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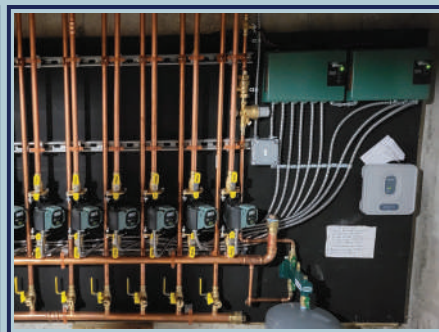
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A peek inside

Driving along Concord Stage Road in Weare, one particular brick house set back from the road catches my eye.

I wondered who was responsible for that handsome black and yellow trim around the windows, the perfectly pointed bricks and proud cupola. As someone who recently stumbled into home renovation, my back ached at all the labor that must have went into it.

Enter Kreg Jones, who with his wife, Danielle, took the 1856 North Weare schoolhouse and turned it into their home. And not just any home. Over the course of a year, the couple renovated almost every aspect of the school with an ideal balance between historic preservation and modern charm.

You get a look inside this beauty in this edition of Around Concord magazine, just like I did.

If you're looking for an open door, head up to Pittsfield and see Michael Fairbrother and his wife Berniece Van Der Berg, who run Over The Moon Farmstead. They've converted an old barn into a modern meadery, brewery, pizza restaurant and music venue. In other words, everything you could want in one place at the same time.

Speaking of preservation and renovation, consider the Canterbury Country Store, where David and Jane Balshaw have put a new shine on a community treasure that's more than 250 years old.

The story of the store and what the Balshaws had to say about it, reminded me of local news organizations like ours – we're historic and we have to hold on to our traditions, while also trying to modernize and stay relevant. We're both community spaces, and they, like us, are stewards of a resource that will outlast us all, especially if we do our jobs right.

Enjoy your reading.

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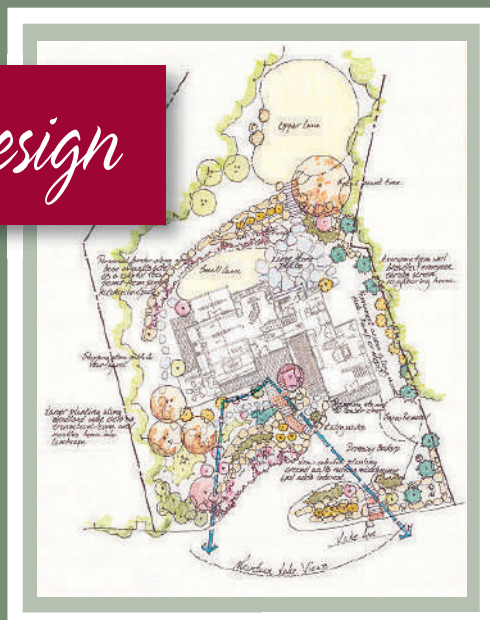
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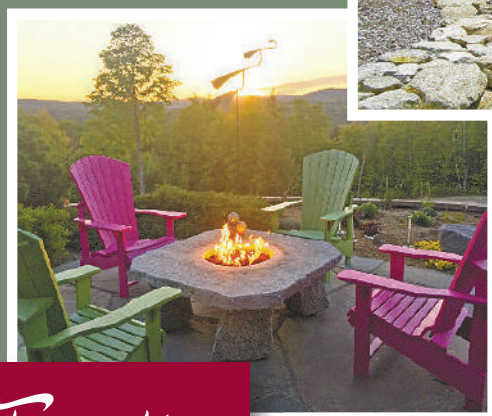
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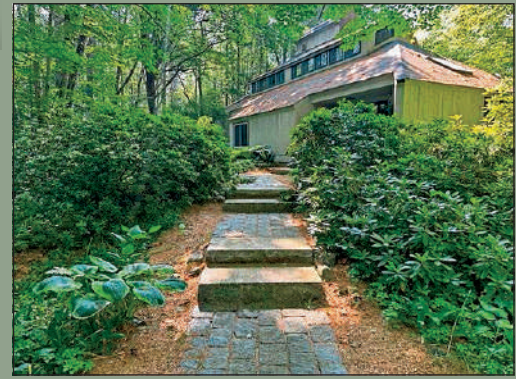
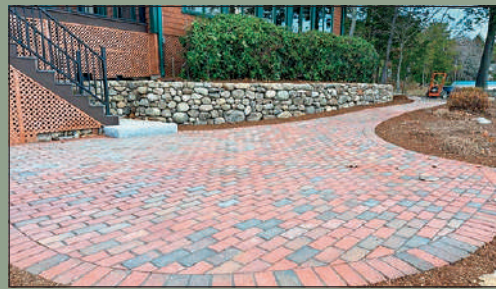
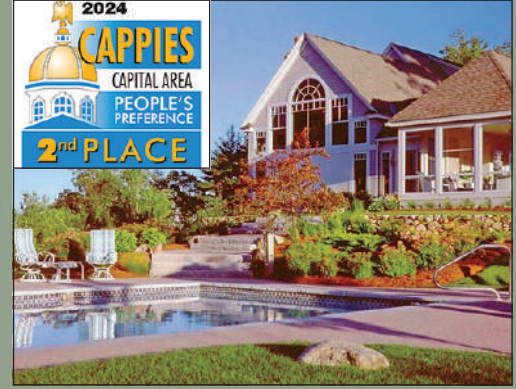
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Fast faves



Spencer Nowe and Chris Pinkham grew up in Concord and became good friends through their shared love of soccer. They parted ways after high school but have since reunited in the Capital City to start a soccer player development business called Samba X. Their training is focused on improving individual ability and supplementing the team training that young athletes receive at their schools and clubs. Through Samba X, they have put on events like a Halloween Street Soccer tournament and street soccer on Friday nights at Keach Park. As homegrown talents turned trainers who are in touch with Concord's youth, we asked them for some tips on the best places to hang out, work out and local spots that they love.

