Memorial Day weekend with a four-day event featuring music, kids' events, food trucks, vendors and more, according to a press release from the mayor's office.

When: Friday, May 22, with events from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, May 23, from 2:30 to 9 p.m.; Sunday, May 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Monday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Event highlights: On Friday, performances by El Grupo Chevere (5:30 p.m.) and 4R Souls (7:30 p.m.) and a Positive Street Art kids' art activity. On Saturday, the regatta, Renaissance Park Mural dedication (3:30 p.m.); performances by BailOut (4:30 p.m.), Lisa Love (6 p.m.), 4Play: The Boston Tribute Band (7:30 p.m.) and a drone show and lighted kayak parade on the river (9 a.m.). On Sunday, Nashua Farmers Market (10 a.m.), music, a petting zoo (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and a Nashua Area Artists Association activity. On Monday, a performance by Gary Lopez (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), balloons from Dan's Balloons (10 a.m. to noon) and the Memorial Day Parade down Main Street (10:30 a.m.).

More info: See the mayor's "Enjoy Nashua" Facebook page.



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News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **A new Aroma Joe's:** There is a new location of the coffee joint Aroma Joe's at 700 Mast Road, Manchester, between Manchester and Goffstown. It is open from 5:15 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday through Tuesday. Contact Aroma Joe's #222 at 628-5099 or aromajoes.com.

• **Cigars and bourbon:** The 7-20-4 Lounge (in Twins Smoke Shop, 80 Perkins Road, Londonderry, 421-0242, facebook.com/7204Lounge) will host a "perfect pairing" Friday, May 22, at 6 p.m. Pair a \$20 Rocky Patel Sixty Toro — a hand-rolled Nicaraguan cigar — with your choice of a single pour or Old-Fashioned made with Eagle Rare 10-year-old bourbon. Reservations are not required.

• **The roof is open:** Rooftop Social (20 S. Main St., Concord, 406-5666, artsalleyconcordnh.com/portfolio/rooftop-social), the third-floor bar at Arts Alley, will open for the season Friday, May 22. The bar's website describes it as "Elevated but unpretentious — the perfect setting for crafted cocktails, shareable small plates and unforgettable moments under the city sky."

• **Dungeons and Drafts:** To Share Brewing (720 Union St., Manchester, 836-6947, tosharebrewing.com) will host Dungeons and Drafts on Sunday, May 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your own Level 5 character or choose from one of theirs. Whether you're brand new to D&D or a seasoned player, everyone is welcome at the table. Arrive by 1 p.m. sharp to secure your spot. Seating is limited based on the number of DMs available.

• **Cocktail clarification workshop:** CodeX B.A.R. (29 Main St., Nashua) will host Clarified Clover Club: The Art of Clarification on May 24 at 4 p.m. Discover the magic of milk washing, the classic technique for transforming cloudy cocktails into crystal-clear, silky-smooth drinks. Learn the full milk-washing process while enjoying a beautifully balanced Clarified Clover Club cocktail, made with gin, raspberry and citrus. The cost is \$24.99.

• **Knife skills:** Tuscan Market (Tuscan Village, 9 Via Toscana, Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com) will host a class for home cooks in knife skills Tuesday, May 26, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn proper knife safety, grip and positioning to improve your skills at home. Guests will participate in the preparation of a tasting, while the Chef demonstrates techniques at the end of the class. The cost is \$49.31 per person, through tuscanbrands.com/cooking-classes.

• **Making gnocchi:** Tuscan Mar- 26 ▶

FOOD

Taco party downtown

Manchester's Taco Tour returns

By John Fladd
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Manchester's annual Taco Tour will take place Thursday, May 28, from 4 to 8 p.m.

For one afternoon each year, the city closes downtown to traffic and invites the world to dive deeply into dozens of interpretations of tacos.

According to the event's website, tacotourmanchester.com, "Taco Tour Manchester is the one day of the year where downtown Manchester restaurants and venues all serve delicious tacos! Elm Street will be shut down for locals and visitors alike to have a terrific time sampling all the tacos that they can possibly eat during the four hour long festival. Taco Tour Manchester is most importantly a chance to visit our wonderful downtown and discover something new from our amazing restaurants."

Restaurants and civic organizations from around Manchester will present their versions of tacos to an estimated 20,000 taco enthusiasts for \$3 per taco. According to its organizers, more than 100 area restaurants will participate in this year's event.

One of those restaurants will be Slightly Crooked Pies (1209 Elm St., Manchester, 661-4575, slightlycrookedpies.com). Lauren Cline is the owner. She is excited about seeing Taco Tour "from the other side of the table."

"My family and I have done it a number of years in a row, even in the rain," Cline said, "and it is amazing to see the energy downtown with all of those people. I can't wait to watch it from that perspective."

Cline and her staff are preparing two taco-inspired pies for Taco Tour, she said.

"We're doing our mini hand pies, which are basically the same as an empanada. And we are going to do a peach mango one dusted in Tajin [spice mix] and apple cinnamon churro. They

look like a crimped taco," Cline said.

Dakota Jones is a New Hampshire-based food influencer, who publishes content under the name Food With Heart [[instagram.com/foodwith_heart](https://www.instagram.com/foodwith_heart)]. She is a big fan of the Taco Tour. It is the way many people discover Manchester, she said.

"It is the world's largest taco tour. ... It combines local community and tourism, but with a kind of community feeling," Jones said.

Jones' advice for going to Taco Tour is to go with friends. "It's great to go alone," she said, "but it's also great to go with more people. I like to have someone else with me, so we can get in different lines. ... If you go with a group, you get to actually experience more because you can all share a taco."

Restaurants will be competing for the title of Best Taco and Most Creative Taco, the website said. Last year's winners were Thai Food Connection for Best Taco and Stashbox for Most Creative Taco, the website said.

There will be two contests for die-hard Taco Tour fans this year, the website said.

"For the first time ever, Taco Tour Manchester is opening the Grand Marshal selection to the community. One lucky attendee will be randomly selected to eat the inaugural taco and officially open Taco Tour Manchester 2026 in front of thousands of fellow taco lovers at the all-new Inaugural Ceremony at Veterans Park. One winner will be selected at random during the Taco Tour Manchester Inaugural Ceremony at Veterans Park on May 28, 2026. Entrants must be present at Veterans Park by 3:30 p.m. on May 28, 2026 to be eligible to win," the website said.



Taco Tour 2025. Photo by Vinny Marino. Courtesy Greater Manchester Chamber.

Additionally, Taco Tour fans can register on the Taco Tour website to win "an ultimate Taco Tour Manchester 2026 experience": "This year, Taco Tour Manchester is giving away two VIP experiences, with each winner receiving access for themselves and one guest to join the exclusive VIP Tour through Downtown Manchester ... VIP guests will skip the lines, enjoy tacos included at participating Greater Manchester Chamber member restaurants, meet local restaurateurs, and sample beverages along the way — all while experiencing Taco Tour like never before."

