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End 68 Hours of Hunger is growing!



PITTSFIELD — Recently, End 68 Hours of Hunger Alton/Barnstead/Pittsfield met with Pittsfield School District and was approved to utilize available space in the SAU building at 23 Oneida St.

We have been utilizing space offered to us at 7 Fayette St. in Pittsfield by the Head Start program for Barnstead and Pittsfield families. Because of the growth of families in our program we have been extremely cramped. This new space will allow our program to function more efficiently and also allow our teams, at each location, to focus on families.

We are also very excited to announce our new teams for each location. At Alton Central School we have Team Alton: Kelly Senter and Sara Towers. At 7 Fayette St., Pittsfield, Team Barnstead: Leah Whitney and Katie Maguire. At 23 Oneida St Pittsfield, Team Pittsfield: Mary Paradise and Becky Berk. We also have our Shoppers Sara Hamilton and special mission folks Amy Beck and her grandson Trevor.

Our teams will be focusing on meal planning, local fundraising in each of their communities and effective communication with our schools and social workers to better support our families.

Without the volunteer support of all of these folks including the packers, drivers and organizations and individuals who send us weekly, monthly food donations via the Amazon Wishlist and more, we could not do what we do best! Supporting our local families! Thank you!

If you know of any families in Alton, Barnstead or Pittsfield needing food help, please have them email: barnstead-nh@end68hoursofhunger.org. There are no income requirements, just sign up. Families can also apply for our services via this link: https://registration.end-68hoursofhunger.org/.

To volunteer or help in any way, feel free to contact Lori Mahar C: 603-490-5254. For more info about our organization, please visit our website: www.end68hoursofhunger.org.

Peter Mayer to perform benefit concert at Gilford Community Church

GILFORD — Gilford Community Church is delighted to welcome back acclaimed singer, songwriter, and guitarist Peter Mayer for a special benefit concert on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets are $20, with all proceeds supporting the important work of Church of Another Chance.

A gifted musician and storyteller from Minnesota, Mayer has earned a devoted following for his extraordinary guitar playing, thoughtful lyrics, warm humor, and ability to find wonder and meaning in everyday life. His music explores themes of love, compassion, gratitude, spirituality, and our shared humanity, inviting listeners to appreciate the beauty of the world and our connections with one another.

Mayer is no stranger to Gilford Community Church, having performed there numerous times over the past 25 years. His concerts have become a favorite among those who appreciate music that is both entertaining and deeply meaningful.

The concert also reflects the spirit of Gilford Community Church, a progressive, inclusive, and welcoming congregation that believes there is room at the table for everyone. The church embraces people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs, and life experiences, encouraging open-minded exploration, thoughtful conversation, and a shared commitment to making the world a more compassionate place.

All proceeds from the evening will benefit Church of Another Chance, an organization dedicated to offering hope, dignity, and opportunities for positive change to individuals affected by incarceration. Its work reflects the belief that every person has inherent worth and deserves the possibility of a new beginning.

"We are thrilled to welcome Peter back to Gilford," said the church's pastor, Rev. Michael Gra-

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"Peter Pan" takes flight at Kingswood Nov. 20-22



WOLFEBORO — Get ready to soar when Kingswood Theater proudly presents the timeless, magic-filled adventure "Peter Pan," taking flight in the Kingswood Arts Center on Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 21 at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m. Audience members of all ages are invited to an exclusive Meet & Greet with the cast on stage immediately following each of the 2 p.m. matinees! Don't miss out—tickets are available in advance at kingswoodtheater.org, as well as at the door.

This spectacular production features breathtaking flying effects by ZFX Inc. alongside a thrilling full live pit orchestra conducted by Music Director, Jennifer Ouellette; vibrant choreography by Kaylin Gagne, Kiersta Tessier, and Kristin Cooper; dy-

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Timber Wolves fall in overtime championship battle

Defending champs edge Prospect Mountain in Division III title game

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BEDFORD — For the second time in just a few days, the Prospect Mountain soccer boys found themselves in a sudden death overtime on the turf of Bedford High School.

While the Timber Wolves came away with a win in the first of those two games in the Division III semifinals earlier in the week, Saturday night's championship game saw St. Thomas getting the victory in the rain, scoring with 7:14 to go in the first overtime to take the 2-1 win and their second-straight Division III championship.

"Obviously we want to get the win, but at the end of the day, any chance you get to play on the last possible day of the season, it's where you want to be," said veteran Prospect Mountain coach Cory Halvorsen. "For the young team that we are, I think we're going to learn a lot from this game.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Orion Neathery battles past a St. Thomas player during action in the Division III finals on Saturday in Bedford.

"There's definitely things we can learn from this game, but no matter what, I'm proud of them for where they got this season," the Timber Wolf mentor said. "We had the most wins in Division III and done a lot of good things this season. I'm proud of where we are."

The Saint fans mistakenly thought they had a goal moments into the game but they didn't hear the whistle blowing the call offsides. The Saints came back with another bid that goalie Charlie Yeaton stopped and sent a corner kick wide of the net. Anthony Sanville had a good cross at the other end and Logan DeWitt made a solid defensive stop for the Timber Wolves. Yeaton had another save as the Saints continued to attack while DJ Scarpa went the other way with a bid that the Saint defense stopped. DeWitt had another solid defensive stop and Yeaton had another save for the Timber Wolves.

The Timber Wolves took the lead with 26:14 to go in the first half, as Dylan Pelletier booted a direct kick into the box, where it was

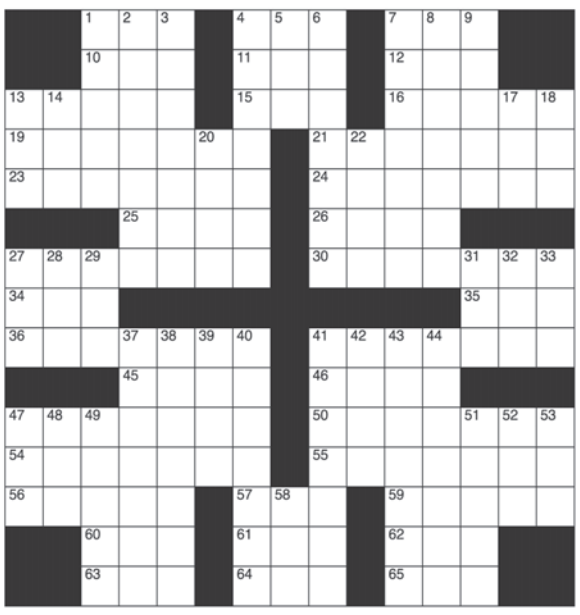
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Early deadlines for Thanksgiving

The offices of The Baysider will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

To ensure that that week's edition arrives in subscribers' mail boxes on schedule despite the holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor has been moved up to Thursday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at brendan@salmonpress.news.

