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Raider boys upset Gilford in playoff opener

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD— Inches. A matter of inches is what made the difference in the opening round of the Division III boys' soccer tournament in Gilford on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Belmont's Nathan Allard stuck out his foot and with the tip of his foot redirected a cross from Keegan Martinez into the net with less than 12 minutes to go in the game to lift the 11th seeded Belmont Red Raiders to a 1-0 win over the sixth-seeded Gilford Golden Eagles and into the Division III quarter-finals.

"It makes everything we did this season, all of the heartache, all of the tough losses and the tough times, it makes all



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Gilford's Jared Beale and Belmont's Wyatt Bamford go after the ball during action last Wednesday afternoon in Gilford.

shot on net that Gilford goalie Gavin Forest handled. Aiden Burnham made a run for the hosts that was stopped by Carroll and then had a bid that was turned away by Belmont's Landon Bormes. Martinez sent a shot over the top of the net and Anthony Burnham sent a direct kick in to Micah Javalgi, which was stopped by Embree.

Waldron had a long direct kick stopped by Forest and then Brady Fysh then missed connecting with Waldron on a chance that was cleared by Jared Beale for the Golden Eagles. Carroll made a nice defensive stop on Aiden Burnham and Anthony Burnham sent a direct kick wide of the net. Fysh sent a nice ball up to Kyle Waldron for a chance and Martinez had a bid denied by Forest.

Anthony Burnham sent a shot over the top of the net and Sam Slayton had a bid for the Raiders that Forest stopped.

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Northfield man pleads guilty to attempting to receive methamphetamine through mail

CONCORD — A Northfield man pleaded guilty in federal court in connection with his attempt to receive two packages of methamphetamine through the United States Postal Service, U.S. Attorney Jane E. Young announces.

Joseph Crawford, 33, pleaded guilty to attempted possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. U.S. District Court Judge Landya McCafferty scheduled sentencing for Feb. 24, 2025.

On July 5 and July 19, 2023, the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") flagged suspicious packages addressed to Joseph Crawford at an address in Northfield, New Hampshire, sent from California. USPIS obtained search warrants for both packages. The searches revealed a total of more than two pounds of methamphetamine.

The charging statute provides a maximum prison term of 20 years, a maximum fine of \$1,000,000, and at least 3 years of supervised release. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

The USPIS Boston Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration led the investigation. The New Hampshire State Police, Claremont Police Department, and the Lebanon Police Department provided valuable assistance. Assistant United States Attorney Heather A. Cherniske prosecuted the case.

that worth it," said Belmont coach Mike Foley. "They played the game we played the last time we played them (scoreless tie), it was a great back and forth game."

"It's a cruel game some days," said first-year Gilford coach Kev-

in Shaw. "It was a real tough draw, Belmont played really well at the end of the season."

Both teams had some early chances, with Gilford's Anthony Burnham getting a direct kick and sending in another ball that Jaxson Embree

handled in the Belmont net. Owen Waldron had a shot blocked for the Raiders and Belmont had the game's first corner but could not convert.

Brady Thurber just missed connecting with Allard on a chance and Wyatt Carroll headed a

Unitarian Universalist Congregational of Franklin welcomes Rev. Michael Hall

FRANKLIN — The Rev. Michael F. Hall comes to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Franklin (UUCF) after 12 years of settled ministry at the Keene Unitarian Universalist Church.

During his time in Keene, Rev. Hall served as chair of the Keene Interfaith Clergy, the United Campus Ministry to Keene State College and was a member of the City of Keene's Martin Luther King/Jonathan Daniels Committee (now the Human Rights Committee). Michael participated in the presentation, "Learn, Love, Act: The Morals of the Minimum Wage" at the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in Providence, R.I. in 2014.



Rev. Michael F. Hall

During one sabbatical, Rev. Hall spent much of his time studying historical Universalism in the Monadnock Region and focused on contemplative practices and building a model for

spirituality centered in the captivating, restorative powers of Nature. He deepened his own contemplative practice as part of the first class of the Genesis School for Contemplative Liv-

ing in Westfield, Mass. A second sabbatical was centered on pilgrimages: formal and informal, healing and challenging, and how they fit into the ultimate pilgrimage—life itself.

Hall is a native of the Bay State. His first career was in "living history" at a well-known museum in Plymouth, Mass., where he portrayed many of the so-called "Pilgrims," and trained newcomers in the art and craft of historical "interpretation." He also spent several years as a Case Manager on the Dual Diagnosis Unit of High Point Treatment Center where, among other duties, he developed spirituality-based group ther-

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Sanbornton Central School gives back to community

SANBORNTON — School students and staff make a positive impact on their community. The Sanbornton Central recently came together to



annual Harvest Hustle, a beloved tradition spanning more than 20 years, encourages students to collect non-perishable food items throughout October.

Past Harvest Hustles have yielded impressive results, ranging from 500 to 1,350 pounds of food. This year, the school aimed to surpass the 550 pounds collected last year and were successful with more than 700 pounds of food gathered. Students diligently collected and bagged food donations,

then eagerly carried them to the Sanbornton Library where they were gratefully received by volunteers from the First Fruits Food Pantry.

Parents joined the fun by lining the walkway and cheering on the students as they hustled to and from the Library to drop off the donations. The students loved seeing their parents and getting encouragement along the way.

Principal Jason Javalgi expressed his gratitude, stating, "I want to thank

Mrs. Kellie Allen for her exceptional planning and organization, our dedicated faculty and staff, our generous community members, and our hard-working students. It's events like these that truly highlight the power of community."

After their efforts, students were rewarded with a fall-themed snack, provided by generous parents and community members. This sweet treat was a fitting end to a day of giving and caring.

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Pictured a left are staff members Andrew Veillex, Julie Swain, Renee Bartley, Jackie Blake, Kellie Allen, and Linda Parsons prepare the bags for the students; Students and staff enjoy the walk to the Library as parents cheer them on; First Fruits Food Pantry volunteers graciously accept the donations from the students.

