

State champions earn field hockey All-State honors



Lexi Shute of Gilford earned First Team All-State honors.

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Gilford's Olivia Keenan was named Division III First Team All-State.

Rogacki named D3 Co-Coach of the Year

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — With the conclusion of the field hockey season, the New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association has announced its All-State lists.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Berlin's Cienna Langlais and Erin McCormick, Gilford's Olivia Keenan and Lexi Shute and Newfound's Elle MacDonald, Adeline Dolloff and Matti Douville. Langlais was named Offensive Player of the Year and Douville was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Second Team honors went to Aly Pichette and Lauryn Nash-Boucher of Gilford, Marlyn Valentin and Rebecca Colby of Littleton, Isa LaPlume of Newfound and Abigayle McCusker and Adrianna Dami of White Mountains.

Earning Honorable Mention were Arianah Richard of Berlin, Lilly Winward of Gilford, Makenna Reed of Littleton, Allie Normandin of Newfound, Cierra Challinor of White Mountains and Lily Auger of Winnisquam.

Also earning First Team honors were Laura Yap and Margaret Sheehan of

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Coach Dave Rogacki, seen with his senior captains, was named Division III Co-Coach of the Year.

Gilford School Board proposing budget with 1.4 percent increase

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GILFORD — The Gilford School Board has presented its proposed budget with an increase of around 1.44 percent accounting for rising costs, proposed building projects, and some staff shifts. The Gilford School Board presented its proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year on Nov. 10. This coming year's proposed

budget is \$27,768,068, an increase of \$394,986 or around 1.44 percent.

According to the budget presentation, the district is factoring some big cost increases over last year.

The budget takes into account how the Consumer Price Index rose 8.3 percent from the previous year as of Sept. 13.

There has been a 142 percent increase in electricity, carrying a cost of \$419,900. Heating oil is

also projected at \$3.65 a gallon or \$77,365.

The guaranteed maximum increase for health insurance is projected at 20 percent, accounting for \$595,093. The bus contract will also cost \$101,861.

Several building projects are planned for the 2023-2034 school year. Projects at the SAU office and districtwide include a pneumatics project for \$35,000, districtwide mandatory

water testing for \$6,500, interior painting at the SAU office for \$14,000, and exterior cleaning and painting of the SAU office for \$4,300.

Gilford Elementary School will receive a new lining for a sewer line for \$60,000.

At Gilford Middle School projects include work on a mini split for \$9,000 and work on the band and chorus room paddle fans for \$7,600.

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Proposed Alton zoning amendments include short-term rental regulations

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ALTON — The Planning Board is proposing an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would define and regulate short term rentals.

The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on six proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance on Dec. 20. Voters will decide on these amendments during town meeting voting in March of 2023.

Amendment 1 would add definitions and regulations related to short-term rentals.

The proposed amendment would add new definitions to the terms "Short-term rental," "nontransient," "owner-occupied, and "transient" along with amending the definitions for "Accessory building, structure, or use," "bed and breakfast," and "lodging house."

The amendment would also add a new section related to short-term housing to the article on General Provisions as well as adding a table of uses for short term rentals in different zones.

Under the new section on short-term rentals, any proposed short-term rental must have access to a dwelling by a state or town-maintained road unless a waiver has been received. The dwelling must have oner on-site parking space for each permitted bedroom plus one additional space.

The building's septic system must be functioning properly and permit from the NH Department of Environmental Services must be on file for the number of bedrooms. If there is no permit on file an evaluation by a state certified septic system evaluator will be required as well as a design approved by DES that will be constructed.

If the building is not served by public water, the ordinance will require documentation that the wa-

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Gilford selectmen approve ambulance fee revision, fireworks ordinance amendment



COURTESY PHOTO

Gilford Fire Chief Steve Carrier speaks with the selectmen about the proposed increases to ambulance fees.

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — Ambulance fees will increase in the new year and an amendment to the fireworks ordinance spells out the fire chief's ability to prohibit fireworks use in dangerous weather.

The selectmen held two public hearings during Wednesday's meeting, one to amend the fireworks ordinance and the other to increase ambulance fees.

One hearing made revisions to the ambulance fee schedule, which were last revised in 2018.

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Bank of New Hampshire donates to Friends of Forgotten Children

LACONIA — Bank of New Hampshire is proud to contribute \$5,000 to the Friends of Forgotten Children for their food pantry purchases.

Friends of Forgotten Children’s mission is to assist children, families and seniors experiencing hardships by helping to improve their quality of life and ensure greater stability and success. Through cooperative, working relationships with local service organizations, Friends of Forgotten Children fulfills necessary supplemental community needs by providing food assistance,

self-help training opportunities, clothing and holiday gift wishes all at no charge to clients.

“The support from Bank of New Hampshire provides Friends of Forgotten Children the capability to reduce hunger in Merrimack County,” said Michael Caswell, Vice President of Friends of Forgotten Children. “Friends of Forgotten Children is grateful for community partners like Bank of New Hampshire who provide food to anyone in need in Merrimack County. They have made it possible to provide more fresh foods and

a Thanksgiving basket to those in need.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to support Friends of Forgotten Children this year, furthering our goal of making an impact in the area of food insecurity,” said Deborah Greenwood, Vice President, Retail Banking Regional Manager for Bank of New Hampshire. “This program not only helps

struggling children, families and seniors by helping them improve their quality of life, but also makes it more meaningful by providing food to families this holiday season.”

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COURTESY Friends of Forgotten Children’s Thanksgiving Food Pantry.

Franklin Savings Bank announces employee promotions

FRANKLIN — Franklin Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotions of Nancy Watson to AVP, Branch Manager-Boscawen, Jon Cayton to AVP, Branch Manager-Franklin, and Shelbie Swanson to Branch Manager-Gilford. In their respective roles, they will be responsible for executing strategies to achieve branch goals as part of the bank’s strategic plan. They will also provide coaching to their team to assure proper utilization of sales techniques, as well as ensure compliance with the bank’s policies, procedures and industry regulatory requirements.

“This is a wonderful accomplishment for Nancy, Jon and Shelbie, and I am happy to see the valuable contributions they have made within our retail group,”



Nancy Watson



Jon Clayton



Shelbie Swanson

commented Julie Buker, VP, Retail Banking & Branch Administration Officer. “Their dedication and commitment to the bank and service to our customers is truly appreciated. I look forward to seeing them advance further within their roles.”

Watson joined the bank in 1985 as a Teller at our Bristol office, then transitioned into our loan operations department as a Loan Processor. In 2009, she was appointed Branch Manager of the bank’s former New Hampton office and later moved to the

Boscawen office. She is actively involved in the community as a member of the Rotary Club of Concord, and volunteers her time to prepare and serve meals at the Open Door Kitchen in Penacook. In her free time, Watson enjoys kayaking, cooking and baking, restoring furniture, as well as visiting thrift stores. She resides in Bristol with her husband.

Cayton began his career with FSB in 2018 as Branch Manager of the main office in downtown Franklin. He assumed oversight of the customer contact center earlier in the year. He has over 37 years of experience in the areas of branch management, coaching and training, business development, compliance, and residential loan processing. A resident of Manchester, Cayton is a former Ambassador of the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Swanson started with the bank in 2018 as a Personal Banker at our Gilford office and was later elevated to Personal Banker II, then Personal Banker III & Retail Trainer. She holds an Associate of Arts degree in liberal arts from Lakes Region Community College. Swanson resides in Laconia with her son,

with whom she enjoys spending time. Together, they like to embark on adventure walks in her neighborhood, hike local trails, and explore the ocean shoreline in search of sea crabs.

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Will you be traveling in the Christmas in Wolfeboro Parade?



WOLFEBORO — It is not too late to be a part of this year's Christmas in Wolfeboro Parade.

Entries are coming in and the excitement building in anticipation of the upcoming Parade. The tradition continues with the Parade taking place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday,

Nov. 26.

Participants will enjoy being greeted by enthusiastic spectators lined up along both sides of Main Street. Ask your friends, family, or your team at the office to plan now for the fun, festive event.

New this year will be "Fill a Fire Truck with

Toys." The truck will be parked in front of the Information Center, the former railroad station building, starting at 1:00p.m. Children can get a firsthand look inside the truck. New, unwrapped toys will be collected for Wolfeboro's Children's Christmas Fund.

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Middle School Chorus will again sing carols at Wolfeboro's Community Christmas Tree leading up to the start of the parade.

"Santa Claus is getting ready for his return to Wolfeboro too," exclaims his elves.

You will first see Santa traveling in the pa-

rade and he will make his customary stop at the Christmas Tree. It is there that Santa will use his magic to light the tree. He will then make his way to Santa's Hut for people to visit with him.

Speaking of the tree, a big thank you to Cris Dow and family for again donating a tree for

this year's Community Christmas Tree.

Parade entry forms are available on the events page at wolfeboro-chamber.com and can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce Information Center. Please telephone 569-2200 for more information.

