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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Trick or Treat hours
The Town of Alton Trick or Treat hours are Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. Plan to stop at the Gilman Museum on Main Street between 4:30-6 p.m. for the Monster Mash Costume Runway. Great photo opportunity at our spooktacular place.

Learn How To Use Libby- the Library Book App
The Friends of Gil-

man Library and Alton Parks and Recreation are sponsoring an informative session on how to use the Libby App on Thursday, November 21 from 1-2 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library. Did you know you can borrow eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and more electronically from your local library for free? Learn how to navigate the Libby

App, choose and reserve books, play audiobooks and more. Bring your smart phone, kindle or tablet. For more information contact parks-rec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

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. Class not held Nov. 12 and 14.

Guided Meditation with Instructor Karen Kharitonov
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class

on Thursdays: Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 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.

Alton Trails- All Star
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a get outside and hike program. Hike seven local trails, and receive an Alton Trails All Star sticker. All you have to do is take a photo on each trail, and send the photos to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov. Trails include: Mike Burke Trail; Knight's Pond; Trask Swamp and Fort Point Woods Conservation Area; Gilman

Pond; Mt. Major, Pine Mountain and Cotton-Hurd Brook.

After School Program — Nov. 8
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. Nov. 8 theme is "It's Fall Y'all"; activities include: themed games, coloring, crafts, snacks and more. \$5 per child. Future date is Dec. 20. 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.

Light Up Night — Dec. 7
Light Up Night is Saturday, Dec. 7 with holiday activities and events. More details to come.

Gilford Community Church hosting program on "Navigating Life's Final Journey" with peace and dignity

GILFORD — Many of us plan for big events, but few people plan for the last stage of life. Have you given some thought to personal and necessary preparations for when the time arrives? You, your family, and friends are invited to attend a free program to hear about this hard topic in a gentle, caring way, and gain vital insights on how to direct final care challenges and needs. The medical maze can often be confusing – come learn how to navigate this overwhelming path with a sense of confidence.

The program will be led by Patricia "Pat" O'Connor, APRN with a 40-year career in Primary Care, Palliative Medicine and Hospice as direct care provider, consultant and educator for health professionals, patients and their families. Inspired by her vast experience and passion for supporting individual wishes and needs of people with serious illness and their care-

givers when approaching end-of-life situations, Pat published her book, Navigating Life's Final Journey: Conversations, Choices, Resources in January of 2023. To increase awareness about this commonly overlooked topic, she speaks to professional and community groups throughout New England and beyond. This event will be held at Gilford Community Church, 19 Potter Hill Rd. in Gilford on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. until noon. Please arrive a little early for coffee/tea and light refreshments. For more information, go to patocwriter.com. Pat's book will be available for sale at this event, which is co-sponsored by Wesley Woods Retirement Community in Gilford and the Gilford Community Church. Kindly RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 6 to Melissa at the Church Office by calling 603-524-6057, with your name, phone and number attending.

Lions harvest plastics and Styrofoam

LACONIA — Weather permitting, the next recycling collection of plastics and Styrofoam will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 172 Pleasant St., Laconia. Volunteers from the Green Sanctuary and Social Justice Committees of the little white UU Church plus the Laconia-Gilford Lions Club

will be curbside to accept donations. Clean soft dry plastics can be accepted. We cannot accept hard plastics such as bottles, pet food bags, crunchy snack bags, or boat storage wrap covers. Only Styrofoam products with the # 6 symbol can be accepted. All foam must be clean and dry. We cannot accept dirty foam, thick foam wrap, or

soft or squishy foam. There is no charge or fee to drop off unwanted plastics and Styrofoam. This effort is not limited to residents of Laconia or Gilford; all are welcome to participate. All donated plastics and Styrofoam must be kept separate from each other. At the same location and time, a food drive benefitting Commu-

nity Action Program (CAP) will be held. Easy access items such as pop top canned goods, boxed cereal, and energy bars or drinks are particularly requested. Our last event yielded 924 pounds of soft plastics. Help our fall harvest of plastics and Styrofoam to keep these items out of our landfills, roadsides and lakes.

New Durham Library to host Veterans Day program

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Public Library is excited to announce a special Veterans Day program featuring local author and historian Nelson Lawry. The event will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Lawry will present an engaging exploration of the history of the United States Navy. Attendees can look forward to an informative session that highlights significant

naval battles, the evolution of naval technology, and a dive into the history of Navy weaponry. This program provides a valuable opportunity for community

members to deepen their understanding of the Navy's role in American history and to honor the sacrifices made by servicemen and women. Join us at the New

Durham Public Library to pay tribute to our veterans and learn about the fascinating history of the U.S. Navy. The event is free and open to the public.

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ESSENTIAL local NEWS

“Bye Bye Birdie” opens this weekend at Village Players Theater

AJ O’Neil excited to bring title character to life on stage



AJ O’Neil brings Conrad Birdie to life (including the sideburns) as the Village Players present “Bye Bye Birdie,” opening this weekend.

WOLFEBORO — He’s played a lot of roles on stage, but Conrad Birdie is one that is quickly becoming a favorite for actor AJ O’Neil as he prepares for the role for the Village Players production of “Bye Bye Birdie,” opening this weekend.

“Even as my 23rd theatrical performance, Conrad Birdie has actually been a staunch contender for my favorite role I’ve ever played, he’s just a riot,” O’Neil said. “Seymour in ‘Little Shop of Horrors’ will never not be my number one, even though that show got COVID cancelled, and Pharaoh in ‘Joseph’ is a good runner up, being yet another role where I rocked a golden jumpsuit and a larger-than-life Elvis-type persona, but ‘Birdie’ has been so different and so fun compared with most of my prior experiences,

I certainly won’t forget it.”

O’Neil, who came to the Village Players for the first time in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” in the fall of 2022, has since appeared as the host in “The Santa Claus Chronicles” and also as TomJon in this summer’s production of “Wyrd Sisters,” and has loved working with the “Bye Bye Birdie” cast throughout the last few months.

“It’s been so much fun and a great experience, and to be honest they’ve been leading me more than I’ve been leading them,” O’Neil said. “We’ve gotten very lucky with finding talented new performers as well as some returning VP favorites, it really is a fantastic cast, which is why I just overall have so much confidence in

this show and in these people.”

There are plenty of familiar faces on the “Bye Bye Birdie” stage, including longtime Village Players Corky Mork, Joyce Wood, Kristi Nie-man, Delina Bickford and Bob Tuttle and some familiar newer faces as well, including Olivia Lee, Vivienne Dauphinais, Phillip Reilly, Janice Knepp, Kali Martin, David Morrison, Sydney Rohrbacher, Ava Roriston and Kristen Sturtevant. Newcomers include Amelia Bickford, Russell Carbone, David Dauphinais, Gloria Etchings, Brittany Frager, Liam Frager, Cecilia Hamilton, Natasha Kharitonov, Madeline Maimone, Emma Mathe-son, Ray Mtimbiri and Benjamin Tedcastle.

For his part, O’Neil is loving numerous things about playing Conrad



Albert (Liam Frager) talks to his mother (Kristen Sturtevant) as Rosie (Olivia Lee) waits patiently during rehearsal for “Bye Bye Birdie” at the Village Players Theater.

Birdie.

“My favorite part of playing Conrad has to be the music, he has some of my favorite songs in the show,” O’Neil said. “Though while getting to really have fun in each song and own the stage is a blast, the cos-tuming takes a very close second place. Big thanks to Stef (Marsh) and the rest of our won-derful wardrobe folks, we are not worthy.”

Though the part has also come with some-thing that he didn’t quite expect – new facial hair in the form of some serious sideburns.

“While they work great for the role, they ended up being bigger than I first expected and have been a challenge to explain away in my day-to-day life,” O’Neil laughed. “I can’t deny however that they’ve made me an excellent walking advertisement for the show.”

Directed by longtime Village Players Kath-leen Hill and Phoebe

VanScoy-Giessler, “Bye Bye Birdie’s” produc-tion crew also includes Robert Dionne as the musical director and Joshua Spaulding as producer. Judi Rogato is making her Village Players debut as stage manager, and Stefanie Marsh is leading the tal-ented costume crew.

