

GILFORD, N.H.

Kingswood community takes part in annual Foley Freedom Run

Event honors journalist and Kingswood alum murdered in 2014

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"I want my players to recognize they are capable

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New Hampshire childhood

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efit from your cash donation. Mrs. Santa can also use you if you love to shop. If this interests you, call or text Director Chris Racine (1-603-833-3482) for more information. Whatever assistance you can give to ACS is very much appreciated. Visit our Web page (altoncommunityservices.org) to give online.

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., 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.gilfordcommunity-church.org.

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Trick or Treat hours
The Town of Alton Trick or Treat hours are Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Plan to stop at the Gilman Museum on Main Street between 4:30-6 p.m. for the free Monster Mash Costume Runway sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation and the Alton Area Lions Club- there will be treats and a chance to walk through the Halloween lights. Great photo opportunity for your entire group.

Guided Meditation
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 12 & 19 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Please arrive by 6:25 p.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 or to 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.

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 9:30-11:30 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 Nov. 24 to reserve your seat.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events Oct. 29 – Nov. 5

Thursday, Oct. 29
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 30
The Wisdom Keeper Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Halloween Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Come dressed in your costumes ready to play some games! There will be music, candy and more to celebrate Halloween!
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

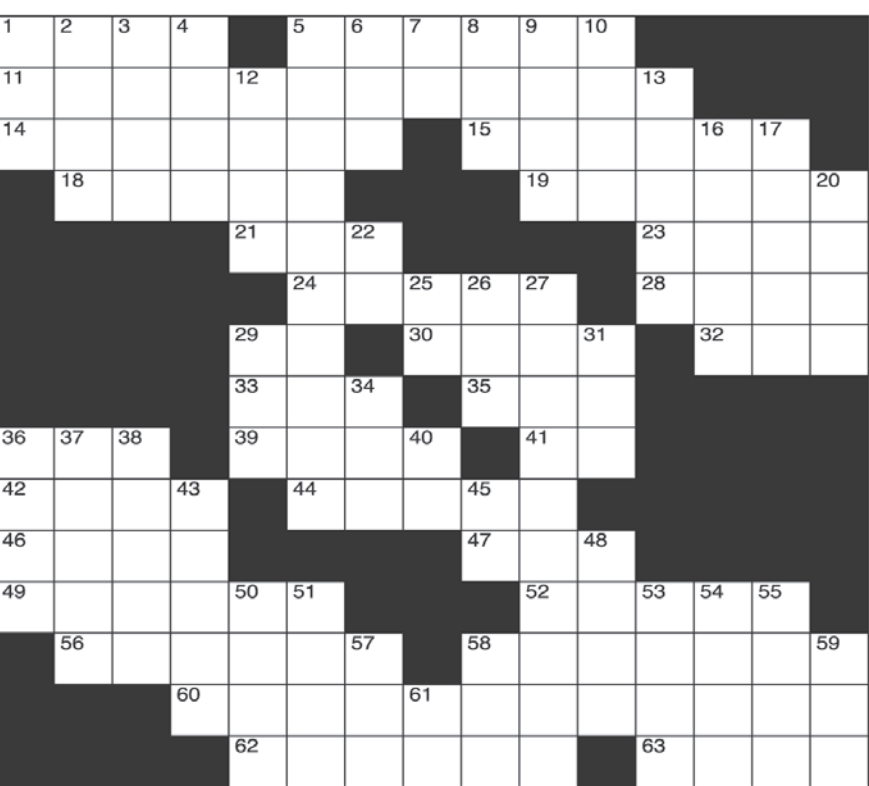
Monday, Nov. 2
Fun & Fitness with

Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.
Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.
Writing Wizards, 4-5 p.m.
Mystery Book Group, 5-6 p.m.
Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of "Sun Storm" by Asa Larsson. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.
Tuesday, Nov. 3
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Homeschool Club, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Yellowstone Magic, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Join Joe Callanan as he brings you the wonders of

his 4th spring Yellowstone expedition.
Wednesday, Nov. 4
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 10-11 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Groovy Games, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Have a goofy time playing groovy games with friends!
Creating Morning and Evening Routines to Improve Mental Health, 4-5 p.m.
Come learn how developing a simple morning and evening routine can dramatically impact mental health. This course will explain why these routines are so effective and how to create a routine that fits with your own lifestyle and preferences. Presented by Frisbie Memorial Hospital PHP.
Thursday, Nov. 5
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Melody and Motions, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Join us in playing & moving with all different kinds of musical instruments!
Middle School Graphic Novel Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Join Miss Rachael at the Gilford Village Store for our middle school graphic novel club! Sign up is required.
French, 4-5 p.m.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "The Family Cross" by James Patterson
2. "Hollow Bones" by Jodi Picoult
3. "The French Illusion" by John Grisham
4. "The Munich Affair" by James Patterson
5. "Adam and Eve" by Jeffrey Archer
6. "The Thoroughbreds" by Elin Hilderbrand
7. "Chain Reaction" by Lee Child
8. "Whistler" by Ann Patchett
9. "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett
10. "Delusional" by James Patterson
11. "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck
12. "Partita" by Barbara Kingsolver

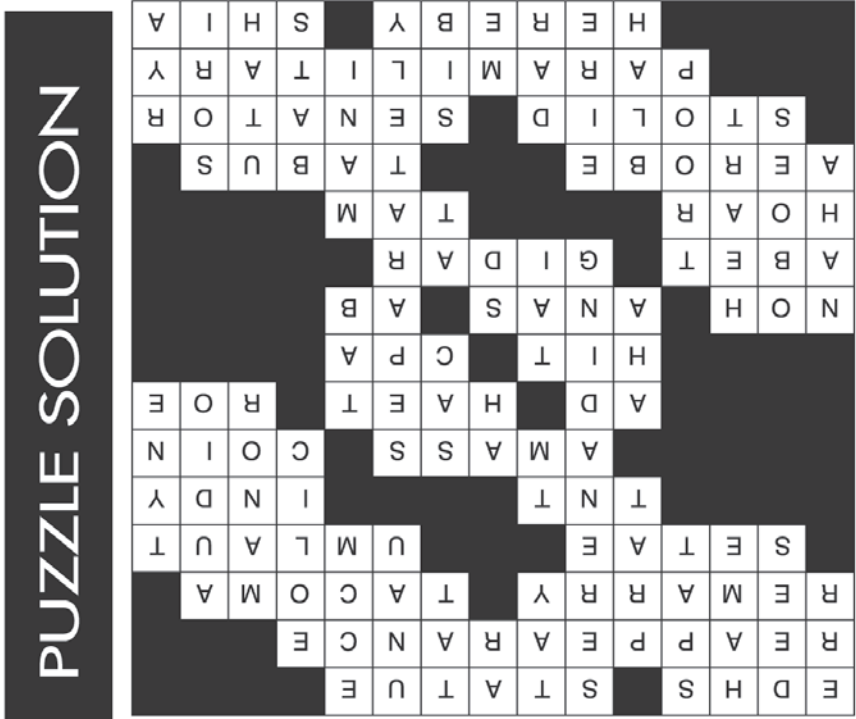


CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: ___-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I



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Lineup set for next Songwriter Round-Up at The Loft

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 songwrit-

ers each month alongside award-winning performer Katie Dobbins.

The series offers area residents and visitors an opportunity to experience the show “magic” that each new lineup creates. Winery co-founder and owner Bob Manley is thrilled to have his establishment be home to the monthly Songwriter Round-Up Series. Remarking on the success of the series, Bob reaffirms the valued part-

nership the Winery has developed with Katie Dobbins Music expressing “Working alongside Katie Dobbins and her Songwriter Round-Up Series has been an absolute delight. Katie brings an engaging presence to the stage, effortlessly connecting with our audiences and showcasing incredible talent with each performance.”