December events at Oscar Foss Memorial Library

BARNSTEAD — We are having a book sale! It runs from Dec. 1 to Dec. 3 during normal library hours, and will take place in the library's Meeting Room. Come load up on books, pay what you can, and help out the library (proceeds support library programming and development). It's a win-win! Also, the library will be accepting book donations for the sale until Nov. 30.

Miss Jerissa's Storytime at the Library happens every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Stories are read, crafts are made, and fun is had! On Wednesday, Dec. 21, we are having a special story time with Santa! Kids can bring in wrapped new or gently used books to exchange.

Are you looking to talk about books with like-minded bibliophiles? Or for an excuse to get out of the house? If your answer is a resounding yes, then come join the OFML book club, Mead and Read, at Over the Moon Farmstead in Pittsfield! We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m., and this month's meeting is Dec. 7. We'll be reading *The Scent Keeper* by Erica Bauermeister. Our two big rules for M&R: You can just sit and listen if you want, and you need only come when you can.

On Friday, Dec. 9, from 4 – 6 p.m., OFML is holding a Silent Library Challenge! Can you hold it together while enduring challenges geared towards getting you to make noise? The name of the game is silent library and - in order to win - you

must endure "interesting" challenges without making a sound! Get a team together and come down to the library. This is a tween/teen event, but younger patrons can come, as well.

Also on Friday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m., we are showing *The Grinch* (2018 animated version and rated PG) for our Family Movie Night. We promise we won't be a grinch with the snacks!

On Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Oscar Foss Memorial Library and Barnstead Parks and Recreation would like to recognize the people who make our town great...our volunteers! We will be hosting a brunch at the Barnstead Town Hall, presenting awards to volunteers that are nominated by community members, awarding the Gordon Preston Award, and wrapping up with a presentation of "Wit and Wisdom: The Forgotten Literary Life of New England Villages" with Jo Radner at noon. So all you awesome volunteers...please join us as we express our gratitude for all you do!

Our monthly Homeschool Event will be happening on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 12:30 – 2 p.m. In this month's workshop, we will make fun treats while we learn about chocolate. Sounds delicious! Pre-registration is required.

Tween (ages 10-13) DnD is being held on Thursday, Dec. 15, from 4 – 6 p.m. Prepare to fully enter the world of DnD in session 1 of our Dungeon Crawl Campaign! Remember to bring your character sheets and dice. If you haven't already emailed (cassi.leigh08@gmail.com) your backstory, please do ASAP so it can be included in the storyline! Light refreshments will be provided.

OFML Kids Club this month is happening on

Friday, Dec. 16, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Kids can hang out, make crafts, and talk about their favorite books. Ages six to 10.

Teen (ages 14-18) DnD is on Friday, Dec. 16, from 4 – 6 p.m. Prepare to fully enter the world of DnD in session 1 of our Dungeon Crawl Campaign! Remember to bring your character sheets and dice. If you haven't already emailed (cassi.leigh08@gmail.com) your backstory please do ASAP so it can be included in the storyline! Light refreshments will be provided.

DIY Jewelry Making: Thursday, Dec. 22, from 6 – 8 p.m. We will be using makerspace kits to create last-minute gifts of ornaments, earrings, or keychains. You can then wrap them before

leaving. All for free! For ages 16 and over, and pre-registration is required.

Due to the holiday this month, we will not be hosting the Writers Forum. We will start

up again in January. Please note: OFML will be closed Dec. 23 until 30. For events that require registrations, please contact us at 269-3900 or ofmlstaff@gmail.com to reserve your spot!


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The roots of Thanksgiving

From 1621 to 2019, Thanksgiving has always been about celebrating an abundant fall harvest. The holiday’s roots date back to the original Plymouth colonists and the Wampanoag tribe, who shared the first Thanksgiving meal together.

The celebratory feast was held by individual colonies up until 1789 off and on with a proclamation from President George Washington. President Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe Thanksgiving, and it wasn’t until Abraham Lincoln’s Presidency in 1863 that it became a federal holiday.

Many of the food items on our Thanksgiving menu are not what was served during the first few traditional Thanksgivings. For one, turkey was not served.

There aren’t many documents from that time regarding that first Thanksgiving; however, one note did describe wildfowl (duck or geese) cod, bass, deer, bread, corn and porridge being served. The birds were described as being stuffed with onions and nuts. Seafood such as mussels and lobster was also served. For vegetables, squash, beans, corn, cabbage, carrots and peas were on the table.

Not on the table was mashed potatoes and gravy (gasp!), and there was no cranberry sauce or pies.

Perhaps no one has managed to capture the feeling gratitude better than Henry David Thoreau, author of “Walden,” in 1856.

“I am grateful for what I am and have,” he wrote. “My thanksgiving is perpetual. It is surprising how contented one can be with nothing definite - only a sense of existence. Well, anything for variety. I am ready to try this for the next ten thousand years, and exhaust it. How sweet to think of my extremities well charred, and my intellectual part too, so that there is no danger of worm or rot for a long while. My breath is sweet to me. O how I laugh when I think of my vague indefinite riches. No run on my bank can drain it, for my wealth is not possession but enjoyment.”

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Letters to the Editor must include the author’s name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author’s name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

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



Carter Mountain Brass Band to perform at UMC Gilford

The Carter Mountain Brass Band, under the baton of Debbi Gibson, will be presenting a multi-media event, “Christmas Around the World,” Sunday, Dec. 4 starting at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Gilford. The band will be sharing carols that are well known and carols from distant lands that may not be as familiar. Conductor, Debbi Gibson, has also chosen Christmas songs from Broadway musicals and traditional music from the past. And, let’s not forget the perennial, ever-popular audience participation sing-along. Projected visuals will accompany the music along with interspersed poems and stories. The audience is invited for dessert after the concert. A \$10 donation will be appreciated with proceeds to be split between the Church and the Band.

COURTESY

LETTERS FROM EDWIN
Domestics

A long time ago, somebody purchased a piece of land out in the woods. After a couple of owners, I became the holder of the deed. In the interim period, a foundation was made along with a well and a septic system. The first floor was put in and tar papered over so the owner and his family could live in their cellar home. There were chimney holes on each end of the foundation so there were probably two wood stoves. I can’t say, I’ve plugged them both up.

It must have been interesting living there because the septic pipe exits the cellar twenty inches over the floor and a platform needed to be constructed on which to place the tub and toilet in order for them to gravity feed into the septic system. I could probably have gotten used to dealing with such an inconvenience. In this life we all adapt to things.

They lived there a couple of years then decided to move back to modern society. I wonder if they ever wish that they had stayed. A while after we were living there, they came back to visit the old place and had lots of fond memories and stories to tell. I

never saw them again.

Since they had left, the next owner decided to drop a log house on top of the floor. It almost fit. There are a number of cement posts holding up the edge of the house where it overhangs. Like I said, we adapt.

The shortcomings of this guy were dramatic and numerous. Seeing as the house was in the middle of the woods, nobody would ever know what was going on there, and as it turned out, the bankers who had the mortgage didn’t want to go there either. They just handed out their payments on his word. Needless to say, he squandered the money and was busy finishing the house by himself, in his spare time, with his spare change.

One day, the town building inspector got wind of something going on out in the woods so so he went out to check on it. Needless to say, he wasn’t impressed with what he saw and posted a cease and desist order. Here was a two thousand square foot house with inadequate stairs that was structurally flawed, had shoddy plumbing and electrical that never had a building permit.

The guy stopped paying his mortgage, so the bank took the house, but that didn’t matter much, he had already walked off with most of the money.

Now the bank owned it, and they certainly didn’t want it. They put it up for auction and Elisa, who was looking for something bigger to live in found the ad. After checking it out, we went and joined the bidding on auction day. I didn’t realize that I was bidding against the bank who was just trying to get the price up. They’d raise it a thousand, I’d up it ten. Finally, I hit my price and I walked out. They were freaked. They sent a grunt after me promising that they wouldn’t up it again if I’d just put in one more bid. So I raised it another ten and became the new owner.

I really don’t have space here to expound upon all the corrective work that we needed to perform. I’ll leave that for another installment. I was reminded of all this by my talking to a plumber who just replaced the pressure tank that was installed with everything else back in the mid-eighties. It’s been

many years since there was a rattling sound every time the water pump turned on. Since everything still seemed to be working alright, I passed it off to some metal item hanging up on the pipes. Life went on.

He was working in a house that I was, and I mentioned that my pump was cycling every fifteen minutes without any water being drawn. He wondered how I knew that the pump was running and I told him about the rattle and he said that something wasn’t right and agreed to come check it out. When I told him that it was from the mid-’80s, he expressed concerns as to why anything was still working.

In the meantime, the cycling returned to normal and I considered letting it be. He diagnosed the pressure tank which has now been installed. The water works better, and there is no more rattling pipes. Sometimes things just slide by. Thank you, Lord!

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Letters to the Editor

Your support is appreciated

To the Editor:

Congratulations to Sen. James Gray for his election to New Hampshire Senate District 6. Although his vision of New Hampshire and mine differed in many ways, I wish him well as he returns to Concord.

