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Holiday events will light up the area the weekend

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REGION — Ring in the holiday season with a range of special events across the area over the next few weeks.

Local communities will hold their holiday celebrations starting this weekend and continuing next weekend.

Santa Land will return to the Gilford Youth Center on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7. The GYC will team up with the Gilford Parks and Recreation Department for this free holiday party for people of all ages. Kids can play games, do arts and crafts, and decorate cookies among other fun activities. Participants can



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also be a food court in the GMS cafeteria with different student groups selling food as fundraisers. The senior class will also sell coffee, doughnuts, meatball subs, macaroni and cheese, and raffle tickets. Proceeds from table sales and food sales by the seniors will benefit the senior class.

In Alton, celebrate the holidays and local businesses during Light Up Night on Saturday, Dec. 7. The town of Alton is working with the Alton Business Association to present the annual event at town hall. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with the official tree lighting in Monument Square. Santa will arrive at town hall on a fire truck. After the tree lighting more activities will go on in town hall including ornament crafting and holiday hayrides outside the building. More events will go on at the Gilman Library including visits with Santa and crafts. Vendors will line up on Main Street.

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Story of local Holocaust survivor coming to film

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CONCORD — The story of a local woman's survival during the Holocaust is now being told on film. A new film called "Hidden" tells the story of how Kati Preston was hidden from soldiers in a barn as a little girl: a film created by her son and meant to be shared with students across the country.

"Hidden" formally premiered at Red River Theatres in Concord on Nov. 23 in front of a group of friends, family, and educators from across the state. Pres-

ton, who is now 85 and lives in Barnstead, was the guest of honor.

The film is a documentary featuring performers reenacting scenes from Preston's life and telling the story of her survival. The performances are book-ended by historical information on the Holocaust in Hungary and how the country has denied much of its past.

The film was directed by Preston's son Daniel Matmor, and features interviews with Preston as well as historians and others who survived the events of

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The Gilman Museum will once again host a forest of decorated trees during the sixth annual Alton Festival of Trees and Gingerbread House Decorating Contest this weekend.

also enjoy food and a cookie walk for a small fee.

Kids will also get the chance to meet with Santa. They will start in the story room and hear a Christmas story. Small groups will then be taken to meet with Santa and get a picture taken. Parents

can bring their own cameras, but the GYC can take photos and email them for parents without cameras.

Santa Land will take place on Friday, Dec. 6 from 5-7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Do some holiday shopping at Gilford

Middle and High Schools on Saturday, Dec. 7 for the annual Gilford High School Holiday Craft Fair. The fair is organized by the senior class and will feature crafters with a variety of different mediums across both buildings from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will

Gilford holding open house for proposed new DPW building

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GILFORD — Members of the public are encouraged to come to any of two scheduled open houses for a proposed new Public Works facility that will go before voters at next year's town meeting.

Gilford will hold an



COURTESY IMAGE

A rendering of a possible new Public Works facility for the town of Gilford created by Banwell Architects.

Keenan named Division III Offensive Player of the Year Champs well-represented on field hockey All-State teams

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — Local field hockey players were among those honored with All-State recognition by the New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association.

In Division III, Gilford's Olivia Keenan was named the Offensive Player of the Year, Kensley Harris of St. Thomas was named the Defensive Player of the Year and Berlin's Nicole Arguin was named Division III Coach of the Year.

Keenan's career wrapped up with her fourth First Team All-State recognition along with being a three-time state champion and a two-year captain. She also made the Twin State Team, was one of the team's leading scorers with 19 goals on the season and capped off the season by winning the Golden Eagle Award, the most distinguished award at Gilford, for the second year in a row.

"It was an honor and privilege to coach Livi the last two years, and a joy to watch her develop



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Olivia Keenan was named the Division III Offensive Player of the Year after leading the Golden Eagles to another state title.

as a player and young lady," said Gilford coach Joy Southworth. "She yearns for excellence and is determined to be the best version of herself daily.

"She possesses tenacity, integrity, mental fortitude, dedication and exceptional discipline," the Golden Eagle mentor continued. "With her winning mindset for life, success will continue to follow Livi."

In addition to Keenan, First Team honors went to Berlin's Gabby Poulin,

Gilford's Addison Normandin and Lilly Winward and Newfound's Adeline Dolloff and Elle MacDonald. Second Team went to Berlin's

Lily Kelley and Aryanna Bedard, Gilford's Grace Kelly and Newfound's Allie Normandin and Honorable Mention was pre-

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open house for a proposed new Public Works facility at the current DPW building on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 9-11 a.m.

Visitors can learn about the conceptual design for the new facility, which will be included on the 2025 town warrant.

"This is a great opportunity to ask questions, view plans, and understand how this important project will benefit the community," read the notice for the event. "Whether you're a resident, business owner, or just someone interested in the project, your input and participation are invaluable."

Members of the Building Needs Committee have been working for the past three years to de-

termine the best options for Public Works' facilities. A report from the committee said the current building, that was constructed in the 1970s, has numerous structural and maintenance issues and recommended replacing it with a new facility.

Studies have found water has infiltrated through the roof and foundation. There are rotted structural elements in and outside the building as well as reoccurring mold throughout the building. The building settles and shifts, which leads to issues with the floors and windows. The pipes burst and cause flooding.

The building's air quality is bad, and the HVAC systems are also failing. There is poor air

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Holidays bring early deadlines

Along with merriment and good cheer, the holiday season brings with it an accelerated press schedule for our next few editions.

The submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publica-

tion in our Dec. 12 edition will be Friday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m., as usual.

For the following week (Dec. 19), the submission deadline will be Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.

For the Dec. 26 edition, the deadline will be Monday, Dec. 16 at 4 p.m.

For the Jan. 2 edition, the deadline will be Thursday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.

Please note that our offices will be closed Dec. 23-25 in observance of Christmas and Dec. 30-Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's.

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Light Up Night- Dec. 7
The Town of Alton is celebrating "Light Up Night" on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Alton Village on Main Street. Free events include: 5 p.m.- Tree Lighting at Town Hall sponsored by ABA- Santa will arrive by Firetruck to help light the tree; 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 and Gingerbread House Decorating Contest 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@alton.nh.gov.

"Light Up Alton" Holiday Decorating Event

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the ABA are sponsoring a residential and business decorating event. Do you like decorating outside for the holidays, and want to share your display and cheer with others? Submit your address and optional photo by contacting parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 by Dec. 9. Maps with decorated locations will be available to the public on Dec. 13. Keep your lights on Dec. 13-27 so the community can enjoy your decorations while they explore the map.

Trivia Night- Test your Knowledge

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Free Hot Cocoa Bar and Trivia Night on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the Pearson Road Community Center from 6-7:30 p.m. Program is free. Join the game as a team or an individual player. Test your knowledge and compete for the first place prize. Categories include: History; Pop Culture; Enter-

tainment; Art; Science; Sports; Geography; and more. A fun hot cocoa bar and holiday cookies will be provided. Please register at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov by Dec. 13 to guarantee your seat in the game.

Weight Training Classes- Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Learn new exercises and 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. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in.

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, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

After School Program - Dec. 20

On Early Release days at ACS Alton Parks and Recreation Staff will pick up participants, in grades 1-5, from school and walk together to the Pearson Road Community Center for an afternoon of fun. Dec. 20 theme is "Festive Fun"; activities include: themed games, coloring, crafts, snacks and more. \$5 per child. Pick up time at the Community Center is 3 p.m. Limited space, register today by contacting parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Guided Meditation with Instructor Karen Kharitonov

The Alton Parks and Recreation De-

partment and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class on Thursdays, Dec. 5 and 19 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Stop in and experience the positive state of meditation. The program is free, donations are greatly appreciated to support local charities. For more information contact Alton Parks and Recreation at parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Dungeons and Dragons

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a weekly Dungeons and Dragons adventure on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6-8 p.m. starting Jan. 8. The program is free for ages 18 and up. Flex your creative muscles with fellow adventurers. Perhaps the group will even battle the dreaded Lake Winnepesaukee Monster itself. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

Celebrate a traditional Christmas at 1772 Meetinghouse

NEW DURHAM — The 1772 Meetinghouse Committee has announced a holiday event, "Here's to a Traditional Christmas!" to be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Meetinghouse at 207 Old Bay Rd.

