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Interested in becoming a sponsor or applying for the program?

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The application deadline is September 10, 2021.

46th Annual GKPC Golf Classic

Thanks to the golfers and sponsors for your support!



Benefit Profiles team (L to R) Bert Porier, Lisa Larrabee, Tom Eaton, Julianna Bergeron. Benefit Profiles sponsored the Air Cannon with a donation to Down's Syndrome.

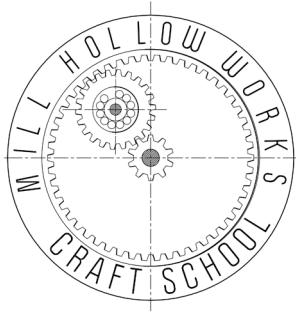


Laura Gingras (Monadnock Community Hospital) presents charity sponsorship check to Ellen Avery (Community Volunteer Transportation Center).

[Click HERE](#) for more photos of our Golf Classic!

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Member **Spotlight**



Empowering people of all ages to live purposefully, creatively and sustainably through heritage crafts and traditional tools.



The Craft School at Mill Hollow Works (MHW) believes the key to a better, richer life is the knowledge and ability of how to do for oneself, working from local resources with tools-in-hand. They have taken up the task of restoring the knowledge crucial to

self-reliance and personal dignity by teaching the skills that used to be handed down from generation to generation. Courses in Tinkering, Masonry, Boatbuilding, Carpentry, Woodworking, Basketry and more, are part of a curriculum based on fostering three core values: A Sense of Self, a Sense of Place, and a Sense of Connection (to our community, region, and planet). By employing career trades people as instructors, and specializing in the use of traditional hand tools, the school brings students a diverse curriculum that combines expertly guided hands-on learning within a unique, inclusive “back yard” style Work Shop on Hurricane Road in Keene.

Mill Hollow Works was launched in 2017 by **Heather Holloway** and **Wade Smith**. Heather moved back to East Alstead in 2016, having spent 17 years in Los Angeles working in TV as a Content and Story Producer. Growing up on the outskirts of Mill Hollow, life and finances necessitated stretching the family dollar by living in a state of self-reliance through gardening, crafting, and making. Wade is a wood boatbuilder – a trade that combines woodworking from forestry to finishing, metalworking, fabrication as well as historical research, drafting, and design. Their combined



mission, vision and strengths manifested as “Mill Hollow Works”; named for Heather’s last name and region, and suggesting the artistry, industry, and capability of the 19th century New England millwright, carpenter, machinist, and farmer. Of particular significance is MHW’s unique Boatbuilding Program.

Growing out of Wade’s 30+ year career in commercial Boatbuilding and implementing Boatbuilding Programs across the US and Honduras, classes include Fundamentals of Traditional Boatbuilding, Wooden Boatbuilding, Stand-up Paddle Board Making, Wood Canvas Canoe Restoration and, of particular significance, Big Little Boatbuilding which pairs adult/child teams to build a small pirogue style boat called a “Jellyfish”. Made of local white pine, common deck screws, and some water-based non-toxic glue, Wade specifically designed this little boat for teaching boatbuilding to kids, in a short time, and with no plywood, epoxy, fiberglass, or toxic sealants.

In addition to the learning programs in Keene, MHW also travels, creating and installing custom programs for Summer Camps, Schools, Scouts of America, Teacher Training and Team Building events. Special workshops include Team Drift Boat Building (a week-long leadership/team building program), Coracle Building, Spoon Carving, Shaker Oval Box Making, Knot Craft, Traditional Tools Workshop, Teen and Kids Boatbuilding.

The Craft School at Mill Hollow Works
Hurricane Road, Keene NH
www.millhollowworks.org

August Business After Hours

Aldworth Manor

184 Aldworth Manor Rd
Harrisville, NH 03450

Wednesday, August 11, 2021

Time: 5:00-6:00pm



Join the Greater Keene and Peterborough Chamber for an evening of networking, drinks, appetizers, and fun at Aldworth Manor in Harrisville – our first in person Business After Hours since March 2020! This event is FREE for Chamber members, and \$10 for non-members. Advanced registration is required. There is a maximum of 50 attendees so reserve your spot today!