Dobbins returns to host third “Living Room” session at The Loft



MEREDITH — The partnership between Katie Dobbins Music (Gilford) and Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith) announces the third show in a format that seeks to connect musicians with audiences in a warm, inviting setting to bring a deeper understanding of the people behind the music they create. Hosted by local singer-songwriter Katie Dobbins, these shows deliver an intimate evening of music and entertainment. Guests will feel like the artists are right in their own living room while enjoying a nice night out including a full tasty menu by Sweet Mercy and delightful Hermit Woods wine.

On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Hermit Woods Winery will welcome tour-

ing Canadian-American singer-songwriter Rachel Kilgour to The Loft Listening Room for this unique “Loft Living Room Session” show experience. The evening will begin with a short opening set by award-winning New Hampshire artist Katie Dobbins who will then invite Rachel to join her on the stage couch for a couple of songs and conversation about their music and what life is like on the road. The evening will culminate with a highly anticipated performance by this acclaimed guest artist.

Canadian-American songwriter Rachael Kilgour will be sharing songs from her heartfelt new release, “My Father Loved Me.” The album was recorded in her late

father’s native Ontario and was produced by JUNO-award winning and Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Rose Cousins. In the spare and often gutting language for which she is known, Kilgour provides a complex portrait of a man seen through his daughter’s eyes. The record poses questions about belonging, inheritance, and grief and triumphantly affirms the value of one ordinary working man’s life.

On stage Kilgour expertly balances her poignant, literate songs with her quick wit, landing somewhere between a comedy special and a funeral. Listeners can expect to laugh, weep, and reflect on their own relationships with fatherhood, mortality and

grief. Kilgour was the 2015 Grand Prize Winner of the NewSong Music Competition and a 2017 Kerrville New Folk Contest Winner, and has been featured at New York City’s Lincoln Center and The Kennedy Center in Washington DC. Her oft-noted “unapologetic lyrics” (Rolling Stone) and “master crafted indie folk” sensibilities (Billboard) are on full display in her latest collection of delicately woven songs.

Don’t miss your chance to come see this artist live and hear more about her musical journey in this special Hermit Woods’ Loft Living Room Session experience.

Complimentary wine tasting at 5:30 p.m., Loft doors open at 6 p.m.,

opening set by Katie Dobbins at 6:30 p.m., Living Room Session Show at 7 p.m. Tickets, which include a complimentary pre-show wine tasting,

range from \$12 to \$18 and are available on the Hermit Woods Winery website or for purchase at the door.

Around and About Tilton

BY GREGG DEVOLDER

Hello, and welcome back.

Well, it was another quiet week for meetings, but I did have a chance to watch the Budget Committee in action. It was nearly three hours long, that’s a lot of number crunching. Thank goodness there are folks willing to take these roles on for us. Our Finance Director did an excellent PowerPoint presentation at the beginning of the meeting. It’s about twenty minutes long and will give you a high level run down by department should you want greater details. If you really want to get in the weeds, they spent the next two-plus hours reviewing each line item.

Here’s a few of the highlights from what I heard. Please understand we’re in the early stages of the process and I’m sure the numbers will jump around a fair amount. Public Works is down 2.3 percent, Tax Clerk and Tax Collector up 1 percent, Police up 8.3 percent, Land Use up 8 percent, Culture and Recreation up 10 percent, Health and Welfare up 11 percent, Administration up one percent, Finance down 8.3 percent, IT up 3.9 percent, and Outside Agencies up a whopping 16.9 percent. The trend is not your friend here as most departments are submitting increases. Not that this should surprise anyone given what we are experiencing in our own budgets. And just to pour more salt on the wound, I haven’t seen the school’s budget numbers or the Fire District yet. It seems the cost of nearly everything is on a one-way ticket to the moon.

The town is trying to find sources of revenue to help offset the tax burden. One item under review is the fees the town is currently charging for permits and such. In comparison to other surrounding communities, it appears we are significantly lower. So, I would expect this will be changing relatively soon. I also heard a more disturbing comment about my beloved Spring and Fall clean up days. It appears that folks from surrounding communities are also taking advantage of this and quite possibly even helped along by some of our citizens. The cost of these two events is now running just over \$30,000. Unfortunately, this is another case of a few messing things up for the many and I imagine the town is having a hard look at this. Sadly, for me, I can’t say I blame them one bit. That’s a lot of money and I guess it may be time for a change.

Speaking of trash, I heard a fun fact about our town. Not that it’s good news but we as a community have created 1,600 tons of trash so far this year. As a country we generate nearly 300 tons of trash per day or roughly five pounds per person. The average family across the country creates about 1,300 pounds of trash each year. Of course, our fees for disposing of all this waste are also going up next year. The good news, if you want to call it that, it appears we are below the national average.

The Planning Board will be meeting on Tuesday, the twelfth, to review the site plan of Sobriety Centers of NH, LLC, 100 Autumn Dr. This is a continuation of the October meeting. They will also be meeting with a Planning Board Candidate. It’s always great to see more folks getting involved. Good luck and thank you.

The selectmen’s meeting on Thursday, the seventh at 4:45 p.m., will have the Tilton-Northfield Fire Chief presenting a proposal for a cistern on Calef Hill Road. Seems there’s been a lot of news for Calef

Hill residents this year. I imagine this will likely garner some interest as well. In addition to their regular business the selectmen will also be meeting with and introducing a new member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Well, that’s all I have for now. Thank you for reading and all your comments! As always, you can email me at: aroundandabouttiltonnh@gmail.com. I can’t promise I’ll respond to everyone, but I will read them all.

Have a great week!

Limited spots left for Powerhouse Playwriting Workshop

LACONIA — There are only a few spots left in Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative’s popular winter Playwriting Workshop.