Dos Amigos Burritos

I like Dos Amigos for a simple reason. The Fish Tacos with the spicy mayo. The best. Need to make sure you get extra mayo too. Can't skip that! Dos is quick and easy and has never disappointed me. It has a cool, laid-back, skater-type vibe that makes most people feel comfortable
– Spencer Nowe



Hanging around and grabbing a snack

During the day, we love taking our dogs for a walk either to Rollins Park or White Park. We always love having family dinners at The Red Blazer, unreal food and unreal service. Can't be beat. If it's a Friday night, nothing beats Friday night street soccer and then heading over to Arnie's Place to grab some ice cream!
– Chris Pinkham





A homely place

The skate park is a place I spent at least 170 days a year for like 8 years. I think skateboarding can be really helpful for people who maybe lack confidence, or need a little work on overcoming obstacles, or even, as silly as it may sound, people who lack a purpose. Skateboarding is like nothing else in this world. It's hard to explain. But it takes over your world – you become obsessed. And it's a good obsessed, obsessed over growth and becoming better at something. The Concord skate park is a special place as well. A lot of parks you go to, the people are a bit harsh and cold. At the Concord park, you instantly feel like family and feel comfortable and encouraged to be yourself and get better every day.

– *Spencer Nowe*

Coffee cravings

For me being able to go somewhere to get work done, have a business meeting, grab a coffee (a very good coffee, by the way) and something that will hold me over during the busy hours of the day, where I'm trying to accomplish as much as possible. Williams and Sons Coffee Co. & Gibson's Cafe are my go-to's. The environment allows you to get into the flow state, everyone is welcoming and kind; two spots that make you feel at home!

– *Chris Pinkham*



Geoff Forester

The double-decker stone steps lead up from the sidewalk on South Main Street in Concord. The steps once led to a historic home that was destroyed in a fire in 1981.

The steps to nowhere

Concord doesn't have a bridge to nowhere, much to the disappointment of urban explorers, but we do have something sort of like that: Steps to nowhere.

The double-decker stone steps lead up from the sidewalk on South Main Street to a grassy site next door to Waters Funeral Home, which owns it. There's no building on the site and no plans for one. "We just keep it open. It's our lawn," said Joanna Clougherty, owner of Waters.

Her father, the late Jack Clougherty, bought the parcel in 1979. Back then it held a three-story house, twin to the funeral home, that had been unoccupied since 1941.

That house was built in 1856 and was on the National Register of Historic Places because our only president, Franklin Pierce, rented it from 1857, after he left the presidency, until his death in 1869. "I do remember playing in it. I have vague memories of that. There were presidential pictures on the wall," Clougherty said.

The house burned down in 1981 – nobody was hurt and no cause was ever determined – and the lot has been a lawn ever since. A small granite marker notes Pierce's time there.

Most of Pierce's historical papers and furniture are located in the Pierce Manse, where Pierce lived before his election as the nation's 14th president.

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marketdaysfestival.com

FIRST FRIDAYS **Through November (No July)**

Celebrate downtown from 4 to 8 p.m. with themed events that include art, music, food trucks, popups, outdoor movies and plenty of sales in local shops. The August First Friday is Dog Days of Summer, so bring your leashed pooch downtown to make some new four-legged friends.
firstfridayconcord.com



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If you have an interesting car to show off, or if you just want to look under the hood, downtown has an event for you.

ART IN THE PARK July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13

The Concord Arts Market takes over Rollins Park one Saturday a month with more than 65 local artists. You'll find everything from fine paintings and prints to pottery, photography, jewelry, soaps and salves, woodworking and more. All that art will be accompanied by live music and other activities.

concordartsmarket.org

CAPITOL CARS AND COFFEE July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14

On the second Sunday of the month, Concord's summer streets fill with competing wafts of smooth-running engines and fresh-brewed coffee. Hosted by Revelstoke Coffee, the series invites all older makes and models from exotics and muscle cars to imports to classics. As they say, "if you're proud of it, we want to see it." No registration.

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The Hopkinton State Fair draws visitors from across the region with its annual summer-ending festival.

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sunfoxfarm.org

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This landmark NH summer event began in 1933 and runs for nine days each year, featuring the juried work of hundreds of members with sales booths, interactive demonstrations and curated exhibitions attracting over 20,000 visitors annually. While the art at the event is the main attraction, the summer drive over to the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury is a great opener.

nhcrafts.org

HOPKINTON STATE FAIR Aug. 28 to Sept. 1

This has long been the official wind-down to summer (Insert sad face

here). The Hopkinton Fair has everything you'd expect – livestock, carnival rides, daily demos and deep-fried everything. It also has attractions like frisbee-fetching dogs and a wild de-

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New home goes OLD SCHOOL

Couple turns 1856 North Weare
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**Outside
the former
schoolhouse in
North Weare,
converted by
Kreg and
Danielle Jones.**

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A view of what is now the kitchen. The building remained a schoolhouse until 1952.

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By DAVID BROOKS

Creating a home out of a very old building that was never a home before is a lot of fun. Mostly.

“The foundation work was one of the most difficult pieces, because the floor (of the addition built in 1900) had settled seven inches from one corner to the other,” said Kreg Jones who, with his wife, Danielle, took an 1856 North Weare schoolhouse and turned it into their home.