To register for Business After Hours visit <https://business.keenechamber.com/events/calendar> , call 352-1303, or email info@keenechamber.com.

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Member News

Cheshire Medical Center has welcomed the following staff members: **Christopher Mills, MD**, to the Psychiatry department, **Jessica Starr, CRNA**, to the Anesthesiology department and **Julie Virgin** to the Women's Health department.

Prior to coming to Cheshire, Dr. Mills was most recently the medical director of the Phoenix House in Keene and Dublin, New Hampshire. He has previously spent time at Valley Vista in Bradford, Vermont, and Monadnock Family Services in Keene, where he served as a resident psychiatrist. He also worked for eight years at Cheshire as an attending physician, from 1997–2005.



Dr. Mills has a Doctor of Medicine degree from the State University of New York Health Science Center in Brooklyn, New York, and a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York in Albany New York.

Starr comes to Cheshire from Chicago, where she provided anesthesia to a host of medical centers, include Swedish Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital. She graduated from the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Northshore University Health System in Evanston, Illinois and holds a Master of Science in Nursing from DePaul University in Chicago and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Illinois in Chicago.



With dedicated midwife experience in working with high-risk populations in remote settings, Virgin most recently served as a Certified Nurse Midwife at Blackfeet Community Hospital Indian Health Service in Browning, Montana. She also worked as a Registered Nurse at the Childbirth and Women's Center in Danbury, Connecticut. Prior to that, she

founded and directed the Community Doula Birth Program in Southern Maine.

Virgin holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, with a Nurse Midwifery and Women's Health Specialty. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies from Long Island University.



Cheshire Medical Center's **Mark B. Silbey, MD**, has received the 2020 New Hampshire Service Award from the New Hampshire Athletic Trainers' Association (NHATA). The award recognizes non-athletic trainers from various backgrounds who have made outstanding contributions to the profession of athletic training in New Hampshire. Keene State College's Athletic Training Program Director **Wanda Swiger, EdD, ATC, CES, NH-LAT**, presented the award to Dr. Silbey on April 7, 2021, at Cheshire Medical Center.

Dr. Silbey helped introduce the practice of using certified athletic trainers as primary clinical support staff with orthopaedic surgeons in New Hampshire. He serves as the Medical Director of the Sports Medicine Program, which supports Keene High School, Monadnock Regional High School, Fall Mountain Regional High School, and the Keene Swamp Bats. He is also the team physician for Keene State College's Athletics Department.

www.cheshiremed.org

Business NH Magazine and the NH Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives recently selected Chamber member, **Northeast Delta Dental**, as a Business of the Year. Northeast Delta Dental is headquartered in Concord, New Hampshire, with satellite offices in Saco, Maine, and Burlington, Vermont.

This annual award program recognized Northeast Delta Dental twice previously as a Business of the Year in the Financial/

Insurance category. This year, for the first time, the program separated these two business sectors to make each its own category. Northeast Delta Dental was named a Business of the Year 2021 in the Insurance category. Winners are from across the state and will be celebrated at the Business of the Year luncheon in the fall. www.nedelta.com

Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) has announced plans to add up to ten new jobs and expand office space in Keene in the coming months – a decision Bank officials say reflects new responsibilities brought on by SBW's affiliation with New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp (NHMB), as well as the local community's growing support. Savings Bank of Walpole reports that its total assets have grown by nearly 50% over the past two years, with continued strong growth expected.

The combination of growth and opportunities for existing staff resulting from SBW's 2018 affiliation with New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp has created a need for the Bank to hire additional employees and to expand office space in the local area. Bank president, **Mark Bodin** said the bank has secured 5,000 square feet of leased space on Kit Street, adjacent to the Filtrine Manufacturing facility, and plans to move in mid-June.

The new office space will be the home of the existing SBW Customer Resource Center (CRC), which is expanding to meet the needs of its sister banks, Meredith Village Savings Bank and Merrimack County Savings Bank, both of which are also affiliates of New Hampshire Mutual Bancorp.