Each winter, Powerhouse Producer Bryan Halperin, assisted by Chuck Fray, leads a 10 week writing workshop that meets online on Tuesday nights. This workshop is for beginning and experienced playwrights alike who all work at their own levels and are guided by their instructors and peers to complete a short play at the end of the 10 weeks. But that’s not the end of the experience - in the spring Powerhouse produces the plays in their annual new play festival!

The workshop costs \$175 and meets Tuesday evenings over Google Meet from 7-9 p.m. The classes are designed to share work and get feedback and then a new



Jeremy Hart and Christine LaPlante perform in the 2024 New Play Festival at Prescott Farm.

homework assignment is given for the playwrights to work on for the next week. The last five classes are dedicated to working on the final projects. Most of the writing is done on participants own schedule between classes.

Space is limited, so don’t wait to sign up for one of the remaining spots. For all the details and the registration form, go to <https://www.powerhousenh.org/workshops>.

For all the details on Powerhouse Theatre

Collaborative, auditions, and other events in the 2025 season check out powerhousenh.org or email info@powerhousenh.org. There are still opportunities available for businesses to sponsor events in the 2025 season.



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New Beginnings to host annual gala fundraiser Nov. 16



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From left, Tina Simpson, MVSF VP Commercial Loan Officer and New Beginnings Board Member, Shauna Foster, New Beginnings Executive Director, Bridget, New Beginnings Program Manager, and Isabella, New Beginnings Direct Service Advocate, stand at the Belknap Mill in Laconia, which is the site of their upcoming gala fundraiser Nov. 16.

LACONIA — New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse is set to host their annual fundraising gala “A Night of New Beginnings” at 5 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Belknap Mill in Laconia. Longtime supporter, MVSF (Meredith Village Savings Bank), will serve as the Saving Lives Exclusive Sponsor for the event.

“Everyone in our community deserves a safe environment to thrive in and we are so grateful to New Beginnings for the vital work they do to bring security and comfort to those in crisis,” said Tina Simpson, MVSF Vice President Commercial Loan Officer and New Beginnings Board Member. “This event is one of their most important fundraisers to continue those efforts and we hope the community will join us in supporting this entertaining and meaningful evening.”

The event will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing and an online silent auction. Dress code is business or cocktail attire. Go to tonewbeginningsnh.org/gala for more information and to purchase tickets.

New Beginnings – Without Violence & Abuse is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support; and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence. Go to newbeginningsnh.org to learn more.

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Calise Houle (center), owner/manager of Happy Cow Ice Cream Shop, presents a check to Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation which represents a portion of proceeds from sales over the Oct. 18 weekend as part of LRSF's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest. Happy Cow has been an avid supporter of this annual fundraiser. Receiving the check from Houle are Chris Guilmett (left), Assistant Director of Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, and Karen Switzer (right), Executive Director of Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation. Photos of all the displays of LRSF's Annual Lakes Region Pumpkin Figure Contest can be seen on the Pumpkin Figure Contest page of their Web site at www.lrscholarship.org.



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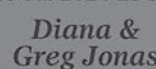
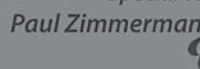
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Embracing the shift: Falling back to a cozier season

As the clocks roll back an hour and daylight slips away a bit sooner, it's easy to feel the initial sting of losing those precious evening rays. The transition to shorter days and longer nights can be tough—our routines are thrown off, the dark arrives before dinner, and it feels like our world has shrunk just a little. But while that initial adjustment can feel jarring, there's an opportunity in this seasonal shift to lean into something more comforting and cozier.

When we fall back, we enter a season that invites us to slow down and settle in. The crisp, cool air outside becomes a reason to pull out our favorite sweaters, gather around fires, and sip on warm drinks that taste like nostalgia. It's a time when neighborhoods start to glow with holiday lights, and homes become filled with the sounds of friends and family reconnecting over shared meals and laughter.

For those who thrive on outdoor adventure, the shift also marks the beginning of snow sports season. The first snowfalls dust the world in white, creating a canvas that catches the sunlight and transforms the simplest landscapes into scenes of breathtaking beauty. Whether you're skiing down a mountain, sledding with the kids, or taking a quiet walk as snowflakes fall around you, there's something undeniably magical about embracing winter's gifts.

And while the early nights may initially feel like a loss, they can also be an invitation. An invitation to slower evenings at home, wrapped in blankets, breathing in the cool, refreshing air as it seeps through the window. An invitation to more time spent catching up with loved ones, sharing stories, and building up the excitement for the holidays ahead.

Adjusting to the time change isn't always seamless, but soon enough, we settle into this season and realize it's not so bad after all. It's the season of comfort, of gathering, and of finding joy in the simple things. So, as we turn the clocks back and brace for the darker evenings, let's remember to also turn our focus to the light—whether it's in the glow of holiday decorations, the sparkle of snow under the sun, or the warmth shared with those we love.

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Playoff battle

Winnisquam's Justin Tardif goes airborne to get to the ball during Division III tournament action last Wednesday afternoon. The Bears saw their season come to a close with a 1-0 loss to Trinity in the opening round of the tournament.