The staff of The Baysider thanks our readers for their cooperation with this change in our usual schedule, and wishes one and all a safe and happy Thanksgiving.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure metric
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and east
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Fused glass ornament workshop with Art Escape

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a fused glass ornament workshop on Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center with Art Escape Studio. Create a little holiday magic by customizing your own glass ornaments. Bring a friend or attend solo. Program is geared toward participants 12 years and up. We will send ornaments to the kiln and have creations ready to pick up at Alton Parks and Recreation before the holidays. $25 per person, register by Nov. 23. Registration forms and ornament examples are available at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Light Up Night — Dec. 5

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

Reiki gathering

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Reiki Gathering with Reiki Master Teacher, Carol Wallace at the Gilman Library on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Join us for a relaxed Reiki meetup to refresh the basics of Reiki One and Reiki Two. Share experiences, ask questions and reconnect with Reiki energy and each other. The free gathering is geared toward Reiki practitioners with at least Reiki One training. Please RSVP to 603-875-0109 or parkrec@alton.nh.gov by November 24 to reserve your seat.

Let's Play Basketball Free Basketball Program for Grades K-4

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a free basketball program for grades K-4 led by Erick Bourdeau, PMHS alumni and Kingswood Boys Varsity soccer and baseball coach, and a group of awesome volunteers. The free Basketball Program, with an emphasis on learning the fundamentals and having fun, will be held at the Alton Central School Gym on Sundays: Dec. 13, 20; Jan. 10, 17; Feb. 7, 14; 9-10 a.m. Please carry in your playing sneakers. Free shirts will be provided to participants that register by Nov. 23. Register in person at the Parks and Recreation office or online at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact Alton Parks and Recreation at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov for more information.

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays, Nov. 12 & 19 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Please arrive by 6:25p.m. 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.

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

Weight Training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

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. 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. Class not held Nov. 16 and 18.

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

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

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

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

Wolfeboro Festival of Trees Gala tickets now on sale!

WOLFEBORO — The holiday season is right around the corner, and tickets are now on sale for the Wolfeboro Festival of Trees Gala, taking place Dec. 3 at the Wright Museum!

Join us for a festive evening featuring beautifully decorated holiday trees, a silent auction, and an opportunity to make a difference in our community.

The Festival of Trees is about more than celebrating the holidays—it's about giving back to the community we call home.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit five local organizations:

- Wolfeboro Farmers Market
- Wolfeboro Meals on Wheels
- KIND
- New Hampshire Boat Museum
- Cotton Valley Trail Committee

These organizations make a meaningful difference through their services, programs, and dedication to our community. Your ticket purchase helps support their continued work and strengthens the community we all share.

Tickets are limited, so don't wait! Purchase yours today through the Wolfeboro Festival of Trees website.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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Salt is an opinionated lady with an open mind and a personality all her own! She's willing to try just about anything once, but don't be surprised if she forms an opinion about it within the first five seconds. She's a girl who knows what she likes and isn't afraid to let you know!

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

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

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

One thing is for sure: life with Salt will never be boring!

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Songwriter Round-Up Friendsgiving Show to benefit Meredith Food Pantry

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.

Spend an evening at the next Songwriter Round-Up and you'll be helping to support the efforts of the Meredith Food Pantry. As we enter into a time of year in which we celebrate each other with Holiday meals and gifts, let's also remember those who are less fortunate in our community. At the November Songwriter Round-Up show one-half of all ticket sales and tips will be donated to the Meredith Food Pantry. This gifting is being done through the generosity of the three singer-songwriters who will performing their original compositions on the stage of "The Loft" at Hermit Woods Winery. In addition, show attendees who bring a canned good for donation to the Food Pantry will be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets to any upcoming Songwriter Round-Up show. The more canned goods you bring, the better your chances to win as each canned good earns one raffle ticket. Come, invite your family and friends, and help this second annual Friendsgiving Show fill the Meredith Food Pantry with plenty of stock to share during the weeks and months ahead.

The Songwriter Round-Up "Friendsgiving Benefit Show" show takes place on Thursday, Nov. 19. This special show features a talented lineup that includes: Katie Dobbins, a singer-songwriter from the Lakes Region who delivers heart-felt lyrics with beautiful vocal tones wrapped in guitar and piano melodies; Ian Galipeau, a New Hampshire artist whose thought-provoking songs delivered within Indie-rock and Americana styles have been captivating audiences throughout New England; and Charlie Chronopoulos, a New England based songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer with a commanding stage presence, impressive guitar skills, and a love for sharing his music. 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 Web site.

A complimentary wine tasting will begin at 5:30 p.m., the Loft opens at 6 p.m. 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.

Author Michael J. Caduto to bring loon story, crafts to Country Bookseller

WOLFEBORO — Award-winning author and educator Michael J. Caduto will visit The Country Bookseller on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a special children's storybook reading, hands-on craft activity and book signing featuring his new picture book, "The Day the Pond Flew South."

The event will combine storytelling, wildlife education and creativity, giving children and families an opportunity to learn about one of New Hampshire's most recognizable birds, the common loon.

Caduto's new book tells the story of Loon, a bird who lands on a small pond only to discover that she cannot escape. Her feathered friends try everything they can think of to help her take flight, but their efforts prove unsuccessful.

As winter approaches and the pond begins to freeze, the situation becomes increasingly urgent. Determined to save their friend, the birds devise an ingenious plan that will require cooperation and every available wingbeat to succeed.

Following the reading, Caduto will introduce participants to a life-size sculpture of a common loon, providing an opportunity to examine the bird's distinctive appearance up close.

He will also share facts about loons, their behavior and the challenges they face, along with ways individuals and families can contribute to conservation efforts.

The program will include a hands-on craft activity in which participants can create their own "loon's necklace" using string and beads. The necklaces are intended to symbolize each participant's connection to the bird and the natural world.

The event offers an opportunity to explore the relationship between wildlife, conservation and storytelling while encouraging children to develop an appreciation for the environment.

Caduto's books will be available for purchase, and he will be on hand to sign copies following the program.

The event will take place Sunday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Country Bookseller in Wolfeboro.

For more information or to reserve a copy of "The Day the Pond Flew South," call The Country Bookseller at 603-569-6030.

Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Huggins Hospital, Medical Arts Conference Room/Education Center, 240 South Main St. in Wolfeboro.

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

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

About Granite VNA

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

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Opinion

Finding a little room to make a big difference

Sometimes, the most meaningful improvements in a community have nothing to do with new construction, expensive equipment or ambitious development plans. Sometimes, they begin with finding a little more room for people who are doing important work.

That is certainly the case with the recent announcement from End 68 Hours of Hunger Alton/Barnstead/Pittsfield, which has secured additional space in the Pittsfield School District's SAU building at 23 Oneida St.

At first glance, the news might seem like a relatively minor administrative development. A nonprofit organization needed more space, and a school district was able to accommodate that need. But there is a much larger story behind this arrangement, one that deserves attention throughout the communities it serves.

The organization has grown to the point where its existing facilities were becoming cramped. That growth reflects an important reality: There are families in our communities who need assistance putting food on the table, and the demand for that assistance is significant enough to require additional resources.

Food insecurity does not always look the way people expect. It can affect families with working parents, households facing unexpected expenses, or those struggling to keep up with the cost of groceries, housing, heating and transportation. In smaller communities, those difficulties can be particularly easy to overlook.