“Bye Bye Birdie” is generously sponsored by Dr. Richard J. Neal, DMD and is presented by ar-rangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC.

Performances are set for Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. at the Vil-lage Players Theater on Glendon Street in down-

town Wolfeboro.

Tickets are avail-able at Black’s Paper in downtown Wolfeboro, at village-players.com and at the door on the day of the show (if still avail-able).

And O’Neil suggests you come out and see how it all turns out.

“People should defi-nitely not miss this show, it’s such a big piece of theatre history, not to mention shining some light on our own generational history, yet maintains such a fun rocking atmosphere throughout that you’re sure to have your foot tapping and be swept up in the fun yourself,” O’Neil said.

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As the leaves change colors and the air turns crisp, the onset of fall brings with it the arrival of one of America's most cherished traditions: baseball playoffs. For generations, baseball has held a special place in the hearts of Americans, to become a timeless pastime that brings happiness, unity, and a sense of belonging.

Baseball's roots in America run deep, tracing back to the 19th century when it evolved from a simple game into a full-fledged professional sport. Over the decades, baseball has become more than just a game. From the crack of the bat to the roar of the crowd, baseball's enduring appeal lies in its ability to evoke nostalgia and a sense of belonging. It reminds us of our history, spanning generations to connect grandparents, parents, and children through the love of the game.

During playoff season, this connection becomes even more profound. The excitement of watching your favorite team battle it out on the national stage, the suspense of each pitch, and the thrill of a game-winning home run all create moments of genuine joy and a bit of adrenaline as well!

But it's not just the game itself that brings happiness; it's also the sense of community and camaraderie that baseball fosters. Ballparks across the nation become gathering places for fans of all backgrounds to come together and share in the experience. Whether you're tailgating in the parking lot, high-fiving strangers after a big play, or singing along to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the seventh inning stretch, baseball erases our differences, just like that.

Baseball has seen the nation through some of its darkest days, offering a distraction and a source of comfort during times of crisis. From the Great Depression to the aftermath of 9/11, baseball has been a constant, reminding us that there is always something to look forward to and that, together, we can overcome adversity.

With that, we all have our favorite teams, so please indulge us as we take this opportunity to say, in lieu of the Red Sox... go Dodgers!



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Letters to the Editor

Ayotte is the only choice for NH

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about Joyce Craig's track record as a political leader. It has come to my attention that she attempted to raise taxes six times during her tenure as mayor of Manchester. Additionally, as a Manchester Alderman, she consistently advocated for higher taxes and overrode the city tax cap on numerous occasions. Furthermore, her support for a city sales tax while serving on the Manchester school board is alarming, as it indicates a pattern of pushing for increased taxation.

A leader needs to be measured by results and their ability to make improvements for the community with the available resources. Joyce Craig's history is to always ask for more money from the people.

It is my firm belief that Joyce Craig's tax policies will have detrimental effects on the people of New Hampshire, potentially transforming it into a state

with tax structures like Massachusetts.

I urge you to consider what the potential ramifications of Joyce Craig's taxation policies will be on your family and our community.

In contrast, I firmly support Kelly Ayotte, who will staunchly defend the New Hampshire Advantage of no income or sales taxes. Senator Ayotte voted to ban earmarks and curb federal spending. She campaigned for a federal balanced budget. Kelly Ayotte is the fiscally responsible candidate. As a senator, she was a staunch advocate for the state, supporting our businesses and brining in jobs. We all benefit from a strong growing economy. We don't need to suffer under the burden of higher taxes and spiraling inflation. Kelly Ayotte is the only choice for New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Stacie Kiczuk
Alton Bay

Joyce Craig for freedom!

As New Hampshire's Attorney General, she brought a case before the US Supreme Court to limit women's reproductive rights. Less freedom.

Joyce Craig added 500 units of affordable housing in Manchester. She will increase the supply and reduce the cost of houses and apartments so that everyone in the Granite State can access safe, affordable, and sustainable housing. More freedom. Kelly Ayotte serves on the board for Blackstone, the nation's largest corporate landlord, which buys up housing and then raises the rents. Less freedom.

As mayor of Manchester, Joyce Craig built the

largest municipal solar array in New Hampshire, lowering energy costs while focusing on clean energy, efficiency, and transportation. She will reduce energy costs. More freedom. Kelly Ayotte says she will continue Sununu's policies. His policies have forced New Hampshire to stay way behind our neighboring states in developing alternative energy sources while increasing our energy costs. Less freedom.

Vote for Joyce Craig for the freedom and experienced leadership New Hampshire's people deserve.

Jay Newton
Gilford

Harris and Walk are ignorant of the Constitution

To the Editor:

A recent letter from a supporter of Harris-Walz proved the maxim of H.L. Mencken: "Elections are nothing more than auctions for future stolen goods." Harris is trying to buy votes by promising all first-

time homeowners a cool \$25,000. Not only is this unconstitutional, but it will send an artificial pricing signal into the housing marketplace and, within a few years, massive foreclosures.

Harris talks about creating an "opportunity economy." Does this imply that we don't have one now, and that for almost four years, she sat by and did nothing to help create one or is this just another meaningless slogan? Of course, this could be in reference to the opportunities she is providing to the millions of illegal aliens she has helped allowed into this country, and the millions more that will flood in if she and Walz are elected. Included in the opportunities she is promoting these illegals is "gender reassignment" surgery at the U.S. taxpayer expense.

The letter writer also praised Harris' running mate Tim Walz, an inveterate liar who allowed Minneapolis to burn while he and his wife smelled the burning rubber. He is a self-professed "knuckle-

head" who claimed to be in combat when he wasn't, bugged out of his unit prior to it being deployed, claimed to have been a witness to the Tiananmen Square massacre when he wasn't, signed a bill allowing the death of babies after they have been born, and a bill that placed sanitary napkins in boys' bathrooms. Sorry, that I don't share the letter writer's enthusiasm over these two candidates that make Berne Sanders look like Jesse Helms.

Article 2 of the U.S. Constitution is where we find the job description of the president and vice-president. Harris and Walz are either ignorant of their constitutional duties or assume that the average voter is Constitutionally illiterate. Readers who would like a free pocket copy of the U.S. Constitution may get one by E-mailing me at campconstituitiun1@gmail.com

Hal Shurtleff
Alton

Any attempt to mislead voters is coming from Terry

To the Editor:

In response to Rep. Paul Terry's letter, I would like to voice my agreement with his statement that he and I have engaged in many cordial conversations over recent years. The fact that he is a delightful person, however, does not mean for a minute that his views are mainstream.

In 2022, when I criticized Rep. Terry's vote for the "secession amendment," which if passed by the voters would have New Hampshire secede from the US, his response was that he was not in favor of secession, but simply letting the voters decide.

In 2024, he again tried to push a "secession amendment" (CACR 20) even more extreme than the 2022 one, as this one would require New Hampshire to secede if the national debt reached a certain amount. The proposed amendment was rejected so overwhelmingly that it would not even be discussed by the full House, but Rep. Terry was one of a handful of legislators who objected and demanded further consideration.

"Following the money," Rep. Terry has been endorsed by and has received money from the New Hampshire Independence PAC (NHIPAC), whose mission is "an Independent New Hampshire." It promoted the 2022 Secession Amendment and also CACR 20 this year. Rep Terry was

one of its endorsed candidates who won reelection in 2022. This organization is tied to the Free State Project, promoting the FSP Liberty Forum. Belknap County has seen more than its fair share of the Free State agenda, not only regarding the secession movement but also Gunstock.

Let's also consider Rep. Terry's argument that New Hampshire voters should have the opportunity to discuss constitutional amendments. In 2024, a constitutional amendment (CACR 23) was proposed that would have guaranteed the right to abortion up to 24 weeks. Like the secession proposals, this would have simply put before the voters the decision of whether to approve it or not. Rep. Terry voted against that.

A similar proposal (CACR 14) dealt with the environment, requiring New Hampshire to maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment. Rep. Terry voted against allowing the voters of New Hampshire to consider that measure.

Rep. Terry only wants the voters to consider measures he supports, and secession is one of them, all of his protestations to the contrary. The attempt to mislead voters is his, not mine.