GOING OUT OF TOWN

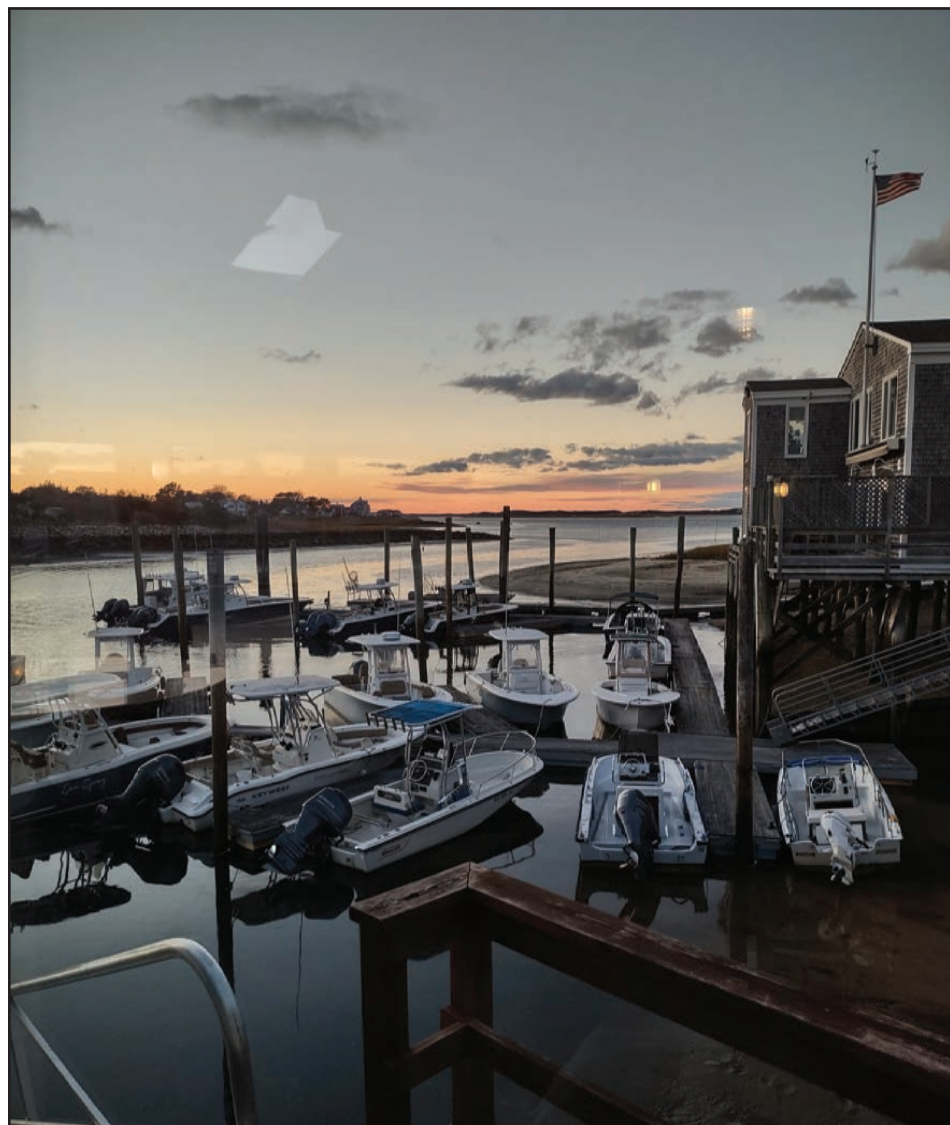
A whirlwind tour of the Cape

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Last year, I had the chance to properly explore Cape Cod for the first time and I fell absolutely in love with it. Over the course of three days last September, I explored Provincetown with some additional stops on the way home and swore I needed to return. I managed to get a few days back down there last month with the overly ambitious aim of taking in as much as I could in the three days I had. What resulted were some ups, some downs, and a sniffling curveball.

Ever since leaving Provincetown last September, I dreamed of coming back. The more I thought about a potential return trip, however, the more my brain attached to the idea of seeing much more of Cape Cod: I wanted to experience everything. After some internet searches, I found a budget hotel around Barnstable putting myself right in the middle of the Cape and already started planning my grand excursion. In hindsight I now realize I was trying to pack too much into too little time. I also grossly underestimated how big the area known as Cape Cod actually is, and how much there is to experience.

I left Meredith on the Tuesday after the Sandwich Fair. Except for a few traffic snarls around



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER

Sunset over Barnstable Harbor from inside Mattakeese Wharf Waterfront Seafood Restaurant.

Quincy and a few rest stops, I was able to get to the Sagamore Bridge in roughly two and a half hours and was finally back on the Cape. Staying on Route 6, it was only a half hour until my exit and following the directions to the hotel. I found my basecamp for this adventure was a few miles away from downtown Hyannis and in a

pretty busy area. I soon discovered the Cape Cod Mall was just a few minutes away and gleefully took a mall crawl. Later that evening I endeavored to go to Mattakeese Wharf Waterfront Seafood Restaurant in Barnstable that I knew through the webcam on the top of its roof with lovely views of the bay. I sampled the lob-

ster bisque and baked sea scallops that would prove to be one of the best seafood dinners I had in my life. I also made a stop in Hyannis, walking along the wharf and taking in the ocean at night as well. I returned to my hotel and relaxed, finalizing my plan that Wednesday

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was for Provincetown as well as the proper road trip of this excursion. Sadly, Tuesday would end up being the best and smoothest day of the trip.

The next morning, I woke up with low energy and a lovely scratchy throat that I assumed it was a mix of sleeping poorly in a new environment. I continued with the journey, meandering on the local roads until I found Route 6A and determined this was the perfect scenic route.

I eventually came by P&D Farmstand in West Dennis Port and just had to stop for some goodies. It was a cool farmstand with a great selection. I walked away with a big bag of local cranberries, a variety of apples for a future pie, and a few other tasty treats.

My journey continued down Route 6A and with the combination of a lot of driving and not feeling great I was debating if I wanted to continue the scenic route or just find Route 6 and get to Provincetown. I did continue on this road to Chatham, wanting to check out the Chatham lighthouse.

Another stretch of long road later, I finally reached Chatham and followed my map app to the lighthouse. At last, I was finally in front of those ocean views and sweeping sand dunes I had been longing to see. I parked and walked down to Lighthouse Beach, fully experiencing the shifting sands and views of the ocean that go on for mile. I also walked among the dunes, though found the consistency of sand liken this is really hard to walk in. As I was parked in a lot with a time limit, I left a bit sooner than I would have

liked but I left happy.

Directions to Provincetown went on my phone, and I continued. I was again reminded how long it actually takes to get to Provincetown and driving up the tip of the Cape like that is no joke. After finally finding Route 6, I still kept the directions on my phone to gauge just when I was finally going to get there. By this point the drive was turning into a monster and I was getting crankier by the second. My scratchy throat and now frequent nose blowing were just adding fuel to the fire.