To my supporters and to all the friends I met during my campaign, thank you for the trust you put in me. Our campaign was a spirited one, with a lot of joy in it. Even though it was always viewed as an uphill battle, in a heavily

gerrymandered district, we gave it our best.

As for the future, I plan to continue to work toward the same goals that have been motivating me for years, including voting rights, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ rights, fair taxation, sup-

port of our local schools, the environment and clean energy, cannabis legalization, and an end to extremism in New Hampshire politics.

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About thanks and turkeys



By JOHN HARRIGAN
COLUMNIST

Editor’s note: Mr. Harrigan was unable to submit a new North Country Notebook column in time to meet our press deadline for this week’s edition. In its place, we present the following column, originally published on Thanksgiving 2011.

Because this is being writ- ten for around Thanksgiving, it could be about thanks and about turkeys. Perhaps both.

Thanks, for living in a place where people don’t come after you in the dead of night for writing or saying anything you want. That is a precious thing in an ever-worsening world. We live in one of the most free societies on earth. “Thanks” doesn’t even begin to cover it.

And now on to the turkeys.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the wild turkey to be the new nation’s symbolic bird. He lost that fight, one of the few fights he ever lost, and we wound up with the eagle, not a bad second choice.

Where we live there are few choices for fresh, as op- posed to frozen, turkeys, and

almost no choices for locally raised birds, so for a few years we raised our own. These were turkeys who got to live like real turkeys, grubbing around for roots and stuff, and of course, bugs.

One year, when it came time to kill a few turkeys, my daughter

Karen, now owner and publisher of the newspaper in Colebrook, volunteered to help. Never will I forget her lugging two huge, muddy turkeys from the pen, their wings flapping her almost to death. “I’m never touching another live turkey again,” she said, which is fine with me, because I’d rather raise pigs than turkeys. Pigs are clean if given the chance, while turkeys are just plain filthy.

One of my first memories of an altercation between adults concerned a turkey. My grandparents on the White side (my mother’s family) were from Littleton, and my father’s parents lived in Lisbon. On this occasion everyone got together for Thanksgiving in the Harrigans’ house in Lisbon, on the bluff just out of town on the road to Landaff.

The Whites had their way of doing things in the kitchen, and the Harrigans had theirs. Still, all was tranquil until it came time to carve up and serve the turkey.

I’m not sure what the is- sue was, but a terrific squabble ensued, and as I remember, it came down to who was going to rule. And in that case there was no doubt, because the occupant of the house rules the roost. The Harrigans won that one. Whatever the case, the turkey was just fine.

Later, of course, time did its inevitable work and responsibilities changed, and the Thanksgiving turkey became my job. I’ve always loved getting up early Thanksgiving morning to fix the bird. It’s just one of those things, like cutting and dragging a Christmas tree. In the case of the turkey, the hours are wee and the house is quiet. There is all the time in the world. We often have company, but they’re not due until noon or so, and we don’t plan to serve up

until mid-after- noon. So I get up early, and have the kitchen to myself, just me and the turkey.

I rinse and oil the bird, and season it, and prepare the pan, and get the stuffing ready, and pre-heat the oven, in between taking care of animals and feeding fires. It’s a ritual.

During the past two decades, I’ve become fond of draping a piece of old (and of course clean) sheet, drenched in butter, atop the turkey breast before I slide it into the oven. It helps to keep things moist. In my book there is nothing worse than dry turkey. I’d rather eat a shoe.

One year, my sister Mary and her husband Pat were up, and I’d purchased a large foil roasting pan because we had so much company, and it had a pin-hole in its bottom that I’d failed to notice, and while we were all sitting around the kitchen counter, cracking nuts and playing pitch, the oven erupted in flames. Now here was a situation. We are more than three miles from town, and even with one of the best volunteer fire departments anywhere (and believe me, it’s the best), we’d have wound up with a cellar-hole.

Pat is from a farm family and is a practical guy, and he didn’t hesitate for a second. “Baking soda,” he shouted, and I knew just where it was, and handed it to him, and he threw a handful into the oven, and quelled the flames.

The turkey was just fine, and we were able to laugh at it all around the table.

Become a Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction Super Bidder!

LACONIA — Supporting local children in need doesn’t take superheroes — it takes Super Bidders! The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction (GLRCA) has a wonderful benefit for bidders at this year’s Auction, scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 6 through Friday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. at the Belknap Marketplace. Anyone looking to increase their chances of being a winning bidder, while increasing their support of the Auction, can become a Super Bidder. This year’s Super Bidder promotion is generously sponsored by Bonnette, Page & Stone.

For a donation of \$100, Super Bidders will be able to look at the items on Auction boards as soon as they are available. Super Bidders can also:

bid on items before they are open to the public

submit bids with incremental increases up to the bidders pre-chosen maximum

see how many bidders are also bidding on the item that they are interested in

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provide support to community nonprofits that serve local children and families in need.

Don’t miss out on your chance to become a Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction Super Bidder! Interested community

members can find more information at ChildrensAuction.org.

“Community members told us that they would love to spend less time monitoring the Auction for the items that they most want to bid on,” said Executive Director, Jennifer Kelley. “Becoming a Super Bidder gives people an opportunity to donate directly to the Auction to assist children in need while getting some great benefits.”

The GLRCA is looking for items for this year’s event. While many items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community.

Auction leaders will collect new, unused, unwrapped items right up to the week of the Auction. Gift cards, electronics, tools, toys, sporting goods and household items all bring the highest bids. Go to our website at ChildrensAuction.org for a list of convenient donation drop-off sites throughout the Lakes Region. And on Black Friday weekend, Friday, Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., visit the collection site at Belknap Marketplace.

New This Year: Pre-Bidding! You asked and we listened! Starting on Black Friday, Nov. 25, all online Auction bidders, including Super Bidders, can bid early on items with a retail value of \$300 and more. Anyone can bid on these featured items and the items will close during the Auction, Dec. 6-9.

About the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the Community Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7.5 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.org.

PMHS Booster Club hosting holiday craft fair

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Team 319 Booster Club is holding its fifth annual holiday craft and vendor fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Prospect Mountain High School. The address is 242 Suncook Valley Rd. in Alton. There is limited vendor and crafter space available.

For information on table space, please contact Michelle Kelley at mkelley@pmhschool.com.

Shaker Regional School District Invitation to Bid

Shaker Regional School District is accepting bids the replacement of backstops at Bryant Field. Pre-bid walk-throughs will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 and bids are due Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Information can be obtained on the District website, www.sau80.org; or by contacting Stephen Dalzell, Director of Buildings & Grounds by phone at 603-267-9223 x5309 or by email at sdalzell@sau80.org.



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Is a Donor-advised Fund Right for You?

You can find many ways to support charitable organizations. One method that’s gained popularity over the past few years is called a donor-advised fund. Should you consider it? The answer depends on your individual situation, because donor-advised funds are not appropriate for everyone. However, if you’re in a position to make larger charitable gifts, you might at least want to see what this strategy has to offer. Here’s how it works:

- **Contribute to the fund.** You can contribute to your donor-advised fund with cash or marketable securities, which are assets that can be converted to cash quickly. If your contribution is tax deductible, you’ll get the deduction in the year you make the contribution to the fund. Of course, these contributions are still subject to IRS limits on charitable tax deductions and whether you itemize your deductions. If you

typically don’t give enough each year to itemize and plan on making consistent charitable contributions, you could consider combining multiple years’ worth of planned giving into a single donor-advised fund contribution, and claim a larger deduction in that year. This move may be especially impactful if you have years with a higher amount of income, with an accompanying higher tax rate. If you contribute marketable securities, like stocks and bonds, into the fund, a subsequent sale of the securities avoids capital gains taxes, maximizing the impact of your contribution.

- **Choose an investment.** Typically, donor-advised funds offer several professionally managed diversified portfolios where you can place your contributions. You’ll want to consider the level of investment risk to which your fund may be exposed. And assuming all requirements are

met, any investment growth is not taxable to you, the donor-advised fund or the charity that ultimately receives the grant, making your charitable gift go even further.

- **Choose the charities.** You can choose grants for the IRS-approved charities that you want to support. You decide when you want the money donated and how it should be granted. You’re generally free to choose as many IRS-approved charitable organizations as you like. And the tax reporting is relatively easy — you don’t have to keep track of receipts from every charity you support. Instead, you can just keep the receipts from your contributions to the fund.

Although donor-advised funds clearly offer some benefits, there are important trade-offs to consider. For one thing, your contributions

are irrevocable, which means once you put the money in the fund, you cannot access it for any reason other than charitable giving. And the investments you choose within your fund will carry some risk, as is true of all investments. Also, donor-advised funds do have investment management fees and other costs. So, consider the impacts of these fees when deciding how you want to give. In any case, you should consult with your tax and financial professionals before opening a donor-advised fund. And if the fund becomes part of your estate plans, you’ll also want to work with your legal advisor. But give this philanthropic tool some thought — it can help you do some good while also potentially benefiting your own long-term financial strategy.



