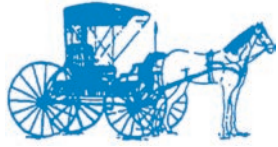


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July 3

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Andover, MA: 9 p.m., Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road

Haverhill, MA: 9:15 p.m., Riverside Park, 163 Lincoln Ave.

July 4

Hampton: 9:30 p.m., at the beach, near B, C Streets

Salem: 9:15 p.m., Canobie Lake Park, 85 N. Policy St.

Amesbury, MA: 9 p.m., Woodsom Farm, 208 Lions Mouth Road

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Artist to Showcase 'Retro Rockets'

EXETER — The Seacoast Artist Association will host artist David Random as part of its free Second Sunday Artist Demonstration Series on July 12 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Random, a former art director for advertising agencies in Boston and New York, is known for creating whimsical steampunk-inspired rocket sculptures from repurposed antiques and vintage objects. His works incorporate items such as antique fire extinguishers, flashlights, kitchen utensils, automobile parts and Victorian hardware, transforming them into imaginative retro-futuristic creations.

During the presentation, Random will share the creative process behind his "Retro Rockets," discussing the inspiration, materials and techniques used to create his sculptures.

Random maintains a studio at The Art Center in Dover. His artwork has been featured in galleries, museums, television productions and films. His creations inspired the award-winning short film "Rocketship," which was screened at film festivals across the country and featured on Virgin Airways in-flight entertainment.

In addition to his sculptural work, Random is also a photographer and award-winning author with four published books.

The public is invited to attend the demonstration, which will include a visual presentation on creating steampunk rocket sculptures using repurposed vintage artifacts and antiques.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Seacoast Artist Association is located at 130 Water St. in downtown Exeter. Parking is free. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about this demonstration and other classes and events, visit www.seacoastartist.org.

Kingston Library Launches Summer Reading Program

Melissa Mannon, director

KINGSTON — The Kingston Community Library is inviting readers of all ages to participate in its Summer Reading Program, featuring reading challenges, prizes and activities throughout July and August.

This year's program includes reading competitions for children, teens and adults, as well as Book Bingo. Bingo cards are available at the library and on the library's website.

The library's regular children's programming will continue in the mornings, while afternoons will feature additional activities, including:

- Chalk the Walk: Mondays, 1-3 p.m.
- Crafts: Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- Outdoor Scavenger Hunts: Wednesdays.
- Lego Building: Thursdays at 2 p.m.
- Typing Club: Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

The Typing Club is designed to help children develop keyboarding skills essential for schoolwork,

coding and everyday communication. Participants can use library laptops to play typing games and improve speed and accuracy.

Special summer programs include:

- Papa Joe's Traveling Storytelling (all ages): Tuesday, July 7, at 10:30 a.m.
- Bugs (ages 6 and up): Tuesday, July 14, at 3 p.m.
- Ecosystems: Beaches and Dunes (ages 6 and up): Tuesday, July 21, at 10 a.m.
- Intro to Coding (ages 5-8): Saturday, July 18, at 11 a.m.
- Hands-on Deconstruction Camp: Saturday, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m.
- Fifth Annual Summer Reading Wrap-Up Imagination Festival: Saturday, Aug. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The festival will feature Magic Fred and a Kindness Activity Trail program.

For a complete schedule of programs and events, visit kingston-library.org/calendar. The library offers activities for all ages throughout the summer.

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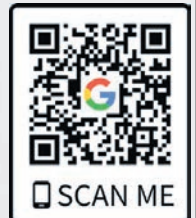
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13 Cricket Hl Unit 13: Savy Sally A Ft and Sally Anne Savy to Joseph Rich-ter, \$550,000

6 Deer Run Rd: Liberty Woods LLC to Rosa Sty-chek and Kyle Urbanczyk, \$1,750,000

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Investments LLC to Jordan Shore and Robert Coulter, \$430,000

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Rock Rimmon Rd: Andrew and Lisa Roy to Robert C. and Mary E. Sal-zer, \$515,000

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52 Whittier St: Bar-bara EMacDonaldRet and Rhonda Leigh MacDonald to Sean Michael Clements, \$530,000

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Kingston begins update of town Master Plan

KINGSTON — The Town of Kingston is updating its Master Plan — a long-range planning document that helps guide future decisions about land use, housing, transportation, natural resources, community facilities, economic development, and overall quality of life. The Master Plan serves as a roadmap for how Kingston can guide change, invest in itself, and make important land use related decisions over the next 10 to 15 years.

This update will help the Town better understand current conditions, identify community priorities, and establish a shared vision for Kingston's future. The process will focus on protecting the qualities that make Kingston special — including its small-town character, neighborhoods, lakes, historic areas, and community

spaces — while also planning for future needs related to housing, infrastructure, recreation, public services, and economic vitality.

Resilience Planning & Design is partnering with the Town of Kingston and the Planning Board to support this effort.

Check out the Master Plan home page (<https://shorturl.at/PFEof>) and Subscribe to Master Plan Updates by following the instructions below.

1. From the Kingston home page, click the white "Subscribe To" button in the top right corner.
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Plaistow Supervisors of the Checklist to Hold July 13 Meeting

PLAISTOW — The Plaistow Supervisors of the Checklist will meet Monday, July 13, from 4:30 to 5 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, 145 Main St.

The supervisors will be available to register new voters and make changes to existing voter registrations. Requests for party affiliation changes cannot be accepted until after the

Sept. 8 state primary.

The meeting also serves as the final session for the annual verification of the voter checklist. Under New Hampshire law, supervisors must review the checklist each year. Voters who have not cast a ballot since April 1, 2021, are required to re-register to remain on the checklist. Notices were mailed to affected voters on May 29. Those who have not

responded by the conclusion of the July 13 meeting will be removed from the checklist.

Eligible Plaistow residents may still register to vote on Election Day.

Residents registering to vote for the first time in Plaistow should bring documentation proving age, identity, domicile and U.S. citizenship. New Hampshire currently allows affidavits to be used for citizenship

verification. Individuals requesting a name change should also bring supporting documentation.

For information about voter registration requirements, visit <https://shorturl.at/geDSH>.

Residents may check their voter registration status by reviewing the checklist at Town Hall or the library, or online at <https://shorturl.at/GnESS>.

Chamber Chatter Highlights Summer Networking, Awards Events

Emily Bilodeau

Summer is in full swing, and the Southern New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce is highlighting a season of networking, collaboration and professional growth in its July edition of "Chamber Chatter."

The Chamber encourages business owners, entrepreneurs and professionals to explore upcoming opportunities and events throughout the summer. New events and

updates are regularly added to Southern New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming public events include the Hidden Jewel Awards on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at LaBelle Winery. The event, presented by Salem Co-operative Bank, celebrates women making a positive impact in their communities. Tickets are \$60 per person.

The Chamber's Annual Dinner & Gala will be held

Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Castleton Banquet & Conference Center. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Members-only events include a multi-chamber mixer with Studios 15 on Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 6 Chestnut St., Suite 205, Amesbury, MA.

The Chamber says membership provides businesses with networking

opportunities, advocacy support, marketing exposure and access to professional resources designed to help organizations grow and thrive.

For more information, event registration or sponsorship opportunities, visit Southern New Hampshire Chamber of Commerce Events or contact Executive Director Cindi Woodbury at cindi@southernnhchamber.com.



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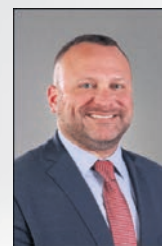
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Kingston Lake Association Kicks Off Summer Season with Conservation Efforts and Community Events

KINGSTON — The Kingston Lake (Great Pond) Association began its busy summer season May 9 with a cleanup at Kingston State Park.

Volunteers joined state park employees to prepare the park for another busy summer season.

The association's next meeting will be held June 24 at 7 p.m. at the Kingston Community Library and will feature two biologists from the Loon Preservation Committee. The presentation will focus

on loons and their unique characteristics. The public is invited to attend.

Paddlers are also invited to participate in the association's annual Kayak/Canoe/Paddleboard Regatta on Sunday, Aug. 2, at Camp Lincoln. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with races starting at 10:30 a.m. The family-friendly event includes prizes in multiple categories and refreshments before and after the races.

