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Alton Fire Department halts progress of Sleepers Island blaze



ALTON — Last Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 17, the Alton Fire Department responded to the scene of a second alarm fire at 22 Sleepers Island. Initial responding crews found more than two acres actively burning, threatening at least three homes. Forward progression of the fire was stopped, and only minor damage to one structure was sustained. Power was shut off to the island.

On arrival, crews were met with an out of control outside fire with flame height of four to six feet burning rapidly, fueled by a steady southeast wind. Wind coupled with the very low level of the lake made boat access to the island challenging. Alton and Gilford fire boats arrived simultaneously and began working on each side of the fire, initially stopping spread to three full size homes and numerous outbuildings. Wolfeboro's boat also arrived with additional personnel and assisted shuttling second alarm companies from the mainland to the island. Crews from Laconia, Belmont, Gilmanton, New Durham, and Barnstead also assisted in the extinguishment while station coverage was provided by Barnstead and Pittsfield Fire departments.

Crews had completed operations by noon on Wednesday the 18th. The final burn area measured three and a half acres on a steady upslope woodland area. Extensive overhaul was required due to deep burning fire. All residents and abutting neighbors have been notified, including those who's bunk house was unfortunately damaged.

Island fires present a unique challenge for Lakes Region fire departments, as they can face full size homes on islands where we are extremely resource limited. No trucks, just a hand full of capable fire boats; no spare equipment; everything responding crews need, they must bring; no ambulances in the event of injury, and no air bottle refilling station should SCBA be required, just to name a few. Responses also can be severely delayed due to weather or time of day, especially when the lighted navigational markers have been removed for the season!

The department offers its thanks again to our mutual aid partners, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, Alton Police, Belknap County Sheriff's Office, and the resident(s) who noticed the fire and made the 911 call!

The cause of the fire remained undetermined pending further investigation as of our press deadline for this week's edition.

Gilford Community Church to host annual Christmas Fair Dec. 4 & 5

GILFORD — The Gilford Community Church will be holding their Annual Christmas Fair on Friday, Dec. 4, from 4-6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

You can expect our Fan Favorites with lots of Christmas items, Fresh Wreaths and Greens, our renowned Jewelry Room, delicious Bakes Goods and White Elephant Sale.

Also, returning is the Christmas Raffle with a chance to win some fantastic prizes. The drawing will be held on Saturday, at the Fair. You do not need to be present to win.

New this year, we are excited to launch our Christmas Gift Boutique. All sorts of gifts for everyone on your list, at friendly prices. We will have handmade items, whimsical toys and games, home goods, and introducing our "walk in" closet where you will find beautiful clothes and accessories for the ladies on your list.

"Our Fairs are very important to our Church," said Joyce Collins, Christmas Fair Chairman, "as they help to fund all the charities, programs, and organizations the Gilford Community Church supports."

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Road, the Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open community that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Viewable live on Facebook and available on YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. To learn more, or virtually attend service, visit www.gilfordcommunitychurch.org.

Oscar Foss Memorial Library announces December events

BARNSTEAD — The Oscar Foss Memorial Library has a full slate of events lined up for the month of December.

Good to Know Info: We are closed for staff training on the second Thursday of every month until 3 p.m. (Dec. 10). We are also closed Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, and Thursday, Dec. 31, and Friday, Jan. 1, for the holidays.

Home School Group: Run by group members, it takes place at the library meeting room on Fridays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Involves a mix of stories, simple science/learning activities, and a creative art/craft activity that all go along with a theme for the week. The activities are geared towards kids ages 4 and up, and younger siblings are welcome to come along. There will be an event posted ahead of time on the group's Facebook page (Barnstead NH Library Homeschool Group) for each weekly meet-up, so you'll always know what to expect and if you need to bring anything.

Music and Movement Storytime, aka Littles Love to Learn! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for an interactive storytime filled with group singing, dancing, imaginative play, crafts, and stories, all designed specifically for babies and toddlers.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. is Children's Storytime. Visit us at the library for stories, crafts, and singing. Then experience the cozy ambience in the children's area, which has all sorts of neat things to do. Make new friends. Set up playdates. Check out books, movies, and games, play with the trains, Legos, and puppets. Come for the learning, stay for the fun!

Start your week off with Yoga Monday! Gentle Hatha-Flow runs from 10:15-11:40 a.m., Senior/Beginner/Chair Yoga is noon to 1 p.m., and Intermediate Hatha-Flow lasts from 5:30-6:50 p.m. Classes are by donation (suggested $8). All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate.

Playing a musical instrument alone at home is fun, but it's more fun to make music with others. Adult musicians of all ability levels are invited to join our small group. We meet in Barnstead's library meeting room from 6 to 8 p.m. every first (Dec. 1) and third Tuesday (Dec. 15) of the month, and play acoustic (non-amplified) instruments like guitars and ukuleles. Other instruments that might

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Trio of local girls earn soccer All-State nods

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — With the conclusion of the fall season, the New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association has announced honorees for postseason honors for girls' soccer players around the state.

In Division III, First Team honors went to midfielder Olivia Lorenz of White Mountains Regional while Second Team was presented to forward Brooklyn Gagne of Berlin. Honorable Mention was presented to Belmont defender Josephine Shoemaker, Gilford defender Mckenna Howard and forward Macy Sawyer, Prospect Mountain midfielder Amelia Gentile, Newfound forward Julia Reynolds and White Mountains Regional forward Lia St. Cyr.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Macy Sawyer was named Division III All-State Honorable Mention for her senior season.

First Team honors also went to goalie Khloe Shanahan of Pelham, defenders Gabrielle Ledoux of Raymond, Jessie Phillips of Pelham, Lilli Wilson of Campbell and Maddy Chambers of Stevens, midfielders Faith Norton of Stevens (Player of the Year), Khloe Letourneau of Pelham and Nora Comrie of Raymond and forwards Kylie Carr of Raymond, Tatum Dzierlatka of Pelham and Liza McManus of Stevens.

Joining Gagne in earning Second Team honors were goalie Raegyn Brothers of Stevens, defenders Kayleigh Ferland of Ste-

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Light Up Night — Dec. 5

The Town of Alton is celebrating "Light Up Night" on Saturday, Dec. 5 in the Alton Village on Main Street. Free events include: 5 p.m.- Tree Lighting at Town Hall sponsored by the Alton Business Association; 5:15-6:15 p.m.- Meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus inside the Gilman Library, and make a free craft at the Gilman Library (use rear parking lot entrance); 5-6:30 p.m.- Holiday Hayride loading up at Monument Square- sponsored by Alton Home and Lumber; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.-Festival of Trees at the Gilman Museum sponsored by the ABA; plus more to see and do. Light Up Night events are free and are open to the public. For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Fused glass ornament workshop with Art Escape

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a fused glass ornament workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center with Art Escape Studio. Create a little holiday magic by customizing your own glass ornaments. Bring a friend or attend solo. Program is geared toward participants 12 years and up. We will send ornaments to the kiln and have creations ready to pick up at Alton Parks and Recreation before the holidays. $25 per person, pre-registration is required. Registration forms and ornament examples are available at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Reiki gathering

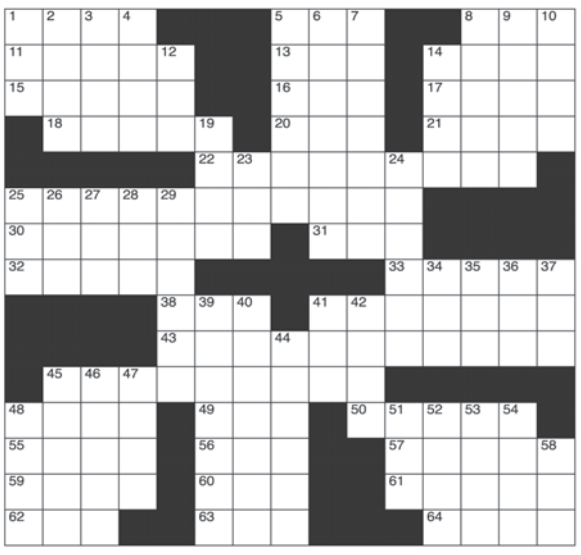
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Reiki Gathering with Reiki Master Teacher, Carol Wallace at the Gilman Library on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Join us for a relaxed Reiki meetup to refresh the basics of Reiki One and Reiki Two. Share experiences, ask questions and reconnect with Reiki energy and each other. The free gathering is geared toward Reiki practitioners with at least Reiki One training. Please RSVP to 603-875-0109 or parkrec@alton.nh.gov to reserve your seat.