Long-time SBW employee **Kathy Settipane** will lead the expanded Customer Resource Center team. She said the Bank plans to hire 5-10 new team members to meet the needs of the expanded department. Those interested in learning more about these positions are invited to view current openings at www.walpolebank.com/about/careers.

Savings Bank of Walpole has announced plans to open a new branch in Winchester. The bank has filed applications with the FDIC and New Hampshire Banking Department to open a branch at the recently vacated TD Bank location next to Kulick's Market. This will be Savings Bank of Walpole's sixth branch in Cheshire County at a time when other banks are either closing branches or being sold to larger out-of-state banks.

Savings Bank of Walpole plans to begin work on renovating the branch this summer with an expected opening around Labor Day. "This will be a full-service branch, offering the same services as Savings Bank of Walpole's five existing locations in Keene and Walpole," reports Dominic Perkins, the bank's Senior Vice President of Retail. www.walpolebank.com

GFA Federal Credit Union announced the promotion of **Rebecca Caranci** to Vice President/Member Resource Services. With over 15 years in the banking industry, her extensive knowledge and can-do mentality have made her an asset to the GFA team.



Beginning her tenure as Branch Manager of GFA's Ashburnham location, Caranci quickly took on the responsibility of overseeing the Keene, New Hampshire, based Cheshire

County Federal Credit Union's operations and compliance. Caranci managed the Keene team through a transition with GFA Federal Credit Union, playing a critical role in GFA's ability to merge with CCFCU in 2019. Once the transition was complete, she was tasked with leading GFA's Pearson Blvd. branch in Gardner, where she ensured member satisfaction, coached employee development, managed branch growth, and was promoted to Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager for her dedication and hard work.

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GFA Federal Credit Union also announced the restructure of two positions to allow

focus on growth throughout the organization. **Lynn Hebert**, as Vice President, Market Branch Manager and **Kimberly Quinn** as 1st Vice President, Risk and Compliance Officer.

"As any organization continues to grow, there must constantly be ongoing evaluations of how our teams are aligned to assist in that growth. Growth is critical to the stability and future relevance of our credit union and, as such, we are very focused on finding ways to continue to press forward," said **Joshua I. Brier**, President & Chief Executive Officer.



Hebert has an extensive background in the financial services industry, 15 of those years with GFA Federal Credit Union.

She will be GFA's first ever VP/Market Branch Manager, managing the 229 Parker Street location in Gardner. She will be responsible for growing the single largest branch location by assets, representing GFA prominently within the Greater Gardner business community, coordinating market growth strategies, piloting new retail products and new technology, and playing a prominent role across retail operations. Hebert previously served as Vice President of Member Engagement, and Regional Branch Manager for the Peterborough, NH, and Rindge, NH locations.



Quinn has over 30 years of Credit Union Experience. In her new role, she will oversee the risk, compliance, audit, and supervisory

oversight functions of GFA. Having held several of these responsibilities, in addition to overseeing the Member Resource Center in her previous role, additional growth and internal promotions have allowed for 100% of her

capacity/resources to now be allocated to the risk and compliance program. Quinn will remain a critical member of the GFA Leadership Team.

www.gfafcu.com

NBT Bancorp Inc. recently announced that **J. David Brown** has joined the



Boards of Directors for NBT Bancorp Inc. and NBT Bank, N.A. Brown is President and CEO of the Capital District YMCA, where he

has worked for 28 years to create better opportunities for all through community programs and services. A past member of the NBT Bank Capital Region Advisory Board, Brown also served on the Siena College Board of Trustees.

Brown's experience also includes serving as a member of the Governor's Regional Economic Council and the Diversity & Inclusion Council for the YMCA of the USA. His awards and recognitions include the Director of the Year from the Association of YMCA Professionals, NYS Governor's African American Community Distinction, 40 Elite Alumni Honoree and 40 Under Forty Honoree by the Albany Business Review.

www.nbtbank.com

The Colonial Performing Arts Center has announced a historic capital campaign in support of their expansion and renovation. This project will allow The Colonial to play a leading role in revitalizing the greater Monadnock Region community post the pandemic.