The evening will also feature music. There will be a stage on Hanover Street featuring Dave Corson (4 to 5 p.m.), Alli Beaudry (5:20 to 6:20 p.m.) and Brother Seamus (6:45 to 7:45 p.m.), the website said. A band stage will be at the Brady Sullivan Plaza on Elm Street will feature Joe Deleault and Cody James (4:15 to 5:30 p.m.) and The Jonathan Sarty Band (6 to 7:30 p.m.), according to tacotourmanchester.com/concert. 🍷

Taco Tour

When: Thursday, May 28, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Where: Downtown Manchester

Cost: Bring cash to purchase \$3 tacos

More: tacotourmanchester.com

FOOD

Dessert walk

Try a sample of treats at the Springtime Sweet Stroll

By John Fladd
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"In a nutshell," Emma Stetson, the owner of Wine on Main in Concord, said, "there are five stores, all in a row on North Main Street, and during regular business hours on Saturday, each of us will have a local baker with a different treat that they've chosen. We're calling it a Sweet

Sweet Springtime Stroll

When: Saturday, May 23, between 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in person at Wine on Main (9 N. Main St., Concord, 897-5828) or through the Wine on Main website at wineonmainnh.com/event/sweet-springtime-stroll. All proceeds will go to the bakers.

Springtime Stroll."

Stetson regularly partners with small baking businesses for wine tasting events, she said, and felt inspired to take that idea a little further.

"I have longstanding connections with a couple of bakers," she said. "One woman named Katie Pope [of Confections by Kate NH] I've worked with for many years on cookies. Another woman, Ashley [Savoy] from Savvy Sweets and Treats, we work together on cupcakes and macaroons. There are so many talented local bakers who want to collaborate with us, it's been hard to find space for everybody, because I already have existing connections and people that I work with for our regular in-store events. So I thought that if we were able to do a bigger event with multiple bakers and multiple stores involved, it would



Ashley Savoy from Savvy Sweets and Treats. Courtesy photo.

be a great way to showcase people I wouldn't otherwise have kind of the space in the regular schedule to work with. I wanted everybody to be able to have a platform, so I figured this was a way for all of the people who were com-



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1 cup (213 g) brown sugar
zest of 1 orange
2 eggs
¼ cup orange juice
6 ounces (about 170 g) dark chocolate chips
1 cup (71 g) dried cherries or dried sweetened cranberries



Double chocolate orange cranberry cookies. Photo by John Fladd.

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Line three or four baking sheets with silicone liners or parchment paper

In a medium mixing bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients — the all-purpose flour, rye flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.

In a stand mixer, or with an electric hand mixer, beat the brown sugar and melted butter together. Add the orange zest and juice, then the eggs one at a time. Beat the mixture until fluffy — about two minutes.

Turn the mixer to its lowest setting, then spoon the flour mixture in, until it has all been incor-

porated. Stir the chocolate chips and dried fruit into the batter, then chill in your refrigerator for at least 45 minutes.

Scoop six golfball-sized balls of cookie dough onto a baking sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Let the cookies cool on the baking sheet, then transfer to a plate or a storage container.

These are dark, fudgy cookies that are brightened by the zippiness of the orange and the flavor of the dried fruit. While not overly sweet, these are very rich. One to two of these cookies is perfect with an ice-cold glass of milk. 🍷

ing asking to work with us to have a day where everyone could feature their products.”

The concept of Sweet Springtime Stroll is fairly straightforward, Stetson said.

“Everybody buys a ticket ahead of time. It’s \$25 per person. They check in here at Wine on Main and get a passport and a wristband. In their own time, throughout the day, and in any order they want, they can visit each store and each baker and show their wristband and passport and redeem a different sweet treat in each store. It’s all included in the ticket price. If they don’t eat all the various sweet treats — which will include macarons, cookies, cupcakes, and peanut butter cups — they’ll be able to take them home with them, with no additional purchase required. The \$25 gets them a treat in each store. And additionally each store that’s hosting a baker will have special coupons and promotions that day for people who are participating.” Stetson will offer a discount on wine purchases, for instance.

Carol’s Confections (carolsconfections.com) will be the guest-bakery-in-residence at Wine on Main on Saturday.

“She’s going to have some really decadent cookies for people to collect,” Stetson said. “I love her chocolate cookies with a bold red wine, like a cabernet sauvignon.”

Ashley Savoy of Savvy Sweets and Treats will serve cookies and French macarons.

“I’ll be actually stationed with two businesses,” Savoy said. “And so I’ll have sourdough chocolate chip cookies and macarons. I haven’t decided which macaron to make yet. This is great exposure for all of the businesses that are going to be involved. Sometimes it can be hard as a cottage baker to get the word out to people about what you do, without a brick and mortar location. This is a way to connect with the community, and give people a little taste of what’s local and what’s around.” 🍷

Weekly Dish

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ket will also host a cooking class Wednesday, May 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. to teach home cooks to make fresh ricotta gnocchi and pair it with

a vibrant Sicilian caponata. The cost is \$64.74 per person, through tuscanbrands.com/cooking-classes. 🍷



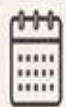
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Simon Hanes, *Gargantua* (Pyroclastic Records)



If you've already read the Playlist piece this week, you know I am presently besieged by self-indulgent experimentalists, and this Brooklyn, N.Y.-based composer is not a departure from that; the inspiration for this concept-album-but-not-really-a-concept-album came from 16th-century novelist François Rabelais' five-volume satirical pentalogy *Gargantua and Pantagruel*, about a father-and-son pair of literal giants (it gets scatological, for one thing). So, for this, Hanes assembled a large band comprising three drum sets, three electric basses, three trombones, three French horns and three soprano voices, but before you give up on me for the week, know that this is a hypnotizing earbud trip that's worth taking if you

have time for it. Rich sounds morph and combine and then morph into something else, mostly to aurally agreeable effect, but irreverence is indeed a main ingredient here, especially in "Gigantes," in which comedic nyeah-nyeah vocalizings serve to reveal that the line between regal posturing and self-mockery is and always has been a blur. Lots of interesting twists and turns. **A-**—Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Crow and Gazelle, *Truth Be Told* (self-released)



Usually when I know I'm about to review an Americana record, I start anticipating a lot of dreamy incidental dobro and unabashed prettiness. That may seem dumb to people who're familiar with the genre's full range of sound, which can trend a little edgy when things like fiddles and banjos are added, but vocal stylings can also serve up sounds that are outside the (usually sleepy) norm. In the case of this harmonizing Texas couple — Red Dirt pioneer Mike McClure and multidisciplinary artiste Chrislyn Lawrence — the first thing any reviewer would do is scramble for comparative boy-girl pairings from years past, and when they don't appear (because there aren't any, really), it's easy enough to focus on the duo's