Ruth Larson
Alton

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GHS at 50: All sorts of changes along the way

One of the fun facts about school is that contrary to what some teenagers think — or claim as they are moving through their respective adolescent growth curves — the educational world is never really boring or stagnant. The student body of Gilford High School turns over every four years—so there are always new faces. Teachers and administrators enter and exit, with some arriving for a new teaching experience, while others retire after years of dedication. The demands of the state and the public and the profession itself constantly change, which results in curriculum revision and the employment of new methodologies. Naturalist Charles Darwin once said, “Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely.” Over the fifty years that Gilford (Middle) High School has been in existence, growth and change have been positive and a constant.

Since Gilford (Middle) High School opened its doors in 1974, the school has employed thirteen principals. Bob Morrison was hired in 1973 to begin the process of hiring staff, and he continued in his role as Gilford’s first principal until 1977. Bill McLean served as principal from 1977 to 1982, and was followed by Larry Urda as an interim principal. Dick Ayers led GMHS from 1982 to 1992, followed by Don Englebert (1992-1994). The next ten years moved through five different principals: George Edwards (1994-1995), Marianne True (1995-1998), Tom Sica (1998-2001), and Bill Marston (Interim, 2002-2003), with Ken Wiswell coming in for a seven-year stint from 2004-2011. Bob Pederson worked as an interim principal from 2011-2012, followed by Peter Sawyer (2012-2015) to current principal Anthony Sperazzo (2015-present).

Some of the departures from “the old ways” initially met with student resistance. When GMHS first opened, the school offered a smoking area, located just outside of the sports lobby stairwell. Teachers and students (of the proper age) shared this public puffing area between classes and at lunch time. Ultimately, the New Hampshire Statehouse passed a law against smoking in publicly owned buildings, and so the smoking area officially closed. This new change in thinking, smoking habits, and access did not occur overnight. The next couple of years involved heightened monitoring of the school bathrooms, as smoking students dealt with the transition and staff dealt with the rule change. In time, the whole “smoking in the boys’ room” behavior died out. But, Gilford also went through an even darker change with the appearance of “Spice” on campus—legal synthetic cannabinoids. The health problems arising from “Spice” or “K-2” quickly became a widespread issue in schools around the state, with local stores wisely choosing to ban all sales of the product,

thus curbing the problem. Nowadays, schools continue dealing with the “smoking” issue—in the form of vaping. The percentage of students who engage in these behaviors is relatively small, but human nature and teenaged choices have presented GMHS with all kinds of challenges, right from the beginning. And, as Darwin stated, that is part of growth.

School announcements have morphed over the years as well. Originally, there was an office microphone and PA system; this changed, leading into direct use of the phone system to make public announcements and an automated warning system for fire drills and ALICE drills. At one point GMHS had its own studio, and students delivered live announcements, or they showed “commercials” that they’d made. Nowadays, school announcements are kept to a minimum—the pledge is delivered daily, along with a few need-to-know informational pieces—because student access to such information comes primarily from technological connection via the school website.

With school budgets being what they are, a change was needed in the early years of GMHS to deliver the kind of graduation that families could be proud of. The Gilford Craft Fair came into existence,

with every member of the senior class helping to make the show run. Crafters are charged “rent” for table space, and the students contribute labor with setting up tables and chairs and taping off areas for the displays, collecting money, and breaking things down and cleaning up at the end of the Fair. Gilford’s Craft Fair has grown exponentially over the years: originally it encompassed the high school gym, but now it utilizes the school’s hallways, both the high school and middle school cafeterias, and both of their gymnasiums. The money earned from the Fair has allowed Gilford to enjoy beautiful, formal graduations—both at the school’s auditorium and now at the Bank of New Hampshire pavilion. The money goes into such things as cap and gown rental, and it also helps reduce student costs for the Senior Class Trip.

Students have had fun over the years with various and ever-changing entertainments of all sorts. The school ran a major food drive for many years, though the emergence of New Hampshire’s “Tackle Hunger” program, coordinated through all of the Granite State’s respective football games, arrived during the same season (fall) that students had been

holding their drive. Now the school’s food drive is run as part of Winter Carnival, and classes can earn competitive points for their contributions. At the height of the original Food Drive, GMHS students brought in over 5,000 items for local distribution (working with the Gilford Community Church, the Gilmanton Food pantry, the Salvation Army, and St. Vincent DePaul’s).

Stunt Night was perhaps the craziest of entertainments, running for 11 years. Gilford (Middle) High School’s literary magazine received funding, and originally the magazine was run off on the school’s very own offset press. But times changed, and the old press finally lived out its days. With the demise of the press, it was time to turn to professional printing. So, to raise funds to produce the kind of dynamic magazine that they truly wanted, the editors of the Literary Magazine ran Stunt Night: an evening of comedy sketches. The Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors all produced two comedy skits, with the Faculty producing one of their own as well. The Lit Mag staff closed the curtain for set changes between the sketches, and performed crazy interim pieces out front to keep the audience entertained—everything

from jalapeno eating contests to hog calling. The Lit Mag editors had a promise: “The price of admission is \$3, and if you don’t get your \$3 worth of laughs, we will return your money.” The event grew and grew—to the point that it became unwieldy to manage, since students from other area schools came to see what all the funny commotion was about in Gilford. Over the course of the eleven years, not one single person ever asked for their money back; what’s more, the Literary Magazine, with its improved production, earned accolades as the “Best High School Literary Magazine (for small schools) in the Country” from the American Scholastic Press Association. They won the national award four times.

Stunt Night came into being, it had its run, and then it was time to move on. Changes were inevitable, since the cast of characters—the administrations, the staff, and the students themselves, were ever changing. Pie-a-Teacher appeared three times—students bid on rights to plop a cream pie into a given teacher’s face. Each time the event was held, students raised over \$2,000 for charity (twice for cancer research, and once for Local opioid Education and Recovery). Bubble Soccer arrived, and teams of

students competed with all proceeds going to charity. Mr. GHS has been run for a few years now, with many stalwart MEN from each of the classes vying for the title—with proceeds going to charity.

Just about every student who came through Gilford can tell you stories about Winter Carnival. Run each year during the week before February vacation, Winter Carnival has been a consistent source of fun while ever-changing. In the early years there were competitions such as Boys’ Cheerleading, floor hockey, Chubby Chipmunk (how many marshmallows can you stuff into your mouth?) and snow sculptures. But, between the boys in skirts being naughty, the faculty playing too rough in floor hockey, the potential choking hazard of shoving 29 marshmallows in your mouth at one time, and the inconsistency of Mother Nature to deliver adequate snow for sculpturing, some events simply had to fade away.

Not to worry though—Winter Carnival simply changed. Safer and more inclusive activities have arisen for the annual event. Which is emblematic of Gilford (Middle) High School in general over the last fifty years — good things are like change itself, since they are always coming.

Letters to the Editor Continued

We are overdue for a change

To the Editor:

Ruth Larson has been my friend for many years, and I believe I know her well. She is hardworking, honest, thoughtful and trustworthy, and I am writing to endorse her wholeheartedly for the office of New Hampshire State Representative, representing the towns of Alton and Barnstead.

Even though as a Democrat, Ruth is running in a very red district, the energy she has expended in her

campaign is amazing. Almost every day she spends time going door to door to engage with her constituents to understand their views and to listen to their concerns (and get to know their pets!). I have no doubt that, as a representative, she will faithfully continue to take their views into consideration and to keep them abreast of what is happening at the State House.

Our current state representatives seem to take the voters of

the district for granted, but what have they been doing to make New Hampshire a better place? They certainly don’t report on their activities much. Perhaps that is because they have been busy trying to pass extreme legislation such as highly restrictive abortion bans. Paul Terry has been in the tiny minority, in 2022 and again in 2024, pushing for measures to allow New Hampshire to secede from the US. For years,

Barbara Comtois has tried to dismantle a Belknap County jewel, the Gunstock Mountain Resort, becoming an outlier even in the very conservative Belknap delegation. And Peter Varney’s attendance at the State House and County Delegation meetings has been spotty at best.