Why had it settled? “It was just sitting on big rocks that they had rolled in, one at each corner,” said Danielle Jones. “They were just at the corners. There wasn’t a wall, so we had to completely redo all of that foundation.”

Even without subterranean surprises, working within historic confines of a brick building you’re trying to preserve and update at the same time can be tricky. As an example, she said, “There was no insulation anywhere. We were able to do it in most places but not always to the level we



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A full renovation, which included this bedroom space, was facilitated by a previous owner who removed lead paint.



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wanted.”

Nonetheless, the couple says their year-long effort, completed three years ago, has been more than worth it.

“Just to be able to have a historic home with all the history built into the school. In one place on the floor you can see where the old potbellied stove used to sit; you could never build that into a new building. ... Outside there are initials that (students) carved into the siding. That kind of character you can never build into a new home,” said Danielle Jones.

“People stop by all the time. There are older people who say ‘I went to school there,’ and we’ve had people bring us a postcard that had a picture of the school from 1920.”

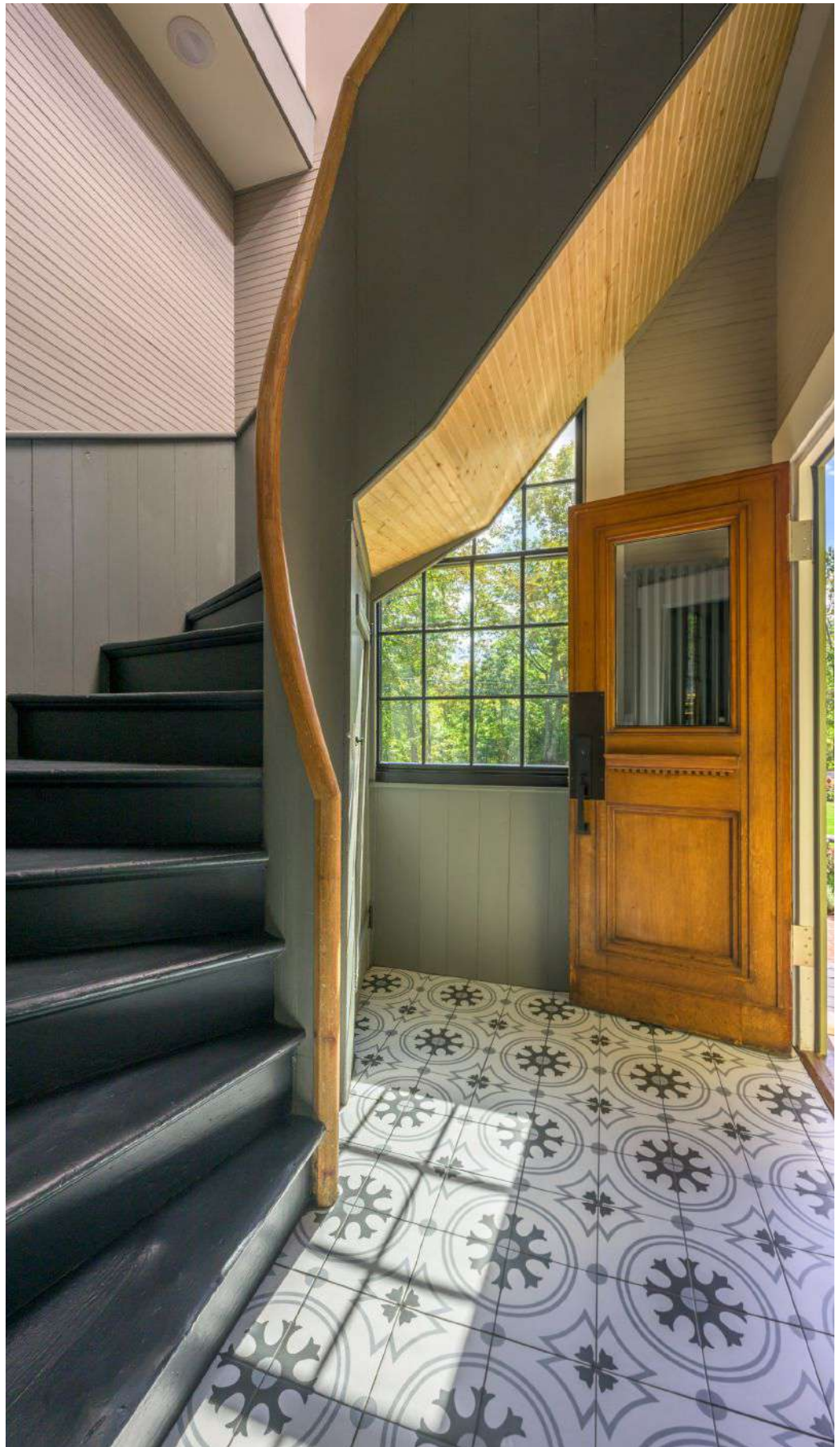
The schoolhouse was built to serve Weare’s 16th district back when one-room schoolhouses were scattered around towns. It remained a school through 1952, then became the local Grange Hall. A private buyer obtained it in the 1990s but never turned it into a home.

The Joneses found the interior mostly gutted with some delightful surprises.

“They had gotten rid of the lead paint, which was great,” said Jones. “Fortu-

Previous owners also saved original doors and moulding, which were used throughout the home.

John Hession





John Hession

Spacious room thanks to an open plan and high ceilings are a key features of the former schoolhouse.

nately, the former owner saved the original doors and original moulding – they were stacked in the middle of the floor. We were able to rescue them.”

