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Arrests made in connection with Kimball Castle fire

GILFORD — Following an extensive investigation by the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal’s Office, two people have been arrested in connection with the August 2025 incendiary fire at the historic Kimball Castle in Gilford.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, Joshua D. Pittman, 18, of Dover was arrested on an active warrant for felony conspiracy to commit arson and misdemeanor criminal trespass. On

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COURTESY PHOTO
Under the American flag, Barnstead fire department members and the public observe a moment of silence at the sounding of the bell honoring those firefighters whose duty was completed on Sept. 11, 2001. A remembrance ceremony at the Barnstead Fire Station brought firefighters from surrounding communities together with Barnstead police and area residents to pay their respects to those who fell that day 25 years ago, and those who have lost their lives since then due to illness and injury.

Gilford High School Theatre announces Fall production of “Into the Woods”

GILFORD — Gilford High School Theatre is excited to announce its fall production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine’s beloved musical “Into the Woods,” with performances scheduled

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STEM Career Fair for Youth open to the public

GILFORD — WinnAero, the STEM education non-profit based at the Laconia Airport, will again host its annual School Career Fair highlighting

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COURTESY PHOTO
(Right) Students and families enjoying the STEM Career Fair last year at Laconia Airport.



History made as Prospect Mountain welcomes football

Timber Wolves drop first-ever game to Newfound



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Luciano Pecorino leads the Prospect Mountain football team on to the field for the program’s first-ever game on Friday, Sept. 11.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — When the thought of bringing football to Prospect Mountain was in its infancy, Friday night was the kind of night that the PMHS community dreamed of. For the most part.

A line of cars almost out to Route 28 waiting to get in as local first responders joined the cheerleaders in welcoming the first-ever Timber Wolf football team to the field. A stirring rendition of the National Anthem and a loud and boisterous crowd cheering on the home team under the lights on a crisp September evening.

All of that was just what everyone envisioned and hoped for. The result on the scoreboard would be the only thing those original dreamers would’ve changed.

The Newfound Bears scored on their first possession and never looked back, cruising to a 32-0 win to open the season and kick off Prospect Mountain’s

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

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/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@ya-

hoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Weight training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays — Starts Oct. 5

The Alton Parks and

Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, with AFAA Certified Instructor Kellie Troendle, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. This program starts on Oct. 5. Try the class for free on Sept. 21 & 23. Build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. \$20 per month, register on site.

Dungeons and Dragons

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a weekly Dungeons and Dragons adventure on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6-8 p.m. The program is free for ages 18 and up. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. The program is free, donations accepted to benefit the food pantry. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Honoring Loss Gathering

Alton Parks and Recreation and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a special gathering on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Gilman Library, 100 Main St., led by facilitators Carol Wallace and Dottie Bergeron. Honoring Loss is a gentle conversation created for anyone navigating grief, change, or life's many transitions. Together, we will honor our journeys, remember those we love, and find comfort in discussion, understanding, and hope. Whether your

loss is recent or long ago, personal or shared, you are welcome here. Please RSVP to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Travel Club Trips Cowboy Country and Taste of Italy in 2027

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips with Collette Tours in 2027. The first trip is to Cowboy Country. Trip highlights include Grand Teton National Park; Badlands National Park; Crazy Horse Memorial; Mt. Rushmore and much more. The trip includes a visit to Yellowstone National Park which is famous for its geysers, hot springs and herds of bison. Witness the impressive Old Faithful, travel over the Sylvan Pass and see Yellowstone Lake. Trip dates are June 8-15, 2027, and include airport transportation from Alton, airfare, 10 meals, hotels, and guided transportation through Cowboy Country, including walking, bus, and covered wagon tours.

Alton Parks and Recreation is also sponsoring a trip with Collette Tours to Italy in 2027. The trip highlights include Rome; Narni-Umbria Region, Chianti Region, Tuscany, and Florence. Explore an archaeological site hidden beneath the village; take a walking tour of Assisi and see views of Lake Trasimeno; visit the famous Basilica of St. Francis and admire Giotto's frescoes; take a cooking class and visit olive groves; and much more. Trip dates are Oct. 23 to Nov. 3, 2027. Includes airfare, 16 meals, hotels and transportation.

These trips are a great way to travel in a group and with a knowledgeable guide. An informational session will be held on Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Gilman Library about both trips. RSVP to attend the session-603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Trick or Treat Hours

The Town of Alton Trick or Treat hours are Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events Sept. 17 – Sept. 24

Thursday, Sept. 17

Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Storytime With Animals, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Apple Cider Floats, 3-4 p.m.
Stop in for this refreshing treat, apple cider floats! Please note this snacks includes dairy.
French, 4-5 p.m.
GPL Book Discussion, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This month's book is "Foster" by Claire Keegan. Led by Betty; books are available at the front desk.

Friday, Sept. 18

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
The Wisdom Keeper Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Drop-In Craft: Handprint Bookworm, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Create a beautiful book-

worm craft to color and keep for years to come!

Monday, Sept. 21

Fun and 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.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

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
Grades 5+ Early Release: Pizza and Games, 1-2 p.m.
You're out of school early and we ordered pizza so grab a controller, sit with a friend, and hang out for a bit!
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Early Release Classic Outdoor Games, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Play some classic games outside with your friends and there will be tasty snacks too!

Thursday, Sept. 24

Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.

Storytime w/ Animals, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

You can't miss this special storytime series with different live animals! French, 4-5 p.m.
History of the Gilford Outing Club, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The Gilford Outing Club was created by a group of men and women, who came together in Gilford during the immediate post-WWII era. They were part of the "Greatest Generation" that came of age during the Depression. With a powerful "can-do" attitude, they had met the challenges of World War II. Returning from the war they were determined to create a better society for their children, the "baby boomers." The Gilford Outing Club was more than a ski club. It was a social club that produced several Olympic Skiers. In the process the GOC helped lay the foundation for the on-rushing changes in a town that would have to absorb big population increases year round and as well as 3-fold increases in the summer. The GOC promoted many community activities such as youth hikes, beach outings, old home day parades, fall clean-up, community dances and theatre to raise money for the schools. This program will bring together contemporary images from the early years and as well oral histories from key people. Presented by David Stamps.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett
2. "Whistler" by Ann Patchett
3. "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi
4. "The Most Dangerous Games" by James Patterson
5. "The Shadow Friends" by Tess Gerritsen
6. "Delusional" by James Patterson
7. "Regime Change" by Maggie Haberman
8. "Culpability" by Bruce W. Holsinger
9. "Fury in Death" by J.D. Robb
10. "Country Road Murders" by James Patterson
11. "Yesteryear" by Caro Claire Burke
12. "Mad Mabel" by Sally Hepworth



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Alton Board of Selectmen Updates

BY RICHARD SHEA

ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ALTON — The Alton Board of Selectmen’s meeting on September 9th covered several issues, briefly reviewed as follows:

A public hearing was held to consider possible changes to the allowed usage of Bay Hill Rd by commercial vehicles. Issues with Google directions, state signage limitations and general concerns for public safety were discussed. The Board voted to allow no thru trucks on the road.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the efforts of all involved in the primary election on 9/8. Turnout was far greater than expected, and all went very well.

A special ceremony was held to recognize the efforts of Alton Firefighters and EMT’s in response to a resident in labor. Seven of our First Responders answered the call for assistance, including some who were not on duty at the time. A baby boy was delivered, and he and mom are doing well.

The board heard a detailed proposal from Partners Bank of Sanford, Maine to serve as the town’s primary financial institution. The proposal offered several advantages, including electronic processing of checks and payments, multiple debit accounts to allow department-specific spending control, and 3% inter-

est on deposited funds. Elimination of manually processed checks will significantly reduce the chances of errors or fraud. The Board voted to engage Partners Bank going forward.

Public Works Director Seth Garland presented bid requests for 2 contracts, 1 for winter sand supply and the other for crushing and processing of rocks and asphalt from highway projects, which would then be reused. The Board approved both bid requests, with bids due in October.

Fire Chief Jim Reinert presented a request for the purchase of a new ambulance, at a cost of \$451,450. This would replace the old-

est of our three ambulances. Lead time is 24 months. The purchase is in accordance with the town’s Capital Improvement plan and would be funded entirely by the Ambulance Revolving fund, with no impact on taxes. The Board agreed that this should be done but tabled the request until the next Board meeting to allow for a more detailed study of the proposal.