The association's Lake Host program began May 23 and will continue through Labor Day. Courtesy boat inspections are conducted at the town and state boat ramps to help prevent invasive aquatic species from entering the lake.

Boaters are encouraged to "clean, drain, dry and rinse" their watercraft before and after launching. The grant-funded program, sponsored by NH Lakes, relies heavily on volunteers. Those

interested in serving as Lake Hosts may contact Muriel Ingalls at dmingalls@comcast.net. Training is available.

The association also participates in the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, or VLAP. Volunteers have monitored water quality on Kingston Lake since the 1990s by collecting samples from deep-water locations, inlets and the outlet at the dam.

Association officials note that residents can help maintain

water quality by controlling stormwater runoff and pumping septic systems every two to three years.

The Kingston Lake Association meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Kingston Community Library. Meetings are open to the public.

Annual membership dues are \$40. Contributions may be mailed to Kingston Lake Association, P.O. Box 1018, Kingston, NH 03848.

» Kingston Police Log

KINGSTON — The following arrests were reported in Kingston during May:

May 1

10 p.m. — A 19-year-old Fremont man was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession/intoxication.

May 2

11:05 p.m. — A 35-year-old Hampstead woman was arrested on a charge of DUI impairment.

May 6

3:15 a.m. — A 54-year-old Merrimac, Massachusetts, man was arrested on

charges of criminal trespass and theft by unauthorized taking, \$0-\$1,000.

3 p.m. — An 86-year-old Danville man was arrested on a charge of driving after revocation or suspension.

10:50 p.m. — A 30-year-old Fremont man was

arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

May 7

8:30 a.m. — A 40-year-old Kingston man was arrested on a charge of driving after revocation or suspension.

May 8

6:05 a.m. — A 66-year-old

Kingston man was arrested on multiple counts of failure to appear.

9:14 a.m. — A 41-year-old Kingston woman was arrested on charges of driving after revocation or suspension and suspension of vehicle registration.

May 9

1 a.m. — A 47-year-old Windham man was arrested on a warrant.

May 10

2:25 a.m. — A 24-year-old Pelham man was

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» Joel Johnson

KINGSTON — When motorists pass a crash scene, it may appear that police officers are simply directing traffic or writing a report. In reality, officers follow a structured process focused on safety, emergency response and restoring normal traffic flow as quickly as possible.

The response begins when an officer receives a dispatch call with information about the crash location, possible injuries and traffic conditions. Upon arrival, one of the officer's first responsibilities

is securing the scene. Police cruisers are positioned to protect those involved in the crash and to alert approaching drivers to slow down or stop.

Checking for injuries is the top priority. Officers assess everyone involved and may provide emergency first aid until medical personnel arrive. If there are reports of injuries, fire hazards or hazardous materials, emergency medical services and fire personnel are called to the scene.

Accidents can also create confusion, stress and heightened emotions. Officers work to keep the situation calm while directing traffic safely

around the scene to prevent additional crashes. They may remove debris from the roadway and arrange for towing services when vehicles cannot be safely driven.

Once the area is secure, officers gather information from drivers and witnesses, collect insurance information and document details that help determine how the crash occurred. This information may be used for insurance claims or legal proceedings.

After vehicles and debris have been removed, officers focus on restoring traffic flow as efficiently as possible. The final step is completing the

accident report, which includes observations, road conditions, vehicle damage, injuries and statements from those involved.

While a crash scene may look routine to passersby, officers are often balancing public safety, emergency response, traffic management and investigation simultaneously. Drivers are reminded to slow down, remain alert and follow directions from emergency personnel when approaching an accident scene. Doing so helps keep everyone safe and allows first responders to do their jobs effectively.

» Kingston Log

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arrested on a charge of DUI impairment.

May 11
7:40 p.m. — A

28-year-old Providence, Rhode Island, man was arrested on a charge of driving after revocation or suspension.

May 12
5:35 a.m. — A 63-year-old Kingston man was taken into protective custody

under an involuntary emergency admission.

May 14
5:55 a.m. — A 33-year-old Derry man was arrested on charges of driving after revocation or suspension and suspension of vehicle registration.

May 17
6:20 a.m. — A 47-year-old Plaistow man was arrested on charges of DUI impairment and a yellow/solid line violation.

7:06 p.m. — A 68-year-old Kingston man was arrested on a charge of theft

by unauthorized taking, \$0-\$1,000.

May 18
12:45 p.m. — A 57-year-old Kingston man was arrested on a charge of reckless operation.

May 21
11:27 a.m. — A 74-year-old

Hampton man was arrested on a charge of negligent driving.

7:47 p.m. — A 38-year-old Dayton, Ohio, man was arrested on a charge of driving after revocation or suspension.

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Tips for Caregivers

Cheryl Field

As I reflect on the TEDx talk I delivered on May 8th about caregiving, I keep coming back to what happened after I stepped off the stage. I was deeply moved by the people who approached me and openly shared both the challenges and joys of their caregiving journeys. Some spoke about exhaustion and uncertainty. Others spoke about love, resilience, and the quiet meaning found in caring for someone day after day. This month, I want to share three tips drawn from that experience.

First, name your role. Say it out loud to yourself: I am a caregiver. Then say it to your family, your doctor, your employer, and others in your circle. Naming your role helps people understand the weight you may be carrying and the support you may need.

Too often, caregivers quietly absorb responsibilities without recognizing how much they are doing. When you claim the role, it becomes easier to ask questions, set expectations, and access resources.

Second, request or offer help. Family, friends, faith communities, and local senior services may be able to assist with meals, rides, errands, or simply sitting with your loved one for an hour. Caregiving alone is NOT a medal of honor, it's a terrible idea. Try asking for help this way.... It would be helpful to me if youthen fill in the blank. And If you know a caregiver, you can offer help this way "Would it be helpful to you if I ___?" Then you fill in that blank.

Third, Protect your health. Define what recharges you and make sure you are getting it. Maybe you need 6

hours of sleep, an hour for a walk, or 30 minutes for meditation. Even a short walk, a quiet cup of tea, or an uninterrupted night of sleep can restore some of the energy caregiving requires. Caregiving is not just about tasks. It is about presence, advocacy, and love. To give all of that, you must be recharged. Make sure the plan you agree to includes your needs, too. Caregivers are like a cell phone—you are no good with a dead battery.

Tell me what you find helpful? What questions you have? Each month, I give away one copy of my book *Prepared! A Healthcare Guide For Aging Adults* to an engaged reader. Your messages and photos so far have been great—keep them coming! Email info@cherylfield.com or visit www.cherylfield.com.



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Volunteers sought for annual New Hampshire butterfly counts in July

CONCORD — The New Hampshire Butterfly Monitoring Network is seeking volunteers to participate in its annual butterfly counts throughout July.

The community-based events help researchers better understand butterfly populations and support conservation efforts for both common and declining species. More than 100 butterfly species are found in New Hampshire, but information about their distribution and abundance remains limited.

Volunteers, naturalists, families, photographers and outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to participate. No prior experience is required.

“Butterfly counts are a wonderful opportunity for people to spend time outdoors, connect with nature and contribute meaningful data that supports butterfly conservation,” said Heidi Holman of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. “Every observation helps improve our

understanding of long-term butterfly trends in New Hampshire.”

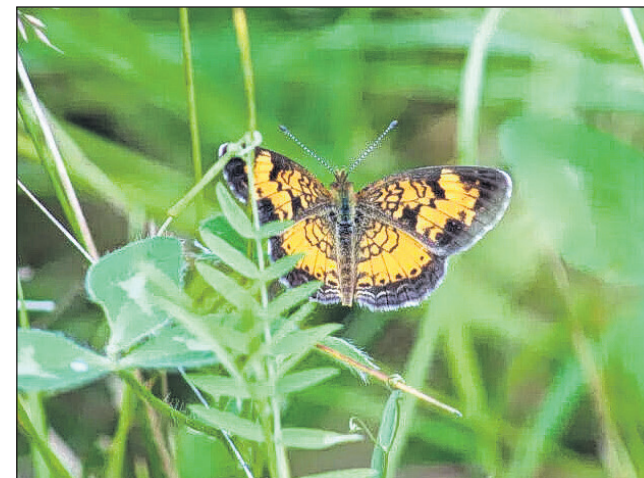
The annual counts are part of a broader participatory science effort conducted at hundreds of locations across North America. In New Hampshire, counts take place within eight designated 15-mile-diameter survey circles and are coordinated by local volunteers.