"We hope and expect that there will be live performances in our beautifully renovated main theatre beginning in the first quarter of 2022," said **Alec Doyle**, Executive Director of The Colonial Performing Arts Center. "With both the main theatre and our new, smaller SHOWROOM stage in full operation,

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The Colonial Performing Arts Center will be able to play a significant role in re-energizing our entire community as we recover from the pandemic.”

The Colonial reports that 70% of the project’s \$12.5 million budget has already been raised through donations and pledges from more than 150 local individuals, families, foundations and businesses.

Donations can be made through the Colonial’s website:
www.thecolonial.org.

Monadnock Humane Society (MHS), a 501(c)(3) community non-profit organization, announced the 2021 winner of the Margaret D. Bell Scholarship award. MHS administers this scholarship fund and determines recipients with a review committee. The scholarship amount awarded was \$2,500.

To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be from the Monadnock region of New Hampshire, and are pursuing either an Associate’s Degree as a Veterinary Assistant or a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Applicants must also indicate their intent to practice or be employed in the Monadnock region upon completing their studies.



The recipient of this year’s Bell Scholarship award is **Sarah DiRusso**. DiRusso intends to make her home and build her career in NH after getting her veterinary degree

from the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine (class of 2025) and passing the licensing exam - making an impact in the community where she grew up. To donate to this scholarship fund, contact **Kelly Brigham-Steiner** at kellys@humanecommunity.org or 603.354.4015. To learn more, visit www.monadnockhumanesociety.org.

The Keene Housing Kids Collaborative (KHKC) is actively looking to engage passionate, committed individuals in Board and committee service. The mission of KHKC is building the foundation for successful adulthood.

The non-profit, Keene-based organization works to help children living in households that are struggling to make ends meet to reach their full potential. Several members of the current 13-member Board will be finishing their terms at the end of 2021, and the organization is seeking candidates with a passion for investing time and collective effort to support children in the community.

Just over 500 children between the ages of birth and 18 live in Keene Housing households – with an average annual income of \$23,516. If statistics hold true for these kids, most of them will struggle to get ahead as adults, as well.

“The future of our community – and any community – depends on the ability of our children to grow into productive, healthy, confident and civically engaged adults,” says **J.B. Mack**, a recently elected member of the KHKC Board. “We are putting out a call to invite people who believe that all children deserve a chance to reach their full potential to join us as a Board member in this important work.”

The Kids Collaborative is looking for potential Board members and committee members with the following attributes: Professional experience in law, fund

development, health care, education, and marketing/pr, as well as local business owners and entrepreneurs.

KHKC is committed to diverse Board membership that reflects the community – people of all ages, genders and backgrounds are welcome. The Board is especially looking for young professionals - those early in their careers area encouraged to contact the organization.

Those interested in learning more about possible Board service with the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative, please email or call **Liz Chipman**, Executive Director at lchipman@keenekidscollaborative.org or 518-281-2676 (mobile).
www.khkc.org

Community Volunteer Transportation Company (CVTC) riders are booking more rides, and they need you! As the demand for rides is returning to pre-pandemic levels (250-300/month), CVTC has a pressing need for more Volunteer Drivers. When their supply of Volunteer Drivers increases, they can better meet the needs of people requesting rides to essential appointments. Please call (603) 821-0569 to speak with a Transportation Coordinator. For details, visit <https://cvtc-nh.org/> or go to Community Volunteer Transportation Company on Facebook.

Shoppers at the **Monadnock Food Co-op** collectively donated \$5,698.62 to the Monadnock Localvores Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship Program. The Monadnock Food Co-op collected these donations during their month-long “Round It Up” donation drive in May. Customers rounded up their purchases to donate their change to the Monadnock Localvores.

Funds raised through May’s Round It Up will go exclusively to providing scholarships for the youth who live in

housing owned or managed by Keene Housing through a partnership with the Keene Housing Kids Collaborative.

Monadnock Food Co-op recently promoted **Kenton Battey** to the store's Grocery Manager position. He was hired five years ago as the Beer and Wine Buyer before being promoted to the department's Assistant Grocery Manager.

www.monadnockfood.coop

The regional accounting firm of **Nathan Wechsler & Company, PA** announced the addition of **Katie L. Kurowski** as an associate and **Michael J. Stevens, CPA** as tax manager.