Pilates classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. Classes are ongoing. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. $10 per class, cash or Venmo. Bring a mat, water and hand weights. For more information/to register, contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett
2. "Miss Wolcott's Ghost" by Louise Penny
3. "The Girl in the Lake" by James Patterson
4. "Hollow Bones" by Jodi Picoult
5. "The French Illusion" by John Grisham
6. "Partita" by Barbara Kingsolver
7. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
8. "The Hollow" by Michael Connelly
9. "The Family Cross" by James Patterson
10. "The Collateral Heart" by Jeffery Deaver
11. "Birth of the Witch" by Nora Roberts
12. "Chain Reaction" by Lee Child



CLUES ACROSS

1. Insect feeler
5. Central processing unit
8. Part of (abbr.)
11. Typical
13. Tall, rounded vase
14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. "Baba O'Riley" rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. A young canine
2. As fast as can be done
3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

Nov. 26 – Dec. 3

Thursday, Nov. 26
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Friday, Nov. 27
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Saturday, Nov. 28

Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 30

Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.

Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.

Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.

Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Writing Wizards, 4-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon

Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Homeschool Club, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Quick Hands-On Pickling Workshop, 1-2 p.m.

Leave that unwieldy canning pot in the cabinet and join us for a hands-on pickling workshop to learn how to make delicious and easy refrigerator cucumber pickles with no canning required! All ingredients and equipment will be provided for you, and you'll leave this class with a jar of your very own pickles that will be ready in just a couple of days. Come join the pickling fun! Sign-ups are required. 12 spots available.

Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Stretch Yogaaah!, 10-11 a.m.

Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon

Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Sing-a-Long to the Oldies With Susan, 3-4 p.m.

Come and join Susan Galeckas for a fun sing-a-long.

Groovy Games, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.

Melody and Motions, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Adult Holiday Craft: Ornaments, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Transform a clear ball ornaments into stunning pieces with a splash of color, ribbon, and lots of materials for a mesmerizing effect. Sign-up is required.

Middle School Graphic Novel Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join Miss Rachael at the Gilford Village Store for our middle school graphic novel club! Sign up is required. This month's book is "North for the Winter" by Bobby Podesta.

French, 4-5 p.m.

DAR chapter places 1,237 flags in Wolfeboro to honor veterans

WOLFEBORO — The Winnipesaukee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) was honored to place 1,237 flags on Brewster Academy's DeWolf Field in tribute to veterans this past Veterans Day. The field was in place from Nov. 4 through Nov. 18. Individual donations honored specific veterans, and each flag was accompanied by a plaque listing the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and the war or conflict, or time in which they served.

Students from Brewster Academy and the Kingswood Youth Center helped chapter members place the flags, while the Brewster Grounds Crew marked the field.

Chapter members also visited the Kingswood Youth Center and the Children's Center's school-aged program to help share what it means to be a veteran and to serve our country. Students and their families from both groups then chose veterans to honor with flags.

This was the chapter's sixth year honoring veterans this way, and it plans to continue the tradition. To honor a veteran with a flag in November 2027, please mail the veteran's name, rank, branch of service, and war or conflict, plus any other details (such as MIA, KIA, Purple Heart, or country of service), to Winnipesaukee DAR, PO Box 676, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896 before October 1, 2027. A donation of $5 per veteran flag is suggested.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonpolitical, lineage-based service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its members have diverse backgrounds and interests but share one connection: each descends from an ancestor who helped secure American independence.

Membership is open to any woman age 18 or older—regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background—who can document lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Members support historic preservation, education, and patriotism through meaningful service. To learn more, visit www.dar.org or email winnipesaukee-dar@gmail.com. The Winnipesaukee Chapter is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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Salt is your classic independent lady. She enjoys a little affection and cuddle time, but she's certainly not looking to be attached at the hip. She appreciates having her own space, doing her own thing, and checking in for some love when SHE decides it's time.

Salt is looking to be the only cat in her future home! She prefers to have her space to herself and would love a home where she doesn't have to share her kingdom with any other feline friends.

If you're looking for a cat with a little sass, a lot of personality, and just the right amount of affection, Salt might be the perfect addition to your home!

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Wolfeboro Lions Holiday Poinsettia Sale returns

WOLFEBORO — The holiday season is approaching, and the Wolfeboro Lions Club is offering beautiful poinsettias again to brighten homes and businesses while supporting local community projects. Choose from red, white, or pink poinsettias in six-, eight-, and ten-inch sizes. It's an easy way to add holiday cheer while giving back.

Orders can be picked up at the Wolfeboro Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 24, or Saturday, Dec. 5. Home or business delivery is also available through a Wolfeboro Lions Club member.

All net proceeds from the sale support the Wolfeboro Lions Club's charitable work and community service. The club assists local residents in need with eye exams, eyeglasses, and hearing aids, conducts vision screenings for children through its annual Operation Kids Sight program, and supports the Granite State Sight and Hearing Foundation.

The club also contributes to numerous local organizations and community programs, including L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry, Knights Against Hunger, Camp Pride in New Durham, the Wolfeboro Fuel Assistance Fund, and the Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund.

Supporting local youth and education is another important part of the club's work. The Lions sponsor Scout Troop 165 and award $2,000 scholarships to local students pursuing higher education.

The Wolfeboro Lions also bring the community together through events such as the annual car show and Smith River Canoe Race. In partnership with Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation, the club organizes the annual Gift of Sight and Hearing Turkey Trot, with proceeds benefiting its sight and hearing programs.

To place an order, visit the club's online ordering page: pci.jotform.com/form/252744247188162. Order forms are also available at the Wolfeboro Public Library, Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce, and Avery Insurance. To request a form by email, contact Lion Joe at jrdecho@aol.com.

The Wolfeboro Lions Club thanks the community for its continued support. Every purchase helps the club make a difference in the lives of local residents and support organizations and programs throughout the community.

Caregivers celebrate volunteers

WOLFEBORO — Caregivers of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity recently held a Volunteer appreciation luncheon at the First Congregational Church in Wolfeboro.

The luncheon celebrated the volunteer drivers and coordinators that keep this vital community service going.

Entertainment featured storyteller, author and humorist Rebecca Rule who regaled the audience with funny, interesting tales that captured the essence of New Hampshire.

The Caregivers are an all volunteer community coalition that have been serving the communities of Alton, Ossipee, Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro since 1987. We receive support through town and local grants, local charities and donations.

Caregivers provide transportation to medical appointments. Our drivers take clients to and from local and out of town appointments. There is no charge to the client.

The organization is always in the need for more volunteer drivers and reimburse drivers for mileage incurred above 30 miles. Please consider driving for us. Driver commitments are flexible. You choose how often and when you drive. Our clients are very grateful for this much needed service.

To ask for a volunteer application or if you are in need of a ride to your appointment, please call 603-569-6780. Our volunteer coordinators are on duty Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community Holiday Concert at Congregational Church of North Barnstead Dec. 5

BARNSTEAD — Save the date for the 4th annual community holiday concert on Saturday Dec. 5 at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead, UCC (504 North Barnstead Rd., Barnstead) featuring Maine music luminaries Joyce Andersen & Harvey Reid.

These amazing artists have been making music professionally for their entire lives; both toured extensively across the country and abroad, earning a long list of awards and recognition for their distinctive and deeply-rooted Americana music. They have been presenting their unique holiday show for more than 25 consecutive years, drawing on their long experience playing folk, country, bluegrass, blues, Celtic and even some classical music - this is truly a don't miss event! Bring your kids, your neighbors, and invite friends as we create community and start (or continue) traditions in a magical space with shared live music. You are sure to leave with the joy and hope of the season.

See you on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. Tickets, by donation, available at the door (or call 603-776-1820). Suggested donation is $20 per person or $35 for the family.

Wolves co-owner releases six-book children's series

LACONIA — New England Wolves co-owner and general manager Andrew Trimble has released a six-book children's collection inspired by the Wolves Kids Show, using hockey stories and activities to introduce young readers to sports and the lessons they can learn through participation.

The collection includes five illustrated storybooks and a hockey coloring book. Featuring the show's characters, the stories explore passing, handling mistakes, welcoming a new teammate, standing up for others, and persevering when a game gets difficult.

"I want kids to fall in love with playing, being part of a team, and working toward something together," Trimble said. "Sports give children opportunities to build friendships, learn responsibility, and discover what they're capable of. My hope is that these books encourage a child to try a sport, support a teammate, or keep going after a tough day."

The five storybooks follow the young Wolves through experiences familiar to youth athletes. Herbie learns to share the puck. Bear discovers how his choices affect his teammates. The team welcomes a new player and supports Blake when she faces the claim that hockey isn't for girls. A championship game story follows the Wolves as they work their way back from a five-goal deficit.

The accompanying coloring book gives younger children another way to engage with hockey through creative play.

Trimble, who also founded Scoring Concepts, developed the collection as an extension of the animated Wolves Kids Show. To date, the animated kids show has been viewed by thousands of people and in six different countries. The books give families a way to revisit the characters and their lessons together away from a screen.

Based in the Lakes Region, Trimble works with young athletes through the Wolves and Scoring Concepts camps, clinics, and instructional content. He hopes the collection reaches children who already play hockey as well as those discovering sports for the first time.

The six-book collection is available through Andrew Trimble's Amazon author page. Families can also explore the books, videos, and activities through Scoring Concepts Kids.

Village Players present "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Dec. 4-6

WOLFEBORO — A beloved holiday classic comes to life on the Village Players stage when a delightful cast of young actors presents "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Dec. 4, 5 and 6.