The 2026 schedule includes:

Squam Lakes — July 8

Baker Ponds — July 11
Great Bay — July 15
Errol — July 16
Lake Sunapee — July 16
Conway area — July 18
SuperSanctuary (Monadnock region) — July 18
Capital area — July 25

Butterflies are important indicators of ecosystem health and serve as a food source for many species, including migratory birds. Data collected during the counts contributes to statewide and regional conservation efforts and helps



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A Northern Crescent butterfly.

scientists track population trends over time.

Volunteers of all experience levels are welcome. For

more information or to register for a count, visit www.nhbutterflies.org.

Gale Library Launches Summer Reading Program with History and Wildlife Events

Michelle Baker, director

NEWTON — The Gale Library has launched its summer reading program, “Plant a Seed, Read!,” featuring activities, educational programs and prizes

for children and adults throughout the summer.

One of the featured events is “Three Men and a One-Shilling Knife: A Genealogical Look at Local History,” presented by Newton

resident Judy Granger of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists. The program will be held Thursday, July 9, at 6 p.m. at Newton Town Hall.

The presentation explores

a 1788 tavern killing in New Durham and demonstrates how genealogists use newspapers, court documents, military records and other sources to uncover stories from New Hampshire’s past.

Registration is required.

On Monday, July 13, at 7 p.m., the library will host a virtual presentation, “Everyday Life in 1776,” featuring authors Loretta Chase and Susan Holloway

Scott, known as the “Two Nerdy History Girls.” The program, held in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of

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Independence, will examine daily life during the Revolutionary era. Registration information is available on the library's website.

Families are invited to attend "Raptors Rock: Talons, Wings & Wild Facts" on Thursday, July 23, at 6 p.m. at Newton Town Hall. Presented by Tailwinds Raptor Education and Conservation, the program will feature three live birds of prey and discuss their adaptations, habitats and conservation. The event is recommended for adults and children ages 6 and older. Registration is required.

Youth programming will be offered every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday in July. Activities include Minute to Win It games, colonial games, drawing with Mr. Scott and a fairy garden party.

The Gale Library is open Mondays from noon to 6 p.m., Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesdays from noon to 8 p.m., Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For a complete schedule of events, visit the library or its website. Follow the Gale Library on Facebook and Instagram at @GaleLibrary for updates and program information.

NEWS IN A MINUTE

Memorial motorcycle ride, live birds of prey presentation

Kingston plans America's 250th Anniversary celebration

KINGSTON — Residents are invited to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence during a community event on Saturday, July 18, on the Plains, Main St.

A committee of Kingston residents has spent the past seven months planning activities and events to honor the nation's founding. The celebration will feature a reading of the Declaration of Independence, patriotic music and songs, and demonstrations by members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the Revolution.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and games will be available on the Kingston Plains.

The event will conclude with

Revolutionary War reenactors from the Sons of the Revolution marching to Plains Cemetery to rededicate the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers buried there.

The schedule is still being finalized, but activities are expected to run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Organizers encourage residents and visitors to attend and commemorate the founding of the United States.

Derry Lions Club offers free chess and checkers program

DERRY — The Derry Lions Club is inviting community members of all ages to sharpen their skills and enjoy friendly competition during its summer chess and checkers program.

The program will be held Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. through Aug. 13, at the Marion Gerrish Community Center.

Players of all skill levels are

welcome. Participants ages 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

The Derry Lions Club will provide all chess and checkers equipment. Attendees only need to bring their enthusiasm and game strategy.

The free program offers an opportunity for residents to learn, practice and enjoy the classic board games in a welcoming community setting.

For more information, email derrylionsclub@gmail.com.

Vic Geary Senior Center Announces July Events

PLAISTOW — The Vic Geary Senior Center has announced several activities for July, including patriotic festivities, entertainment and weekly bingo.

America's 250th Birthday Celebration

The center will celebrate

America's 250th birthday on July 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. Attendees can enjoy red, white and blue refreshments and participate in "Uncle Sam's Auction," with tickets available for 10 for \$1. A 50/50 raffle will also be held.

Reservations are required. Call 603-382-9276 to register.

Monthly Special

The center's Monthly Special is scheduled for July 16 from 9 to 11 a.m. The event will feature coffee, doughnuts and breakfast treats, entertainment by Henri, raffles and door prizes.

Reservations are required. Call 603-382-9276 to sign up.

Weekly Bingo

Bingo is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. Participants are asked to arrive by 12:45 p.m. to purchase cards.

The Vic Geary Senior Center is open to adults age 60

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and older who reside in one of its eight supporting communities.

For more information, visit the center's website, Facebook page or newsletter.

Memorial motorcycle ride set Aug. 1 in Kingston

KINGSTON — The third annual Lavelle and Parsons Memorial Motorcycle Ride will be held Saturday, Aug. 1. All are welcome.

Kickstands go up at 10 a.m. from the Kingston Veterans Club, 36 Church St., for a scenic ride to Hawg's Pen in Farmington. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Participants will return to the Veterans Club by 1 p.m. for an after-party featuring music, food and raffles.

Cost is \$30 per rider, which includes a T-shirt, and \$15 for passengers or

walk-ins. Proceeds will benefit Boston Children's Hospital.

Danville Nonprofits to Host 10th Annual Shredding Fundraiser

DANVILLE — Residents are invited to mark their calendars for Sept. 12, for the annual shredding event hosted by the Danville Rain-bow Association and the Precious Paws Project.

Both organizations are registered New Hampshire nonprofits that assist families in need with pet care, veterinary support and pet food assistance.

The event is open to the public, regardless of residency. Participants may bring any amount of paperwork for shredding, including multiple boxes, for a \$25 donation. All documents will be shredded on-site.

Organizers said secure shredding helps protect personal information and

reduce the risk of identity theft.

Proceeds from the fundraiser, after expenses, will support the organizations' ongoing efforts to assist animals and the families who care for them.

This year marks the event's 10th anniversary.

For more information, call Sheila Johannesen at 603-382-3679.

Ladies Informational Night

STRATHAM — If you're a woman who has ever wanted to know how to check your oil or change a flat tire, without being judged or feeling intimidated, join from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21 at Audi of Stratham, 58 Portsmouth Ave.

The ladies of ICL look forward to teaching and empowering women on the basics of vehicle maintenance and how to be better prepared if a vehicle related issue were to arise. They will teach and demonstrate in a

low-key, stress free, ladies only environment to ensure everyone is as comfortable as possible.

Spots are limited; RSVP via email to pmartin@iclautos.com.

Family event at Alnoba to feature live birds of prey

KENSINGTON — Families are invited to meet live birds of prey during a special educational program Monday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at the 1848 Barn at Alnoba, 199 South Road.

Tailwinds Raptor Education & Conservation will bring an owl, hawk and vulture for an interactive presentation about the birds' adaptations, habitats and roles in the ecosystem. The program will also highlight ways people can help protect raptors and other wildlife.

Guests will have the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session and take photos with the birds following the presentation.

Admission for children age 10 and younger is \$5. Proceeds will benefit Sawyer Park.

Trinity Church to Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary

KINGSTON — Trinity Church, 80 Route 125, will celebrate America's 250th anniversary during its 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 5.

The service will reflect on the role faith played in the founding of the United States and the principles that shaped the nation's early government. Organizers say the program will explore how many of the nation's founders expressed their belief in God while also establishing protections for religious freedom and rejecting a state-sponsored church.

Scripture readings highlighting biblical perspectives on government will be included, and prayers will be

offered for state and federal leaders.

Community members are invited to attend as the congregation gives thanks for the nation's history and commemorates the 250th anniversary of America's founding.

Danville Baptist Church to host Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

DANVILLE — Danville Baptist Church will host Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School from July 13-17, offering children a week of activities focused on faith, learning and fun.