"We usually have a December program," a committee member said, "because it's such a wonderful time of year to gather in the original building where townspeople came together."

Caroling will be the main feature, and to see everyone through the singing, hot mulled

cider, eggnog, and colonial-era cookies will be provided. Old-time Christmas tree decorating crafts, stories, a display of antique linens, and gift shop items make up the rest of the offerings.

The event is free and parking is available on-site. Although the building will be heated, please dress for the weather. Details are available on Facebook at: New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse Friends or by emailing: newdurhammeetinghouse@gmail.com.



HO-HO-HOLIDAY Gift Guide



How some popular holiday traditions got their start

Will you be baking gingerbread or hanging stockings by the fireplace this holiday season? Perhaps you'll be lighting the menorah or playing a game of dreidel? The holidays are steeped in tradition, some of which are older than celebrants may realize.

Individuals gather during the holidays and participate in various traditions that have withstood the test of time. Most people engage in these traditions or recognize symbols automatically, but it can be interesting to learn how these

traditions came to be.

Christmas caroling

The British traditions of wassailing and mumming and the Slavic tradition of koliada were some of the precursors to more modern caroling. People would go door-to-door and recite poetry or sing with the hope of bringing about good fortune or influencing a future harvest, according to Rutgers University. Carolers spread hope and good tidings through song during a time of year when sunlight was limited.

Christmas trees

Pagans once displayed evergreen branches as a reminder that spring would come again, while Romans placed them around temples to honor Saturn, the god of agriculture. Eventually the evergreen was used in conjunction with Christian Christmas celebrations. In the sixteenth century, German Christians put trees inside their homes as symbols of everlasting life.

Santa Claus

Children who celebrate Christmas eagerly await the arrival of a jolly sort who goes by the name of Santa Claus. His origin story stretches back to the third century, when Saint Nicholas became the patron saint of children. Saint Nicholas was a monk in what is modern-day Turkey. It is said that he traveled helping the poor and the sick. History.com says he is believed to have saved three impoverished sis-

ters from slavery by providing them with a dowry so they could be married, and he also provided gifts to children.

Menorah

The menorah is a multi-branched candelabra used in Jewish religious rituals. The menorah is first mentioned in the book of Exodus when the design of the lamp was revealed to Moses by God on Mount Sinai. Many menorahs are seven-branched, but during Chanukah, an eight-branched menorah is used. The Chanukah menorah is modeled after the Tabernacle menorah that corresponds to the eight-day festival. It was used to celebrate the rededication of the Second Temple. The available oil supply was supposed

to light the menorah for just one day, but the candles actually burned for eight.

Mistletoe

Kissing under the mistletoe is a holiday season tradition that can lead to some red faces when couples are caught beneath the plant. Norse mythology paved the way for kissing under the mistletoe. Legend has it the gods used mistletoe to resurrect Odin's son, Baldur, from the dead. Baldur's mother, Frigg, the goddess of love, made the plant a symbol of love and vowed to kiss anyone who passed under it. Mistletoe blooms under cold conditions, which is how it became associated with the holiday season.

Yule log

Yule logs were once

part of winter solstice celebrations to bring good luck and fortune, but America is where a yule log really caught on as a holiday tradition. In 1966, the WPIX television station in New York City aired a continuous loop of a fireplace burning for three hours with holiday songs playing. It became an annual tradition, says History.com. Some people even serve a cake that looks like a yule log. The Bûche de Noël is a traditional Christmas cake that is especially popular in France.

Holiday traditions continue in full force. Traditions are an endearing component of celebrations and help to unite people from all backgrounds during this special time of year.

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Annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair brings holiday cheer, community spirit

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Team 319 Booster Club is thrilled to announce the Seventh Annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair, a highly anticipated community event that promises something for everyone this holiday season. The fair will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Prospect Mountain High School in Alton.

This festive gathering will feature more than 70 diverse

crafters and vendors, including many new and returning participants. Shoppers can browse a wide variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, soaps, photography, books from local authors, and much more. A cookie walk and concessions will also be available to satisfy sweet and savory cravings while supporting a great cause. And don't miss a special visit from Santa Claus, who will be spreading holiday cheer throughout the

day! To make the day even more exciting, the PMHS Team 319 Booster Club is collaborating with three other regional craft fairs, offering attendees an incredible opportunity to support small businesses and community organizations:

- Loudon Elementary PTA Craft Fair
Loudon Elementary School, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Epsom Central PTO Craft Fair
Epsom Central School, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

• Pittsfield Elementary PTO Craft Fair
Pittsfield Elementary School, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

"This event is a celebration of community and creativity," said Michelle Kelley. "By cross-promoting with other local fairs, we aim to bring even more people together for a day of holiday shopping and supporting small businesses and local organizations."

Make it a day to remember—visit all four fairs and discover unique gifts, handmade treasures, and festive fun. Admission is free, and all proceeds from the PMHS Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair directly support the PMHS Team

319 Booster Club.

For more information, please contact

Michelle Kelley at MKelley@pmhschool.com.



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Alton Community Services looks ahead to silver anniversary

ALTON — 2025 is a Silver Anniversary for Alton Community Services. It was created 25 years ago through the tireless efforts of Alton residents who saw a need for Altonians to have a better life.

Located at 77 Main St., #11C Village Circle in Alton, the food pantry is open Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Currently, there are 160 clients being

served. Additionally, ACS funds Operation Blessings at Thanksgiving, providing meals for families and fruit baskets for Seniors, and Mrs. Santa, for children up to the age of 17, at Christmas. This volunteer-run organization is also available for assistance with rent, fuel and other needs that may arise for families within the Alton community.

Anyone who

would like to volunteer should contact Chris Racine (Altoncs32@gmail.com). A non-profit organization, it relies on donations and welcomes non-perishable food items which have not expired. These can be dropped off at the food pantry and the Gilman Library. Cash donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 43, Alton NH 03809 or brought to the pantry when they are open.

Christmas concert at FCC Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD — The Chancel Choir and the JuBellation Handbell Choir of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, are pleased to present a free Christmas concert entitled, "Favorite Christmas Carols," Friday, Dec. 13, at 7

p.m. This special one-hour concert will include a variety of lovely Christmas music that you and the family can participate in and are sure to enjoy. Light refreshments will be served. Mark your calendar for this delight-

ful evening of music, invite your friends, and feel free to wear your favorite Christmas clothing! Parking and wheelchair accessible entrance are located at rear of church. Call the church office for more information at 603-435-7471.

You are invited to come shop with a purpose on Dec 7 from 10 to 2pm.


There will be jewelry, scarfs, soaps, ornaments, mittens and more. ALL the products have been made by survivors of human trafficking.

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Opinion

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Finding your holiday spirit

It happens every year. November fades into December, and suddenly, the world expects you to transform into a holiday fanatic overnight. The lights go up, the carols start playing, and every ad you see insists it's "the most wonderful time of the year." But what if you're just not feeling it yet? Or, worse, you're feeling the pressure to feel it?

Here's a little secret: the holiday spirit isn't something you have to force. It sneaks up on you when you least expect it—like when you hear a kid giggling in a Santa hat, or when the smell of cookies baking fills the house. It's in those little moments, not in the perfectly decorated tree or the over-the-top gift list.

So, how do you find it? Start small. Pour yourself a mug of hot cocoa (marshmallows optional but highly recommended) and sit by the window for five minutes. Listen to your favorite holiday song—the silly ones count too. Drive around to check out the lights in your neighborhood. You don't have to deck the halls in a single day; sometimes, just hanging one strand of twinkle lights can do the trick.

And if the holidays feel like more of a chore this year, that's okay too. Give yourself permission to celebrate in your own way. Skip the big party if it stresses you out and invite a few close friends for a movie night instead. Or spend a quiet evening wrapping gifts (even if they're just for yourself). It's about finding joy where you are, not where you think you're supposed to be.

Remember, holiday spirit isn't one-size-fits-all. It's not about how much you spend or how perfectly you decorate; it's about making the season your own. So whether you're going full Buddy the Elf or keeping it low-key, let the magic find you. It always does.