messaging, a series of anecdotes from a loving couple trying to navigate the utterly unlivable current era. There's an appealing honesty in their sound as well, mostly driven by Lawrence's creaky but adamant voice, which is equal parts Patti Smith and Stevie Nicks. Well worth any folkie's examination. **A**—Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Yee-hah, nothing like a new pile of CDs hitting the virtual racks at Soundcloud and Pirate Bay, I always say, and there's a big pile arriving this Friday, May 22, and now this message. Regular readers know that I've been promising to get down to **Jewel Nightclub** in Manchester to check out its goth music night, lovingly known as **Resurrection**, which takes place on the second Thursday of every month. And so, on May 9, I donned my ace reporter's fedora with the PRESS card in its brim and headed down to Jewel to, you know, check out and investigate, etc. Full disclosure, I hadn't been to a goth night in maybe eight or so years. Upon my arrival I was presented to Lilz, who goes by DJ Sawtooth, the resident DJ there. According to Lilz, they've been holding the Resurrection night at Jewel since 2020; before that it was held at the Breezeway Pub, a popular gay bar on Pearl Street (it's still active), and before that it was held at the now-closed LGBTQ+ establishment Doogie's on Manchester Street. And so Lilz and collaborator Jim (DJ Pet) have been essential to the local goth scene for quite a while now; we puzzled over the fact that there's no actual "velvet rope" trance/techno club in the city, which, let's admit it, sure is strange, but anyhow, the atmosphere at Resurrection is pretty neat, remindful of ManRay in Boston when the crowd really starts to thicken (there were at least 100 people dancing and making out and such in the main room by 9:30 p.m.). Like at ManRay, there are hot dancing girls dressed up like Rammstein groupies writhing in front of big video screens, and on this night the music trended toward industrial and darkwave, which I found, you know, pleasant. The hidden gem is the back room's "Interference" sideshow, where your all-encompassing \$10 cover charge also allows you in there to check out experimental music artists. I met Acton, Mass.-based performer A. Campbell Payne there; his set was heavily steeped in drone (he generally tries to soundscape with a much wider palette of "pattern, chance, time, and perception" in his tuneage, but that night he was heavily fixated on a French experimentalist whose name I didn't write down because I couldn't hear what he was saying). Whatever, it's a fun night, you should go to the next one on June 13; feel free to adhere to the Jack Skellington-inspired dress code or of course your "DAVE MATTHEWS 2013 TOUR" T-shirt if you must (but please don't), and that brings us to the new album from, coincidentally, Portland, Oregon, experimental duo **Visible Cloaks**, which started as a project focused on "rare groove new age music and ambient music from Japan." The pair's new album, *Paradessence*, includes the advance track "Disque," which, between long silent breaks, consists of gentle, woozy, highly melodic experimentalism you'd imagine playing through the overheads at the Boston Aquarium.

• Greenville, North Carolina, is home to retro synthpop band **Future Islands**, whose new full-length *From a Hole in the Floor to a Fountain of Youth* includes "The Ink Well," which combines (of course) Depeche Mode-style angst with an early Cure drum sound.

• Geez, **Bleachers'** new album *Everyone For Ten Minutes* makes it three DIY albums in a row today! "The Van" is lo-fi bliss if you like Jose Gonzalez and old Beach Boys.

• And finally we have Radiohead guitarist **Ed O'Brien** releasing a new LP titled *Blue Morpho*. The title track will appeal to fans of Sigur Ros, but then again it is very immersive and melodically charming, so maybe they won't like it, I have no idea anymore. —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

NOTE: Local (NH) bands seeking album or EP reviews can message me on Twitter/Bluesky (@esaeger) or Facebook (eric.saeger.9).



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• **Scott Ferson** will talk about his new book *How the Democrats Lost America*, on Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com).
 • **Robert B. Perreault** will give a brief presentation on the history of New England Franco-Americans as a context for a discussion and book signing for his historical novel, *Courtship in Purgatory*, at the Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford) on Thursday, May 21, at 6 p.m.
 • **Jim McCue** will launch his new book, *Sketchy Facts*, with a special one-night performance and book signing on Friday, May 22, at 8 p.m.

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Park Theatre 19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org
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Film
 • *The Devil Wears Prada 2* (PG-13, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, May 21, at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.
 • *Omaha* (PG-13, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on

at McCue's Comedy Club (580 Portsmouth Traffic Circle, Portsmouth, mccuescomedyclub.com).
 • **Aimee Cozza** will discuss and sign her book *The Lucky Machine* on Saturday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst Road, Somerset Plaza, in Nashua, balinbooks.com).
 • **William Graser** will sign copies of his books *Smell the Gunpowder: The Land of the Morning Calm* and *Veterans' Reflections* on Sunday, May 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bookery Manchester (844 Elm St., bookerymht.com).
 • **Berthille Metoua** will visit Bookery Manchester (844 Elm St., bookerymht.com) on Tuesday, May 26, 3-5 p.m. for the launch of her new

book, *The ABCs of Classy*.
 • **Kristy Halvorsen** will talk about her travel memoir *Perfect Unfolding*, on Thursday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com).
Book clubs
 • **Banned Book Club** with ACLU-NH meets Tuesday, May 26, at 6 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord) to discuss *The People's Project* by Maggie Smith and Saeed Jones. ACLU-NH will also be launching its Protest Poetry Project anthology with poetry readings. Visit the Events page at gibsonsbookstore.com to register for the event.

Thursday, May 21, at 4:15 p.m.
 • *The Mandalorian & Grogu* (PG-13, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, May 21, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Friday, May 22, at 1, 4 & 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 23, through Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:45 & 7:45 p.m.
 • *The Mandalorian & Grogu* (PG-13, 2026) will screen in a 21+ premiere night screening at Chunky's in Manchester on Thursday, May 21, at 8:15 p.m.
 • **Milford Drive-In** Screen 1: *The Mandalorian & Grogu* (PG-13, 2026) and *The Devil Wears Prada* (PG-13, 2026); Screen 2: *The Sheep Detectives Bnd The Super Mario Galaxy Movie* (PG, 2026). Box office opens at 6:15 p.m., start time is 8:20 p.m., according to the website. This week, the theater will operate Friday, May 22, through Sunday, May 24.
 • *Canoe Dig It?* (NR, 2026) a comedy — see the trailer at samuelfddunning.com — will screen on Friday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey.
 • *Mother Mary* (R, 2026) will screen Friday, May 22, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 23, at 4 p.m. at the Music Hall Theatre in Portsmouth.
 • *Project Hail Mary* (PG-13, 2026) will screen at the Music Hall Theatre in Portsmouth on Saturday, May 23, at 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 27, at 7 p.m.; Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m.
 • *Close Encounters of the Third*

Kind (1977) will screen Saturday, May 23, at 2 & 6:30 p.m. at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey.
 • *Exit 8* (R, 2026) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Saturday, May 23, at 7 p.m.
 • **\$5 Double Feature: This Gun for Hire (1942) and The Glass Key (1942)** will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Sunday, May 24, at 1 p.m.
 • *Lorne* (R, 2026) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Sunday, May 24, at 5 p.m.
 • *Legally Blonde* (PG-13, 2001) will screen Sunday, May 24, at Apple Cinemas in Merrimack and Hooksett at 7 p.m. and at the Regal Fox Run in Newington at 1 p.m., according to fathomentertainment.com. The movie will also screen Wednesday, May 27, at Regal Fox Run at 6:30 p.m.
 • *Blue Heron* (NR, 2026) will screen at the Music Hall in Portsmouth on Tuesday, May 26, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 30, at 4:30 p.m.
 • *The Princess Bride* (PG, 1987) will screen at Flying Monkey in Plymouth on Wednesday, May 27, at 6 p.m.
 • *Backrooms* (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres on Thursday, May 28, at 7:15 p.m.; Friday, May 29, through Sunday, May 31, at 2:30, 5 & 7:30 p.m.
 • *The Natural* (1984) will screen Friday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey.



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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Blues power:** Until he stumbled into a Chicago nightclub in the early 1990s, **Johnny Burgin** planned to be a writer. But the city's blues scene captivated him, and before long he was playing in a band and sharing stages with legends like Sam Lay, Billy Boy Arnold and Pinetop Perkins. Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Brickhouse Restaurant & Brewery, 241 Union Square, Milford, johnnyburgin.com.