The next Songwriter Round-Up show

takes place on Thursday, Oct. 29, featuring the Lakes Region’s own Katie Dobbins, a singer-songwriter who delivers heart-felt lyrics with beautiful vocal tones wrapped in guitar and piano melodies; David Lockwood, a masterful songwriter, pianist, and entertainer from New Hampshire who’s many musical credentials include 35 years as music director for Holderness School;

and Frank Critelli, a folk singer-songwriter from Connecticut with a lyrical approach that hints at a modern-day Bob Dylan and has extensive experience performing through the Northeast. 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 6pm for seating & dinner orders, and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu of tasty items available from onsite Chef Eric Huckins. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 6-22.

Leah Nichole Gagnon, age 21, was arrested on Oct. 7 for Simple Assault resulting in Physical Contact or Bodily Injury.

Aiden Maxwell Penninga, age 24, was arrested on Oct. 9 for Criminal Threatening by Conduct.

Emma Grace Campbell, age 25, was arrested on Oct. 10 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license and driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Hunter Jordan Swearingin, age 20, was arrested on Oct. 10 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Matthew Nicholas Ford, age 21, was arrested on Oct. 11 in connection with a warrant.

Gabriel Allen Dickinson, age 18; Donald Aaron Russell Hargraves, age 19; Ryan Patrick Nagle, age 20; Morgan Alexis Heise, age 19; and three juveniles, ages 17, 17, and 16 respectively, were arrested on Oct. 11 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol

and/or Intoxication.

Gilmar Silva Nunes, age 31, was arrested on Oct. 14 for Operating a vehicle Without a Valid License.

Alyssa Marie Bickford, age 26, was arrested on Oct. 14 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license and driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Samantha J. Sleeper, age 55, was arrested on Oct. 14 for Operating a vehicle With an Expired License (subsequent).

Staci S. French, age 38, was arrested on Oct. 15 in connection with a warrant.

Nevin Scott Drew, age 38, was arrested on Oct. 16 for Driving After an Administrative Suspension of license and in connection with a warrant.

Nathaniel Phinney, age 42, was arrested on Oct. 17 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Ryan Troy Pagan, age 47, was arrested on Oct. 20 in connection with a warrant.

A juvenile, age 17, was arrested on Oct. 21 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

251st Marine Corps Birthday luncheon Hosted by Cpl Demers Detachment Marine Corps League



All Marines and family members are invited to a join the Marines Corps League at the Black Bear Grill in Colebrook on Saturday, November 7.



Black Bear Grill 151 Main Street, Colebrook

Cost will be \$10.00 per person, payable at the door. We need an accurate headcount, so if you would like to attend, please call Dave Dubey at (603) 723-4193. Signup deadline is October 31. Hope to see you there.

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1:00 PM - Lunch
2:00 PM - Ceremony

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A legacy measured in more than miles

There are many ways to measure the success of a race. There are finishing times, personal records, medals and the satisfaction of crossing the finish line. But sometimes, the most important accomplishment has nothing to do with who finishes first.

That was certainly the case at the James W. Foley Freedom Run in Rochester on Oct. 17, where students, athletes, alumni and community members gathered to honor a man whose life continues to teach lessons about courage, compassion and service.

James “Jim” Foley grew up in Wolfeboro, graduated from Kingswood Regional High School in 1992, and went on to become a journalist covering some of the world's most dangerous conflicts. His murder in Syria in 2014 was a tragedy that reached far beyond his hometown, raising international awareness about the dangers faced by journalists and the plight of Americans held hostage overseas.

Yet the most meaningful part of Foley's legacy may be what continues to happen in the community where his story began.

The annual participation of Kingswood students in the Freedom Run demonstrates something important about education. Schools have a responsibility to teach history, mathematics, science and literature, but some of their most valuable lessons involve helping young people understand their responsibilities to others.

Kingswood field hockey coach Kaitlin Reilly understands that distinction. For approximately six years, she has brought her players to the event, recognizing that Foley's story offers lessons extending well beyond athletics.

Here was someone who once walked the same hallways, attended the same classes and grew up in the same community as today's students. His life serves as a reminder that extraordinary courage is not reserved for extraordinary people. It can begin with ordinary individuals making difficult choices because they believe those choices matter. That is a powerful message for young people preparing to find their own places in the world.

Equally encouraging is the connection between the Freedom Run and the classroom. Kingswood's James Foley social studies elective, taught by Jennifer Do Carmo, examines international conflicts, peace, justice and civic responsibility. By connecting those subjects with the life of a former student, the course gives young people an opportunity to understand that global events are not merely distant headlines. They affect real families, including families from their own communities.

Cross country captain Jacob Pinard, who won this year's race, offered perhaps the clearest expression of the event's significance. He recognized that the opportunity to honor Foley and participate in something larger than an athletic competition mattered more than his finishing time.

That perspective deserves recognition. In a culture where young athletes are frequently judged by statistics, rankings and victories, understanding that some accomplishments cannot be measured on a scoreboard is an important lesson.

There is also something particularly moving about the generations represented at the event. Current students ran alongside alumni, families and longtime friends of the Foley family. Some participants knew Jim personally. Others were born after he graduated. Still others have come to understand his story through teachers, coaches and community traditions.

Each brings a different connection, but all contribute to keeping his memory alive. That continuity is what makes community traditions meaningful. They connect people across generations and ensure that important stories do not fade as the years pass.

The James W. Foley Legacy Foundation continues its work advocating for hostages and wrongful detainees, promoting journalist safety and encouraging moral courage. Those are serious responsibilities addressing problems that remain painfully relevant. The Freedom Run gives ordinary citizens, including young people, a tangible way to support that mission.

For the students who participated, the experience may eventually become one of those memories that stays with them long after graduation. They may forget their finishing times or the weather that morning, but hopefully they will remember why they were there.

A community honors its history not simply by remembering the names of those who came before, but by carrying forward the values they represented.

Jim Foley's life ended tragically, but his commitment to truth, humanity and courage continues to influence new generations.

And that is a legacy worth running for.



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A few students from Prospect Mountain High School stopped by the Alton Fire Department last week to take a look at the apparatus and learn some tips on fire safety. Photo courtesy of the department's Facebook page.

The things we keep meaning to do

I have reached the conclusion that there are two kinds of things in life. The things we do, and the things we keep meaning to do.

The second category is considerably larger.

Somewhere in our house, there is a mental list of little projects that have been waiting for attention since approximately the invention of electricity. Nothing terribly important, mind you. A picture that ought to be hung, a box that needs sorting, a pile of papers that should have been dealt with before the last presidential administration.

I know these things need doing. My wife knows they need doing. The dog would probably know, too, if we had one. And yet, there they sit.

The curious thing is that most of these jobs wouldn't take very long. That's what makes the whole business so irritating. I could probably accomplish half of them in a single afternoon if I ever got around to dedicating a single afternoon to accomplishing them. Instead, I spend considerably more time thinking about doing them than it would take to actually do them.

Take the mysterious box of miscellaneous household items that has occupied a corner of our basement for longer than I care to admit. Every so often, I open it. Inside are several unidenti-

fied electrical cords, a few screws, some instruction manuals for appliances we no longer own, and a collection of objects whose original purpose has been lost to history.

I pick up a cord, study it carefully, and wonder what it belongs to. Then I put it back. I repeat this process with several other objects before closing the box and congratulating myself on having made a start. This has been going on for years. I suspect future archaeologists will discover that box and conclude that our civilization worshipped tangled wires.

My wife has suggested, quite reasonably, that we throw the whole thing away. I have explained that one of those cords might someday turn out to be important.

She has explained that we haven't needed any of them since the first time I grew suspicious of my knees. We remain at an impasse.

