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Volunteers needed for Wetlands Walk resurfacing

GILFORD — Wetlands Walk at Gunstock needs volunteers to help spread ledgepack and reassemble the boardwalk after hazard trees are removed. The two paths that lead from Brookrun Trail to the quarter mile wheelchair accessible boardwalk are being resurfaced since first done 30 years ago.

Jan Hooper says, "Many thanks to Nutter Enterprises in Belmont for donating the ledgepack and Walmart in Tilton donating funds to help with the tree removal. Both will help with the 20 percent match ($5,263 required) for the new NHD-NCR Recreational Trails Program grant."



COURTESY PHOTO

Volunteers Ken Erickson, Gilford, and Isabelle Tousignant, Concord, spread ledgepack from Nutter Enterprises over the area where an obtrusive drain pipe was replaced. The access paths to the Wetlands Walk at Gunstock from Brook Run Trail are being refreshed.

Volunteer time, donations and contributed materials will help with the match. The next Maintenance Mornings are Nov. 5 (Thursday) and 7 (Saturday), both 9 a.m. to noon. Usually, October ends the mornings, but with the grant there are more items to accomplish. Community Service Certificates are available. For more information about this or volunteering, contact the Belknap County Conservation District office 603-527-5880, or email bccdvolunteer@gmail.com.

Volunteers are welcome for all or part of the time. In addition to the grant tasks, basic care will continue removing invasive weeds, removing leaves from around the wooden posts and the boardwalk surface, installing the Buy a Board name plates, minor carpentry for new posts, and painting the bumper for the visually impaired.

Snacks, water and beverages, gloves and tools provided. If you can help, please email for gate access information. Helpers under 18 must bring a parent or guardian adult with them or be part of a scout or similar group, Community Service Certificates are available, groups welcome. At any time, visitors can walk ¼ mile from the small parking lot just off Route 11-A. Mobility impaired visitors can stop at the Visitors Center to access the disabled parking lot. If there is "real" rain the outdoor work is cancelled showers are okay.

Prospect Mountain to host more than 30 Robotics teams at annual events

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School will welcome high school robotics teams from across New England on Saturday, Nov. 7, and Sunday, Nov. 8, for a weekend of fast-paced, high-tech competition. Hosted by Prospect Mountain's own FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team, "Big Bad Bob," both events are free and open to the public.

The action kicks off on Saturday, Nov. 7, with the annual off-season tournament, The Battle Of the Bay (BOtB). A total of 32 teams from around the region will compete in head-to-head matches designed to test custom-built robots in strategy, speed, and engineering prowess.

On Sunday, Nov. 8, Prospect Mountain High School will play host to Girls Behind the Glass (GBtG), co-hosted alongside FRC Team 8046, "LakerBots," from Inter-Lakes High School. With 26 teams set to participate, this specialized event highlights female leadership in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) by putting young women in key drive-team, pit-crew, and leadership roles behind the safety glass during matches.

Event Details:

- Dates: Saturday, Nov. 7 & Sunday, Nov. 8
- Time: Opening ceremonies begin at 8:30 a.m. on both days. Qualification matches follow directly after.
- Location: Prospect Mountain High School Gymnasium, 242 Suncook Valley Rd., Alton
- Admission: Free and family-friendly

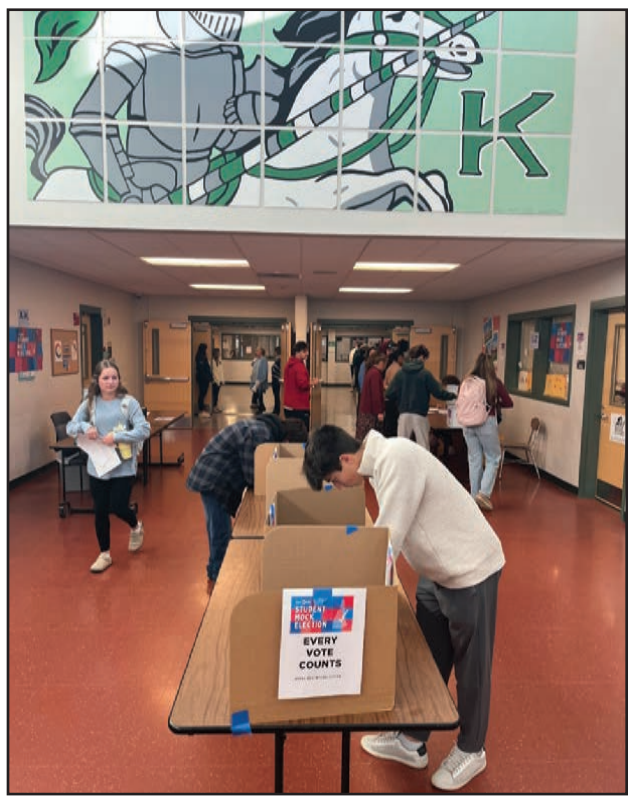
Spectators of all ages are invited to watch the high-energy robotics matches, tour the pit areas to see student engineering up close, and cheer on local high school competitors.

For more information about the events or the Prospect Mountain Robotics Program, contact Brian Hikel at bhikel@pmhschool.com or visit www.frc319.com.

Kingswood students cast ballots in NH PBS Student Mock Election

WOLFEBORO — More than 300 Kingswood Regional High School students voted in the New Hampshire PBS Student Mock Election on Thursday, Oct. 29. The Kingswood Social Studies Department sponsored and led the school's participation in the statewide program, which gives K through 12 students a firsthand look at how elections work.

At the polls, students voted for Governor, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House in New Hampshire's First Congressional District. Because the ballots listed only officially registered candidates, students weighed the same choices adult voters will face on Nov. 3.



"Our students did the work. They read up on the candidates, talked through the issues, and treated each other with respect at the polls. That is what democracy looks like," said Jenna Roy, an American Government teacher at Kingswood.

"I hope that this mock election can predict the future of our generation's political atmosphere, where politics might bring us together instead of dividing us," said Zachary Pickle, a senior at Kingswood.

After the polls closed, student leaders and Social Studies Department members counted the paper ballots by hand. The department then sent Kingswood's totals to NH PBS, which combined them with results from schools, libraries, and youth groups across New Hampshire that voted Oct. 26 through 29. To see how Kingswood's results compare, visit https://nhpbs.org/mock-election/.

Title game ends in heartbreak for Golden Eagles

Gilford field hockey falls to Kearsarge in Division III championship

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BEDFORD — After a year away, the Gilford field hockey team returned to the Division III championship game on Saturday, as the top-ranked Golden Eagles took on Kearsarge at Bedford High School.