The Chief presented a second purchase request, this one for 3 cardiac monitor/defibrillators to replace existing units which are several years old. The proposed devices are considerably easier to use, offer quicker response, and reduce the risk of input

errors. The purchase is also in accordance with the Capital Improvement plan and would be funded entirely by the Ambulance Revolving fund, with no impact on taxes. The Board voted to proceed with the purchase.

The board reviewed and approved a bid request from the Assessor’s office for a cyclical property inspection service over the next 5 years to review improved properties.

The board discussed a proposal from the Ice Runway Committee to install video cameras and a weather station (temperature and wind-speed) on the water bandstand. This would be available on the town website year-round at no cost to the town. The board was in favor, and Chairman Paul LaRochelle will bring a detailed proposal to a future meeting. A Public Hearing will be required to accept the donation.

Town Administrator Ryan Heath reported on several issues: The town is negotiating with New Durham on a payment agreement for emergency services being provided. The ongoing negotiations with Breezeline on serving as the town’s cable provider are nearing resolution. The Hidden Springs clearing project state-required waiting period has ended, so cleanup work can begin.

Measures related to the Alton Power Dam issue were enumerated, but they are too extensive to recount here. I will attempt to do so in a separate posting.

Author’s note: This article is offered as part of an effort to better inform Alton residents about the activities of town government. I am not authorized to speak for the Board of Selectmen, and this posting represents only my impressions and views.

Next Wright Museum lecture to focus on history of Civil Air Patrol

WOLFEBORO — On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the Wright Museum will welcome Lt. Col. Keith Raymond. This is the eighteenth program of the Wright Museum’s 2026 Education Series.

Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered, federally funded, 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation and serves as the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Founded Dec. 1, 1941, to mobilize the nation’s civilian aviation resources for national defense service, CAP has evolved into a premier public service organization that is a cost-effective force multiplier

for Air Force-assigned missions.

Join us for a special presentation from Lt. Col. Keith Raymond, CAP Northeast Region Historian for a fascinating look at the history of this important organization.

Doors open at 6 p.m., the program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept.

22 at the Wright Museum’s DuQuoin Education Center, 77 Center St. in Wolfeboro. Admission is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made online at <https://wrightmuseum.org/lecture-series> or by calling 603-569-1212.

The region’s leading

resource for educators and learners of all ages on World War II, the Wright Museum features more than 14,000 items in its collection that are representative of both the home front and battlefield. For more information about the 2026 Lecture Series, or museum, visit wrightmuseum.org.





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The Fall 2026 schedule is now available on the GWRSD website at GWRSD.sau49nh.gov. You can also find printed flyers at local town offices, libraries, and through our community partners. If you prefer a copy sent directly to you? Email us at adulteducation@sau49nh.gov or call KRHS at 603-569-2055 ext. 1007 for more information.

Ready to get started? Do not miss out! Registration is needed for all classes, and spots can fill up fast. Register today online or by mail to secure your spot!

Fall 2026 Course Offerings:

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- Tying the Crucial Knots
- Drafting and 3D Modeling
- Introductory to Pickleball
- Mah Jongg for Beginners
- Timing Your Move: A Real Estate Game Plan
- Beginners Yoga
- Balance and Stability

- Yin & Restorative Yoga
- Intro to Tai Chi
- Continuation of Tai Chi
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Kimball Castle arrests mark an important step toward answers

When Kimball Castle burned in the early morning hours of Aug. 27 last year, Gilford, and the wider Lakes Region community, lost something that could never truly be replaced.

The castle had stood on Lockes Hill since the 1890s, built by railroad magnate Benjamin Kimball and occupying a distinctive place in the town's landscape and history. Although the building had been vacant for years and its future was uncertain, its destruction still represented the disappearance of a tangible connection to generations that came before.

More than a year later, the investigation into that fire has resulted in two arrests. Joshua D. Pittman, 18, of Dover has been charged with felony conspiracy to commit arson and misdemeanor criminal trespass. Peyton N. Eastman, 19, of Portsmouth has been charged with felony arson and misdemeanor criminal trespass.

Those charges are allegations. Both defendants are entitled to the presumption of innocence, and determining guilt belongs to the courts. But the arrests themselves offer an opportunity to recognize something important about the work that takes place after the fire engines leave and public attention moves elsewhere.

Investigations such as this one can take time. At the scene that August morning, firefighters confronted a building engulfed in flames, with fire spreading into the surrounding brush. Crews from numerous communities responded. The castle was ultimately a total loss, with floors, ceilings and the roof consumed and collapsed. Approximately two acres of brush also burned.

What followed was less visible. Investigators had to determine how the fire began, collect and evaluate evidence, follow leads and work across municipal and even state lines. That process ultimately involved not only the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office and Gilford police and firefighters, but assistance from law enforcement agencies in Rochester, Dover, Somersworth, Wolfboro, Laconia and Durham, as well as North Berwick, Maine. That level of cooperation deserves recognition.

Small communities depend heavily upon mutual aid. We often think of that principle in terms of fire departments sending engines and personnel across town lines or police officers assisting neighboring departments during emergencies. Kimball Castle demonstrates that the same principle applies long after an emergency scene has been cleared.

No single department has unlimited personnel, expertise or resources. When agencies share information, manpower and specialized knowledge, municipal boundaries become less of an obstacle to finding answers.

There is another lesson worth remembering. Historic buildings are not ordinary structures. Once destroyed, they cannot simply be rebuilt and returned to what they were. A reproduction may someday occupy the same ground, but the craftsmanship, materials and direct physical connection to another era are gone.

That makes protecting the historic properties that remain throughout Gilford and neighboring communities particularly important. Vacant buildings can be especially vulnerable to trespassing, vandalism, deterioration and fire. Preservation therefore requires more than admiration for old photographs after something has been lost. It requires attention while those structures are still standing.

The courts will now determine what happens with the criminal cases arising from the Kimball Castle investigation. That process should proceed based on evidence and law, without assumptions about guilt.

For the community, however, these arrests represent an important milestone after the loss of one of Gilford's most recognizable historic structures.

They also demonstrate that an investigation does not necessarily end when the smoke clears. Sometimes, the painstaking work of finding answers has only begun.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Back again

Another Saturday is almost behind us. I picked away at my 'gotta get to' list this afternoon, and true to form, I headed over to the lake before dinner. There was a pontoon boat anchored out in the middle. It must be anchored, if they were drifting the wind would have moved them muchly.

Without binoculars, I can't see them very well, but it's easy to tell that it's a boatload of girls. Probably middle schoolers. I don't think high school girls would be quite so, playful. Their voices totally give them away, along with their two-piece bathing suits. There is also a manly figure aboard in orange swim trunks, presumably captain dad. They were all frolicking around, jumping into the water, singing songs and having an all around joyous summer afternoon out on the lake. Last chance before school resumes.

Swimming back in toward shore, I noticed something large flying over into the cove. The other day, I saw a bald eagle flying out from that same area. It flew across the lake into the trees by the summer camp. This wasn't one of them. Judging by its coloring and its wings, it was an osprey. That's two different fishing bird sightings in a week. All them big bass better beware. The air patrol is hunting.

It's Sunday night and I'm relaxing in my rocking chair with my computer on my lap and what happens? At eight o'clock I get a phone call, it feels like it's the robot and not a salesman or pollster. So I picked it up. I was right. Could I come in Tuesday to be a social studies sub? Knowing that it's supposed to be a dreary wet day, I figured that I might as well. So I'm going to be subbing, even before Labor Day happens. Crazy. I've still got a lot of handy-

man work to do, but that needs nice weather. There's usually nice days well into November so I think I'll be alright.

I took advantage of the only prospective nice day all week to finish up one job so at least that one's all taken care of. Tomorrow starts September. The weather is already cooling down. Still not much rain though. We'll see what the next few days bring, it'll probably just be cloudy cool showers that don't amount to much as far as wells and gardens go. It's time to start doing more rain dance.

Every day, I check out to see if the black trumpet mushrooms have sprouted, and every day I see just dry crunchy leaves. The forest that would always be covered by a green canopy is letting in way too much sunlight. It's like someone did a selective cutting, only nobody did.

The forest is waiting to re-fill it's protective covering of leaves, but the leaves are actually there, only the beech leaves have all crinkled up due to this invasive organism. This is going to take some time to correct. It's only a matter of time before we get totally decimated by some of these invaders. Another liability of all our technological advances.