Its past life means the building has unusual proportions for a home. The 30-by-30-foot living space, for example, has 14-foot ceilings. “You don’t often get the opportunity to even design things like that. It doesn’t feel out of proportion,” said Kreg Jones.

“The windows are so large to let in light so kids

could read by it, because they didn’t have electric light when it was built. The quality of light is so amazing, even on the darkest day,” Danielle Jones said.

The couple has a leg up on most of us for conversion projects like this: Their company, Inscription Architects, specializes in them. “We’ve done a number of projects where we’ve modified homes and then lived in them and we’ve done this for other clients,” said Kreg Jones. ♦

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DANIELLE JONES



Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio

LISTEN LIVE

**Grab a lawn chair
and tune in to a local
musician this summer**

By CATHERINE McLAUGHLIN

With a good camp chair, a cool beverage and a worn, cozy sweatshirt, the perfect New England summer evening might just be enjoying the music of local musicians at dusk.

Here's a list of free summer concert series to put on your calendar for the coming year.

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■ Eagle Square, Thursday nights. Dates and times TBA.

■ White Park acoustic concerts at the Merrimack Lodge, Sunday mornings from June 8 to Sept. 21 at 10 a.m.

■ An extension of regular concerts into Penacook's new Canal Street Riverfront Park has been announced, but no details have been released.

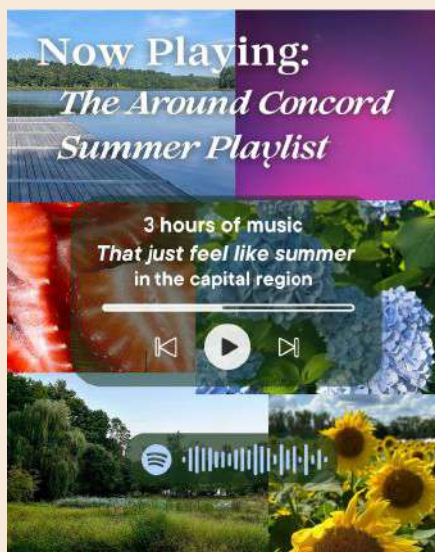
■ The Nevers' Second Regiment Band, Tuesday nights at 7 p.m., rotating locations. For more info on this event and the ones above, visit concordnh.gov/1984/Parks-



TRY OUR SUMMER PLAY LIST

To hold you over in the daytime hours, the team at the *Around Concord* has compiled a playlist of tunes that remind us of all that summer in the Capital City has to offer. Scan the Spotify or QR code above to access. Reporters and editors chose a handful of songs each: listen in order to catch each person's taste, or hit shuffle at your own risk.

If you're looking for a good podcast to dive into this summer, our resident non-music listener Jeremy Margolis recommends "Question Everything" from Serial's Brian Reed, "Proxy" with Yowei Shaw, "Snitch City" from *The Boston Globe's* Spotlight team, and "Anything But Politics," where a broadcast journalist and a lobbyist talk with prominent NH political figures about everything except their day job.



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from our team of editors and reporters**

Recreation.

■ Clinton Street Concerts, behind the church at 79 Clinton Street every other Thursday from June 26 – Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. More info at concorde-firstchurch.org/summer-concert-series

Canterbury

■ Music on the Green at Canterbury Shaker Village, alternating Sundays in July and August at 4 p.m. Details at shakers.org/events/music-on-the-green/

Henniker

■ Henniker Concert Series at the Angela Robinson Bandstand, 57 Main Street, Tuesday nights June 10 – Sept 2 at 6 p.m. Performer list at henniker-concerts.com

Hopkinton

■ Hopkinton Arts Center, Friday and Saturday nights in July at 6:30 p.m., with Jazz groups on Sundays at 11 a.m. Concerts are pay-what-you-can. Full lineup at hopartscenter.org/



The Nevers' 2nd Regiment Band will have a busy summer.

[summer-concert-series](http://concorde-firstchurch.org/summer-concert-series)

Warner

■ The MainStreet Warner Stage, 16 E. Main Street, varying dates and evening times from June 13 – Sept. 26.

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This thing OF PASSION'

Over The Moon Farmstead brings brews, pizza and music to Pittsfield

By RACHEL WACHMAN

On a typical weekend night at Over the Moon Farmstead in Pittsfield, strings of fairy lights hang from the rafters and people sit in the cozy barn, swaying in time to music performed at the front of the room. Freshly-baked pizza rests on their plates, and home-brewed mead or beer fill their glasses. There's conversation, laughter and the occasional voice singing along to the melody.

For Michael Fairbrother, who runs the farmstead alongside his wife, Berniece Van Der Berg, this scene is exactly what he dreamed of in 2021 when he decided to purchase the property, which included a large colonial farmhouse dating back to 1753.

"If I think about Disney World when I took my kids, it wasn't the cost of what things were, but it was the memories

A selection of mead wines in the main barn at Over the Moon Meadery in Pittsfield. The selection includes Utopian X, Embrace, and Truth Bee Told.

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ABOVE: A beer mug from the brewery.

LEFT: A magnum of Mead wine.

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that lasted forever, and that's, to me, what I want," Fairbrother said. "It's always about the experience."

Perched on a hill overlooking 100 acres of land, Over The Moon Farmstead is home to Hidden Moon Brewing, Moonlight Meadery, a restaurant, taproom bar and event space. Fairbrother brews mead and beer in the basement of the farmstead alongside longtime friend and co-brewer Michael Robinson.