The Golden Eagles took their first lead of the game just minutes into the fourth quarter, only to see the Cougars score two goals in the final nine minutes to win their first championship since 1980.

"They have a lot to be proud of, I don't want them hanging their heads," said coach Joy Southworth, who coached Gilford to its third championship game appearance in her four years at the helm. "It's the journey they need to be proud of.

"They have a winner's mentality and they're going to go far with that, we just couldn't connect tonight," she added, noting that the Golden Eagles aren't going anywhere. "This team has a lot of depth and the culture lives on forever at Gilford."



JOSHUA SPAULDING

The Gilford field hockey team poses with the Division III runner-up trophy after Saturday's championship game.

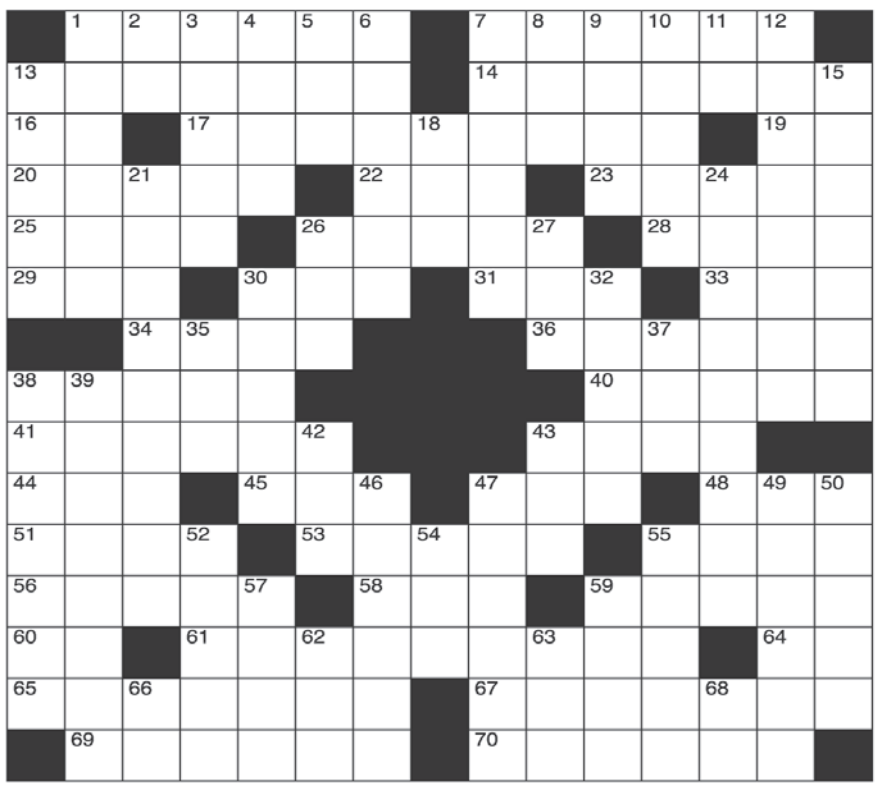
Gilford had eight corners in the first quarter but could not convert with the Kearsarge goalie and defense holding strong.

However, just 2:14 into the second quarter, the Cougars converted on the first goal of the game. The Cougars came back with another corner that went wide of the net and Catherine Fay had a good clear for the Golden Eagles. Goalie Madi Breton turned away a Kearsarge chance and Kearsarge had another corner. After a Riley Coutts bid in the zone, Gilford had its first corner of the second quarter, but the Kearsarge defense stood strong.

However, with 2:37 to go in first half, Southworth converted for the Golden Eagles and the two teams went to halftime with the score knotted at one.

Fay had a shot denied early in the second half and the Kearsarge goalie also stopped the rebound chance from Southworth. Coutts had a bid denied and Breton saved another Kearsarge chance. Kierra Walker had a shot blocked and Fay

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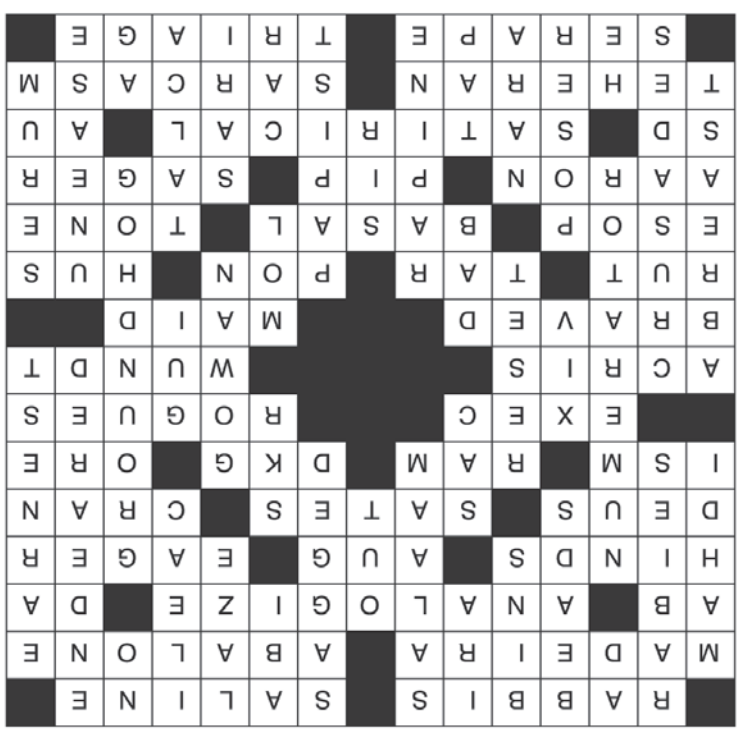
CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. Containing salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood type
17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. __ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. __ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

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

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

Fused glass ornament workshop with Art Escape

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a fused glass ornament workshop on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center with Art Escape Studio. Create a little holiday magic by customizing your own glass ornaments. Bring a friend or attend solo. Program is geared toward participants 12 years and up. We will send ornaments to the kiln and have creations ready to pick up at Alton Parks and Recreation before the holidays. $25pp, register by Nov. 23. Registration forms and ornament examples are available at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Light Up Night — Dec. 5

The Town of Alton is celebrating "Light Up Night" on Saturday, Dec. 5 in the Alton Village on Main Street. Free events include: 5 p.m.- Tree Lighting at Town Hall sponsored by the Alton Business Association; 5:15-6:15 p.m.- Meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus inside the Gilman Library, and make a free craft at the Gilman Library (use rear parking lot entrance); 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m.- Holiday Hayride loading up at Monument Square-sponsored by Alton Home and Lumber; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.-Festival of Trees at the Gilman Museum sponsored by the ABA; plus more to see and do. Light Up Night events are free and are open to the public. For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays, Nov. 12 & 19 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Please arrive by 6:25 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/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Weight Training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, with AFAA Certified Instructor Kellie Troendle, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. $20 per month, register on site. Class not held Nov. 11, 16, 18.