The first class of this, the second day of school, started out wonderful. Before I took attendance, a girl came up to the desk and asked me something. I couldn't hear a word she said. I told her that I couldn't hear her and asked if she could speak up. I couldn't detect any increase in her volume, so I turned up my hearing devices. I was still unable to discern a single word. Handing her a piece of paper and a pencil and suggested she write it down. Her note said, "I think I'm supposed to be next door." I showed her the attendance sheet to see if her name was on it. It wasn't, so I told her to check next door. We're all on a learning curve at this point.

When first period ended, their work sheets went in their folders and the workbooks into a pile for use by three more classes today. Some kids had already completed their worksheets, which means that they'll have nothing to do tomorrow except busy work. The robot called me again last night so I'll be the one trying to find them something to occupy them tomorrow.

Second period was incredibly talk free, a seventh grade anomaly. I suspect that most of this class will complete their worksheets too.

E.Twaste
Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com



COURTESY PHOTO

The Oscar Foss Memorial Library Kid Librarian this month is April! April loves different styles of dance, including ballet, contemporary, hip hop, and acro dance. She also loves reading, baking, and watching the Disney show, "The Descendants." Some of her favorite book series are "Wayside School," "Rainbow Magic Fairies," "Cupcake Diaries," "The Critter Club," "Whatever After," and "Love Sugar Magic." April is also proud to have completed the "500 Books Before Middle School" program!

The great September thermostat standoff

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS

By CHIPPY

There comes a morning every September when a New Hampshire man wakes up and realizes that summer has betrayed him. It usually happens around 5:30.

You get out of bed, put your feet on the floor and immediately reconsider every decision that led you to this moment. The floor is cold. The bedroom is cold. The bathroom is somehow colder, despite being only eight feet away. You look out the window expecting to see frost. There isn't any. This is important, because frost would provide evidence. Frost would give you permission to admit that it is cold.

Instead, the thermometer says 44 degrees. Forty-four degrees in January is practically beach weather. Forty-four degrees in September is an emergency. My wife understands this distinction perfectly.

"Are you going to turn the heat on?" she asked recently.

I reacted as though she had suggested we sell the house.

"The heat?"
"Yes."
"It's September."
"I know what month it is."

Apparently, this is one of

those discussions married couples can have after 30 years without either person providing useful information.

There is an unwritten rule among certain New Hampshire men that the furnace cannot be turned on too early. Nobody knows who established this rule. There is no state law. I have never seen it printed in a homeowner's manual. Yet we obey it. Turning on the heat before October somehow feels like surrender. So instead, we begin an elaborate campaign of denial.

We close windows that have been open since May. We find sweatshirts. We put on socks. We mention that the sun will warm the house once it gets over the trees.

Then we stand in the kitchen drinking coffee with both hands wrapped around the mug for survival.

"It's not cold," we say.

You can sometimes see your breath while saying this. The strange thing is that there is no prize for holding out.

Nobody from the

state arrives on Oct. 1 with a certificate saying, "Congratulations. You refused to be comfortable for 17 days." The oil company doesn't send a fruit basket. Your neighbors don't know. And yet, there is satisfaction in making it another day.

My father belonged to an even tougher generation. When I was growing up, suggesting that the house was cold was treated as a character flaw. "Put on a sweater," was the standard response. If you were already wearing a sweater, you were told to put on another one.

Had I continued complaining, I suspect eventually I would have been wearing every piece of clothing I owned while sitting in the living room.

I have inherited enough of that mentality to be ridiculous about the thermostat, although age is beginning to weaken my resolve.

At 25, you can prove something by being cold. At 60-something, you start wondering exactly what it was you were trying to

prove.

Besides, September cold never lasts. By noon, the temperature outside may be 72. You take off the sweatshirt. You open a window. You start thinking perhaps summer isn't finished after all. Then the sun disappears behind the trees at 5:30 and somebody closes the window again. This goes on for weeks.

It is New Hampshire's annual season of wardrobe confusion, when you leave the house wearing a jacket in the morning and carry it over your arm in the afternoon.

Eventually, of course, somebody wins the thermostat argument. At our house, I will walk past it one chilly morning and notice that the heat is already on. I will say nothing. My wife will say nothing. The furnace will quietly hum from the basement.

And I will stand over the register for a minute, warming my feet, while maintaining the dignity of a man who absolutely did not turn it on. That seems like a reasonable compromise. After all, marriage is about knowing when to admit the other person was right. And knowing when it is much smarter not to discuss it.

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Wolfeboro Friends of Music’s 91st season rolls on with Mads Tolling & the Mads Men

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music presents Mads Tolling & The Mads Men, celebrating the iconic music of the 1960s, on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at Anderson Hall on the campus of Brewster Academy.

Internationally renowned violinist, composer and two-time Grammy Award-winner Mads Tolling is a former member of the Turtle Island Quartet, The Stanley Clarke Band, and until recently a member of Bob Weir & Wolf Bros/Wolfpack with tours across the US, including Red Rocks, and Radio City Music Hall. He is featured on Weir’s albums contributing several new arrangements of Grateful Dead tunes for the band.

Mads leads his own band Mads Tolling & The Mads Men, celebrating iconic music of the 1960s with his own distinctive style and innovative flair. Mads and his “Mads Men” bring delightful re-imagined 60’s classics from television, film and radio. Their diverse and playful repertoire includes “Mission Impossible,” “Meet the Flintstones,” “A Taste of



Honey” and “Georgia on my Mind.”

So how did a Danish classical violin student growing up in Copenhagen in the 1980s discover his passion for the 1960s? When Mads was fourteen, his father gave him a Miles Davis cassette tape that

changed his life. Mads was hooked. He found a sense of intimacy and freedom in the 1960s sounds of jazz, soul and early R&B, which inspired him to explore the possibilities of how to get there with his violin. The result is an exhilarating and thrilling musi-

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Tickets are available at the exciting new Web site, www.wolfeborofriendsofmusic.org, at the door on the day of the concert, or by calling 603-651-9163.

High School and Middle School students will be admitted free of charge.

Children accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will be admitted free of charge.

Belknap Mill Quilters Guild to host 49th Annual Harvest of Quilts Show in Laconia

LACONIA — More than 150 handcrafted quilts will be on display when the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild presents its 49th Annual Harvest of Quilts Show on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-20, at Lakes Region Community College.

The annual event, one of the Lakes Region’s premier quilting showcases, will be held at LRCC, 379 Belmont Road, Laconia. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Visitors will have the opportunity to view more than 150 quilts created by guild members while also enjoying vendors, handmade gifts, quilting supplies and prize drawings throughout the weekend

where attendees determine the winning quilts. Voting closes at 5 p.m. on Saturday, with winners announced following the close of balloting.

In addition to the quilt exhibition, guests can browse the Attic Corner, featuring gently used quilting supplies, and Quilted Treasures, offering handmade gifts crafted by guild members. Multiple door prizes will also be awarded during the event.

The celebration extends beyond the college campus through the Mysterious Quilt Journey, which features quilts displayed in dozens of downtown Laconia businesses from Sept. 11 through Sept. 20. The

community-wide exhibit encourages visitors to explore local shops while enjoying a variety of quilt designs throughout downtown.

The guild will also raffle its 2026 quilt, “Mountain View,” a 70-inch by 84-inch quilt featuring a pattern designed by Edyta Sitar for Laundry Basket Quilts. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and participants do not need to be present to win.

Admission to the Harvest of Quilts Show is \$10 for adults. Children younger than 12 are admitted free with a paid adult admission.

For more information, contact the Belknap Mill Quilters Guild at info@bmqq.org.

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SPORTS

Timber Wolf girls earn shutout in Bristol

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Newfound soccer girls welcomed Prospect Mountain to town on Friday, Sept. 4, and the Timber Wolves used a pair of first-half goals to push past the host Bears by a 3-0 score.

Emily MacLean just missed connecting with Katie Braman for the Bears early on and Prospect's Maddy Howlett sent a shot on net that Newfound keeper Riley McFarland was able to stop. The Timber Wolves had the game's first corner kick but could not convert. Adara Glidden and MacLean both had good defensive stops and MacLean made a good run up the field as well. Keira Saalfrank just missed connecting with Howlett on a chance and Glidden had a pair of clears for the Bears.

Katie Jones made a run for the Timber Wolves that was turned back by Aubree Beasley for the Bears and Newfound had a corner kick chance. MacLean had a long shot that was stopped by Prospect goalie Olivia Beaton and Saalfrank just missed connecting with Tegan Pelham on a chance. Braman had a shot denied



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Prospect Mountain's Maddy Howlett tries to get to the ball around Newfound defenders Maggie Roberts and Ana Rivera-Soto.

by Beaton and Howlett had a chance that McFarland was able to handle. McFarland also stopped a Saalfrank shot and the Timber Wolf also sent a shot wide of the net. Pelham made a run for the Timber Wolves with Ana Rivera-Soto making a solid defensive stop for Newfound.