Letter submission policy

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

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



For a good 'Claus'

Santa made an early appearance at the New Durham Holiday Craft Fair, in support of the New Durham School's sixth grade fundraiser. The class is raising money to attend Ecology School in Maine, and Santa volunteered to pose for pictures to bring in some donations. The craft fair, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, is a popular town event that kicks off the holiday season.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Waiting

I've been watching the sun going down a lot lately. Hanging out in the woods with the wild life is pretty peaceful. Looking sunward as it fingers its way toward the horizon through a barrier of trees and branches. Each finger is about fifteen minutes. Slowly turning my gaze around my field of view, I catch its reflection off of distant windows or local tall tree tops until it is no more.

Life is such a waiting game. Waiting to walk. Waiting to grow up. Waiting to meet someone that fits. Hunting is like that. Fishing used to be, but fish finder gadgets kind of take the randomness of encounters out of that equation. If I had a drone with a camera that could fly above my area and spot out my objectives, I could say the same for hunting. But I don't, although I'm sure many others have taken the op-

portunity to do just that. Technology advances.

Animals used to have a fighting chance. Rocks worked alright, but spears were better. Guns improved on rocks, and arrows upgraded the spears. I was taught that you needed to let a bird alight before shooting at it. Giving it some kind of chance to avoid getting hit with the expanding cloud of bird shot. I was at my sons house the other day and we watched a video of a sportsman's guide showing how he hunted grouse. He shot one on the ground and one from a tree. It appears that they've relaxed their standards once again.

Have you ever watched sports TV? The live stuff is pretty realistic, but since many sports contain so much waiting time, the presentations need to be highly edited and give a totally distorted representation of the

action. Fisherman catching one after the other. Hunters getting multiple kills in a half hour. Golfers all intermixed into continual drives and putts. Life should be so choreographed. Yes?

That would be life according to Sesame Street. All too much fast action. That kind of stuff has lead to short attention spans and expecting everything to be quick. Gone are the days of listening to record albums as a single conceptual piece. It's no longer, put a pile of records on the record changer time, it's random access songs where half way through, having had enough, you can just hit the next key. There's always something else next in line.

Life is not just a sequence of soundbites. There is all too much context surrounding everything for it to be so consolidated. The same

goes for our news that has become limited into tiny bits of partial information. So too, texting devices have truncated our interpersonal communications. It may be terribly convenient, but it can be totally misleading. One quick conversation can transfer much more information than a string of texts, be much easier, and less likely to be misinterpreted.

After all things are played out, it's all pretty much a waiting game. When you finally figure something out, it's probably too late to make much difference. Those who can get ahead of the curve find success. How can one increase one's chances? Sitting and waiting for something to happen isn't terribly effective. Fish finders and drones may improve results.

All my life I wasn't
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Padre Pio

POSITIVELY
SPEAKING
TOBY MOORE

In the small Italian village of Pietrelcina, on May 25, 1887, Francesco Forgione was born into a humble family of farmers. No one could have predicted that this boy, who would later take the name Padre Pio, would become one of the most enigmatic and revered figures in modern Catholicism.

Padre Pio's journey to the priesthood began early. As a child, he claimed to have mystical experiences, including visions of Jesus and Mary. At 15, he entered the Capuchin Order, and by 23, he was ordained a priest. But it

wasn't his sermons or pastoral care that would make him famous—it was the miraculous and inexplicable phenomena that surrounded him.

Perhaps the most famous aspect of Padre Pio's life was his stigmata—wounds resembling those of Christ on the cross. In 1918, while praying, Padre Pio reportedly received these marks, which he bore for 50 years until his death.

The stigmata were examined multiple times by medical professionals, with opinions ranging from supernatural to psychological or physical causes. The

Vatican conducted thorough investigations into these claims over decades, reflecting both skepticism and respect.

Ultimately, the Church ruled the stigmata as genuine and beyond natural explanation, contributing to his canonization in 2002.

His mystical gifts didn't stop there. Padre Pio was said to possess the ability to bilocate—appearing in two places at once—and to read souls, revealing private details during confessions that penitents hadn't disclosed.

These accounts, while widely believed by his devotees, are based on anecdotal evidence and lack independent verification, leading skeptics to question their authenticity. Padre Pio humbly attributed all his gifts to God, famously saying, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays."

For all the awe he inspired, skepticism followed him, too. Was the

stigmata self-inflicted? Were the stories exaggerated by adoring followers?

In the 1920s, the Church temporarily restricted Padre Pio's public ministry, citing concerns about the authenticity of his wounds and the intensity of his following. These questions persist but don't diminish the enduring allure of his legacy.

Of all the mysteries tied to Padre Pio, none are as dramatic—or as spine-tingling—as the stories from World War II. San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio lived, was under threat from Allied bombing campaigns. Intelligence reports indicated German munitions near the town, making it a likely target.

But according to eyewitness accounts, strange things happened whenever Allied planes flew near the area. Pilots reported seeing a figure in the sky—a monk with outstretched arms—forcing them to veer off course.

Bombs either dropped harmlessly into nearby fields, or missions were abandoned altogether due to unexplained mechanical failures. These stories, while captivating, lack corroboration in wartime records and are primarily based on post-war testimonies.

One American pilot, shaken by what he described as a vision of a monk in the air, visited San Giovanni Rotondo after the war. When he saw Padre Pio, he recognized him immediately as the figure who had appeared before his plane.

This account and others like it were popularized by author Frank Rega in "Padre Pio and America."

While these stories border on the unbelievable, they come from multiple sources. Even skeptics wonder: How was the town spared when so many others weren't? Could these be tales of coincidence and wartime imagination, or were they miraculous interventions? Stories like these in-

vite both awe and doubt. How much of what we hear is faith-driven embellishment, and how much points to something beyond human understanding?

He once remarked: "In books we seek God; in prayer we find him..."

Perhaps it is that unwavering belief in prayer and divine intervention that makes stories of Padre Pio so compelling.

Whether or not Padre Pio truly appeared as a "flying monk" to Allied pilots, the fact remains: his life continues to captivate millions.

As we consider these extraordinary tales, we don't have to decide whether they are fact or fiction. Instead, we can marvel at their ability to inspire and remind us of the mysteries that surround the human experience.

During our time of division and uncertainty, perhaps the most valuable takeaway from Padre Pio's life is his simple yet profound message: "Pray, hope, and don't worry."

Letters to the Editor

Let's be kind to each other no matter our views

To the Editor:

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who voted in the election held Tuesday, Nov. 5. As a New Hampshire State Representative, my oath that will be taken on Dec. 4 will be to uphold the US and NH Constitutions. As an elected official I am here to serve you, and the best way to contact me is via phone at 603-776-8989.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a great holiday season. My hope is that during this season, we can all be kind to each other no matter our views. As has been witnessed in Concord, we can get good things accomplished while being kind to each other. Have a very blessed Holiday season and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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THE REAL REPORT

RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	153 Trask Side Rd.	N/A	\$1,900,000	L.S. & Jan E. Smith Fiscal Trust	David M. and Tanya J. Angeloni
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$250,000	Kelly A. Sullivan and Mark M. Smith	Richard and Janet Jodoin
Barnstead	3 Lincoln Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$285,000	Kathryn Devoe	Adam S. Loos
Barnstead	Narrows Road	N/A	\$218,000	Brian D. Tedcastle	John Scully
Gilford	Harvest Run	N/A	\$959,000	Michael Bodnar	Sarah Tasker
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$180,000	David and Valerie Digregorio	Scribner Fiscal Trust and Ralph O. Scribner, Jr.
Gilmanton	469 Province Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$525,000	Darlene Page 2021 Trust and Richard A. Page	Richard Hilton
New Durham	45 Old Bay Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$385,000	Erik D. Lewis	Kathryn H. and Michael Devoe

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium.

Author Ty Gagne to return to Country Bookseller

WOLFEBORO — Ty Gagne will be returning to Wolfeboro for a signing at The Country Bookseller Thursday, Dec. 19 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Gagne, author of "Where You'll Find Me" and "The Last Traverse," has published a new book, "The Lions of Winter: Survival and Sacrifice on Mount Washington."