Sawyer Mills takes the lead as Charlie Brown, with Gus McGuire as his steadfast friend Linus. Juliette Berube plays the ever-bossy Lucy, while Daphne Mills brings Snoopy's antics to life. The rest of the Peanuts Gang includes Abigail Hewitt as Sally, Mateo Quinatoa as Schroeder, Charlotte Williams as Frieda, Sarah Hewitt as Violet, Clara Dudley as Patty, Braden McCarthy as Pig Pen, Jadelyn Eldridge as Shermy, and Sofia Quinatoa in the ensemble.

A creative team of Village Players volunteers, headed up by Director Helen Rautenberg, is working on the details. Delilah Mills is assistant director, and Karlee Mosher is choreographer. Gwen Dudley is handling lights and sound. Bob Tuttle heads up the set crew, with Norman Adjutant building some special pieces, and Deb Jones is in charge of costumes. Parents and grandparents of cast members are helping out in many ways to bring the show together.

Audiences will sympathize with Charlie Brown, smile at Lucy's bossiness, and appreciate Linus's quiet wisdom and loyalty as the Peanuts Gang discovers what Christmas is really all about. Filled with familiar characters and holiday charm, it's a perfect holiday outing for all ages!

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m., at the Village Players Theater, 51 Glendon St., Wolfeboro. Tickets are only $10 and are available online at village-players.com and at the door.

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. www.concordtheatricals.com.

Kalled Gallery hosts Third Annual Little Black Dress Night featuring live music from Jonathan Sarty

WOLFEBORO — The Kalled Gallery at 33 N. Main St. believes playing dress-up is fun at any age! We invite you to wear your favorite black dress or holiday outfit and come try on beautiful jewelry Nov. 28 from 3-7 p.m. Create a whole new look and make a wish list so Santa knows exactly what you want this year.

Jonathan Sarty will also be performing live music in the gallery. Native to Maine and New Hampshire, Jonathan Sarty is a musician, songwriter, and the host of the Cold River Radio Show. As a performer of what he describes as Classic American Music, his show is a must-see for music lovers!

Listen to live music, sip on bubbly, and nibble on hors d'oeuvres, what more could you ask for on a November evening?!

Spots still available for Alton Dance Academy's 2026-27 season

ALTON — The Alton Dance Academy has spots still available for the '26-'27 season. Come join a dance class and see what the fun is all about. We also offer adult fitness classes and toddler sessions. Email ashley@altondanceacademy.com to register before Dec. 1.

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Opinion

When the fire is across the water

Firefighters are accustomed to facing difficult conditions, but the blaze that swept across Sleepers Island in Alton last week presented challenges that few people outside the emergency services community fully appreciate. It was a reminder that protecting lives and property in the Lakes Region sometimes requires far more than arriving with a fire engine and connecting a hose.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, firefighters responding to Sleepers Island encountered an out-of-control fire that was already consuming more than two acres of woodland. Flames reaching four to six feet were being driven by a steady southeast wind, threatening three homes and numerous outbuildings. By the time the operation concluded the following day, approximately three and a half acres had burned.

Yet despite the intensity of the fire and the obstacles confronting those who responded, the damage to structures was limited to one bunkhouse. That outcome deserves recognition, particularly when considering what firefighters had to overcome to achieve it.

Fighting a fire on an island is an entirely different undertaking from responding to one on the mainland. There are no engines waiting at the end of a driveway, no convenient hydrants and no easy way to bring additional equipment to the scene. Everything firefighters might need must be transported across the water, often under conditions that are anything but cooperative.

In this case, unusually low lake levels made boat access difficult, while the wind continued pushing flames through the wooded terrain. The fire was also burning uphill, adding another challenge for crews attempting to contain its spread.

Consider what that means for the people doing the work. Firefighters must carry equipment, advance hose lines and maneuver across uneven ground while confronting heat, smoke and rapidly changing conditions. If someone is injured, there is no ambulance waiting nearby. If breathing apparatus is needed, replacement air supplies are limited to what can be transported to the island.

Even getting personnel to the scene can be complicated, particularly this late in the season, when navigational markers have been removed and daylight is increasingly scarce.

These are not minor inconveniences. They are serious operational limitations that can turn an already dangerous emergency into an extraordinary test of preparation, judgment and endurance.

The response also demonstrated the importance of cooperation among Lakes Region fire departments. Alton and Gilford fire boats arrived together, attacking the flames from opposite sides and working to protect the threatened homes. Wolfeboro's fire boat assisted with transporting additional personnel, while firefighters from Laconia, Belmont, Gilmanton, New Durham and Barnstead joined the effort. Other departments helped maintain emergency coverage while crews remained committed to the island.

That kind of mutual aid is essential in communities where no single department can reasonably be expected to maintain every piece of specialized equipment or enough personnel to handle an emergency of this magnitude alone.

It also reflects something residents should remember when considering the resources their local emergency services need. Fire boats, protective equipment, training and reliable communications all come at a cost. So does maintaining the readiness necessary to respond when an emergency occurs in a location that cannot be reached by road.

Those expenditures may not always be the most visible items in a municipal budget, but incidents like this demonstrate their importance.

There is another lesson worth recognizing. Someone noticed the fire and called 911. That initial action helped bring emergency responders to a dangerous situation before it became even worse. Residents and property owners have an important role in reporting suspected fires promptly, particularly in remote areas where an emergency might otherwise go unnoticed.

The cause of the Sleepers Island fire remained undetermined as of press time, and it would be inappropriate to speculate about how it began. What is known is that firefighters faced an exceptionally difficult situation and succeeded in preventing a far greater loss.

As Thanksgiving approaches, there is particular reason to appreciate the men and women who answer these calls. While most families are preparing to gather around their tables, emergency responders remain ready to leave their own families whenever the alarm sounds.

The firefighters who spent hours battling flames on Sleepers Island demonstrated the professionalism, courage and determination that communities depend upon, often without giving much thought to the risks involved.

Three homes were threatened. Three homes were protected. And behind that outcome were firefighters from across the Lakes Region who brought their equipment, their training and their willingness to confront danger wherever they were needed.

That is something worth being thankful for.

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LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Dissers

We had our first snow of the season this morning. It was a few days past the opening of hunting season for firearms. I actually got out in the woods with a hunting buddy this year and once again become one with the woods and wildlife. As sunlight was getting dim, I found myself heading out of the woods, not having seen much evidence of any wild animals, but totally relaxed and tired from the hunt. There would be other days.

After a day of rainy weather, as the sun came up, I was able to see the white stuff building up on all my exterior surfaces. It wasn't much. A half inch at the most. Nothing the windshield wipers couldn't take care of.

Seeing as the robot hadn't called, I was contemplating what I might do with this free day. I was savoring being able to relax a bit, dunking my cinnamon toast in my coffee, while reading the paper.

Then the phone rang. It was an actual human person from the school asking me if I would like to come in to sub on such a sloppy morning. The robot is never so personal. I said yes, I would be glad to, and said I'll just switch over to sub mode.

Glancing at my watch, I noted that I was already about five minutes behind. Grabbing the paper and my mug I headed up stairs to get ready. I almost remembered everything. I only needed to run back upstairs to grab my glasses. Then did my dishes and headed for the door.

Firing up the silver chariot, I puttered out the driveway and onto the road. The roadways were totally clear. Only things like grass and decks, things that were able to attain the freezing temperature had snow on them. Once I descended down the hill toward town, all visage of snow disappeared. We only got it up on the top. That's pretty typical.

I just made it to school in time for the first period bell. Quickly receiving my key and paperwork, I headed to the gym where the kids had already decided what game they wanted to play. It wasn't what the teacher suggested. No problem, I'm easy.

The next period I was in the computer lab and spent most of that class time having numerous discussions with a student. Some people are able to keep conversations flowing, I never attained that ability. Just last night, while talking with a friend who has that talent, I told her that she thinks too much. Sometimes you just need to stop. Don't you?

Later on in the day, I had this short student enlightenment period where, after reading them their directions, they claimed to have already finished that (typical), and could they go to the gym? No. "He always lets us go to the gym on Fridays". I certainly don't know that. This is a regular occurrence for me. When I don't know something, I usually resort to a solid NO. All the kids know how to sit around and chat quietly. It's a way of life while at school. Besides, half of this half period had already transpired. And I don't need to take any incorrect assumptions.

Then there are the ones who are always trying to either disrupt or disappear. I guess I could call the dissers. One of them came into sixth period and before the bell even rang, asked if he could go to the bathroom. A standard activity before class starts. I try to get that out of the way when I have the opportunity too.

About ten minutes before class ended, I inquired if he had returned yet. They replied to the negative. About five minutes before class ended, he came sauntering back into the room. I wonder if he actually returned on his own, or that someone messaged him on their illegal phone that I was cognizant of his absence. Doesn't matter, I noted it in my running dialog to his teacher. This guy has a rap sheet a mile long.

Finally came the last class of the day. These guys were fit to be tied. I had to constantly ask them to sit down or stop doing something. Some heeded my words, others tried. There's always one catalyst and he was just begging to be mentioned in my daily summary. Your teacher will be back on Monday, have a nice weekend.