With 22:35 to go in the first half, the Timber Wolves were able to convert on a corner, with Amelia Gentile putting the ball in the back of the net for the 1-0 lead. Julia Reynolds sent a shot wide of the net for Newfound and MacLean made a run into the offensive zone and sent a direct kick into the box. Glidden had a good defensive clear and Maggie



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Molly Rayno looks to control the ball during her team's win over Newfound on Friday, Sept. 4.

Roberts and Rivera Soto had a strong defensive stop on a run from Leila Hills-grove. The Timber Wolves had a corner kick chance that MacLean cleared out and Howlett just missed connecting with Olivia Aulis and also had a bid in close. Leah Gard sent a shot over the top of the net for the Timber Wolves and Glidden made a good defensive stop on a Pelham run. Aulis sent a shot wide and Howlett sent Aulis in for another chance, with Julianna Susca getting a chance on the rebound in front. Gard sent a shot wide and Susca just missed connecting with Aulis on a bid.

Prospect Mountain scored their second goal with about four minutes to go in the first half, with Aulis delivering the kick from the top corner of the box for the 2-0 lead. Aislin Bralley made a good defensive stop on Aulis and Roberts had another defensive stop for the Bears. McFarland snared a bid from Aulis, who also sent a shot wide to close out the first half with the 2-0 lead for the visitors.

Saalfrank had an early shot denied by McFarland and Hills-grove connected with Howlett for a chance that went over the top of the net. Howlett then sent a ball wide on a corner kick chance before the Timber Wolves scored their third goal with five and a half minutes gone, with Hills-

grove picking up the goal for the 3-0 lead.

Cassidy Rand had a good defensive stop on Hills-grove and Chloe Colby had a nice defensive stop for the Timber Wolves on a bid from Reynolds. Braman had a shot denied by Beaton and Bailey Beck had a shot denied by McFarland at the other end of the field. Rivera-Soto had a pair of solid clears and Glidden had a good defensive stop on Beck. Ravyn Paris had a couple of shots for the Timber Wolves that McFarland stopped and Saalfrank sent a shot wide of the net. Rand stopped a run from Bailey Tesseyman and Susca sent a shot over the top of the net on a Timber Wolf corner.

MacLean connected with Reynolds on a chance for Newfound that was turned back by Colby in the Timber Wolf defense and Susca sent a shot wide at the other end. Pelham had a chance denied by McFarland and Colby stopped a run from Reynolds before Beaton stopped a shot from MacLean. Addy Huckins made a run in for the Bears that Beaton came out to grab and MacLean sent a shot off the cross bar, with Braman getting close in on the rebound, but Beaton got to the ball first. Howlett had a bid denied by McFarland and then teamed with Gard on a corner kick chance that McFarland also stopped. Saalfrank had a couple of late bids miss the mark and Prospect took the 3-0 win.

Prospect Mountain is slated to be back in action on Friday, Sept. 18, at home against Sanborn, Monday, Sept. 21, at home against Derryfield School and Wednesday, Sept. 23, at home against Hills-boro-Deering, all at 4 p.m.

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FOOTBALL

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first-ever football season.

The Bears went with a steady diet of the running game on the first drive, with Colin Buskey and Ryan Hennessey pounding the ball up the field and quarterback Lucas Reynolds joining in for a couple of runs. The Bears ate up more than half of the first quarter clock on the 66-yard drive that culminated in a nine-yard touchdown run from Hennessey with 5:55 to go. Buskey carried in the two-point conversion and Newfound had the 8-0 lead.

Quarterback Blake Pappaceno had Prospect's first-ever carry, picking up four yards to open the ensuing Prospect Mountain drive but a sack by Gracin McNabb-Hardy set the Timber Wolfe back and Beckett MacKay recovered a PMHS fumble to give the

Bears the ball back.

A penalty against the Bears put them in first and long on the next drive but runs from Buskey and Ryan Hobart got the first down and Buskey and Hennessey continued to move the ball up the field. Reynolds connected with Buskey for a first down and the first quarter ended with the Bears on the one and up 8-0.

Prospect's Gabriel Cole stuffed the first Bear run of the second quarter but Hennessey broke through on the second attempt and Reynolds connected with Nick Polewarczyk for the two-point conversion and a 16-0 lead just 10 seconds into the second quarter.

A couple of bad snaps put the Timber Wolves in a tough position on the next drive and Polewarczyk stepped in front of a Pappaceno pass and returned it all the way to the end zone for a



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Quarterback Blake Pappaceno looks for room to run during his team's first-ever game against Newfound on Friday.

touchdown with 9:45 to go. Prospect stopped the two-point conversion and the lead was 22-0 for the Bears.

The Timber Wolves went three and out on their next drive and Newfound quickly moved the ball down the field with Buskey and Hennessey doing the majority of the work. Reynolds connected with Mason Cunningham on a screen pass for a first down and Prospect was inside the 10, but a Bear fumble was recovered by Daniel Esperti for Prospect Mountain and

the Timber Wolves had the ball back.

The drive didn't last long, as another bad snap soared out of the end zone for a safety and Newfound had the 24-0 lead with 5:02 to go in the first half. Newfound's ensuing drive lasted just two plays as Anthony Quirk recovered a Bear fumble to give Prospect the ball again. Pappaceno and Cole moved the ball a couple of times on the ground but they couldn't get to the end zone and the first half ended with Newfound up

24-0.

Prospect got the ball to start the second half and another bad snap put them in a tough position and they were forced to punt. Buskey returned the punt for an apparent touchdown but a penalty brought the ball back to the 38 yard line. Curtis Seymour and Cohen Cunningham carried for the Bears but an incomplete pass on fourth down gave Prospect the ball back. Pappaceno and Cole carried the ball again, picking up a first down but they had to punt the ball away.

Newfound got a 36-yard run from Buskey to start the next drive and he carried in from 10 yards out on the next play for the touchdown. Hennessey's two-point conversion gave the Bears the 32-0 lead with 4:18 to go in the third. Pappaceno and Cole moved the ball on the next drive but the Timber Wolves couldn't convert on

fourth down and Newfound took the ball to end the third quarter with the score still 32-0.

Hunter Cassidy stepped in front of a Newfound pass on third down on the next drive for Prospect Mountain's first interception. The Timber Wolves had their best drive of the game with Pappaceno and Cole running the ball and Cassidy catching a Pappaceno pass for 37 yards but the drive stalled out at the 20 and Newfound took a knee to close out the game.

Newfound is scheduled to be in action on Saturday, Sept. 19, hosting defending Division IV champion Hills-boro-Deering at 2 p.m.

Prospect Mountain is scheduled to be at Fall Mountain on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

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Firefighters from Barnstead, Pittsfield, Gilmanton, and Strafford, led by Barnstead Fire Chief Tim Wilder, salute the memory of those lost on Sept. 11, 2001 in a moving ceremony at the Barnstead Fire Station held on that day's 25th Anniversary. Wilder read a minute-by-minute summary of the tragic events in real time, interspersed with moments of silence. "It is important to pass on our experiences to the younger generation," he said, "and remember the sacrifices made and how our country looked afterward, with strangers helping strangers. We need to tell those stories so that 'Never forget' is not a slogan, but a promise."

Alton Garden Club guest speaker offers tips for successful gardening

ALTON — Joan Blackwood entertained Alton Garden Club members with helpful "Tips and Tricks for Successful Gardening" at our August meeting.

Blackwood suggested using a pre-emergent, such as Preen, to prevent weeds from germinating. She also suggested using an auger to rid your lawn of existing dandelions and their taproots. For bare spots, white clover was recommended, as it adds nitrogen to the soil, pollinators love it, and it holds up well to light foot traffic. Other topics covered were companion planting to deter pests, volcano mulching being harmful to trees, creating a weed-free path, and an easy method for rooting plant cuttings. Joan finished by sharing her recipe for mint iced tea, even providing a pitcher of tea for us to sample.