The program will be held from 9 a.m. to noon daily at Danville Baptist Church, 226 Main St.

Children will take part in rainforest-themed activities, including Bible lessons, music, crafts, games, science experiments and snacks.

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Organizers said the program is designed to help children learn about God's love and recognize His presence in their everyday lives.

Rainforest Falls is open to potty-trained children through fifth grade. The program aims to provide a safe, welcoming environment where children can make friends, have fun and grow in their faith.

Registration is now open, and families are encouraged to register early. For more information or to register, contact Julie King at 603-395-6217 or julz615@me.com.

Danville Baptist Church serves the community through worship, fellowship, discipleship and outreach programs for all ages. Vacation Bible School is one of the church's annual programs focused on supporting the spiritual growth of children and families.

Sandown Oktoberfest vendor application now open

SANDOWN — Sandown Oktoberfest is now taking applications from vendors for this year's Oktoberfest, held from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Sandlot.

Organizers are looking for food and baked goods, soaps, pottery, jewelry homemade crafts and anything in between.

There is limited space for vendors so early sign-ups are encouraged. To apply, visit <https://shorturl.at/RLUVC>.

Go from gardener to Granite State Food Hero this summer

DURHAM — Access to food is a source for one in nine Granite Staters, including the one in seven NH children who experience

food insecurity. Demand for emergency food assistance keeps growing, while at the same time the supply of fresh produce at many NH food pantries is shrinking.

Everyone deserves to be well-nourished, and home gardeners can make a difference. By growing fresh produce and donating to your local food pantry, you can reduce your neighbor's stress and build community resilience. It's easy to get started — become a Granite State Food Hero today.

To find out more, go to <https://shorturl.at/q67SB>.

Tick testing available through UNH Extension

DURHAM — If you enjoy the outdoors in the Granite State, you are at greater risk of encountering a tick and contracting a tick-borne illness, like Lyme disease. Now there is a way to know quickly if the tick that bit you, a loved one, or your pet has disease-causing pathogens.

Tick testing from the University of New Hampshire is now available to the public through UNH Extension. This service can alert you to the presence of a pathogen in a tick in as little as three days. It is information that helps you and your doctor or pet's veterinarian decide if treatment is needed.

For details, go to <https://shorturl.at/Nmeo7>.

Exeter to host inaugural Pursuit of Happiness 5K during Independence Festival

EXETER — Residents and visitors are invited to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence at the inaugural Pursuit of Happiness 5K on Saturday, July 11.

The race begins at 8 a.m. in historic Exeter and will kick off the annual Independence Festival hosted by the American Independence Center.

Participants may run, jog

or walk the course individually or with strollers or leashed dogs. Organizers encourage runners to wear patriotic attire. Awards will be presented for age-group finishers, patriotic outfits and other categories.

Participants who save their race bibs may redeem them for a free beer courtesy of Samuel Adams and a slice of pizza from OTTO during the festival.

Rock City Coffee Roasters is also offering a special Pursuit of Happiness 5K coffee blend. An 8-ounce bag of whole bean coffee may be reserved for \$8 by emailing Joe@aicnh.org while supplies last.

To register, go to <https://aicnh.org/5k/>.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Independence Center.

Tano Jones Revelry to Perform at The Music Hall Lounge

PORTSMOUTH — Tano Jones Revelry will bring its Midwest-inspired soul and

storytelling music to The Music Hall Lounge on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Led by Detroit-born singer, songwriter, guitarist and producer Tano Jones, the band blends rhythm, harmony and emotionally driven lyrics into songs centered on life experiences, hope and connection. Known for its energetic live performances, the group has gained a growing national and international following.

The band's debut album, *Spinning North*, has surpassed 40 million streams worldwide. Popular singles include *Daisy*, *Light It* and *What About Me*, which have received airplay on more than 125 radio stations across North America and overseas.

Doors open at 7 p.m., with the show beginning at 8 p.m.

Advance general admission tickets are \$23, day-of-show tickets are \$26, and limited premium seats are available for \$33, plus fees.

Tickets and tour information are available online at www.TanoJonesRevelry.com.

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Kimball Library Announces July Programs for All Ages

Kathy Watson, assistant director

ATKINSON — Kimball Library will offer a wide range of educational, creative and family-friendly programs throughout July as part of its summer programming series.

Highlights include:

Unearth the History of Chocolate

Presented by Cocoa Beantown, this program explores Massachusetts' connections to chocolate, from the first chocolate factory in North America to

colonial-era drinking chocolate. A trivia game will follow the presentation. Ages 6 and up. July 1 at 6 p.m.

Unearth a Dinosaur Painting

Young artists will create colorful dinosaur-themed paintings during this hands-on class led by Pop Up Art School. Ages 8 and up. July 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Unearth an Arthropod Petting Zoo

Professor Bugman introduces children to

arthropods through a hands-on program featuring insects and other creatures. Ages 3 and up. July 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Unearth Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream

Participants will learn about liquid nitrogen and the science of ice cream making before enjoying a frozen treat. Ages 5 and up. July 8 at 6 p.m.

Summer Concert Series

The library's outdoor concert series continues with:

Relative Soul on July 9 at 6 p.m.

The Island Castaways Band on July 23 at 6 p.m.

Concerts are sponsored by George Family Charities and hosted by the Friends of the Kimball Library.

Unearth an Escape Room

Participants will solve dinosaur-themed puzzles and challenges in an interactive escape room experience. Ages 8 and up. July 11 at 10 a.m.

Bite Club Programs

The library's cooking series for children and tweens features:

Fossil Cookies, July 13
Dirt Cups, July 20
Gummy Dinos, July 27
All programs begin at 4:30 p.m.

Gamers Sanctuary

A mobile gaming trailer featuring more than 40,000 games will visit the library for free gaming sessions. Ages 10 and up. July 15 at 3 p.m.

Unearth a Clay "Worry" Dinosaur

Participants will sculpt dinosaur-themed creations with guidance from

instructor Ms. Cinda. Ages 5 and up. July 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Flying High Dogs

World-record-holding canine frisbee performer Mike Piazza and his dogs will present an interactive demonstration featuring tricks and athletic performances. All ages. July 29 at 6 p.m.

Many programs are sponsored by the Friends of Kimball Library.

Registration is required for many events. For complete details and registration information, visit kimballlibrary.com or call 603-362-5234.

July Adventures at Hampstead Library

Janet Arden, head of circulation

HAMPSTEAD — The Hampstead Public Library Summer Program for

Adults, Teens, and Children is underway with many amazing events. It's not too late to register and earn raffle tickets for

fantastic prizes. The more you read the more chances you have to win! Visit the Library or refer to www.HampsteadLibrary.org

for event registration and details.

The Hampstead Public Library teams up with the Hampstead Historical

Society for Cemetery Tours on Saturday, June 27. Register in advance for a 10 a.m. or an 11 a.m. tour of Hampstead Center Cemetery

with Rob Morris and Jim Wilkinson.

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Plaistow Announces 2026 Summer Concert Series

PLAISTOW — The Town of Plaistow will host its annual Summer Concert Series on Wednesday evenings through Aug. 12 at the Town Green, 145 Main St.

Concerts are free and open to the public and will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and

enjoy a variety of musical performances throughout the summer.

The concert lineup includes:

July 1: Key Elements — A brother-and-sister-led band playing nostalgic favorites, sing-alongs and rock dance tunes from the 1970s and 1980s.

July 8: Knock on Wood — An

acoustic folk-rock duo featuring classic rock covers, original music and family-friendly entertainment.

July 15: Timberlane Community Jazz Band — Performing jazz standards and contemporary selections while supporting local music education.

July 22: Timberlane Community

Band — A community concert band dedicated to high-quality wind music and student mentorship.

July 29: Time Bandits — A Southern New Hampshire cover band performing popular hits from the 1960s to today.

Aug. 5: The Bel Airs — Featuring classic doo-wop, love ballads and

dance favorites from the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Aug. 12: Silk Purse: A Linda Ronstadt Tribute — A high-energy tribute celebrating the music and legacy of Linda Ronstadt.

For more information about the Summer Concert Series, visit Plaistow's website.