That's when I saw the sand dunes along the side of the highway, the colorful cabins by the water, and the Pilgrim Monument in the distance. I legitimately got emotional seeing this: I was finally back in Provincetown. Soon I was driving down streets I hadn't been on in so long, but felt so familiar. Soon I was walking down Commercial Street and taking in the atmosphere again.

Some communities mostly known as summer destinations have a different personality in the offseason. Provincetown, however, was the exact same colorful, fun place I fell in love with but this time with fall vibes. I spent a few hours walking up and down Commercial Street and popping into the different shops. At the same time my energy was sinking even lower and my throat and nasal passages were getting a little worse. As much as I wanted to get something from The Lobster Pot or experience the Portuguese rice at John's Foot Long, my appetite was nonexistent. I did have a nice mocha and a big walnut brownie from Joe Coffee while sitting by the pier.

Finally, it was getting

dark, my energy was spent, and I decided it was a great time to get back to the hotel. This time I kept on Route 6 and had a much shorter trip back to basecamp. I settled in for the night with some fast food and made plans to go to Nantucket the next day. Not long after my nose completely plugged up and it was clear what was going on: I had officially caught a cold.

Sleeping that night wasn't fun, and the next morning, I was up bright and early to pick up tissues and decongestant. It was clear by now this trip was over, and it was best to leave as soon as possible to avoid Boston traffic. Thankfully, it would end up just being a cold, and a mild one at that, but still, the timing was the worst imaginable.

I did have one parting experience as I maneuvered my way back to Route 6. I had been passing by a place called Buenos Ares Bakery and Supermarket. I finally decided to stop in and check it out. I found a cozy café and cases filled with so many Argentinian and Ecuadorian pastries. I grabbed a Pan Ecuatoriano (a type of bread bun) and beef empanada for the road as well as getting a sweet pastry called an aplanchados and a croissant filled with a delicious dulce de leche filling. I want to go back and properly experience their food when I'm not sick and in a rush.

Soon I was crossing the Sagamore Bridge again and saying goodbye to the Cape a lot sooner than I would have liked. I did successfully roll into Boston with no traffic issues and got to the state line before it became a parking lot.

A few weeks and one less head cold later, I've been looking on this trip



Moonlight over Hyannis Harbor.



Walking Lighthouse Beach in Chatham, Mass.

with mixed emotions. I looked forward to doing this so much, only to get hit with the results of an overly ambitious itinerary and the outright punch of getting sick. At the same time, I still had a still had a great experience with a lot of fun times despite the negatives. I think the best conclusion is to take the lessons from the bad parts while savoring the

experience of the good parts.



Oh, how I've missed you, Provincetown.

\$9,000 awarded to Belknap Association for Natural Resources Conservation for veterans voucher program

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank recently granted \$9,000 to Belknap Association for Natural Resources Conservation to support their initiative to reduce the cost barrier for veterans so they can buy fresh food for themselves and their families.

"The Belknap Association for Natural Resources Conservation, in connection with the Belknap County Conservation District, was very excited to provide veterans and their families with vouchers to expand their purchasing power of healthy dietary options when shopping at the Tilton Farmers' Market during the month of September," explains Lisa Morin, Belknap County Conservation

District. "We couldn't do it without the generous grant provided by Franklin Savings Bank."

Their project created and operated a veterans' voucher program at the Tilton Farmers Market that increased access to fresh food by off-setting the cost to 100 veterans. Additionally, the program will help support local farmers during the post-tourist season, a time when their harvests are most plentiful. Vendor farmers who accepted the vouchers will be reimbursed with Franklin Savings Bank Fund for Community Advancement grant funds.

"Veterans have given a great deal of time, love and support to our country, and it's our

pleasure to give back to them whenever we can," comments Brian Bozak, Franklin Savings Bank President & CEO. "The veterans' voucher program through the Belknap Association for Natural Resources Conservation is a great way to support both local businesses and the families of those who have served our country."

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LRCC hosts Inaugural Merit Badge College for Scouting America

LACONIA — Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) recently hosted its inaugural Merit Badge College, welcoming more than 100 enthusiastic participants from Scouting America, Daniel Webster Council, on Oct. 26. Ranging in age from 11 to 17, these young leaders traveled from as far as Rhode Island and Vermont to take part. This all-day event provided an opportunity for attendees to earn merit badges through hands-on learning experiences with LRCC faculty and merit badge counselors.



The program fea-

tured a diverse array of sessions aligned with LRCC's academic offerings, including Graphic Arts, Robotics, Digital

Technology, First Aid, and Automotive. This collaboration not only inspired future leaders but also showcased the LRCC

campus, highlighting the valuable skills and opportunities available at community college.

Participants kicked

off the day with check-in and a warm welcome before diving into morning and afternoon sessions. A lunch break allowed them to recharge and connect with fellow attendees, while the day wrapped up with a session to finalize badge requirements.

"We are excited to partner with Scouting America to provide this hands-on learning experience," said Shawna Young, Director of Admissions & Enrollment at LRCC. "This event not only highlights our academic programs and facilities but also fosters

community engagement, inspiring young minds to explore the possibilities that community college has to offer."

To ensure robust participation, the Scouting America Council actively promoted the event to families. The success of this inaugural gathering, marked by the earning of 103 custom LRCC merit badges, paves the way for an even larger event planned for summer 2025.

For more information about Lakes Region Community College, visit LRCC.edu.

Franklin Savings Bank grants \$10,000 to Community Wellness Center

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plish this, the roof at the facility will need to be replaced.

"Having access to safe exercise programs and equipment when we are older is critical for our overall health, wellness and longevity," explains Brian Bozak, President & CEO, Franklin Savings Bank. "We are happy to provide grant funding to the Community Wellness Center so that they can repair their roof and expand their services to more elderly individuals in the Lakes Region."