Ruth understands that working as a representative in a purple state like ours will require her to reach across the aisle so that common sense solu-

tions to the serious problems facing our citizens can be realized. There is no room for frivolous or harmful bills that take up everyone’s time and serve no purpose.

The nonpartisan group Citizens for Belknap has endorsed Ruth, and I agree that Alton and Barnstead are way overdue for a change! Please help elect Ruth Larson on Nov. 5!

*Jane Westlake
Barnstead*

I will work hard for Middleton and New Durham

To the Editor:

I am a person who has worked hard her entire life. I worked my way through college and as a widowed mother of three children. With a master’s degree in literacy from UNH and a post-graduate certification in literacy from Lesley College, I taught in our school district for 24 years. As a volunteer in my town, I serve on the Budget, Ethics, and 1772 Meet-

inghouse Committees. I decided to run for State Representative for New Durham and Middleton because voters need a choice between extreme and rational. When I saw that my opponent, Susan DeRoy, signed a petition (signature #151) for NH to secede from the United States, and that she approves of universal vouchers (called education freedom accounts) that would increase our property taxes sig-

nificantly if enacted, I knew what I had to do. I had to work hard to run so I can serve my friends and neighbors as a voice in the legislature that rejects extremism. If elected, among other issues, I will support public school funding to reduce property taxes,

work toward affordable childcare and housing, and support women’s healthcare privacy, unions, and affordable access to renewable energy.

Having been active in politics for years now, I know I don’t have big money behind me that comes

in from billionaires in other states who want to control New Hampshire; but what I do have is the desire to help our communities.

And I will work hard for the people of New Durham and Middleton.

*Ellen Phillips
New Durham*

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Alton Rotary Club meets ABCA's new Executive Director

ALTON — A scene, some say, rivals Rockport's motif number one, are the colorfully painted cottages seen on the hillside overlooking Alton Bay. Those 130-plus cottages are occupied by members of the Alton Bay Campmeeting Association (ABCA), now under the leadership of newly appointed Executive Director Jonathan Tymann.

Tymann assumed his official role on Oct. 1, succeeding retired Director Brad Smith, who'll remain on staff as a consultant until Dec. 31.

Tymann addressed members of the Alton Centennial Rotary Club at its weekly Thursday meeting held at Alton Community and Senior Center. He spoke about his long connection with ABCA from the 1970s, when he and his parents often visited his grandmother.

In 1999 to 2004, with his wife of 39 years, Carlene Clancy Tymann, owned a cottage on Beacon Avenue there. They continued to visit the ABCA until the fire of 2009. They are the parents of five children.

"I'm overjoyed to be the next Alton Bay Campmeeting Association Executive Director," said Tymann.

"This has been a dream of mine since I first began running the trails of the campground as a youth," he said.

Tymann graduated from Gordon College with a BA in Business Administration and



Newly appointed Executive Director for the Alton Bay Campmeeting Association, Jonathan Tymann, is thanked by Alton Centennial Rotary Program Director, George Feeny (left) for his presentation to the Rotary club members and guests. Tymann spoke about his desire to work with businesses and area non-profit organizations like Rotary, to help build goodwill and better friendships.

Economics. He later Earned an MA in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, focusing on Christian Education. Additionally, he obtained a Certificate in Professional Fund Raising from Boston University.

"I can't wait to begin working within this community alongside other followers of Christ with a shared vision: to be a place where Jesus is Lord, God speaks, and lives are changed," he stated.

Tymann comes with a wealth of leadership experience, which includes a thirty-year career at Gordon College in the following positions: Director of Athletics, Senior Director of Development, Director of Alumni, Parent and Church Relations. Before employment at Gordon College, he was Principal of Portsmouth Christian Academy, Executive Director of the YMCA, Boston, and served on numerous boards and committees as an active volunteer for non-profit organizations. The ABCA was formed in 1863 and has continued to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ ever since. Currently it holds a very active Bible Ministry from July through Labor Day with activities, services, concerts, seminars and devotions for all ages.

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Lily Tierno of Gilford joins La Salle University's undergraduate class

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cation sciences and disorders and among the 600-plus new and transfer students that represented a 23 percent increase over the previous year. La Salle University is a comprehensive Lasallian Catholic university located in Philadelphia. It is rooted in the tradition of the Brothers of the Christian Schools teaching order founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle, the Patron Saint of Teachers. Chartered in 1863 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, La Salle prepares students to become known for more through a practical liberal arts

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Constance Remington Mitchell, age 82, died on Sept 21, 2024 in Ossipee, NH. She was born on January 31, 1942 in New York City to Carol (Northrop) and Robert Dale Mitchell.

See her full Obituary in the Oct. 3 issue of this paper, or on-line.

A memorial service followed by a reception will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, Wolfeboro, on November 16, 2024 at 10AM

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Magnificence

This morning, I was listening to a radio guy discussing with some guest about the congestion at all the major touristy areas this past holiday weekend. He was saying that there are many other areas, just as beautiful, that don't receive such attention and

suggested that they be publicized more. Heck, the whole state is pretty darn beautiful. You can even find places to exercise your awe down in the southern portions. If possible, I have always tried to position my existence such that I didn't have to

drive great distances and put up with crazy traffic to find some desired distraction and do my bit at saving gas and not wasting time. That's why I moved here. I'm always close to where I want to be. My house is situated on a high point in my town. I'm close to five

hundred feet above it, and have a totally different climate. Particularly snow. They could be getting a half inch of slop down there and I'll see four inches of nice fluff up here. The big ice storm we had back in the late eighties was a total disaster here while the

people in town had no idea of such things. Looking out my bedroom windows I see a magnificent display of fall foliage. Many different reds, yellows, and greens, and their combinations of colors, spread out across my viewing area. My bathroom window, with screen removed to see better, has more of the same, just as every window in the house. It's magnificent. I don't have to go anywhere!

still 37 outside. Inside, it was 57, so I lit the wood-stove. Cold temperatures always seem to happen during full moons so I predict that there will be another warm spell within the next couple of weeks and that I might have been alright letting everything remain in the garden, but now all that remains left to tend to are the onions and potatoes. Neither of which have started hinting that they're ready to get picked. I planted too late this year. It was just one of those historic springs that I hope doesn't repeat itself.

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Thursday, Oct. 31
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Preschool Halloween Party, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Come dressed in your costumes ready to play some games! There will be music, candy and more to celebrate Halloween!
Homeschool Club, noon-1:30 p.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 1
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Heart ‘n Soul Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 4
Fun and Fitness

With Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy songs, rhymes, and movement with other families!
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Writing Wizards, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Calling all writers to join us in reading and sharing our work with other wonderful writers!
Effectively Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors, 5-6 p.m.
This program details common behavior changes that occur as a result of dementia, and how they are a form of communication. Non-medical approaches to behaviors, and recognizing when help is needed, will be reviewed.
Mystery Book Group, 5-6 p.m.
Join us for this month's mystery book group! Betty Tidd will lead the discussion of

“The Widow” by Fiona Barton. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk.

Tuesday, Nov. 5
ELECTION DAY, NO PROGRAMS

Wednesday, Nov. 6
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 9-10 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Talk About Grief, 1-2:30 p.m.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.
T(w)een Boredom Busters, 3-4 p.m.
Science Seekers: Fun with Foam and Fizz, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ready to get messy with science? Learn and enjoy hands-on experiments with foam and fizz!

Thursday, Nov. 7
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Sensory Sensations, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Explore the wonders of our five senses in this interactive playful program!
Home School Club, noon-1:30 p.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Granite State Bigfoot, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
New Hampshire based Filmmaker, Adventurer and Cryptozoology researcher Aleksandar Petakov will present his findings and investigations into reports of strange encounters and sightings of Sasquatch-like creatures across the Granite State over the last decade. Folklore, hoaxes and credible encounters by upstanding citizens will be explored in a manner that allows the viewer to ultimately make up their own minds about this enigmatic mystery. Believers, skeptics & anybody curious are welcome.”