A child sitting in a classroom on Friday afternoon may be looking forward to a weekend of activities and family time. Another child in that same classroom may be wondering whether there will be enough food at home before school resumes Monday morning. That is the concern End 68 Hours of Hunger works to address.

The organization's approach is straightforward, providing food assistance to children during the hours between the end of the school week and the beginning of the next. It addresses a basic need that can affect a child's health, concentration and ability to learn.

What makes the local program particularly encouraging is the way it continues to adapt. The addition of dedicated teams for Alton, Barnstead and Pittsfield will allow volunteers to concentrate more closely on the families in their respective communities. Those teams will handle meal planning, fundraising and communication with schools and social workers.

This is a sensible approach. Although neighboring towns share many of the same challenges, each community has its own circumstances, resources and relationships. Giving local teams greater responsibility should help the organization respond more effectively to the people who depend on it.

The Pittsfield School District also deserves recognition for making available space that can serve a valuable community purpose. Public institutions are frequently asked to accomplish more with limited resources. When an opportunity arises to put available space to productive use, particularly in support of children and families, it is worth pursuing.

Equally important are the volunteers who make the program possible. Coordinating food purchases, packing bags, delivering supplies and maintaining relationships with donors requires consistent effort. Much of that work takes place quietly, without public recognition, but it is essential to keeping the operation running.

There is also an important message in the organization's reminder that families seeking assistance face no income requirements. Asking for help can be difficult, particularly in communities where people know one another and pride themselves on independence. Removing unnecessary barriers makes it easier for families to access assistance when they need it.

The expansion should also encourage a broader conversation about hunger in our communities. Food insecurity is not limited to major cities or distant places. It exists in towns where neighbors recognize one another at the grocery store, where children grow up together and where families may be reluctant to discuss financial struggles. The appropriate response is neither judgment nor embarrassment. It is practical assistance, delivered respectfully and without unnecessary obstacles.

The new space in Pittsfield represents more than additional square footage. It represents an organization responding to increased demand, a school district recognizing an opportunity to help and volunteers continuing to meet a need that cannot be ignored.

There is something reassuring about a community finding room for a program that helps ensure children have enough to eat. And there is something even more important about making certain that room is always available for the families who need it.



COURTESY PHOTO

Who doesn't love making things? New Durham School fifth and sixth graders flock to Crafting Club to knit, crochet, felt, weave, and bead. Begun three years ago by volunteer Kelly Bridges, who recognized an interest, the group meets weekly for the first four months of the school year to create a variety of items, and participates in at least one fundraising effort before the holidays to benefit students.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Exposed

Last night was the first night in the low 20s. When I got up this morning, it was in the 50s inside. My first activity was to get the stove going. That was almost three hours ago. The house still has a chill to it. Wood heat can be slow. Not like turning a dial, wait, I'm really aging myself here. I'm sure that these days, it's changing a number on a phone app.

Everything seems to now be somehow connected to everyone's phone devices. With my lack of recollection, I'm sure that I may someday desire to use a camera in my refrigerator, but really? Where do you think this will all stop. Everything will eventually be interconnected, photographed, and listened to. Won't that be just wonderful? I don't think so. I think that we're already way too exposed.

It still feels chilly; I think I'll go check to fire. A couple more pieces of wood may be in order. It will be more comfortable out in the main room; my bedroom is always noticeably cooler. It's a surface area verses amount of heat that can flow through one open doorway without a fan type deal. I'm certainly considering complementing my attire with long johns this morning.

The first truck load of wood for next year arrived yesterday. The second should arrive today. It's nice to know that heat is all taken care of for next winter already. Yes the price did jump again, but I'm still ahead of the game. Next year it will probably be even higher. Rarely does anything go down.

While heading downstairs, I got sidetracked by the spider plant crying for some water, so I concurred. While downstairs, I also gave the cacti and the tree something to drink. I'm not good with house plants. I used to be much better at watering them regularly, but these days, I kind of forget and wait for the request. Most plants require more discipline.

It had made it up to 63 downstairs, but seeing as it was barely above freezing outside, I threw a few small pieces of wood in the box. The sun was just making it over the treetops, so it too will soon be helping with the heating process.

There are still leaves left on the trees. That big November wind will soon come and change that condition, or maybe a good rain, which we certainly need so badly, will help. It's always wonderful to see a whole week of sunny days forecast, but we all need water. Just ask my plants.

Until then, the rising sun is totally blocked out by the forest. I know that it's coming up about 45 degrees to the left of perpendicular from the slider, but only tiny beams of light can squeeze through all the obstructions every morning. All the world it totally bright by the time it finally rises into view.

I just changed from my pajamas, which are flannel, into my work cloths, which are not. What a difference. I think that it's definitely time to switch to flannel throughout my existence. Sheets, shirts, and maybe even my flannel lined work pants. Yes, I'm a wimp, but being so slim, I have hardly any natural insulation to speak of. I see people that have easily an inch or more of padding distributed around their frame that tend to not get cold, but I'm not one of them.

The only time you'll see me skinny in the wintertime is after a sauna. Speaking of which, it's getting to be that time again. I need to check out the stove and flu pipe and get it all cleaned up and ready. We could get walloped with another one of those fall northeasters any time, though looking at the forecast today, it won't be too soon.

The sun is just sneaking over the skylight across the room and shining on my face, making it difficult to see this screen. That's the consequence of having so many skylights, twelve. Further consequences are that they leak heat, and can also leak water. Each one is a direct hole in one's roof. This house is incredibly bright during the day and would be a veritable dark cave without them. Yes, some of them have gotten smoky, and their ceaseless ventilation is a drag, but so far any leaks have been minor. So far, so good.

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Letters to the Editor

Gilford Got Lunch appreciates community's support

To the Editor:

Gilford Got Lunch extends its thanks and appreciation to the voters of Gilford who once again have shown their generosity to our program. We support families who face food insecurity. Our winter program in particular, targets families who will not have access to free and/or reduced meals over the February and April breaks. This past summer we delivered over 7000 breakfasts and lunches over the course of our 10-week program. This is not possible without the support of our community.

We are always looking for volunteers and donation can be made online at www,gilfordgotlunch.com

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Meg Jenkins and the Gang at Gilford Got Lunch
Gilford

Makers Mill invites community to first Holiday Market & Open House on Nov. 15

WOLFEBORO — Looking for something a little different this holiday season? Makers Mill, a nonprofit community makerspace in Wolfeboro, is opening its doors for its first Holiday Market & Open House on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event invites the community to shop for unique, locally made gifts, meet the makers behind them, and explore the creative workshops and shared spaces where people come to learn, make, and connect.

Visitors will find a wide variety of handmade goods created by Makers Mill members, instructors, and recent graduates of the Artists, Growers & Makers Business Lab. From jewelry, stained glass, artwork, and ornaments to decorated furniture, clothing, fiber arts, leather goods, herbal teas, and more, the market will offer plenty of opportunities to find something special while supporting local makers.

But this event is about more than holiday shopping. Throughout the afternoon, visitors can explore Makers Mill's creative spaces, watch live demonstrations in stained glass, jewelry making, blacksmithing, and electronics, and join building tours to get a closer look at the shops, tools, and opportunities available to the community.