• **Laugh tonight:** A night of standup is headlined by **Jay Chanoine**, with Klia Ververidis and Rick Gauthier. Friday, May 22, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 81, 169 Bound Tree Road, Hopkinton, \$20, eventbrite.com.

• **Guitar hero:** Early on, guitarist **Quinn Sullivan** knew his destiny. His parents taught him the Mt. Rushmore of rockers: Beatles, Stones, Dead, Allmans. It was a vital inculcation; Sullivan picked up a guitar at age 3, guested on *Ellen* at 6, was mentored by blues giant Buddy Guy when he turned 8, and as a teenager he played with rock music giants at Eric Clapton's Crossroads Festival. Friday, May 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$40 and up, tupelohall.com.

• **Country man:** The outdoor venue behind Town Cabin Restaurant & Deli is now open, with **Willy Chase** one of four weekend performers (Sunday Ave. plays Friday, Justin Federico's on Sunday, with Taylor Hughes on Memorial Day). Chase is nearing completion of a long-awaited EP; a teaser from one of its tracks is on the socials — "Pushin' My Luck" is a great drink and regret song. Saturday, May 23, 6 p.m., The Barnyard, 285 Old Candia Road, Candia, candiabarnyardvenue.com.

• **Rock doll:** With her first official live album set for release next month, **Samantha Fish** has a pair of upcoming shows in New Hampshire. Sunday, May 24, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St., Nashua, \$55 and up, etix.com.

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Blood harmony

The Janzen Boys make first New England visit

By Michael Witthaus
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While anchored by steady acoustic bass, joyful strumming and finger-picked flourishes, the not-so-secret sauce of folk trio The Janzen Boys is their gorgeous harmonizing. The Canadian band — guitarist John "JJ" Janzen and his sons Mick (mandolin and drums) and Simon (bass) — delivers utterly transcendent vocals.

A stellar example is "Flight To JFK," a single released early in the year. Their blending on the Theo Kandel cover evokes memories of hearing Crosby, Stills and Nash first sing together in Cass Elliot's Laurel Canyon home in 1968. When it happened initially for The Janzen Boys, JJ was just as stunned by their blood harmony.

"I would cry like a baby the first few times," he said in a recent Zoom meeting that included Mick. "They're like, 'Dad, why are you crying?' and I'd say, 'It's OK ... I'm just happy, and sometimes the happy comes out of my face like that.' Because it sounded so good, and I couldn't believe it."

That it happened at all was a product of coercion, albeit gentle.

After living in Japan for most of their lives, the Janzen family moved back to Ottawa in the early 2010s. At the time, they were taking a break from music.

"My marriage was kind of falling apart," JJ explained. When a busking gig opened up in 2012, Simon wanted to restart the band. This bothered Mick, who felt the initial idea to form a group was his.

However, Mick played drums because, JJ explained, "He hated being at the front of the

stage," and he also didn't sing. "I saw an opportunity ... I said, 'OK, you can be in, but only if you sing and play, because Simon sings and plays and I sing and play. You have to sing too.' And then he said, 'OK, fine.'"

With that, three voices became a breathtaking chorus. Fourteen years later, The Janzen Boys are a mainstay in their home country and recently began touring in the U.S. They're also readying their first visit to the U.K. later this year. Critics liken them to a male version of The Wailin' Jennys, as well as fellow Canadians Neil Young and Barenaked Ladies.

A sad truth of the modern music business is that talent isn't everything. Fortunately, they've found novel ways to succeed. Mick is their social media maven, posting compelling mini-clips of the band's music on social media to drive ticket sales. A recent a cappella version of the Scottish traditional song "The Parting Glass" on Instagram is a good example.

JJ does booking and a few years back found a unique and quite lucrative approach to it that finds them performing in a lot of places that are new to hosting live music. Two such venues are part of their upcoming area run — Bradford's Town Hall on May 24, and a May 22 date at Peterborough's Community Theatre that's already sold out.

Their self-promotion strategy "is not brand new, and we didn't invent it, but there are not a lot of bands doing it," JJ said, "but it's becoming more popular mainly because it can make music possible and profitable in a time where it's been pretty challenging. We just find a community hall with a stage that rents for a reasonable price, and lets you set up chairs."



Courtesy photo.

Ultimately, the music carries them, sometimes in unexpected ways. Like the fan in Kentucky who wanted the band to play her daughter's wedding enough to spend thousands of dollars to clear a months-long visa roadblock, because she believed their harmony could settle down two politically fractious families.

"She actually said, 'I want you to come sing some peace into the situation,'" JJ recalled. The gathering became an anchor for their first State-side tour in 2024. "She said, 'I'm dreading how this wedding could possibly go. Your music makes me feel calm and peaceful, so I want you to come and sing.'"

It's soothing music, agreed Mick. "A friend of mine said to me, 'Harmonies are a drug, and you guys are smoking it.'"

The Janzen Boys

When: Sunday, May 24, at 7 p.m.
Where: Bradford Town Hall, 75 W Main St., Bradford
Tickets: \$25 and up at thejanzenboys.com

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

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

Events

• **Caitlin Peluffo** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Thurs-

day, May 21, 7 p.m.; Friday, May 22, 6:30 and 9 p.m., and Saturday, May 23, 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

• **Becky Robinson** Casino Ballroom in Hampton, Friday, May 22, 8 p.m.

• **Myq Kaplan** Blend603 in

Portsmouth, Friday, May 22, 8 p.m.

• **Mike Koutrobis** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, May 23, 8 p.m.

• **Steve Bjork/Ryan Gartley/Jack Lynch** Tupelo in Derry,

Saturday, May 23, 8 p.m.

• **Jim McCue** McCue's in Portsmouth, Saturday, May 23, 8 p.m.

• **Rob Steen** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, May 23, 8:30 p.m.

• **Pete Costello/Christine Hurley** Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis, Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.

• **Josh Day** Strange Brew Tavern in Manchester, Friday, May 29, 8 p.m.

• **Jim Colliton** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Saturday, May 30, 5:30 and 8 p.m.

• **Philip Anthony** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, May 30, 8 p.m.

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Feathered Friend 231 S. Main St., 715-2347

The Forum Pub 15 Village St., 565-3100

Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669

Lithermans 126B Hall St., 219-0784

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

T-Bones 404 S. Main St., 715-1999

Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667

Contoocook

Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811

Derry

Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946
T-Bones 39 Crystal Ave.,

434-3200

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

Exeter

Exeter Brewing 156 Epping Road, 686-7253

Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116

Franklin

Waterhorse Irish Pub 361 Central St., 671-7118, the-waterhorsepub.com

Goffstown

Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230

Hampton

Bogie's 32 Depot Square, 601-2319

The Goat 20 L St., 601-

6928

L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777

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

T-Bones 77 Lowell Road, 882-6677

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Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962

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405 Pub & Grill 405 Union St.