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 meet-up 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.

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

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

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

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

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Zeus!

Meet Zeus! This goofball is a playful boy looking for a home where he can be your one and only without other pets.



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Alton Board of Selectmen updates

BY RICHARD SHEA
ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Alton Board of Selectmen's meeting on October 27th covered several issues, briefly reviewed as follows:

Public input included support expressed for the proposed purchase of a laptop computer-based system to improve voter check-in on election days.

The Board reviewed and approved an agreement with the Town of New Durham for Alton-provided ambulance services. New Durham is in the process of building up staff for their emergency services department and is expected to continue reliance on Alton for support for an indefinite period going forward. This agreement will allow for recovery of costs, which could otherwise be borne by Alton taxpayers.

At a resident's request, the Board approved renaming a Class VI road sometimes known as Range Road to Cooper Road. There was no opposition to the change.

The Board postponed the scheduled review of department budgets for Insurance, Benefits, and Water until the Nov. 10 meeting.

Fire Chief James Reinert presented a revised quote for a security camera system consisting of 5 cameras which would cover the grounds of the main fire station on Route 140. The proposal would include power supply, recorder and installation. The Board voiced support for the plan and it was decided to stay with the original low bidder proposal. The Board voted to fund the purchase and installation for a total of $9,577 using funds from the Fire Dept. Building Capital Reserve fund.

The board reviewed and voted to approve disposition of several tax deed cases as recommended by Town Clerk/Tax Collector Jennifer Collins.

The Board voted to renew the contract with Newfound Title Services for tax liens, tax deeding, deeds registration research and related notices for the year 2027. This service is provided on a per-transaction fee basis.

Town Moderator Gene Young and Supervisor of the Checklist member Valerie Tarbell presented a second proposal for a pollbook system for use in elections. After a discussion of the first quote received at the Oct. 13 meeting, the board requested a second quote for comparison purposes. It was decided to go forward with a system from VotingWorks which has the advantage of lower cost and no internet connection requirements. The method of funding will be determined at a future meeting, with a portion of an expected premium refund from the town's insurance carrier as a likely source.

The Board reviewed two quotes for additional road stripe painting and voted to proceed with a proposal from K5 Corp. at a cost of $12,477. This will cover approximately half of the roads needing line painting, with the remaining half to be funded in the 2027 budget. This portion of the work will be completed before winter.

Town Administrator Ryan Heath advised that the town had entered into a contract with NH based engineering firm Gomez and Sullivan to represent the town's interests in the Alton Power dam drawdown and possible removal project. The proposal involves 2 phases, each quoted separately, with the initial phase to evaluate the state's hydraulic and overtopping and dam stability assessment, to be completed by Feb. 1, 2027. The agreement is for Phase1, with Phase 2 to be considered at a future date if found to be needed.

The Town Administrator also announced that the water department has addressed the problem of a key water main at risk due to the lowering of the water level above the Alton Power dam by contracting for boring at a safe depth and installing a replacement line at an estimated cost of $36,000. The work should be completed before winter.

Please note: This article is offered as part of an effort to better inform Alton residents about the activities of town government. I am not authorized to speak for the Board of Selectmen, and this posting represents only my impressions and views. The entire meeting can be viewed on the town's U-tube Web site.

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

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

Gilford Community Church hosts Friends' Night Out... in the afternoon!



GILFORD — The Gilford Community Church has scheduled their next "Friends' Night Out" for Saturday, Nov. 7 at noon. Entertainment will be provided by Bryan Conway, "Just One Man... An Entire Band" and a delicious meal will be prepared by Ellie Murphy!

Everyone is invited to enjoy music from the 50's, 60's and 70's... so put on your dancing shoes and get ready for a wonderful afternoon!

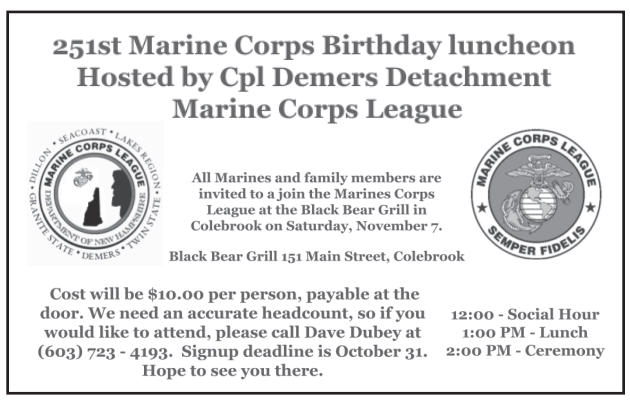
Tickets are $20 and are on sale now in the church office.

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 YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. To learn more about GCC, or virtually attend service, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.

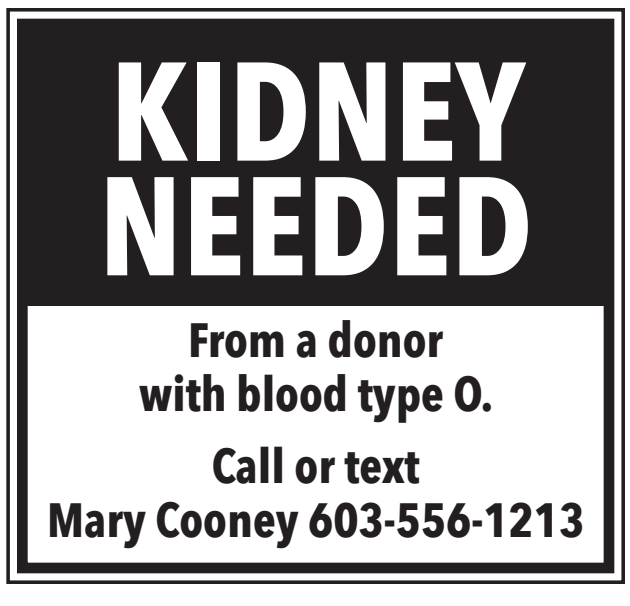












Opinion

Building robots, breaking barriers and inspiring the future

There is something particularly encouraging about watching young people take on a challenge that requires them to think, experiment, collaborate and occasionally fail before finding the right solution. It is even more encouraging when those young people are given an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities before an audience that extends well beyond their own school.