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BOYS

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Christian Nunez connected with Jevan Beale for a chance and then Anthony Burnham just missed connecting with Jevan Beale on another chance. Bode McLean had a couple of runs in the zone for the Golden Eagles, but Enes Sagirili had a couple of good defensive stops and the

game went to halftime with no score.

Aiden Burnham had an early chance denied by Embree and Waldron sent a shot over the top of the net at the other end. Allard had a chance that was turned back by the Golden Eagle defense and Bormes had a shot for the Raiders that Forest stopped. Javalgi sent a shot wide of the net for Gilford while Wyatt Bamford made a run at

the other end, with Jared Beale making the defensive stop.

Jevan Beale had a shot go wide and Jared Beale sent a long direct kick on net. Bamford had a bid stopped by Forest and Owen Waldron's throw-in was headed on net, only to see Forest make the save. McLean made another run for the Golden Eagles and Anthony Burnham and Clark Blackwelder teamed up on a chance



Belmont's Nate Allard goes airborne to control the ball during action against Gilford last Wednesday afternoon.

The Loft at Hermit Woods welcomes back Vera Slywotzky and David Sytkowski



Vera Slywotzky

MEREDITH — The Loft at Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery is excited to present the return of acclaimed vocalist Vera Slywotzky and pianist David Sytkowski on Saturday, Nov. 9. After their unforgettable January performance, this duo is back to bring the Great American Songbook to life with an enchanting blend of beloved show tunes, timeless ballads, and contemporary favorites.

Guests are invited to arrive early for a complimentary wine tasting from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Following the tasting, savor a delicious dinner prepared by Hermit Woods' own chef, Kaylon Sweet, available from 6 to 7 p.m. The performance will begin promptly at 7 p.m., setting the stage for a memorable night of music and storytelling.

Reflecting on their last show, Bob Manley, co-owner of Hermit

Woods, remarked, "Vira and David's January performance was a stand-out, combining depth, elegance, and an emotional resonance that left a lasting impression on all who attended. We're thrilled to welcome them back for another unforgettable evening."

About The Loft at Hermit Woods – Listening Room Series

Located in downtown Meredith, The Loft offers an intimate, 60-seat venue hosting exceptional talent from New England and beyond. While jazz is a core focus, the Listening Room Series also features folk, blues, classical, and world music. To enhance the experience, guests are encouraged to maintain a quiet atmosphere during performances, allowing for an immersive, close connection with the music.

for Gilford that went wide of the net.

Jared Beale made a nice defensive stop on Kyle Waldron, while Sagirili made another good defensive stop. Aiden Burnham and Javalgi had chances denied by Embree and Nicolas Loeper made a run the other way that was turned back by Jared Beale. Owen Waldron sent a shot over the top of the net.

With just less than 12 minutes to go, Martinez sent the ball into the box and Allard stuck his foot out and tapped the ball past Forest and into the net, giving the Raiders the 1-0 lead. Gilford had a corner that missed the mark and then Aiden Burnham sent a cross into the box that was headed on net, with Embree making the save.

Belmont had a corner kick chance that Thurbur sent wide of the net

and Javalgi sent the ball in, with Embree making the initial save. The Golden Eagles put the rebound in the net, but the goal was waved off on an onsidest call. Anthony Burnham had a late direct kick, but the Golden Eagles could not convert and the Raiders took the 1-0 win to advance to the quarterfinals.

"Any time you come into Gilford and beat Gilford, particularly in a playoff game, that's something," said Foley. "Gilford is never going to give up."

The Raider coach noted that he and his assistants talked up going to the goal with Allard and he responded in the crucial moment. He also praised the play of Embree in net and noted the defense of Michael Collette, Fysh, Brody Ennis and Sangirili stood out on the defensive end.

"We say anything is

possible," Foley continued. "We talked about being invincible and it's playoffs, it's a new season."

"We had our chances, they had their chances and they took advantage of one more than we did," Shaw said. "They have nothing to hang their heads about, they left it all out there in the second half."

The Golden Eagle coach also praised the work of Forest in net and noted the team is only graduating a handful of seniors.

"We'll be back," he said.

The Raiders went to Prospect Mountain for the quarterfinals on Saturday and dropped a 1-0 decision to the Timber Wolves to close out the season.

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We faced immediate and daunting challenges. As westward expansion continued, conflicts erupted between settlers and Indigenous tribes.

Tragically, Native American nations were

forced from their lands, often with devastating consequences that continue today, reminding us of promises not kept and wrongs that still echo through our history.

Even as America grew, another dark shadow loomed: the institution of slavery. By the 1800s, slavery was entrenched in American life, particularly in the South, where millions of people lived in bondage. Abolitionists like Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman risked their lives to challenge this brutal institution. Their courage would be a rallying cry for the Civil War, a four-year battle that tore the nation apart. Yet, under the leadership of Abraham Lincoln, the Union's victory brought freedom to enslaved people and solidified the principle that "all men are created equal."

The fight for freedom did not end there. The women's suffrage movement took hold in the late 19th century, as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and

of relentless advocacy finally succeeded with the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, granting women the right to vote and affirming that America's promise of freedom extended to all citizens.

Just when we seemed to be on a path of unity, the world was thrown into chaos. World War I and later World War II. Veterans of those wars, like Dwight D. Eisenhower and George S. Patton, returned as heroes, their courage reinforcing America's role as a beacon of freedom, yet even as our soldiers fought for liberty abroad, Americans at home wrestled with deep issues of justice and equality.

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s marked a new era of change, challenging systems of segregation and discrimination. Leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and John Lewis reminded the nation that "freedom for all" meant just that—for every race, creed, and color.

They pushed America toward the promises

written into its founding documents through marches, sit-ins, and speeches, which led to legislative milestones like the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, which continue to protect and empower citizens today.

Since then, we've faced significant challenges and times of turmoil—from foreign wars to September 11th and beyond.

Through it all, our strength has been found not in perfection but in a continued willingness to change and strive for a better future.

And here we are again, after a divisive election, with candidates on all sides calling for different paths forward.