Once most of the leaves turn, the light that's seen everywhere will have a tint of orange to it. I call this orange time. It will last a few days. Then a rain or windstorm will come and rip all the leaves down and it will become gray time until the snow arrives. Maybe that's where the colors of Halloween, black and orange, came from. Nights now being cool and black and days being warm and orange.
It's almost a full moon, and the weather guys are predicting frost, and I fell for it. We never have frost here when they are blanket predicting it. It's always warmer up here at such times. The cold sinks into the valleys. Even so, I picked all the larger tomatoes, butternuts, Swiss chard and a mess load of wax beans to take inside, just in case.
When I headed home from practice, I was down by the lake, the outside temperature readout said 33. I was glad that I took the time to pick in the vegetables. Yes I know tomatoes are sometimes considered to be fruit. Another one of those minor controversies. As I was on my way home, the temperature climbed until when I parked, it was 37. When I woke up this morning it was

As the weather turns cold, it's consoling to have my wood bin filled. I still have a small pile of cut up stuff to split and stack outside, just in case we have a cold winter and what's in the shed isn't enough. I hope that's the case. There are lots of damage producing critters making their way into the region that would be annihilated with a good stretch of sub zero weather. They'd continue their migration northward, but at least it would get stunted.
Feeling concerned for the wildlife, I used to feed the birds. Doing my humanitarian duty. I intended to feed the birds, but not really the squirrels. One spring, a bear visited my feeder and reduced it to bits and pieces. Animals have a knack for finding themselves food. Every time we continually give things away, we're interfering with their natural propensity to take care of themselves. We're just fostering dependency. That goes for birds, beasts, and even humans.
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Mrs. Santa is coming to Alton!

ALTON — Alton Community Services is gearing up for Mrs. Santa coming to Alton!
If you are a family in need within the Town of Alton, please contact Alton Community Services to sign up for Mrs. Santa by emailing altoncs32@gmail.com, stop in at ACs on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. or Saturday

mornings from 9:30 a.m. - noon to fill out the registration form. Registration must be in by Nov. 20, and can be emailed back or dropped off at Alton Community Services 11C Village Circle, Alton. You may also call up Chris Racine at 603-833-3482 for additional information.
Due to the increase in clientele and costs, any financial dona-

tion is greatly appreciated and will bring so much joy to the children within the Town of Alton. If you would like to help with Mrs. Santa, please do contact Chris Racine or see Chris during hours of operation. Alton Community Services provides assistance to families in need within the Town of Alton through the generosity of its community.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Racine.
With the Holiday season fast approaching, on behalf of all the volunteers at ACS, we thank you so very much for your continued generosity to Alton Community Services and the services it provides to the Alton Community.

SPORTS

Golden Eagles finish off undefeated regular season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor
GILFORD — The final game of the regular season proved to be one of the most competitive games the Gilford soccer girls saw all season. It also happened to be a rematch of the championship game for the last two years, as the St. Thomas Saints came to town.
“This was a tough game to end the season,” said coach Rob Meyers. “Being the final home game of the season, it was also senior night. Both teams' seniors (Gilford has eight seniors, St

Thomas has 12) have a competitive history playing in the regular season four years running and facing each other in the finals the last two years.
“We were very happy with how we played, keeping the ball in the St Thomas end for the majority of the game and really pressuring the goal,” Meyers said. “We just were unlucky with our finishing tonight.”
Gilford got the game's first goal, with Macy Sawyer finishing off a feed from Anna Coapland half-way through the first

half to give the Golden Eagles the 1-0 lead. St. Thomas tied the game with about 10 minutes to go in the half and the game went to the break tied at one. Gilford had a number of good scoring chances in the second half, but they could not convert and the game ended in a tie.
The Gilford seniors finished with an impressive career record of 67-6-1, recording 52 shutouts, scored 374 goals and gave up just 44 goals.
The win finished off Gilford's season with a record of 15-0-1 and they earned the first

seed in the Division III tournament. They also secured the first undefeated regular season in Gilford history.
The Golden Eagles kicked off the Division III tournament after deadline on Tuesday. The quarterfinals are set for Friday, Nov. 1, at the home of the higher seed and the semifinals are Monday, Nov. 4, at Bedford High School.
Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.
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Gilford Public Library
Top Ten requests

- 1. “Framed” by John Grisham
- 2. “In Too Deep” by Lee Child
- 3. “One Day I’ll Grow Up and Be a Beautiful Woman” By Abi Maxwell
- 4. “An Eye for an Eye” by Jeffrey Archer
- 5. “How to Read a Book” by Monica Wood
- 6. “By Any Other Name” by Jodi Picoult
- 7. “A Christmas Duet” by Debbie Macomber
- 8. “Tell Me Everything” by Elizabeth Strout
- 9. “Swan Song” by Elin Hilderbrand
- 10. “Counting Miracles” by Nicholas Sparks

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SPORTS

Champs punch their ticket to another Final Four



Gilford senior captain Liv Keenan looks to cut between Newport's Natasha Carpenter (23) and Hailey Hill as she moves the ball upfield during Sunday's Division III field hockey quarterfinal contest in Gilford. The top-seeded and defending champions rolled in the final four with a 3-0 win.

BY JOE SOUZA
Contributing Writer

GILFORD — There was no looking ahead to a potential showdown with rival Berlin, a rematch of last fall's state championship contest by top-seeded and unbeaten Gilford. The two-time defending champions came out and took care of business, scoring in three of the four quarters to steamroll into the final four with a solid 3-0 victory over number nine Newport in the NHIAA Division III field hockey quarterfinal round contest here on a perfect fall afternoon. "We absolutely did," Gilford head coach Joy Southworth said after her

team controlled much of the contest in moving to 15-0 on the season with their third win over the Tigers (7-8-1). Gilford topped Newport in two regular season meetings, 3-2 in Newport earlier in the season and 6-1 here almost three weeks ago. "Our girls knew they could not come into this game complacent," said Southworth. "They know everyone is out to get us and that we have to come out and work just as hard as we did in the previous game. We've come a long way since we played them. We've meshed as a team. Earlier in the season we were disjointed. Now we are playing as



Gilford senior captain Grace Kelly goes on the attack after making a move past Newport defender Zoey Lord in NHIAA Division III field hockey quarterfinal action.

one unit... It's harder to break a pack." With outstanding speed coupled with stick

skills, the Golden Eagles came out strong and con- SEE FIELD HOCKEY, PAGE A14



Gilford senior Calia Blackey settles the ball down as she goes on the attack in the offensive circle against Newport in the NHIAA Division III field hockey quarterfinal contest Sunday.

Prospect cross country wraps up season in Manchester



Kira Campanile runs for Prospect Mountain during the Division III State Meet on Saturday.



Stockton McKnight charges toward the finish line during Saturday's Division III State Meet in Manchester.



Paige Harding runs during the Division III State Meet in Manchester on Saturday.



(Left) Trew Reed takes the final turn of the Division III State Meet Saturday afternoon in Manchester.

Timber Wolves stymied by St. Thomas in regular season finale

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — What has been a stellar regular season for the Prospect Mountain soccer boys didn't exactly end as the Timber Wolves would've liked. St. Thomas scored in the first two minutes of the game and never looked back, adding three more goals to secure a 4-1 win over the Timber Wolves on Friday, Oct. 25. After the Saints got the early goal, Prospect had a bid from Bryce Watson that went over the top of the net and Blake Snell made a good defensive stop. St. Thomas had the first corner of the game but could not convert and the visitors also sent a ball through the crease that missed the mark. Isaac Casale had a nice clear on another St. Thomas corner



Isaac Casale battles for position during action against St. Thomas last Friday afternoon.

and keeper Ben Gagnon made a save on St. Thomas chance as well. The Saints had another corner that missed the mark and Gagnon made another save to keep his team in the game. Kaleb Kennedy had a direct

kick chance go over the top of the net and Shaun McAneney had a bid go wide of the net. Casale had a shot denied by the Saint keeper and Sergio Duarte got to the rebound, but his shot also went wide. TJ Locke just missed connecting with Duarte on a bid and Wyatt Bubar made a run in that was stopped by the St. Thomas defense. The Saints had a bid go wide of the net and Gagnon stopped another shot by the visitors. Watson sent a shot over the top of the net at the other end of the field and Casale had a bid denied by the St. Thomas goalie. After Watson made another run, the Timber Wolves got their first corner of the game and Locke's shot went wide of the net.