The open house is also an invitation to imagine what you might make next. Visitors can learn about classes, workshops, and membership opportunities, whether they're interested in picking up a new skill, exploring a creative hobby, or finding a community of people who enjoy making things.

For those looking to give something beyond a traditional gift, Makers Mill also offers gift certificates and opportunities to share the experience of learning something new. A class taken together, a new skill discovered, or time spent creating can be a meaningful gift that lasts well beyond the holidays.

The Holiday Market & Open House is free and open to the public and takes place Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Makers Mill, 23 Bay St. in Wolfeboro.

Learn more and let us know you're coming at makersmill.org/holiday-market. For questions, contact casey@makersmill.org.

Makers Mill is a nonprofit Community Makerspace and Vocation Hub offering hands on classes, workshops, shared creative spaces, and opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels to learn, make, and connect. Free building tours are offered every Friday and the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. Learn more at makersmill.org.

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SPORTS

Reinhardt, Paige compete in Meet of Champions

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

HOPKINTON — The top local runners from around the region descended on the Hopkinton Fairgrounds for the annual Meet of Champions on Saturday. The race brought together the top teams and individuals from each of the three State Meets the previous Saturday in Manchester.

For the boys' race, the top local finisher was Colin Foster of Newfound, who finished in ninth place in 15:49 while Collin Reeder of Profile was 44th in 16:47 and Jacob Pinard of Kingswood finished in 48th place in 16:53. Kennett's Micah Stackpole was 58th overall in a time of 17:10 with Winnisquam's Cullen Desrochers right behind him in 59th place in 17:12. Lance Labens of White Mountains Regional finished in 66th place in a time of 17:28.

Gilford's William Reinhardt finished in 116th place in a time of 18:47, Andy Rolfe of Profile was 123rd in 19:00, Ezra Boisseau of Profile was 129th in 19:29, Walter Meyer of Profile finished in 135th in 20:34, Jack Burhoe of Profile was 136th overall in 21:04 and Nicholas Southwell of Profile placed 138th in 22:50.

This marked the first time that the Profile boys had qualified for the Meet of Champions as a team (fourth in the Division III State Meet) and they return six of their top seven runners to the fold next year.

For the girls, Profile eighth grader Sylvie Brown led the local athletes with a 14th place finish in 19:00 with sophomore Elsa Bartlett of Inter-Lakes right behind in 16th place in a time of 19:14. White Mountains Regional ninth grader Devyn Cyr placed 45th overall in 20:25, Winnisquam sophomore Eloise Abbott was 75th overall in 21:12 and White Mountains Regional's Mackenzie Morgan finished in 83rd place in a time of 21:25. Prospect Mountain ninth grader Ulitta Paige finished in 104th place overall in a time of 22:04 to round out the field of local runners.

With their top-25 finishes, Foster, Brown and Bartlett all qualify for the New England Championships on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Troy Howard Middle School in Belfast, Maine. Girls start at 11:30 a.m. and the boys follow at 12:15 p.m.

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JENNIFER PINARD — COURTESY
Prospect Mountain ninth grader Ulitta Paige runs in the annual Meet of Champions on Saturday in Hopkinton.



COURTESY PHOTO
Peter Mayer

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ham. "His music speaks to so much of what we value as a congregation—the importance of kindness, the beauty of life, and the connections that bring us together. And it's especially meaningful to know that this wonderful evening of music will support the important work of Church of Another Chance."

Light refreshments will be served. Guests are welcome to bring their own beverages.

The concert is open to everyone, regardless of religious affiliation or belief. All are invited to enjoy an evening of exceptional music, warm fellowship, and support for a worthy cause. This version is ready for distribution once you've approved the attributed quotation.

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



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Tourney champs

The Alton Central School eighth graders won the Lakes Region Middle School Volleyball Tournament, held at Gilford High School at the end of October.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Blake Snell rushes the ball up the field during championship game against St. Thomas on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Caleb Bemis looks for an open teammate during Division III championship game action against St. Thomas on Saturday evening.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Logan DeWitt boots the ball out of the defensive zone during championship game action Saturday in Bedford.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Blake Snell holds the Division III championship trophy aloft next to fellow captains Caleb Bemis, Isaac Casale and Dylan Pelletier on Saturday.

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knocked in by Orion Neathery and the Timber Wolves had the 1-0 lead. Yeaton came back with a save and DeWitt, Caleb Bemis and Blake Snell all had solid defensive stops for Prospect. The Saints sent a corner kick chance wide of the net and Yeaton made another save and Snell had another defensive stop.

The Saints sent chances high and wide and then had a direct kick that DeWitt headed out of the box. Pelletier had a long direct kick chance that was cleared and Bemis sent Scarpa in on a bid that the defense stopped. Yeaton came out to grab another Saint chance and Neathery had a pair of crossing passes that were cleared by the St. Thomas defense. St. Thomas sent a couple of shots over the top of the net, Yeaton had another save and DeWitt and Snell each had good defensive stops.

Yeaton was hurt in a collision with a Saint player as they both charged after a ball and Oliver McLain took over in net for the Timber Wolves while Yeaton was evaluated by medical staff. Pelletier came back with a couple of long direct kick chances that were saved and Snell sent Scarpa ahead with a bid that was cleared before Yeaton returned to the net for the Timber Wolves and immediately made a save. The Saints had a late corner but could not convert and Prospect Mountain went to halftime with the 1-0 lead.

The Saints had an early direct kick in the second half and Scarpa had a crossing pass cleared at the other end. The Timber Wolves got in close on a throw-in chance that the St. Thomas defense cleared from the line, giving Prospect a corner kick chance, which was headed wide of the net. Pelletier had a good clear and a long direct kick the other way while Yeaton had a save for the Timber Wolves. Isaac Casale had a bid denied by the St. Thomas goalie and Pelletier had a direct kick opportunity that the Saints also saved.

The Saints were able to tie the game with 25:16 to go in the game, as a cross in front of the net was touched across the line to tie the game at one. McLain went the other way with a chance that was cleared and after a Yeaton save, Scarpa had a good cross cleared in front. Prospect had a corner kick chance knocked wide and Casale had another bid denied by the St. Thomas goalie.

Once again the Saint fans thought they had the lead when the ball went in the net but once again they weren't paying attention to the official's whistle, as it was again blown offsides. DeWitt and Pelletier had good defensive stops and Neathery sent a good ball up to Scarpa for a bid. Prospect had a corner kick chance that they couldn't convert and the Saints had a couple of good chances, one that was cleared by the defense and a couple that went wide of the net. Bemis had a nice clear and Neathery blocked a St. Thomas shot while Snell and Sanville made strong defensive stops. Scarpa had a great hustle play down the sideline and into the zone before the Saint defense stopped him. Prospect had a late corner that they couldn't put in the net and the game headed to the 15-minute overtime tied at one.

Pelletier had a long direct kick early in the overtime and Casale sent the ball in just ahead of Scarpa and the Saints had a crossing pass in front and a long shot denied by Yeaton. Yeaton made another save and the Saints sent a shot wide of the net. Yeaton made a stop on a St. Thomas corner and Sanville and DeWitt both had good defensive stops for the Timber Wolves.