E.Twaste

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COURTESY PHOTO

Executive Councilor Joseph D. Kenney of Wakefield recently received the Helen Holbrook Service Award from the Lakes Region Mental Health Center for his dedicated work in veteran advocacy and mental health support. Pictured, left to right, are Kenney, Laconia City Manager Kirk Beattie and Maggie Pritchard, Executive Director for Lakes Region Mental Health Center.

Letters to the Editor

NH should honor veterans with access to natural resources

To the Editor:

Veterans Day, which we recently observed, is a way to honor our military veterans, both deceased and still living. It is the one day of the year when Americans take a pause in our everyday lives to thank those who have given so much to preserve our freedom. There are parades, solemn ceremonies at cemeteries, veterans' homes and battlefields, and lots of flag waving. But it is just one day.

Honoring veterans could last a lot longer than one day and be more meaningful if New Hampshire dedicates a property on Lake Winnipesaukee to camping for kids, veterans, and veterans' families. In my role as the Senator-Elect for District 2, which includes many towns in the Lakes Region, I support the effort to save Camp Menotomy in Meredith for our children and veterans.

The future of Camp Menotomy, a 95-acre undeveloped property with 4,500 feet of shoreland on Lake Winnipesaukee, is the subject of a court case in Massachusetts. In 1961, the property was placed into the Camp Menotomy Trust with the clear intent that the property be held in trust and remain a camp unless no other organization can be found to utilize the site for camping purposes.

Several news reports and op eds over the past year have outlined the specifics of this story and its legal complexities: a developer signed a purchase and sale agreement with the trustees of the Camp Menotomy Trust, expressing his intent to build luxury homes on the property. The trustees failed to comply with the Trust's terms by first seeing if Camp Menotomy could remain as a camp. At least two camp operators came forward with offers to uphold the mission of the Trust by continuing to run a camp on the property, but the trustees ignored them.

One of these interested camp operators serves veterans and their families, and the other offered to run a nonprofit summer camp for girls just as the property has always been used. My understanding is that the proposed camps could work together to lease the property at different times to continue to operate camps on the property.

I am a retired Army officer and a founder of the Patriot Resilient Leader Institute which runs Camp Resilience retreats for military veterans, first responders, and their loved ones. I am also a founder and President of the Board of Directors of the Lakes Region Veterans Coalition. Thus, I am very familiar and supportive of therapeutic camping experiences for both kids and veterans. Veterans and their families deserve the chance to experience Lake Winnipesaukee and the natural beauty of our Lakes Region at a camp property like Menotomy.

One of my priorities as a Senator for District 2 is to protect the climate and environment so that the communities in the Lakes Region will remain great places to live and visit. Lake Winnipesaukee is a local, regional, and state treasure, but it is clearly overdeveloped now. Putting more houses, driveways, boathouses, septic systems, and lawns on the lake makes no sense when a rustic camp could be used for kids and veterans, with far less of an environmental impact and much more of a humanitarian impact.

Because the land in question is in New Hampshire and there is a Deed that addresses the Trust requirements embedded in it and recorded here in Belknap County, the NH Attorney General should weigh in and prevent the unnecessary forfeiting of the charitable trust. To date, he and his Charitable Trust Division have not done this. I think it is a mistake to let this story play out in Massachusetts with no input from New Hampshire. I respectfully suggest that the Attorney General and his staff step in, and soon.

Executive Councilor Joe Kenney has moved this forward to the Governor and Council level, and, based on my conversations with several incoming Executive Counselors, I am confident that the incoming Council will keep the pressure up when they take office in January. In the meantime, all of us – citizens, newly elected officials, friends and families of veterans - need to speak up and encourage the State of New Hampshire to protect the intent of the Camp Menotomy Trust and do the right thing. Camp Menotomy is a gem worth saving, and continuing it as a camp is a meaningful way to honor our veterans, their families and all future generations of children.

Kurt Weber
Senator-Elect, District 2
Gilford

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It is the sole prerogative of the Editor to determine whether a submission satisfies our requirements and decency standards, and any submission may be rejected at any time for any reason he or she might deem appropriate.

A food drive with curb appeal

WOLFEBORO — Maxfield Real Estate is launching "Fill the House," a community food drive to benefit LIFE Ministries Food Pantry. Now through Dec. 15, residents are invited to drop off nonperishable food donations at any of Maxfield's three offices.

"For more than 70 years, Maxfield's agents have been helping people find a place to call home. This holiday season, we're inviting our neighbors to help us fill one," says agency owner Randy Parker.

Here's how it works: Stop by any of Maxfield's three locations: Wolfeboro (15 Railroad Avenue across from Bradley's Hardware Store), Alton (108 Main St., near Town Hall), or Center Harbor (319 Whittier Highway, across from Ace Hardware) to drop off a non-perishable food donation. For a little extra cheer, come stack your donation in front of the house display at the Wolfeboro office's lobby (see photo above). As donations arrive, they'll fill the space and create a visual reminder of just how much a community can accomplish when everyone pitches in.



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Owners of Maxfield Real Estate Jon and Randy Parker (from left), hope local residents will help "fill the house" in the company's Wolfeboro office (across from Bradley's Hardware Store) with non-perishable food items to benefit the LIFE Ministries Food Pantry. You can also drop off at Maxfield's Alton or Center Harbor offices. "When neighbors help neighbors, everybody wins," Randy said. The Maxfield Real Estate Food Drive runs now through Dec. 15.

REALTOR® Julie Moore, one of the food drive's organizers, reminds folks that they don't have to bring a bag bursting with groceries to make a difference. A couple cans of soup, a box of cereal, a jar of preserves, or a container of garlic powder is fine. Every contribution, big or small, helps LIFE Ministries Food Pantry provide essential support to individuals and families in our community. According to the team at the Pantry, there are some items that are in higher demand around the holidays: boxed scalloped potatoes, boxed stuffing, and gravy. Year round, the most popular and most needed items are saltines, cereal, corned beef hash, cans of tuna and chicken, canned fruit and veggies, and protein shakes.

Maxfield's agents are excited to see the house fill up as the weeks go by and hope they get enough donations to "build an addition." The Maxfield Real Estate food drive will continue through Dec. 15.

Note: The LIFE Ministries Food Pantry is located at 264 South Main St. in Wolfeboro. It is typically open the first and third Wednesday of each month, but in November, the next distribution day will be Monday, Nov. 23. In December, distribution days are Dec. 2 and 16. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. For more information, visit lifeministriesfoodpantry.org, email lifeministriesfoodpantry@gmail.com, or call 603-569-0202.

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Acclaimed Celtic musicians join Clearlakes Chorale for "A Celtic Christmas" in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Some of the finest musicians in the Celtic music world are coming to Wolfeboro Dec. 5 and 6, offering Lakes Region audiences a special opportunity to experience the artistry of four acclaimed instrumentalists alongside the voices of the Clearlakes Chorale.

The Chorale's upcoming concerts, "A Celtic Christmas," will feature Shannon Heaton on Irish flute, whistle and accordion; Eamon Sefton on guitar; Ellery Klein on fiddle; and Torrin Ryan on uilleann pipes. Together with the Chorale, the musicians will bring the sounds, traditions and spirit of Celtic music to life in a heartwarming celebration of the season.

The guest musicians represent an extraordinary collection of talent and experience. Boston-based Shannon Heaton is a celebrated Irish flute player, singer, composer and teacher who has performed on stages across four continents. Twice named Live Ireland's Female Artist of the Year, she received the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Traditional Artist Fellowship in 2016, co-founded Boston's Celtic Music Fest and hosts the "Irish Music Stories" podcast. Her musical work combines a deep respect for Irish tradition with creativity and an inviting approach to sharing the music with audiences.

Guitarist Eamon Sefton has established himself as one of the leading players in the American Celtic music scene. An All-Ireland qualifier, he has performed with renowned musicians including Liz Carroll, Alasdair Fraser, and John Doyle. His international experience includes performing at Celtic Connections in Scotland and appearing on RTÉ's "Fleadh Cheoil 2023." He has also toured with the Irish dance productions Celtic Rhythms and Taste of Ireland.



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Award-winning Uilleann piper Torrin Ryan joins Clearlakes Chorale for "A Celtic Christmas" Dec. 5 and 6 in Wolfeboro.

Fiddler Ellery Klein brings more than three decades of performing experience to the concert. She toured nationally with the acclaimed Irish band Gaelic Storm from 2003 to 2007, earned a master's degree in Traditional Irish Music from the University of Limerick, and performs with Irish trio Fódhla and Celtic ensemble The Bow Tides. Her work spans traditional Irish music and a variety of other musical traditions, and she is also a dedicated music educator.

Uilleann piper Torrin Ryan is an award-winning musician whose accomplishments include two dozen first-place medals in Mid-Atlantic Fleadh competitions and five Senior All-Ireland Fleadh medals earned before the age of 20. Awarded an uilleann piping scholarship from Na Píobairí Uilleann in Dublin at age 14, Ryan has performed throughout the United States, appeared on PBS's "Bluegrass Underground" and Brian O'Donovan's "A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn," and recently released his solo album, "Uilleann Piping from the 'Boros."