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New Hampshire ranks fourth in prosperity despite Pandemic and economic challenges

REGION — New Hampshire ranks fourth in overall prosperity according to the American Dream Prosperity Index (ADPI), released this month by the Milken Center for Advancing the American Dream in partnership with Legatum Institute. The United States continues to see a rise in prosperity, even as we faced the long-term impacts of a pandemic and the economic realities of rising inflation and a shrinking economy. But while the overall trend points to a prosperous nation, prosperity continues to be unequally distributed regionally, often eluding rural communities and Black Americans.

Prosperity is a multidimensional concept which the American Dream Prosperity Index seeks to measure, explore, and understand. The framework of the Index captures prosperity through three equally-weighted domains which are the essential foundations of prosperity — Inclusive Societies, Open Economies, and Empowered Peo-

ple. These domains are made up of 11 pillars of prosperity, built upon 49 actionable policy areas, and are underpinned by more than 200 reliable indicators.

While fourth in terms of overall prosperity, New Hampshire ranks first in the living conditions pillar, second in safety and security and second in personal freedom. The state also ranks eighth in the social capital and health pillars. According to the Index, New Hampshire has multiple opportunities for improvement as it currently ranks 43rd in governance and 23rd in economic quality. New Hampshire's infrastructure ranking is most improved, going from 29th in 2012 to 21st in 2022.

"While our nation faces many challenges including record inflation, increased gun violence, and a deteriorating mental health landscape, we are encouraged by the resiliency of communities across our country as they work to create prosperous lives for their residents," said the

Center's President Kerry Healey. "The American Dream Prosperity Index was founded on the principle that better data leads to better decisions and outcomes. It is our goal to make this report one of the most important tools for local, state and federal lawmakers and civic leaders."

"We are encouraged by the steady rebound of prosperity post-pandemic, even in the face of unique regional challenges," said Legatum Institute CEO Philippa Stroud. "The foundations of the U.S. economy continue to stand strong, particularly due to the innovative entrepreneurial mindset that Americans are known for. This forward momentum highlights the genuine push towards prosperity in the face of continued adversity."

Across the country, millions of Americans are facing challenges that continue to threaten prosperity. According to the 2022 ADPI, since 2012, all states apart from North Dakota have increased their prosperity, but prosperity re-

mains unequally shared across and within states. For most people, 2022 has been a year of progress as the nation continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and as the economy strengthens. However, this increase in prosperity is tempered by rising gun violence in nearly every state. Also detrimental to the nation's prosperity is the deteriorating mental health of America, marked by a rise in suicides and opioid-related deaths, even as Americans' overall health continues to improve.

ADPI's key findings also point to waning social cohesion across the country as another roadblock to U.S. prosperity. This is seen in the decreasing number of Americans who have helped a stranger, donated money to charity, volunteered or frequently talked to a neighbor.

ADPI National Patterns toward Greater Prosperity:

In 2022, 26 states have recovered to pre-pandemic levels of overall prosperity, with Okla-

homa, New Jersey and New Mexico seeing the biggest improvement. Reasons for the improvement in these states vary, but economic factors such as the increasing number of entrepreneurs played a key role in the post-pandemic rebound and bodes well for further improvement.

Over the past decade, Americans' physical health have improved. Since 2012, rates of smoking have fallen by nearly a third, excessive alcohol use has decreased by 17 percent and pain reliever misuse has decreased by 21 percent.

The long-term downward trend in property crime is an encouraging development across the United States, with all but six states improving over the past decade.

ADPI Key Findings:

While U.S. prosperity rebounded post-pandemic in 2022, current record inflation threatens this recovery

In 2022, Prosperity has increased in every state except North Dakota, but this progress remains unequally dis-

tributed within state and local communities and across ethnic groups

High and rising gun violence in nearly every state is impacting American's individual sense of security and prosperity

Mental health has deteriorated in every state, including increased deaths of despair

A continuing decline in social cohesion and group relationships at all levels of society creates barriers to prosperity.

Although the data does highlight a substantial number of barricades to prosperity, ADPI can be used to craft unique solutions across all levels of government. A deeper examination of prosperity, prompted by the Index, can reveal individual issues that each state can tackle in order to advance the prosperity of its citizens. This push towards the development of local data-led initiatives, rather than a 'one size fits all' approach, is essential for transformation across the country.

Gilford Parks and Recreation News

BY HERB GREENE
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Gilford's Grand Holiday Home Decorating Contest! The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and the Gilford District PTA are co-sponsoring a Holiday Home Decorating Contest for the residents of Gilford. There is no fee to enter and winners will receive a gift card to a local restaurant as well as a yard sign for bragging rights! Deadline to enter is Thursday, December 8th. For more information on how to enter, please visit the Parks and Recreation Web site at www.gilfordrec.com or call the Parks and Recreation Office at 527-4722.

Santa Land program scheduled for Dec. 2 and 3! The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department and Gilford Youth Center will be sponsoring the 13th Annual Santa Land Program on Fri-

day, Dec. 2 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-noon in the Gilford Youth Center. This fun filled program offers area youth the opportunity to participate in some holiday themed games and activities leading up to opportunity for their parents to take their picture with Santa Claus. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Senior Strides weekly walking program continues on Wednesday mornings The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a weekly drop-in walking program for senior adults on Wednesday mornings from 9-10 a.m. at the Gilford Youth Center. Participants can track their progress or just walk for fun. Participants are also encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and bring their own water bottle.

Chairs will be available for participants to take a break as needed. There is no fee for this program and participants can register their first day. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (603) 527-4722

Adult Chair Yoga program continues on Wednesday mornings The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is collaborating with Renee Cupples, E-RYT500 Certified Yoga Instructor, to run a 6-week Adult Chair Yoga Program on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon, held at the Gilford Youth Center. This program began on Nov. 2 and runs through Dec. 7. Cost: \$10 daily drop-in fee For more information,

please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit our Web site at www.gilfordrec.com to download a registration form.

Boston Celtics bus trip scheduled for March 1 The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Bus Trip to Boston to see the Celtics take on the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday, March 1. Cost of the trip is \$110 per person and includes round trip motor coach from Gilford and your ticket (section 324 of the balcony) to the game. Our deluxe motor coach will depart from the Gilford High School at 4:45 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. game. You will have time to visit the pro-shop and get dinner on your

own prior to the game. Seats are limited; a registration form must be completed accompanied by payment and tickets are non-refundable. For more information, please contact the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722 or visit their Web site at www.gilfordrec.com.

Bolduc Park Cross Country Ski Program The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department will be offering four weeks of Cross Country Ski Lessons at Bolduc Park this winter. Lessons begin on Saturday, Jan. 7, and will continue through Jan. 28 (in the event a day is cancelled because of poor weather,

it will be made up the week(s) following Jan. 28). Lessons begin at 10 a.m. and rental skis may be picked up at 9 a.m. at Piche's Ski Shop!

Registration forms are available at the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department, the department's Web site at www.gilfordrec.com, Bolduc Park and Piche's Ski Shop. Please mail, fax or drop off your registrations directly to Piche's Ski Shop. Cost: \$100 per person includes rental equipment! \$50 per person if you have your own equipment!

If you have any questions, please contact Bob or Pat Bolduc at 387-4202.

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Holiday celebration at New Durham Library

NEW DURHAM — The Friends of the New Durham Public Library will host its Holiday Celebration at the Library on Friday afternoon, Dec. 2 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Santa and Mrs. Santa will be there to greet the younger guests. A program of Holiday entertainment will be presented by professional storyteller and musician Steve Blunt. There will be lots of goodies for all the guests. Everyone in the community is invited to the celebration. It will be a great opportunity to enjoy the holidays.


For additional information, contact: Linda Callaway at 603-859-1435.

PETS OF THE WEEK




Jenni

I'm Jenni and I bet you want my number, or the one for the shelter to come adopt me! I am most comfortable around the people I know and would probably do best with adults only. There is potential for me to share a home with a male dog, of course we'd have to meet first. A low traffic home able to help me build my confidence with new people would be best!



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OBITUARY

Dennis W. Adjutant, 77

Dennis W. Adjutant, 77, of Ossipee, passed away on November 15, 2022, at home with his family, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

A native of Wolfboro, Dennis was born October 16, 1945, the oldest child of Norman and Edith (Champagne) Adjutant, and a beloved nephew to Sidney and Rachel Adjutant of Wolfboro, along with dozens of cousins. He attended local schools in Wolfboro.

Dennis held a variety of jobs over the years. He built houses with Rufus Bly, Jim Bennett and Wendall Thompson. He worked for many years for Donald Downing at Curley's Garage on Route 16. His last job was as a Highway Maintainer with the NH Department of Transportation.

He was well known at many Maine Bluegrass festivals for his long list of songs, guitar playing and harmony singing. He would stay

up all night long playing along-side his picking partners. He also enjoyed singing along with Karaoke night with his friends and family.