In this tale of tragedy and survival, Gagne explores the four-day search for two missing ice climbers on

New Hampshire's Mount Washington in extreme weather conditions in 1982. That fateful search led to the death of Albert Dow, a member of the all-volunteer Mountain Rescue Service. He was caught in an avalanche in terrain previously thought to present no risk. Dow was a Tuftonboro native and his humanitarian heroism lives on both in the memory of his life and circumstances of his death.

In "The Lions of Winter," Gagne de-

scribes the ordeal of the missing climbers, the selflessness and courage of the dedicated rescuers, the tragic circumstances surrounding the avalanche, and the heartbreak of the family, friends, and teammates of the fallen rescuer. Gagne also chronicles how this grueling event became a landmark of White Mountain history, ushering in a new era in the search and rescue community of New Hampshire.

Ty Gagne is chief

executive officer of New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³), a public entity risk pool serving local governments in New Hampshire. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder and in addition to his two previous books, his work has also been published in the Appalachia Journal. He credits his experiences in the White Mountains and his love of mountaineering literature for providing important lessons about de-

cision-making, leadership, risk-taking, and humility.

For more information or to reserve

copies of any of Ty's books, please call The Country Bookseller at (603) 569-6030.

BUILDING

(continued from Page A1) exchange and ventilation in the garage area and exposure to dust and shop fumes on all floors. The air conditioner and heating systems are also failing. There are also pest infestations and a shared kitchen and bathroom sinks that are unsanitary.

The report also showed the current facilities are inadequate for the department's needs. There is no centralized storage in the building and storage is scattered into overflow workspaces and other town buildings. The garage bays are narrow and too small for accommodating larger equipment as well as vehicles such as fire engines and plow trucks. There is no covered storage for winter equipment. The

building also has lack of office space and no proper kitchen space for staff.

Additional concerns include infiltration from the water table into the building and vehicle lifts as well as inadequate site drainage by the nearby brook. The building doesn't have reliable backup power or staging space for emergency winter response. There is also a lack of ADA accessibility in the building.

Since the building was built in the 1970's the DPW has taken on much more responsibility. In the past 50 years the population of the town has gone from 3,219 people to 7,699. The DPW went from a staff of seven people with 20 vehicles to a staff of 32 with 84 vehicles. Originally, the department maintained 50 miles of roads, and they

are now responsible for 90 miles as well as over 1,000 drainage crossings and 570 structures, 19 miles of sewer main, three pump stations, and 650 sewer structures.

Banwell Architects of Lebanon came up with a rendering of a proposed facility. Construction manager Bonnette, Page, and Stone of Laconia is currently reviewing a 50 percent plan design and developing cost estimates. A more complete

design and costs are anticipated to be ready by mid December for a more accurate amount on the town warrant. Currently the town is estimating that the project will cost around \$12 million with a 30 year bond.

More information on the proposed DPW building project can be found on a special section of the town Web site at <https://www.gilfordnh.org/entity/DPW-Building-Needs-Committee-36>.



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Holiday family concert in Barnstead Saturday

BARNSTEAD — It's getting cold and there is frost on the pumpkins, so it must be time for Maine music luminaries Joyce Andersen & Harvey Reid to return to Barnstead and share their Christmas music with us. This is the 24th year that they have presented their unique Christmas show to New England commu-



nities. Their concert for us last year was a great success and we invite you to make it a family tradition. Join us at the Congregational Church of North Barnstead (504 North Barnstead Rd.) on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. The suggested donation is \$15 or \$25 for the family. Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid 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 play folk, country, bluegrass, blues, Celtic and even some classical music. They will ride their musical sleigh effortlessly across genres and centuries, from banjos to blues to Beethoven, from elves to Elvis, from wise men and camels to Willie Nelson and reindeer. It will be a great way to start the Christmas season.

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HOLIDAY

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The ABA will present the sixth annual Alton Festival of Trees and Gingerbread House Decorating Contest on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8 at the Gilman Museum. Various businesses, organizations, individuals, families, and more will provide decorated trees that will be displayed as well as entries into the Gingerbread House Decorating Contest.

The event is open on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. More events have been scheduled for the weekend after. Barnstead will hold its Christmas tree lighting on Sunday, Dec. 15 at the gazebo and Center Barnstead Fire Station. The event will run from 3-5 p.m. and feature hot cocoa, snacks, caroling, and a visit from Santa. There will also be a toy donation box.

The New Durham and Farmington Parks and Recreation Departments are teaming up to present The Lighted Trail on Dec. 12-14. The McCarthy Trail in Farmington will be lit up for families to explore on Dec. 12 and 13 from 6-8 p.m. and Dec. 14 from 5-8 p.m. The event will also feature Hot Mess Poutine food truck. Entry is free and donations are appreciated.

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be interspersed with Christmas poems and stories making for a lovely evening of music and mirth. Named for Carter Mountain in New Hampton, this band reflects the rich heritage of brass music from the 16th century through the 19th century and into the present day's modern music. Based in Gilford, the Band presents a series of summer concerts each year as well as a fall concert and

Christmas concerts. They have appeared on bandstands throughout New Hampshire, as well as in Maine and Boston. Following the concert a special dessert will be served in the church's Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$10 (Students free) is requested at the door. The church is located at 18 Wesley Way (off Route 11A), near the 3-11 bypass in Gilford. Church phone (603) 524-3289.

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Duane Hammond displays artwork at Meredith Village Savings Bank

WOLFEBORO — A number of pastel paintings by Duane Hammond, Alton, as arranged by the Governor Wentworth Art Council, are now on display at the Meredith Village Savings Bank, North Main Street, Wolfeboro. His paintings include landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, plus humorous and satirical images of pigs engaged in human-like activities and situations.



Hammond is a 1964 graduate with a degree in fine art and graphic design from the Museum School of Fine Arts, Boston. After graduation he worked as a staff artist for three different advertising agencies, until becoming a free-lance artist under the moniker: The Magnificent Art Machine. Later, he expanded and changed the name of his business to Hammond Design Associates. His clients

Pastelist and creator of Pigs in a Poke, artist Duane Hammond, Alton, stands by a number of his paintings now on display at The Meredith Village Savings Bank, North Main Street, Wolfeboro. His collection will remain on view until March. included both national and multinational businesses. Duane received many awards for creative design and graphics including Boston and

New York art Directors awards, Desi Awards, Graniteers, plus many others. Now retired, his originals and prints are for sale at a number of arts and craft shops and galleries throughout New England, including the Lakes Region Art Association Art Gallery, Tilton.

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OBITUARIES

Christina Rice, 103

Christina Rice, age 103, passed peacefully away at her home in New Durham, NH on November 21, 2024.

She was born in New Durham, NH to Roy and Christina (MacKenzie) Berry on September 18, 1921.

Christina went to a one room school on New Durham Ridge for 8 years and then to Alton High School, a graduate, Class of 1939.

World War II started and she worked at Scott and Williams Factory, testing aircraft de-icer devices for a while, and enlisted in the US Navy.

Tina met her husband Kenneth Rice while in the Navy. After the war, they lived in California for 40 years, where they



raised their 2 sons.

After Kenneth retired, they moved back to the family farm in New Durham, unfortunately, he passed in 1988.

Christina was well known for her beautiful flower gardens at the four corners by her home.

She is survived by her son James Rice and his wife Sheryl Reimers,

her daughter in law Linda Rice, 4 grandsons, 5 great grandchildren, also several nieces and nephews.

Tina was predeceased by her son Norman Rice, also her brother Robert Berry and sister Barbara Dyer.

She will join her husband with interment at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California. There will be no service here in NH.

If anyone wishes to honor her memory, they may do so by donating to the Community Church of Alton, Church Street, Alton, NH 03809.