COURTESY PHOTO

Irish fiddler (and bike enthusiast!) Ellery Klein joins Clearlakes Chorale for "A Celtic Christmas" Dec. 5 and 6 in Wolfeboro.

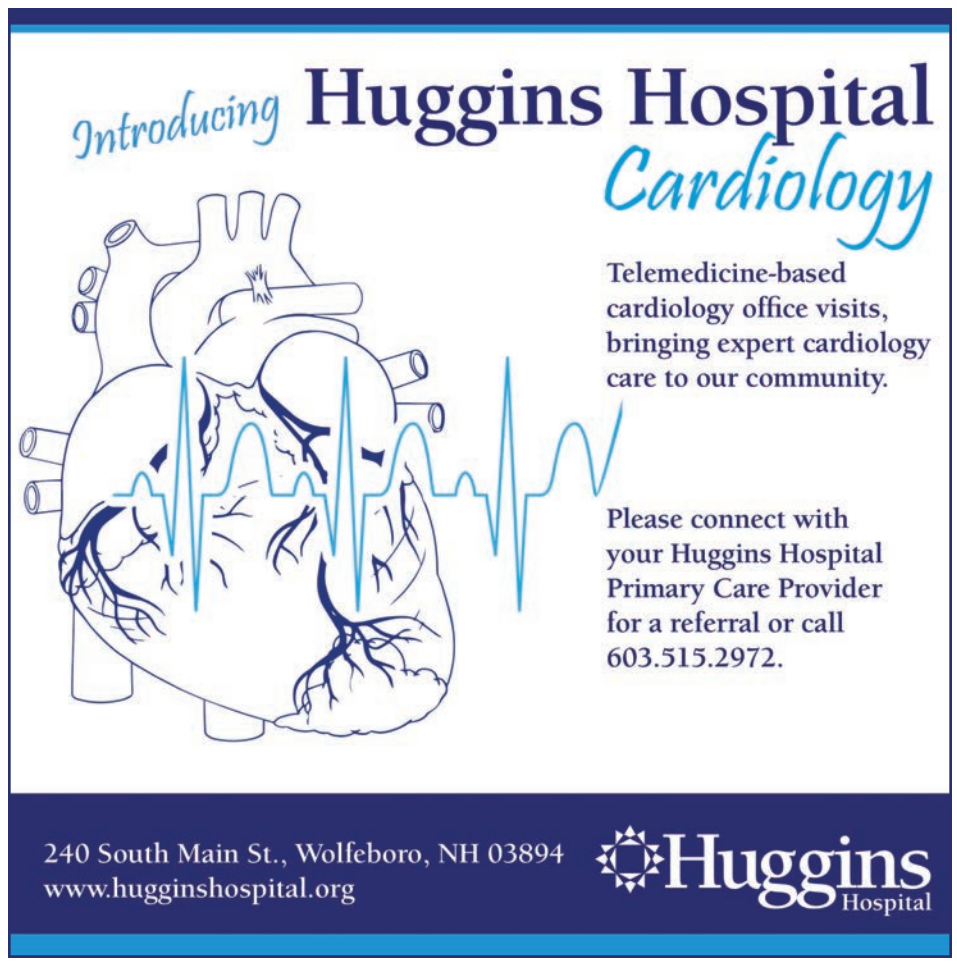
The combination of these musicians' distinctive instruments—the expressive fiddle, rhythmic guitar, haunting uilleann pipes, and the bright sounds of flute, whistle, and accordion—will create a rich musical tapestry accompanying the Chorale's singing of jolly jigs, ancient carols, and lilting lullabies from across the Celtic lands. Audiences will be treated to music from not only Ireland and Scotland, but Wales, Galicia, and the farthest reaches of what is musically considered "Celtic."

"A Celtic Christmas is an opportunity for our community to hear exceptional musicians who have dedicated their lives to this music," said Chorale President Ian Whitmore. "We are thrilled to bring these artists together with Clearlakes Chorale and share a concert that celebrates the beauty, energy, and warmth of Celtic music at Christmastime."

The performances are Saturday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m., at the First Congregational Church, 115 South Main St. in Wolfeboro. Tickets are $25, and children are admitted free. Tickets are available at Black's gift shop in downtown Wolfeboro, online at clearlakeschorale.org, and at the door. As an additional holiday treat, concertgoers will receive a 10% off coupon to Morrisseys' Porch and Pub, valid Dec. 5-13.

For more information and tickets, visit clearlakeschorale.org.

Clearlakes Chorale is a community chorus serving the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Through music, the Chorale brings singers and audiences together to celebrate the joy of singing and the richness of musical traditions.









More than a restoration

A family heirloom finds new life at Makers Mill

WOLFEBORO — If a suitcase could talk, imagine the stories it could tell. Some would be about faraway places and grand adventures. Others might tell stories of hardship, courage, and survival. And some, like an old leather valise brought to Makers Mill in Wolfeboro, would tell the story of a lifetime.

When leatherworker Jenn MacLean first saw the early 20th-century valise, she knew it would be an extraordinary challenge. After decades in an attic, its leather was so dry and deteriorated that it crumbled at the slightest touch. But for the family who brought it to her, the case was irreplaceable. It had belonged to their father, Andrew, and accompanied him through an extraordinary life. They hoped to have it with them when they scattered his ashes at sea.

Andrew was born in Poland in 1928. His comfortable childhood ended in 1939 when Germany invaded Poland from the west and the Soviet Union entered from the east. Andrew, his parents, and his sister were forced to flee, beginning a difficult journey through the Soviet Union and south through Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Iraq, and Syria.

Along the way, the family was often separated but somehow managed to find one another again. At 13, Andrew learned he had been drafted into the Polish Army and was eventually sent to a military school in Palestine through the British Army Education Corps. Meanwhile, a girl in England became his pen pal. Years later, they married, immigrated to the United States, and raised their family in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

The valise traveled with Andrew through much of his life. A Cunard sticker from the Queen Mary, still attached to its side, marked the family's 1956 voyage to America, when Andrew arrived with his wife and daughter to begin working for Westinghouse.

Preserving such a meaningful piece of family history would require patience, research, and considerable skill.

Jenn joined Makers Mill in 2024, bringing a lifetime of experience working with leather. She began learning the craft as a child and later operated a leather business in Newburyport, Massachusetts, making collars and leashes. Today, she leads Makers Mill's Leather Circle, teaching classes, mentoring members, and helping maintain a welcoming workshop where people can learn traditional leatherworking skills.

But even with her experience, Jenn had never encountered leather in such fragile condition.

"When I put it down on the white table it left a mess as if it were turning to dust," Jenn recalled. "I'd never seen leather in this condition, so I told the family that I can't make any promises but I'd do what I could to save it."

The restoration took two and a half months. Jenn spent the first several weeks carefully applying oils and conditioners, gradually bringing enough flexibility back to the leather to begin repairs. She researched the valise's construction, reinforced its weakened structure, and replaced damaged corners with new leather that she carefully distressed to blend with the original.

One of her most thoughtful decisions involved the handle.

"I thought to myself, I can make a whole new handle, but this is what her father held, what he touched—his hand was on this," Jenn explained.

Rather than replacing it, she created a custom wet-molded leather covering, hand-stitched around the original handle to preserve what remained.

"That way, when his daughter carried the case, she would know that she was holding the same piece her father held, and she really liked that thought."

Throughout the project, Jenn understood that she wasn't simply repairing an old suitcase. She was helping a family preserve a tangible connection to someone they loved.



"This valise went everywhere with him," she said. "It was his prized possession, obviously, because the family held onto it. And it was clear how much they adored their father – they beamed when they talked about him."

When Jenn presented the restored valise, the family was overjoyed. The case that had accompanied Andrew through war, separation, immigration, and a lifetime of memories could once again be held and appreciated. Most importantly, it would be with the family as they said their final goodbye.

Projects like this reflect something special about Makers Mill. Beyond its workshops and equipment, the nonprofit brings together people with different skills, experiences, and a willingness to help one another. Members share knowledge, tackle unfamiliar challenges, and discover ways to put their talents to meaningful use.

Jenn's contributions extend well beyond leatherwork. She also teaches adaptive arts, children's programs, and other creative classes, helping people of different ages and abilities discover the satisfaction of making something with their own hands.

What began as one family's request to save a treasured possession became an opportunity to preserve a remarkable story and honor the life behind it.

It's one example of what becomes possible when a community has a place to learn, create, collaborate, and share its skills. Sustaining Makers Mill means sustaining these opportunities, not only for the projects people make, but for the relationships, confidence, and connections that grow along the way.

To learn more about supporting opportunities like this at Makers Mill, visit makersmill.org/support.

Makers Mill is a nonprofit community makerspace and vocation hub located at 23 Bay Street in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. Through hands-on classes, shared workshops, community programs, and volunteer opportunities, Makers Mill brings people together to discover, cultivate, and share their unique gifts and skills. Free tours are offered every Friday and the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Learn more at makersmill.org.