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include: **How to Eat an Acorn** with Julieann Hartley on Monday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. In this hands-on event, learn how to safely forage for acorns and the steps to process them. This event is for all ages (5+) including adults. Please register in advance.

Get wild at the **Reptile Encounter with Rainforest**

Reptile Shows on Tuesday, July 14 at 3 p.m. This wild animal encounter is educational, hands-on, and fun for all ages.

Youth entering grades 5-12 are invited to the **Teen Library Open House** on Thursday, July 16 at 6 p.m. Discover all the Library resources, events, spaces to hang out, and activities. Bring a friend and enjoy free food and games. Please register in advance.

Teen DIY Solar Oven

workshop is back for a Nachos & S'mores edition on Thursday, July 23 at 3:30 p.m. If you're entering grade 5-12, you won't want to miss this fun and delicious event. All materials are provided. Please register in advance.

Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream comes to the Library for an interactive demonstration on Friday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m. This program is for kids and teens. Attendees can get a sample of the

ice cream that is made. Advance registration is required.

The Hampstead Public Library is hosting a **Chocolate, Cheese & Book Tasting** event on Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 p.m. Librarians are pairing delicious samples of cheese and Loon Chocolate with a selection of books for adults. Don't miss the fun! Register now!

Pete Koch from Cross-Fit Disciple teaches a

one-hour **Resistance Band Workout** at the Library on Thursday, July 30 at 11 a.m. This includes discussion, demonstration, hands-on exercise, and a worksheet to take home. Please register in advance.

In July, the Library also has the second annual Tiny Art Show, Heritage Quest Challenge, Skill-Fire Challenge, adult craft sessions, introduction to instruments for children, Harry Potter Party, and so

much more! Discover it all and register for events on www.HampsteadLibrary.org, visit the Library, or call 603-329-6411.

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Summer Reading Program and Special Events at Colby Library

Ann Massoth, director

PLAISTOW — It's not too late to sign up for Colby Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program, which kicked off with a special appearance by Magic Fred.

This year's theme, "Unearth a Story," invites readers of all ages to track their reading and enter weekly prize drawings for children, teens and adults. Parents of young children may log books read aloud to their children. Grand prizes in each category will be awarded at the end of the program in August.

Registration packets are available at the library.

The eight-week program includes weekly themed events and crafts for children, teen programs and an adult community read of Elly Griffiths' "The Crossing Places," featuring a forensic archaeologist. The Adult

Community Read will take place Thursday, Aug. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Program highlights include:

- Tail on the Trail: "Goldilocks and the Tree Dinosaurs" by Mo Willems, featuring illustrations by local children, at Colby Pond through July 7.
- Lego Club with Tom: Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
- Chess Club: Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
- Firework Paintings: June 29 at 3 p.m.
- Patriotic Suncatchers: July 2 at 2 p.m., celebrating the Fourth of July and America's 250th birthday.
- Paint and Sip: Prehistoric Punch: July 7 at 1 p.m.
- Harry Potter Birthday Celebration: June 30 at 2 p.m. for ages 11 and older.

Additional crafting and STEM programs are listed on the library's website.

Reptiles Visit the Library

The library will host an interactive reptile program with Morphs and Milestones of Frankestown on Saturday, July 18, at 1 p.m.

The nonprofit organization rescues and rehabilitates reptiles and other animals for educational programs and therapeutic work with individuals with special needs. Six animal ambassadors are expected to visit, and attendees will have the opportunity to touch and handle the animals. Featured animals may include snakes, invertebrates and a tortoise.

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Timberlane Envirothon Team Wins State Title, Advances to National Competition

PLAISTOW — The Timberlane Regional High School Envirothon team placed first in the New Hampshire Envirothon State Competition on Tuesday, May 19.

The statewide competition evaluates students' knowledge and skills in soils, aquatic ecology, wildlife and forestry. Teams of five students work collaboratively, without teacher advisors, to

address an environmental issue and present solutions to a panel of experts.

Three teams represented Timberlane this year, researching the impact of nonpoint source pollution on a neighborhood pond and examining how everyday actions can affect water quality, ecosystems and community health.

The first-place team

included students Ava Sawyer, Alexa Ring, Jacob Tiney, Jonathan Castricone and Lexi Dowling.

As state champions, the team will compete this summer in the National Conservation Foundation Envirothon at Mississippi State University, where they will face teams from all 50 states and Canadian provinces.

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Penny postcards and the stories they tell

By Steve Sousa,
Kingston Heritage Commission

KINGSTON — It may seem unusual in today's world of heightened privacy and message security that people once sent messages across long distances on postcards, where anyone could read the contents.

Postcards originated in Austria-Hungary in 1869. The United States introduced them in 1873 with cards produced by the government. The Private Mailing Card Act of 1898 allowed private printers to produce postcards and reduced postage to one cent — giving rise to the “penny postcard.”

The “golden age” of postcards lasted from 1907 to 1915. Because they were inexpensive to send, postcards were widely used for quick messages to friends and relatives, travel souvenirs, business advertisements and holiday greetings. By 1915, however, their popularity began to decline as World War I brought higher postal rates and the telephone emerged as a faster form of communication.

After World War I, increased access to automobiles, buses and rail travel led to renewed interest in sharing travel



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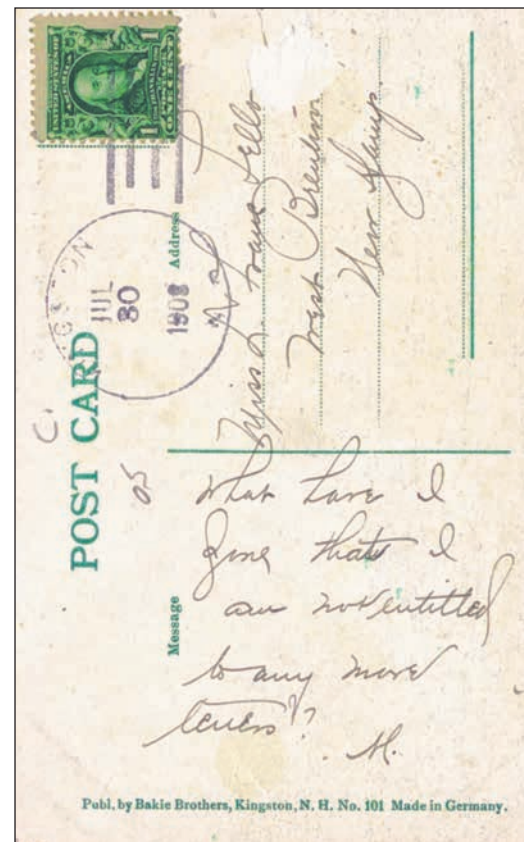
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experiences, sparking a modest resurgence in postcard use.

Many companies produced postcards locally. One such firm, active from the 1910s to the 1930s, was the Frank W. Swallow Postcard Co. of Exeter. The company created

postcards featuring attractions in Kingston.

Reading these brief messages today invites curiosity about the stories behind them — and even prompts questions such as, “What have I done that I am not entitled to any more letters?”



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Currently serving scholars in grades K–9, and expanding to K-10 this fall, the Academy is rooted in the tradition of American classical education and is reclaiming time-tested methods that cultivate both intellectual excellence and strong character.

Tours of the school are available for interested families. Middle and high school scholar shadow days are also available now through June 5. Families interested in scheduling a tour or shadow day are encouraged to call the school at 603-691-5429 to make arrangements.

Seacoast Classical Academy believes literacy and numeracy are foundational for lifelong success. Positive academic experiences foster confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning. The Academy's rigorous curriculum includes explicit phonics instruction, Singapore Math, Latin, classical literature, and the study of primary source documents.

SCA proudly utilizes the Hillsdale College K–12 curriculum, a content-rich program emphasizing Western civilization, the American founding, and a deep appreciation for our nation's heritage. At a time of shortened attention spans, declining academic standards and grade inflation, the Academy remains firmly committed to a book-centered classroom. Rather than relying on excerpts or summaries, scholars read great books in their entirety, engaging deeply with timeless ideas and enduring truths.