We must remember that we are united by a shared love for our country and by the knowledge that, regardless of who sits in the Oval Office, the power rests with the people. We must uphold the ideals that have defined America: liberty, justice, and freedom for all.

So whether your candidate wins or loses, whether this election played out precisely as you'd hoped or not, we all have a role to play in moving forward. Our nation's history is built on debate, disagreement, and, ultimately, unity in the pursuit of freedom. That pursuit makes us the "shining city on a hill"—a place of hope, progress, and promise. Our light must

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Raiders cruise past Blue Devils in opening round



JOE SOUZA

Belmont senior Megan Dutton puts down a kill against Epping in NHIAA Division III volleyball preliminary contest. The Raiders advanced in three games. Also in on the are Belmont senior Mariah McKim (4) and classmate Sophia Gilbert (17).

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

BELMONT — The Belmont volleyball team nearly put it all together and punched a ticket to the final four.

The sixth-seeded Raiders took care of business in rolling past number 11 Epping in three games in the opening round of the NHIAA

Division III volleyball tournament. Belmont hammered down 23 kills and recorded 12 aces with only six service errors in winning 25-12, 25-16, and 25-14 over Epping.

“This was a hard match because we didn’t see them during the season, so we didn’t know

anything about them,” said Belmont head coach Andy Edgren, whose Raiders came up short in a bid to knock off number three Trinity as they fell in a five-game thriller in the quarterfinal round.

“As I told their coach (Angele Piotrowski) just now, I felt she did a really

good job adjusting to us,” Edgren added. “I just think we were a little stronger. We don’t really focus on wins and losses, but more on whether we are playing our best.

The Raiders jumped out to an early lead after two teams exchanged the first couple of points. Liv Chandonnait served for three points and the hosts had a quick 5-1 lead. The junior had an ace in the run and Sami O’Connor put down a big kill.

Moments later, Madi McDonald ran off eight service points to put the hosts in control of the opening game with a 14-3 lead. Megan Dutton and O’Connor had kills during the run, while the Blue Devils struggled with their serve receive.

Mariah McKim, who had one service error in 12 attempts, served for four points including an ace to help Belmont push its lead to 21-8. Chandonnait served for the final two points, with O’Connor closing out the game with a kill.

The second game was a little closer, in fact Ep-

ping enjoyed lead early on and a 14-13 edge after an Emma Brown ace that forced Edgren to take a timeout.

“We have what we call a dial, where one end is too intense and the other is we’re having fun,” Edgren said. “We like to be in the middle there. I told them we had to turn that dial a bit, relax and have fun.”

That’s exactly what the Raiders did and were never really threatened again the rest of the night.

Belmont got a side out after the timeout and the two teams exchanged points before Hayden Blanchard ran off three service points to give the Raiders a slight edge at 19-15 thanks to Chandonnait and O’Connor kills. Chandonnait would then serve for the final five points, including two aces, to help Belmont claim the second game by a 25-16 score.

O’Connor put down a big kill for side-out to start the third game and then served for two points for a quick 3-0 lead for the Raiders.

Belmont would maintain that slim edge until O’Connor stepped up to the service line again and ran off five points to push the hosts lead from 12-8 to 18-8. Moments later, Madi McDonald served for three points for a 23-11 lead.

The final two points came on Epping errors.

“We’ve been a scrappy team all year,” Edgren said. “We play good defensively, but struggle with our offensive firepower. I felt we did a little better with that tonight, so I was pleased with our offensive attack.”

Chandonnait and O’Connor powered that offensive attack at the net, hammering down eight and six kills respectively. Setter Sophia Gilbert had a solid all-around game as well, coming up with three big blocks to go with 12 assists. Along with a strong service game, McKim put down four kills.

Defensively, the Raiders were paced by libero Molly O’Connell who finished with 15 digs.

Lakes Region Board of REALTORS® maintains, strengthens focus on fair housing, racial equality

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Board of REALTORS® announced today that it utilized a \$2,900 grant from the National Association of Realtors® that specifically was used to fund educational sessions in October that focused on promoting fair housing practices. The grant enabled the Lakes Region Board of REALTORS® to host expert speakers, distribute valuable informational resources, and involve participants in interactive activities that fostered a deeper awareness of Fair Housing. This initiative helped create an inclusive learning environment, equipping attendees with essential tools and knowledge to advocate for fair and equitable housing access within the community.

“Realtors® recognize the significance of the

Fair Housing Act and reaffirm our commitment to upholding these laws and to offering fair, equitable service to every American in their search for homes and property,” said Karen Rollins, Chief Executive Officer.

As part of NAR’s new Fair Housing Action Plan, abbreviated ‘ACT,’ which emphasizes Accountability, Culture Change, and Training to ensure America’s 1.4 million REALTORS® are doing everything possible to protect housing rights in America, the Lakes Region Board of REALTORS® is doing our part to solidify the role fair housing plays in our industry and in our communities. The Fair Housing Grant was utilized to support initiatives aimed at reducing housing discrimination and promoting equal housing opportunities for all

individuals. This included a day of learning for our members with a curriculum that provided informational materials on the Fair Housing Act, 1988 Amendments Act, property management, advertising, and cultural diversity. As community leaders, real estate professionals have an opportunity to be a part of equitable and inclusive change. Empowering communities with resources and knowledge, the grant has played a significant role in advancing the principles of fair housing and building our communities in the Lakes Region.

NAR offers Fair Housing Grants to state and local REALTOR® Associations around the country in an effort to support a wide range of activities and initiatives, including fair housing education and curricu-

lum development, fair housing partnerships with local organizations and fair housing commemoration ceremonies and events.

For more information on Fair Housing, visit www.nar.realtor/fair-housing. To learn more about National Association of REALTORS® Fair Housing Grant program visit, <https://realtorparty.realtor/state-local-issues/issues/fair-housing.html>

The National Association of REALTORS® is America’s largest trade association, representing more than 1.4 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.