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round out our sound would include the harmonica, fiddle, mandolin, etc. (Unfortunately, horns and other instruments that can't be played softly would overpower our softer sounding instruments.) We play various kinds of songs including folk, country, Irish, rock, and more. Sessions are very informal, and the goals are to meet people, share skills, and have fun. Check the calendar on the library website to confirm dates. Please join us!

Our Read the Room Book Club (ages 18 and up) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (Dec. 2), from 6-7:30 p.m. This month's book will be "A Psalm for the Wild-Built" by Becky Chambers. Next month's book will be "Cultish" by Amanda Montell. Books are available at the library. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

Calling all Mahjong fans - come join us at the library! Players meet the first (Dec. 3) and third (Dec. 17) Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. No registration or expertise required. Please note that we play the Chinese version, not the American one.

NEW! Join us on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m., for the first meeting of Booked for Investigation: A True Crime Book Club (18 and up). Each month, we'll explore a fascinating true crime book, listen to a related podcast, examine the known evidence, and discuss theories and unanswered questions. Our first book is "The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper" by Hallie Rubenhold. Copies can be picked up at the library. Curious minds and armchair detectives are all welcome—come ready to discuss the book and follow the clues!

On Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m., OFML is hosting a NH Humanities presentation: "Songs of Old New Hampshire" by Jeff Warner. Drawing heavily on the repertoire of traditional singer Lena Bourne Fish (1873-1945) of Jaffrey and Temple, NH, Jeff Warner offers the songs and stories that, in the words of Carl Sandburg, tell us "where we came from and what brought us along." These ballads, love songs and comic pieces reveal the experiences and emotions of daily life in the days before movies, sound recordings, and, for some, books. Songs from the lumber camps, the decks of sailing ships, the textile mills, and the war between the sexes offer views of pre-industrial New England and a chance to hear living artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries. Registration is required.

On Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m., join us for a Festive Animal Tote Bag crafting program. Come hand sew your very own festive animal tote bag! All supplies are included, and light refreshments will be served. Registration is required, so please contact the library to secure a spot. This program is intended for older teens and adults.

New! We are starting a Chess Club! Join us at the library every second (Dec. 10) and fourth Thursday (we will not have Chess Club on this day due to the holiday) of the month at 6 p.m. No registration required–this is a drop-in program hosted in the adult fiction area. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Please bring your own board if you have one, or use one of ours!

Hey, tweens and teens, it's that time of the year again! On Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m., join Leah from Cookie Bear Baking to learn the techniques for decorating beautiful holiday cookies and practice on a set of your own to take home! Ages 10 and up. Registration is required.

We're hosting a special Storytime with Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m.! Grown-ups, if you can, please bring a wrapped new or gently used book to exchange after story time. But in case you forget we will have extras on hand.

New! Introducing Young Readers Book and Art Club! Held the third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. (Dec. 16), this program is designed for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their favorite books and enjoy crafts or art activities. Light refreshments will be provided.

On Thursday, Dec. 17 (temporary day change: we typically meet the last Thursday of the month, but that's Christmas Eve this month!), from 6:30-8 p.m., join us for Books & Banter. Read what you want, then come talk about it! Books & Banter is an 18+ book club with no assigned reading. Discuss whatever you've been enjoying lately, whether it's new, old, borrowed, or rediscovered. Share what stood out, hear what others are reading, and find your next great recommendation in good company.

Our "Let's Write a Novel!" writing group is looking for fresh faces (16 and up) to join our "Hero's Journey" experience. This structured group will help take your MG, YA, NA, or Adult story idea from concept to can-do! This class runs 6-7:30 p.m., typically on the last Friday of the month, but will meet early this month due to the holiday (Dec. 18). No writing experience necessary.

For events that require registration, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofml-staff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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From backyard herbs to winter remedies

Farmstead Herbals brings two November workshops to Makers Mill

WOLFEBORO — More than a decade after teaching herbal salve workshops with G.A.L.A., the organization now known as Makers Mill, local herbalist Jessica Cole is returning to share her love of plants, traditional herbal medicine, and hands-on learning through two November workshops.

Cole previously operated Sumner Brook Herbals, offering small-batch herbal preparations at the Wolfeboro Farmers Market, including her popular Chaga Chai tea and memorably named "Bug Free or Die" bug spray. After stepping away from selling her products while raising her three children, she's returning to her herbal work under a new name, Farmstead Herbals.

Her small-batch herbal teas, seasonal syrups, and other preparations are currently available exclusively at Makers Mill, where she's also beginning to share her knowledge through a new series of classes..

And with winter just around the corner, the timing couldn't be better.

"The plants are all around us, and there is so much to learn and prepare from the herbs growing right in our own backyards," says Cole. "When we learn to safely and mindfully harvest and use the plants around us, we can support our well-being and connect more deeply with the natural world. Even just smelling the flowers and herbs is medicine!"



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Herbalist Jessica Cole leads a hands-on herbal salve workshop in 2014, when Makers Mill was known as G.A.L.A. More than a decade later, Cole returns to teach two November workshops exploring medicinal roots, winter syrups, and herbal teas. Photo courtesy of Makers Mill.

Cole's approach to herbalism is practical and approachable. You don't need an elaborate herb garden or a cabinet full of unfamiliar ingredients to get started. Sometimes, the first step is simply learning to recognize what's already growing nearby.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cole will lead "Backyard Herbalism: Medicinal Roots & Winter Syrups." Participants will explore traditional uses of roots such as astragalus, echinacea, burdock, dandelion, and yellow dock, along with plant identification, sustainable harvesting, preparation, and herbal syrup-making.

The following Sunday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cole will offer "Backyard Herbalism: Winter Teas for Health & Calm."

And who couldn't use a little more calm during the busy holiday season?

This cozy, hands-on workshop explores herbs traditionally used for relaxation and seasonal wellness, including nettle, lemon balm, holy basil, hops, motherwort, and milky oats. Participants will sample herbal teas, learn blending techniques, and create a personalized winter tea blend to take home.

For Cole, herbalism is about more than making remedies. It's about slowing down, paying attention to the seasons, and rediscovering the relationship between people and plants.

After studying Environmental Education, Cole became a certified herbalist through Greenwood Herbals in Limerick, Maine. Through Farmstead Herbals, she creates small-batch herbal preparations inspired by traditional plant medicine and a lifelong love of plants and seasonal living.

Both workshops welcome beginners and anyone curious about herbs. Through hands-on learning, participants can explore traditional plant knowledge, develop practical skills, and connect with the plants growing around them, reflecting Makers Mill's mission of learning and sharing together..

Space is limited, and advance registration is encouraged. Find class details and register at makersmill.org/herbs. For questions about the workshops, contact Cole at jess@farmsteadherbals.com.

Meet Jessica and explore her Farmstead Herbals products at Makers Mill's Holiday Market & Open House on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1–4 p.m.

Makers Mill is a nonprofit community makerspace and vocation hub located at 23 Bay Street in Wolfeboro, offering hands-on classes, shared workshops, and opportunities to learn, create, and connect.

Colonial Theatre partners with NH Food Bank to fight hunger

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre is partnering with the New Hampshire Food Bank to host a food drive supporting individuals and families experiencing food insecurity throughout New Hampshire.

Guests are encouraged to support the food drive by donating non-perishable food items to help nourish neighbors in need. Donations can be dropped off in the brown donation box located in the Colonial Theatre lobby, Monday through Friday during box office hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or while attending one of Colonial Theatre's shows, listed below.

The New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, is the state's only food bank, supplying millions of pounds of food annually to more than 400 partner agencies, including food pantries, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, children's programs, and senior centers. Through this statewide network, the Food Bank helps provide essential food resources to communities across all 10 New Hampshire counties.

The most-needed items include canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna and chicken, beans and lentils, whole-grain pasta and rice, rolled oats, peanut butter and other nut butters, shelf-stable milk and non-dairy milk, and 100 percent fruit juice. Low-sodium and no-added-sugar options are especially encouraged when available.

Through this partnership, Colonial Theatre is proud to help support the New Hampshire Food Bank's mission to alleviate food insecurity, nourish communities, and work toward a hunger-free New Hampshire where all Granite Staters have access to the food they need to thrive.

Food Drive will run through the following Colonial Theatre events:

Safe Haven Ballet Presents The Nutcracker – Sunday, Nov. 29

For more information about the food drive, please contact Colonial-Laconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

New Hampshire Food Bank

The New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, has been working to relieve hunger in the Granite State since 1984. In 2025, as the state's only food bank, the New Hampshire Food Bank efficiently procured and distributed more than 20 million pounds of food to people experiencing hunger through more than 400 partner agencies. Agencies include food pantries, neighborhood centers, low-income housing sites, senior nutrition centers, family crisis centers, hospices, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, after school programs and day care centers. In addition to food distribution, the NH Food Bank leads innovative programming that helps fight the root causes of hunger.