He also loved chasing the elusive trout on New Hampshire's lakes and ponds, and the occasional deep-water fishing, with many of his friends. He was an avid fan of his Boston sports teams

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Hedy; his daughter Denise of Barnstead; sons Norman of Ossipee and David of Effingham; five grandchildren and great grandchildren; and his beloved "Daawgie," Shadow.

The family would like to extend its gratitude to the staff at Granite VNA and Hospice for the care provided to him over the last months. You allowed us to keep him at home where he wanted to be.

At his request, there will be no services. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Kingswood announces first quarter honor roll

WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional High School is pleased to announce the following students have met the criteria for honor roll for the first marking period ending Nov. 4.

All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 93 to 100 in all classes will receive Highest Honors recognition. All students who earn a numerical quarter grade of 84 to 92 or higher in all classes will receive Honors recognition. Congratulations to our honor roll students!

Highest Honors
Grade 12: Mariah Aikens, Lucas Allard, Langston Bellington, Karli Bennett, Aislyn Brown, Kirstin Chittenden, Megan Dearborn, Christopher Dodier, Amber Dolliver, Lillian Durette, Annelise Foss, Skylar Hammes, Tyler Hasty, Jonathan Hossack, Matthew Jacobs, Austin Johnson, Hailey Kelly, Hadley Larson, Elora Logan, Ashley Long, Lauren MacPhee, Rian McNevich, Mason Mills, Tyler Olkkola, Ritu Patel, Emma Pavlowich, Hannah Raifsnider, Hannah Ritchings, Melissa Roche, Dante Santerre, Ella Santulli, Michael Schwarz, Peyton Seigars, Hannah Swenson, Shaw Swinerton, Tristan Taatjes, Heaven Thibeau, Aidan Thompson, Tyler Williams.

Grade 11: William Crane, Lukas Dargis, Kerri Dureau, Elliott Giessler, Adrianna Guldbrandsen, John Haley, Auliana Kelly, Jaylynn Lizotte, Emily Matos, Cole Murray, Joshua Nelson, Noah Swenson, Brooke Task-

er, Carrigain Williams, Landon Young.

Grade 10: Lacey Arno, Norah Brown, Isabella Bush, Maya Colson, Rowan Donovan-Laviolette, Edward Evans, Summer Inman, Oliver Kolodner, Riley Levesque, Liam Moore, James Parquette, Emma Pinard, Sierra Rose, Kylie Ruths, Rilea Stevens, Bradley Tuttle, Ailena Urquhart, Susan Wetherald, Jiner Zhuang.

Grade 9: Annika Akey, Thomas Benker, Miley Bentley, William Blake, Malcolm Clark, Nathan Cloos, Owen Cotton, Nathaniel Demain, Allison Doherty, Nelson Edwards, Isabelle Fournier, Michael House, Kylee King, Julie Kratovil, Lillyanna Lowton, Jordyn Martineau, Cooper McCourt, Jacob Moody, Brady Moulton, Anya Pollini, Nevaeh Quinn, Dean Richards, Charlotte-Ann Soper, Evan Thurston, Timothy Twing, Colvin Williams, Audrey Wood, Benjamin Wright, Julia Young.

Honors
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beth Kelley, Owen Kelly, Tarynn Kelly, Leah King, Kyle Krutilek, Miriam Lambert, Natalie LoChiatto, Timothy Lucia, Kerissa Marique, David McWhirter, Ella Meserve, Deven Mugford, Logan O'Neal, Dylan Palmer, Hannah Petit, Marcus Rainone, Brayden Rapoza, Kylee Sellers, Gracie Smith, Kassandra Tinker, Julia Tremblay, Adriana Trent, Noah Turner, Katelyn Vasco, Dawson Wachsmuth, James Yarling, Cameron Yates, Christos Zavas.
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Grade 10: Isaiah Arse-nault, Sophia Baca, Aliv-ia Blaney, Emily Brown, Jacob Brown, Kali Chase, Spencer Clark, Kaitlyn Cooper, Joshua Currul, Clay Davis, Jack Dolliver, Liliana Duque, Hayden Eastman, Kath-erine Haley, Savannah Hughes, Bryan Johnson, Spencer Kelly, Samuel Keniston, Caden Laing, Jack Larson, Addison Lawlor, Noah Leighton,

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Grade 9: Serafin Agramonte Jose, Parker Aucoin, Brenden Beebe, Ayden Bernier, Caelynn Blattenberger, Makenzie Boisvert, Ryker Booth, Thomas Bronson, Liam Brown, Graham Burke, Michael Canoni, Bren-na Cegielski, MacKenzie Corbett, Soleil Daley, Brynn Demers, Annis-sa Desrochers, Kaden Duque, Isaiah Fraser, Ava Garrett, Madelyn Giunco, Danielle Gray, Haylee Hammes, Kev-in Hayes, Colby Hewitt, Cali Hughes, Andrew Hunt, Adalynn Ingham, Allyson Jedrey, Vaega Johnson, Griffin Karch-er, Avalyn Lambert, Emma Lyons, Brendan MacPhee, Nicholas Man-topoulos, Jack Marks, Aubrey Martin, Peter Morin II, Chris Mullen, Adrianna Noel, Lillian O'Blenes, Kendal Oliver, Keller Peacock, Devin Perkins, Joy Peterson, Bryan Purington, Liam Rauschnot, Felix Rob-erts, Bryce Sandlin, Gi-anna Santangelo, Haley Savley, Lilyana Scott, Zoe Scripture, Elijah Seward, Ryder Shan-non, Olivia Shea, Char-ity Thomas, Faith Va-nAuken, Joseph Vasco, Selena Vergato, Jonah Verryt, Grady Whit-comb.

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WOLFEBORO — Kingswood Regional Middle School congratulates the following students who received Pride Awards for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year.

The following seventh grade students received the Pride Award for Quarter 1:

Madeline Amidon, Leah Anderson, Jordan Andre, Hadley Aucoin, Stella Babine, Aaron Bartlett-Caufield, Basil Bennett, Miley Boisvert, Jonathan Bronson, Joseph Broza, Charles Chick, Nolan Chominski, Melinda Clark, Cameron Combs, Gabriella Cronin, Nicholas Dame, Olivia Dixon, Timothy Drake, Eva Duque, Timothy Elliott, Brody Ferguson, Lillian Ferland, Sara Fernandes, Bella Flynn, Liam Fraser, Madison Gaouette, David Garner, Peyton Ghent, Maya Gray, Ruby Hall, Julian Hernandez, Zackary Hidden, Isabelle Holland, Daniel Hunter, Gavin Huntress, Cole

Inman, Jemiela James, Addelyn Joseph, Tyler Keyes, Lacey Kline, Riley Lamparter, Mya LaPlante, Aerianna Lavallee, Peyton LeClair, Jacob Livie, Clara Lucas, Maddox Maimes, Lexi Maloney, Eliza Marchand, Chloe McLain, Coralena Meroski, Kane Narkun, Kian Nelson, Sophia Nichols, Paul Noel, Zachary Nuzzelillo, Violet Orzechowski, Ella Parent, Kaylee Pellerin, Rosyelina Peterson, Jacob Pinard, Peter Plachowicz, Colby Proctor, Lucas Rauschnot, Lily Reeves, Meghan Reilly, Chase Richards, Briana Sanft, Graham Scully, Mackenzie Shea, Damien Soper, Ashton Stevens, Autumn Taylor, Kiley Trowbridge, Lorelai Tuttle, Dominic Vachon, Holden Vachon, Evan Valley, Sophia Verryt, Jaicie Weemhoff

The following eighth grade students received the Pride Award for Quarter 1:

Taylor Allar, Mathew Ames, Adelyn Arsenault, Mila Bahr, Isabel-

la Bailey, Lexi Baker, Isabelle Bean, Sarah Beaulieu, Cody Bennett, Madison Bowley, Ellie Brown, Nevaeh Brown, Anelya Caesar, Andrew Cann, Kayla Cegielski, Lainey Clarke, Brenden Colety, Kristin Cooper, Dylan Copenhaver, Jerilyn Cornwell, Elliott Crouse, Taylor Culverhouse, Kelsie Davis, Kilee Davis, Liza Demain, Katie DeVito, Isabella Dickey, Jacob Dubuc, Caleb Duford-Stevens, Sophia Dupell, Ella Eastman, William Edwards, Emma Eidson, Arianna Fair, Laura Fernandes, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Shelby Fontaine, Izabella Forest, Alexis Fowler, Tiana Fowler, Elizabeth Gagne, Isaac Gagnon, Logan Gil, Ryan Grewaldt, Marley Gregory, Saige Griffin, Roxie Hale, Keira Haley, Adelle Harrington, Tavin Herget, Victoria Hicks, Tucker Ivone, Daniel Jacobs, Anna Johnson, Aaron King, Caroline Kinzmaier, Kiernan Kolodner, Avery Kunzler, Payton Leclair,