The pair enjoys crafting new flavors and innovating successful drinks, many of which have gone on to win awards.

"People think mead is going to always be sweet because it's made from honey, but I can control how much sweetness remains left over," Fairbrother said. "So I can make sweet mead, but I've made dry and semi-sweet. I use a lot of fruit as well as the honey in the making of mead so I can get a really nice tart or drier finish."



Robinson, a former banker who has been brewing for three decades, finds inspiration for beer and mead in the world around him.

"It could come from anything," Robinson said. "A lot of times it's just the weather, my mood, what season's coming up next, what styles fit in with what seasons. I did 60 different styles over a two-and-a-half-year period, kind of as a fun challenge. So we saw lots of things going in and out of the tap room. We're able to put out beer that a lot of breweries haven't made since the '90s, different classic styles, and have a big variety."

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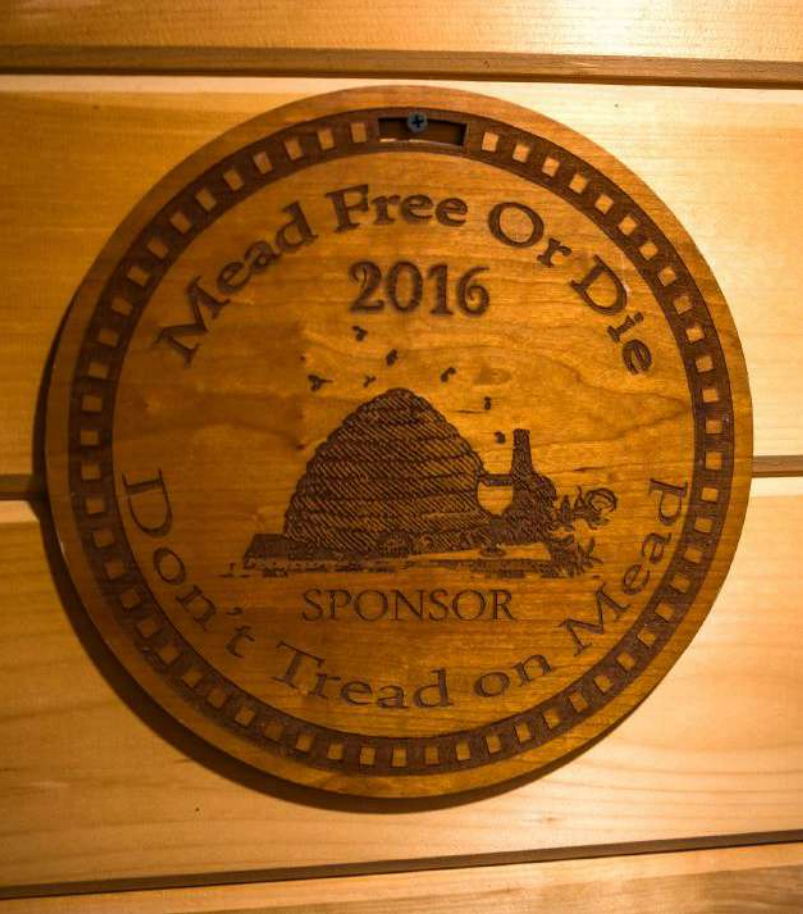
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Michael Fairbrother, raising a glass.

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**MICHAEL FAIRBROTHER,
co-brewer of Hidden Moon Brewing**



LEFT: A sponsorship plaque featured inside the bar.

RIGHT: Michael Fairbrother stands inside the main seating area of the Over the Moon Farmstead.

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A rack of the mead wines in the main barn area that includes a bar and seats in a comfortable space.

Moonlight Meadery stocks large grocery stores in 38 states, including New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlets, and in Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and Canada. They hand-bottle everything they sell. Hidden Moon

Brewing, however, can only be purchased on tap at the farmstead, although Fairbrother and Robinson hope to soon scale up production.

"I just want people to be happy," Robinson

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ABOVE: Trinkets on a windowsill at Over The Moon Farmstead, perched on a hill overlooking 100 acres of land in Pittsfield. Home to Hidden Moon Brewing, Moonlight Meadery, a restaurant, taproom bar, and event space, the farmstead serves homemade local drinks and fresh pizza and offers live music.

LEFT: One of the various pieces of wall décor on the walls of the brewery interior.

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A valve for the Over the Moon Brewery in the basement of the farmstead.

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said. "There's nothing funner than sitting across the room from someone and watching them taste something and go, 'Man, that's good.'"

Fairbrother imported a 5,000-pound pizza oven from Italy, where he also sources flour and other ingredients. The kitchen has recently strengthened connections with local farms, building a more comprehensive farm-to-table experience.

"I believe that food has to be a story," he said. "It has to be this thing of passion."

He had been working as a brewer for the past 15 years after having stepped away from the software engineering industry. The farmstead provided the perfect space to expand his dream.

He built the bars in the restaurant and the taproom by hand and has decorated the spaces to emphasize a con-



nection to farming roots. Again, it all comes back to passion.

“The key thing that all of us on the team have is passion, that passion to make sure it’s the best, because nobody’s gonna come up to Pittsfield if it’s mediocre,” he said. “I need people to go home and go, ‘Oh my God, have you seen this place? You have to come up to have dinner.’”

For more information, visit overthemoonfarmstead.com. ♦

Michael Fairbrother shows off the outdoor seating area for Over the Moon Farmstead.

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Jane and David
Balshaw in front of
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RUSTIC REVIVAL

New owners David and Jane Balshaw are continuing the community-focused tradition of the Canterbury Country Store



Some of the local items for sale at the Canterbury Country Store.