Kathy Bielawa spoke about lupines during the Horticulture Moment. Besides adding color and beauty to your garden, lupines attract bees, butterflies and hummingbirds and add nitrogen to the soil. There are annual and perennial types of lupine seeds that you can purchase, but be aware that the



plants are toxic to both animals and children. We are a group with a strong sense of community and dedication to the beautification of the Town of Alton. We invite non-members with these interests to join us for our two remaining regular meetings of the season. Watch The Bay-sider for information on the September and October programs. This month's meeting of Alton Garden Club will be held on Tuesday,

Sept. 22 at Gilman Library with the Hydrangea Wreaths presentation starting at 1:30 P.M. Member Ruth Arsenault will demonstrate making these beautiful wreaths and provide the information needed to make your own. If this topic is of interest to you, please feel free to join us. This would be an opportunity to learn and also meet new friends in the community. Guests are always welcome.



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Market Day in Alton is every other Wednesday from noon to 3 p.m. Next week, Sept. 23, is your last chance to get fresh baked goods, produce, locally raised meat, herbal products, and more. The market is located on Main Street, across from the Town Hall. Here, Red Cranberries' proprietor, Jo Corbett, stands at the ready for a make-your-own bouquet at the flower bar.

SPORTS

Reinhardt, O'Brien lead Golden Eagles in Bristol

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BRISTOL — The Gilford cross country boys and girls took to the course at Newfound Regional High School on Saturday, Sept. 5, for the Earl Mills Newfound Invitational. The Golden Eagle girls finished in fifth place on the day and the boys finished in seventh place on what is likely one of the tougher courses the team will run on this season. The race took place after the early holiday deadline for last week's edition.

The Gilford girls were led by an 11th place finish from Alissa O'Brien in a time of 26:08 with Brooke Baron running to 27th place in 30:30. Kailey Knott was 32nd overall in a time of 32:26, Bailey Juurlink-Gagne finished in 38th place in 34:56 and Amanda Schaffnit rounded out the field of Golden Eagle girls with a 39th place finish in 38:21.

On the boys' side of things, William Reinhardt led the Gilford squad with an eighth place finish in 20:20. Caleb LeSage was 44th overall in a time of 25:17 with Griffyn Greene in 47th place in 25:38 and Cooper Plourde in 51st place in 26:35. Ryder Can-

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(Right) Brooke Baron reaches the top of one of the hills on the Newfound course during her team's race in Bristol on Sept. 5.



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William Reinhardt runs at the start of the Earl Mills Newfound Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 5, in Bristol.



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Alissa O'Brien crests one of the many hills on the Newfound course during the Labor Day weekend race in Bristol.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Caleb LeSage runs for Gilford during the Earl Mills Newfound Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 5.

tara finished out the scoring for Gilford with a 52nd place finish in 26:52.

The Golden Eagles are slated to compete in the Manchester Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 9 a.m.

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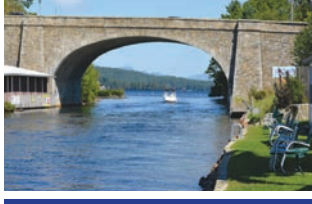
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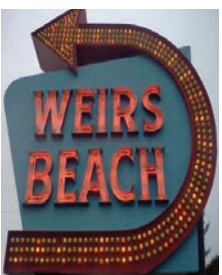






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LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire has donated \$50,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire, reinforcing the Bank’s commitment to investing in the young people and families who help shape the future of New Hampshire communities.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH provides safe, supportive spaces where young people can learn, grow, build meaningful relationships, and develop the skills and confidence they need to succeed. Through its programs and services, the organization works to ensure youth have access to positive role models, educational opportunities, and experiences that encourage them to reach their full potential.

“Strong communities start with giving young people the opportunity to succeed,” said Chris Logan, President & CEO of Bank of New Hampshire. “The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH creates a place where kids



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can feel safe, supported, and encouraged to discover what they’re capable of. We are proud to support their mission and make an investment in the young people and families who are helping build the future of our communities.”

The donation will sup-

port the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH as it continues providing programs and opportunities designed to help youth thrive both inside and outside the classroom. From academic support and leadership development to healthy lifestyles and posi-

tive relationships, the clubs play an important role in helping young people build a strong foundation for their future.

“Every day, we see what’s possible when young people have a place where they feel welcomed, supported, and encouraged to

be themselves,” said Chris Emond, CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH. “This generous gift from Bank of New Hampshire will help us continue creating those opportunities for kids across Central and Northern New Hampshire. We’re grateful for their partnership and their belief in the potential of every young person who walks through our doors.”

For Bank of New Hampshire, supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern NH is part of a broader commitment to strengthening the communities where its employees, customers, and neighbors live and work. By investing in organizations that create meaningful opportunities for youth, the Bank is helping build stronger communities today while investing in the leaders of tomorrow.

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Young Golden Eagle golfers second at Apple Hill

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LITCHFIELD — The Gilford golf team hit the road to Passaconaway Country Club in Litchfield for a match hosted by Campbell. The Golden Eagles and host Cougars finished with identical scores of 67 with the Cougars winning the tiebreaker. Kearsarge won the day with 88 points and Prospect Mountain finished with 73 points.

The young Golden Eagles were led by 18 points

from the third spot from Kayden Blouin while Colton Byars in the second spot finished with 17 points. Cohen Elliott in the fifth spot and Adam Marceau in the sixth spot both finished with 16 points to round out the scoring for the Golden Eagles. Andy Taylor had 11 points from the top spot in the lineup, and both Anthony Hardy at number four and Maddi Metz at number seven finished with 10 points.

The Golden Eagles fin-

ished second in a four-team match at Apple Hill Golf Course on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Gilford finished with 73 points to finish second behind Belmont’s 81 points while host Sanborn had 66 points and Milford finished with 57 points.

Taylor tied for medalist honors from the fourth spot in the Gilford lineup, finishing with a score of 21 points. Byars finished with 19 points out of the top spot in the lineup with Blouin

finishing with 18 points from the second spot. Elliott rounded out the scoring with a score of 15 from the third spot in the lineup. Marceau had 10 points from the sixth spot and Metz finished with seven points at number five.

The Golden Eagles are slated to be in action on Monday, Sept. 21, at Pheasant Ridge at 3:30 p.m.

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Timber Wolf golfers take second in Litchfield

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

LITCHFIELD — The Prospect Mountain golf team had a solid day at the Passaconaway Country Club on Tuesday, Sept. 8, finishing second to Kearsarge with 72 points on the day. The Cougars finished with 88 points and Campbell and Gilford both finished with 67 points.

Gavin Gorton had a great day out of the second spot in the lineup for the Timber Wolves, finishing with 23 points while Mikey Perry was not far behind him, finishing with 22 points out of the third spot in the lineup. Chase Couture finished with 15 points out of

the fifth spot and Stephen Rawnsley finished with 13 points out of the fourth spot to round out the scoring. Brock Carter had 11 points, Brady Glidden finished with nine points out of the top spot in the lineup and Bryce Lounsbury rounded out the field of Timber Wolves with eight points from the seventh spot.

The Timber Wolves are slated to be in action on Thursday, Sept. 17, at Derryfield Country Club at 1:30 p.m. and will be at Laconia Country Club on Monday, Sept. 21, at 3:30 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Sept. 17
BELMONT
Volleyball vs. Inter-Lakes; 6:15

Friday, Sept. 18
BELMONT
Boys’ Soccer at Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Girls’ Soccer vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4

GILFORD
Boys’ Soccer vs. Farmington-Nute; 4
Field Hockey vs. Bishop Brady; 4
Volleyball vs. Manchester West; 5:45

WINNISQUAM
Boys’ Soccer at Stevens; 4
Field Hockey at Newport; 4
Volleyball vs. Portsmouth Christian; 6

Saturday, Sept. 19

GILFORD
Cross Country at Manchester Central; 10
Football at Epping-Newmarket;

WINNISQUAM
Cross Country at Manchester; 10

Monday, Sept. 21
BELMONT
Volleyball at Hillsboro-Deering; 6:15

GILFORD
Girls’ Soccer vs. Hopkinton; 4
Golf at Pheasant Ridge; 3:30

WINNISQUAM
Volleyball vs. Concord Christian; 6

Tuesday, Sept. 22
GILFORD
Boys’ Soccer at Laconia 4
Field Hockey at Kearsarge; 4

WINNISQUAM

Boys’ Soccer at Bishop Brady; 4
Volleyball at Mascenic; 6
Wednesday, Sept. 23

BELMONT
Golf at Sunapee CC; 4
Volleyball vs. Trinity; 6:15

GILFORD
Girls’ Soccer at Laconia; 4
Volleyball at Pembroke; 6

WINNISQUAM
Cross Country at Moultonborough; 4

Thursday, Sept. 24
BELMONT
Golf at Farmington Country Club; 4

GILFORD
Golf at Pheasant Ridge; 3:30
Cross Country at Kearsarge; 4

All schedules are subject to change.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Sept. 17
KENNETT
Boys’ Soccer at Bow; 4
Field Hockey vs. Milford; 4
Girls’ Soccer vs. Bow; 4
Golf at Nippo Lake; 3:30