That is exactly what will happen at Prospect Mountain High School this weekend, when robotics teams from across New England gather in Alton for two days of competition, innovation and teamwork.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, Prospect Mountain's FIRST Robotics Competition Team, Big Bad Bob, will host the annual Battle of the Bay, bringing together 32 teams to put their custom-built robots through their paces. On Sunday, the school will host Girls Behind the Glass, a competition co-hosted with the LakerBots from Inter-Lakes High School that will feature 26 teams and place young women in prominent technical and leadership roles.

Both events are free and open to the public, and both offer something worth celebrating.

Robotics programs represent an approach to education that deserves greater attention. Students are not simply memorizing formulas or following instructions from a textbook. They are applying mathematics, science, technology and engineering to solve practical problems, often under considerable pressure.

A robot that performs beautifully during practice may encounter unexpected difficulties during competition. A carefully designed strategy may need to change in seconds. Students must learn to communicate clearly, make decisions quickly and trust the people working alongside them.

Those lessons extend far beyond the robotics arena.

Employers frequently emphasize the importance of problem-solving, adaptability and teamwork. These are precisely the qualities students develop when they participate in programs that require them to design, build, program and operate complex machines.

Equally important is the emphasis on providing opportunities for young women through Girls Behind the Glass.

For generations, certain technical fields have struggled to attract and retain women. Progress has been made, but encouraging girls to pursue engineering, computer science and related careers remains an important educational priority.

Events that place female students in visible leadership positions help challenge outdated assumptions about who belongs in those professions.

A young girl watching Sunday's competition may see someone who reminds her of herself operating a robot, troubleshooting a mechanical problem or directing a team. That experience could influence how she views her own abilities and future opportunities.

Sometimes, inspiration begins with something as simple as seeing someone else succeed.

There is also considerable value in bringing these competitions to Alton. Hosting dozens of teams from throughout New England puts Prospect Mountain High School in the spotlight for reasons that reflect positively on the students, educators and families of Alton and Barnstead. It demonstrates that meaningful educational opportunities are not limited to larger communities or schools with greater visibility.

Programs like Big Bad Bob also remind us that extracurricular activities come in many forms. Athletics, music and theater have long provided students with opportunities to develop confidence and discipline. Robotics deserves recognition as another important avenue for achievement.

The students who excel at programming, mechanical design or engineering deserve opportunities to experience the same excitement and sense of accomplishment that comes from representing their school in competition.

And the community has an opportunity to participate.

With free admission and activities suitable for families, this weekend's events offer residents a chance to see what modern technical education looks like. Watching the competitions and visiting the pit areas can provide a better understanding of the work students put into these programs.

Not every student involved in robotics will become an engineer or computer programmer. Some will pursue entirely different careers. But the confidence gained from tackling difficult problems, learning from mistakes and contributing to a team will serve them regardless of the path they choose. That may be the most valuable outcome of all.

When the robots roll onto the competition floor at Prospect Mountain this weekend, the scores and standings will matter to the teams involved. Yet the larger accomplishment will be found in the skills being developed, the friendships being formed and the possibilities being opened to young people.

The machines may be the attraction, but the students are the real reason to celebrate.



STUART LEIDERMAN – COURTESY

Reader Stuart Leiderman's cat "assisted" in drying some beans from his garden in Barnstead recently.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Domain

Ah, my emails are working again. I wish that they'd send me a note telling me that they're going to shut me down because my domain name lapsed. It's always fun to get in touch with customer service, isn't it?

This time the robot girl was actually very convincing. She spoke well, and there were shuffling paper sounds in the background giving you a feel that she was actually doing some physical work. Talking with her was actually more pleasant than frustrating. They are certainly making advances in the robot world. I have yet to check out the features on the pretty girl robots advertised on line. I'm sure that they have all the standard features.

It all started a while back when someone tried to charge something on my credit card. All the red flags went up and I ended up with a new account number. No money lost. Life went back to normal after a number of hours dealing with less congenial telephone robots as I sought the counsel of a real live human operator who graciously resolved my problem.

So it's been life as usual, until last weekend. I know that emails usually slow down on weekends, but mine stopped completely. I knew that every October it all gets paid for by automatic payment. I went to my portal and found out that yes, it was connected to my discontinued credit card. You would think that the company that supplies my emails could drop me a note alerting me of the problem? Nope.

Back in the early two thousands, when I was starting my handy man business, I was advised that I should get a web site. So I got myself a domain of my last name dot com. I put up a simple web page of my own, Earnest was like twelve maybe, he thought that he might like to make wood burning signs for people so he got his own simple page. Evan was still to young for such things.

At that point in time, we all had to pay for our internet connection and email services. Every one was plastered with all kinds of distracting advertisements. My service had email accounts without any ads and it was all paid for. Everyone in my family has an email account of their first name @ their last name dot com. I thought that was pretty clever. It is still available but they have all welded themselves to the Google mail system. Mine is the one I still use even though I do have a Google presents as an emergency account.

So yesterday morning I went in and changed the account number and paid my bills, signed out and went to work. Last night after supper, I still hadn't gotten any emails. Pretty strange. I never don't get any emails. So I had to try to speak with a human about it. That's what prompted me to make the call. The guy I finally spoke with told me that once the domain name has been shut down, that I need to call them and verify that I am me and that I want to continue with my name. I guess there could be some other person out there with my last name seeking such a cool sounding domain name, but I tend to doubt it.

Either way, I'm back in business for another year. And more as long as my credit card doesn't get canceled again. Lord knows I can't remember what comes out of which account. The world just works in wondrous ways. I've ceased worrying about it. Now that the word is out, I know that next year, someone will be waiting for my name to come available again to steal it. I'm told that there are actually people that do that in order to extort moneys from the poor souls who let their names laps. So much for making a honest living.

I hear from people about how much they get charged for services they have received and know that it's time for me to get out of the business. I could never in good continence charge that much. I'm living in a time warp. My brain still locked into the '70s. I look at what I charge and think it's crazy. Some people I work for think so too. On both sides of the coin. Some think it's to much, some to little.

E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

The trouble with being right

KIND HEARTS, COLD WINTERS

By CHIPPY

I've reached a point in life where I've come to appreciate a rather uncomfortable truth: Being right isn't nearly as satisfying as it used to be.