Kurowski works on a variety of clients, and her responsibilities include accounting, auditing, compliance, financial statement preparation, tax return preparation, and special projects.



Kurowski attended Keene State College, graduating magna

cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Economics and a Bachelor of Art in Sociology. She is currently working toward her Certificate in Accounting from the University of Massachusetts – Dartmouth and anticipates graduating in December 2021.



Stevens specializes in partnerships and corporations, multistate taxation, mergers and acquisitions, tax compliance and consulting, and high-

net-worth individual taxation. A graduate of Florida Atlantic University, Stevens holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and a Master of Taxation.

The accounting firm also announced that **Cassidy Huckins** has been voted onto the board of trustees of Red River Theatres. Huckins will also serve as a member of the Financial Committee.

A member of the Nathan Wechsler & Company team since 2019, Huckins currently serves as an associate. In this role, she performs a variety of work for clients, including accounting, auditing, compliance, financial statement preparation, and special projects. Huckins is a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, with a minor in criminal justice.

www.nathanwechsler.com

Volunteer with **Monadnock RSVP** and with just one to two hours a week you can change a person's life.

The Monadnock RSVP Volunteer Center is a program of AmeriCorps Seniors and works primarily with individuals 55 and older to help match them with volunteer opportunities in the area that meet their skills, schedules, and interests. They operate two signature programs, America Reads and Neighbors-In-Deed.

America Reads promotes literacy and provides literacy support to children in grades Pre-K through 3rd grade. America Reads brings children together with volunteer tutors who help them with their reading skills. Volunteer recruitment for schools in the Monadnock Region for the 2021/2022 school year is now in progress.

Neighbors-In-Deed is a friendly visiting program that aims to help people remain living independently in their own homes for as long as possible. RSVP pairs volunteers one on one with seniors, veterans and their families, and people living with disabilities to provide ongoing companionship and aid.

If you are interested in volunteering and would like to schedule a time to meet or would like more information, contact Neighbors In-Deed Coordinator, **Jazmin Belcoure**, jbelcoure@mfs.org or **Pat Dixie**, America Reads Coordinator, pdixie@mfs.org or call (603) 357-6893. www.monadnockvolunteercenter.org



The New Leaf Gallery has moved to 11 Roxbury Street in Keene. It is open Fridays and Saturdays 10 am - 5 pm and by appointment.

The gallery participated in Keene's Annual Artwalk and opened an exhibit "Calling on Special Places" (COSP) in June. COSP will run through August 21.

The next exhibit debuts at the League of NH Craftsmen's (LNHC) Annual Fair at the Mt. Sunapee Resort August 7 - 15. The New Leaf Gallery is sponsoring a print tent at this event to house the annual LNHC print exhibit (prints by juried LNHC printmakers) pursuing a theme of "Lost and Found" alongside daily demonstrations and talks related to printmaking.

www.thenewleafgallery.com

Chamber News

Greater Keene & Peterborough Chamber Names New President/CEO

After an extensive search, both within the region and beyond, the Board of Directors of the Greater Keene & Peterborough Chamber has chosen **Gianluca “Luca” Paris** to be its next President & CEO. Luca will succeed **Phil Suter**, who is retiring after nearly eight years of leading the Chamber, later this summer.

“I have spent the past 40 years in the restaurant business, 21 of those years in Keene at Luca’s, and have loved every minute of it. But when the opportunity came up to begin a new and challenging adventure with the Greater Keene and Peterborough Chamber, it just seemed like perfect timing and something I could not pass up,” Paris said.



“My love for this area, and my dedication to helping promote businesses in the region, are my passion. I have been doing it in different ways for the past 10 years, and I look forward to expanding that role and delving into the work of supporting the Monadnock Region’s businesses and serving the communities in the region in new ways,” he continued.

Referring to his role as owner of the widely known and popular restaurant, “Luca’s Mediterranean Café will still have incredible people running the day-to-day operation through this transition. Our Executive Chef **Dan Russell** will continue to create his magic while running the kitchen and creating fabulous culinary delights. We will have a Front of House manager, along with our great team, taking care of our guests in the manner they have become accustomed to,” he explained.