Blake Snell goes up for a header during action on Friday afternoon against St. Thomas.

After another Casale defensive stop, Locke just missed connecting with Duarte and Gagnon made a stop of a St. Thomas shot. Casale and Bubar connected on a bid and Snell had another good defensive stand. Gagnon stopped another Saint bid and the Timber Wolves got the best chance of the half on a late corner kick, only to see the St. Thomas keeper make a diving save to preserve the 1-0 lead heading to the halftime break. The Saints came out of the gate with a couple of chances in the second half, with Gagnon stopping one and another going over the top of the net. Prospect had a corner kick chance but could not convert and Locke and Joe Deane connected on a bid that was stopped by the St. Thomas defense. Gagnon made another big save on a St. Thomas chance and Prospect sent the ball off the cross bar on a corner kick bid. After another Gagnon save, Locke had a shot deflected wide of the net and Gagnon stopped another bid before the Saints were able to double the lead with 20:50 to go in the game. The visitors kept on pressuring and had another bid go

wide and after a Locke chance went wide, St. Thomas picked up their third goal of the game with 13:57 to go for the 3-0 lead. Bryce Lounsbury had a shot go wide of the net and Prospect had a corner kick that they could not convert. Deane had a bid denied and Gagnon made another stop on a St. Thomas chance. The Timber Wolves got on the board as time ticked down to the final five minutes, with Watson going top shelf to cut the lead to 3-1. However, after another Watson bid went wide, St. Thomas added a fourth goal in the final few minutes to up the lead to 4-1. Gagnon had another save and Casale just missed connecting with McAneney and time ran out on the regular season, with the Saints getting the 4-1 win to close out the regular season. The Division III tournament was scheduled to start after deadline on Wednesday and continues on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the home of the higher seed. The semifinals are Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Bedford High School. Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

MANCHESTER — The Prospect Mountain cross country team wrapped up the season in Manchester on Saturday, racing at the Division III State Meet. On a revamped Derryfield Park course, the Prospect girls finished in seventh place overall while the boys finished in 23rd place. Hopkinton won the girls' championship, with Gilford in second and Mascoma won the boys' championship with Mascoma in second. The Timber Wolf girls were led by Whitney Good, who ran to 44th place overall in a time of 24:51 and Paige Harding finished in 49th place with her time of 25:06. Lyndi White took 73rd overall in a time of 27:43, Kira Campanile finished in 75th place with a time of 27:47 and Madleyn Briggs rounded out the scoring for the Timber Wolves with a 79th place finish in a time of 28:00. EmmaLynn Weller finished out the field of Prospect girls with a 32:50 for 130th place overall. Stockton McKnight led the way for the Timber Wolf boys, finishing in 94th place with a time of 22:19, with Dawson Meehan running to 133rd place in a time of 24:03. Logan Andrews was 148th in a time of 24:56, Caiden Wainwright finished in 155th overall in a time of 25:09 and Parker Wood rounded out the scoring with a time of 25:24 for 159th place. Trew Reed finished in 160th place in a time of 25:25 and Avery Giunta finished out the field of Prospect runners with a time of 26:12 for 165th place. Sports Editor Joshua Spaulding can be reached at 279-4516, ext. 155 or josh@salmonpress.news.

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Gilford Youth Center celebrates Halloween

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — The Gilford Youth Center gym was turned into a nightmarish maze for a few nights and then a cutely creepy excursion for little kids during the annual Haunted Village and Not-So-Scary Halloween Stroll.

On the Friday and Saturday nights before Halloween older kids and adults got some scares in the terrifying maze at the GYC gym. That Sunday the frightening ghouls were replaced by costumed friends for the Not-So-Scary Halloween Stroll for younger kids. After meeting Mickey, Minnie, Elmo, and more characters in the maze, families enjoyed a Halloween festival with crafts, a bouncy house, refreshments, and much more.

GYC Director Scott Hodsdon said the weekend went well overall at both events. The Haunted Village filled up entirely Friday night and the Sunday event got a lot of pre-registrations. “It’s been busy since we opened,” Hodsdon said on Sunday. “It’s just a fun activity for the kids.” Hodsdon said it took over week of hard work to put everything together. “It’s great to see the final result at the end of the week, being part of the holiday season is special for us,” Hodsdon said.



Christina Dunn takes her seven-year-old son James Dunn through the Not-So-Scary Halloween Stroll at the Gilford Youth Center.



Families do Halloween themed crafts at the GYC.

The event had many volunteers from Gilford High School and Middle School as well as members of Lakes Region League Basketball. “Just an overall community effort, which it



Danielle Carignan, age two, meets with Minnie and Mickey at the Not-So-Scary Halloween Stroll.

kids of all ages. Members of the Rugles and Dunn families took their kids through the maze. Christina Dunn said it was a great experience for the kids in their group with sensory sensitivities. “(It) meets all our sensory needs because we have exceptional children in our group,” Dunn said. Danika and Danielle Carignan, ages eight and two, went through the maze and had fun at the party afterward. “I think it’s awesome, we come every year, we actually look forward to it,” said their mom, Courtney Waterman. Waterman said Danika has been coming to this since she was two, and now she’s eight. “I really like the face-painting and the maze,” Danika said. She said she also liked meeting the character Stitch from “Lilo and Stitch.”

Learn about antique hand fans at New Durham Library

NEW DURHAM — The New Durham Public Library is thrilled to announce a special program on antique hand fans featuring Shelly Goncalves, a distinguished expert and avid collector of antique hand fans. This engaging presentation will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, at noon at the library, and is open to the public at no charge. During the event, Goncalves will showcase her extensive collection of hand fans, which spans various historical periods and cultural contexts. Attendees will have the opportunity to view these beautiful artifacts up close, learning about their craftsmanship, design, and the roles they played in different societies throughout history. The presen-



Shelly Goncalves

tation will delve into the artistry of fan-making, as well as the social significance of these items as fashion accessories and communication tools in past eras. This program promises to be both informative and visually captivating,

making it an ideal outing for history enthusiasts, art lovers, and anyone curious about vintage collectibles. Participants will not only gain insight into the fascinating world of antique hand fans but will also have the chance to ask questions and engage in discussions with Goncalves. The New Durham Public Library encourages community members of all ages to attend this unique event and explore the beauty and history behind these elegant artifacts. For further details about the program or to learn more about upcoming events, please contact the library directly.

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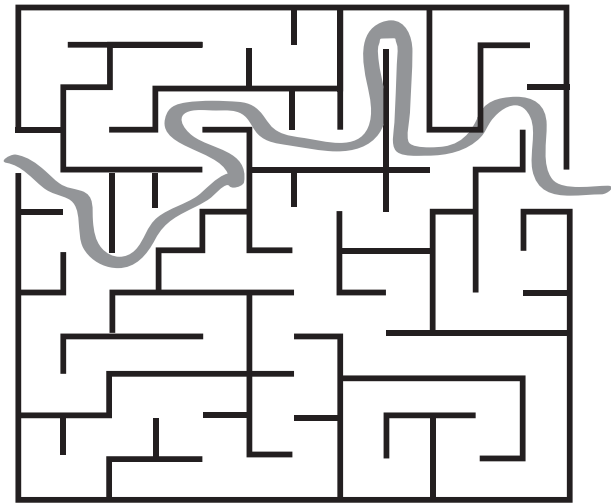
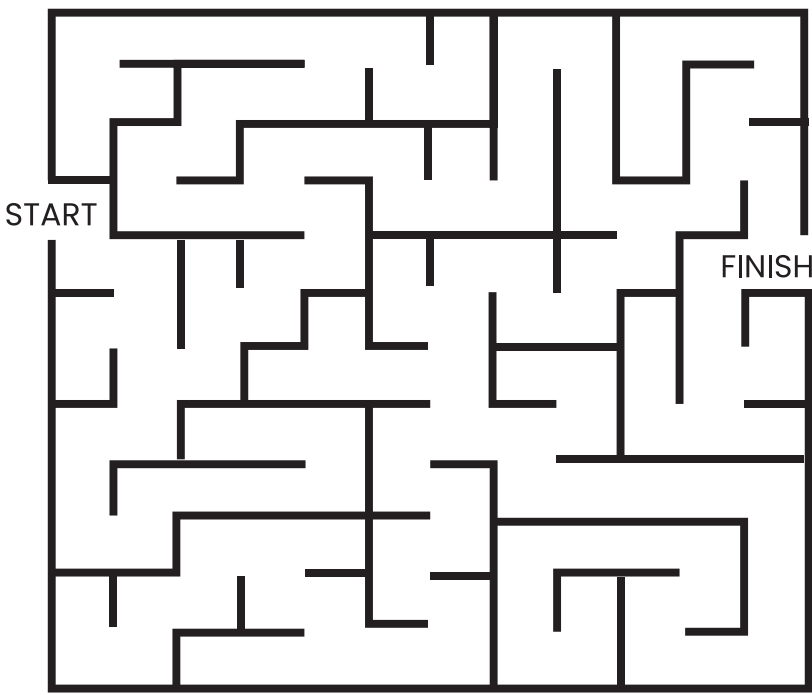
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Health FACT:



True or False? Eating a vegetarian diet can provide health benefits and aid in the prevention and treatment of certain diseases.