Cremation care by Peaslee Funeral Home, to express condolences, please visit: www.peasleefuneralhome.com

Richard F. Dollen

September 15, 1942 – November 23, 2024, New Durham, NH

Richard "Richie" Dollen died November 23, 2024, at Benchmark assisted living Rye, NH, at the age of 82.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Ellen (Bonnie) Dollen, Oldest daughter and husband-Cheryl and Paul Woodyard of Seabrook, NH, Youngest daughter and husband- Melissa and Jim Lariviere of Merrimac, MA, - Step Daughter's Barbara and Kevin Guerrier of Gilmanton, NH- Kim and Keith Turgeon of Nottingham, NH - Jennifer Brown and partner Gary Webster of Salisbury, MA- Linda Magners of Shirley, MA. Honorary daughter Cynthia Nash and William Etchells of Pittsfield NH

Grandchildren, Joshua Adams, Miasha Marrier, Christine Trotter, Nicholas Gannet, Matthew Woodyard, Jenifer Richard, Derek Lariviere, Gabby St. Hilaire, Keith Turgeon, Tammy Montoya, Tina Limeburner, Dwayne Lockhart, Johnathan Lockhart, Katy Demars, Jillian Hussey, Bree Turgeon, and 21 great grandchildren.



He was preceded in death by his Son, John Richard Dollen, his Parents, Bernice and Chester Dollen, Sisters, Helen Perault, Mary Spinney, Dorothy Taft, Ruth Butland, Brothers, Frederick Dollen, Edward Dollen, Joseph Dollen.

Richard was born September 15, 1942 in Amesbury Ma, youngest of 8 siblings. He graduated Amesbury High School in 1961 and was married soon after. In 1972 he moved his family to South Hampton NH where he realized his dream of owning a farm. He cut his own wood to heat the house, raised his own livestock to feed his family, and had multiple gardens where he grew everything imaginable. During this time, he worked as master mechanic for over 25 years

with Frasier Pontiac in Amesbury Mass.

He loved hunting, fishing, camping, cooking, woodworking, and gardening. One of his biggest passions was Skeet shooting, at the gun club in South Hampton, NH. He won multiple trophies and accolades over the years. In 1983 he won the title of NH State Skeet Champ and was published in Trap and Field magazine for 100 out 100. After retiring in 1996 he moved to New Durham NH and bought 18 acres of land. He cleared the land, built a barn and deck with his brother Ed, and spent lots of time fishing with his lifelong best friend, Ray Gamble.

His life started over when he met his current wife of 15 plus years. He had a new lease on life and was the happiest his daughters have ever seen him. He finally had someone to share his life with and was able to travel and enjoy a wonderful, quiet retirement. They adopted many beautiful fur babies over the years, and each one left a mark on their hearts. Unfortunately, his health declined unexpectedly over

Alton, NH- Michael S. Lundy, 68, of Alton, NH passed away on October 3, 2024, fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

Mike was born in Newton MA on September 24, 1956. He attended Framingham North High School. In 1974, the family moved to Alton Bay NH.

Mike enjoyed water-skiing, snow skiing, snowmobiling and boating. He began working in excavation with his dad, Frank, and then worked for Nick Salta NCS Enterprises building highways in NH. He left NCS and started his own excavation business, Mike Lundy Excavation, in Alton which he still operated until this year.

Mike was predeceased

Michael S. Lundy, 68



by his father, Frank Lundy in 2023. He is survived by his mother June Lundy, sister Joanne Lundy and brother Rick Lundy, nephew Joe Lundy and niece Stephanie Lundy and many cousins.

Mike enjoyed family holidays and reminiscing of all the good times. He enjoyed his many friends and stories they would share. Many of

his friends have said, Mike was my first friend in Alton! This was very touching to hear. Mike adored family pets Heidi and Luke.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2024 from 1pm-4pm at the American Legion in Alton NH at 164 Wolfeboro Highway, Alton NH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to:

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Patricia "Pat" Elaine Elliott, 82

Patricia "Pat" Elaine Elliott, 82, passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2024, surrounded by her family at Birch Healthcare Center in Rochester, NH.

Pat was born on May 18, 1942, in Pittsfield, NH to Abbie Young and Lloyd Kidder. She later became the stepdaughter of Willard Young. She graduated from Alton High School in 1960 and later moved to Portland, ME where she became a Dietitian at Portland Osteopathic Hospital

Pat married George Elliott in 1991 and the pair moved to Wolfeboro, NH. There, Pat became a proud member of the Rebekah Lodge #48. Pat and George enjoyed traveling in their motorhome together. Pat's house reflected her love of collecting trinkets, especially of roosters and snowmen.

Above all, Pat cherished spending time with her family. She loved her three sons and her sister deeply. She was always there for her grandchildren and never missed an opportunity to support them. Pat made Christmas and birthdays special, occasions that won't be the same without her.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, George Elliot; her mother and stepfather, Abbie and Willard Young; and her father, Lloyd Kidder. She is survived by her sons, Douglas Sr. and wife Julie Berrill of Rochester, NH, David and wife Katrina Berrill of Gorham, ME, and Robert and wife Kimberly Berrill of Farmington, NH; sister and brother-in-law, Gail and Peter George of Farmington, NH, and their children, Peter, Suzanne, and



Valerie; and step-sister, Judy Brannan of Middleton, NH. Pat leaves behind her beloved grandchildren, Doug Jr., Stef, Emily, Abigail, Benjamin, Samantha, Vanessa, Madison, and her great-granddaughter, Lilyanna. She also leaves behind her great-nieces and nephews.

Pat will be missed dearly by her friends and family.

The Berrill/George family would like to thank the amazing staff at Birch Healthcare Center for their kind and compassionate care of Pat.

Visitation will be held on December 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. with an Eulogy at 12:30 p.m. at Baker-Gagne Funeral Home 85 Mill Street, Wolfeboro, NH. The burial will be held at Pine Hill Cemetery, followed by a reception at the Farmington Country Club.

In lieu of flowers, please donate a new toy to your local toy drive in memory of Pat.

The Baker-Gagne Funeral Homes of Wolfeboro and West Ossipee, NH are assisting the family with the arrangements. To view an online memorial, leave a message of condolences or for more information go to: baker-gagnefuneralhomes.com

EDWIN

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much into the money thing. I could certainly use a little extra now. But actually, I'm doing pretty well, I have everything that I need, and then some. Having spent so much of my lifetime accumulating an incredible amount of stuff, I find that I'm now trying to unload some that no longer contributes significantly to my lifestyle. It's humbling to see how it's really not worth very much.

Pretty much the only wildlife I have seen out in the woods these past few days has been squirrels. They're omnipresent. I did hear some

woodpeckers. Standing still for hours, as in doing Tai Chi, rotating myself as slowly as possible, searching deeply into the woods for some sign of motion, some flicker of life. Only on my first day, after it was past time to be heading out of the woods, did I see a deer. As I was considering heading back, way off in the trees I noticed a flicker of white in the diminishing dusk. Too dark to shoot. There were actually two of them. Flashing me their back sides as they slipped out of sight.

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HIDDEN

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the time. Matmor himself is also featured searching for details on the Holocaust in Hungary and exploring his mother's hometown. The showing was followed by a discussion on the film with the filmmakers.

Matmor said the dramatizations were filmed in Canada with Canadian actors. All the performers speak their lines in Hungarian with English subtitles and the performers were coached in Hungarian. Matmor these parts couldn't be filmed in Hungary due to the country's current political climate. He said Hungary is now in a period of denial about its history and even speaking about its role in the Holocaust can lead to being arrested.

"It was upsetting when we went to Romania and Hungary because of the complete amnesia," he said.

He said many details of the Holocaust in Hungary are completely unknown by most people.

"We're seeing the re-writing of history," Matmor said. "(We're) fearful we might see rewritten history soon."

Members of the cast attended the premiere, including young Franky Glover who played Kati as a child.

The movie shows Preston's happy life with her family, a happiness that was gradually snuffed



ERIN PLUMMER

The poster for the film "Hidden" in the lobby of Red River Theatres in Concord for the film's premiere.

out when Germany invaded Hungary in 1944. Her father was Jewish, and her mother was Catholic, leading to the persecution of her entire family. A milk maid offered to take the then five-year-old and hide her in her barn to repay her mother's kindness in making her a wedding dress. The film illustrates the day she was forced to hide in the hay to avoid being discovered by Hungarian soldiers and how a soldier's bayonet narrowly hit her.

Matmor said it was important to show how his mother had a normal, happy childhood before the Holocaust to emphasize "evil built from normalcy" of how their rights were stripped gradually.