Bernini Pizzeria and Wine Bar 1135 Union Ave., 527-8028

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

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Sunstone Brewing Co. 298 Rockingham Road, 216-1808

Manchester

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Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666-4292

To Share Brewing 720 Union St., 836-6947

Merrimack

Homestead 641 DW Highway, 429-2022

Tomahawk Tavern 454 DW Highway, 365-4960

Tortilla Flat 595 DW Highway, 424-4479

Milford

Riley's Place 29 Mont Vernon 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

Lost Cowboy Brewing Co. 546 Amherst St., 600-6800

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

The Spot 217 Main St., thespotnashua.com

Spyglass Brewing 306 Innovative Way, 546-2965

Union Public House 194 Main St., 699-8112

New Boston

Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362

Newmarket

Stone Church 5 Granite St., 659-7700

Pembroke

Cavern Sports Bar 351 Pembroke St., 485-7777

Pembroke City Limits 134 Main St., 210-2409, pembrokecitylimits.com

Penacook

American Legion Post 31 11 Charles St., 753-9372

Pittsfield

Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216-2162

Plaistow

Sweet Hill Farm 82 New-

ton Road, 974-7279

Portsmouth

Clipper Tavern 75 Pleasant St., 501-0109

The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122

The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628

Mojo's West End Tavern 95 Brewery Lane, 436-6656

Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186

Thirsty Moose Taphouse 21 Congress St., 427-8645

Salem

Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033

Dreo 254 N. Broadway, 824-6337

T-Bones 311 South Broadway, 893-3444

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

Warner

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

Thursday, May 21

Bedford

Copper Door: Jodee Frawlee, 5 p.m.
Murphy's: Clint Lapointe, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Brendan Gill, 5 p.m.

Concord

Hermanos: Craig Fahey, 6:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Doug Mitchell, 5 p.m.

Derry

T-Bones: Jordan Quinn, 5 p.m.

Epping

Telly's: PB and Jamz, 7 p.m.

Epsom

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

Exeter

Exeter Brewing: Chad Verbeck, 5 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson

Luk's: Squires of Soul, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.
T-Bones: Jordan Holmes, 5 p.m.

Kingston

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

Laconia

405 Pub & Grill: Dan Fallon, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Don Bartenstein, 5 p.m.
Tower Hill: Luke Skyrocker karaoke, 9 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Mugsy Trio, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Derryfield: Joe Winslow Duo, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Colin Hart, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: DJ Prodigy, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: BJ Magoon, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Tomahawk Tavern: Chad La-arsh, 6 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Tyler Levs, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m.
Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Jamie Hughes, 5:30 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Arcadia Trio, 8 p.m.

Pittsfield

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

Salem

Copper Door: Eddie Sands, 5 p.m.
T-Bones: Bella Perrotta, 5 p.m.

Warner

The Local: Willy Chase, 5 p.m.

Friday, May 22

Auburn

Auburn Pitts: Stitch, 7 p.m.

Bedford

Murphy's: Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Jordan Holmes, 6 p.m.

Candia

Barnyard: Sunday Ave, 6 p.m.

Concord

Feathered Friend: Robin Gaming w/ Daisy Jane, 6 p.m.
The Forum: Benjamin Harris, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: Chris Bonoli, 6:30 p.m.
Lithermans: open mic, 6 p.m.

Contoocook

Contoocook Cider Co.: Willy Chase, 4 p.m.

Derry

Fody's: JD and The Stone Masons, 8 p.m.

Epping

Holy Grail: Jodee Frawlee, 6 p.m.
Telly's: Jimmy's Right Trio, 8 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Justin Bethune, 6 p.m.
Shane's Texas Pit: Chad Verbeck, 6 p.m.
Surf Shack: Dalton Sayball, 5 p.m.

Hudson

Luk's: Huck & The Hounds, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: DJ Dance Party, 8:30 p.m.

Laconia

405 Pub & Grill: Dave Clark, 7 p.m.
Bernini: Steve Aubert, 6 p.m.
Defiant Records: Chris Torrey, 5:30 p.m.
Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 6 p.m.
T-Bones: Rebecca Turmel, 5 p.m.
Tower Hill: karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 9 p.m.

Lee

Flag Hill: Jamie Hughes, 5 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Punch Drunk, 8 p.m.
Sunstone: Ethan Cunningham, 6 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Dan Fallon, 6 p.m.
BAD BRGR: A.P.E., No Honor Amongst Thieves, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Dave Ayotte Duo, 6 p.m.; Tilted Halo, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Kat Ivy, 5:30 p.m.

The Goat: The KR Show, 9 p.m.
The Hill: Peter Pappas, 5:30 p.m.
Shaskeen: Mushroom Cloud, 8 p.m.
South Side: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Brian James Duo, 6:30 p.m.
Strange Brew: Becca Myari, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Johnny Angel, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: Stone Hill Station, 8 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Fody's: Stephen Decuire, 10 p.m.
Lost Cowboy: Valerie Barretto, 7:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Danny McCarthy, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: Rich Wallace, 6 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Dominic Lavoie, 8 p.m.
Pembroke: PCL: Clyde Bisbee and the Wheelhouse Revelers, 7 p.m.

Penacook

American Legion Post 31: JMitch karaoke, 7 p

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Hudson

Luk's Bar: Matt Bergeron, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: Whiskey Tango, 8:30 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: East Coast Combs, 8:30 p.m.

Laconia

405 Pub & Grill: Dave Zangri, 7 p.m.
Bernini: Phil Jacques, 6 p.m.
Dox: Justin Jordan, 1 p.m.
Fratello's: John Chouinard, 6 p.m.
The Looney Bin: Jennifer Mitchell Band, 2 p.m.
M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Jamie Hughes, 10 a.m.; Swipe Right, 6 p.m.
T-Bones: Mike Forgette, 1 p.m.; Paul Warnick, 5 p.m.
Tower Hill: Chris Powers, 1 p.m.; Bad Violet, 6 p.m.; karaoke, 9 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Joe McDonald, 6 p.m.

Stumble Inn: Off The Record, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.
BAD BRGR: Fossil, Laquerhead, The Forest Forgets, Lizzy, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Heather Ann Duo, 6 p.m.; Conniption Fits, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Danny McCarthy, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Radio Stranger, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Paul Nelson, 4 p.m.
The Hill: Ian Archibold, 5:30 p.m.
Revo: Tim Bear, 9 p.m.
Shaskeen: House Lights, Still Sleeping, Paint The Town Dead, 8 p.m.
Stark Brewing: BlondeDog, 6 p.m.
Strange Brew: Outside Help, 9 p.m.
Merrimack Homestead: Lou Antonucci, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley's: The Mighty Colors, 8 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee's: Jordan Quigley, 8 p.m.
Fody's: Eric Lema, 10 p.m.
Peddler's Daughter: Code Switch, 9:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Matt Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston

Molly's: Brendan Gill, 6 p.m.

Pembroke

PCL: Justin Federico, 7 p.m.

Salem

Dreo: Casey Roop, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Red's: Redemption, 8 p.m.

Weare

Cold Springs: D-Comp Trio, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 24

Bedford

Copper Door: Nate Comp, 11 a.m.
Murphy's: Joe Winslow, 4 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Henry LaLiberte, 5 p.m.

Candia

Barnyard: Justin Federico, 3 p.m.

Concord

Feathered Friend: Bluegrass Jam, 4 p.m.

Hermanos: Cinnamon Jazz Trio, 5:30 p.m.

Lithermans: Jaded Ravins, 4 p.m.