Rose Lemieux, Emma Lewis, Morgan Lewis, Cassidy Libby, Jamison Magnell-Lynch, Rinnapa Malika, Ava Martin, Paisley McInnis, Cohen McNevich, Hayden Mellow, Evaline Morrison, Megan Nicol, Ciara Noble, Maya Nolin, Alexis Olkkola, Emma Ouellette, Collin Pelletier, Margaret Perkins, Kaylee Pert, Rebekah Peterson, Zachary Pickle, Hannah Piper, Gary Dean Porter, Dillon Quinn, Ava Randall, Cadance Reilly, Gabriella Reynolds, Jacob Roy, Hayden Russell, Ewan Rutherford, Ryan Santerre, Jackson Saxby, Acacia Scott, Eva Scott, Rhian Scully, Jeremy Sellers, Olivia Shaw, Kurtis Sheffer, Richard Smith, Emma Spahn, Owen Steele, Alyvia Stevens, Katelynn Stys, Reid Swinerton, Cameron Tuttle, Ava Waldron, Jaylynn Wallace, Kendall West, Carmin White, Hayley White, Kharma Williams, Izabela Wright

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Beginner Knitting lessons at the Belknap Mill



Beth James
LACONIA — The Belknap Mill is pleased to offer two beginner knitting lessons. Classes

es will be Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m. or Thursday mornings 9:30-11 a.m. Classes will start the week of Tuesday, Nov. 28, and will take place at the Belknap Mill. The cost is \$80 for the six-week session and includes start up materials. Classes will make a sampler scarf using basic patterns. Registration can be found at www.belknapmill.org. The class will be taught by Beth James. Beth James grew up in

the White Mountains. She is an eighth generation New Hampshire native. Her grandmother placed her first pair of knitting needles in her hands at age eight. It was love at first stitch. Whether making hats to donate or custom designing that one of a kind, something special item, James is well known for having knitting needles in her hands. Over the years, she has expanded her love of fiber to include

hand spinning yarns and dyeing her own textiles. James started teaching Fiber Arts 30 years ago. She demonstrated and taught a children's program for the Rochester Fair for eight years. At Fryeburg Fair Fiber Arts Center, 20 years were dedicated to education and demonstrating. Individual classes have been taught at the former Downhome and Company yarn store, New Hampshire Sheep and Wool festival, and

Chocorua Creative Arts Center just to name a few. She is also a member of the New Hampshire Spinner and Dyers Guild. She brings her passion for textiles to her new position, Resident Fiber Artist at the Belknap Mill. Beths' motto is: "Learn to knit, wear the warmth and share the gifts."

GOING OUT OF TOWN Superheroes come to Boston



PHOTOS BY ERIN PLUMMER
The Massachusetts Avenue Bridge on a quiet, cloudy day. This same bridge was the location of a big action scene in the new film "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever."

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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Out of all the locations around the world that have seen battles between superheroes and powerful enemies in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, one location just a few hours south of us just joined those ranks. The recently released "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" features locations around Cambridge, Mass., including an epic fight between three heroes and an army of underwater warriors right on the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge. The scenes around Cambridge are brief, but these few locations are certainly worth a visit with some more fun activities nearby.

"Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" pays tribute to the late actor Chadwick Boseman, who played King T'Challa in the first "Black Panther" movie and other films in the MCU. Boseman was battling colon cancer when he filmed "Black Panther" and died from the disease in 2020 at the age of 43. In "Wakanda Forever," T'Challa's family and kingdom mourn his passing and face a grave threat from the underwater civilization of Talokan and its godlike leader Namor (played by Tenoch Huerta Mejía).

I'm going to try to avoid any significant plot details or spoilers, though if you want to go into the movie completely blind, maybe skip the next few paragraphs.

There is one part of "Wakanda Forever" where Queen Ramonda (Angela Bassett) and Princess Shuri (Letitia Wright) learn about a scientist who plays a significant role in the story. That scientist is Riri Williams (played

by Dominique Thorne), a 19-year-old student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology whose technological skills are, shall we say, superhero caliber. The audience is suddenly transported from Wakanda to the MIT campus, where Shuri and Okoye (played by Dani Gurira) go to meet with Riri. The group runs meets at Riri's workshop in a garage, but find themselves surrounded by police and run for the Mass Ave Bridge with the aim of losing the cops and blending into Boston traffic. What happens next is a classic MCU action scene with the three women fighting off enemies, including the Talokanil warriors attacking from the Charles River.

Filming in Massachusetts took place in the summer of 2021. Scenes from Riri's workshop were filmed in Worcester, Mass., and the action scene itself was filmed on location on the Mass Ave Bridge. According to published reports Wright was injured while filming this scene and production shut down for a few months while she recovered.

For anyone familiar with the Boston area there are so many different familiar landmarks in these scenes. I found myself torn between paying attention to the fight and identifying all

the buildings on either side of the river. Many of the familiar sites are right in the Back Bay including the famous Citgo sign in Kenmore Square blocks from Fenway Park, the John Hancock Tower, the Prudential Tower and neighboring Sheraton Hotel, and many more.

The Mass Ave Bridge and the neighborhoods nearby are a great place to explore. The bridge runs parallel to the Longfellow Bridge on the other side of the river and is a direct route from Cambridge into the Back Bay. The bridge itself is pedestrian friendly and I recently found out it's great to bike across too. As shown in the film, the bridge has some amazing views of the Boston skyline especially at night.

The Boston side of the bridge has a long, accessible ramp that leads to the Esplanade. On the Cambridge side is the Dr. Paul Dudley White Bike Path, a multiuse path that goes past the MIT tennis courts, boathouses, and the MIT Sailing Pavilion, and other landmarks.

This area is also a great place to watch Boston's Fourth of July Fireworks without dealing with the crowds on the Esplanade. I found a nice perch here on the Fourth of July in 2019, the area is busy but not crowded. While there wasn't a direct way to

watch the show on the Hatch Shell, there were large speakers set up that broadcast the concert. There were plenty of concession stands and food trucks supplying all kinds of food and refreshments. You also get a front seat to the fireworks on the Charles.

The MIT campus is right by the bridge especially the famous Great Dome. The MIT campus itself is also fun to walk around, especially on the other side near the Longfellow Bridge where there are some buildings that are architectural marvels (pardon the pun). There are a lot of people reading this from the Lakes Region who might be even more familiar with the campus because they are MIT students, alum-

ni, faculty, or employees themselves.

The movie also has a tie-in with Target, and there is an ad that features Thorne as Riri. One ad specifically shows the Boston skyline with the label "Boston, Massachusetts" and shows Riri in her workshop before stopping to make a Target run. The Target location they show is in Central Square, which is right by the MIT campus. As soon as I saw this was in Boston, I immediately recognized that distinctive corner in Central Square. That particular Target store is pretty small but has a lot of necessities, especially anything a college student would need. That whole neighborhood has a lot of great stores and

restaurants. When I'm there I will probably pop in Target as well as H Mart (a Korean grocery chain with food from all over Asia) and Blick Art Materials.

I can't comment too much on the locations in Worcester since I'm not as familiar with that city. Maybe that's a road trip for another time.

"Wakanda Forever" features many different locations around the world and it's pretty thrilling when one of those is a place so close and so familiar. It is always great to see Boston on the silver screen no matter what movie and it is especially thrilling when a big scene like, say, something involving superheroes, goes on in a place that's not that far from our backyard.



A view of the Back Bay across the water from the MIT Sailing Pavilion.



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U16 Wolves win, U18 Wolves second in state tournaments

LACONIA — New England Wolves youth hockey teams competed in the recent NHAHA state playoffs. The U18s, after finishing the season with a 9-5-2 record headed to Conway for their Tier III

playoffs and played their hearts out for Coach Mike Potenza. Game one was won in a shootout, followed by a stunning goaltending performance in a 53-save shut-out by Anthony Eustice in game two. The semifi-

nals pitted them against Plymouth, as the Wolves walked away with a 3-1 victory. In the finals, the Wolves battled extremely hard, but ultimately fell one goal short, losing to NH East 2-1. Special thanks goes

out to the players and parents, but also coach Potenza. For the third straight year the 18s have produced outstanding results including the undefeated 2020 regular season (COVID) where they did not have a play-

off champion, and then two back to back finals appearances in 2021 and 2022. The U16s entered the state tournament as the number one seed with a 16-0 regular season. With a national tournament berth in their sights, the Wolves swept the playoffs 4-0 enroute to the NHAHA Tier II U16 championship. Coaches John Guerin and John McKenzie did a tremendous job with this group throughout the season, and in particular during the state

playoffs, as they defeated much larger programs in NH Monarchs (6-1), Northern Cyclones (3-1), Granite State Wild (8-2) and Northern Cyclones again in the final (7-2). The tournament wins provides them with a chance to compete in USA Hockey's Tier II U16 national tournament held in Amherst, N.Y. (Buffalo) March 30 - April 3. For more info on the Wolves, visit www.ne-wolveshockey.com.



New England Wolves U16 (top) and U18 teams recently competed in the NHAHA state tournaments.

COURTESY PHOTO

Can't wait for the Children's Auction to begin?

Bid early on dozens of high value items starting Nov. 25!