Chamber board chair **Tom Minkler** was very pleased with the choice the search committee recommended to the board. “Luca’s passion for engaging and promoting other businesses in our community, and demonstrated ability to promote the region, are two of the most impressive qualities he’ll bring to this position of regional leadership. His business has been a member of the Chamber for many years, and he’s been a Chamber board member in the past, so he comes to the position with some important knowledge of the Chamber, and how its work can help us all ensure the economic prosperity of the region.”

“For the past 8 years Phil Suter has done an outstanding job as the President/CEO of the Greater Keene and Peterborough Chamber. He has led and overseen the growth and visibility of the chamber over that time. Phil will most certainly be missed, and we wish him nothing but the best in his retirement,” Minkler continued.

Current President/CEO Phil Suter added, “I’ve come to know Luca over the past decade, and am excited that someone with his knowledge of the City of Keene and the Monadnock Region will be building on the Chamber’s programs, including the effort to brand and market the region. As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, the Chamber can and should be an important marketing and public policy voice for the region, and Luca has the energy and creativity to lead the organization in those areas. I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition and am prepared to offer any help he and the board need in the months and years ahead.”

Meet Valerie Carino!

GKPC Marketing and Graphic Design Intern

Valerie will be working on social media posts, newsletter production, and graphic design projects until September 2021. She is a rising senior at Keene State College, dual majoring in graphic design and arts management. Her dream is to be a creative director for an arts organization or well-known company.

On campus she serves as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion chair in her sorority: Phi Sigma Sigma. In this role she leads discussions on gender, sexuality, and race. Valerie also works at The Marlborough school as a counselor for their summer camp and after school programs.



In her free time Valerie can be found grabbing coffee with her friends at Brewbakers, taking care of her pet lizard named Peaches, or making both digital and fine art for her friends and family. She is so excited to help the Keene and Peterborough community during her internship and can't wait to find out what other adventures lay ahead for her!

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Keene Housing Kids Collaborative's (KHKC) mission is to build the foundation for successful adulthood.

It is a non-profit organization working to help children living in households that are struggling to make ends meet reach their full potential. The future of our community – and any community – depends on the ability of our children to grow into productive, healthy, confident, and engaged members of our community.

Just over 500 children between the ages of birth and 18 live in Keene Housing households – with an average annual income of \$23,516. If statistics hold true for these kids, most of them will struggle to get ahead as adults, as well.

We are missing out on the contributions these young people could make if they reach their potential as fully successful adult members of our community: contributions in art, science, business, and civic life. The Kids Collaborative is working to change things for children and youth living in Keene Housing by connecting them to existing opportunities and experiences in the community that will give them the tools they need to succeed.

KHKC pays tuition and other participation fees, liaise with families to make them aware of what's happening in the community, manage applications and other paperwork, and act as a central point of contact and clearinghouse of information.

Parental involvement is a key component of the Kids Collaborative model and empowers Keene Housing parents to provide their children with the experiences and activities that children from more well-off households take for granted.

In 2019, 270 kids participated in more than 700 separate activities in the community in art, athletics, and academics. In 2020, despite the challenges of the pandemic, 216 kids from Keene Housing households participated in activities in the community through the Kids Collaborative.

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The public is welcome to bring lunch (brown bag, take out, picnic), find a socially distanced spot in Depot Park and LISTEN! For an hour, you will be entertained by some of the finest solo and musical groups with the sounds of classical, folk, rock, jazz – something for everyone!

All performances are weather permitting. Updates or any changes will be posted on Depot Square's Facebook page.

These concerts are free and open to the public, all ages welcome. Bring your folding chair, blanket, and relax in the natural setting next to the confluence of the Contoocook and Nubanusit rivers. Plenty of complimentary parking available. Take advantage of the new Riverside Parking area and walk the foot bridge right into Depot Park.

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"Concerts on the Green" Summer Concert Series

*Sundays, 6:30-8:00 pm until September
Town Green, Walpole NH*

The eight-concert series, kicks off on Sunday, July 11 with the Keene **American Legion Band**. All shows will be held rain or shine. Attendees are encouraged to pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket and/or lawn chair. This year marks the 38th year SBW has underwritten the series of concerts – and a welcome return of the series after the cancellation of last year's schedule due to the pandemic.