Oh, don't misunderstand me. I still enjoy being right. Quite a bit, actually. There's a certain pleasure in knowing that the thing you predicted would happen has happened exactly as you said it would. The trouble is, I've discovered that announcing this fact to the people around you rarely produces the admiration you might expect.

Take my wife, for instance.

We've had our share of disagreements over the years, most of them concerning matters of absolutely no importance whatsoever. The proper way to load a dishwasher. Whether a particular road is actually a shortcut. How much money we saved by buying something we didn't need because it was on sale.

I used to consider these discussions opportunities to demonstrate the soundness of my reasoning. Now I recognize them as opportunities to keep my mouth shut.

That recognition, unfortunately, hasn't always translated into action.

There's something about human nature that makes us want to win an argument, even when there's absolutely nothing worth winning. We dig in our heels, gather our evidence and prepare our closing statements as though we're appearing before the Supreme Court instead of standing in the kitchen discussing where somebody put the good scissors.

And heaven help us if we have proof.

I remember when a disagreement could be settled by somebody saying, "Well, I guess we'll never know." Those were peaceful times. Today, everybody has a little machine in their pocket capable of settling nearly any factual dispute in seconds.

You'd think that would make arguments shorter. Not a chance.

Now we argue about whether the information is accurate, whether the source is trustworthy and whether the person doing the searching asked the question correctly. By the time we've finished, nobody remembers what started the whole business.

I've also noticed that the older I get, the more certain I become about things I probably ought to question.

That's a dangerous combination.

When I was younger, I assumed older people knew what they were talking about because they'd been around longer. Now that I've been around longer myself, I realize experience doesn't necessarily make a person wise. Sometimes it simply gives him a larger collection of opinions he's unwilling to reconsider.

And boy, do some of us have opinions. We have opinions about how people drive, how they

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

Nov. 5 – Nov. 12

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, 4pm-5pm

Friday, Nov. 6

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 10-11 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon

Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.

Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 7

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

Monday, Nov. 9

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

Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.

Tai Chi, 10:15-11 a.m.

Bits & Bytes Computer Literacy, 11 a.m. to noon

This month's topic will be focused on internet literacy, digital nativism, and scam avoidance.

Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

The Great Transition, 4-5 p.m.

The Great Transition: Selling a home or downsizing? Come and get some great tips on how to handle the transition and the emotional logistics of a move.

Presented by Chloe McCauley from Peabody Place, Diana Paquette from Laer Reality, and Chelsea Beane, Make-A-Wish Wish Granter, CNHCC Board Affiliate.

Tuesday, November 10th

Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9am-10am

Senior Sculpt, 10am-11am

Bridge, 10am-12pm

Preschool Storytime, 10:30am-11:30am

Homeschool Club, 10:30am-12:30pm

Cookies in a Jar - Adult Craft, 11am-12pm

The sweetest gifts are homemade! Gift your friends or family with a homemade cookie mix that can be prepped in just minutes!

Death Cafe, 3pm-4pm

Join us for a meeting of the Death Cafe. This discussion group is a respectful and supportive space to discuss a natural part of life that is often perceived as taboo. This group will be moderated by Registered Nurse Ruth O'Hara, certified Death Doula and Reiki Master and Carol Wallace, Reiki Master. The Death Cafe is not a grief support or counseling session. Light refreshments will be served.

Dungeons and Dragons, 3pm-4:30pm

Intermediate Line Dancing, 4pm-5pm

Wednesday, November 11th CLOSED FOR VETERAN'S DAY

Thursday, November 12th

Senior Sculpt, 9am-10am

Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10am-11am

Morphs and Milestones, 3pm-5pm

Healthy Steps for Older Adults, 12pm-3:30pm

Join Granite VNA for Healthy Steps for Older Adults, a FREE program designed to help older adults improve balance, build confidence, and learn ways to reduce the risk of falls while staying active and independent. Sign up is required. Only 12 spots available.

Edible Cookie Dough, 3pm-5pm

Drop in to make this craving-fulfilling snack! Please note this is not a gluten or dairy free treat.

French, 4pm-5pm

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "The Girl in the Lake" by James Patterson
2. "The Family Cross" by James Patterson
3. "Miss Wolcott's Ghost" by Louise Penny
4. "Hollow Bones" by Jodi Picoult
5. "The Munich Affair" by James Patterson
6. "The French Illusion" by John Grisham
7. "The Hollow" by Michael Connelly
8. "Chain Reaction" by Lee Child
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dress, how they speak and how much they're willing to pay for a cup of coffee. We have opinions about television, grocery stores, customer service and the proper temperature of a living room.

Some of those opinions are perfectly reasonable. Others, I suspect, are the result of being irritated before breakfast.

I've caught myself explaining how something ought to be done to somebody who knows considerably more about it than I do. That's a humbling experience, particularly when the somebody in question is young enough to make you wonder whether his parents know he's out of the house.

But here's what I've slowly come to understand. Being older doesn't mean you have to surrender your opinions. It means you ought to be a little more selective about when you share them.

There's a difference between having something worth saying and needing to have the last word. I haven't always appreciated that distinction.

Years ago, if somebody challenged something I said, I'd feel obliged to defend it. I'd explain myself once, twice and sometimes a third time, getting a little louder with each explanation, as though volume might somehow improve the quality of my argument.

These days, I'm trying something different. Sometimes, I say, "You might be right."

Those four words are remarkably useful. They don't require you to admit defeat, surrender your dignity or abandon everything you've believed since childhood. They simply acknowledge the possibility that another human being might know something you don't.

It's a radical concept, I realize.

I've even discovered that occasionally the other person actually is right. Not often enough to make a habit of announcing it, mind you, but often enough to keep me reasonably humble.

And when I am right? Well, I've learned that there's a certain quiet satisfaction in knowing it without making a production out of the whole thing.

Of course, I still slip up.

Every now and then, something happens exactly as I predicted, and I can feel those dangerous words rising in my throat.

"I told you so."

I can practically taste them.

Then I look at my wife, remember that I enjoy having a peaceful home, and decide that perhaps this particular victory doesn't require a parade. Besides, after all these years, she already knows when I'm right. At least that's what I tell myself. And if I'm wrong about that, I'd appreciate it if nobody mentioned it.

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SPORTS

Prospect soccer boys, Gilford volleyball earn Final Four berths



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Zach Osman slides in to knock the ball away from Belmont's Brody Ennis in action on Saturday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Isaac Casale goes in to the ball during quarterfinal action against Newfound on Saturday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — It was a busy week across the Lakes Region as field hockey playoffs wrapped up and soccer and volleyball playoffs got started.