"My mother's experience was of a wonderful childhood," Matmor said.



ERIN PLUMMER

Kati Preston of Barnstead with Franky Glover, who played her as a child in the movie "Hidden" and Bridget Gillie who plays Elizabeth. "Suddenly, what was a life of education, beauty, and family became a living nightmare."

This illustrates the reality that anyone can experience something like this and how easy it is for rights to be stripped away.

The movie shared how Preston had a lot of hate after she learned her father was murdered in Auschwitz.

"Hidden" also featured a moment where Preston admitted she herself had been brainwashed. In the 1950s under Soviet rule, children in Hungarian schools were encouraged to report loved ones to the authorities if they said or did anything against the government. Preston reported her mother for statements against Stalin, which resulted in her mother having to dig benches for months as punishment. Matmor said he asked his mother if she wanted this included and Preston replied she wanted to share this because it was a mo-

ment where she had been brainwashed.

Over years her hate turned around and she aimed to spread love.

"It was a long process; it took a while, but I was very fortunate to run into very kind people," Preston said.

She said she was once told that loving one's enemies is more effective than hating them.

"It was an old man I met (who said) if you're bullied if you become hurt they win, if you're kind to your enemies it kills them," Preston said.

Matmor thanked his mother for her "brutal honesty" during this process, "Growing up with Holocaust survivors all my youth it was a daily thing, in a way it's part of our DNA," Matmor said.

Preston now shares her story by speaking at schools, libraries, and other institutions across the Northeast.

"Life is a gift, please keep spreading the word not to hate anybody," Preston said.



ERIN PLUMMER

Preston speaks with Gov. Chris Sununu before the premiere of "Hidden."

She was also instrumental in the formation and passage of SB 727 that requires education on the Holocaust and genocide in schools starting in eighth grade and as a requirement for graduation.

One person who has frequently worked with Preston and pushed the legislation forward is Gov. Chris Sununu, who was a guest at the premiere. Sununu said he has seen Preston talk to many schools and seen the impact she has on kids. She also asked to visit people in prison with the goal of meeting those who hate her.

Her congratulated Preston and the filmmakers for this achievement.

"Movies are hard to make," he said. "To be here and actually have this thing opening is amazing. On behalf of the state of New Hampshire we're proud of our gem Kati."

Sununu said there are many more stories like hers. He said it is one thing to have the strength to go through that experience, but the strength to share it is amazing.

"This is the type of thing you want to go viral," Sununu said. "There's no question that this is the type of story that keeps moving us forward."

Tom White, Coordinator for Educational Outreach for the Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Keene State College, appeared in the film sharing history from the time. After the film he said Preston has presented her story not as a victim but a survivor. He said that many people use victimization as a "badge of honor" and weaponize it against their enemies.

"I think Kati would reject that title. She's a survivor," White said.

Speakers talked about how vital a film like this is to educate people about the Holocaust, especially with a rise in hateful

rhetoric and acts against different groups of people.

The filmmakers aim to distribute the film to schools across the country to share this history.

"We have a very ambitious program," Matmor said. "We want to bring it into thousands of schools especially schools that cannot afford it."

Producer Jody Glover said they are working with a company to distribute the film and books to K-12 schools across the country.

Matmor said they will start fundraising for schools that can't afford to buy the film, saying those are the schools that really need to hear this story.

Later during the event one teacher in the audience talked about how difficult it is to teach many historical subjects with many people pushing back and insisting on teaching "both sides."

Preston said the only way to teach about this subject is to be honest about history.

"Please don't give up your courage teachers, because we all need you," she said.

White said it is especially important to educate kids in economically disadvantaged areas who might be more susceptible to hate and less likely to learn about topics like the Holocaust. He recalled a Zoom conversation with a group of students where one student expressed support of a hate group. He asked about that student's perspective, and they had a conversation about frustrations and personal difficulties that led the student to pro-hate messages on social media.

"We got to a point where he said, 'I was wrong, I'm going to take this off my Facebook profile,'" White said. "The conversation I had with him was if you listen to the answer you're going to find out we have a lot more in common than we have different."



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Lilly Winward of Gilford was named Division III First Team All-State for the fall 2024 season.

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sented to Berlin's Emily Smith, Emma Rancloues and Kennah Scott and Gilford's Grace Southworth, Catherine Fay and Allyson Onos.

Also earning First Team honors were Kimble Rose and Camdyn Despres of Bishop Brady, Autumn Meier of Hopkinton, Lorelai Shippee of Mascenic, Makenna Houston of Mascoma, Makayla Harwood of Monadnock, Taylor Fellows of Newport, Elizabeth Benware of Stevens and Harris of St. Thomas.

Second Team was also presented to Brady's Payton Bryson and Ava Archambault, Hopkinton's Crissandra Lee Johnson and Ryan Barrett, Mascenic's Kiahna Farrey, Mascoma's Ann Buffington, Newport's Jazmyn McNamara and Maddox Lovely, St. Thomas' Talula Gregg and Stevens' Paige Simonds and Taylor Bell.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Marcella Tonge of Bishop Brady, Savaughna Slocum, Abby Pitman, Sage Slocum and Abby Collins of Franklin, Mary Maughn and Lauryn Vetter of Hopkinton, Ava Nolan-Waddel, Ava Valle and Tori Wooten of Kearsarge, Brielle Krook of Mascenic, Anna Emerson, Evie Bennett and Elsie McGrody of Mascoma, Breanne Robertson, Hanna Fellows and Peyton Blackinton of Newport, Elizabeth Holden, Leah

Walsh and Chloe Baker of St. Thomas and Lilliana Clark, Callie Demars and Sarah Wheeler of Stevens.

In Division II, First Team honors went to Kennett's Emma Gaudette, while Second Team was presented to Kingswood's Ava Cole and Plymouth's Carlotta Contini and Carys Mitchell and Honorable Mention was given to Kennett's Reagan Armstrong, Noli Houde and Abigail Smith, Kingswood's Macy Letoile, Addy Ingham and Avery Gilpatrick and Plymouth's Aubrey Brunt.

Also earning First Team honors were Josie Johnson and Kylie Jacques of Bow, Ronia Foeking of ConVal, Eva Bell of Hanover, Nyah Jernberg, Addison Marchant and Sabrina Hill of Hollis-Brookline, Caylin Worthen and Adie Bolduc of John Stark, Kaiya Mercier of Merrimack Valley, Eliza Farwell, Rowynn Pickering and Nora Rogers of Oyster River and Brooke Falon of Souhegan.

Second Team was also presented to Peyton Vaughn and Kayla Crocut of Bow, Sophia Mancini and Greta Mancini of Hanover, Brooke Bouchard of Hollis-Brookline, Jillian Fredette of John Stark, Kate Seale of Milford, Alyssa Brodeur and Lauren Bailey of Merrimack Valley, Olivia Andersson of Oyster River, Jordan Robito of Pelham and Lily Goerlich of Souhegan.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Addison Normandin was named Division III First Team All-State for the recently concluded season.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Ella Gray of Bow, Kaelyn Samuelson of ConVal, Laure Best, Jess Avalon, Ava Kosakowski and Chloe Bremberg of Derbyfield, Joia Collins of Hanover, Ashley Disco and Emily Tebbetts of John Stark, Mackenzie Ray, Summer Crowell and Meghanne Cheevers of Lebanon, Violet Renda, Lauren Jasper and Paige Bernier of Milford, Taylor Gionet of Merrimack Valley, Grey Bowden and

Sadie McLeod of Oyster River, Annika Jawidzik of Pembroke and Caitlin Ridings and Ori Dart of Souhegan.

Pickering was named Offensive Player of the Year, Marchant and Bolduc were named Defensive Players of the Year and Greg Cochrane of Hollis-Brookline was named Division II Coach of the Year.

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Locals compete in Wolfeboro's annual Turkey Trot

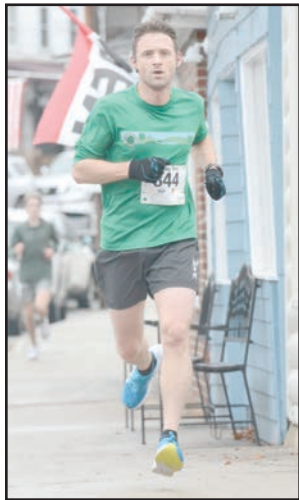
BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — Some much-needed early morning rain and blustery winds didn't keep close to 200 runners from descending on downtown Wolfeboro on Saturday morning for the annual Gift of Sight and Hearing Turkey Trot.