But the household projects are only part of it. There are people I've been meaning to call, books I've been meaning to read, and places I've been meaning to visit. Some of those places are practically around the corner, which makes the procrastination even harder

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS By CHIPPY

to explain.

Living in New Hampshire, we are surrounded by the sort

of scenery people travel hundreds of miles to see. Yet it's remarkably easy to spend an entire weekend doing ordinary chores while promising ourselves we'll take that scenic drive or visit that little roadside place we've passed a hundred times.

"One of these days," we say.

One of these days is a wonderful expression. It sounds optimistic and purposeful without committing us to anything whatsoever. I've used it for decades. The trouble is that one of these days has a habit of turning into one of these years.

I was reminded of this recently when I came across the name of an old acquaintance I hadn't spoken to in quite some time. We weren't especially close, but we had always enjoyed a good conversation whenever our paths crossed. I found myself thinking that I ought to give him a call. Then I caught myself. There it was again. Another item for the imaginary list.

So I picked up the telephone. We talked for a while about nothing particularly important. A few familiar names, a little reminiscing, some complaints

about how quickly the seasons seem to change. By the time we hung up, I was glad I'd called. And I wondered why I'd waited so long.

I suppose that's the difference between the things we keep meaning to do and the things that actually matter. A box of old cords can wait indefinitely. A crooked picture won't lose any sleep over another year on the floor.

People are different. The older I get, the more I suspect that the best use of an ordinary afternoon isn't necessarily accomplishing every chore on the list. Sometimes it's doing that one small thing we've been putting off because we assume there will always be another opportunity.

Of course, I don't intend to become one of those relentlessly productive fellows who wakes up at five in the morning and attacks a checklist before breakfast.

That sounds exhausting. But I might try crossing a few things off the list while there's still time to enjoy having done them.

As for the basement box, I've decided to deal with it once and for all. I'm going to open it, sort through everything, and throw away whatever we no longer need. Probably next weekend. Or the weekend after that. One of these days, anyway.

Letters to the Editor

Vote out those responsible for downshifting

To the Editor:

Concerned about your property taxes? You should be. To find out why they have been going up over the years, we need to look at the state legislature and the actions taken by our representatives there.

During the past decade, the state has reduced or eliminated many categories of state funding for local governments, a process called “downshifting.” The less the state pays, the more the localities have to pay, and the only way for the towns to meet this burden is to increase our property taxes.

Who caused the downshifting? Our state legislators, including our local representatives who voted for these

changes and the governor who signed off on them.

The downshifting has clearly hurt the average taxpayer and the municipalities, who get less and pay more. But who benefits? Elimination of the interest and dividends tax benefits the wealthy at a tune of \$180 million a year. Reduction of business taxes (profits and enterprise) benefits large corporate and multi-state businesses, at a tune of \$1 billion in the past decade. Everything paid for by these prior revenue streams now must be paid by the local municipalities. Also, the state no longer pays its share of school costs, and public employee pensions, as well as Medicaid obligations and infrastructure projects. Funds for our local schools have been diverted into a slush fund known as vouchers, at a cost to many and a benefit to few.

In March, Alton voters overwhelmingly passed Warrant Article 29, asking our legislature to stop the downshifting. Meaning reinstate state revenue sources and honor the state's obligations to the towns. Instead of doing this, the legislature took away local control and put an incomprehensible “tax cap” on the ballot (Question 2). What the cap really does is remove the ability of local schools to deal with costs outside their control (utility costs, health insurance, fuel, etc.). Let's not be fooled by this.

Want to stop the downshifting and reduce our property taxes in Alton and Barnstead? Then vote out those who caused the problem, (Comtois, Terry, and Varney), and vote in Copithorne, Dunham, and Mitchell.

Ruth Larson
Alton

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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 hand-made 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, cloth-

ing, 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@makers-mill.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 makers-mill.org.

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.

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

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@makers-mill.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 makers-mill.org.

Inn on Main to host double-feature dinner concert featuring Jonathan Sarty and Marshall Tucker Band's Chris Hicks

WOLFEBORO — The Inn on Main will host a double-feature concert on October 31st, featuring Southern Rock group Once an Outlaw and classic country act The Nashville Revue. The event pairs live musical performances with a classic BBQ buffet and includes a dedicated dance floor.

Once an Outlaw is a guitar-driven Southern Rock band led by Chris Hicks. Hicks is a long-time lead guitarist and vocalist for The Marshall Tucker Band and a veteran of The Outlaws.

Sharing the bill is The Nashville Revue, featuring regional musician Jonathan Sarty and his six-piece band, the New Country Gentlemen. The group performs an homage to historic country music figures, covering the work of icons such as Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Willie Nelson, Merle Haggard, Waylon

Jennings, George Jones, and Marty Robbins.

Event schedule & venue details:

- Date: Oct. 31
- Location: The Inn on Main, 200 N. Main St., Wolfeboro
- Doors Open: 5:30 p.m. (General Admission, shared table seating)
- Dinner: 5:45 p.m.
- Live Music: 7 p.m.

The classic BBQ-style buffet dinner includes BBQ chicken, greens, cornbread, cold salads, and assorted cookies and sweet treats. A cash bar will be available on site.

Tickets include both the buffet dinner and the concert. Due to limited capacity, advance ticket purchases are preferred by October 28th. A limited number of show-only tickets are available. Tickets are available at the Inn on Main, at Black's Paper Company

on Main Street in Wolfeboro Village, or online. For online tickets and more information, visit ASPECTPRODUCTIONSNEWENGLAND.COM.

LACONIA — Weather permitting, members of the Unitarian-Universalist Green Sanctuary & Social Justice Committees as well as the Laconia/Gilford Lions will be curbside at the UUSL Church at 172 Pleasant St., on Saturday, Oct. 31 — Halloween — from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to collect soft dry plastics and #6 styrofoam for recycling. We will also be holding a food donation drive to assist the Community Action Program (CAP) pantry.

No hard or 'crunchy' plastics or pet food bags may be accepted. Try the following tests to see whether plastics can be dropped off: 1) See if the plastic will stretch when pulled. If yes, it can be included. If it tears or rips like paper, no. 2) Is the plastic shiny or does it make a crinkly, crunchy sound when crumpled? If it does, it is not acceptable for this program. No hard plastics may be

Lions announce Halloween plastics collection



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Volunteers collecting soft plastics at prior events.

accepted.

Only hard styrofoam products bearing a "#6" symbol will be accepted.

Soft plastics & styrofoam must all be clean, dry, free of labels. Please keep plastics & styrofoam separate. There is no charge or fee to drop off these items. You do not need to be a resident of Laconia to participate in this effort. It is open to all.

Please screen your

items to ensure they are acceptable. Items mixed with unacceptable donations must be refused or trashed.

Consider setting aside some time this Halloween to help keep our lakes, land & water free of these items, & help address food insecurity in our area. We invite you to come in costume, if you wish--some volunteers may as well! Come by & join us!

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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SPORTS

The goal: A pool for the Lakes Region

Local residents form non-profit group to explore options

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — If you want to swim in the Lakes Region in the summer, there are countless locations amidst the myriad of lakes that dot the area.

But, if you want to swim in the Lakes Region in the winter, you might just be out of luck.

A group of local residents is getting the process started in possibly changing that, exploring opportunities to build a full-sized pool in the Lakes Region.

For years, there was a full-sized pool, which is 25 yards in length, in Laconia. It was originally the YMCA and later became the Laconia Athletic and Swim Club and after that, the Wellness Complex. However, a fire at the building in November



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The former Wellness Complex in Laconia was ravaged by a fire in 2024, eliminating the lone full-sized pool in the Lakes Region. A local committee, Aquatic Center for the Lakes Region, has begun meeting to look into the possibility of building a new facility for residents to utilize.

of 2024 has left the pool unusable and the ripple effect has been felt throughout the local communities.