On Tuesday, the Division II boys' soccer tournament kicked off with Kennett dropping a 3-1 decision on the road at Pembroke Academy.

Also on Tuesday, the Division III girls' soccer tournament got started with a big upset coming in Berlin, where the Gilford girls went on the road and edged past the host Mountaineers by a 4-3 score in a game that was settled in penalty kicks. The Prospect Mountain girls also went on the road, dropping their preliminary round game in Raymond.

The Division II volleyball tournament also kicked off on Tuesday with Gilford shutting out Coe-Bown by a 3-0 score while the Plymouth Bobcats went on the road to Oyster River and dropped a 3-0 decision to the Bobcats.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Blake Snell prepares to boot the ball up the field during quarterfinal action on Saturday against Newfound.

On Wednesday, the Division II girls' soccer tournament kicked off with Kennett recording a 3-0 win over Souhegan. Summer Laine scored the first goal on a shot from 20 yards out in the eighth minute and then was awarded a penalty kick in the 20th minute and scored a second goal. Letty Zipf finished the scoring with two minutes to go in the first half off an assist from Laine for the 3-0 final score.

The Prospect Mountain soccer boys also kicked off the Division III tournament on Wednesday, hosting Berlin and picking up a 2-0 win over the Mountaineers. The Belmont soccer boys went on the road to Fall Mountain and came away with a 1-0 win on an Evan Martinez goal. The top-ranked Gilford boys also picked up a first-round win, edging past rival Laconia in overtime by a 2-1 score.

On Thursday, the Division III volleyball team kicked off with Prospect Mountain going on the road to St. Thomas and dropping a 3-0 decision to the Saints. The Gilford volleyball team also continued its postseason run with a trip to Hanover, where the Golden Eagles got the 3-1 win to advance to the semifinals.

Friday was another busy day, with the Gilford soccer girls dropping a 1-0 decision on the road at Pelham in the Division III quarterfinals.

The tournament action continued on Saturday with the Gilford boys hosting rival Belmont in the Division III quarterfinals. Nico Smith scored in the final five minutes of play to lift the Raiders past the Golden Eagles and into the Division III semifinals.

Also in the Division III quarterfinals on Saturday, the Prospect Mountain soccer boys battled past Newfound by a 3-0 score to earn their spot in the semifinals.

In the Division II girls' soccer semifinals on Saturday, the Kennett girls took Bow to overtime before the Falcons came away with a 1-0 win to bring Kennett's season to a close.

The Division III boys' soccer semifinals took place after deadline on Wednesday in Bedford and the finals are set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m. at Bedford High School.

The Division II volleyball semifinals were also set for after deadline Saturday in Derry and the finals are set for Saturday, Nov. 7, at Pinkerton Academy in Derry at noon.

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Paige runs on to Meet of Champions



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ulitta Paige led the way for the Prospect Mountain girls during the Division III State Meet on Saturday in Manchester.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Jacob Wood led the Prospect Mountain boys during the Division III State Meet in Manchester on Saturday.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Embry Hilton raced to 27th place in the Division III State Meet on Saturday in Manchester.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Zach Dyrkacz runs for Prospect Mountain during the Division III State Meet on Saturday in Manchester.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — The Prospect Mountain cross country team took to the Derryfield Park course in Manchester on Saturday for the Division III State Meet.

Ulitta Paige ran to 25th place overall in the girls' race to earn a spot in the Meet of Champions, crossing the line in a time of 23:27. Fellow Prospect ninth grader Embry Hilton finished in 27th place overall with a time of 23:33.

The Timber Wolf boys finished in 15th place overall on the day, led by a 33rd place finish from ninth grader Jacob Wood in 19:02. Classmate Zach Dyrkacz finished in a time of 19:47 for 52nd place, Dawson Meehan finished in 72nd place in a time of 20:37, Brent Bemis was 104th overall in a time of 21:43 and Shea Everett finished in 114th place overall in 22:23 to round out the scoring for the Timber Wolves. Trew Reed was 143rd overall in 24:52 and Raymond Sullivan finished in 25:02 for 145th place overall.

Paige earned a spot at 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.

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SPORTS

Reinhardt earns Meet of Champions bid



JOSHUA SPAULDING

William Reinhardt led the Gilford boys at the Division III State Meet and earned a trip to the Meet of Champions.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Alissa O'Brien had the best time for the Gilford girls during the Division III State Meet in Manchester.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Ryder Cantara runs for Gilford during the Division III State Meet in Manchester on Saturday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MANCHESTER — The Gilford cross country team traveled to Manchester for the Division III State Meet at Derryfield Park on Saturday.

William Reinhardt led the Gilford boys and earned a spot at this weekend's Meet of Champions with a 25th place finish in a time of 18:37. Ryder Cantara was 111th overall with a time of 22:18 with Cooper Plourde in 124th place in a time of 23:00 and Griffyn Greene wrapped up the field of Golden Eagles with a time of 24:38 for 141st place.

The Gilford girls finished in 10th place overall on the day, led by a 33rd place finish from Alissa O'Brien in a time of 23:51. Brooke Baron was 61st overall in a time of 26:21, Amanda Schaffnit finished in 82nd place in a time of 28:10, Bailey Juurlink-Gagne finished in 84th place in a time of 28:20 and Kailey Knott rounded out the field of Golden Eagles in a time of 29:25 for 91st place.

Reinhardt moves on to 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.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Brooke Baron runs with the field during the Division III State Meet on Saturday in Manchester.

Golden Eagles soar into Final Four

Gilford field hockey knocks off Conant in quarterfinals



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Grace Southworth surrounds the ball during her team's quarterfinal game with Conant last week.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Catherine Fay battles for the ball during quarterfinal action against Conant last Monday afternoon.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford field hockey team took care of business in the quarterfinal round of the Division III tournament last Monday, dispatching visiting Conant by a 4-1 score to advance to the Final Four.

The Golden Eagles had a bye in the first round of the tournament as the top seed while Conant defeated Stevens in their opener to earn the chance to take on the Golden Eagle girls. And the ninth seeded Orioles didn't go down without a fight, though Gilford was able to do the job and move on.

Conant had the game's first corner, with goalie Madi Breton making the save while Kierra Walker came the other way with a chance that the defensive stopped. Grace Southworth and Ady Lemien also had chances in the zone that the defense turned away and Emma Legro sent a ball in to Southworth that the Orioles sent back. Riley Coutts made a good run into the zone and her big was denied by Conant's goalie and Walker also had a chance stopped as she made a run into the zone.