Spectacle Live

Spectacle Live's mission is to create connections that make exceptional live experiences happen. Founded in 2012 and headquartered in Chelmsford, Mass., Spectacle Live is a live event and venue management company specializing in performing arts centers across the Northeast. The company partners with municipalities and arts organizations throughout New England to provide comprehensive services, including venue operations, marketing and promotion, booking and talent buying, ticketing, food and beverage management, technical production, and consulting. Spectacle Live currently works with more than a dozen venues across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, presenting a diverse range of events from concerts and comedy to theater and family entertainment. For more information, visit www.spectaclelive.com or contact Pete Lally at plally@spectaclelive.com or 617-531-1257.

Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Huggins Hospital, Medical Arts Conference Room/Education Center, 240 South Main St. in Wolfeboro.

Join us and connect with other family caregivers, while enjoying an opportunity to unwind and have discussions rich in empathy and resources.

Pre-registration is not required. When entering, use Christian Ridge Road for rear parking. For more information, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 85664 or visit www.granitevna.org. This program is offered at no charge.

About Granite VNA

Granite VNA is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in 72 communities across the Greater Capital Region and Central New Hampshire by providing home care, hospice care, pediatric and maternal child health services, and wellness programming. The agency has offices in Concord, Laconia and Wolfeboro. Formed through the merger of Concord Regional VNA and Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, Granite VNA has served New Hampshire since 1899. For more information about Granite VNA, visit www.granitevna.org.

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Alton	19 Leigh Dr.	Single-Family Residence	$450,000	Dona Decareau	Collin Warner Edminster
Alton	98 Loon Cove Rd.	Res.-Mtl. Bldg.	$2,045,000	Howard Fiscal Trust and Karin Lee Howard	Peter Anthony and Jill Marie Caputo
Alton	117 Mt. Major Highway	N/A	$1,075,000	William and Maryelyn O'Brien	Matthew David Tremblay and Melissa Reddy-Tremblay
Alton	Route Unit 28A	N/A	$419,933	Asj Holdings LLC	David R. Fournier and Janice M. Akins-Fournier
Alton	6 Viewland Ct.	N/A	$1,097,333	Viewland Campground LLC	Dfm Development LLC
Alton	N/A (Lot 9)	N/A	$749,000	Catherine Sirois RET	Melissa Paige and Cameron Armstrong
Barnstead	24 W. Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	$145,000	Dorothea J. Vocino IRT and Leona M. Vocino	Wayne S. Dennison RET
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	$499,933	Dallaire RET 2023 and Maureen Dallaire	Hailey G. and Ricky A. Senter, Jr.
Gilford	Annis Circle	N/A	$225,000	Pilot Realty LLC	Lyza LLC
Gilford	131 Lake St.	Other Exempt	$150,000	Marc and Kimberly Cortino	David L. and Debra A. Wedge
Gilford	118 Weirs Blvd.	N/A	$245,000	David and Fawn Whitney	David A. and Susan E. Puente-Duany
Gilford	N/A (Lot 3)	N/A	$1,789,000	Appalachian Trail Prop. LLC	12 Artisan LLC

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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Maxfield hosts free gingerbread fun

WOLFEBORO — Before the crowds line the streets for Wolfeboro's beloved Christmas parade, families are invited to stop by Maxfield Real Estate for a little holiday creativity—and a whole lot of frosting.

Maxfield Real Estate is hosting a free Gingerbread House Decorating event on Saturday, Nov. 28, from noon to 3 p.m. at its Wolfeboro office, 15 Railroad Ave., across from Bradley's Hardware. The festive afternoon is open to everyone, especially kids who are ready to turn candy, frosting, and a little imagination into their own holiday masterpiece.

"We get a little giddy about this activity," says organizer Julie Moore, REALTOR®. "There's just something about decorating a gingerbread house that brings out the creativity—and the fun—in everyone."

Maxfield will provide pre-built mini gingerbread houses, frosting, and plenty of candy. Participants bring their imagination, decorate their creations, and then take their gingerbread houses home to enjoy—or proudly display throughout the holiday season.

The timing couldn't be sweeter. With Wolfeboro's popular Christmas parade taking place later in the day, families can make gingerbread decorating part of their holiday outing before heading downtown to enjoy the parade and tree lighting.

And while the frosting and candy are sure to be a big draw, Maxfield is also giving visitors an opportunity to spread a little holiday kindness. The office is currently collecting nonperishable food donations for its "Fill the House" Community Food Drive, benefiting LIFE Ministries Food Pantry. Anyone attending the gingerbread event is welcome to bring a donation and drop it off at the office. But no donation is necessary to participate. The gingerbread house decorating event is completely FREE, and everyone is welcome!

So come on in, get a little frosting on your fingers, make some holiday memories, and kick off Wolfeboro's Christmas celebration with Maxfield Real Estate.



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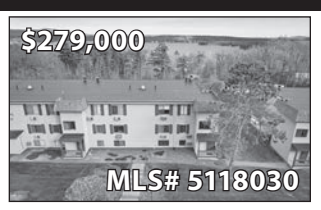

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Prospect Mountain's Amelia Gentile was named Division III All-State Honorable Mention as a midfielder.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Mckenna Howard finished off her high school soccer career by earning Division II All-State Honorable Mention.

SOCCER

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vens, Amely Collado of Trinity, Maddy Paolino of Derryfield and Lia Chapin of Hopkinton, midfielders Gemma Guadagno of Hopkinton, Zoey Friesen of Stevens, Emily Ouellette of Campbell and Addison Pekalsky of Raymond and forwards Amelia LaPlante of Campbell and Eleanor Brewitt of Raymond.

Also earning Honorable Mention were goalies Lia Freeman of Bishop Brady, Clara Johnson of Derryfield, Molly Gray of Mascoma, Gracie Dean of Monadnock and Gabby St. Cyr of Sanborn, defenders Kendall Asara of Campbell, Sarah Yzzogh of Derryfield, Pippa Lang and Brooke Pickering of Hopkinton, Madden Huff of Kearsarge, Daizey Shute of Laconia, Amelia Cintron of Monadnock and Lily Markee of Sanborn, midfielders Kaylie Geiger and Ashlynn Guay of Campbell, Ella Desrosier of Conant, Emma Sloper and Mackenzie Edmonson of Derryfield, Suzie Tiebout of Fall Mountain, Bella Collins of Kearsarge, Ellen Valovanie of Laconia, Montana Ballard and Karley Hollis of Mascoma, Jasmine Nagle of Monadnock, Ellie Rankin of Sanborn and Olivia Arnois and Olivia Pearson of Trinity and forwards Gabby Jackson of Bishop Brady, Kalie Ainslie of Hillsboro-Deering, Avery Chase of Hopkinton, Isabella Gott of Raymond and Lizzy Bristol of Sanborn.

Rick Morgan of Pelham was named the Division III Coach of the Year and Haley Brook of Kearsarge was named JV Coach of the Year.

In Division IV, First Team honors went to Groveton goalie Lucia Garcia, Profile defender Izzy Lawton and midfielder Caitlin Detamore and Lisbon forward Ellie Wilcox. Second Team honors went to Groveton defender Sophia Kenison and midfielder Addison Hamilton, Lin-Wood defender Ali Oddis and forward Caroline Hiltz and Littleton defender Tessa Grabowski. Earning Honorable Mention were Lin-Wood defender Penelope Weeden and midfielder Greta Krill, Littleton midfielder Nevaeh Monahan and forward Leah Poulton, Moultonborough midfielders Molly Sturgeon and Ally Gleeson, Woodsville midfielder Brooke Loud, Gorham forward Lilah Howard, Groveton forward Molly Deblois, Lisbon forward Arya Kimball and Profile forward Ella Torres.

Lucia Garcia, Addison Hamilton and Kara Hamilton of Groveton, Hazel Schuft and Lilah Howard of Gorham and Sarah Caron and Dena-Marie Presby of Profile all earned All-Tournament Team honors.

Also earning First Team honors were defenders Lydia Edgerly of Newmarket, Ruthie Sherrill of Portsmouth Christian and Maya Bourque of Sunapee, midfielders Jaela Stockbower (Player of the Year) and Sophie Anderson of Portsmouth Christian and Avery Szelog of Newmarket and forwards Sylvie Wamberg and Tilly Arico of Portsmouth Christian.

Second Team honors were also presented to goalie Avery Miller of Sunapee, defender Paige Sweitzer of Newmarket, midfielders Alyvia Jaimes of Pittsburg-Canaan and Rayelle Nester and Zoe McClelland of Sunapee and forwards Kaitlyn Anderson of Sunapee and Dimitra Zygouri of Newmarket.

Also earning First Team honors were goalies Cambri Hubbard of Hinsdale, Raygen Couch of Pittsburg-Canaan and Eliza Arwood of Portsmouth Christian, defenders Lindsey Eldridge of Colebrook, Annabelle Syvertson of Concord Christian, Alanna Hackett of Epping, Clarie Thibault of Holy Family, Lily Moore of Mount Royal, Laylnn Sierad of Pittsburg-Canaan and Katherine Schuster of Pittsfield, midfielders Addison Waters of Epping, Lucy Treece of Mount Royal and Cora Daley of Pittsburg-Canaan and forwards Ryenn Pedone of Holy Family, Jubilee Tremblay of Mount Royal, Lizzie Deloge of Newmarket and Callie Gauthier of Wilton-Lyndborough.

