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Farm as part of the Farm to School
Program. We appreciate all of their as-
sistance in bringing fresh produce into
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RAIDER VOLLEYBALL

Raider volleyball battles past Bears
and into quarterfinals

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Sanbornton church launches new thrift shop

BY DONNA RHODES
(Square/court)
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Raider runners wrap up season at Derryfield Park

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — The Belmont cross-country boys and girls finished up the season at the Division III State Meet at Derryfield Park in Manchester on Saturday.

The Belmont girls finished in 12th place overall and the boys finished in 15th place, with Mascenic winning the girls’ title and Hopkinton taking the title for the boys.

The Raider girls were led by Adeline Takantjas, who finished in 28th place in 23:47.

Lyla McSheffrey came home in 55th place overall with a time of 25:22 in her first State Meet and Rebekah Edgren ran to 59th place with a time of 25:37.

Riley Degange finished in a time of 27:25, which placed her in 80th place and Aspen Fillebrown rounded out the scoring in a time of 28:32 for 90th place.

Emilie Defrancesco finished in a time of 30:20, which placed her in 112th place overall and Hailey Clairmont rounded out the field of Raider girls with a time of 31:00 for 114th place overall.

The Belmont boys were paced by a 38th place finish from Brayden Townsend, who crossed in a time of 19:27.

Baidyn Lewis ran to 54th place in a time of 20:07 and Wyatt Divers crossed the line in a time of 20:20 for 57th place overall.

David Tripp finished in 121st in a time of 23:08 and Evan Christensen rounded out the scoring with a time of 23:27 for 128th place overall.

Henry Ashworth was 137th in a time of 23:53 and Nicholas Daigneault was 138th in a time of 24:04 to finish out the field of Raider boys.

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Belmont High gearing up for another successful Holiday Fair

Gilmanton’s historic First Baptist Church renovation moves forward

Belmont High School (BHS) and it allows them to take a hands-on approach to all segments of the event – Advertising and Marketing, to Communications with Vendors, to Community Outreach. The Holiday Fair typi-cal-ly has around 80 to 90 volunteers participate and it is a well-attend ed event.

“It’s a great way to kick off the Holiday Season, and it allows our group of students to interact with the community and cre ate a positive vibe when necessary,” said Helma Paapenhuizen, BHS FFA Co-Pres ident. Be sure to stop by on Nov. 11 between 9 a.m and 3 p.m. to check out this event! BHS FFA will also be assisting the Greater Lakes Re gion Children’s Auction for donations to be auctioned off on Dec. 5 at the Belknap Mar ketplace.

BELMONT POLICE LOG

BELMONT — The Belmont Police Depart ment reported the following arrests during the week of Oct. 16-22.

Tyler T. Elliott, age 26, of Farmington was arrested on Oct. 16 in connection with a warrant.

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Laconia was also issued a summons during the same incident for Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages By a Minor, Unlawful Possession and/or Intoxication, and Possession of Marijuana.

Caitlin Ann McDaniel, age 26, of Belmont was arrested on Oct. 18 for Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution. Bailey G. Swinton, age 27, also of Belmont, was arrested during the same incident for Breach of Bail Conditions of Probation as well as multiple warrants.

Dashont Joseph Hoyt, age 18, of Barnet, Vt., was arrested on Oct. 20 for Criminal Trespassing. Elisha Dorothy Moore, age 29, of Belmont, was arrested on Oct. 21 in connection with a warrant.

A 16-year-old male from Concord was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 19 for Trans portation of Alcoholic Beverages By a Minor, Unlawful Possession and/or Intoxication, and Possession of Marijuana.

Michael R. Marchand, age 68, of Belmont was arrested on Oct. 20 for Criminal Trepassing.

Christopher Wagenhals, age 21, of Tilton was arrested on Oct. 21 in connection with a warrant.

Shane A. Clairmont, age 51, of Belmont was arrested on Oct. 21 for Disorderly Conduct.

No charges were brought against a 20-year-old male arrested on Oct. 19 for Trans portation of Alcoholic Beverages By a Minor, Unlawful Possession and/or Intoxication, and Possession of Marijuana.