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Local carpenter Alex Young gets a cup of coffee at the Canturbury Country Store in the center of the town.

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David Balshaw's intention as he approached retirement was to "wind down and be done."

He had enjoyed a long career as a mortgage banker. During the pandemic, he grew an affinity for a new hobby: painting textured still lifes with whichever hard-edge tools and spatulas he could scrounge in his tool shed. He had never allowed himself to be creative until the age of 55, aside from one Christmas, when he remembers splatter-painting sweatsuits for relatives. As a retiree, he planned to savor his newly discovered "art self."

His plan shifted, however, when Balshaw and his wife, Jane, bought thousand-dollar shares in the Canterbury Community Market LLC, a limited liability corporation formed to preserve the Canterbury Country Store. Today, they are the newest parents — the 23rd set, to be exact — of a centuries-old business dating to 1767.

"When we said 'we want to help our community,' we kept coming back

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Jane Balshaw gets up a four in the morning to make the homemade scones for morning customers.

to the question of ‘well, what are we good at?’ And this was it,” Balshaw said, sitting in the Feed Loft, the store’s indoor sitting area and gallery, where a rotating display of local artwork, including his and Jane’s, adorns the walls.

In April, when the theme was ‘Funny Bones,’ his own chicken paintings — scenes of speckled yellow birds dancing, doing stand-up comedy and lying awake at night ruminating, each with its own flaming red comb — hung in a corner of the loft.

In May, his rugged flower vases are mounted beside Jane’s “babies,” three-dimensional flowers made from polymer clay and canvas that’s been cut up and stitched back together.

In the store, their shelves and refrigerators are stocked with Jane’s pot



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Jane Balshaw serves up homemade scones for the morning customers.

pies, scones and fresh breads. Her scratch-made almond praline syrup sits in the coffee station beside the register. Behind the counter, her own skin care products, inspired by a lifetime of experience in makeup artistry and esthetics and made from holistic ingredients, are available for purchase.

Since the Balshaws took over the business in 2023, their steady hands have reinvented the humble country store into a gathering space for the town's close-knit population of fewer than 2,500.

Community members packed into the newly renovated store on opening day. Some searched for familiar staples — white bread, ketchup, mustard and canned tuna fish. Others celebrated the Balshaws' promise of introducing an inventory comprised of 75% new items and 25% old. Others still, the "hesitant old timers," as characterized by David, would visit the post office adjoining the store, peer through the store windows and, with time, make their way inside.

One customer recently told Balshaw as he worked behind the register, "I can't believe I'm grocery shopping here!"

The Balshaws, who moved to Canterbury from California in 2003, see

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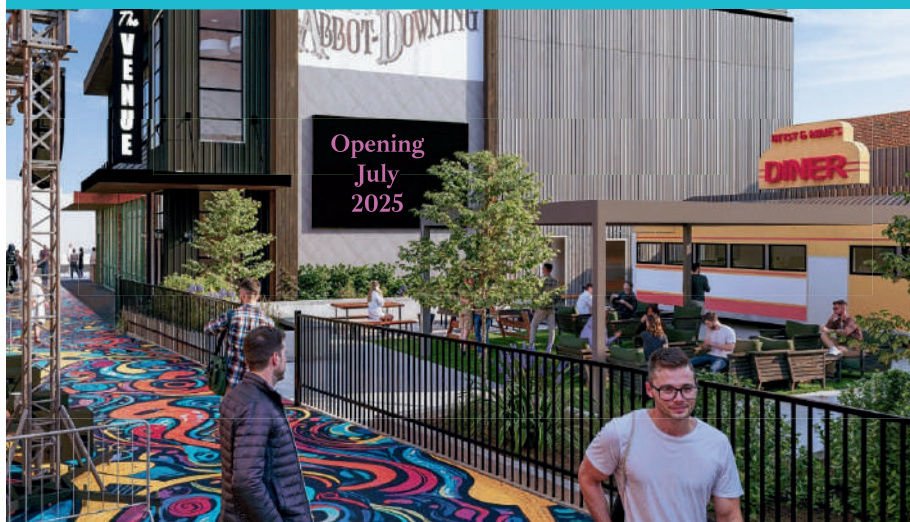


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evidence of the success of their experiment in community-building everywhere. The store was built on a generator and, whenever the power grid goes down — not an uncommon occurrence in some of the state's more rural areas — neighbors flock to the store to camp out with their computers.

Their regulars know the Balshaws aren't afraid of cheese. In fact, their most popular soup is equal parts broccoli and cheddar. They also know that Thursdays bring the restocking of prepared meals and Friday evenings come with fresh pizzas.

Even children as small as four-year-old Sylvie from Canterbury and seven-year-old Clara from Northfield, whose flower paintings hang in the store's new art show dubbed "A Garden Gathering," know that Jane is a trusted community curator. She accepts art submissions from anyone in New Hampshire, regardless of skill level and age.

"We have artists who can't accept checks, we have to write them out to



David Balshaw makes fresh sandwiches in the kitchen.

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Local farmers bring fresh vegetables and meats for sale at the Canterbury Country Store.

their parents,” Jane recalled, amused.

When the Balshaws were preparing to take the helm of the store, they visited similar general stores that had learned to survive in the face of financial headwinds and competition with franchise stores. They searched for the vital signs of flourishing, sustainable businesses and sought to learn from their owners.

Recently, the operators of a small community store in Harrisville came to visit them and to pick their brains about the success of the Canterbury Country Store, an enduring establishment with a storied history and modern appeal.