KINGSWOOD
Girls’ Soccer at Hollis-Brookline; 4
Volleyball at Merrimack Valley; 6

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Golf at Derryfield; 1:30
Volleyball vs. St. Thomas; 6:15

Friday, Sept. 18
KENNETT
Field Hockey at Pembroke; 4
Football vs. Pembroke; 7

KINGSWOOD
Boys’ Soccer vs. Hollis-Brookline; 4
Cross Country at Manchester; 9
Field Hockey at Hanover; 4
Football at Bow; 7
Golf at Crotched Mountain; 3:30

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys’ Soccer at Sanborn; 4
Cross Country at Mascenic; 4
Football at Fall Mountain; 7
Girls’ Soccer vs. Sanborn; 4
Volleyball at Farmington; 6:15

Monday, Sept. 21
KENNETT
Boys’ Soccer vs. Berlin; 4
Girls’ Soccer at Berlin; 4
Volleyball at Plymouth; 6

KINGSWOOD
Boys’ Soccer at John Stark; 4
Golf at Kingswood Golf Club; 3:30

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN

Girls’ Soccer vs. Derryfield; 4
Golf at Pheasant Ridge; 3:30
Volleyball vs. Newfound; 6:15

Tuesday, Sept. 22
KENNETT
Golf at Crotched Mountain; 3:30

KINGSWOOD
Field Hockey at Lebanon; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys’ Soccer vs. Derryfield; 4

Wednesday, Sept. 23
KENNETT
Boys’ Soccer vs. John Stark; 4
Field Hockey vs. Bow; 4
Girls’ Soccer at John Stark; 4
Volleyball vs. Kingswood; 6:15

KINGSWOOD
Boys’ Soccer at Coe-Brown; 4
Girls’ Soccer vs. Coe-Brown; 6
Golf at The Oaks; 3:30
Volleyball at Kennett; 6:15

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Girls’ Soccer vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Volleyball at Epping; 6:15

Thursday, Sept. 24
KENNETT
Golf at Whip Poor Will Golf Club; 3

KINGSWOOD
Field Hockey vs. Oyster River; 4

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Cross Country at Kearsarge; 4
Golf at Farmington Country Club; 4

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Songwriter Round-Up brings evening of original music to Hermit Woods

MEREDITH — The partnership between Katie Dobbins Music (Gilford) and Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith) which has brought the monthly music series Songwriter Round-Up to the Lakes Region is set to deliver another great show at the end of this month. Held in the region’s premier listening room, The Loft located on the second floor of the Winery, this series has been giving audience members a chance to experience the original music of talented singer-songwriters from the New England area and beyond. At each show three artists share their songs



and stories in a unique in-the-round style performance. This intimate series features two different songwriters each month alongside award-winning

performer Katie Dobbins.

The series offers area residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the show “magic” that each new lineup creates. Winery co-founder and owner Bob Manley is thrilled to have his establishment be home to the monthly Songwriter Round-Up Series. Remark on the success of the series, Bob reaffirms the valued partnership the Winery has developed with Katie Dobbins Music expressing “Working alongside Katie Dobbins and her Songwriter Round-Up Series has been an absolute delight. Katie brings an engaging presence to the stage, effortlessly connecting with our audiences and showcasing incredible talent with each performance.”

The next Songwriter

Round-Up show takes place on Thursday, Sept. 17, featuring the Lakes Region’s own Katie Dobbins, a singer-songwriter who delivers heart-felt lyrics with beautiful vocal tones wrapped in guitar and piano melodies; Amanda McCarthy, a New England singer-songwriter-storyteller with strong ties to Nashville whose powerful vocals are supported by a pop-rock-country blended style; and Morgan Clark, a singer-songwriter from the White Mountains of New Hampshire with a captivating stage presence and a country-rock-roots musical style. All of these artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, melodies, and styles to the stage. This is sure to be an evening of great original music and dynamic entertainment that you won’t want to miss. Learn more about each of these artists on the Hermit Woods Winery website.

A complimentary wine tasting will begin at 5:30 p.m., the Loft opens at 6pm for seating & dinner orders, and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu of tasty items available from onsite Chef Eric Huckins. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.

Bat Out of Helloween brings celebration of Meat Loaf and Rocky Horror to the Colonial

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Bat Out of Helloween: Celebrating Meat Loaf and Rocky Horror on Friday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets to the show are on

sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Bat Out of Helloween is more than a concert - it is a powerful live experience that brings to life the music

of Meat Loaf, Rocky Horror and other spooky hits. The show features alumni of Meat Loaf’s official band, Neverland Express fronted by Andrew Polec.

Andrew Polec originated the role of Strat in Bat Out of Hell: The Musical in London’s West End and across international productions earning critical acclaim for his ability to capture the intensity of Jim Steinman’s writing. His performance uniquely bridges the theatrical origins of the material with the raw power of a live rock concert, delivering a frontman presence that is both electrifying and deeply authentic.

“The only band endorsed by me and Jim Steinman,” Meat Loaf said of this tribute to his musical legacy.

“Do not miss this! This is the closest you could possibly get... This is not a tribute band, but Meat’s incredible, actual band and this band rocks!” raves Sir Brian May of Queen.

“Andrew is phenomenal, the definitive embodiment of the rock-and-roll spirit,” says Jim Steinman.

About The Colonial Theatre of Laconia

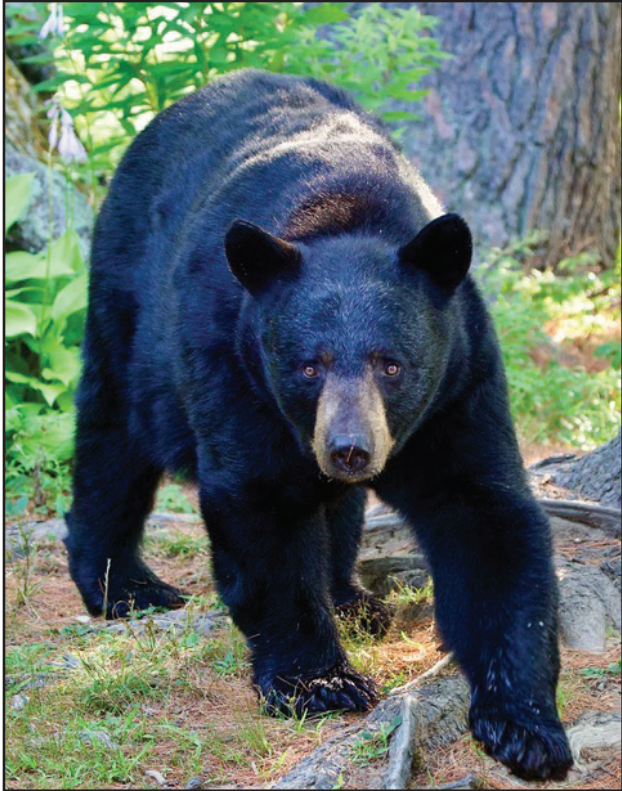
The original owner, Benjamin Piscopo, was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice as seen from the water. In

August of 2002, the theatre closed after 87 years of operation. On June 15, 2015, the City of Laconia announced a partnership with the Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) to purchase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

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Audubon announces wildlife photo program



MOULTONBOROUGH — On Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Loon Center in Moultonborough, the Lakes Region Chapter of the New Hampshire Audubon Society will present a program called “Wild America Coast to Coast” by Andy and Beth Greenwood

Andy and Beth are Keene residents, and have dedicated much of their lives to capturing digital wildlife images.

This passion involves local and distant opportunities to respectfully photograph nature. They have been successful at capturing a variety of wildlife images and this year marks twenty-four years of enjoying what they con-

sider the best hobby in the world.

Andy’s favorite photo subjects are Brown or Black Bears. Beth loves to photograph foxes or any baby animals.

Andy is a former president of the Monadnock Chapter of the NH Audubon Society and is a published freelance photographer. Beth is also a published photographer/author and a ballet choreographer.

The Loon Center is located on Lee’s Mill Road; follow the signs on Blake Road from Route 25 near the Moultonborough Central School, or from Route 109, turn on to Lee Road and turn left on Lee’s Mill Road.