However, with 7:14 to go in the overtime period, the Saints sent a long direct kick into the box and it was crossed in front and popped into the net for the 2-1 win and the Division III championship.

Halvorsen praised the work of his team, particularly his four seniors that have been key pieces of the program for the last few years.

"It's always tough losing seniors, they've probably played every minute of every game this season, it's always a tough way to go out," the veteran coach noted. "They worked through a lot this year, they've gone through a ton of stuff with changes at the school and they've focused on the soccer team."

Prospect Mountain finished the regular season at 14-2 to earn the second seed in the tournament and defeated Berlin, Newfound and Kearsarge to advance to the Division III finals for the first time since they won the title in 2014.

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Neathery penalty kick lifts Timber Wolves into finals



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Goalie Charlie Yeaton makes a diving save during action against Kearsarge in the Division III semifinals last Wednesday.



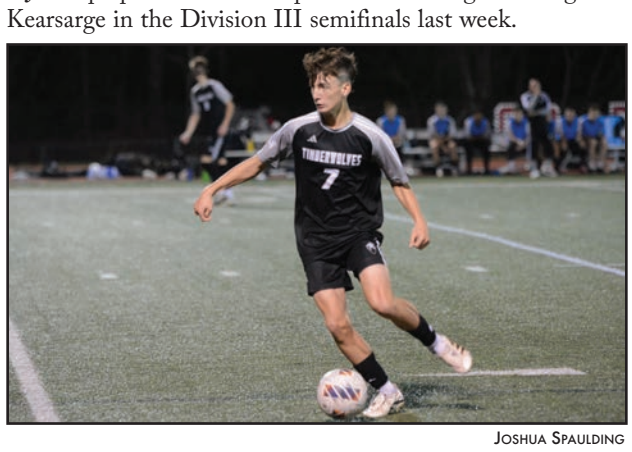
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Isaac Casale chases down the ball during semifinal action against Kearsarge last Wednesday in Bedford.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

DJ Scarpa pushes the ball up the field during action against Kearsarge in the Division III semifinals last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Oliver McLain looks for an open teammate during the Division III semifinals last Wednesday in Bedford.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BEDFORD — A playoff game in a scoreless tie with less than five minutes to go in double overtime certainly seems like it's going to end in penalty kicks and that seemed to be the case in the Division III boys' soccer semifinal game between Prospect Mountain and Kearsarge on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Bedford High School.

And end in a penalty kick it did, though about five minutes before the clock ran out on the second overtime and forced the penalty kick round.

Prospect Mountain's DJ Scarpa was taken down in the box as he charged toward the net and teammate Orion Neathery stepped up and delivered the penalty kick to lift the Timber Wolves into the Division III championship with a 1-0 win over the Cougars.

"It took a lot to get there, I don't think either one of the teams had anything left in the tank at all," said Prospect Mountain coach Cory Halvorsen. "Give credit to Kearsarge, that was a battle."

Scarpa headed a shot wide early in the game and Charlie Yeaton had a save at the other end of the field. Logan DeWitt had a solid clear, the Cougars had a corner kick go wide of the net and Neathery sent a nice cross in to Anthony Sanville that was cleared out. Oliver McLain sent a shot wide of the net and Isaac Casale had a good defensive stop before sending a good ball up to Sanville that the Cougar goalie snared.

Blake Snell just missed connecting with Scarpa on a chance and the Timber Wolves had a corner kick that they couldn't convert on. DeWitt and Snell had strong defensive stops and Scarpa sent Zach Locke in on a chance that was defended well. Dylan Pelletier took a direct kick chance in to the box that Casale sent wide of the net. Yeaton made a diving save on a Kearsarge direct kick and also made another solid save on a chance that the Cougars

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Defending champs fall to Lakers in quarterfinals



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Lukas Diaz hauls in a pass during action against Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough on Saturday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Liam Butler looks for running room during action in the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Coach Brandt O'Hara talks things over with his team during halftime of the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Cayden Carroll fires a pass for Gilford during the Division III quarterfinals in Meredith on Saturday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MEREDITH — The Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough football team got things started relatively quickly in the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday and dispatched visiting Gilford to get the 37-8 win and advance to the Division III semifinals.

The Lakers scored twice in the first quarter, both coming on runs from Curtis Page, the first a 15-yard run and the second on an eight-yard run and Cash Frontiero drilled both extra points to give the Lakers the 14-0 lead after one quarter of play.

Page continued his strong start to the game by scoring his third touchdown in the second quarter and while the kick was no good, the Lakers led 20-0 before the Golden Eagles got on the board. Lukas Diaz caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Cayden Carroll to get Gilford on the board and the Golden Eagles made the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 20-8.

The Lakers made one final drive in the first half and Finn McIntosh carried the ball in from one yard out with 25 seconds to go in the first half and Frontiero's extra point gave the Lakers the 27-8 lead and they took that lead to halftime.

Gilford got the ball out of the gate in the second half but a huge stop from Braydon Robinson on the first carry of the second half set the tone and the Golden Eagles went three and out. Page had a pair of runs for the Lakers on their next drive but Keenan Wilcox got in the backfield for Gilfrd on third down and the Lakers punted the ball away. Gilford went three and out again and the Lakers capitalized on their next drive.

Quarterback Kiernan Donnelly connected with Riley Maher for nine yards and then one play later, Robinson hauled in a Donnelly pass and broke free to the end zone for a 44-yard touchdown play with 5:22 to go in the third quarter. Frontiero's extra point made it 34-8.

Carroll connected with Colin Corcoran for a first down on the first play of the next Gilford drive and Lucas Raleigh converted a fourth down to give the Golden Eagles continued life, but Damian Adorno intercepted a Gilford pass on first down and the Lakers got the ball back.

Donnelly connected with McIntosh for a third down conversion and then Donnelly picked up 18 yards on the ground. A sack from Joel Wernig put the Lakers in a fourth and long situation as the third quarter came to a close.

Donnelly opened the fourth quarter by connecting with Maher for a fourth down conversion and while the Lakers could not get to the end zone, Frontiero drilled a 19-yard field goal to make it 37-8 for the Lakers. Jack Boulanger had a good kick return for Gilford but Patrick Perry intercepted the second play from scrimmage for Gilford and the Lakers were able to successfully run out the clock and seal the 37-8 win to advance to the Division III semifinals.

The Golden Eagles finished the regular season at 4-4 to earn the eighth seed in the Division III tournament.

The Lakers move on to host Campbell in the Divi-







Obituaries

Stanley Herman, 83



ALTON BAY, NH and SPRINGFIELD, VA -Stanley Herman, 83, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2026, at Mass General Hospital, Boston, MA.

Stanley was born on March 7, 1943, in Revere, MA, the son of the late Abraham and Charlote (Gold) Herman.

Stanley graduated from Northeastern University in 1966. He worked at the Boston Naval Shipyard and then for NAVSEA, a division of the US Government, for 40 years in the Washington Metropolitan area.

After retirement from the government, Stanley worked for Computer Sciences Corporation. Later he became a volunteer at Castle in the Clouds in New Hampshire.