2021 Schedule

July 11	Keene American Legion Band
July 18	Springfield Community Band
July 25	Westmoreland Town Band
August 1	Nelson Town Band
August 8	The Temple Band
August 15	Brattleboro American Legion Band
August 22	The Residential Band
August 29	East Bay Jazz Ensemble

Historical Society of Cheshire County

Ironworks Day/Metalsmithing

Saturday, July 17, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

At the turn of the 19th century, specialized craftspeople like tinsmiths, blacksmiths, and pewterers played a vital role in the success of a community. Materials made of iron, pewter and tin were necessary for tools and equipment, home goods, hardware, transportation etc.

Visit the Wyman Tavern for Ironworks Day where three metalsmiths will demonstrate their handicraft. Larry Leonard will demonstrate tinsmithing. Richard Wright will demonstrate blacksmithing. And Russ Spiess will demonstrate the art of making pewter.

MILITIA DRILLING

Saturday, August 28 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

If you've ever watched the television program "Turn", you know that Rogers' Rangers was a company of soldiers from the Province of New Hampshire. Raised by Major Robert Rogers, this militia was attached to the British Army during the French & Indian War period of the 1740s. During the American Revolution of the 1770s, it was raised as a loyalist force against the patriots.

Get your tickets to see the Rangers garrisoned at the Wyman Tavern on August 28th. They will demonstrate military drills, armament, the elements of their uniform, and necessary provisions. The Rangers will be joined by the Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale's Garrison Company, a group of reenactors who followed military units during times of war. They will demonstrate civilian life as loyal British subjects.

All events require tickets for timed admission. Please arrive at your scheduled time, attendees will have 1 hour to attend the event and visit with the demonstrators.

Tickets are \$10.00 per adult (free admission for 18 and under) and are available at www.hscn.org.

The Wyman Tavern Museum is a Blue Star Museum. Blue Star Families should contact Education Director, Jennifer Carroll at dired@hscn.org for free admission tickets.

SPECIAL SUMMER EXHIBIT

Ghost Army: The Combat Con Artists of World War II

The Ghost Army tells the true history of a secret U.S. Army unit of 1,100 troops that was set up in 1944 and operated until 1945 in the final stages of World War II in the fight against German troops in various parts of Europe. They used a combination of visual, sonic and radio deception to convince the enemy of the presence of specific Army units that were in fact operating elsewhere.

Local resident Mickey McKane was involved with the Ghost Army Unit. His personal artwork, photographs, and documents will be featured in the exhibit, thanks to a loan from the McKane family. Visitors can expect to see an inflatable military piece, historical narrative text panels detailing unit operations, profiles and artwork by unit soldiers, archival photography, and uniforms from unit officers.

The Ghost Army exhibition is available for public viewing from June 2, 2021, to September 2, 2021, thanks to the Ghost Army Legacy Project. Timed entry tickets are available at www.hscn.org. Admission is \$7.00 per ticket for the public, \$5.00 per ticket for Historical Society of Cheshire County members, and free admission for children under 18.

Kiwanis Club of Keene

6th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, August 6, 2021, Bretwood Golf Course

Attention Golfers! Register now for the 6th Annual Kiwanis Club of Keene Golf Tournament. Check-in begins at 8:30 am and Shotgun start is at 10:00 am. Enjoy a day of golfing the North 18 holes, plus a gift bag, bag lunch, raffle, silent auction, sports memorabilia auction and prizes.

Registration fee is \$125/individual, \$450/foursome. Enter as a foursome or single. Golfers can choose to have a BBQ dinner at Bretwood or receive a \$20.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Full details of the tournament, registration and sponsorship forms available at <https://www.keenekiwanis.org/>. Registration forms are also available at Bretwood. Questions? Email: keenekiwanisgolf@gmail.com

A Hole-In-One Car prize will be sponsored by Walier Chevrolet and a \$10,000 Progressive Putting Contest (10, 25 and 50 feet) sponsored by Ganio Land Management. Other major sponsors include RBC Wealth Management, Monadnock Fence, Susan Doyle of Masiello Real Estate, Mascoma Bank and Moose Hollow Properties.