“There was a ton of stuff that used the pool,” said local swim coach Dave Gingrich, who coaches with both

made progress toward their goal.

One of the first steps was the apply for state approval as a non-profit organization, which the group did and now the group is working toward acquiring a federal non-profit status, which would make it a 501c3.

“That’s when donations become tax-deductible,” Gingrich explained, noting the federal process is a bit longer than the state process that the group has already gone through.

“It appears like they’re not going to rebuild (at the current site), so it’s unlikely that a pool will go there,” Gingrich said. “So a big part of it is finding a location since it is unlikely that a community is going to build something on its own.”

He pointed toward a recent proposal that went before Moultonborough voters that would have created a community center that included a full-sized pool, a proposal that was rejected by voters in that town.

“We’ll have to raise the money and come up with a location,” Gingrich noted. “It probably won’t be overnight.

sion a reality.

While a pool would be helpful and appreciated by local swim teams, it also offers a lot more opportunities for the community. The one in Laconia was used for swim lessons for all ages, water aerobics and exercise classes, water rescue training, pool parties, Marine Patrol training, injury rehabilitation, triathlon training, military qualification training, safety training for life-guards and other officials, SCUBA classes, open pool time and even underwater movie making.

The vision for the ACLR is to provide an aquatic, fitness and recreational venue that fosters a healthy, safe and connected Lakes Region. The group’s mission is to provide swimming, water safety education, fitness programs, recreational opportunities and lifelong learning experiences, creating a welcoming environment where individuals and families of all ages and abilities can grow, thrive and build meaningful connections.

“For all these activities, you can’t really use the lake, especially in winter,” Gingrich noted.

The group has set up a basic web site, aclakes.org, where those interested can reach out to get more information or get involved and Gingrich urged anyone who might have an interest in the project to reach out via the contact form on the web site.

Visit aclakes.org for more information on the project and how to reach out and become involved in the quest to build a pool in the Lakes Region.

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Golden Eagles wrap up XC regular season in Whitefield

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WHITEFIELD — The Gilford cross country team wrapped up the regular season north of the notches at White Mountains Regional’s Maple Run on Friday, Oct. 23, in Whitefield.

In the boys’ race, Wil-

liam Reinhardt was ninth overall in 19:44 with Griffyn Greene in 20th place in a time of 22:11 and Cooper Plourde in 21st place in 22:12. Ryder Cantara rounded out the field of Golden Eagles in 24th place in a time of 22:44.

For the Golden Eagle

girls Alissa O’Brien led the charge with a time of 24:30 for eighth place. Brooke Baron was 13th overall in 26:29, Bailey Juurlink-Gagne finished in 19th place in 29:01 and Amanda Schaffnit raced to 21st place in a time of 29:49.

Gilford will take part in

the Division III State Meet at Derryfield Park in Manchester on Saturday, Oct. 31, with the girls running at 11:30 a.m. and the boys following at 12:10 p.m.

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Start times set for cross country championships

MANCHESTER — Start times have been announced for the cross country championships, which are being held at Derryfield Park in Manchester on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Division I will kick off the day with the girls

at 10 a.m. and the boys at 10:40 a.m. and Division III will follow that up with the girls at 11:30 a.m. and the boys at 12:10 p.m. Division II wraps up the day with the girls at 1 p.m. and the boys at 1:40 p.m.

The top four teams and first 25 finishers from each of the three divisions will qualify for the Meet of Champions, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Hopkinton

State Fairgrounds with the girls running at 2:30 p.m. and the boys at 3:10 p.m.

From there, the top 25 girls and top 25 boys along with the first six boys’ teams and first six girls’ teams will advance to 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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Home Is Here

New Hampshire Nursery Rhymes

Veronica Tucker, author
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celebrate the state they call home, whether they have lived here for generations or are just discovering it.

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Hampshire Nursery Rhymes” can be ordered through kelsaybooks.com, amazon.com, and other booksellers. More information about the author and her writing is available at veronicatuckerwrites.com.



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Kingswood runners lead the pack at the start of the James W. Foley Freedom Run 5K on Oct. 17.

FOLEY RUN

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of being stronger than they think, overcoming challenges, and choosing to be the best people they can be,” she said. “To me, Jim’s story embodies that message.”

Current KRHS cross country captain Jacob Pinard was the winner of this year’s Freedom Run. His team began participating his freshman year and the event has become a team favorite even though it is not an official meet. Now a junior, Pinard is currently enrolled in the James Foley social studies elective developed and taught by Jennifer Do Carmo. The class examines the historical context of Middle Eastern conflicts, the global responsibility in fostering peace and justice, and the role of civic action through local and global service projects.

“The Foley Freedom run is an event unlike any race we do during the cross country season. It shows athletes a sense of community and togetherness and even though it’s a great course to run a good time that’s not what this race is about,” Pinard said. “Honoring a fellow student’s life and getting to meet new people through this event is worth more than any race result and allows us to be part of Jim’s legacy. I hope the Foley family enjoys that we turn out to celebrate his life by making our own special high school memories here.”

Kingswood participation went well beyond the teams that were organized and arrived by bus. A wide variety of athletes, students, alumni and community members joined the Kingswood Legacy team as runners, walkers, volunteers,



COURTESY PHOTO

Kingswood teacher Jennifer Do Carmo and Diane Foley cheer for runners at the Freedom Run on Oct. 17.

and donors. Participation reached down to the middle school level with the KRMS cross country team returning for the second year and various KRMS students participating individually. It also extended beyond graduation with many alumni returning for the tradition. Michelle Kimball, KRHS class of 1995, has been close friends of the Foley family since the 1980s. She has participated in the Freedom Run since 2021, her parents were past volunteers, and all three of her children have participated as KRHS students or alumni.

“I run for all the Foleys when I run. I run because I am able and it honors Jim’s legacy and his family. I run because I understand a mother’s heart,” Kimball said. “Diane Foley has been one of the most loving mothers I have been fortunate to grow up with. I do not take for granted that I have been able to run with all three of my children who are healthy and present when she has experienced such loss.”

As a high school teacher, Kimball now takes Foley’s story beyond her Kingswood connections, sharing lessons with her own students and seeing a number of them join in the Foley Freedom Run through the years.

To learn more about The James W. Foley Legacy Foundation, check out the organization’s website at www.jamesfoleyfoundation.org. To learn more about the Freedom Runs in Rochester, Washington DC, and virtually worldwide, check out www.foleyrun.org. The 2026 Rochester Freedom Run Results are by Granite State Race Services at www.gsr.com.

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Knights edge Generals in playoff thriller

Kingswood field hockey advances to quarterfinals with win in Weare

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WEARE — After a tie-breaker sent the Kingswood field hockey team on the road for the first round of the Division II playoffs last Tuesday, Oct. 20, the Knights were determined to keep their season alive.

Coach Kaitlin Reilly’s squad went to work, getting an early goal to set the tone and knocked off John Stark by a 3-2 score to advance to the Division II quarterfinals.

“That’s what we’ve been visualizing, that’s what we’ve been talking about,” said Reilly of her team’s goal less than three minutes into the game. “That’s what we’ve been practicing, really trying to get a jump on those first five minutes and that just gets everyone kind of fueled and then it was all about the little things.

“It was about getting our sticks down, putting our arms out, it was about winning the next play, all those things in a playoff game that we knew were going to make a difference,” Reilly continued. “It was how do we stay in the moment. I’m proud of everything they put forth today.”

The Knights had the first two corners of the game, with Lainey Clarke’s shot hitting a foot in the circle on the first bid but the second one found its way into the goal with 12:44 to go. The Knights battled in front, with Adelle Harrington, Cassidy Libby, Ava Waldron and Emma Ouellette all charging in on net and Libby put the ball in the cage for the 1-0 lead for the Knights.