He was a member of the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club and New Hampshire Astronomical Society. Stanley enjoyed being able to share his love of the heavens with the public. He was also a member of the Trains Collection Association.

Stanley held an amateur radio Extra Class license and contacted people around the world.

Stanley also loved swimming and kayaking in Lake Winnipesaukee, and hiking through the mountains of New Hampshire.

Stanley is survived by his wife Carol (Gould) Herman; son Michael Herman and daughter Caitlin Herman; 3 grandchildren Michael Jeremy, Karl, and Teresa; one great-grandchild; brother Robert Herman and one nephew and niece.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, November 2, 2026, in the Carriage House at Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia at 12:30pm.

Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home & Cremation Services/603Cremations.com, 164 Pleasant St., Laconia, NH, 03246, is assisting the family with arrangements. For more information and to view an online memorial, please visit wilkinsonbeane.com.

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carried in.

Pelletier had a direct kick chance and cleared out a Kearsarge direct kick at the other end and Prospect Mountain cleared a Cougar crossing shot while another chance went wide of the net. Yeaton snared one bid and then made a diving save on another chance,

With six minutes to go, what turned out to be a huge moment in the game, saw the Cougars deliver a corner kick bid. Yeaton went after the ball and it was poked toward the open net where Sanville was able to boot the ball away from the empty net and the game remained scoreless.

"That was game-changing, that could've been the game right there," Halvorsen noted. "If that goes in there, we're fighting back."

Scarpa just missed connecting with Owen Peterson and Scarpa made another run in with his chance denied. Snell had another solid defensive stop and Casale had a long shot denied by the Cougar keeper as the game went to halftime with no score on the board.

Sanville sent Scarpa in on an early chance in the second half and Yeaton saved a Cougar chance. The Cougars also had a direct kick chance and Pelletier and McLain had solid defensive stops while Scarpa had a shot blocked at the other end. The Timber Wolves headed a shot wide of the net on a corner kick and Scarpa had a crossing pass cleared. Sanville had a bid denied and Scarpa had another shot blocked.

Yeaton made a save on another Cougar chance and the rebound was cleared while the Cougars had a corner kick chance that was turned back. Kearsarge sent another direct kick chance wide of the net and Yeaton made another save while McLain went the other way with a bid that was denied by the Cougar keeper.

The Timber Wolf goalie made a save on a Cougar corner kick and another save on a different bid while Scarpa sent a nice cross in to Casale, who sent the shot wide of the net. Pelletier had a good defensive stop while Neathery and Caleb Bemis also had good defensive clears. Scarpa and Locke made runs into the zone that were cleared out and regulation ended with no score and the teams went to a 15-minute overtime period.

Yeaton made an early save in the overtime frame and the Timber Wolves cleared out a Cougar crossing pass as well. Pelletier made a nice defensive stop and Yeaton sent a ball up to Sanville that was cleared out. Scarpa and Locke teamed up for another chance and Bemis sent a shot wide of the net while Scarpa came back with another chance that was denied. Neathery sent a nice ball to Scarpa and Yeaton made another save. The Cougars had a direct kick blocked and Yeaton also made a save on another chance. Scarpa just missed connecting with Locke and the first overtime came to an end with no score on the board.

Scarpa had another bid early in the second overtime and Sanville made a nice defensive stop at the other end. Snell had a defensive stop and sent a ball ahead that just missed connecting with Kaleb Dumont. The Cougars continued to pressure with multiple chances going through the box while Casale an Sanville had good defensive stands. Then McLain connected with Scarpa as he raced up the field and was taken down in the box.

In his pocket, Halvorsen had a list of who was going to take penalty kicks if it came to that and Neathery was at the top of the list. The sophomore stepped up and delivered the kick that sent the Timber Wolves on to the Division III finals.

"I told the guys going into the game, sometimes the semifinal games are harder than the final game and I think both teams battled that one, back and forth the whole game," the Timber Wolf coach noted. "We're a young team, but they worked very hard for something big like this.

"I am super proud of them," he added.

Prospect Mountain faced off with defending champion St. Thomas in the Division III finals on Saturday evening.

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Sports

Golden Eagles put scare into 'Toppers in semifinals

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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DERRY — The Gilford volleyball team has shown a penchant for knocking off strong teams throughout the season and the Golden Eagles almost pulled off the upset of the top-ranked Somersworth Hilltoppers on Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Division II semifinals at Pinkerton Academy in Derry.

However, the 'Toppers were able to squeeze out the five-set win to take the 3-2 win to advance to the championship game.

Somersworth came out of the gate strong and picked up a 25-19 win over Gilford in the opening set but the Golden Eagles came charging back and picked up a dominant 25-10 win in the second set to pull Gilford even at one.

Gilford got out to a 16-12 lead in the third set and continued on the way to the 25-18 win to take a 2-1 lead and put the 'Toppers backs against the wall.

The fourth set saw the Hilltoppers get out to a 13-7 lead, but Gilford came charging back and took a 15-14 lead before Somersworth rallied and took a 25-23 win to force a fifth and deciding set.

Somersworth got out to a 12-10 lead in the fifth and deciding set before Gilford called a timeout and then went up by a 14-13 score before the Golden Eagles took another timeout. The Eagles got the next point, but Somersworth won the next three points to close out the 16-14 win and bring Gilford's season to a close.

The Golden Eagles finished the regular season at 12-4 to earn the fifth seed in the Division II tournament then beat Coe-Brown and upset Hanover to earn their spot in the Division II championship.

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

Pittsfield area professional recognized by EXIT Realty Corp. International

PITTSFIELD — Amid the challenges the real estate industry spent much of 2026 navigating, exceptional professionals continued to raise the bar on service, leadership, and results. EXIT Realty Corp. International proudly recognizes its 2026 award winners, celebrating individuals and teams whose performance exemplified excellence in a year that tested and showcased the very best of the profession.

"Our award winners are more than top producers; they're trusted advisors, community leaders, and ambassadors of the values that define EXIT. This year demanded resilience, adaptability, and they consistently delivered excellence for their clients and their communities," shared EXIT Realty Co-Chair, Tami Bonnell. "Their dedication reflects the strength of our network and the power of leading with integrity. It's my privilege to recognize their accomplishments, and I couldn't be prouder to have them as part of the EXIT family."

Donna Ward, Franchisee with EXIT Reward Realty in Pittsfield, received EXIT's esteemed Ruby Circle award, in recognition of 500 sides accumulated, acknowledging their enduring dedication to their profession.

EXIT's Ruby Circle award stands as one of the company's most prestigious accolades, awarded to individuals for outstanding career-spanning performance. Earning this distinction places individuals among the highest echelon of EXIT professionals known for their perseverance and exceptional standards.

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Courtesy Photo

The following Kingswood Regional Middle School students received the October After School Allstars Award. In the first picture is Lillian Owen for her dedication and leadership in Cross Country. In the second picture is Tammy Sylvester for her dedication and leadership in Field Hockey. In the second row is Larry Ramsey for his dedication and leadership in Cross Country and the second picture is Kellan Reed for his dedication and leadership in Football.