The Academy prioritizes freedom from digital distractions, including tablets, screen-based learning, and "smart classroom" technology. By



reducing the constant pull of screens, social media, and digital instruction during the school day, scholars strengthen their attention spans, deepen their focus, and engage more thoughtfully with ideas and with one another.

Classrooms at SCA are active, engaging, and intellectually vibrant. Scholars participate in Socratic seminars, thoughtful discussions, and respectful debates, often with founding documents in hand. This aims to develop considerate, articulate, and virtuous young men and women, our leaders of tomorrow.

SCA believes parents are the primary educators of their children, and therefore honors parental rights. Scholar data and family privacy are safeguarded in order to foster a culture of transparency and partnership. By doing so, we ensure that families remain at the center of their scholar's educational journey.

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and operates with transparency and partnership, ensuring families remain at the center of the educational journey.

Character formation is equally central to the Academy's mission. The Academy's foundational virtues of wisdom, truth, fortitude, and excellence are woven throughout the school day. Additionally, the Core Virtues Program uses great stories to cultivate moral imagination and civic virtue, thereby reinforcing character development across the curriculum. To quote Sarah Mackenzie, "If you want a child to know the truth, tell him the truth. If you want a child to love the truth, tell him a story."

As more families seek meaningful alternatives to trend-driven education and excessive screen dependence, Seacoast Classical Academy offers a compelling vision for the future: a rigorous and inspiring education that shapes the minds and character of the next generation.

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PORTSMOUTH — Passes are now on sale for the 24th annual New Hampshire Film Festival, scheduled for Oct. 15-18 in downtown Portsmouth.

Passes may be purchased online or at The Music Hall's McKeon Ticketing Hub. The festival was recently named one of Movie-Maker Magazine's "50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee in 2026" for the second consecutive year

and the 11th time overall.

The festival brings together filmmakers, screenwriters, industry professionals and movie enthusiasts for four days of screenings, panel discussions, networking events and special programs. The New Hampshire Film Festival is also an Academy Award-qualifying festival for short films.

This year's Van McLeod Award

will be presented to longtime New Hampshire resident Amy Greene, a stunt coordinator, stunt performer and film producer. Greene's credits include "The Holdovers," "Sound of Metal," "Knives Out," and upcoming A24 productions "The Drama" and "Tony." The award honors Granite Staters who have made significant contributions to the film and television industry.

"Each year, the New Hampshire Film Festival brings together an incredible community of filmmakers, artists and audiences who share a passion for storytelling and independent film," said Dan Hannon, festival co-founder and industry curator.

Festival highlights include independent feature films, documentaries and short films, appearances by industry professionals,

educational panels and workshops, and special events throughout Portsmouth.

Founded in 2001, the New Hampshire Film Festival supports independent filmmaking while providing opportunities for emerging artists to connect with audiences and industry leaders.

For more information or to purchase passes, visit nhfilmfestival.com.

Plaistow Library Offers July Programs for All Ages

Jen O'Connor, adult programming and publicity librarian

PLAISTOW — The Plaistow Public Library will offer a variety of programs for children, teens and adults throughout July.

Children and Youth Programs

The New Hampshire Audubon Society will present a hands-on Pollinator Party for children ages 5-8 on Wednesday, July 8, at 3 p.m. Participants

will learn about pollinators through interactive activities.

Kids Yoga with Miss Jamie will be held Thursday, July 9, and Thursday, July 23, at 11 a.m. The program features simple poses, movement and breathing exercises for children ages 5-10.

Children ages 5 and older are invited to Brown Bag Dinner and a Movie on Thursday, July 9, and Thursday, July 30, at 5 p.m.

Participants should bring their own dinner; popcorn will be provided.

Gamers Sanctuary will bring its 30-foot mobile gaming trailer to the library for students in grades 5 and up on Thursday, July 9, and Thursday, July 23, at 5 p.m.

Author and Miss Greater Derry Maddy Hawkes will read from her book, Lily and the Little Celebrations Club, on Friday, July 10, at 3 p.m. The program is open to all ages.

As part of the nation's 250th anniversary celebration, Once Upon a Story Hour will feature a visit from Betsy Ross on Monday, July 13, at 11 a.m. Families will enjoy stories, crafts and historical insights.

Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals will present an interactive puppet show for children ages 3-8 on Thursday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Programs

The library's Summer Strength & Stability Pilates Series will be held Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

A Sewing and Needlework Get Together will take place Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their current projects.

The library will host a free Home Goods Exchange July 16-18. Donations may be dropped off Thursday, July 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Friday, July 17, from 3 to 7 p.m. Participants may select free items Saturday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The New Hampshire Society of Genealogists will present "Three Men and

a One-Shilling Knife: A Genealogical Look at Local History" on Tuesday, July 21, at 6 p.m., exploring a 1788 New Durham murder case through genealogical research.

The library will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 28, from 1 to 6 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled at RedCrossBlood.org.

Registration is required for all programs. To register or learn more, visit plaistowlibrary.com or call 603-382-6011.

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Danville's History During the Revolutionary War

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence not everyone can say they live in a town that predates the Revolutionary War. Two historic sites from those days - the Old Meeting House and the Ye Olde Cemetery remain part of the town's rich heritage.

In NH there are 147 towns that were chartered or incorporated prior to 1776. Danville, then known as the Parish of Hawke, was incorporated in 1760. Construction of the Hawke Meeting House began in 1759 and was the first meeting of the parishioners was called on March 10, 1760.

The 1773 Census of Rockingham County lists 478 residents of Hawke. Twenty-five were unmarried men from 16 to 60, 71 were married men from 16 to 60, 110 were boys 16 and younger, eight were men over 60, 172 were unmarried females, 81 were married females, 10 were widows and there was one male slave.

It was increasingly difficult for small towns such as Hawke to meet a required quota of "fighting men" for the continuing war. All able-bodied men – white male citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 except those whose "religious scruples that render them averse to war" were required to fight. Four men who were Quakers did not sign on.

Peter J. Koester Senior Vice Commander of the Kenneth R. Day American Legion Post 115 has provided the following information:

Locally, according to available records, nine residents of Hawke fought alongside their fellow patriots in the American Revolution - Edward Eastman, Samuel Eastman, Jonathan French, Humphrey Hook, Israel Hook, Benjamin Quimby, Joseph Sanborn, Jonathan Sanborn. Also, Thomas Page, a Town Officer and State Representative for Sandown and Hawke - until 1836. A most respected man, Page was very valuable to the town of Hawke in its founding days and was among the 71 New Hampshire residents to sign the New Hampshire Agreement to Oppose the British with Arms on June 7, 1776, which preceded our country's Declaration of Independence by almost a month.

All but two of these men are buried at Ye Olde Cemetery on Main Street - Samuel Eastman is interred in what is called the Blake Road Graveyard located on private property just over a half-mile southeast of (Danville Veterans Park) and Jonathan French in what was called the North Graveyard but is today known as Danville Cemetery or the Old Meetinghouse Cemetery. None lost their lives fighting in the American Revolution - in fact most lived into their 70's and 80's - but this in no way diminishes their service to our community and our fledgling nation.

The Old Meeting House on Main Street is the oldest meetinghouse of original construction and least altered in New Hampshire, with a well-preserved interior. The building has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982. While owned by the Town of Danville the meeting house is managed by the Old Meeting House Association. The association ensures that an annual religious service is held, now, during Olde Home Days. This year a service will be held on August 23rd at 10am.



Further north on Main Street is the Ye Olde Cemetery, a peaceful place with rich history. Burials date back to 1740 when Danville was still part of Kingston. Reverend John Page, Hawke's first and only resident minister, is buried here along with many town fathers and Revolutionary War soldiers.

Both sites are part of the town's Historic District. The district was established by the town voters in 1999 and is overseen by the Heritage Commission.

According to the town's website "this area for more than two centuries has been used, worked, tended, preserved, and passed down through the generations, partly by town government and partly by early settlers and their descendants. This special place represents the nucleus of the Town of Danville's earliest government and community center and the working lands of some of the families who made it happen. This special place reflects the commitment of this town's early settlers to establish a free, independent, self-sufficient, and beneficial community. The Town of Danville owns the Old Meeting House, Parsonage lots, cemeteries, and, through twists of fate, almost 400 acres of land in this special place."