COURTESY

Join us Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Belknap Mill Museum. In this workshop, we will knit cozy winter sweaters for all those mischievous elves in our lives. Once your sweater is finished, we can show you how to topstitch a cute image on the front. Register at www.belknapmill.org/classes. Skills required: Basic casting on, knitting in the round, purling, magic loop, and binding off.

New Hampshire Boat Museum celebrates legislative victory

MOULTONBOROUGH — Promoting tourism, attracting visitors, and creating job opportunities, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) is also deeply committed to the stewardship of New Hampshire’s lakes and waterways.

“Environmental stewardship is a vital part of our mission, which informs many of our educational programs,” explained Allison Hart, Co-Chair of NHBM’s Board of Trustees.

NHBM also serves as an environmental advocate. Hart noted that the Museum’s public support of the importance of clean water recently received a boost with the passage of HB 1293. This landmark legislation strengthens protections for the state’s waterways by regulating the use of phosphorus-based fertilizers on turf, helping to minimize the harmful impact of excess runoff on New Hampshire’s lakes and rivers.

“This legislation is a major win for water conservation efforts across the state,” said Hart. “Clean water is essential to New Hampshire’s her-

itage and our mission of preserving the state’s boating traditions.”

According to Hart, the opening of NHBM’s new 24,000-square-foot Moultonborough campus in July significantly bolstered its role as an environmental advocate.

“With this expanded facility, we’re able to welcome more visitors to the Lakes Region, offering us greater opportunities to engage individuals of all ages and backgrounds from across the country,” she said. “This allows us to deepen our educational outreach and inspire even more people to take

action in preserving our waterways for future generations.”

Founded in 1992 by vintage and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits, engaging programs, and events tailored to people of all ages’ diverse boating lifestyles and values. NHBM is sponsored in part by North Water Marine, Goodhue Boat Company, Kingwood Press and Design Studio, Epoxy Floor New England, Belletetes, and Eastern Propane. To learn more about NHBM, visit nhbm.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Northfield Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on November 19, 2024, beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Town of Northfield Town Hall 21 Summer St, Northfield NH, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 231:163 and 43:2, for the purpose of considering amending all existing pole licenses to include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23.

The Board will also consider adopting a revised Pole and/or Conduit License form which will include language regarding taxation pursuant to RSA 72:23.

The hearing is being held to determine if it is in the best interests of the public good to amend the pole licenses so that they are consistent with the property taxation statutes (RSA 72:23).

TOWN OF WOODSTOCK Request for Proposal

The Town of Woodstock is seeking proposals for *contracted water service companies* for the municipal water system. The term of the contract will be from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2030.

Requirements:

- New Hampshire Waterworks Operator Treatment License grade one or higher
- Distribution Certification grade two or higher.
- Adequate staff to provide coverage in accordance with NHDES requirements.

The proposal should include:

- Wells (2) and pump-station checks daily
- Tank (1) inspection is bi-weekly, excluding winter months. Glass fused to steel tank approximately 830,000-gallon tank. Inspection includes checking the ladder and hatch, damage to the tank, and checking for leakage and vandalism.
- Chemical tank fill as needed
- Gate valve inspections and exercise, 250 gates, 20% of gates annually (50gates)
- Hydrants, wet checks annually
- Hydrants, dry checks annually
- Hydrant repairs
- Distribution system flushing annually
- Hydrant painting, 120 hydrants, 60 per year – The Town will supply the paint.
- Dig Safe, 25 Dig Safe events, a maximum of 25 events annually
- Collect, Transport, and Lab Fees for monthly water sampling, bacteria only (24 samples)
- Collect, Transport, and Lab Fees for required SDWA Water Sampling (exclusive of bacteria)
- Cross Connection Program
- Assume responsibility for all NHDES Reporting
- Prepare Consumer Confidence Report
- Hourly rate for additional Cost for Emergency Response 24/7
- Provide separate per each price for Dig Safe markings after the initial 25 events

The Town of Woodstock will remain responsible for:

- Quarterly Water Meter Readings
- Meter repairs, testing, and installation
- Water service turn off/turn on
- Power
- Chemical
- Heat
- Snow Plowing
- Winter Hydrant Clearing

Submit a proposal to the Select Board’s Office
PO Box 156, N. Woodstock, NH 03262

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**announces
October Artists
of the Month**

TILTON — Lakes Region Art Association members have the opportunity to enter a piece of artwork into the Artist of the Month Program at each monthly Member Meeting. Winners are able to display and sell a single work for a month in various public venues throughout the Lakes Region in participating Banks and Libraries or Local Businesses.

October Artists of the Month, pictured above from left to right, are — Back Right: Fay Lee, Gavin Macdonald, Mike Devolve, Sherwood Frazier; Lynn Cassey. Front Row: Barbara McClintock, Sally Hibberd, Martha AuCoin.

The winning artists' artwork will be on display in locations in the Lakes Region until Nov. 18.

Sally Hibberd, this month's First Place winner has the distinct honor of displaying several pieces of her artwork at Annie's Cafe & Catering in Laconia. Warm up with some scrumptious homemade soup and sandwiches and enjoy the art while you eat!

The art pieces for the Honorable Mention artist will be on display through the third week of November in the following locations:

- Fay Lee - Laconia Public Library
- Lynn Casey - Northway Bank, Tilton
- Martha AuCoin - Northway Bank, Laconia
- Mike Devolve - Northway Bank, Meredith
- Barbara McClintock - Franklin Savings Bank, Gilford
- Sherwood Frazier - Gilford Public Library
- Gavin Macdonald - Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin



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Qualifications and Skills required:
The ideal candidate will demonstrate independence and the ability to work autonomously, while also embracing opportunities for growth and effectively managing the responsibilities of running a farm. The Christmas Tree Farmer should have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience working in an agricultural setting and/or Christmas tree farm and be competent in running tractors, chainsaws and equipment. An education of a two-year associates degree or equivalent is preferred, but not required.

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