Nathan Adam Ryan, age 20, of Belmont was arrested on Oct. 22 for Driving After Revo cation or Suspension.

A 29-year-old female from Manchester was issued a summons in lieu of arrest on Oct. 22 for Possession of and/or Use of Tobacco Products By a Minor and Unlawful Possession of Alcohol as well as multiple warrants. Laconia was also issued a summons during the same incident for Possession of Alcohol Beverages By a Minor.
In a world that often celebrates individual achievement and personal success, it’s imperative to remind ourselves of the profound value that lies in being just about open-minded, thoughtful, and not egotistical. These qualities are not only commendable but also essential.

Intelligence, the ability to think critically and solve complex problems, is undoubtedly a valuable asset. It fuels innovation, drives scientific discoveries, and leads to technological advancements that improve our lives. However, intelligence alone is not enough. What truly sets remarkable individuals apart is their ability to harness the intelligence for the betterment of all.

Open-mindedness is the gateway to growth and understanding. It involves a willingness to consider different perspectives, even when we challenge our own beliefs. Open-minded individuals are more likely to collaborate, learn from others, and adapt to change. They recognize that wisdom often emerges from diverse experiences and viewpoints, and they embrace this diversity with open hearts and minds.

Thoughtfulness is the art of considering the consequences of our actions, words, and decisions. Thoughtful individuals recognize the impact they have on the world around them. They strive to positively contribute to those around them. They take time to empathize with the struggles and triumphs of others, showing kindness and compassion.

Egoism, or excessive self-centeredness, blinds us to the needs and feelings of others. It hinders collaboration, fuels conflicts, and impedes personal growth. In contrast, humility allows us to acknowledge our limitations, learn from our mistakes, and appreciate the contributions of others.

When intelligence, open-mindedness, thoughtfulness, and humility converge, remarkable things happen. Individuals who possess these qualities are not only successful in their own right but also inspire those around them to reach their full potential.

In the end, it is the combination of these virtues that creates individuals who are not just intelligent but wise, open-minded but compassionate, not just thoughtful but compassionate, and not just humble but genuinely self-aware. They are the ones who leave an indelible mark on our world, showing us that true greatness lies not in the spotlight but in the quiet, meaningful moments of understanding and connection.

Local veterans receive Quilts of Valor

Eight veterans received a Quilt of Valor at the Tilton Senior Center on Oct. 25. The presentation was made possible by the Patriot Pioneers (Peanuts), a member group of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a nationwide 501 C:3 organization that relies on volunteers to provide beautiful quilts to our nation’s veterans and service members, those touched by war. Receiving a quilt at the Tilton Senior Center were: John Gilbert, Sue Gilbert, Mark Jacquen, Errol Lapalata, Mark Parton, and John Pichon. They thank us all for their service.

By lifting ourselves, we forge a brighter future

numerous professionals across scientific, medical, and research fields have worked to understand the correlation between human thought, emotions, and tangible outcomes. Seeking to unravel whether emotions can stay fixed, if daily thoughts shape reality and if consistently positive emotional states contribute to achieving one’s dreams.

As an enthusiast of human excellence, I maintain an open yet critical perspective on research in this field, seeking evidence while remaining open to exploring the theories proposed by researchers.

Recently, I stumbled across Dr. David Hawkins. Hawkins is known for introducing a framework called The Map of Human Consciousness, a scale from 0-1000 where each emotion, thought, or attitude is assigned a numerical value.

At the low end, we find states like Shame (20), Guilt (30), and Apathy (50), marked by feelings of worthlessness, blame, and despair. Moving up, we encounter Fear (100), Anger (150), and Pride (175), showing a range of emotions.

As we ascend further, we reach the level of Cour-

Apathy (350), and Reason (310), a significant turning point where emotions like Acceptance (350) and Willingness (310), a sign of empowerment begins. From here, we move into states of Willingness (310), Acceptance (350), and Reason (310), characterized by optimism, forgiveness, and understanding.