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Freedom Through Forgiveness	Thu	11/19/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
Introduction to Spiritual Energies	Thu	10/8/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
Meditation 101	Thu	11/5/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
What are Angels & How to Communicate w/them	Thu	10/22/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	1	\$45.00	615	Brenda Paquette
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning (Tues & Thurs) Session 1	Tue, Thu	9/29/26	5:00 pm	6:15 pm	4	\$50.00	ctc-H141	Bonnie Morin
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning (Tues & Thurs) Session 2	Tue, Thu	10/13/26	5:00 pm	6:15 pm	4	\$50.00	ctc-H141	Bonnie Morin
Yoga for Everyone: Beginning (Tues & Thurs) Session 3	Tue, Thu	11/10/26	5:00 pm	6:15 pm	4	\$50.00	ctc-H141	Bonnie Morin
Beginner East Coast Swing	Wed	9/30/26	5:45 PM	6:45 PM	4	\$95.00	LHS-Café	Juli Pruden
Beginner Country Two-Step	Wed	9/30/26	6:45PM	7:45PM	4	\$95.00	LHS-Café	Juli Pruden
Beginner Cha Cha	Wed	9/30/26	6:45PM	7:45PM	4	\$95.00	LHS-Café	Juli Pruden
Learning a skill								
Basic Woodworking*	Thu	10/1/26	6:00 pm	8:30 pm	8	\$110.00	517	Wes Anderson
Dog Obedience: Advanced	Wed	9/30/26	7:00 pm	8:00 pm	8	\$75.00	WHS-Gym	Carolyn Bancroft
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Physical Science	Mon	9/14/26	5:30pm	8:30 PM	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-901	J. Lacroix
English	Tues	9/8/26	6:00pm	9:00pm	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-603	P. Mignaneli
The Odyssey	Wed	9/9/26	6:00pm	9:00pm	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-304	T. Osborne
Math	Thurs	9/10/26	6:00pm	9:00pm	15 Weeks	\$300.00	LHS-611	A. Stefanik
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Adult Education and Literacy Classes (AEL)**								
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Alton	12 Jaytee Dr.	N/A	\$175,000	Bear Hill LLC	D&M Homes LLC
Alton	Main Street	N/A	\$590,000	Foss Property Management LLC	RB Enterprise LLC
Alton	84 Rines Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$600,000	Regan Fiscal Trust and Robert B. Regan	Def LLC
Alton	Route 28	N/A	\$118,000	Christine and Joseph Perella	Daniel and Shaina Laurin
Alton	13 Suncook Valley Rd.	Commercial Building	\$822,000	RB Enterprise LLC	Vacanza LLC
Alton	290 Trask Side Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$2,000,000	Daniel R. and Carol I. O'Connell	Michael W. and April Ferguson
Barnstead	27 Georgetown Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$780,000	Jennifer Henry and Judith Lewis	Jennifer and Elliot Black
Barnstead	255 John Tasker Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,000,000	Scott T. Goodrich	Michael K. Aviles
Barnstead	123 Parade Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$580,000	Kyle Brian Phelps	Christina Marie Anger
Barnstead	449 Province Rd.	N/A	\$838,000	Tyler Abbott	Michael Halstead
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 1A)	N/A	\$365,000	Frederick L. Howcroft	Guy and Denise Laporte
Gilford	354 Cherry Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$668,000	R. Steven Laverdiere, Jr.	354 Cherry Valley Road LLC
Gilford	111 Curtis Rd.	N/A	\$1,400,000	Lundy Point LLC	Anthony and Angie Ferretti
Gilford	267 Dockham Shore Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$4,700,000	Charles T. Rubeski III LT	Nancy L. Abbott RET
Gilford	24 Green Acres Dr.	Residential Developed Land	\$1,500,000	Bouchard Holdings LLC	Melissa C. and Charles H. Levine, Jr.
Gilford	62 Old Rail Rd.	Residential-Other	\$120,733	Holly P. Mintz	Ying Song
Gilford	87 Sleeper Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$610,000	Vysakh Sivarajan and Apama Ayikkara	Samantha Ann and Bernard Leo Bleggi
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Gilford	N/A (Lot 43)	N/A	\$500,000	Judy Anderson	Matthew and Shannon Cherner
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Gilmanton	N/A (Lot 2)	N/A	\$360,000	James P. Wrobel	Bruce M. and Patricia A. Metcalfe
New Durham	Franconia Drive	N/A	\$15,466	Illerex LLC	Larry Scott Cornell

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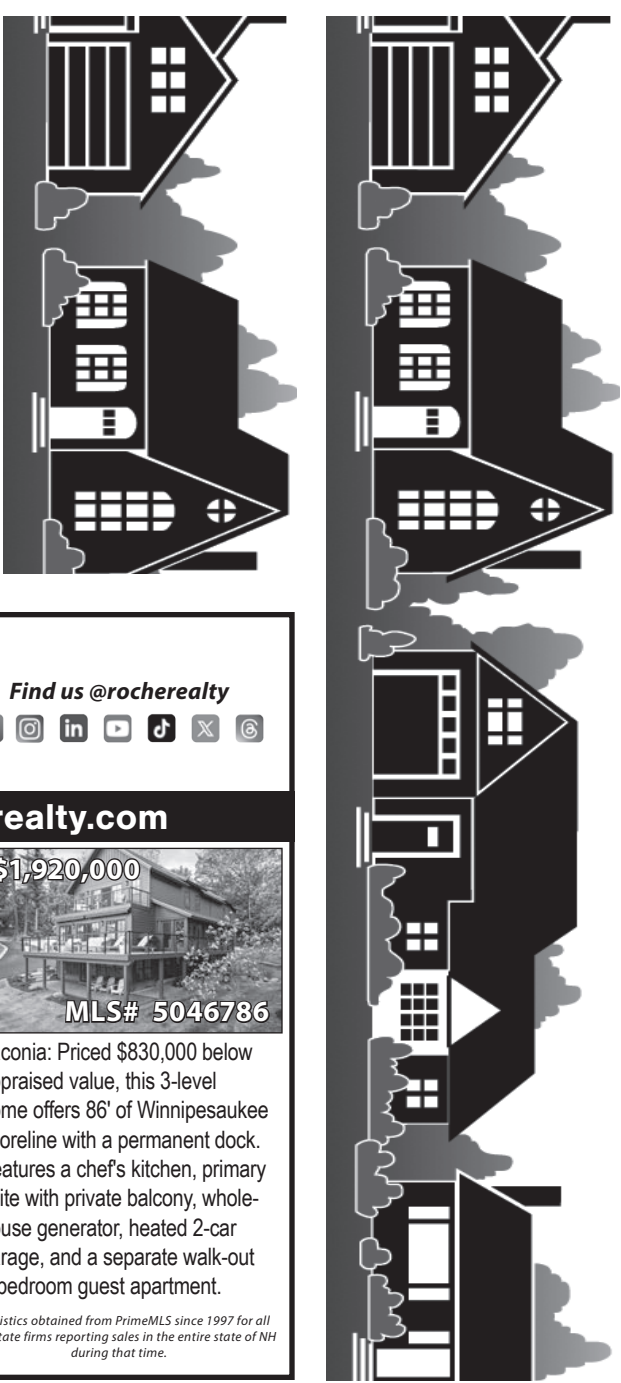
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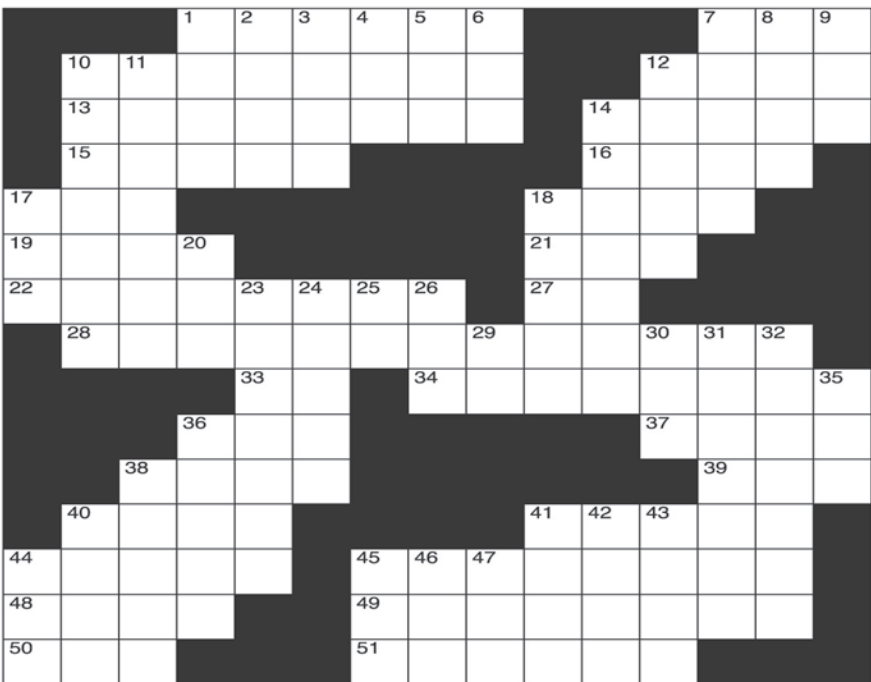
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CLUES ACROSS