Put on by the Wolfeboro Lions Club and the Wolfeboro Department of Parks and Recreation, the annual race, which is held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving every year, raises money for the Lions Club's charities and many club members were on hand to help guide racers around the course, serve up hot soup after the race and run the raffle that took place concurrently to the race.

Runners started at the Wolfeboro Railroad Station and made their way along the Bridge Falls Path to Center Street, where they turned left and made their way up Route 109A to Filter Bed Road, where they turned left. After a jaunt through the woods, they emerged out to Mill Street and followed that road along to North Main Street, where they turned left and headed back to the railroad station and the finish line.

Wolfeboro's Seth Richardson was the overall winner, crossing in a time of 17:00, with



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alton's Josh Flanagan runs down North Main Street in Wolfeboro on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Simon Butka of New Durham in second place in 17:35 and Caleb Webb of Belmont in third in 17:51. Kurt Richardson of Wolfeboro was fourth in 18:36 and Alton's Josh Flanagan finished in fifth place with a time of 18:55.

Wolfeboro's Bridget Kiley-Hubbard returned to the top of the women's podium with a time of 21:28, which placed her in 16th place overall. Zoe Kaplan of Barnstead was right behind in 21:28, with Samantha Appelbaum of Portland, Maine as the third female finisher in 22:23. Jennifer Hillier of Portsmouth in 22:26 and Elizabeth Bronson of Wolfeboro rounding out the top five women in a time of 22:54.

Plenty of local runners were included in the age group top finishers.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Zoe Kaplan of Barnstead runs during the Wolfeboro Turkey Trot on Saturday, Nov. 23.

In the 17 and under age group for women, Wolfeboro's Ellie Fuller was first in 25:07, with Layla Baker of Wolfeboro next in 25:21 and Kate McCarthy of Wolfeboro in third in 26:17. Maddy Howlett of Barnstead finished in fourth place in 27:53, Kelsie Davis of Middleton was fifth in 27:54, Aliena Urquhart of Wolfeboro was sixth in 28:41, Sophia Nichols of Wolfeboro placed seventh in 29:28, Madison Eaton of Tuftonboro was eighth in 31:04, Kaylee Pellerin of Effingham was ninth in 34:35, Lauren Reitler of Wolfeboro finished in 10th in 34:36, Wolfeboro's Emily Dubuc was 11th in 35:59 and New Durham's Maggie Butka finished in 12th place in 36:24.

For the boys in the same age group, Simon Butka's second place overall time was good enough to win the divi-



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alan Pomberton of Alton heads toward the finish line of the Turkey Trot in Wolfeboro on Nov. 23.

sion, with Grady Steele of Wolfeboro in second in 19:00. Felix Roberts was fourth in 21:18 to lead six Wolfeboro runners in a row. Henry Hudson was fifth in 21:19, Nate Demain was sixth in 23:18, Thomas Bronson was seventh in 23:43, Ben Wright was eighth in 24:54 and Jonathan Bronson was ninth in 24:58. Tuftonboro's Lars Pelletier was 10th in 25:32, Zachary Dubuc of Wolfeboro was 11th in 28:39, Mason Joy of Wakefield was 13th in 31:21 and Dylan LaCourse of Wolfeboro placed 14th in 31:31.

For the 18-39 age group for the women, Kaplan's time gave her the overall win, with Charlotte Balentine of Wolfeboro in fourth in 23:40, Elissa Quinatoa of Wolfeboro in fifth in 23:44 and Karli Bennett



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Layla Baker runs in the Turkey Trot in Wolfeboro on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

of Wolfeboro in seventh in 27:13. Saylor Fuller of Wolfeboro placed ninth in 27:58, Danielle Eldridge of Effingham was 10th in 28:30, Elizabeth Steensma of Wolfeboro was 12th in 29:50, Annie Scionti Brett of Wolfeboro was 13th in 30:22 and Jeanne Paul of Brookfield placed 14th in 31:02. Heather Breton of Wolfeboro was 16th in 31:55, Megen Pollini of Wolfeboro was 17th in 31:56, Kaitlin Kochapski of Wolfeboro placed 18th in 32:36, Katie MacMartin of Wolfeboro was 19th in 33:11, Georgia Balentine of Wolfeboro was 20th in 33:13, Jessica Shor of Wolfeboro was 22nd in 36:34 and Keelin Shea of Tuftonboro was 34th in 43:20.

For men in the same age group, Kurt Richardson's time put him in second place, with Jacob



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Maddie Howlett of Barnstead runs under the Black's Paper and Gifts awnings during the Wolfeboro Turkey Trot on Nov. 23.

Craigie of Tuftonboro in third in 19:04, Patrick Scanlon of Moultonborough in fifth in 19:41, Daniel Balentine of Wolfeboro in seventh in 20:44 and John O'Neill of Wolfeboro was eighth in 20:44. Wolfeboro's Kevin Smithwood was 12th in 21:37, Parker Hansen of Wolfeboro was 13th in 22:15, Jason Inglis of Wolfeboro was 15th in 23:31, Jacob Saucier of Effingham was 16th in 23:47, Ossipee's Seth Coyner was 17th in 24:34 and Curtis Calderwood of Wolfeboro was 18th in a time of 24:50. William MacMartin of Wolfeboro was 20th in 25:17, Ahmed Abdelsamad of Wolfeboro was 21st in 26:25, Jed Fuller of Wolfeboro was 23rd in 27:58, Michael Brett of Wolfeboro was 26th in 30:23, Mitch Rousseau of Wolfeboro placed 27th in 32:35 and Kirin Kachroo-Levine of Wolfeboro was 28th in 36:35.

For the women in the 40-49 age group, Bronson's time put her first overall, with Jessica Strauch of Ossipee in second in 27:12 and Cassie Wilensky of Wolfeboro in third in 27:27. Kristina Howlett of Barnstead was fourth in 28:02, Amie Edmunds of Wolfeboro was sixth in 31:21, Christina Fuller of Wolfeboro was seventh in 32:14, Katherine LaCourse of Wolfeboro was ninth in 35:43 and Amanda DiBiassie of Wolfeboro placed 10th in 40:20.

For men in the same age group, Flanagan's time put him in the top spot, with Ryan McCarthy of Wolfeboro in second in 24:11 and Hudson Taylor of Wolfeboro in third in 28:51. Jeff Dubuc of Wolfeboro was fourth in 34:42 and Matthew DiBiassie of Wolfeboro was fifth in 40:22.

Amy Kiley of Wolfeboro led the women in the 50-59 age group in 25:47, with Shannon Donovan of Ossipee in second in 31:00 and Katja Fox of Wolfeboro in third in 32:32. Kathleen Cummings of Alton was fourth in 33:03 and Dawn Adams of Wolfeboro was eighth in 44:55.

For the men in the 50-59 age group, Peter Balentine of Wolfeboro was first in 23:26, John Williamson of Wolfeboro was second in 24:47, Corey Lynch of Wolfeboro placed third in 25:00 and Michael LaCourse of Wolfeboro was fourth in 38:18.

Melody Pitman of Wolfeboro finished in second place in the 60 and over division for the women while Mary Kaplan of Barnstead was

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SPORTS

Snowsports world comes to Waterville Valley

Top athletes from around the world train on High Country venue

BY DAN EGAN

Contributing Writer

WATERVILLE VALLEY — Waterville Valley Resort once again finds itself back in the center of the Snowsports Universe. In the last few weeks of November when most of the ski areas in New England were struggling to get open, Waterville Valley was playing host to ski and snowboarding teams from around the world. The resort has been committed over the last several seasons to opening High Country on the summit of Mount Tecumseh for moguls, snowboarding, Big Air and ski racers.

"This is the thing that makes us stand out, no other training facility has all these mixed together. Seeing all sides of the sport working together to make this a reality is what it's all about," stated General Manager Tim Smith.