Gorham's Karyssa Lachance was named the Division IV Coach of the Year while Annaliese Schmidt of Newmarket was named JV Coach of the Year.

In Division II, Kingswood defender Norah Pelletier was named First Team All-State while Second Team honors went to Kennett goalie Sara Boewe, defender Letty Zipf and midfielder Summer Laine and Plymouth defender Mikayla Walker and Honorable Mention was presented to Plymouth goalie Emma Franz and defender Shelby McDonald and Kingswood midfielder Taylor Allar.

Joining Pelletier in earning First Team honors were goalie Delaney Barber of Milford, defenders Zoey Lupien of Bow, Adrienne Thibault of Hollis-Brookline and Maya Remella of Milford, midfielders Kinsley Matis of Milford, Kai Swart of Hollis-Brookline, Avery Pellerin of John Stark and Marissa Reyes of Bow and forwards Madison Lamothe of John Stark (Player of the Year), Cara Van Dyke of Bow and Livie Ward of Hollis-Brookline.

Also earning Second Team honors were defenders Giuliana Davis of Pembroke and Carissa Littlefield of Souhegan, midfielders Lily Ricci of Pembroke, Lila Gray of Merrimack Valley and Lily Royer of Pembroke and forwards Ava Alberico of Pembroke, Ellie Escabi of Coe-Brown and Mallory Baker of St. Thomas.

Honorable Mention was also presented to goalie Ally Desrochers of Manchester Memorial, defenders Lexi Purington of John Stark, Avery Niquette of Milford, Catherine Robinson of Oyster River and Ansley Ball of St. Thomas, midfielders Jolee Trudel of Bow, Gia Lothrop of ConVal and Brenna Crean of John Stark and forwards Samantha Disco of Hollis-Brookline, Rowan Landry of Lebanon, Paige Bemis of Pembroke and Fiona Nolan of St. Thomas.

Kennett coach Scott Laine was named the Division II Coach of the Year while Glenn Peck of ConVal was named the JV Coach of the Year.

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LEGALS

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, December 8, 2026

7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL & ZOOM

Lake Winnipesaukee Resort LLC

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM for Case #2026-009. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Joshua P. Lanzetta, of Bruton & Berube, PLLC, on behalf of Lake Winnipesaukee Resort, LLC, for property located at 250 Winnipesaukee Drive, Map 206, Lot 028 in the Residential-Agricultural-Recreational Zoning District, the Steep Slopes Conservation District, and in the Aquifer Protection and Wetlands Conservation Overlays. The applicants are requesting a Special Exception to construct tennis and pickleball courts with an accessory restroom and storage building, and two swimming pools with a bathhouse, as amenities to the existing golf course.

The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review by appointment by calling (603) 859-2091 ext. 2007. You can also contact via email: ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov

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Cusson Family Trust

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM for Case #2026-007. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by John L. Arnold of Orr & Reno, on behalf of Cusson Family Trust for property located at Pine Point Road, Map 220, Lot 009. The applicants are requesting an Appeal from an Administrative Decision regarding a Variance to Article V. B. Dimensional Requirements. The following dimensional requirements shall apply to land within the Town of New Durham, which states: 1. Except as noted below, all lots shall have frontage on a Class V or better road meeting the requirements for road frontage of this ordinance. Any subdivision approval of such a lot or lots must pass a percolation test and have state approval for a septic facility prior to a building permit to be issued.

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Holy Rosary Credit Union

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM for Case #2026-008. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Francis X. Bruton, III, of Bruton & Berube, PLLC, on behalf of Holy Rosary Credit Union for property located at 69 Route 11, Map 251, Lot 025 in the Residential-Agricultural-Recreational Zoning District. The applicants are requesting a Special Exception to construct an interactive teller machine (ITM) on the property owned by F & P NH Property, LLC.

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Taylor, Gorton earn golf All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — With the conclusion of the fall sports season, the golf coaches in Division II and Division III announced their selections for All-State honors.

In Division III, Belmont's Max Ryder earned Second Team honors while Honorable Mention went to Belmont's Jordan DeFrancesco, Gilford's Andy Taylor and Prospect Mountain's Gavin Gorton.

Earning First Team honors for Division III were Mady Savary (Player of the Year) and Chase Connor of Bishop Brady, Caleb Skoog of Laconia, Hazen Wathers of Kearsarge, Tim Currier of Campbell, Keith Townsend of Derryfield and Garrett Clark of Monadnock.

Joining Ryder in earning Second Team honors were Henry Gardner of Derryfield, Maddie Giampa of Pelham, Perry Lund of Fall Mountain, Keirnan Farnham of Campbell, Cooper Gelinas of Hillsboro-Deering and Joe Rawnsley of Bishop Brady.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Ryan Maxwell of Derryfield, Jake Landry of Campbell, Carson Bruggis of Fall Mountain, Isaac Knox and Madden Gagnon of Kearsage, John Hermann of Trinity, Luke Bedard of Bishop Brady and Kiernan Fitzgerald of Monadnock.

Bubba Williams of Kearsarge was named the Division III Coach of the Year.

In Division II, Plymouth's Ross Smith earned Second Team honors while teammates Andrew Butson and Braeden McCoil each earned Honorable Mention.

Earning First Team honors in Division II were Ryan Allard (Player of the Year), Cooper Coate and Finn Perry of St. Thomas, Jacob Gancarz of Bow, Joey Alvarez of Oyster River, Ian Kaveney and Jake Wilson of Souhegan and Matt Howie and Ben George of Hollis-Brookline.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Gilford's Andy Taylor earned Division III All-State Honorable Mention for the fall season on the links.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Gavin Gorton of Prospect Mountain was named Division III All-State Honorable Mention for his season.

Joining Smith in earning Second Team honors were Andrew Bernsden and Erikson Lowery of Lebanon, Yash Joglekar of Oyster River, Alex Perry of Bow, Patrick Bryson of Souhegan, Jackson Quinn of Alvirne and Connor Carson of John Stark.

Joining Butson and McCoil in earning Honorable Mention were Logan McCullen of Merrimack Valley, Kendall Wishart of St. Thomas and Colbin Barker and Andrew Fitzgerald of Pembroke Academy.

Den Coffey of St. Thomas was named the Division II Coach of the Year.

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Wolfeboro Centre Community Church celebrates completion of LCHIP-funded project



WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro Centre Community Church Board of Directors is pleased to announce the completion of a $ 42,000 preservation project. The project was funded in part by a grant from New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), which requires recipients to provide at least $1 in matching funds for every grant dollar awarded. The project secured $ 32,000 in additional grants and donations and included a new roof and shutters, chimney repairs, and exterior painting.

"We are delighted to complete this important work to preserve and enhance our historic building," said Nancy Black, president of the Board of Directors. "The $10,000.00 LCHIP award was essential to securing additional donations. With the church exterior now rehabilitated, the building is well positioned for the foreseeable future."

Local contractors carried out the restoration work. Richard Cousins from Ossipee repaired and rebuilt the chimney with water-struck bricks from Maine. JMS Roofing in Wolfeboro installed asphalt shingles chosen to match the previous roof color. Make It Pretty Painting scraped and repainted the exterior of the church in a historically appropriate yellowish white used in the mid 1800s. Beach River Mill in Ossipee reproduced and painted the shutters to match the originals.

About the Wolfeboro Centre Community Church

Located on Route 109 near Wolfeboro's geographic center, Wolfeboro Centre Community Church reflects the area's rich history. In the mid-1800s, the surrounding community included a school, blacksmith shop, cooper's shop, sawmill, and Wolfeboro's first meetinghouse. Founded in 1841, the church was financed through pew sales and built by the early members. It remains one of eastern New Hampshire's least-altered 19th-century community churches and one of the few historic churches still in use. The building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

Ongoing preservation needs continue, including future foundation repair, window restoration, interior painting, and landscaping. The church is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are welcome. For information about supporting these projects, using the historic church for baptisms, weddings, art shows, concerts, discussion groups, or other events; or to join the mailing list, contact the Board of Directors at wccc1841@gmail.com, c/o PO Box 449, Wolfeboro, NH 03894, or 603-569-5463. Follow Wolfeboro Centre Community Church on Facebook.

About New Hampshire's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program

The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) is an independent state authority that awards matching grants to municipalities and nonprofits. These grants preserve New Hampshire's most important natural, cultural, and historic resources and support their contributions to the state's economy, environment, and quality of life. LCHIP is funded by a $25 fee assessed when deeds, mortgages, and plans are recorded at the state's 10 registries of deeds.

Since 2001, LCHIP has awarded 615 grants totaling more than $65 million. As of July 2024, those investments have helped conserve 246,000 acres and rehabilitate 184 historic structures in 204 New Hampshire communities. Learn more at LCHIP.org, or follow LCHIP_NH on Instagram and Facebook.