At the highest echelons of the map, we find Love (1000), Joy (640), Peace (600), and ultimately, Enlightenment (700-1000), realms of profound compassion, bliss, serenity, and spiritual awakening.

So, how did Dr. Hawkins derive these values?

It’s a process called Muscle testing, also known as Applied Kinesiology, which is a method used to assess the body’s response to various stimuli through the strength of a particular muscle or muscle group, often the deltoid muscle in the arm.

The process involves establishing a strong baseline, introducing a stimulus such as a specific thought, substance, or type of stimulus, and then applying pressure to assess whether the muscle holds strong or weak. A strong response is interpreted as a ‘true’ or positive response, whereas a weak response is seen as ‘false’ or negative.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, seniors have continued to engage in activities that stimulate the brain.

Chess is a wonderful game that stimulates several areas of the brain. Senior chess clubs are popping up all over the country and meeting to play in-person is a safe and socially distanced way to play chess.

Writing is a simple way seniors can keep mentally and emotionally active. It’s a great way to socialize with others while exercising the brain.

1. Writing
2. Chess
3. Video Games

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Mural of Quilt

Photo credit: New Hampshire Public Radio
Paugus Woods increases community with 50 new single-family homes

LACONIA — Paugus Woods has added 50 single-bedroom, ranch-style units to its 70-acre community, with 400 acres of land on a newly developed neighborhood in the beautiful, lake-side city of Laconia, located off Route 3.

Paugus Woods’ sister property, Lilac Valley Estates, was the first community in New Hampshire to offer single-family rental homes at 100 percent market rate. Lilac Valley Estates units leased quickly that the Developer could have imagined, so they are very excited to announce that the additional homes at Paugus Woods, less than 8 miles north, are now available for lease.

During 2009 and 2010, Paugus Woods was established as a neighborhood of more than 40 homes across as individual condo. Over the years, the developer has evolved the 42 acres of land in an optimal design for the city of Laconia, but for the original homes and their owners.

For more information about Paugus Woods, visit pauguswoods.com.

Get your holiday shopping done early at Lakes Region Craft Fair

Come and see some early holiday shopping at the Lakes Region Holiday Craft Fair on Nov. 6 & 7 at Tanger Outlets to Tilton! Saturday, Nov. 6, 10 am to 9 pm and Sunday, Nov. 7, 10 am to 5 pm. There will be more than 80 amazing artists & crafters! Some of the arts & crafts will include awesome resin kits, fine, handmade canisters, candles, blackboard play mats, New Hampshire maple syrup, gourmet food items and local honey, beautiful holiday decor & decor, chainsaw wood carving & design, handmade jewelry & accessories, handcrafted baskets & more, and much more! Free admission! Take Exit 20 off I-93 & bear left! Rain, Snow, or Arctic! Friendly, local pet welcome! See you there! For more information, call (603) 827-8210.

Edward Jones: Financial Focus

Making the right investment decisions can make a big difference in your overall financial picture. Here are some tips to help you make the right choices.

1. **Diversification**: This is the key to a well-balanced investment portfolio. By spreading your investments across different asset classes, you can help reduce risk in your portfolio.
2. **Risk Management**: Understand the risks associated with each investment and ensure that your investments are in line with your risk tolerance.
3. **Regular Reviews**: Periodically review your investment strategy to ensure it aligns with your financial goals.
4. **Tax Efficiency**: Take advantage of tax-deferred accounts to reduce your tax burden.
5. **Continued Education**: Stay informed about the latest financial news and trends by reading financial publications and attending seminars.

Contact your Edward Jones financial advisor to learn more about how these strategies can help you achieve your financial goals.

Annual Fund campaign underscores importance of Shaker history

CANTERBURY — Every year, the two Shaker communities in Canterbury — Shaker Village and Shaker Village of New England — launch an annual Campaign to not just raise needed funds, but to remind people of the importance of Shaker history.

“The Shakers were real people,” said Mar- Meyna Monty Pilotte, tour guide at the Vil- lage. “They contrib- uted so much to the betterment of the world outside their communities.”