1. A place for worship

7. Referee declaration

10. Torsos

12. Used to introduce something

13. Healing method

14. Takes to the sea

15. Make law

16. French coastal city

17. Hawaiian dish

18. Young of domestic cattle

19. Women’s undergarments

21. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)

22. One after another

27. It’s a hot topic these days

28. Folk band frontman
33. They precede C

34. Heavenly

36. Fiddler crabs

37. Major Hindu deity

38. Hebrew given name

39. Cost per mile

40. __ Romeo, car

41. Rural municipality in Manitoba

44. Narratives

45. “A tragedy had __ him”

48. Iranian city

49. Praises publicly

50. Founding Father Franklin

51. Herbal tea

CLUES DOWN

1. Indian unit of mass

2. “Tears in Heaven” singer Clapton

3. Part of a sailing vessel

4. Part of (abbr.)

5. Polynesian garland of flowers

6. Keyboard key

7. One who steals

8. Large oven

9. Former CIA

10. Idea

11. Solomon Islands capital

12. Afrikaans

14. Remove thatch

17. Television network

18. Jalen Brunson is one

20. Title of respect

23. Flowering trees

24. Occurring in a tube
25. Exists

26. Woman (French)

29. Expression of doubt

30. NHL legend Bobby

31. Accomplished

32. Makes slightly wet

35. National Assn. of Manufacturers

36. Not sated

38. Poe’s middle name

40. Swiss river

41. Rhythmic pattern in Indian music

42. “Shane” actor Ladd

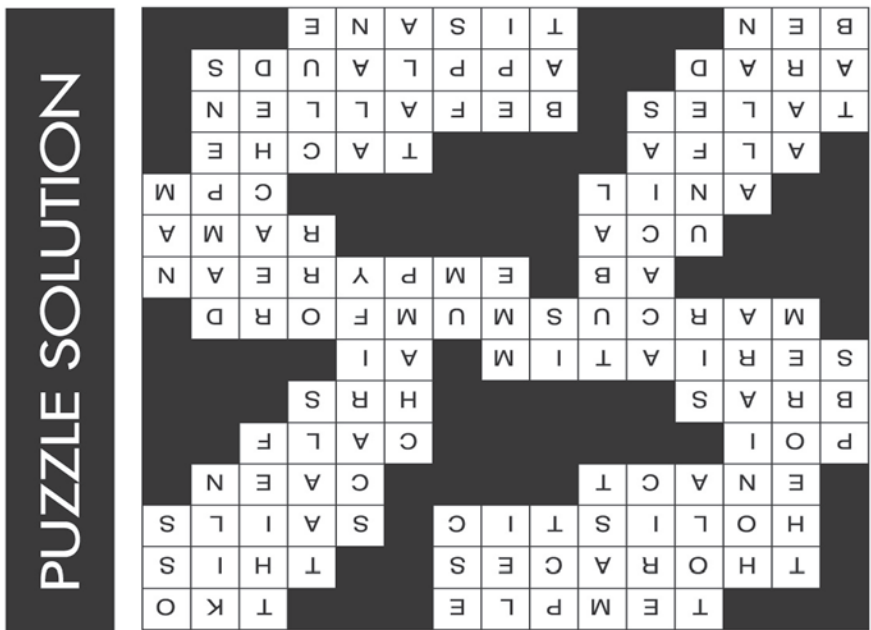
43. Popular whodunit board game

44. Bar bill

45. Ballplayer’s tool

46. Indicates near

47. Feet per second



FIRE

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Wednesday, Sept. 2, Peyton N. Eastman, 19, of Portsmouth was arrested on a warrant for felony arson and misdemeanor criminal trespass.

Both suspects were processed and released on personal recognizance and are scheduled to be arraigned on Oct. 8 at 8:15 a.m. in

Laconia District Court.

State Fire Marshal Sean P. Toomey would like to thank the Gilford Police Department and Gilford Fire Department for their continued partnership and assistance throughout this investigation.

Marshal Toomey would also like to recognize the officers with the Rochester Police Department and the Dover

Police Department who assisted with locating and arresting the suspects.

Members of the Somersworth Police Department, Wolfeboro Police Department, Laconia Police Department, Durham Police Department, and the North Berwick, Maine Police Department also provided valuable assistance during the investigation.

WOODS

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for Nov. 13, 14, 20, and 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gilford High School Auditorium.

This year’s production is off to a fantastic start, with 26 talented actors joining the cast. The group features a wonderful mix of returning theatre students and new members to the Gilford High School Theatre program, creating an exciting and diverse ensemble.

and the Beanstalk, Little Red Riding Hood, and Rapunzel—and asks what happens after the stories we all know come to an end. When a Baker and his Wife journey into the woods to break a curse and start a family, they encounter familiar characters whose wishes and choices become intertwined. What begins as a collection of fairy tales becomes a thoughtful and entertaining story about wishes, consequences, family, community, and the responsibilities that come with getting what we want.

Adair

- Choreography: Student-created, with veteran choreographer Heidi Noyes Bourgeois providing choreography for one or two featured numbers

The production is being led by an experienced and dedicated creative team:

- Director/Producer: Matt Demko
- Music Director: Aidan Lamont
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With a talented cast, a dedicated production team, and a story filled with humor, heart, music, and plenty of theatrical magic, Gilford High School Theatre is looking forward to bringing Into the Woods to the stage this fall.

Performances will take place Nov. 13, 14, 20 & 21 at 7 p.m. in the Gilford High School Auditorium. Tickets will be available for purchase soon. Additional ticket information will be announced as it becomes available.

STEM FAIR

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STEM subjects in aviation careers. The event will be held in the SkyBright Aviation hangar at the Airport, and is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for students and teachers and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the general public. Thanks to generous sponsors, admission is free.

Co-hosting the youth-oriented event are The Laconia Airport Authority and SkyBright Aviation. More than 40 schools have been invited to attend and between 300-400 students are expected.

School busses may enter through the Aviation Way access road at Gate N. Current sponsors of the Career Fair at the \$1,000 Gold level sponsors are SkyBright Aviation, STS Aero and the NH National Guard. Bronze level \$250 sponsorships include AvLite Aviation and Moulison Heavy Electric. Additional sponsors include Emerson Aviation, Pratt & Whitney and NH Ball Bearing . All sponsors listed will host exhibits as will the FAA, NH Bureau of Aeronautics, The American Red Cross, the Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force Association,

the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Plymouth State University, Southern NH University, Laconia Flight Academy, the US Space Force, the Aviation Museum of NH, the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the Gilford Police Department. Flight simulators will be available for future pilots to “fly.” If your school would like to attend or your business would like to sponsor or have an exhibit, contact WinnAero Education Director Dan Caron at Dan.Caron@winnaero.org. Exhibitor space and sponsorships are still available.

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Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to:

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Young actors invited to audition for “A Charlie Brown Christmas” at the Village Players

WOLFEBORO — Have a young actor who’s ready for a chance to take the stage? Auditions for “A Charlie Brown Christmas” at the Village Players are coming up!

Based on the beloved classic TV special, this 30-minute holiday production is a fun opportunity for children to experience the excitement of live theater. Auditions

will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Village Players Theater, 51 Glendon St., Wolfeboro.

Director Helen Rautenberg will be casting children ages six to 10. At auditions, everyone will participate in group singing. Children who would like to may also prepare a solo—but it’s not required.

Rehearsals are

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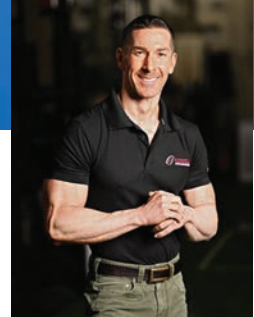
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