Answer: True

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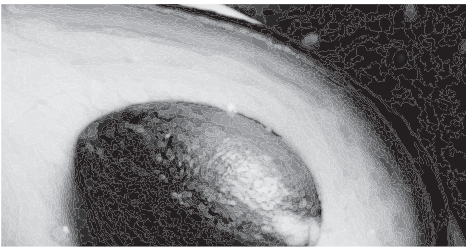
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Vegetarian diets are naturally low in saturated fat and cholesterol and high in fiber, which may help prevent heart disease.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Avocado

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to popcorn. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = E)

A. 13 24 14 2 24 4

Clue: Small center

B. 21 9 5 14 17 20 1 16 24

Clue: Kitchen appliance

C. 10 17 4 7 24 2

Clue: Yellow in color

D. 3 25 5 13 24 23

Clue: Container

Answers: A. kernel B. microwave C. golden D. bucket

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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7	4	3	2	9	5	6	1	8
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ANSWER:

Wolfeboro Friends of Music presents Bennewitz Quartet

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music expands upon its 89th season with a celebration of the world's greatest music through the virtuosity of four amazing musicians on violin, viola, and cello.

This very special international concert takes place at the First Congregational Church, South Main Street, Wolfeboro, on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m.

The Bennewitz Quartet is one of the top international chamber ensembles, a status confirmed by their victories in prestigious competitions and by the acclaim of the critics:

"... the music was remarkable not just for its clarity of structure, but for the beautiful tonal palette and purity of intonation in its execution. Only very rarely does one experience such skillfully crafted and powerful harmonies... Great art," writes The Frankfurter Allgemeine.



Known for "Drama, Expression, and utter Sensitivity," the members of the quartet highlight the inspiring and challenging choices for their concert repertoire. In 2012 and 2015, the ensemble performed in a sole evening the complete collection of Bartók's six string quartets in Italy and Sweden. In the 2024 season, the Bennewitz Quartet will again perform a collaboration on Dvorák's string quartets as part of the Dvorák Prague Festival. The ensemble is currently preparing the string quartets by "those who used to play together" - Haydn, Mozart, Vanhal and Dittersdorf.

The quartet currently performs in the world's cultural capitals: London, Berlin, Paris, and Wolfeboro, to name a few.

"Enjoyment and vitality of a young ensemble at the height of its powers," raves Sueddeutsche Zeitung.

"Crackling energy," writes Munchner Merkur.

This is the third of nine concert performances comprising the current season running through May, 89 years of artistic excellence in service to New Hampshire's Lakes Region!

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PMHS Robotics team celebrates successful off-season, upcoming events

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain High School Robotics Team, 319, Big Bad Bob, has had a busy and successful start to the 2024-2025 season. The team has participated in two off-season events, showcasing their skills and dedication to robotics.

On Sept. 14, Big Bad Bob competed in Mayhem in Merrimack, hosted by FRC Team 166, The Chop Shop. The team followed up this performance with a strong showing at the Seventh Annual Governor's Cup on Oct. 19 at Plymouth State University. This prestigious event brings together FRC teams from across New Hampshire to compete for awards and scholarships.

As the team continues to prepare for the upcoming season, they are excited to announce their 10th annual off-season event, Battle Of the Bay. Sponsored by Profile Bank, Battle Of the Bay will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, and will feature 24 teams from New England competing in the soon-to-be retired Crescendo game.

In addition, Big Bad Bob will be hosting the



inaugural Girls Behind the Glass, sponsored by Turbo Cam & Meredith Savings Bank, event on Sunday, November 3rd. This event, co-hosted with Interlakes Team 8046, the LakerBots, aims to showcase the incredible talents of female robotics team members and women in STEM. Spectators will have the opportunity to experience the thrill of robotics by driving robots on the

field. Both events begin at 8 a.m. For more information about Big Bad Bob and their upcoming events, please visit www.frc319.com or follow them on social media.



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Wolfeboro Stamp Club hosting Open House

WOLFEBORO — The Wolfeboro Stamp Club is holding an Open House this Saturday, Nov. 2 from noon until 3 p.m. Anyone and everyone curious about collecting stamps is invited to come by and see what the Wolfeboro

Stamp Club has to offer. It will be held at All Saints Church on North Main Street opposite the Fire/Police Station and the Library.

We will have stamps to give away, a silent auction, experts to look at your

collection, stamps to sell to fill holes in your collection, introductory packets of stamps, and collectors eager to share their experience. We have a vigorous and active club right here in Wolfeboro, and you should know about

us.

The club meets on the first Thursday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Church in the library. We share stamp collecting tips, stories and advice. We buy and sell stamps between members, and

we review circuit books from the American Philatelic Society. Members may also present interesting philatelic topics to the meeting and show items from their collections. Please come to the Open House this coming

Saturday from Noon to 3pm and find out about the Wolfeboro Stamp Club.

Any questions, please contact Warren Gould at 603-569-8678, or come by on Saturday. We look forward to seeing you there.

CANDIDATES

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The candidates were asked about securing the northern border. Kenney said the governor passed an executive order for a contract to put additional law enforcement offices at the border.

Soldati said he agreed with the use of federal funding to support state employees in their jobs, but he said past six months no apprehensions occurred on New Hampshire's side of the border.

"I don't want to see this used for sensationalize our northern communities, who are resilient and they welcome in immigrants, but they also want to make sure they're supporting folks whose job is to make sure we have a secure border," Soldati said.

Kenney said there have actually been apprehensions over the New Hampshire side and county commissioners in the northern part of the state have been championing improvements to communications.

The candidates were asked about the Depart-



COURTESY

Sandra McGonagle moderates a discussion between Executive Council candidates Joseph Kenney and Emmett Soldati during a recent event in Gilford.

ment of Transportation's Ten Year Plan and what might be needed in the state over the next decade. Soldati said he has seen the impact of the missing Exit10 on the Spaulding Turnpike that was supposed to lead to Somersworth and the lack of an exit has had business consequences.

He also said the lack of public transportation options is another issue that impacts many people. Soldati said the Executive Council turned down federal funds for a study on the Capital Corridor, a rail project that would extend the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Commuter

Rail into southern New Hampshire.

Kenney said as the former chair of the Transportation Committee in the state senate, he has extensive experience working with the Ten Year Plan and planning and transportation issues. He said most of these projects start at the regional planning com-

missions and go through public hearings. He also said he was able to secure around \$1.8 million for the COAST Bus on the Seacoast.

Kenney said he agreed more money is needed for many transportation projects.

"We have a lot of needs, we have so many dollars, and we will con-

tinue to work with those dollars in the future," Kenney said.

On the topic of housing, Kenney said a lot of progress has been made in adding additional housing such as putting grant money toward communities to help with their zoning ordinances. He said they know the state will need 60,000 housing units by the end of the decade and it is essential to let the communities manage their housing needs as opposed to a sweeping state mandate.