LACONIA — You asked and we listened! The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction (GLRCA), running this year from Tuesday, Dec. 6 through Friday, Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Belknap Marketplace, is thrilled to announce that starting at 8 a.m. on Black Friday, Nov. 25 through Tuesday, Dec. 6, any registered Auction bidder can go online to ChildrensAuction.org and bid early on fantastic, high-value items. Want a sneak peek at these amazing items? Check out this partial list:

- 2023 VIP Season Tickets to the Bank of NH Pavilion
- Individual One-Year Membership to Laconia Country Club
- 5 Day/4 Night Getaway to the Bahamas from Meredith Bay
- 7 Night/8 Day Vacation at Oceanfront Condo in Jupiter, Fla.
- 4 Night stay at a private Lake Winnepesaukee Suite
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New items are being added every day! Early Auction bidding is open to everyone — all you need is an online account. Not yet a registered GLRCA bidder? Opening an online account, is secure, quick and easy. Just go online at ChildrensAuction.org to get started. Don't miss out on these once-in-a-lifetime high value items! Early bidding ends on Tuesday, Dec. 6, and all items will close during the Auction, Dec. 6 - 9.

The GLRCA is still looking for items of any value for this year's Auction. While many items have been received at this time, there is a need for thousands of items to raise enough money to meet the needs of the community.

Auction leaders will collect new, unused, unwrapped items right up to the week of the Auction. Gift cards, electronics, tools, toys, sporting goods and household items all bring the highest bids. Go to our Web site at ChildrensAuction.org for a list of convenient donation drop-off sites throughout the Lakes Region. And on Black Friday weekend, Friday, Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., visit the collection site at Belknap Marketplace.

About the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is a charitable event held every December in central New Hampshire. Countless volunteers and donors have turned the Auction and its many fundraising events, including the Community Challenge, into a major annual campaign. In the 40 years that the community has come together for the Auction, an impressive \$7.5 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations, all through volunteer efforts, community donations and corporate sponsorship. The Greater Lakes Region Charitable Fund for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps community organizations in the Central New Hampshire region. For more information about the Auction, the nonprofits it supports and how you can help, visit ChildrensAuction.org.

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

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The Colonial welcomes funk & soul legends Tower of Power

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre - Laconia will present Tower of Power on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale Monday, Nov. 21 at noon at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

East Bay Grease defined their sound and landed them with Warner Brothers. Bump City, their 1972 debut for the label, was a hit on both the Billboard 200 and the R&B Albums chart, and netted them the hits “You’re Still A Young Man” and “Down to The Nightclub.” The ‘70s were a boom period with radio classics like “So Very Hard to Go” and “What Is Hip?” and the band continued to tour and record over the years. Castillo says their love of the stage is the same today as it was back in 1968.

Tickets for Tower of Power at the Colonial Theatre of Laconia on

Saturday, February 18 at 8pm are \$50-\$100 and go on sale Monday, Nov. 21 at noon at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

For more than 50 years, Tower of Power has delivered the best in funk and soul music.

“We were a Soul band called The Motowns,” recalls Emilio Castillo. “Rocco was the bass player, I was there, and my brother was the drummer. I met ‘Doc’ Kupka back in 1968, and gave him an audition. He came in the band, and we eventually changed our name to the Tower of Power.”

The reason for the band name change was that they had a specific goal in mind.

Fifty years later, in 2018, they returned to Oakland to celebrate their landmark 50th anniversary. Tower’s window-rattling grooves and raucous party spir-

it has been a balm for the soul throughout their half-century existence, but the release of “50 Years of Funk & Soul: Live at the Fox Theater” couldn’t have arrived at a better time.

The band has long since surpassed Castillo’s modest aspirations, traveling the world, enjoying hit singles on their own and backing legendary artists including Otis Redding, Elton John, Santana, the Grateful Dead, John Lee Hooker, Aerosmith, Bonnie Raitt, and countless others. In the process they’ve defined an “Oakland soul” sound as instantly recognizable as those from Castillo’s hometown, Detroit, as well as inspirations like Memphis and Philadelphia.

The future of Tower of Power is set out to be vigorous and dynamic,

and will prove to be just that for fans around the world starved for the band’s groove just the way Tower of Power likes it!

First opened in 1914, the Colonial Theatre was designed by George I. Griffin. Original owner Benjamin Piscopo was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice as seen from the water. The theatre hosted a variety of stage productions and photoplays. By the early 1930s the Colonial had pivoted to show motion pictures. In 1983, the theatre was divided up into 5 separate movie screens. 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 pur-

chase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. 609 Main Street LLC was created to conduct the capital campaign for the renovation. The restoration of the Colonial began in March of 2016 and concluded in early 2021.

The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to a wide range of performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. The Colonial Theatre is managed by Spectacle Management and is home to the Powderhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

Spectacle Live was founded in 2012 to provide performing arts venues throughout New England with expert services in venue operations, booking and programming, venue and

event marketing, venue programming and operational management, consulting, and event production. Since its founding, Spectacle Live has worked with more than a dozen New England venues on facility management, and in promoting, marketing, and producing hundreds of concerts, comedy, civic, educational, theatrical, and family entertainment events. Spectacle Live has also been a valuable consulting partner to municipalities and non-profit venue owners, developers, programmers, and operators. Spectacle Live has offices in Lexington and Lowell, Mass. and Laconia. For more information, please contact Pete Lally, plally@spectaclelive.com or 617-531-1257. www.spectaclelive.com

Fall season officially comes to a close at Prospect Mountain

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain sports awards brought the fall season to a close on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

The NHIAA Sportsmanship Awards are presented to two players from each team.

For the varsity boys’ soccer team, Mason Pappaceno and Joseph Deane were the winners while the JV boys’ soccer winners were Nathan Kappes and Joshua Dreyer.

Lani Demers and Madilyn Neathery were presented the award for the varsity girls’ soccer team and Grace Brooks and Celia Argue were

the JV girls’ soccer team winners.

For the golf team, the winners were Bruce Rawnsley and Sam Caldwell, while Wyatt Varney and Seth Gardner were the winners from the bass fishing team.

For the boys’ cross country team, Avery Giunta and Parker Wood were the winners and Eva McCartney and Margaret Dowd were named the winners for the girls’ cross country team.

Madelyn Kelley and Kaylee Riel were the winners from the Prospect unified soccer team.

For the varsity volleyball team, Madelyn Pen-

field and Gwen Christie were the winners while for the JV volleyball team, Mariah Arsenault and Ashley Lyle were the award winners.

Team awards

For the varsity boys’ soccer team, Cam Dore and Cole Stockman were presented with the Most Valuable Player Award and Eli Kriete and Ethan Capsalis took home the Coaches Award.

Ella Smith won the Impact Award for the girls’ varsity soccer team, Abigail Argue won the Intensity Award and Avery Thoroughgood won the Intensity Award while Abigail Breuer

was presented with the Matt Locke Award.

For the varsity volleyball team, Sophia Bean was named Most Valuable Player, Ella Misiaszek won the Coaches Award and Aijah Thoroughgood was named Best Defensive Player.

Spencer Therrien was named Most Valuable Player for the golf team, Lander McLeod was named Most Improved Player and Glidden Martin was presented with the Coaches Award.

For the boys’ cross country team, Dylan Krull was named Most Valuable Player and Parker Wood was presented the Coaches

Award.

Whitney Good was named Most Valuable Player for the girls’ cross country team, while Chloe Kane won the Most Improved Player and Jillian Simpson was presented the Coaches Award.

Wyatt Varney and Seth Gardner were both presented with the Most Valuable Player Award for the bass fishing team while Thomas Chouinard was presented with the Coaches Award.

For unified soccer, Jaylyn Gagnon was named the Most Brave Player, Jillian Nason was named the Offensive Threat and Kolby

Dubisz was given the Coaches Award.

Ryland Clifford, Wyatt Bubar and Joshua Clark were all presented with the Outstanding Contribution Award for the JV boys’ soccer team.

For the JV girls’ soccer team, Emma Holden was presented with the Improvement Award, Genevieve Charity was presented with the Intensity Award and Damonica Charles was presented with the Impact Award.

Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.



GILFORD — It has been one year since Gilford Community Church (GCC) installed 204 solar panels installed on the adjoining Gilford Youth Center building as part of a multi-phase Clean Energy Project. While formally considered complete after this installation, the intention behind the project lives on.

“The desire for clean energy represents an ongoing intention, a care

and concern for the planet, people, and all life forms,” said Pastor Michael Graham.

This intention, said GCC member Warren Hutchins, who spearheaded the church’s Clean Energy Project, now finds new ‘fuel’ in the need to upgrade their heating system. “We are looking at energy efficient boilers for the church as well as ways to reduce the constant

operation of our UV system operation to coincide with their operation,” he explained.

According to Graham, reducing energy usage means a reduction in expenses, savings he said they invest back into the community through their community outreach initiatives. “By controlling our energy costs, that frees us up to address critical community needs and support local nonprofits,” he said.