Teams have come from Canada, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, Switzerland, Finland, and Australia. The US Ski and Snowboard teams have also been there including the boardercross, ski cross, freestyle, para, and alpine squads. It has been a who's who of World Cup Stars around the Waterville Valley and none bigger than USA's Mikaela Shiffrin, fresh off the 99th win of her career in Gurgl, Austria.

"She is the GOAT and to have a part in her story is truly special and a great honor," exclaimed Smith.

There is no other training center in New England or anywhere in America dedicated to having all disciplines of snowsports training side by side in one defined location, especially for early season training.

David Lorrey, Director of Recruitment and longtime coach for Waterville Valley Academy commented, "The positive feedback from the athletes and coaches made me realize how valuable the training site on High Country is. We have low temps at elevation for snowmaking, fast turnaround with the T-bar lift, the slope is a perfect pitch, there is a warming hut nearby, and the whole site is isolated from the public. That is what makes this a one of kind location."

And it just wasn't competitors flocking to Waterville Valley Resort, manufacturers such as Prinoth, the leading company that makes grooming machines brought in their newest model, the Bison X along with legendary operator, jump designer and builder Charles Beckinsale from Austria. He is highly sought after and travels the world with the biggest freestyle athletes and brands in the industry. Beckinsale constructed the Big Air jump on High Country standing more than 65 feet in height.

Corey Potter, the cameraman for the Prinoth promotional video explained, "It's amazing to see so much snow up here and all the different activities, world class racers, a snowboard cross, moguls



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The High Country venue allows for training for many different disciplines in skiing and snowboarding.

and this monster 65-foot jump in the middle of it all. I've never seen anything like it."

Waterville Valley Resort is rooted in world class athletes and its founder, Olympian Tom Corcoran, created a resort with this in mind. Not only is Waterville Valley the birthplace of freestyle skiing, holding the first contest in 1969, but it has also hosted 11 World Cup ski races and has long been recognized on the world stage as a hot bed for coaching, athletes and events. The resort also paved the path for both moguls and snowboarding to become Olympic disciplines.

Rob Dresser, head mogul coach at Waterville Valley Academy, explains, "For the student athletes, it's important to be able to go to class then get on the slope and then sleep in their own bed is amazing. It allows us to focus on school, training and fitness. The early opening has led to being able to develop skills and work on fundamentals."

The mogul skiers, like most of the students, travel the globe for early sea-



COURTESY — WATERVILLE VALLEY RESORT

As seen from the air, the Waterville Valley Resort High Country venue provided training for world class athletes.

son training and competitions, they were recently in Hintertux, Austria for the start of the FIS season.

Dresser sums up the training experience, "When we leave here for glacier in Europe, in late October it's sunny, warm and leaves are on the trees. Then we get back and Waterville in November and its straight to snow for training. Our student athletes don't miss a beat."

Lorrey expands on that idea, "I have coached thousands of athletes from seven-year-olds up to FIS athletes. To see Waterville create this

venue and commit to elevating it to a world class level and then watching Mikaela, the greatest ski racer who ever walked the planet, slice that hill like she did, it shows a ski coach like me what is possible and creates new goals."

It is a long history of creating and hosting world class athletes, training and hosting event that sees no end in sight with the world returning to Waterville Valley for the World Cup Moguls Jan. 24 and 25. Held on the historic Lower Bobby's Run, the event will feature men's and women's moguls as well



COURTESY — WATERVILLE VALLEY RESORT

Mikaela Shiffrin tears through the course on the High Country venue at Waterville Valley.



COURTESY — WATERVILLE VALLEY RESORT

Snowboard training takes place on the Big Air jump at the High Country venue at Waterville Valley.

as men's and women's duals. New this season will feature an event village at the base of the run for spectators.

Smith is proud of the resort's commitment to world class training and event. He explains, "When our ownership purchased the resort in 2010, they made it clear that they wanted to carry the legacy forward.

It's in our DNA, and this creates lasting memories. One of those may be early season training next to Mikaela or forerunning the moguls at the World Cup. The magical moments that are created by having these world class athletes here at our resort are truly things families will talk about for generations."

LEGALS

Winnisquam Regional School District

The WRSD School Board has a vacancy it seeks to fill from the town of Tilton until the March, 2025 annual meeting of the School District. Registered voters from the town of Tilton who are interested in applying for this position may submit a letter stating their intentions by December 20th to:

Chairperson

Winnisquam Regional School Board

433 West Main Street,
Tilton, NH 03276

Moultonborough Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Notice – Public Hearings

The Moultonborough ZBA will meet on **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**, at **7:00 PM** to hold a public hearing on the following applications:

Variances from Zoning Articles 3.2.1.3, 3.2.2.4 & 4.3.2 for Scot O'Brien Sr for a parcel located at 166 Wentworth Shores Rd (Tax Map 147 Lot 31). The applicant proposes the construction of a 30'x40' structure to replace one of the dwellings on the property.

Variances from Zoning Articles 6.3.1, 6.6.2 and 6.4.1 for GMR Holdings of NH, LLC, for a parcel located at Governor Wentworth Hwy (Tax Map 150, lots 5 & 6) for the construction of a wireless service facility with a 120 ft monopole tower.

The Hearings will be held at the Moultonborough Town Hall located at 6 Holland St.

A complete copy of the application and supporting materials are available for the public to review at Town Hall in the Land Use Department and may be viewed during regular business hours, Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Robert H. Stephens, Chairperson

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“The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” opens Dec. 13 at Village Players Theater

WOLFEBORO — When the unruly Herdman kids show up at church and take over the lead roles in the Christmas pageant, it seems destined to be a disaster. Having never heard the Christmas story before, their unique interpretation turns everything upside down, creating chaos and plenty of laughs.

Come see how it all turns out in the Village Players production of “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” coming Dec. 13-15.

Brought to life by a talented cast of adults and young performers, this heartwarming tale is full of holiday spirit. You’ll leave with a smile, a full heart, and maybe even a tear in your eye. “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” is a delightful holiday experience for all ages.

The cast of the show includes a few actresses who also appeared in the show the last time it was on the Village Players stage mixed with a couple of folks who have appeared on the Village Players stage in other roles and a whole flock of newcomers.

The Bradley family includes Hannah and Sharon Long, Jeremy Hardin and Russell Carbone, while the Herdman clan is played by Norah Heinemeyer, Moira Leavitt-Carlson, Justus Marbury, Olivia Marbury, Laura McKenna and Anna Reese. Ryan Devolve plays Reverend Hopkins and Peter Reese plays his son, Elmer. Other kids in the show include Bayleigh Devolve, Cecilia Hamilton, Charlotte Hamilton, Josephine Hamilton, Lyra Hardin, Aurora Light, Gage Marbury and Maria Reese and other adults in the show include Alex Bradford, Rebecca Hardin, Lee Kennedy, Samantha Marbury, Susan McKenna and Helen Ra-



Mrs. Bradley (Sharon Long) leads the church Christmas Pageant in rehearsals for “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” which opens Dec. 13 at the Village Players Theater. COURTESY



COURTESY

The Herdman kids take over the church Christmas Pageant in “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,” which opens at the Village Players Theater on Dec. 13.

utenberg. “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” is sponsored by Bruce and Kris Gurall and is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. The show will take the Village Players

stage on Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at Black’s Paper and Gifts in downtown Wolfeboro, online at village-players.com or at the door as long as they are available.

TROT

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fourth overall in 35:04. In the 60 and over age group for men, Alan Pemberton of Alton finished in second place in 22:46, with Bob Le-maire of Wolfeboro in third in 23:42, Michael Scanlon of Moultonborough in fourth in 24:27 and Bob Tuttle of Wolfeboro in fifth in 24:30. Gilmanton’s JR Stockwell was sixth in 26:22, Stan Soby of Wolfeboro placed eighth in 28:07, Don-ald Shogren of Ossipee

was ninth in 29:22, Tom Keegan of Moultonborough finished in 11th place in 30:25, Doug Smithwood of Wolfeboro was 12th in 39:05 and Wolfeboro Fire Chief Tom Zotti, running in full turn-out gear and with an air tank on his back, was 13th in 49:45.

Look for more photos from the race in next week’s edition.

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