Soldati said he agreed that these housing decisions happen locally, but he was concerned about this huge task of building 60,000 housing units being given to individual zoning and planning boards. He said there should be a statewide housing plan and incentives to create more housing.

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field of Golden Eagles with a time of 28:02.

With their performance in the Division III State Meet, the Golden Eagle girls advanced to the Meet of Champions, which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 2, at Alvirne High School in Hudson.

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JOSHUA SPAULDING

Maria Tilley led the way for the Gilford girls during the Division III State Meet on Saturday afternoon in Manchester.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Mark Warren rounds the final corner of the Division III State Meet Saturday afternoon.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Georgia Eckhardt leads Alana Sawyer in the pack in action at the Division III State Meet in Manchester.



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Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Mark L. Jannini	Scott R. and Samuel E. Coverdale
Gilford	Bayview Industrial Park	N/A	\$65,000	Benjamin T. Keley	Bay State RT and Edwin K. Hania
Gilford	254 Gunstock Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$450,000	K. Harvey & Laura Malls Fiscal Trust and Keith Harvey	Christian Mead
Gilford	2761 Lake Shore Rd.	N/A	\$535,000	Horgan Fiscal Trust and Stephen J. Horgan	Deborah L. Morgan
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ELECTION

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Kenney and Democrat Emmett Soldati.

For Executive Council District 4, Barnstead voters will choose between Republican John Stephen and Democrat Jim O’Connell.

For State Senate in District 2, Gilford voters will decide between Republican Sen. Tim Lang and Democrat Carlos Cardona.

For State Senator in District 6, voters in Alton and New Durham will decide between Republican Sen. James Gray and Democrat John Ceskavich.

For State Senate in District 17, Barnstead voters will choose between Republican Sen. Howard Pearl and Democrat Kelly Roberts.

Four seats are available for State Representative in Belknap County District 4. Gilford voters will choose between Republicans Rep. Harry Bean, Rep. Russell Dumais, Rep. David Nagel, and Glen Aldrich and Democrats Kurt Webber, Jonathan Arsenault, Bob McLean, and Lena Nirk.

Alton and Barnstead voters will decide on three open seats for State Representative in Belknap County

District 7. Republican Reps. Barbara Comtois, Paul Terry and Peter Varney are seeking positions against Democrats Susan Church Stevens, Ruth Larson, and Stephanie Vuolo.

For State Representative for Strafford County District 3, New Durham voters will choose between Republican Susan DeRoy and Democrat Ellen Phillips.

In the race for Strafford County District 18, New Durham voters will choose between Republican Michael Herrington and Democrat Kimberly McGlinchey.

All Belknap County Offices are uncontested with most candidates running as both Republicans and Democrats.

Stephen Hodges is seeking another term as County Commissioner in District 3.

Sheriff Bill Wright is running for another term as County Sheriff.

Deputy County Attorney Keith Cormier is seeking a term as Belknap County Attorney.

Michael Muzzey is running for another term as County Treasurer.

Alan Glassman is running for Register of Probate.

The only Belknap County candidate running on one party is Republican Laura Lapointe who is running for Register of Deeds.

In Strafford County, Republican Joe Pitre is running against Democrat Tim Fontneau for County Commissioner.

Republican Scott Tingle is running against Kathryn Mone for Strafford County Sheriff.

For County Treasurer, Republican Althea Dukelow is running against Democrat Pamela Arnold.

For Register of Deeds, Democrat Catherine Berube is seeking reelection against Republican Matt Mayberry.

For Register of Probate, Democrat Jan Nedelka is running for another term against Republican Nancy Sirois.

County Attorney Emily Garod is running uncontested for reelection as both a Republican and Democrat.

State voters will decide on a constitutional amendment question that states that no one over 70 will hold the office of sheriff in any county and no one over 75 shall serve as a judge of any court.

PRESTON

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contact with anyone and making friends with the rats and spiders. One day soldiers stormed the barn searching for her. She hid beneath the hay and soldiers stabbed the hay with bayonets with one hitting the floor just an inch from her face.

“I stopped being a happy little girl, I started being a hunted animal,” she said.

After three months of hiding, Kati finally returned to her mother but later learned 28 members of her family including her father were killed in Auschwitz.

Preston later took on many different careers including journalism, modeling, becoming a successful fashion designer, and others. Eventually her family including her four children moved to the United States and settled in Barnstead. She now works to share her story to people of all ages.

Preston also worked with Gov. Chris Sununu in putting forth legislation to require an education program on the Holocaust and genocide be part of the curriculum in New Hampshire schools. The legislation passed and was signed into law in 2022 requiring comprehensive education in the Holocaust and other genocides throughout the world in middle school and high school.

On Oct. 16, Preston was awarded a citation by Gov. Sununu and the Executive Council during their meeting at Church Landing in Meredith.

The citation recognized Preston’s work using her experiences to fight prejudice, bullying, and discrimination by speaking at many schools, libraries, houses of worship, and others.

“I was very touched because I don’t know who else got anything like that,” Preston said. “I was very surprised and I was very gratified. I feel very acknowledged and appreciated.”

Preston was recently interviewed as part of a project by the USC Shoah Foundation to record the experiences of people who survived the Holocaust and other acts of genocide throughout the world. The organization founded by “Schindler’s List” director Steven



COURTESY — KATI PRESTON

Kati Preston of Barnstead was recognized by Gov. Chris Sununu during a recent meeting of the governor and Executive Council honoring her work to teach about the Holocaust and speak against intolerance.

Spielberg to create audio-visual recordings of interviews with survivors.

Preston said many Holocaust survivors have died or are aging and unable to tell their stories. As Preston was five years old at the time of her experience, she is a much younger survivor.

Preston said a videographer came to her home and an interviewer spoke with her online over the course of four and a half hours.

“They asked me some very interesting questions,” she said. “It wasn’t a normal interview; it was a very searching interview.”

Preston’s story is also told through a recently published graphic novel called “Hidden.”

The book was created after a conversation between Preston and illustrator Dilleen Marsh at Preston’s kitchen table over coffee. Marsh said she could write a book about her experiences, Preston shared a book she wrote and Marsh said it could be a good children’s book. They discussed putting together a book for middle school level readers with Marsh illustrating.

“She sent me two pages and I was blown away,” Preston said.

During the start of the pandemic, Marsh and Preston spoke online with Marsh, who was at her home in Utah, and put together the book.

“Hidden” shares an illustrated story of Preston’s life from her happy childhood to being persecuted, leading to her hiding in the barn. The happy memories are illustrated in bright colors, while painful memories

are in sepia tones.

“This is the thing I’m most proud of in my whole life because of the effect it has on kids,” she said. “When kids read it, they’re very interested.”

A film is now in the works about Preston’s life. Her son has been working on a docudrama called “Hidden” that combines reenactments with interviews with historians. The movie was filmed in Canada and Preston also helped coach many of the performers in speaking Hungarian.

She continues her speaking engagements and has been to various schools, libraries, churches, synagogues, and more places across New England and a few parts of Upstate New York.

She also recalled speaking at a Masonic lodge and at the New Hampshire State Prison. Preston said the greatest appreciation she gets is from the kids she speaks to. Rather than talking about fame or money, she said kids from this generation talks about bigger issues like the environment and are more accepting of other people.

“They’re amazing, this generation will save the world,” she said.

She said she is concerned about the information they get from the internet and advises young people to be careful where their information comes from.

Preston said she does not want the suffering she endured during the Holocaust to define her.

“I want my success to define me,” she said. “I want to go ahead. I want to talk about the future, not the past. The future is more important.”

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Troopers responded and determined James Robinson, 29, of New Durham, discharged multiple gunshot rounds from multiple firearms in the vicinity of the person he had been arguing with.

Robinson was taken into custody without incident and has been charged with three felony counts of reckless conduct and felony theft by unauthorized taking. He was also cited for violations of criminal trespass and unauthorized use of a firearm.

Robinson refused bail and remains held at the Strafford County Department of Corrections pending an arraignment scheduled in Rochester District Court the following day, Oct. 23.

State Police were assisted at the scene by members of the Belknap County Sheriff's Department, Milton Police Department, Middleton Police Department, Farmington Police Department, and New Durham Fire Department.

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