Kingswood kept the pressure up with a good cross from Clarke in to Libby before the Generals came back with a couple of runs up the field that were stopped by Hadley Aucoin and Avery Gilpatrick in the Knight defense. Goalie Alexia Davis stopped another General shot and Libby and Cam Cushing made good defensive stands on a Stark corner.

The Generals came back with three more corners in a row, with Davis making a couple of saves and Libby and Cushing again coming up with solid defensive plays. Libby sent Clarke in the other way and Kingswood had a couple of corner chances, with Ouellette just missing connecting with Waldron in front. Riley Lamparter sent a good ball in to Anna Johnson and Gilpatrick made a good hustle play back on defense to help keep the Knights up by a 1-0 score after one quarter.

Kingswood had an early corner in the second quarter and Clarke just missed connecting with Johnson and Waldron on another chance. Clarke also ripped a shot into the circle that was cleared out and goalie Lily Millner made a save at the other end of the field for the Knights, with Aucoin chipping in a good defensive stop. The Generals had a corner that was cleared by Libby and Gilpatrick and Johnson sent a nice ball up to Waldron that the John Stark goalie turned away.

The Knights upped the lead to 2-0 on a Johnson goal with 6:13 to go in the first half and they pressured again with Johnson sending Libby and Waldron in on a chance that was turned

back. Millner made a solid save on a General shot and again on a rebound and the Generals had a corner go wide as the game went to halftime with Kingswood up 2-0.

Libby had an early bid go wide in the third quarter and the Knights had a corner chance early, with Johnson’s shot stopped by the Stark goalie. Gilpatrick, Emma Cole and Cushing had strong defensive stands and Harrington had a great clear as the Generals pressured to get on the board.

That pressure paid off with 1:50 to go in the third quarter, as a shot hit the pad of Davis and went up in the air and over her head into the net to cut the lead to 2-1. Kingswood came right back with a great run up the field from Johnson, who saw her shot go wide and the game went to the fourth quarter with Kingswood holding on to the 2-1 lead.

Millner made a save on
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Kingswood’s Emma Ouellette (back), Adelle Harrington (front) and Cassidy Libby (7) go after the ball moments before Libby scored Kingswood’s opening goal in the playoff battle with John Stark last Tuesday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Goalie Alexia Davis keeps her eye on the ball during playoff action at John Stark last Tuesday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Anna Johnson races up the field with the ball during playoff action against John Stark last week. Johnson netted a pair of goals in the tournament win.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Avery Gilpatrick sends the ball out of the zone during playoff action last Tuesday afternoon at John Stark.

Porter’s house

Kingswood senior scores four touchdowns as Knights rally to beat Saints

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Trailing 20-6 early in the third quarter on Friday night, the Kingswood football team needed something, or someone to light a spark.

That someone was Dean Porter. The Knight senior blocked a punt and carried it in for a touchdown and then ran for two touchdowns in the fourth quarter as Kingswood scored 28 unanswered points and knocked off visiting St. Thomas by a 34-20 score to close out the home portion of the regular season.

The Knights struggled out of the gate and after picking up a first down on their first drive, came up just short on a fourth down and the Saints took over, marching the ball 85 yards to the end zone and eating up much of the first quarter clock, getting into the end zone with 1:21 to go and the Saints took the 7-0 lead to the end of the first quarter.

Kingswood picked up a first down on a penalty early in the second quarter but an incomplete pass on fourth down gave the Saints the ball back and they needed just three plays to get to the end zone, scoring with 8:12 to go in the first half to take the 14-0 lead.

The Knights got the ball back and it was Porter doing the work, running on four consecutive plays, covering 43 yards and went in on a 19-yard touchdown with 6:33 to go and the Knights trailed 14-6. Porter and Mason Beaulieu had good defensive stops on the next St. Thomas drive, forcing a punt and giving Kingswood



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Dean Porter runs with the football on his way to the end zone during action against St. Thomas on Friday night.

another chance. Porter and Nolan Chominski moved the ball for the Knights but an interception gave the Saints the ball back and the game went to halftime with the visitors up by a 14-6 score.

The Saints opened the second half with a long drive that covered 66 yards and ate up more than five minutes of the clock, going into the end zone from 10 yards out with 6:49 to go in the third quarter, giving St. Thomas the 20-6 lead.

Porter shouldered the load on the next drive, running seven consecutive plays and eventually catching a screen pass that appeared to be a touchdown, but it was called back by a penalty. That didn’t stop the Knights, as Chominski tossed a 29-yard touchdown to Ewan Nicoll on the next play and Brody Ferguson booted the extra point to cut the lead to 20-13.

The Knight defense got a sack from Beaulieu and stops from Logan Nicoll and Evan Valley to end the third quarter and the Saints went to punt to start the fourth quarter. Porter got in on the punt, blocked the kick, picked up the ball and rumbled into the

end zone with 11:49 to go. The Knights booted the extra point to tie the game at 20.

The Saints took over and were able to pick up a couple of first downs, but the Knight defense held strong and a pair of incomplete passes on third and fourth down gave the hosts the ball back. Porter and Valley carried the ball down the field and on fourth and four from just inside midfield, Porter broke free and raced to the end zone for the touchdown. Ferguson booted another extra point and Kingswood led 27-20 with 3:50 to go.

Beaulieu had another sack and the Knight defense forced a three and out to give Kingswood the ball back. It took Porter just one play to get to the end zone, running 28 yards for the score with 1:33 to go and Ewan Nicoll executed the drop kick to give Kingswood the 34-20 lead and the Knight defense held the final minute to pick up the key win heading to the final week of the regular season.

Kingswood will head to Conway for the Carroll County Championship to wrap up the regular season on Friday,



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Logan Nicoll (8) and Evan Valley (22) combine to make a tackle during action on Friday night against St. Thomas.

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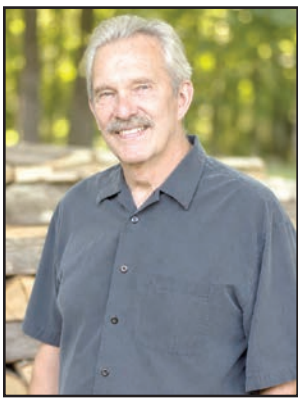
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William “Bill” Snow
February 10, 1950 – October 20, 2026

William “Bill” Snow, 76, of Punta Gorda, Florida, formerly of Alton, New Hampshire, passed away at home with his beloved wife, Lois, by his side.

Bill grew up in Webster, New Hampshire, and made his home in Alton for much of his adult life. He proudly served in the New Hampshire Army National Guard and dedicated 35 years to the State of New Hampshire. After retiring, he managed and greatly improved traffic operations at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Bill and Lois made Punta Gorda their home for the past 5 years, returning to New Hampshire each summer to visit family and friends. In Florida, they enjoyed relaxing by the pool, searching the beach for shark teeth, and a slower pace of life together. Bill enjoyed working at the Home Depot Garden center, where his coworkers became a second family, and he grew out his beard each holiday season to play Santa.



Bill was a man of many talents who could fix just about anything and was always willing to lend a hand. He loved the outdoors, gardening, and hiking. Known as “Bumpa,” Bill will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, generous heart, and ability to make people laugh. He made everyone feel welcome and was happiest surrounded by those he loved.

Above all, Bill cherished his family and his faith. A devoted Christian, he lived with a strong faith in Jesus Christ and a peaceful assurance of eternal life.

Bill shared nearly 40

years of marriage with the love of his life, Lois. He was the proud father of six children: Dianna Snow, Paul Snow, Lynn (Snow) Wall, Marsha Snow, Christopher Snow, and Andrena (Snow) Santulli. He was a loving grandfather to 17 grandchildren and great-grandfather to 14 great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; five of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; his sister, Alberta; and his brothers, Ray and Bob. He was predeceased by his parents, William and Ruth (Sutton) Snow, his brother, John Snow, and his son Paul Snow.