These contributions included planting ad- ditional crops so the Shakers could help feed neighbors. “The Shakers were incredibly invested in the local community and gave to people at a time when formal philanthropy was uncommon,” said Les- lie Noln, executive director of the Villai.

Currently, the Violage also serves as a steward to nearly 100 acres of land.

Add to that the Shaker ethos of perfection of all work, parsi- monious lifestyle, knowledge, and love of God, added Monty Pilotte. “If this site had not been placed into a mu- seum trust, it would have been developed into a golf course and condo association.”

As for how she ini- tially became involved with the site, Monty Pilotte said she was “delighted” to see an ad 8 years ago in a lo- cal paper that outlined the need for tour guides.

“I enjoy meeting strangers and helping them engage with me,” she said. “I also en- joy seeing the Village develop a new under- standing of the Shakers and the Shaker cul- ture.”

Monty Pilotte said her connection to the Village is also person- al, as she met the last Eldicises, Bertha Lindsay and Gertrude Soulé.

“I live down the road and would run up to past the Village on my long distance training runs,” she ex- plained. “They were such a kind and real people.”

Established in 1793, Shaker Village of New Eng- land represents one of the most typical and complete sur- veyed of the Shaker Villages To learn more about the Village, take a tour, or support the An- nual Fund Campaign, visit shakers.org.

The Village is a member of the New Hampshire Museum Trust, which engages in projects with culturally rich heritage institutions in New Hampshire. For more information, visit hnmuseumtrust.org.
LA CONSA – The Belknap Mill is offering a Miniature Knit Workshop on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Mill Shop. This will be a mill-size class that has limited seating.

COMFORT KEEPERS

LA CONSA – Comfort Keepers background checks.

More seniors are positive influencers than ever before. According to AARP, 44 percent of adults over 50 years old played a positive role in their communities. At least once a month people are lifting themselves, while someone at 500 balances out of 70 million people whose consciousness levels fall below their mental, physical and mental health, and social health. They are specifically interested in their own senior health. Thanks to the Internet, many computer-savvy seniors are finding joy in multidimensional ways. They are creating the comfort of home, using video online search will yield five exercise routines for every age and interest including yoga, body weight movements, and resistance bar exercises that require no equipment.

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BOO BLASTERS

The Newfound girls’ volleyball team was a pleasant surprise to our school programs and showed us exactly how a young team is supposed to freshen already known when they took the court.

“We’re a young team, for sure,” said assistant coach and a brand new sector,” said head coach Theresa Edgren. “We’ve had a good run for a long time, but rebuilding is what the two sophomores, these four freshmen and four freshmen starters what we’re doing.”

System, so the incoming and showed them our middle school programs and improvement projects at the church and its adjacent whose season came to a close with a loss in Devon. Sports Editor Judy Spraulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 2 and ua Spauld...
Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative graduates to independent nonprofit status

LACONIA — On Sunday, Oct. 2, community members came together at the Colonial Theatre for Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative’s 2024 season announcement and were among the first to learn some additional exciting news. After three years as a program of the Mill, Powerhouse is “graduating” to become an independent nonprofit organization beginning with the 2024 season.

According to Bryan Halperin, producer, “When Powerhouse was founded at the Mill during the pandemic, it was hoped that at some point Powerhouse would be sustainable enough to stand on its own two feet. We are thrilled that after only three years, due to incredible support from the community, especially local businesses, that time has come.”

Powerhouse debuted in 2020 as a program of the Mill and was established as the resident theatre company of the Colonial Theatre in 2021. Since then, Powerhouse has been producing large-scale community theatre productions, as well as its Colonial Series and smaller productions and readings at the Mill and has quickly grown into a thriving arts community of its own with over 300 participants in its theatre productions and First Chords Broadway Choir.

“Various high-quality productions and musicals support events like The Crucible (October) and the New Play Festival (September) and will include ‘The Boys in the Band’ (January), New Play Festival (September) and ‘The Immigrant’ (September),” says Johanna Halperin, festival director.