The Golden Eagles got on the board with 3:16 to go in the first quarter, as Southworth had a shot on net that Coutts was able to tip past the goalie and into the cage for the 1-0 lead. Lemien and Coutts teamed up on another bid while the defense also held strong against a Conant attack, with Catherine Fay and Susanna Tilley making stops as the first quarter ended with Gilford up 1-0.

Conant started the second quarter with another corner, with Brynn Blackwelder making the defensive stop while the Golden Eagles went the other way with a bid. Southworth's shot was denied by the Conant goalie and the Orioles came back with a bid that was shut down by Tilley and Addi Hodsdon in the Gilford defense. The Golden Eagles had a trio of corners turned back by a strong showing from the Conant goalie and also had another shot from Coutts go wide of the net.

Gilford upped the lead to 2-0 with 3:01 to go, as Fay lifted the ball from just inside the circle all the way to the back of the goal, finding the top corner for the 2-0 lead. Avah Mason had a late chance for the Golden Eagles as well but the first half ended with Gilford up by the 2-0 score.

Conant had a pair of early corners in the third quarter, with Breton making a kick save on one and another going wide of the net, Gilford came back with their own corner but could not convert.

However, the Golden Eagles were able to get the third goal of the game when Coutts finished off her own rebound with 9:16 to go in the third quarter for the 3-0 lead. Conant had a great breakaway chance a few moments later but Tilley made a husting defensive play to get back and turn the attack away before it got to the goal and the third quarter ended with Gilford up 3-0.

Abi Lyman sent a great ball in to Southworth just 1:11 into the fourth quarter and the senior captain buried the shot for the 4-0 lead as the Golden Eagles put things in control. The Orioles did add a goal with 30 seconds to go to make the final margin 4-1.

Gilford moved on to the semifinals to take on fourth seeded Hopkinton on Thursday in Exeter.

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Sports

Golden Eagles rally past Hopkinton in semifinal battle



Alex Rapp – Concord Monitor

Kierra Walker is mobbed by teammates after scoring a goal in the Division III semifinals last week in Exeter.



Alex Rapp – Concord Monitor

The Gilford field hockey team celebrates after knocking off Hopkinton in the Division III semifinals in Exeter last week.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

EXETER — The Gilford field hockey team withstood a strong Hopkinton rally to come away with a 6-4 win in the Division III semifinals on Thursday, Oct. 29, earning a trip to the Division III finals.

"They don't ever quit and that's how they've trained all season long, in preseason, in practice, they've been put into uncomfortable positions and we've learned that that's how they're going to get stronger," Gilford coach Joy Southworth told the Concord Monitor after the game. "They've got to push through and that's why we train them that way, so that they know that they can do hard things and training with discomfort is familiar for them."



Alex Rapp – Concord Monitor

(Right) Grace Southworth fires a penalty shot during action against Hopkinton in the Division III semifinals.

Gilford got on the board with 7:50 to go as Grace Southworth was awarded a penalty stroke and she delivered it to the top left of the cage for the 1-0 lead. The Hawks came right back just more than a minute later when they scored on a tip-in to even things up at one after one quarter.

Avah Mason scored the next two goals, the first an unassisted score with 6:15 to go in the first half and then the second was scored off an assist from Riley Coutts with 1:38 to go and Golden Eagles went up 3-1 before the halftime break.

Mason finished off her hat trick just 24 seconds into the second half on an assist from Coutts before Hopkinton came charging back as they turned on the pressure and scored with 12 minutes to go in the third to make it 4-2 and then six minutes later the Hawks scored again to cut the lead to 4-3 at the end of the third quarter.

Hopkinton tied the game with 1:13 gone in the fourth quarter but Gilford rebounded nicely, as three minutes later got a couple of corners and Southworth sent the ball in to Kierra Walker, who hit a strong shot to the back of the net with 7:17 to go for the 5-4 lead.

Then with 5:33 to go, Walker scored on another corner, this time on an assist from Catherine Fay and Gilford held on for the 6-4 win, with Madi Breton making eight saves in net.

"They were relentless, they came out strong and they played four great quarters," Southworth said. "Pressure was really intense, they've done hard things before and they decided that in this game they were going to play hard all four quarters and they left everything they had out on the field today."

The win sent Gilford on to the Division III finals where they faced off with Kearsarge on Saturday.

Editor's note: Alex Rapp of the Concord Monitor and Joe Marchilena of nh-highschoolsports.com contributed to this report.

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Dumais, Genakos both get wins in the pool for PSU

PLYMOUTH — Junior Kyle Dumais (Belmont) and senior Marco D'Addona (Torrington, Conn.) each won three individual events, but Regis College edged Plymouth State University, 106-102, in a men's swimming and diving dual meet at the PSU Natatorium on Friday evening.

Dumais won the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard breaststroke and 100-yard breaststroke, while D'Addona captured the 100-yard freestyle, 200-yard freestyle and 50-yard butterfly to lead the Panthers.

Junior Karson Genakos (Gilford) also won an event, taking first in 1-meter diving (six dives) and second in 1-meter voluntary. Junior Alex Giguere (New London) placed second in all three of his events: the 100-yard butterfly, 100-yard individual medley and 500-yard freestyle. Classmate Riley Lyons (Methuen, Mass.) added a second-place finish in the 50-yard backstroke.

The quartet of D'Addona, Dumais, Giguere and Genakos also combined to win the 200-yard medley relay.

The meet served as PSU's Morgan's Message event, part of an initiative aimed at eliminating the stigma surrounding mental health within the student-athlete community.

Plymouth State travels to Gordon College for a dual meet on Nov. 7 at 1 p.m.

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MEREDITH — MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) is pleased to announce that its complimentary 2027 Community Calendars are now available at all branch locations while supplies last.

Featuring scenic images from across New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Mount Washington Valley, White Mountains and Seacoast areas, the annual calendar showcases the winning photographs selected through MVSB's Community Photo Contest. Wall and tent-style calendars are available free of charge to community members at MVSB offices in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Exeter, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, North Conway, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rochester and Wolfeboro.



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(Right) Complimentary 2027 MVSB Community Calendars are available at all branches while supplies last. MVSB team member Jaron Jenkins displays "Sandwich Fair Ferris Wheel," his winning photograph featured for October.

"Each year's calendar celebrates the beauty, character and traditions of the communities we serve," said Cindy Hemeon-Plessner, MVSB Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing & Experience Officer. "The photographs featured in the 2027 edition reflect the remarkable talent of local photographers while capturing many of the landscapes, wildlife and moments that make New Hampshire such a special place to call home. We invite everyone to stop by a branch and pick up a calendar before they run out."