Beyond the 40%: How Hampstead Shattered Records in the Revolutionary War

Jim Wilkinson, Hampstead Historical Society

As we celebrate the 250th year of American independence, it is the perfect time to reflect on the pivotal role New Hampshire played in the founding of our country. Statewide, historians estimate that up to 40% of eligible men—those between 16 and 50 years old—fought in the Revolutionary War.

However, while preparing for an upcoming tour of the historic graves in the Hampstead Center Cemetery, I discovered something remarkable: Hampstead's participation wasn't just high—it likely shattered the state average.

According to Harriette Noyes's 1899 history book, *A Memorial of the Town of Hampstead*, a 1775 census recorded the town's population at 768 people. This included 106 men at home between the ages of 16 and 50, and 35 men noted as "gone to army," totaling 141 military-eligible residents.

Yet, the records of who actually served tell a much grander story. In her book, Noyes lists 131 specific men who participated in the Revolution. Decades later, in 2021, researcher Douglass R. Knight compiled an official roster of 110 Revolutionary War soldiers from the town. When you cross-reference these two lists, you find 80 individuals who appear on both, and 79 who appear on only one.

By combining these records and uncovering an additional 5 unlisted veterans buried right here in Center Cemetery, the true count rises to 164 individual patriots from Hampstead.

Because the war spanned eight long years (1775–1783), this total naturally exceeds the town's single-year 1775 census as young boys grew into fighting age and new families moved to the area. Even accounting for those shifts, the data clearly shows that Hampstead's true participation rate easily cleared the 40% benchmark, likely soaring to 70% or more.

Local Names on the Front Lines

When the Hampstead Historical Society hosts its upcoming tour of Center Cemetery, visitors will stand before the headstones of 17 distinct individuals who directly shaped our nation. They range from everyday citizen-soldiers to high-ranking officers and early statesmen.

Among them is Captain Hezekiah Hutchins, perhaps Hampstead's most famous military figure. He gathered 64 men from the surrounding area—including 35 right from Hampstead—and marched them from his tavern home on East Road straight to the Battle of Bunker Hill. New Hampshire citizens ultimately made up nearly two-thirds of the American forces at Bunker Hill, and Hutchins's company was among the very first to answer the call.

But Hampstead's defiance wasn't just waged with muskets; it was also forged with ink. Center Cemetery is the final resting place of Captain John Calfe, Captain Jonathan Carleton, and Samuel Little, Esq. All three served in New Hampshire's Provincial Congress, the body that boldly established New Hampshire as the very first colony to form a government completely independent of Great Britain. On January 5, 1776, they adopted a new state constitution, officially severing ties with British rule months before the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia.

Join the Tour

Hampstead's citizens were locked into the fight from the earliest echoes of rebellion to the monumental drafting of a new government. We look forward to sharing these stories—and many more—of the local heroes who took what was, at the time, a treasonous and courageous stand.

At the time of writing, spaces are still available for the Hampstead Cemetery Tour on June 27th for this special look into our past, co-sponsored by the Hampstead Public Library. To reserve your spot, please visit the event calendars for the Hampstead Historical Society (hampsteadhistoricalsociety.org/events) or the Hampstead Public Library (hampsteadlibrary.org/calendar).





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Early History Plaistow was originally part of Haverhill, its area having been part of the land purchased from the Pentucket Indians in 1642. This area, then known as “Haverhill District,” was used as a pasture by residents of the town’s North Parish during the first century of Haverhill’s history. It remained largely unsettled until the threat of Indian attack abated in the 1720s and 1730s. Shortly thereafter, in 1741, King George II resolved a longstanding border dispute between the colony of Massachusetts and the heirs of New Hampshire’s founder John Mason. Under this settlement, much of the disputed territory was given to New Hampshire. Thus, Haverhill’s area was substantially reduced, as it lost what are now the towns of Plaistow, Atkinson, Hampstead, and part of Salem. Prior to this measure, residents in many border communities, including Plaistow, were taxed by both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Plaistow Becomes a Town On February 28, 1749, during the administration of Royal Governor Benning Wentworth, “Haverhill District” was incorporated into two separate towns: Plaistow and Hampstead. Why name Plaistow was chosen is not known. There is only one other town in the world that shares the name; Atkinsons 250 Year Old Historical Homes it is located in Essex, England, on the outskirts of London. The word origin of the town’s name is similarly murky. It may derive from the Middle English Pleystow or Plegstow, which meant “play place” and was where the maypole stood and holiday sports were played in medieval English villages. It is also possible that Hugh de Plaiz, who was a manorial lord in the Southeast of England, inspired the name. Thirty days after the town’s incorporation, Nicholas White, the town’s first moderator, called Plaistow’s first Town Meeting. The townsmen gathered inside the North Parish Meeting House, which is where Town Meetings were held until the first Town Hall was built in the 1831. In the 1700s, these meetings involved setting the minister’s salary and electing annual officers, which included the moderator, three selectmen, a surveyor of highways, tithing men, and “hog reafs.”

Roads and Taverns Plaistow’s roads linked the town to the wider world. The main road in town was the County Road, which ran from Newbury to Concord. Its route through Plaistow passed along what are now Newton Rd., Sweet Hill Rd., Hale Spring Rd., and Kingston Road. It then crossed an old section of Walton Rd. over Garwood Hill (along the present Old County Rd.) and continued into E. Hampstead. An example of how these roads connected early residents to a greater network of interaction was their role in early postal service. Prior to 1830, men on horseback brought mail twice a week. Later, mail was delivered thrice weekly by stagecoach, which is why the County Road was also called Stage Road. Early post offices didn’t have their own buildings but were often housed in stores. One example was the post office at White’s store, which was located half way up Sweet Hill. Another store/post office stood at the en route to the ocean. It was to

have cut a swath 198 feet, or 12 rods wide as it passed through Chester and alongside Angle Pond as it made its way through E. Hampstead and Plaistow. Because of the relative scarcity of labor in the 1700s and the size of the undertaking, the plans were never realized. Taverns were also important in the early history of the town. They were places where townsfolk could gather together outside of the meetinghouse and socialize. They were also places where travelers undertaking lengthy overland journeys could water their horses and obtain refreshments and lodgings. Two such establishments serviced folks traveling Stage Coach Road in Plaistow--the Peaslee Tavern on Sweet Hill Rd. and the Sawyer Tavern on Kingston Road. Several other taverns catered to travelers on Plaistow’s other roads. Perhaps the best-known tavern in town was the Union House, located on Main Street opposite Westville Road. It had a dining room, space for lodgings, and stables. In 1796, George Washington took a meal and watered his horses here as he made his way from Exeter to Haverhill. Order and Discipline During the Colonial Period, the prevailing ideas of order were very different than those we know today. Crimes against order were punished severely and the discipline of offenders was often made intersection of Old County and Kelly Roads. Roads were also integral to the region’s economy, especially to the lumber industry. Many towns in the area have roads that were built so masts and lumber could be hauled overland to port. There were plans to have such a road that would have started in Concord and passed through Plaistow

When Plaistow was incorporated in 1749, it contained about 20 square miles and was home to about 60 to 70 families; by the 1760s, there were over 1,000 residents in Plaistow. In May 1766, a group of residents in the western part of town successfully petitioned the General Court to be incorporated as a separate town. This request was granted and in September 1767, the town of Atkinson was carved out of the original Plaistow grant. This turn of events left Plaistow with 576 people and 6,720 acres, while the 476 residents of the new town were granted 6,800 acres. Thus, by this one act of government, Plaistow lost over half of its land and nearly half of its population. Natural increase was kept in check by the harsh realities of colonial life. As the region became more thickly settled, communicable diseases were more easily spread from family to family. In 1769, a plague of throat distemper wrought havoc among the town’s children. Plaistow’s population dropped below 500. After the Revolution, Plaistow’s population continued to decline. As land opened up to the north and west, many people from the state’s southeastern corner established communities there. By 1810, Plaistow’s population had fallen to 424

Atkinson 250 Year Old Homes

- 92 Main St.- Nathaniel and Judith Cogsell home, eight of their sons served in the Revolutionary War; opened their home to church serves and town meetings before the Atkinson Meeting House was built; they boarded many students who attended the Atkinson Academy
- 14 East Rd. - Peter Clement’s home; he served in the Revolutionary War, his home served as the first boy’s school, he also boarded male students who attended Atkinson Academy
- 98 Main St. - no known history at this time
- 132 Maple Ave. - Jonathan and Ruth (Johnson) Page, one of Atkinson’s first settlers. They were Patriotic supporters





HAMPSTEAD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TO BEGIN \$45K RESTORATION OF HISTORIC WINDOWS

Supported by a \$20,500 matching grant awarded through the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)

HAMPSTEAD — This June, the Hampstead Congregational Church will begin a \$45,000 project to restore 18 historic sanctuary windows dating to the building's construction in 1861. The effort is supported by a \$20,000 matching grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), with the remaining funds raised through contributions from church members and friends.