Contoocook

Contoocook Cider Co.: Justin Cohen, 3 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.
Wally's: line dancing, 6 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn's 102: Petty Felons, 4 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Dave Zangri, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Chris Powers, 10 a.m.; 21st & 1st, 6 p.m.
Naswa: DJ Terry
T-Bones: Jodee Frawlee, 1 p.m.; Colin Hart, 5 p.m.
Tower Hill: Jackie Lee, 1 p.m.; Single Handed, 6 p.m.; karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 9 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Another Shot, 4 p.m.

Sunstone Brewing: Nefarious Motives, 5 p.m.

Manchester

Derryfield: Jonny Friday, 5 p.m.
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.

Newmarket

Stone Church: open mic, 6:30 p.m.

Salem

Copper Door: Lilly Innella, 11 a.m.

Weare

Cold Springs: Stray Dog Band, 7 p.m.

Monday, May 25

Bedford

Murphy's: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.

Concerts

• **Contrapunctus** Thursday, May 21, 7 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
• **Toast: The Ultimate Bread Experience** Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester
• **BOSTYX** (Boston/Styx tribute) Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **Nat Zegree's The History of Rock and Roll** Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth

• **Cinderella's Tom Kiefer Band/ Buckcherry** Thursday, May 21, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton
• **Panorama** (Cars tribute) Thursday, May 21, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
• **Arcadia Trio** Thursday, May 21, 8 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
• **Katie Dobbins & Timbear** Friday, May 22, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth
• **FJ: The Music of Foreigner, Journey & Classic Legends** Friday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Con-

cord
• **John Pizzarelli** Friday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
• **Superunknown** (Chris Cornell tribute) Friday, May 22, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey in Plymouth
• **The The Band Band** (The Band tribute) Friday, May 22, 8 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
• **Quinn Sullivan** Friday, May 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **New Hampshire Jazz Orchestra** Saturday, May 23, 4 p.m., BNH Stage

in Concord
• **Chris Mega** Saturday, May 23, 6 p.m., Hermit Woods in Meredith
• **Burning Shore** Saturday, May 23, 6 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket
• **Eastern Sound** Saturday, May 23, 7 p.m., Sea Shell Stage in Hampton
• **Ella Corinna/Sierra of fun city fan club/innni** Saturday, May 23, 7 p.m., Button Factory in Portsmouth
• **John Pizzarelli** Saturday, May 23, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **Get The Led Out** (Led Zeppelin

tribute) Saturday, May 23, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom in Hampton
• **Cole Davidson** Sunday, May 24, 1:30 p.m., Averill House in Brookline
• **Lucky Chops** Sunday, May 24, 3 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
• **Samantha Fish** Sunday, May 24, 7 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **The Continentals** Sunday, May 24, 7 p.m., Sea Shell Stage in Hampton
• **A Tribute to Royal Ladies of Blues and Soul** Sunday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• **Foreside Funk** Monday, May 25, 7 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
• **Winnacunnet High School Chorus and Jazz Band** Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m., Sea Shell Stage in Hampton
• **Johnny Trama** Tuesday, May 26, 7 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth
• **Laconia Elementary Band Concert** Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m., Colonial in Laconia



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NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

Candia

Baryard Venue: Taylor Hughes, 5 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson

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

Laconia

Dox: Justin Jordan, 1 p.m.
Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.
Naswa: The Bob Pratte Band
T-Bones: Tim Kierstead, 5 p.m.

Manchester

BAD BRGR: acoustic open mic with Johnny Friday, 8 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 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, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26

Bedford

Murphy's: Kat Ivy, 5:30 p.m.

Concord

Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Hermanos: Paul Bourgelais, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Whym: Bourbon & Beats, 3 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Clint Lapointe, 5 p.m.

Manchester

BAD BRGR: Yawn Mower, Cozy Throne, 8 p.m.
Fratello's: Chris Lester, 5:30 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Torrey, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua

The Spot: Karaoke with Jamie V, 7 p.m.
Spyglass: Kevin Horan, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27

Atkinson

Merrill's Tavern: Joe Winslow, 8 p.m.

Bedford

Murphy's: Ralph ALlen, 5:30 p.m.

Concord

The Forum: Don Bartenstein, 8 p.m.
Hermanos: Brian Booth, 6:30 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: The Lone Wolf

Project, 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.

Laconia

Defiant Records: Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.
Fratello's: Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Dave Zangri, 5 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Amanda McCarthy, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Stark Brewing: karaoke, 7:30 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Jordan Quinn & Scott Armstrong, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

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

Milford

Riley's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Seabrook

Red's: Sam Vlasich, 7 p.m.

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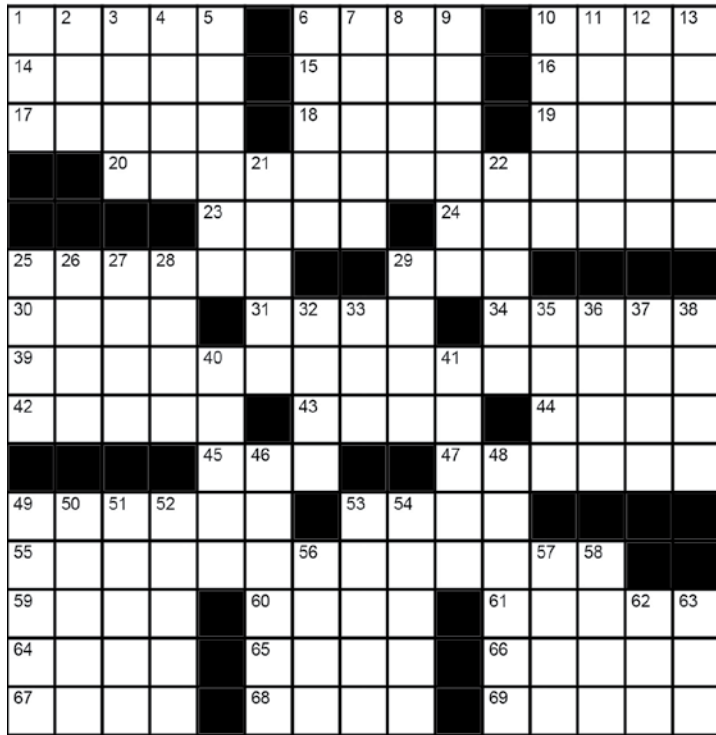
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SUNDAY

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- Musicom' (2,3)
 25. My Fault: London star/'Feel The Rush' English girl Banks
 26. Allmans/Gov't Mule keyman Johnny
 27. Bargain, as a cheap price on rare album
 28. Blowgun ammo Bruce Cockburn gets 'To The Heart'
 29. Stones are bloodied and 'Pretty ___ Up'
 32. 'Waterloo' Swedes
 33. Gnarl Barkley's ___ Lo Green
 35. 'Hurricane' pop duo for Miz/Mister (2,2)
 36. Sing/songer Gundersen named after an ark driver, perhaps
 37. '74 album 'It's ___ Rock 'N Roll'
 38. Keith Richards' Fender model (abbr)
 40. '76 Grand Funk Railroad album/song 'Born ___' (2,3)
 41. Eagles "Once you started wearing ___ shoes"
 46. Stones "Sometimes I'm up, sometimes ___" (2,4)
 48. Dreded, as Battle Of The Bands prodigy that is your opponent
 49. Tesla '___ Fool'

- Down Stay Down
 57. Amos with '92 'Little Earthquakes' album
 58. Same-titled Christina Aguilera & Nine Inch Nails songs that ache?
 62. Stones' first US hit '___ Fade Away'
 63. Cold War Kids 'Hang Me Up To' do this