Bill leaves behind a legacy of laughter, kindness, faith, and love. His family takes comfort in knowing the faith he lived by has brought him home to Jesus.

Forever loved. Forever missed. Forever our Bumpa.

Funeral services will be held on October 30, 2026 at 9:00 am at the New Hope Chapel, 20 Church Street, Alton, NH.



GILFORD - Ronald Joseph Egan, 78, of Gilford, NH, died on October 15th, 2026, of a heart attack. Known affectionately to those who loved him as Ron, Ronnie, P  p  , or Papa, he left a legacy of adventure, dedication, and deep love for his family and friends. Born in Laconia, New Hampshire, on August 14th, 1948, he had a competitive spirit and a passion for sports. Baseball stood out as his favorite, a game he played through college and followed avidly as a lifelong Red Sox fan.

He grew up on Boston's North Shore in Lynn, Swampscott, and Peabody. He graduated from Bishop Fenwick High School in 1966. He received an associate's degree in machine design technology from Wentworth Institute of Technology in 1969. Using the GI Bill, he completed a BS in industrial engineering from Lowell Technological Institute (now University of Massachusetts, Lowell) in 1976. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Forrestal on the flight deck as an aviation boatswain's mate from 1970 to 1972. Ron carried the torch passed down by his late father, Arnold Egan, a WWII Navy Veteran, and later passed it along to his own son, Nathaniel Egan, who became a Chief U.S. Navy Diver. Ron was a big Jimmy Buffett fan, and his love for the sea and family's maritime tradition made him feel deeply connected to the song, ‘Son of a Son of a Sailor’. While working at Sanders Associates (now BAE Systems), he got his MBA going nights at New Hampshire College (now Southern New Hampshire University). Early in his career, he accepted a consulting job with H.B. Maynard and Company Inc. and worked there for ten years serving clients around the globe with industrial engineering training and operational excellence consulting. Ronald is published in the industrial engineering handbook, in a chapter called “Supporting Lean Flow Pro-

duction Strategies.” Ron spent eight more years of his career consulting with various firms, including Kepner-Tregoe, Incito, and his own Value Stream Architects. He spent over 20 years in the defense electronics industry as an operations program manager for defense programs for the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, including system design and development on the Joint Strike Fighter (F-35). He also spent time in Saudi Arabia building a defense electronics manufacturing infrastructure, which today is Advanced Electronics Company in Riyadh.

Ron's love for adventure and connection with people showed in many ways. He enjoyed skiing at Gunstock, where he occasionally took on customer service duties for a season pass. He loved boasting, “From my couch to the chair in nine minutes!” When he wasn't optimizing production lines in his professional life, Ron was drawn back to the water. For forty years, he was a proud member of the Winnepesaukee Yacht Club, indulging his passion for sailboat racing.

Beyond his hobbies, Ron was a dedicated family man. He instilled in his children a spirit of competitiveness, resilience, and activity. Winners were highlighted by the home ice rink he built every year in the yard, while warmer months were filled with outdoor games—kicking, throwing, or hitting a ball with his kids.

Ron was a man of action, never willing to let age slow him down. Regardless of the weather, he took his beloved dog, Parish, for a walk every morning. His love for the outdoors and adventure carried he and Victoria across the country and all over New England on countless RV trips. When not traveling, Ron enjoyed the simple pleasure of cruising his classic MGB roadster around the state, savoring the freedom of the open road. He also treasured quiet moments on the water, often taking solo rides on his boat, Big Blu, across Lake Winnepesaukee. Ron was also a storyteller at heart. Writing became a hobby, writing a screenplay and penning memoirs that captured the rich tapestry of his life experiences, many of them humorous anecdotes. Year-round, you could find him in his garage, accompanied by the laid-back tunes of Jimmy Buffett, Parish by his side, and unequivocally at peace.

Above all, Ron's love for his wife, children, grandchildren, and loyal dog was the center of his life. His adventurous spirit, unwavering support, and



deep affection left a lasting imprint on everyone who knew him. Ron was also known for his love of conversation and storytelling—if you ever met him, chances are you've heard one of his many memorable tales, shared with warmth and good humor. His kindness and gentle spirit touched all those around him. Though he will be deeply missed, his legacy lives on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to know him.

He is survived by his wife, Victoria L. (Hansen) Egan, of Gilford; son, Nathaniel Heath Egan, wife Meagan, and two granddaughters, Alison Marie and Jaina Gray of Moyock, North Carolina; Daughter Jillian Nickerson, husband Guy, and two granddaughters, Hadley Ada and Taryn Elizabeth, of Gilford; stepdaughter Kimberly Scott, husband George, and step-grandchildren, Clara May Quinlan, Charles Harper Quinlan and Agatha Jules Quinlan of West Newbury, Mass.; sisters, Gail Collins of Arcadia, Fla., Janet Cyr of N. Fort Myers, Fla., Darlene Paradise and husband Ronald of Charlestown, New Hampshire, Marjorie Levesque and husband John of Cape Coral, Fla.; brothers, Arnold Egan Jr and wife Maryan of Cape Coral, Fla., John Egan of Perry, Fla.; four nieces and ten nephews; stepchildren Christopher Horvath of Plaistow, New Hampshire, and Jennifer Koerber, husband Ricky of Racine, Wisc. and their children Hannah, Hayley, and Alyssa and great-grandchildren, Carter, Keanu and Luella.

Predeceased by his parents, Arnold Joseph Egan and Theresa Lilian (Simoneau) Egan.

Calling Hours and a Funeral Service were held in the Carriage House at the Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home, 164 Pleasant Street, Laconia, NH.

He was laid to rest at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery.

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

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a Stark corner to start the fourth and Libby and Maya Beaulieu had good defensive stops on a second Stark corner. Libby just missed connecting with Johnson on a run the other way and the Generals came back with a chance that went through the circle in front of Millner. Waldron had a shot go wide of the net before the Knights were dealt a blow when Libby suffered an ankle injury and had to leave the game.

The Generals tried to seize momentum but their corner chance went through the crease and another corner was cleared out by the strong defense of Gilpatrick and Cole to keep the Knights in the lead.

Kingswood upped that lead with a huge insurance goal with 4:46 to go in the game, as Waldron sent a strong pass in to Johnson, who delivered her second goal of the game for the 3-1 lead. John Stark didn't waste much time getting their own goal, firing a shot that went off Millner's foot and into the net with 3:28 to go, cutting the lead to one. Cushing and Mazzy Little had strong defensive clears and Clarke and Gilpatrick did a nice job killing the clock in the final minutes as Kingswood held on to get the 3-2 win and earn a trip

to the quarterfinals against top-ranked Souhegan.

“Everything we put in motion yesterday they really fought to try to get to today,” Reilly noted. “Hats off to these guys (Stark).

“We knew that third goal was going to be what we needed, that was going to be the difference maker,” Reilly added.

The veteran Kingswood coach noted that her team's loss to Kennett in the final game of the regular season sparked a fire in her girls entering the playoffs.

“That was a major wake-up call,” Reilly said. “The drills we did in practice on grass, making sure we did not repeat what happened in Kennett, how do we fix those, we knew that would be the difference maker today.”

Reilly was also pleased with the play of her two freshman goalies, neither of whom had played goal prior to this year and spent most of the year switching back and forth as they did in the playoff game.

“We build, learn, grow and fight for each other, in that sharing role, they just use that to their power, it takes the weight off their shoulders,” the Knight coach said. “They can share the weight with one another and for two young goalies, I think they appreciate it.

“Because they know they're going to be sharing that role, they do push each other without that threat,” she continued praising the play of the defense, in particular the work of Gilpatrick. “And the team in front of them, the defense is strong, what can you say about Avery Gilpatrick.”