The restoration process will address issues including damaged or missing glazing, rotted wood, weakened joints, cracked panes, broken or missing sash cords and windows that no longer close properly, while preserving as much historic material as possible. The work will be carried out by Olde Window Restorers LLC of Warner and completed in two stages of nine windows each. Each phase is expected to take six to eight weeks. The contractor will remove the windows, transport them to its workshop for restoration, and reinstall them in their original locations using new weatherstripping and ropes.

The Civil War-era building is distinguished by its distinctive Italianate-style architecture, most notably its tall, most notably its narrow windows shaped like an inverted "U"—rounded at the top rather than flat. The windows feature semi-transparent rolled glass with decorative textured patterns. Similar arched forms appear in the belfry openings, the entryway, and the overhanging eaves. In recognition of its architectural and historical significance, the building was added to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places in 2023.

The window restoration is part of a broader effort that began in 2022 with a capital campaign, aimed at preserving the structure for future generations. Since then, the church has rehabilitated the bell tower and spire, replaced the bell-ringing mechanism, upgraded flooring, and repainted the building's exterior.

The grant was awarded to the Hampstead church in December 2024 by Governor Chris Sununu and LCHIP during a ceremony at the New Hampshire State House. It was one of 26 matching grants totaling \$3.3 million awarded by LCHIP to support land conservation and historic preservation projects across the state.

For more information about the Hampstead Congregational Church, visit hampsteaducc.org.



Hampstead Congregational Church, built in 1861.



Four pairs of the sanctuary windows as seen on the north face of building.



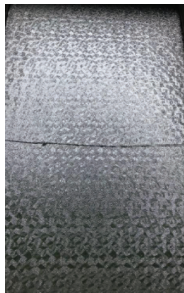
Four pairs of sanctuary windows on the south-facing side.



Detail of a pair of windows from the exterior showing.



Detail of sash deterioration.



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Sandown Public Library announces July programs and events

Brittney Bergholm, director

SANDOWN — The Sandown Public Library has announced its schedule of programs and events for late June through July, offering activities for all ages.

Weekly programs include Cribbage on Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m., Mahjong on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon, and Sizzlin' Stories for all ages on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m.

Regular monthly programs include:

Monday Morning Mystery Book Club: July 6, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Fiber Fest: July 6 and 20, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Lego League: July 6, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Monday Movies: July 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Food for Thought: July 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Kids Kraft: July 15, 1 to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Books & Bites Book Discussion: July 15, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Tunes for Tots: July 16, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Kidz Rock (ages 3-5): July 16, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Ready 2 Rock (ages 6 and older): July 16, noon to 12:45 p.m.

Poems & Poets: July 20, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

STEAM Explorers: July 22, 1 to 2 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Club: July 27, 1 to 1:45 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Where Dragons Dream: July 27, 6 to 7 p.m.

Special events include: Library Closed for Independence Day: July 4.

Craft Corner: July 9 and 23, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for children of all ages.

How the Constitution Helps Us Disagree: July 11, 1 to 2:30 p.m., part of the Summer Saturdays series.

C3Brix LEGO Building: July 14, 10 a.m. to noon for ages 3-7 and 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 8 and older.

Movie Matinee: July 18, 1 to 2:45 p.m., part of the Summer Saturdays series.

Mariposa Museum Program, "From Coconut Cleaners to Banana Leaf Art": July 22, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sundae Fundae: July 25, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., part of the Summer Saturdays series.

Pop-Up Story Time at the Sandown Farmers Market: July 29, 5 to 5:30 p.m.

For locations, registration and complete event details, visit www.sandownlibrary.us or consult the library's online calendar.



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In celebration of America's 250th, Atkinson Historical Society's 2026 ventures have focused on making it a memorable year for the community. The inaugural event was held on Washington's Birthday, featuring the debut of "The Revolutionary War Era: Life in Atkinson," a curated exhibition at the Kimball House Museum, home of AHS. The exhibition, enlivened by the artwork of Atkinson Academy students, is ongoing with regularly scheduled open houses.

In the spirit of Atkinson's rich Revolutionary War Era history, AHS designed and is selling a navy-blue T-shirt that heralds "Atkinson, NH, 1767" on the front and the America 250th logo on the back. The shirts, for both adults and kids, have been a hit around town. Sales are ongoing.

Memorial Day kicked off AHS's quest to designate Atkinson's Revolutionary War Era homes with signage designed by the Society. As you drive through town, you will see these red and white lawn signs proclaiming, "Historic Site - Revolutionary War Era House," with a QR code linked to a 1700s house history page on our website.

In tandem with showcasing Atkinson's 1700s house history, on October 3rd AHS will be conducting trolley tours following the historic homes trail. Details on event registration and ticket sales forthcoming.

In a collaborative project with the Veterans Club and the Atkinson Cemetery Coordinator, AHS has spearheaded the placement of Betsy Ross flags on the cemetery's Revolutionary War patriots' graves. On a walk through this beautiful cemetery, you will see these 13-starred flags honoring those men laying at rest in the cemetery who served in the Revolutionary War as a soldier, in the militia, or as a non-combatant patriotic supporter.

To engage our community's youth in this notable year, AHS is set to publish its 2026 summer edition of *Our Hometown, Atkinson, NH*, (a newspaper for kids and the young at heart), dedicating the content to Atkinson's involvement in the Revolutionary War.

Visit www.atkinsonhistoricalsociety.org for AHS's 250th exhibition open house hours or call 603-362-9317 to arrange a visit. Info on T-shirt/merchandise, the October 3 trolley tour, Our Hometown newspaper, and more available on our website.

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Seacoast Artists Showcase July Body of Work Exhibits

EXETER — The Seacoast Artist Association is presenting two Body of Work exhibits in July featuring “The Colors of Salt and Light” by Shawne Randlett and “Summer in New England” by Cheryl Shanahan.

Randlett, a New England native, draws inspiration from the region’s coastline and landscapes. Working primarily in acrylics, she creates layered paintings that capture the light, movement and atmosphere of the shore.

“I paint where I live,” Randlett said. “My goal is to shift beyond realism and paint full immersion: spark in the collector a memory, mood, or an emotional resonance that feels familiar.”

In addition to her work as an artist, Randlett is a graphic designer, marketing copywriter, published poet and pastor’s wife. More of her work can be viewed on her art blog, “You Might Like This,” and on Instagram at @shawnemorrillrandlettart.

The gallery’s second Body of Work exhibit features Shanahan, a third-generation Granite Stater who lives and paints in New Hampshire’s Lakes Region. Her acrylic paintings are known for their loose brushwork and vibrant colors inspired by lakes, wildlife and New England summers.

“My paintings reconnect people with the feeling of being somewhere expansive and alive,” Shanahan said. “Whether the memory is a lake you grew up visiting, a summer you never forgot, or simply the deep human need to step away from the noise of modern life, the work brings that feeling back into the room.”

More information about Shanahan’s work is available at cherylshanahan.



“Star Spangled Waters” by Cheryl Shanahan.



“Acadia” by Shawne Randlett.

com and on Instagram at @artbycherylshanahan.

The exhibits run throughout July, and all artwork is available for purchase.

The Seacoast Artist Association is located at 130 Water St. in downtown

Exeter. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking is free.

For more information, email gallery@seacoast-artist.org.

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