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Across

1. Drummer Mitchell of The Jimi Hendrix Experience
 6. Guitarist Delson of Linkin Park
 10. Little bit of nervous forehead sweat
 14. 'I Love You' R&B lady with last name Dennis
 15. Keyman Jaffee of Foo Fighters
 16. "First Lady Of Song" Fitzgerald
 17. Classical 'Symphony' singer Brightman
 18. Barenaked Ladies song for city near Vance Air Force Base
 19. 'Young Liars' ___ The Radio (2,2)
 20. Rolling Stones "Some useless information, supposed to fire __, I can't get no!" (2,11)
 23. Star's alter ego that is Jekyll's counterpart?
 24. Alan Parsons 'Eye In ___' (3,3)
 25. Wang Chung 'To Live ___ In LA' (3,3)
 29. 'Poison' Bell ___ Devoe
 30. Stones "I ___ red door and I want it painted black" (3,1)
 31. Sprint, as what fan will do to a store on album release day
 34. '07 film with six different Bob Dylans ___ There (2,3)
 39. '83 U2 hit 'Two ___' (5,4,2,3)
 42. Stones "So you want to blow us ___ pieces" (3,2)
 43. 'LA Song (Out Of This Town)' Hart
 44. We used to purchase CDs there
 45. Warped tour sisters Meg & this one
 47. Queen sails 'Seven Seas ___' (2,4)
 49. '91 Ozzy power ballad '___ Coming Home' (4,2)

53. Green Day is a complete 'Basket' one
 55. '92 Roger Waters album (6,2,5)
 59. Kelly Clarkson '___ Independent'
 60. Nerf Herder exclaims '___ Oh My' (2,2)
 61. Counting Crows classic '___ Here'
 64. Senses Fail covered up their falsehood: 'Buried ___' (1,3)
 65. Bust it, as a vocal belt
 66. A wrong career move is made in this
 67. Split-off group?
 68. Sixpence ___ The Richer
 69. Simple song

Down

1. Hosts (abbr)
 2. James of Smashing Pumpkins
 3. Label contract duration
 4. Bluesman Robert that played with The Stones on Voodoo Lounge tour
 5. Paul McCartney song he almost called HelloHelloHello?
 6. "Some girls I give all my ___ to, I don't ever want it back"
 7. Bruce Hornsby's band (w/"The")
 8. Disco 'Knock On Wood' girl Stewart
 9. Delphonics '___ (Blow Your Mind This Time)' (5,1)
 10. This Midler covered 'Beast Of Burden'
 11. Coldplay "Like some drunken ___ singing"
 12. "Take ___ inside yourself, you're not really someone else" (1,4)
 13. Hutton of Three Dog Night
 21. Mike of Wayne's World that had winning soundtrack
 22. '90 Eric Johnson album '___

R&R answer from pg 27 of 5/14



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 38.

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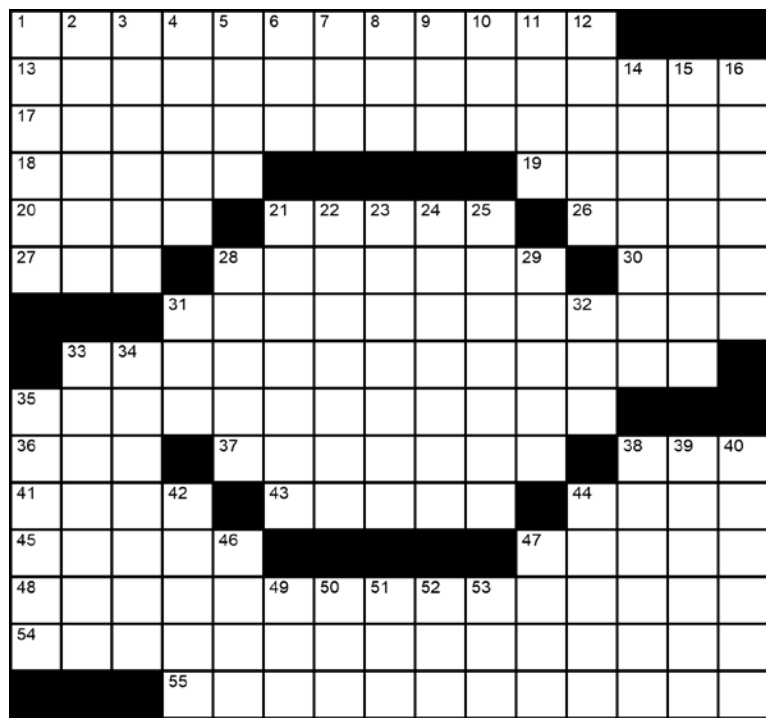
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Across

- 1. 1912 movie title that idiomatically describes someone special
- 13. Peak on a graph (not necessarily the highest)
- 17. Able to donate particular particles, like rubidium and cesium
- 18. Bill of "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel"
- 19. Characteristic
- 20. Book after Num.
- 21. 1998 Disney film
- 26. Science magazine that folded in 1998
- 27. Honey qty.
- 28. Fireplace fodder
- 30. Suffix with chlor-
- 31. Philosophical argument for faith in God
- 33. Neil Patrick Harris-hosted Netflix game show of late 2025
- 35. Back-and-forths
- 36. Ohm creation
- 37. Not a good sign
- 38. Orioles great Ripken
- 41. It's usually under 3 and 4
- 43. Curvy figures

- 44. Hard-to-read writing
- 45. Settings in a book?
- 47. Dreams, in Nimes
- 48. Divest, maybe
- 54. Resembled, in a way
- 55. Longtime Pennsylvania senator

Down

- 1. "The Human Condition" author Hannah

- 2. Georges who created "A Trip to the Moon" (1902)
- 3. Advantage, metaphorically
- 4. Dark hours in Dortmund
- 5. Legal rep.
- 6. Space station where Shannon Lucid is the only American woman to have stayed
- 7. Ab ___ (from day one)
- 8. Kathmandu's country, per the IOC
- 9. Bioengineered food, briefly
- 10. More, at the cantina
- 11. Way off
- 12. American Gladiator with an explosive name
- 14. Friendly words after "hola"
- 15. Scale used in the summer
- 16. Calling
- 21. Trident, e.g.
- 22. Roundish script letters used in old Latin manuscripts
- 23. Crude shelters
- 24. Unsurpassed, as a record
- 25. Partial phrase on a diner sign
- 28. Page of music?
- 29. "Miracle on 34th Street" Oscar winner Edmund
- 31. Kung ___ tofu
- 32. Situps' target
- 33. Unconvincing argument, in slang
- 34. "The Time Machine" author
- 35. Brave group?
- 38. Like some operations
- 39. "___ Fideles" (Christmas song)
- 40. Landlady, e.g.

- 42. Historic 1945 meeting place
- 44. Onetime "Daily Show" correspondent Wyatt
- 46. Road's end?
- 47. Rankle
- 49. "Good" cholesterol
- 50. Rome-to-Athens dir.