Powerhouse’s 2024 season was also announced with the help of the Mill’s introducing the exciting roster of plays and musicals supported by Powerhouse, including ‘In Love with Broadway: A Musical Celebration’ (February), ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ (April), ‘The Crucible’ (October) and ‘A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story’ (December).

Powerhouse’s smaller series will now be called ‘SFRAS’ (Spectacle Live is designed to spark creativity, conversations, community and collaborations) and will emphasize the latter with events held at the Taylor Community, Prescott Farm, the Laconia Public Library, the Laconia Public Library, and English venues on facility programming in a fun and welcoming environment that features a range of plays and musicals.

The support of the Belknap Mill board and friends Richard Young and Sam Strange also recently made up of childhood friends Richard Young and Sam Strange on Thursday, Feb 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Young & Strange are a spectacular comedy illusion double act made up of childhood friends Richard Young and Sam Strange. This duo regularly hosts the world’s largest independent touring magic show Champions of Magic which sold out the Colonial Theatre in March of 2023. Young & Strange also recently performed in London’s West End at the Queen’s and smash hit show Wonder Women played for the Powerhouse Theatre on Shubert Alley to rave reviews.

In addition to live performances, Young & Strange’s online video content has been viewed more than 100 million times and their TV credits include the hit US series Penn & Teller FOOZE, ITV’s The Next Great Magician and NBC’s Access Hollywood.

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Volleyball Bears battle fall but game in tournament opener

Sports Editor

Triniti Carter goes up for a block against Kingswood’s Morgan Sprague during the second set. Winnisquam coach Lynette Place after the seventh-seeded Knights turned a 3-0 deficit into a 23-22 lead late in the first game 25-22, erased Winnisquam’s 13-12 lead. Lucy Prunier served for the set point, a block by Sophia Moulton put down a kill for point 24 and Winnisquam’s lead to 15-14. The Bears best chance to steal a set came in the second when they jumped out to a 4-1 lead and led throughout until the end. Winnisquam led by six (10-4) at one point. The serving of Moulton and attack by Ste- vevenes got the Bears off balance in the third set and led to a 23-21 lead. The Knights though got a side-out and Makenna Levent served for seven points to put the Bears back in control at 19-15. Winnisquam had a couple of chances to get back in the game, Moulton ran off four points (two aces) and Stevens served for the set point, a block by Sophia Moulton put down a kill for point 24 and Winnisquam’s lead to 15-14. Winnisquam was able to maintain a slim edge — 24-22 and forth and up and was 23-22 when the visiting Knights turned a 10-7 set to the Bear girls. Place also praised the performance of Grupp. “They played awesome. She played through the rotation and had some awesome digs. She’s someone who’s really stepping up and has been improving. And we want to make sure we have that height as we go into the tournament.” Along with Scott, Stevens and Mouilnt served also 10 percent on the night. Caelynn Blattenberger and Moulton re- ceived 21 assises. Despite the loss, Livernois and the Bears are not focusing on their heads. “Overall, it was a nice end to the season,” said. “As I tell the kids if you can walk off the court with no regrets you did the best. I’m really happy with the effort.” Triniti Carter (two blocks) and Domatus powered the Bears with nine kills, while Carlid had four kills with six digs and an ace. Pyne finished with 16 assises. Lisetta Nelson played well defensive- ly with 40 digs. Shayla’s Jordan finished with eight digs and an ace, while Kaylin Stankatis finished with four digs and an ace. Kingswood Ell to Coo-Brown in the quarterfinals on Thurs- day to bring the season to a close.

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**Gallery Associate Position**

The Sandwich Fine Craft Gallery is seeking a highly qualified, motivated individual to join the gallery staff to work with the gallery manager in the running and promotion of all aspects of the gallery and related educational programs. The Sandwich Fine Craft Gallery is the combination of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and the Sandwich Home Industries. The League of New Hampshire Craftsmen is a fine craft association that/joins all of its members to ensure that it presents the highest quality of craftsmanship. The Sandwich Home Industries, Inc., has a mission to support local artists and to offer outstanding classes and other programs concerning arts and crafts of all kinds.