The Knights advanced to the quarterfinals to take on top-ranked Souhegan on Friday in Amherst.

In that game, the two teams battled through a scoreless first quarter before Souhegan scored with 10:49 on the clock in the second quarter. Waldron answered with a goal with 7:41 to go in the first half to tie the game but the Sabers scored again just more than a minute later on a corner and added a goal with six seconds left, also on a corner to take a 3-1 lead to the halftime break.

Libby scored on a breakaway with 2:02 to go in the third quarter to cut the lead to 3-2 but the Knights were unable to get the tying goal and the Sabers survived the Knights. Souhegan had 13 corners on the day while the Knights didn't tally a single corner.

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SPORTS

Knight boys fall in final regular season home game

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor
WOLFEBORO —
The Kingswood soccer boys had a tough task in front of them on Senior Night, as the Knights welcomed Souhegan to town under the Alumni Field lights on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The Knights put up a fight for most of the night before the visitors were able to pull away late and walked off with a 3-0 win over the Knights.

Haden Aikens had an early cross that was cleared out of the zone and goalie Eli Pelletier handled a Souhegan bid. Seamus Kelly did a nice job clearing out a Souhegan cross and both Eleyas Rose and Cohen McNevech had strong defensive clears as well. Duke Nance had a shot blocked at the other end and Kingswood had the game's first corner but could not convert.

Pelletier handled another Souhegan bid and Ty Batten sent a nice ball up to Nance that the Sabers stopped. Kelly had another good defensive stop and Pelletier had a couple of saves, including one diving save to keep the ball out of the net. The Knights did a good job clearing out a Souhegan corner and Pelletier made another save on a Saber chance.

The Sabers were awarded a penalty kick with 22:19 to go in the first half and they delivered for the 1-0 lead. The Sabers came back with another bid that went wide and Kelly had another defensive stop. Souhegan had a quartet of corner kicks that the Knights were able to clear out of the way and Peter Plachowicz had a good defensive clear on another Saber chance. Aikens had a bid denied and Dylan Copenhaver sent Aikens in on another bid that went high. The Sabers had a shot miss the mark, Aikens had a bid denied and Levi Marbury had a good defensive stand as the game went to half-time with Souhegan up 1-0.

Kelly sent a nice ball up to Kaden Meattey to start the second half and Nance had a shot stopped by the Saber keeper. Kingswood had a corner chance, with McNevech getting in close with a bid that was denied. Copenhaver had a direct kick go wide of the net and Meattey connected with McNevech on a bid that went wide of the net. Pelletier stopped a Saber chance and Kelly had another good defensive stop. Pelletier made



Coaches Chris McNevech and Erick Bourdeau pose with seniors (l to r), Seamus Kelly, Ty Batten, Dylan Ivester, Cohen McNevech, Haden Aikens and Dylan Copenhaver prior to the start of the final regular season home game last Tuesday.



a few more saves before Aikens had a bid denied at the other end of the field.

After Aikens had another chance go through the box and the Sabers sent a shot wide of the net, the visitors took the 2-0 lead with 15:30 to go. Copenhaver came back with a direct kick chance and after the Sabers sent one through the box, Copenhaver and Plachowicz both had direct kick chances. Dylan Ivester did a nice job clearing a ball from in front of the net while Pelletier had gone out to chase down a loose ball.

Souhegan added a third goal with 5:37 to go and perhaps Kingswood's best chance of the game came a few minutes later when Plachowicz unleashed a direct kick ticketed toward the top of the goal, only to see the Saber keeper leap and push it out. The Knights got a corner kick but could not capitalize and Nance had a late chance go wide as the clock ran out on the 3-0 Saber win.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Left) Seamus Kelly works to control the ball during his team's game with Souhegan last Tuesday evening.

Lakes Region Technology Center inducts CTSO leaders and ambassadors for 2026-2027

WOLFEBORO — The Lakes Region Technology Center (LRTC) proudly hosted its annual Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Officer Induction Ceremony and Ambassador Recognition on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The event celebrated the commitment of dozens of students stepping into pivotal leadership roles across fifteen distinct Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways and Kingswood Middle School.

The ceremony recognized the newly elected officers for student organizations including FFA, DECA, HOSA, SkillsUSA, Educators Rising who will be responsible for leading their peers in competitions, community service, and career development throughout the academic year.

In addition to the CTSO officers, the LRTC Ambassadors were formally recognized for their crucial role in representing the center. These students serve as liaisons, lead tours for prospective students, and share their LRTC experiences to promote the value of CTE across the region.

LRTC 2026-2027 inducted officers and recognized ambassadors

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Give the Gift of Life at Laconia Airport Nov. 5

GILFORD — WinnAero, Civil Air Patrol(-CAP), the Laconia Airport Authority (LAA) and the Red Cross have joined forces to host a potentially life-saving blood drive at the Laconia Airport from 10 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5.

The event will take place in Hangar #5 on Aviation Drive at the airport, and kicks off a celebration of National Aviation History Month in November. Look for the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Hangar. New

donors, as well as returning blood donors are most welcome to help the Red Cross prepare for this upcoming holiday season by giving the gift of life on Nov. 5. It's easy and only takes minutes to donate. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) with any questions or to schedule your November 5 appointment. Save time with the Red Cross' recommended Advance Registration at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

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cational Programs Director. WinnAero Board Chairperson, Karen Mitchell added that "we

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Safe Haven Ballet brings “The Nutcracker” to the Colonial stage

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present the Safe Haven Ballet’s “The Nutcracker” on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at Colonial-Laconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Safe Haven Ballet is thrilled to bring our spirited, full-length ballet of “The Nutcracker” to The Colonial Theatre of Laconia! This dynamic performance includes all of your favorite characters including a strong-minded Clara to the eccentric Drosselmeyer, the spooky Rats, as well as our beloved Sugarplum Fairy danced by artistic director, Lissa Curtis. In the Land of Sweets you will be introduced to a variation unique to Safe Haven Ballet called The Brave American. Come sing and clap along to this spirited, patriotic piece!

SHB is located in beautiful Portsmouth, New

Hampshire and exists to offer free trauma sensitive classes to survivors of sexual/domestic violence and trauma. Many of these brave survivors will be in the production as they help bring the magic of the season to you. We would love your energetic applause!

The original owner of the Colonial Theatre, Benjamin Piscopo, was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice as seen from the water. In August of 2002, the theatre closed after 87 years of operation. On June 15, 2015, the City of Laconia announced a partnership with the Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) to purchase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including music, theatre, comedy,

and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main Street, Laconia, NH 03246. www.coloniallaconia.com

Founded in 2012, Spectacle Live offers venue operations, booking, programming, marketing, and production services across

New England from offices in Lexington, MA, Lowell, MA, and Laconia, NH. The company partners with over a dozen venues to manage facilities and promote a variety of events, including

concerts, comedy, theater, and family entertainment. For more information, contact Pete Lally at plally@spectaclelive.com or 617-531-1257. www.spectaclelive.com

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- Upcoming blood donation opportunities**
- Oct. 21 - Nov. 14:**
- Belknap Gifford**
Nov. 5: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Laconia Municipal Airport, 65 Aviation Dr.
Nov. 12: 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 18 Wesley Way
- Meredith**
Oct. 26: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Church Landing at Mill Falls, 281 Daniel Webster Highway
- New Hampton**
Nov. 2: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Jacobson Arena- Lobby, 37 Husky Dr.
- Tilton**
Oct. 29: 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., NUCAR AutoMall of Tilton, 40 East Main St.
Nov. 7: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tanger Outlet, 120 Laconia Rd.
- Carroll Conway**
Nov. 6: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Conway NH American Legion Post #46, 47 Tasker Hill Rd.
Nov. 10: 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Conway Humane Society, 223 E Main St.
- Sandwich**
Nov. 14: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sandwich Central School, 28 Squam Lake Rd.
- Wolfeboro**
Nov. 4: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., The Wolfeboro Inn, 90 N Main Street
- Grafton Bristol**
Nov. 13: noon to p.m., Newfound Regional High

School-Bristol, 150 Newfound Rd.