- 51. U.K. "wheeler" item
- 52. Filler syllables
- 53. Drink from a flask

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EASY

12X		2÷	
7+		4+	3+
	2		
1-		12X	

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CHALLENGING

24X			7+	3-
	11+	60X		11+
5-			2÷	
	4X		12X	
1-			10+	5-
	9+		4	

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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

24X	2	3	4	1
4	4	2	1	3
4+	1	4	3	2
	3	1	2	4

5-	6	1	24X	3	2	9+	5	4
3÷	1	3	13+	6	4	3-	2	5
	3	4	8+	2	5	1	6	
30X	5	6	20X	4	1	3	2	
2÷	4	2	5	3	6	1		
10X	2	5	1	6	4	3		

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WORD★Roundup™

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Find and Circle...

- Nine words with EE in the middle □□□□□□□□
- Four aquatic mammals □□□□
- Two punctuation marks □□
- Second U.S. president (first/last name) □□
- Actor Sean of "The Island" □

Last Week's Answers: AVOCADO PAPAYA ORANGE MANGO GUAVA OLIVE APPLE LIME DATE / ACRE CARE RACE / KNIFE FORK / ALASKA / DOUBLE

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

Jonesin' answer from pg 28 of 5/14



SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Outer Space (Junior Genius Guides)*, by Ken Jennings, born May 23, 1974.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) For every star you can see, there are lots that you can't. So many.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) The Sun ... accounts for 99.8 percent of the mass of the solar system! (Jupiter is most of the rest.) Massive does not mean voluminous.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) ... the weird thing about the surface of the Sun is that it's not very hot. Well, okay, it's almost ten thousand degrees Fahrenheit, which is pretty hot for, say, a bowl of ramen. But it's not that hot on a cosmic scale. Right here on Earth, a bolt of lightning is five times hotter than the surface of the Sun, which doesn't seem right. And yet here we are.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) Take a moment to picture Jupiter. Wrong! It's even bigger than that. And farther away.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Two American astronauts, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, had descended from lunar orbit in a small space capsule called the Eagle. ... The astronauts navigated using paper maps.... You'll find your way.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) Saturn is the least dense planet in the solar system — just 0.69 grams per cubic centimeter. ... Saturn would actually float in water, if you could find an ocean big enough to dip it in! Even a lightweight can take up space.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) There are glaciers at the poles [of Mars] the size of Los Angeles and half a mile thick. If you want atmosphere, go someplace else.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) The sodium in your saltshaker, the gold in your jewelry, even the iron and calcium in your body were all probably born in an ancient supernova. And you thought your commute was long.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) In addition to being big, space is

very, very empty. ... That's why we call it 'space.' If it were full of stuff everywhere, we would probably call it 'outer stuff.' Make space for your stuff.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) But the Milky Way is just one galaxy ... in a cluster of about fifty nearby galaxies that we call the Local Group. And even the Local Group ... is a teeny, tiny part of the known universe, which contains as many as 500 billion galaxies! It's not all about you.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) ...[G]ive your eyes twenty to thirty minutes to adjust to the dark. They'll become ten thousand times more sensitive during that half hour, because the human body is an amazing thing. Take time to adjust.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) And 73 percent of the universe is something even weirder: a gravity-defying force we call 'dark energy,' because that sounds better than 'what the heck is this crazy stuff?!?' It's one of the great mysteries of science today. A cool name is a good start. 🍷

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 windfall (7)	_____
2 windjammers, etc. (5)	_____
3 caught wind of (9)	_____
4 "Candle in the Wind" singer (4)	_____
5 got a second wind (9)	_____
6 move like the wind (5)	_____
7 to the four winds (10)	_____

SH	RYW	IPS	KP	ERH
HN	EA	OT	REC	EVE
RD	EED	OV	OVE	JO
HE	SP	RE	JAC	RED

Last Week's Answers: SCHLEPPS 2. SCROUNGED 3. SCRATCHED ; 4. STRETCHED 5. SCREECHED 6. SQUELCHED 7. STRENGTHS

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Wait, What?

How does a car from a 1980s action-adventure TV series end up with a speeding ticket in Chicago in 2026? That's what officials at the Volo Museum — home to a replica of KITT, the car from "Knight Rider," starring David Hasselhoff — would like to know. On May 13, the Associated Press reported that the museum recently received a \$50 speeding ticket for a car matching KITT's description going 36 mph in a 25 mph zone in Brooklyn on April 22. The black Trans Am even had the California license plate KNIGHT, the same as KITT on the show, and the museum's replica, which is unregistered. "The fact that we're legally tied to a movie prop is interesting," said Jim Wojdyla, the museum's marketing director. "We're known for having our Hollywood cars from TV and movies, but I have no idea how we got registered from a ticket in New York to the plates in California to the Volo Museum in Illinois. We're still trying to figure it out." Amateur replicas of KITT are not uncommon — a Facebook group for people who own one has about 19,000 members — and five original KITTs remain, out of the 20 built for the show. Volo Museum officials are challenging the ticket but haven't lost their sense of humor over the situation. "Does anyone have Hasselhoff's number?" they posted on social media. "He owes us \$50!!!!" *AP, May 13*

The Bear(s)

Over the last year, 13 people have been killed by bears in Japan, with an additional 50,000 sightings recorded. The bears roamed near schools and broke into homes, supermarkets and resorts. Now, Japanese company Ohta Seiki has come up with a unique solution to the country's bear problem: robot wolves. Yahoo! News reported on May 13 that orders for the animatronic "Monster Wolf" are up by so much that the waiting list is a few months long. "We make them by hand," company president Yuji Ohta said. "We cannot make them fast enough now. We are asking our customers to wait two to three months." The "wolves" are made of pipe frames attached to speakers and covered with artificial fur. They can make up to 50 different sounds, including recorded human voices and electronic noises, and their eyes and tails flash with red and blue LEDs. Orders have come mainly from people

who work in rural areas, such as farmers, construction workers and golf course operators. The wolf apparatus starts at \$4,000. *Yahoo! News, May 13*

Meanwhile, in Tennessee, Gatlinburg police were called upon to free a black bear that had locked itself in a bathroom at a downtown Quality Inn and Suites, Fox News reported on May 11. In the wee hours of the morning on Friday, May 8, a hotel employee called for help because they "observed a bear enter an exterior bathroom and lock itself inside," according to the police report. When police arrived on the scene, one officer carefully opened the bathroom door while the other beat sticks together to draw the bear out. In the end, the bear ambled out, seemingly unbothered, leaving behind only minor property damage to the tune of \$50. *Fox News, May 11*

I'm Lovin' It

Minor League baseball team the Charlotte Knights had an unusual celebrity lend their pipes for the national anthem at a recent game, Fox News reported on May 8. A May 1 Instagram post from the team shared a clip of fast-food chain mascot Ronald McDonald singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." The beloved clown also threw the ceremonial first pitch before a Philadelphia Phillies home game against the Texas Rangers on March 28. *Fox News, May 8*

Well, Well, Well, How the Turntables ...

Motorists in France are driving more carefully after a warning from police: Watch out for inebriated wildlife. UPI reported on May 13 that a social media post from the police in the Saone-et-Loire region of north-central France showed deer running around erratically after consuming fermented fruit. "Not all road users are sober," the post said. "If Bambi over-indulges on the forest aperitif, it might not be the time to drive like you own the road." Drivers were urged to keep an eye out for "sudden crossing, inconsistent trajectory, immobilization on the road [and] disorderly escape" from local wildlife. *UPI, May 13*

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Sudoku Answers from pg 27 of 5/14

Puzzle A

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

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Puzzle B

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

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Puzzle C

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

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