This position begins in January 2024, with various hours depending on the needs and programs of the gallery. The winter season includes support of the Sandwich Home Industries Lecture Series. Spring tasks involve re-opening and setting up the gallery, inventorying work, and setting up displays to prepare for the summer re-opening. An additional focus is our education program, which runs from May until October. Throughout the year there are promotional efforts through social media outlets and our on-line store.

**Position Requirements:**

- Prior knowledge of the willingness to learn about retail sales, arts and crafts, social media, and on-line sales are qualities we seek in a candidate.
- For more information and a detailed job description go to: [https://www.sandwichcrafts.org](https://www.sandwichcrafts.org). To be considered for this position, send a resume, cover letter, and two references to Ralph Wharton, Gallery Manager, at GalleryAssist2024@me.com. Interviewing for this position will take place during the first week of December 2023.
Crowds flock to NH Pumpkin Festival

Erin Plummer

The pumpkins were back on display in Veterans Square during the annual New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival.

The annual event was hosted by the Lakes Region Community Commerce. Chamber Executive Director Karen Gifford said the festival went fantastic and the weather was amazing.

The Pumpkin Festival started on Friday, Oct. 27 and ran through the evening.

"It was a beautiful night, people were walking around," Gifford said.

The event started again on Saturday, Oct. 28, and vendors packed downtown for the whole day afternoon and ran into the night.

Events, activities, and vendors packed downtown for the whole festival.

Gifford said events such as the Great New England Craft & Artisan Shows at the City Hall parking lot were big hits. The Hobo Espresso Pumpkin Train Rides ran throughout the event and drew a lot of people.

"It's so nice to hear a train whistle downtown," Gifford said.

Costumes were as big theme. There was a zombie walk on Friday and a children's costume parade on Saturday.

"I think we tried to find something for everyone," Gifford said.

She said there were a lot of families out during the event and a lot of people brought their dogs.

The warm weather on Saturday helped a lot and Gifford said it was great to be walking around in short sleeves in late October.

There was a popup sleigh on Saturday afternoon that sent people scrambling for cover, but it was over within a half hour.

"I think we tried to find something for everyone," Gifford said.

The City Hall parking lot was a spot for shopping for food during the festival. The Great New England Craft & Artisan Shows set up in the parking lot with many different artisans selling their crafts.

The Great New England Craft & Artisan Shows owner, promoter and director Jody Donovan said they had more than 100 different juried artists selling their wares.

"We've had a lot of people looking for crafts because there weren't so many different artisans selling their products," Donovan said.

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Donovan said she was really happy with the crowds at this year's event.

"I've been to many festivals. I've never seen a festival with more community support," Donovan said, adding "I'm proud to be part of this festival.

Several local non-profit organizations set up tables at the Pumpkin Festival to spread the word about their work and offer some fun activities.

Got Lunch Belmont & Friends is a recently formed organization that will provide free meals for students in the Shaker Regional School District for hangovers outside of school. The organization will provide free meals to kids who might not have a way to get food when they're not at school such as during vacations.

Director of Fundraising Joanne Hibbard-Bickford said the organization recently started and is looking for donations and volunteers. The program needs to raise around $73,000 a year to operate.

"We're looking for people who are willing to help sponsor and make a donation for our program," she said.

Their booth also had a giant K infield game called "Drop Zone" people could play.

Hibbard-Bickford said a lot of people came by their booth during the event.

"It's been a lot of fun, we've ended up with some donations and a lot of connections which is good," she said as making a pumpkin from material knitted right at the mill.

Beck said it looked like there were a lot more people at the festival this year.

The Laconia Parks and Recreation Department held a scavenger hunt during the festival, with a lot of fun and a lot of different areas downtown.

Lisa Kolheber, Administrative Secretary with Parks and Rec, said a lot of people participated in the scavenger hunt including a lot of local people.

She said she was enjoying the pumpkin festival overall.

"This is awesome, it's really good," Kolheber said. "We got quite a lot of people today.

"I'm proud to be part of this festival."