Lincoln
Oct. 30: 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., St Joseph Church, 25 Church St.

Littleton
Nov. 2: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Littleton Hospital, 580 St Johnsbury Rd.

How to donate blood
Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have

to meet certain height and weight requirements. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

About the American Red Cross:
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or Cruz-RojaAmericana.org, or follow us on social media.

Learn to make silver stacking rings with small gemstones with Joy Raskin



MEREDITH — Join us at the Meredith Fine Craft Gallery on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for a Silver Stacking Rings with Small Gemstones Class with juried artist Joy Raskin.

In this one-day workshop, New Hampshire Jeweler Joy Raskin will guide students through making several assorted sterling rings. Students will solder on tiny silver bezel cups, polish rings and set small round gemstones. Whether you decide to make a set of stacking rings for yourself or as a hand-made gift, everyone will walk out of the workshop with a piece of art to be proud of. All materials will be provided, though students may bring their own gemstones or silver to use.

Tuition is \$75 per student. Materials fee is between \$20-\$80 depending

on the stones and amount of silver the student uses. The materials fee will be paid cash or check to the instructor on the day of class.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Those who wish to take the class must sign up by Wednesday, Oct. 28.

To register for this workshop, call the Meredith Fine Craft Gallery at (603) 279-7920 or visit the Gallery at 279 Daniel Webster Highway in Meredith.

For more details, visit our Web site at <http://meredith.nhcrafts.org/classes/> and our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/nhcraft/>.

The Meredith Fine Craft Gallery is located at 279 DW Highway, Meredith, and is dedicated to the education and support of NH’s fine craft tradition since 1932.

Get into the spirit of saving lives. Visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App to schedule a donation appointment.

Empower your health
November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. To help empower and educate our blood donors, in November, successful donations will once again get free A1C testing, commonly used to screen for prediabetes and diabetes. (One result per calendar year; do not fast before donating.) For additional information, see RedCrossBlood.org/Maze.

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LEGALS

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.

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL & ZOOM

Kenneth Lance

You are hereby notified that a Hybrid Public Hearing will be held by the New Durham Zoning Board on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM for Case #2026-006. The hearing is regarding an application submitted by Thomas W. Varney, PE of Varney Engineering, LLC, on behalf of Kenneth Lance for property located at 213 Middleton Road, Map 246, Lot 003 in the Residential-Agricultural-Recreational Zoning District. The applicants are requesting a Special Exception to amend approved hours of operation to be Monday through Sunday, 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and to move brew equipment to a barn.

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

Something’s cooking on the Scenic Theatre stage this fall

PITTSFIELD — Say what you want. Say what you will. There’s something cooking on stage at Pittsfield’s Scenic Theatre this November, as the Pittsfield Players present James Valcq and Fred Alley’s musical adaptation of “The Spitfire Grill.”

Based on the acclaimed 1996 film of the same name, “Spitfire” follows Percy Talbott (played by Emma Blake), a young woman recently released from prison who travels to the town of Gilead, Wisconsin. Percy has harbored dreams of visiting the picturesque community since coming across a photograph of its colorful fall foliage in a magazine. When

she arrives, however, winter is about to settle over Gilead, and the only thing chillier than the weather is the reception she gets from Hannah Ferguson (Mo Demers), owner of the titular diner where Percy finds work as a waitress.

When an accident puts Hannah out of commission, Percy and a local woman named Shelby (Mary Foedermair) step in to keep the lights on at the Spitfire, and the pair hatch a plan to help Hannah unload the restaurant by offering it as the prize in a raffle, to be awarded to whoever writes an essay making the most persuasive case for being named the new owner. Along the



COURTESY PHOTO

Emma Blake as Percy Talbott, Mo Demers as Hannah Ferguson, and Mary Foedermair as Shelby Thorpe raise a glass to friendship in a scene from the Pittsfield Players’ upcoming production of “The Spitfire Grill.”

The Village Players presents “Man of La Mancha!”



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Aldonza (Miley Colbath) tells off the hangers-on at the inn (Julie Mills, José Velasco, Joe Hults) in “Man of La Mancha” opening at the Village Players Friday, Oct. 30.

WOLFEBORO — The Village Players invites audiences to experience the timeless musical Man of La Mancha, a stirring story of courage, imagination, and the enduring power of hope.

Based on Miguel de Cervantes’ classic novel Don Quixote, “Man of La Mancha” follows the idealistic Alonso Quijana, who transforms himself into the knight Don Quixote (Christian Boudman) and sets out to pursue a life of adventure and honor. With his loyal companion Sancho Panza (Robbie Sturtevant) and his fair lady, Dulcinea (Mylie Colbath) at his side, Don Quixote sees possibility where others see only hardship—and challenges everyone around him to dream of a better world.

Featuring the beloved song “The Impossible Dream,” the musical explores the remarkable difference one person can

make by refusing to surrender his ideals. Its themes of perseverance, compassion, and seeing the best in others remain as meaningful today as when the show first captivated audiences.

“ ‘Man of La Mancha’ is ultimately a story about what happens when we dare to believe that the world can be better,” said Kathleen Hill, director of the production. “Community theater is built on that same spirit. We bring people together, tell stories together, and invite our audiences to dream alongside us. This show is a wonderful celebration of that idea.”

The production features a talented cast and creative team drawn from the local community, bringing together experienced performers, newcomers, musicians, designers, technicians, and volunteers. Their combined efforts promise an evening of memorable music, heartfelt per-

formances, and theatrical magic. Audience members of all ages* are invited to join us for this inspiring theatrical journey and to discover, once again, the power of The Impossible Dream.

Performances are scheduled for Oct. 30 & 31, Nov. 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 1 & 8 at 2 p.m. at The Village Players Theatre Wolfeboro.

Tickets are available at village-players.com and Black’s Paper and Gifts.

About the Village Players

The Village players is a community theater dedicated to bringing engaging, high-quality live theater to the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Through performances, education, and volunteer opportunities, the theater strives to make the arts accessible while creating a welcoming home for artists and audiences alike.

makes Gilead such a special place, and Shelby gains the inner strength to stand up to her domineering husband.

Director Jeannie Saint fell in love with “The Spitfire Grill” the first time she read the script because the story offered a rare opportunity for female characters to take center stage.

“Women are so often the backbone of a community, but their efforts are often overlooked,” she explained. “As soon as I read it, I saw how Hannah and Effy truly held up the town, but they made it look so easy that no one even noticed.”

Saint also saw parallels between Gilead, a community that fell on hard times when the local quarry closed down, and Pittsfield, which experienced a similar economic downturn but, like Gilead, held on in the face of that hardship.

“How many small towns have a Main Street or a community center? How many have a theater?” Saint said. “Pitts-

field has adapted to everything the economy has thrown at it, and I wanted to show the community something they could relate to...something that made them feel seen.”

The show, she added, teaches us that “the autumn colors may leave us, but the spring will come again...the colors of paradise will always return, and much like Percy, we hope to be there when they do.”

Appearing alongside Blake, Demers, and Foedermair are Ben LePage as Joe, Marie St. Cyr as Effy, and Chris Turner as Shelby’s husband Caleb, with Jayson Andrews, Emily Guzzo, and Trinity Morse rounding out the ensemble. Saint was assisted with direction by Emm Close, with Elizabeth Gallo serving as Music Director.

“The Spitfire Grill” runs Nov. 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Scenic Theatre, 6 Depot St. Tickets are available pittsfieldplayers.org.

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.

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