The 2027 Community Calendar features photographs by:

- Andrew Drummond, Sunrise on Mount Adams (January)
- Kelly Norcross, Deer Couple in the Snow (February)
- Robert Kozlow, Maple Sugaring in NH (March)
- Kelly Danner, Keeper of the Flame (April)
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- Sophia Lupo, Dock Life at Dusk (July)
- David LaBar, Bear with "Do Not Pet the Fluffy Dogs" Sign (August)
- John Gisis, Wolfeboro Bay (September)
- Jaron Jenkins, Sandwich Fair Ferris Wheel (October)
- Erin Rojek, Screech Owl (November)
- Susan Francesco, A Loved One Visits (December)

MVSB has produced its annual Community Calendar for many years as a way to celebrate the regions it serves and highlight the work of local photographers. The Bank accepts submissions to its Community Photo Contest each spring, with selected images featured in the calendar, on its website and through social media channels. Information about the contest and featured calendar photos can be found at mvsb.com/annual-community-photo-contest.

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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!

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Barnstead	692 Beauty Hill Rd.	N/A	$425,000	James Bickner LT	Taylor and Travis Clark
Barnstead	42 Brewer Rd.	N/A	$750,000	Ruth A. Broderick RET and Alice Broderick	Douglas Richardson
Gilford	7 Countryside Dr.	N/A	$750,000	Christine M. Metz RET	Salvatore F. Valente
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Nezir Alic receives degree From Georgia Tech

ATLANTA, Ga. — Nezir Alic of Laconia has earned a Master of Science in Physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Alic was among approximately 2,240 undergraduate and graduate students who earned degrees during the Summer 2026 semester.

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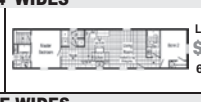
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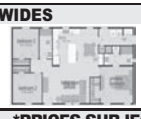


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Meredith: Built in 2021, this 4-bedroom, 3-bath end-unit condo features 3,003 finished sq. ft., a main-level primary suite, cathedral ceilings, a gas fireplace, and a four-season sunroom opening to a Trex deck.



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

The Colonial Theatre of Laconia

The original owner, Benjamin Piscopo, was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice as seen from the water. In August of 2002, the theatre closed after 87 years of operation. On June 15, 2015, the City of Laconia announced a partnership with the Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) to purchase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. www.colonial-laconia.com

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Joshua Spaulding

Kierra Walker moves the ball down the line during the championship game in Bedford on Saturday.



Joshua Spaulding

Susanna Tilley prepares to rip the ball up the field during the Division III championship game on Saturday.



Joshua Spaulding

Catherine Fay controls the ball during her team's championship battle with Kearsarge on Saturday.



Joshua Spaulding

Riley Coutts plays the ball out of the air during the Division III championship on Saturday in Bedford.

FH FINALS

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sent Walker in for another chance. Gilford had a corner chance, with Walker sending the ball wide of the net and Walker just missed connecting with Adi Baron and Fay just missed connecting with Abi Lyman. Lyman also sent a good ball in to Coutts, who sent the ball wide of the net. Coutts made another run to close out the third quarter but the game went to the fourth quarter with the score tied at one.

Walker had an early chance go wide and Soutworth sent a good ball in to Avah Mason that was denied before Coutts sent the ball in to Mason, who knocked it into the net for the 2-1 lead with 12:19 to go. The Cougars came right back with a corner with 9:13 to go, tying the game at two.

Coutts made a nice run that was turned back by the defense and Baron also had a nice run down the side, sending the ball into the circle that led to a Gilford corner, which was cleared by the Cougar defense. Walker made a good run into the zone and sent the ball to Southworth, but her bid was turned back. Coutts had a bid denied and Breton turned back another Kearsarge chance.

However, with 2:11 to go in the game, Kearsarge connected with the go-ahead goal and while Gilford got in the zone for a couple of late chances, the defense held tight for Kearsarge and they took the 3-2 win to claim the Division III championship.

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

Tanger Outlets Tilton invites community to join holiday celebrations

TILTON — 'Tis the season to celebrate! Tanger Outlets Tilton kicks off November with a joyful lineup of events as Tilton's ultimate holiday destination. Guests can stroll through festive décor throughout the center, enjoy merry traditions and shop major savings all season long.

On Saturday, Oct. 31 to Sunday, Nov. 1, Tanger Tilton hosts its annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Market, complete with 90 arts & crafts exhibitors displaying a variety of media for great holiday gifts.

Later this month, Tanger Tilton will host its annual Holiday Festival on Friday, Nov. 13 at 4—6 p.m. where guests can celebrate selfies with Santa, hot cocoa, holiday cheer and more. Located near Levi's, Santa will be available during the Holiday Festival for photos with the family.

Shoppers can also stretch their dollar and capture Black Friday savings every day in November with Tanger Deal Days leading up to Thanksgiving week's traditional doorbuster sales. From Nov. 1—22, guests can access early deals online or through the Tanger app, offering up to 25 percent off top brands like American Eagle, Gap and Under Armour. From the hottest winter styles to beauty must-haves and more, Tanger Tilton has the perfect gift for everyone on the nice list.

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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 way, they help the townspeople, including Sherriff Joe Sutter and Postmaster and town gossip Effy Crayneck, rediscover what makes Gilead such a special place, and Shelby gains the inner strength to stand up to her domineering husband.



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."

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. "Pittsfield 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.

Traumatic injury leads to call for medical helicopter at Kingswood

WOLFEBORO — At 12:40 p.m. on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 29, the Wolfeboro Fire Department was dispatched in town for a traumatic injury resulting from a fall. Wolfeboro Fire E3 A2 Car 1&3 responded.

Due to the extent of the injuries a medical helicopter from DHART was requested. Crews met the helicopter at Huggins Hospital.

The patient was transported to a local trauma center and is in an unknown condition. We wish a speedy recovery to the individual.





Courtesy Photo

Volunteers Kelly Sullivan, Karen Poor, Liz Dominick, Joan Taylor and Maureen Landry represented Alton Garden Club well at Cold Spring Farm's annual Harvest Happening. Other members provided support and helped with set-up, making this a successful team effort. We welcomed the sunny fall weather and were pleased to have the opportunity to say hello to our neighbors and show our commitment to the community. Our thanks to Cold Spring Farm for their hospitality and for once again inviting us to this fun event at their beautiful venue.

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 worldwide 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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