In caring for people and the planet within an overarching organizational emphasis on diversity and inclusivity, Graham said the hope is that these intentions also help to attract younger members. Citing strong membership today, he said

GCC is equally mindful of the future.

“If we are to sustain ourselves as a church, we need to demonstrate our ability to embrace our community in thoughtful ways, a message that will resonate with younger generations,” he said.

“We are a church for everyone.”

Located in Gilford, NH, GCC is an inclusive, open community with a broadly ecumenical spirit that welcomes people from all denominational and cultural backgrounds. Viewable live

on YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. at 19 Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford.

To learn more about GCC or the Daniell Fund, which provides financial support to nonprofit organizations, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.

New Durham Select Board Vacancy

The New Durham Select Board is currently seeking a New Durham Resident to fill a vacant Select Board position. Letters of interest from any registered New Durham voter interested in serving on the New Durham Select Board until the March 2023 Town Election should be received by Friday, December 2, 2022. Letters may be sent to the New Durham Town Administrator via email to ndadmin@newdurhamnh.us or via mail at New Durham Town Administrator, P.O. Box 207, New Durham, NH 03855. Please mark the subject line of the email or the envelop “Select Board Vacancy.” For more information visit the Town of New Durham website Home Page at www.newdurhamnh.us or call the Town Administrator at (603) 859-2091 ext. 3.

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

Read Hertel Family Trust

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The hearing is for a planned subdivision submitted by The Read Hertel Family Trust, Van Hertel-Trustee. If you have any questions on Zoom application, please contact Robin McClain at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.us or the Planning Board.

The property is located on Meaderboro and Berry Road, Map 270 Lot 17.

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Bishop Brady, Maddie Bergeron of Conant, Lexis Vautour and Jade Traffie of Mascenic, Kylie Rogers of Mascoma, Katie Sharron of Newport and Kensley Harris of St. Thomas.

Second Team honors also went to Kimble Rose of Bishop Brady, Leah St. John of Mascenic, Kara Miller of Mascoma, Taylor Fellows and Maddox Lovely of Newport, Lacey Clark and McKenzie Wessling of St. Thomas and Sara Faro of Stevens.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Ava Archambault of Bishop Brady, Sophia Spingola of Conant, Abby Pitman

of Franklin, Jazz Lee of Hopkinton, Millie McClain of Mascenic, Carmen Zani, Hailey Miller, Gabby Pierce and Ann Buffington of Mascoma, Makayla Harwood of Monadnock, Kadence Law of St. Thomas and Richelle Girard, Cameron Ferland, Daniella Varela and Sarah Wheeler of Stevens.

Dave Rogacki of Gilford and Selena Shaw of Mascenic were named the Division III Co-Coaches of the Year.

For Division II, Kennett's Tessa Capozzoli and Ava Gaudette and Kingswood's Sarah Paraskos all earned First Team honors.

Second Team honors went to Kennett's Allie

Hussey and Honorable Mention went to Kennett's Georgia Coleman and Vivian Rober-Carpenter, Kingswood's Carrigain Williams, Hadley Larson and Hailey Kelly and Plymouth's Madison Hershey, Chloe Bouchard and Grace Bannon.

Also earning First Team honors were Alexandra Larrabee of Bow, Laramie Wilson of ConVal, Kira Geddes of Derryfield, Aubrey Fischer and Adie Bolduc of John Stark, Ashlee Blashock of Lebanon, Kaiya Mercier of Merrimack Valley, Mia Edwards and Charlotte Marston of Portsmouth and Ella Barrett of Souhegan. Barrett and Marston

were named Co-Offensive Players of the Year and Edwards was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Second Team honors also went to Reilly Loughman and Sadie Higgins of Hanover, Hailey Arsenal, Lindsey Dattis and Alyssa Hill of Hollis-Brookline, Jackie O'Donnell and Lauryn Guevin of John Stark, Mikayla Thornton of Lebanon, Abby Forbes of Merrimack Valley, Brooke Slaton of Pelham, Natalie Longacre of Pembroke, Darla Mahoney of Portsmouth and Annika Madeja and Annie Raduazzo of Souhegan.

Also earning Division II Honorable Mention

were Elena Roy and Sabrina Bernard of Bow, Lydia Cleveland of ConVal, Chloe Bremberg and Kennedy Overhoff of Derryfield, Alexis Brown, Kendall Dubois and Ava Jones of Goffstown, Emily Perras, Eva Bell and Maggie Higgins of Hanover, Bella Haytayan and Sabrina Hill of Hollis-Brookline, Jillian Fredette and Hailey Brisson of John Stark, Madelyn Lounsbury, Lydia Kneur and Sam Gray of Laconia, Kiera Houdegbe of Lebanon, Kalee Keyser of Merrimack Valley, Addyson Pare, Shelby Miles, Mairead Kirby and Willa Audley of Milford, Olivia Anderson, Nora Rogers

and Rowynn Pickering of Oyster River, Jessica Bevens and Molly Coakley of Pelham, Camdyn Despres and Treic Thomas-Guerzon of Pembroke, Sydney Moreau and Sam Rule of Portsmouth, Abbie Lucas and Olivia Dwyer of Sanborn and Allison Jordan, Maddie Lim, Chloe Luongo of Souhegan.

John Stark's Dennis Pelletier was named Division II Coach of the Year.

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BUDGET
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Projects at Gilford High School include work on the windowsills in seven rooms at a cost of \$54,041 and work on mini splits at \$2,700.

The septic tank pump at both GMS and GHS

will be done for \$60,000.

Support staff across the district will receive salary adjustments totaling \$161,984.

The district will add an athletic trainer position as opposed to contracting out the service. The budget includes

an athletic trainer at a quarter of a full time equivalent (FTE) position at the middle school and three-quarters of a position at the high school for a total cost of \$96,578. As a result, the district will reduce the athletic trainer contracted service at a savings of

\$27,000.

A high school Spanish teacher will be added at .9 of a position for \$85,951.

The district will also reduce one paraprofessional position to save \$59,046. The high school science department will

be reduced by .36 of a position for a savings of \$49,117.

Proposed warrant articles will include a collective bargaining agreement, \$200,000 to go into the School Buildings Roof Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, \$82,500 for the School Buildings Maintenance Capital Re-

serve Fund, and \$10,000 for the School Buildings Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund.

The budget will next go to the Budget Committee for review over and approval over a series of public meetings before going before voters for final approval in March of 2023.

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The building will need to comply with all building, health, and life safety codes that apply.

If the rental is proposed for a single-family home with an accessory dwelling unit, only one of the dwellings on the property may be used for a short-term rental.

Under the Table of Uses, short-term rentals will be allowed in the Lakeshore Residential

Zone, the Recreation Service Zone, the Residential Commercial Zone, the Rural Zone, and the Residential Rural Zone. It will not be allowed in the Residential Zone.

For a full list of this and all of the proposed zoning amendments, visit <https://www.alton.nh.gov/press-release/proposed-zoning-amendments-public-hearing-12-20-2022>. Copies can also be found at town hall.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6 p.m.

Class of 2024 to sponsor holiday babysitting service

ALTON — Attention parents of Barnstead and Alton elementary school students: Would you like to have a few hours to yourself to do some holiday shopping or preparation?

The Prospect Mountain High School Class of 2024 Elves are offering to amuse your children and siblings ages three years and up at PMHS on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 1 - 4 p.m. There will be Christmas Crafts, carols, movies, games, and more! The cost is \$15 per child; \$25 family cap (three or more siblings). Please contact Hollie Kelley (hkelley@pmhschool.com) or Cathy Fraser (cfraser@pmhschool.com) to sign up.

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Young authors invited to read their work at open mic night

GILFORD

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Under the new fees, Basic Life Support (BLS) will have a rate of \$858, increasing from \$746.

Advanced Life Support, Level 1 (ALS-1) will be \$1,226 from \$1,066. Advanced Life Support, Level 2 (ALS-2) will be \$1,815 now after being at \$1,578. Treat and release will be \$281.52, going up from \$244.80.

The cost of mileage,

which used to be \$15.23 a mile, will now be \$17.51 a mile.

Some items were deleted from the fee schedule including Special Care Transport and Auto Extrication.

Selectman Kevin Hayes asked how the mileage cost was calculated.

“I don’t think there’s any specific formula we use now other than this was across the board 15

LACONIA—Young local authors are invited to read their work during It’s by the Kids Open Mic Night to be held on Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Belknap Marketplace.

Several readers scheduled to take part in the event are featured in a new book produced and published by the Janice Beetle Books 2022 Challenge Team, “It’s by the Kids: An anthology of children’s artwork and stories.”

This book contains stories and drawings from local children, and all proceeds will benefit the Greater Lakes Region Children’s Auction. The reading will be held just outside the auction, so those who take part will also have a chance to experience the auction live.

Children who wish to take part in the reading should pre-register with Janice Beetle by emailing Janice@beetlepress.com. Reading material can be across all genres, and material must be suitable for all ages.

Readers will have five minutes to present their work. There are a limited number of time slots, so register early!

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