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Wesley Woods sponsors concert celebrating music of John Coltrane



GILFORD — Wesley Woods will present the Jonathan Lorentz Group celebrating the music of John Coltrane on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in the first United Methodist Church Sanctuary, located at 18 Wesley Way in Gilford.

John Coltrane is an icon of the music community, respected by listeners world-wide for his adventurous compositional output, sublime recordings, and for his ground-breaking improvisational technique on the saxophone. Autumn of 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Coltrane's birth and in keeping, jazz musicians world-wide are tipping their hat in remembrance.

Saxophonist Jon "Lockjaw" Lorentz has been continually inspired by the music of John Coltrane, and has developed in a "post-Coltrane" improvisational style. Lorentz has deep roots in the jazz and blues tradition, and he plays with a hard-bop intensity that is adventurous, liberating, and at times, full of risk. With performance credits ranging from the Lillypad in Cambridge, Mass., to the Blue Note NYC, "Lockjaw" Lorentz has shared the stage with Ken Peplowski, Delfeayo Marsalis, Gabe Jarrett, Jason Palmer, Judi Silvano, Harry Allen, Lenny Pickett, Frank Foster and many others. In Gilford, Lorentz will be joined by Tom Robinson (piano), Brendan Dowd (bass) and Tim Gilmore (drums).

Free will donations will be gratefully accepted. This concert is sponsored by Wesley Woods 62+ Community.

For more information about the concert or Wesley Woods. contact Carrie Chandler, Wesley Woods Director, at (603) 528-2555.

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

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



COURTESY PHOTO

Several Kingswood Middle School students recently received the October Super Knights for "Integrity." In the first row are Hadley Taylor, Griffin Derrick, and Liam Davies. In the second row are Lucas Greene, Lily Thurston, and Logan Proulx. In the third row are Madison Pelletier, Ava Madore, and Baileigh Mundell. Congratulations!

Great Waters Summer Concerts welcomes new Board Chair



COURTESY PHOTO

David Ilsley

WOLFEBORO — At its annual board meeting held in September, the board of the Great Waters Music Festival voted unanimously to elect David L. Ilsley of Wolfeboro as its new Chairman.

Born in Wisconsin, Ilsley is a graduate of Deerfield Academy and Bucknell University. Upon graduation from the university, he worked for M&I Bank in Milwaukee where he was an Assistant Vice President and Personal Trust Officer. He also ran an IT group in the bank's Trust Department.

Ilsley has served as Chairman of the Board and Executive Producer for LexMedia, a non-profit community television access center located in Lexington, Massachusetts. He is also a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Epiphany School in Dorchester, Mass. and currently serves as a member of their Leadership Council. David and his wife Kathy live in Wolfeboro.

Other officers of the organization elected to the Executive Committee for the 2027 season are Barbara Lobdell, Vice Chair, Jim Michener, Secretary, Jack Callahan, Treasurer and Becky Hlidek Member at Large. Continuing members of the board are: Nancy Mack whose husband Gerry founded the organization, Kristina Maus, Gary McGLoin, and Peg Mongiello. Barbara Olcott is a Director Emerita and continues to play an active role in the organization.

Great Waters Festival, doing business as Great Waters Summer Concerts, recently celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. Great Waters Summer Concerts is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing outstanding musical performances to the Lakes Region, including at Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, and at the First Congregational Church of Wolfeboro.

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Alton	240 Black Point Rd.	Res.-Mtl. Bldg.	$2,800,000	Anna Perin RET and Randy Perin	Rourke Fine Home Building LLC
Alton	10 Frohock Rd. 10-26-10	N/A	$219,933	M&M RET and Maureen B. Fadden	David Lanneville
Alton	Route 11	N/A	$600,000	Brenda J. Falke RET	Jeffrey P. Thompson, Jr. RET
Alton	Route 28	N/A	$1,162,533	Timothy J. Genck and Sarah Lorenzo-Genck	David Richard and Mary Joy Maxwell
Alton	Smith Point Road	N/A	$75,000	Moores NH RT Of 2015 and Robert K. Moores, Jr.	William Christopher Brown and Narissa Lynn West
Alton	19 Southview Lane	N/A	$460,000	Oak Hill Solutionz LLC	Anthony and Michael Marchetti
Alton	72 Timber Ridge Rd.	Single-Family Residence	$5,750,000	Rolling Meadow Ranch Inc.	Cheryl A. Merchant Trust
Alton	Treasure Island, Unit 14	N/A	$797,533	Mark W. Vaughn RET	Brian Lever
Barnstead	36 Sunset Dr.	N/A	$350,000	AKA Property Buyers LLC	Cody Blouch and Elysa Leigh Braman
Barnstead	212 Varney Rd.	Single-Family Residence	$785,000	Joanne T. and Ralph Gordon White	Maureen and Richard Lee Barstow
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 68A)	N/A	$889,933	Conways Lakeside Retreat LLC	Laura and Scott Metzemaekers
Gilford	72 Chestnut Dr.	N/A	$655,000	Amanda L. and Michael A. Sorrentino, Jr.	Aaron J. and Teresa E. Winer
Gilford	Resort Motel A Unit C	Condominium	$423,000	Michael J. Maers	Daniel Matthew II and Marisa Grace Raposo
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Gilford	N/A (Lot 1-69)	N/A	$130,000	Louis J. & J.L. Combe RET	Peter O'Hearn
Gilmanton	580 Middle Rte.	N/A	$401,933	Brenda D. Sens Trust	Michael Charles Trent and Amanda Marie Prewandowski
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New Durham	N/A	N/A	$130,000	Ninety Obr LLC	Skmr Construction LLC
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New Durham	Zzz 10-74-1	N/A	$571,000	Bryce St. Cyr	Joseph R. Harmacinski

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PETER PAN

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namic fight choreography by London Summers; and stunning sets, props, and costumes expertly built and designed by Kingswood Theater students under the guidance of Norman Adjutant, Carrie Kinzlmaier, and Michael Allfrey.

Peter Pan highlights the extraordinary talent of Kingswood's middle and high school performers. After the Darling parents (Bella Dickey and Kurtis Sheffer) step out for the evening, Peter Pan (Laura Fernandes) and Tinker Bell burst into the nursery to reclaim Peter's runaway shadow. Awakened by the commotion, Wendy (Delilah Mills) sews his shadow back on and agrees—joining forces with her brothers Michael (Sawyer Mills) and John (Gabe Giessler), their loyal dog Nana (Lorelai Tuttle), and housemaid Liza (Caroline Kinzlmaier)—to embark on an unforgettable journey to Never Land powered by pixie dust and happy thoughts.

Upon reaching Never Land, Wendy embraces her role as mother figure to the spirited Lost Boys (Abigail Ames, Sara Fernandes, Peyton Ghent, Ezra Grehan, Abigail Morin, Natalee Nash), and forms a powerful alliance with Tiger Lily (Kristin Cooper) and her Neverlander Friends (David Campbell, Katie Duran, Atticus Kail, Moira Leavitt-Carlson, Emily Meattey, Ruth Quinn, Alex Rigg, Jamie Rigg, Haley Stansfield, Dallas Wright-Cray). But danger lurks nearby: the villainous Captain Hook (Sheffer) is plotting to annihilate Peter and the Boys once and for all! When a wave of homesickness prompts the children to head home, Hook's ruthless pirates (Jacob Beebe, Ethan Johnson, Leo Paquette, Audrey Speikers, Riley Waltersheid, Jaicie Weemhoff) launch a surprise ambush and capture everyone except Peter. Now, it's up to Peter, Tinkerbell, and the Neverlanders to launch a daring rescue mission!