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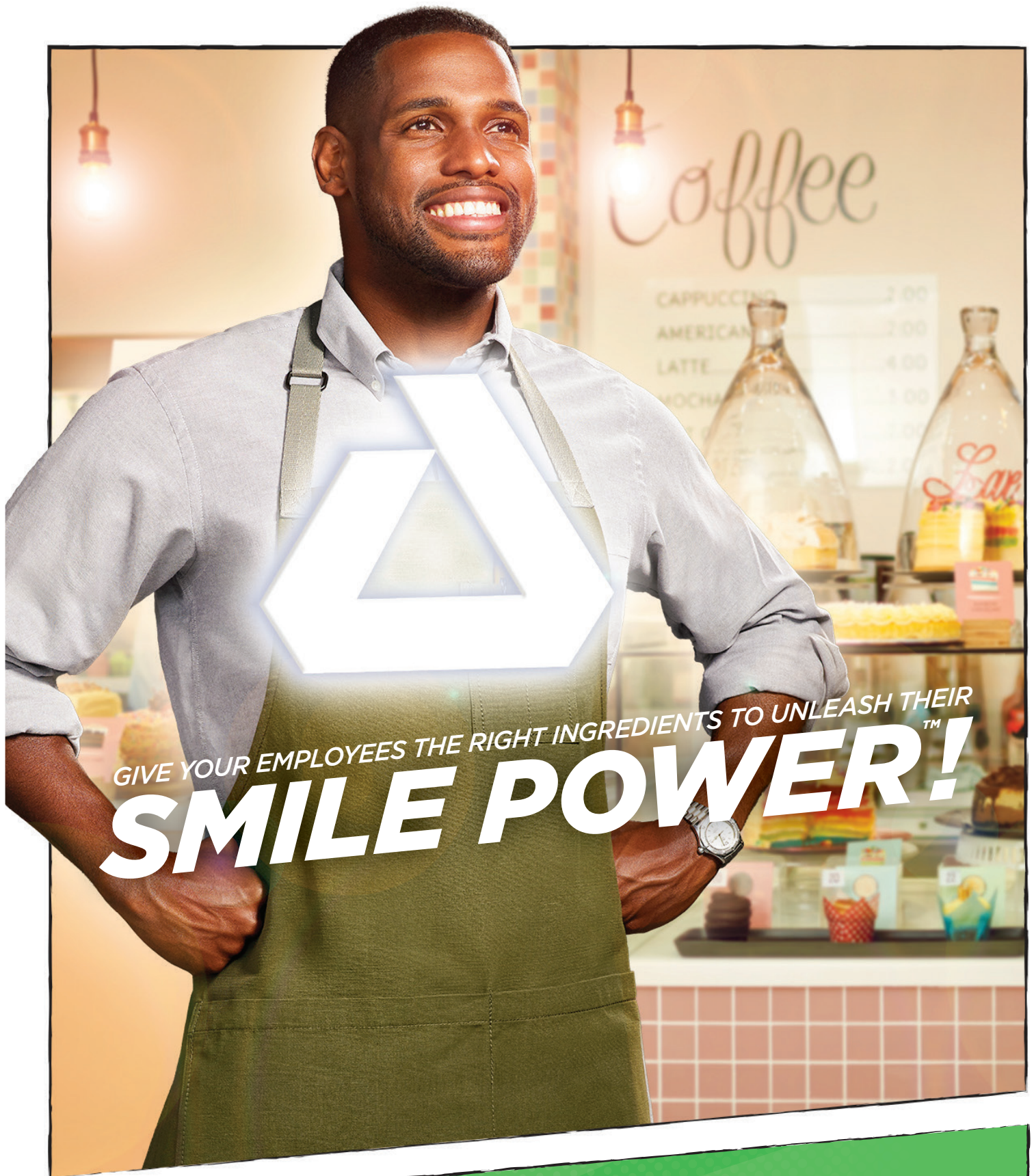
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