“Food helps people gather, but it starts with community,” David remembered telling them. “You could have all of this on the shelves delivered online if you wanted.”

Just as communities, their needs and their tastes change, so must their small country stores, both Balshaws agreed.

“The stores need to be preserved, but they also need to evolve to stay alive,” he said. ♦

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With the sunshine settling in, it's time to start thinking about recipes to help you stay cool in the heat.

Chelsea Annett, who owns Table Bakery in Concord's Eagle Square, has a few ideas for refreshments to try. She shared some of her culinary secrets with Around Concord Magazine, and now we're sharing with you!





Mint lemonade

A refreshing drink for summer! Makes one pitcher

Ingredients

10-15 mint leaves

1.5 cups sugar

1.5 cups fresh squeezed lemon juice

Water

Directions: Crush mint leaves with sugar. This can be done with a muddler or spoon. Add 1.5 cups water to sugar and bring to a boil in a saucepan. Continue boiling and stirring occasionally until there are no visible sugar granules. Pour through a strainer to remove mint leaves. Set syrup aside to cool.

Combine 1.5 cups mint syrup, (you will have a small amount left over), lemon juice, and 4.5 cups water in pitcher.

Serve over ice and garnish with a mint leaf and lemon slice.



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Strawberry shortcakes

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3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

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1 tablespoon baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup butter
 1 cup cold buttermilk
 1 egg
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 Heavy cream (for topping)
 Turbinado sugar (for topping)
 2 quarts strawberries
 1/2 cup sugar
 2 cups heavy cream

Directions:

Make sure you begin with cold ingredients. Measure flour, salt, sugar, baking powder, and baking soda in large bowl. Whisk ingredients together.

Slice butter and cut into flour mixture using a pastry cutter. Mixture should be crumbly and there shouldn't be any bits larger than a quarter.

Mix cold buttermilk, vanilla, and egg in a separate bowl. Add to dry ingredients and mix with a spatula.

Dump the dough onto a clean,

gently floured countertop and use your hands to gently knead and press the dough together. Do not overmix.

Pat the dough to 1/2-3/4" thick. Use the top of a drinking glass or biscuit cutter to cut into circles. Transfer cut biscuits to a baking tray lined with parchment and place in freezer while your oven heats.

Preheat oven to 425. When the oven is hot, remove the tray from the freezer. Brush the tops of the shortcakes with heavy cream and turbinado sugar. Bake for 12 minutes or until the tops are golden. Remove from oven and set aside to cool.

While shortcakes are cooling, cut strawberries into quarters. Add sugar to diced strawberries and let them macerate and get ice and juicy.

Add heavy cream to the bowl of your mixer and whip until the cream forms soft peaks.

To assemble, split shortcakes in half. Spoon strawberries and whipped

cream on the bottom and top with the remaining half.

Hummus with tomato and cucumber salad

One of my favorite things to bring to summer gatherings or to eat for dinner when it's too hot to cook. Feel free to use store bought hummus to save on time, but the homemade hummus is definitely worth it.

Ingredients

1 can chickpeas
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 1 garlic clove
 1/2 cup tahini
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 3-4 tablespoons water
 1 1/2 cup halved cherry/grape tomatoes
 1 cup chopped cucumber
 2-3 tablespoons olive oil
 2-3 tablespoons lemon juice
 Salt

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Fresh herbs (basil, parsley, mint, and chives all work well)

Hummus directions:

Place chickpeas and baking soda in a pot of water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Continue boiling for 15- 20 minutes until the chickpeas are very soft. Drain the chickpeas in a colander, running cool water over them. Set aside.

In a food processor, combine the garlic clove and lemon juice. Let rest to allow garlic to mellow. Add tahini to the food processor and blend until creamy. Drizzle in water while the food processor is running. Add chickpeas and slowly drizzle in the olive oil.

Scrape down sides and add more water a tablespoon at a time until you reach a smooth consistency. Scrape into a serving bowl.

Tomato and cucumber salad directions:

Combine halved cherry tomatoes, chopped cucumber, lemon juice,



Table Bakery

sprinkle of salt and pepper and 2-3 tablespoons of fresh chopped herbs in a bowl.

Heap the salad on top of the pre-

pared hummus with a drizzle of olive oil. Garnish with herbs and serve with pita wedges or sourdough toast brushed with olive oil. ♦



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Golfers gather on the 9th green in front of the clubhouse at Beaver Meadow in the 1920s.

Golf courses take root

"In the fall of 1896, Mabel Hill, Harriet Huntress and Paul Holden could be seen hitting golf balls into the fields opposite the West Concord Cemetery," reads an entry in the *Village of West Concord*. "The following Spring, with the added help of Adam Holden, they founded Beaver

Meadow Golf Course and Club."

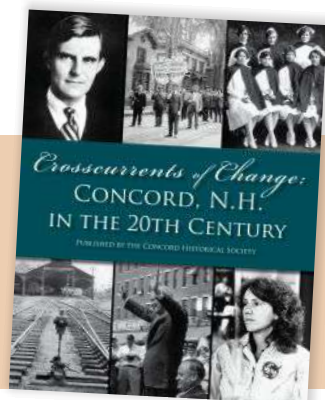
The nine-hole course, the first in the state, was built on land owned by the Sewalls Falls Lock & Canal Co. The city of Concord took over ownership and maintenance in 1930 and the course remained nine holes until it expanded to eighteen in the late 1960s.

Golf, too, spanned the century and Concord continued to play a healthy role in the sport as the twenty-first

century began.