This beloved 1954 musical is based on J. M. Barrie's iconic 1904 play "Peter Pan" and his 1911 classic novelization, "Peter and Wendy," featuring memorable music by Moose Charlap and lyrics by Carolyn Leigh.

The legendary original Broadway production starred Mary Martin as Peter and Cyril Ritchard as Captain Hook, earning prestigious Tony Awards for both lead actors. Its sensational success inspired landmark NBC television broadcasts in 1955, 1956, and 1960. More recently, NBC brought the show back to millions in 2014 with a brand-new production starring Allison Williams and Christopher Walken, continuing the musical's rich legacy of magical theatrical revivals.



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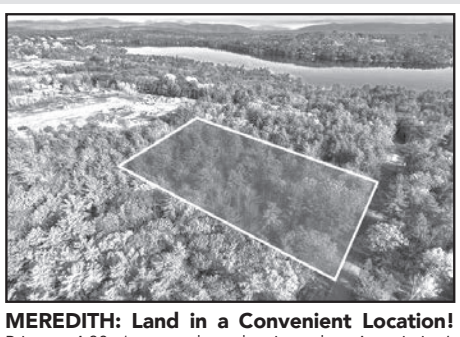


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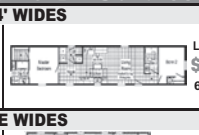
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The Machine brings the music of Pink Floyd to The Colonial Theatre

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present The Machine Performs Pink Floyd on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Tickets to the show are on now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.



The Machine has forged a nearly 40-year reputation of extending the musical legacy of Pink Floyd. The New York-based quartet performs a diverse mix of The Floyd's extensive 15-album repertoire, complete with faithful renditions of popular hits as well as obscure gems.

With stellar musicianship and passionate delivery, The Machine explores collective improvisation rivaling that of an early 1970's Pink Floyd, while their use of expanded theatrical elements and elaborate stage displays and lighting continue The Floyd spirit of the 1980's. The band is also known for recreating entire albums as a part of their show, accepting requests from fans, and for taking an A-Z approach in which one song is played for every letter of the alphabet.

The Machine has sold out theaters, premier showcase rooms and casinos across North America, Europe and Asia, performed at renowned music festivals such as Bonnaroo, Riverbend, and Gathering of the Vibes, and shared the stage with full symphony orchestras, including the Atlanta, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Charlotte and San Diego Symphonies, as well as the Buffalo Philharmonic.

The band features founding member Tahrah Cohen (drums), longtime bandmates Scott Chasolen (keys, vocals) and Ryan Ball (guitar, vocals), and newest member Chris DeAngelis (bass, lead vocals). The band continues on to celebrate the music of Pink Floyd and to honor the life of Joe Pascarell, who co-founded the band with Tahrah in 1988.

"They duplicate the sound and hits of Pink Floyd with chilling accuracy, and they play for a hell of a long time," raves Matt Diehl of Rolling Stone.

"These guys are great!" said Bob Ezrin, Co-Producer of Pink Floyd's "The Wall."

"The Machine look nothing like Pink Floyd, but that doesn't matter-they sound exactly like Pink Floyd, and that's what counts," added Matthew Webber of Spin Magazine.

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 St., Laconia, NH 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

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Colonial welcomes musical tribute to ABBA

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale on now at 10 a.m. at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

The Concert: A Tribute to Abba continues to be the top ABBA tribute group in the world, dazzling all who see with their fantastic performance while playing the most iconic hits, including "Mamma Mia," "S.O.S," "Money, Money, Money," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," "Waterloo," "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme" and "Dancing Queen."

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Owner of record: Eric Langill
Amount of lien claimed: $8,436.30

This sale is made pursuant to RSA 216-1:7 and RSA 216-1:8, and notice is given in accordance with RSA 444:3 and RSA 444:4.

Dated: October 26, 2026

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SHAKER REGIONAL COACHING VACANCIES for 2026-2027

Shaker Regional School District is seeking coaches for the 2026-2027 season for following athletic teams:

Middle School Boys Team 2 Basketball
Middle School Girls Team 1 Basketball
Middle School Girls Team 2 Basketball
Middle School 5/6 Boys Basketball
Middle School 5/6 Girls Basketball
High School Boys Lacrosse

Interested individuals should contact Cayman Belyea, Athletic Director, by phone at 603-267-6525 ext. 1362 or email at cbelyea@sau80.org. Successful completion, with satisfactory results, of a post-offer, pre-employment criminal background check, including fingerprints, is required. Shaker Regional School District serves the communities of Belmont and Canterbury, New Hampshire and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

A food drive with curb appeal

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Member's barn transformed into haunted mansion for Alton Garden Club's October meeting





ALTON — The October meeting of Alton Garden Club was held in member Michelle Hanley's barn, which this year had been decorated for Halloween with a Haunted Mansion theme. The displays were exceptionally creative, and attendees enjoyed viewing the rooms decorated with skeletons, carriages, ghosts and all sorts of eerie and spooky items. Thanks to her for making us smile!

This month's speaker was member Linda Siracusa, an experienced florist, who showed how easy it is to make beautiful floral arrangements for our fall and Thanksgiving tables using readily available items from our gardens and yards. Linda stressed texture, color and balance as the key principles to follow and suggested we begin with cut evergreens strategically placed in foam blocks, then begin adding fullness and color. She used hydrangea, azalea and mums she had pre-dried in vegetable glycerin, along with other familiar leaves and flowers such as sedum, burning bush, rhododendron buds, magnolia leaves and grape vine. Linda's finished pieces included a Halloween-themed black stand planter, a rectangular box planter and a large cornucopia, all beautiful and given away to attendees.

Co-President Roberta Mank thanked Linda for her presentation and introduced Nancy Malone who presented the Horticulture Moment. Nancy enlightened members on the New World Screwworms parasitic species and appropriately called her presentation Halloween Horror.

Our annual collections for Alton Food Pantry and the Mrs. Santa Fund were in progress and will be finalized at our November Annual Meeting.

In closing, Mank reviewed the many accomplishments of Alton Garden Club during 2026 and thanked the members for their participation. She also thanked this month's Hostess Committee for their Halloween-themed refreshments that added to the fun.



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The Children's Center, at 180 South Main St. in Wolfeboro, celebrated a major milestone on Oct. 22 with a groundbreaking ceremony for its building expansion. The project will create enhanced spaces for learning, specialized support, and collaboration, helping meet the growing needs of children, families, and educators. The Center extends its heartfelt thanks to its Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Building & Grounds Taskforce, project partners Norway Plains Associates, LDa Architecture & Interiors, and Milestone Construction, and the generous donors and community members whose support is making this vision a reality.