Beaver Meadow, classified as the oldest course in the state, was the hub of the state's competitive golf in the early days of the twentieth century.

A Beaver Meadow golfer, H.W. Odlin won the Rollins Cup for winning the first two years of the state championship, held at the course in 1899 and 1900. Nathaniel C. Hobbs, another Beaver Meadow member, won the title on his home course.



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Gavin Richardson, then 11, plays a few holes at Beaver Meadow Golf Course in Concord in this July 2018 photo.

Zachos, Irwin Tie For First Awards In Links Tournament

Shoot 73's To Pace First Division Golfers in "Ruth LeBlanc Days" Event At Beaver Meadow; 29 Other Entrants Win Prizes During 2-Day Competition

Firing twin 73's over the Beaver Meadow course to pace the first division field, Jimmie Zachos and Li Irwin tied for top honors in the annual "Ruth LeBlanc Days" golf tournament which attracted 115 contestants to the municipal links Saturday and yesterday.

The two low gross scorers will play off their tie some time this week, to determine the winner of the handsome men's traveling bag which was offered as the major award of the two-day tournament. To the loser will go the second low gross prize for the first flight, in which 36 players vied for awards.

One of the best collections of golf merchandise offered at a local tournament this season was secured by Tourney Chairman Jack Peters for the testimonial event; and a grand total of 31 linksmen and women shared in the wide distribution of prizes.

Eight men in each of the three divisions of the medal-handicap tournament, and six of the 12 contestants who competed in the women's division received prizes for their efforts, and three others were presented with specialty awards.

The list of prize-winners, by divisions:

FIRST DIVISION

First low gross—Tie between James Zachos and Lionel Irwin, 73.
 Third low gross—J. Grzywacz, Derryfield club, Manchester, 74.
 First low net—Robert Carlson, Beaver Meadow, 64.
 Second low net—Chuck Scribner, Derryfield Club, 66.
 Third low net—Al Blaisdell, Concord, 67.
 Fourth low net—Vaine Skarp, Beaver Meadow, 68.
 Fifth low net—Pete Wayne, Beaver Meadow, 69.

SECOND DIVISION

First low gross—Francis (Paddy) O'Brien, Beaver Meadow, 76.
 Second low gross—John J. Fallon,

Second low net—Carl Purrington, Concord, 69.
 Third low net—Jack Stockton, Beaver Meadow, 72.
 Fourth low net—Bill Houle, Beaver Meadow, 73.
 Fifth low net—Burt Babbitt, Beaver Meadow, 73.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

First low gross—Anna Morrill, 81.
 Second low gross—Elaine Couture, 91.
 First low net—Pauline Trager, 77.
 Second low net—Edith Boudreau, 78.
 Third low net—Marie Bertolami, 86.
 Fourth low net—Marion Maloon, 85.

Lines of the Links

For being the oldest contestant in the field of 115, 77-year-old B. B. Morrill of Swampscott, Mass., entered from the Derryfield Club of Manchester, was presented with a special award. Other specialty prizes went to Tournament Chairman Jack Peters of the host club, as "top man," and to Origen Jeanotie, Beaver Meadow player whose 123 was the highest gross score carded during the two days of play.

A golf bag, with complete set of 10 irons, was won by Robert,

Hobbs won again in 1906, when the championship was once again held at Beaver Meadow. It was the last State Amateur at Beaver Meadow for nearly seventy years. New Hampshire golf officials opted to take the event to eighteen-hole courses.

Late in June 1930, Concord became a two-course city when the Concord Country Club opened off Mountain Road.

The Monitor advanced the opening of the new course – "which represents an expenditure of probably more than \$100,000" – in a story on its "Social and Personal" pages on June 19, 1930. The new clubhouse cost more than \$50,000.

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This excerpt, written by Allen Lessels, is part of the chapter "On the ball: Heady times for recreation and athletics," in "Crosscurrents of Change."

This image from the Sept. 21, 1948 Concord Monitor lists the winners of the annual two-day Ruth LeBlanc Days golf tournament at Beaver Meadow in Concord.

THE SCENE



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Dagoberto Castillo holds his granddaughter Belle Cruz after the Naturalization ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Concord on May 9.

Celebrating togetherness



Gail Gordon looks over the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary display that is displayed in the New Hampshire State House Hall of Flags on the day the Vietnam War came to end.

The Project S.T.O.R.Y fourth birthday celebration at the Bank of NH Stage in downtown Concord on April 28.



Fran Philippe and Rob Knight walk up the new connection trail between Marjorie Swope Park to Carter Hill Orchard on May 1.



ABOVE: Jef Demarie shops for geraniums at Appletree Nurseries in Tilton on May 6. Demarie's grandfather's love of gardening was passed on to him even when he has limited space at home.

BELOW: Joan Follansbee waves to the cars at Harold Martin Elementary School in Hopkinton on May 5. By 7:30 a.m., the parking lot is buzzing with upbeat, high-energy tunes, turning the usual school drop-off into an impromptu dance party.



Ricky Tewksbury gathers shopping carts during his shift working at Shaw's in March. Tewksbury had been returning carts from the parking lot for the past 39 years when the store closed this spring.



Rachel Wachman

REBIRTH

As winter melts away and new life shoots through the soil, the world around us awakens. Over the course of this year, Around Concord Magazine has committed to capturing the same scene in different seasons. Light and time can feel so ephemeral, and yet sometimes the seasons can also make us feel stuck. These photos hopefully serve as a reminder that our world is constantly regenerating, healing, growing and finding new ways to surprise us. This latest installation of the bridge at Batchelder Mill is called “Rebirth.”

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