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Alton selectmen review departmental budgets

BY RICHARD SHEA
ALTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ALTON — The Alton Board of Selectmen's meeting on Nov. 10 covered several issues. Below is a summary of the meeting:

The board held two brief public hearings to accept grant funds. One was from the town's insurance carrier, Primex, for a partial refund of premium in the amount of $18,208. The other was for an Assistance to Firefighters grant in the amount of $36,404.76, which required matching funds from the town for $1,820.24. There was no public comment, and the board voted to accept both grants. The Board expressed its appreciation to the fire department for pursuing its grant. The board further voted to use a portion of the Primex refund to purchase the Voteworks voter sign-in computers and supporting software, as had been proposed at the Oct. 22 board meeting by the Town Moderator and Town Clerk.

The board reviewed and approved department budgets for Insurance, Benefits, and Water. The insurance budget was reduced by $38,358 due to lower-than-projected costs for workers' compensation and unemployment benefits and a reduction in the liability premium. The water department budget was reduced by

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Gilford Police Department thanks the residents at Wesley Woods for thinking of us with a gift basket on World Kindness Day! Photo courtesy of the department's Facebook page.

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.

Six Golden Eagles earn field hockey All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — With the conclusion of the fall season, the New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association has announced the All-State teams across the divisions.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Berlin's Caitlin Kelley and Gilford's Catherine Fay, Grace Southworth and Riley Coutts.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Grace Southworth was named Division III First Team All-State for her senior year.

Second Team honors went to Gilford's Kierra Walker, Susanna Tilley and Avah Mason and Newfound's Erin Matthews, Taelynn Hannagan and Alyssa Seymour while Honorable Mention was presented to Rose Kelly, Marlee Wedge and Lola Aristegue-Burke of Berlin and Kyla Gallagher, Ayla Dolloff and Autum Blackman of Newfound.

Also earning First Team for Division III were Rosie Blake and Juliana Cataldo of Derryfield, Autumn Meier (Offensive Player of the Year), Ryan Barrett and Mary Maughan of Hopkinton, Reagan Billado, Stella Syvertsen and Ava Nolan-Waddell (Defensive Player of the Year) of Kearsarge, Kiahna Farrey and Hailey Saari of Mascenic and Sophia Smith of Mascoma.

Second Team honors also went to Katie Stonaker and Tit Latinwo of Derryfield, Lauryn Vetter and Gigi Upton of Hopkinton, Evelynn Shippee, Reese Alix and Iris Traffie of Mascenic, Victoria Petty of Mascoma and Hanna Fellows of Newport.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Autumn Burgoyne, Gretchen Somero and Reagan Boudreau of Conant, Caitlin Lande of Derryfield, Dahlia Perry, Sadie Pelletier and Carlie Leino of Hopkinton, Adella Monnatt and Payton MacMichael of Kearsarge, Alexis McNeil, Gabby McQueen, Lily Cartier, Mackenzie McMath and Jordyn Wller of Laconia, Mallee Aho, Avery Peck and Addie Irwin of Mascoma, Haley Hill of Newport and Callie Demars, Emma Bell, Olivia St. Aubin, Lily Skinner and Narcissa Paligo of Stevens.

Chelsea Williams of Kearsarge was named the Division III Coach of the Year.

In Division II, Plymouth goalie Carmen Donis was

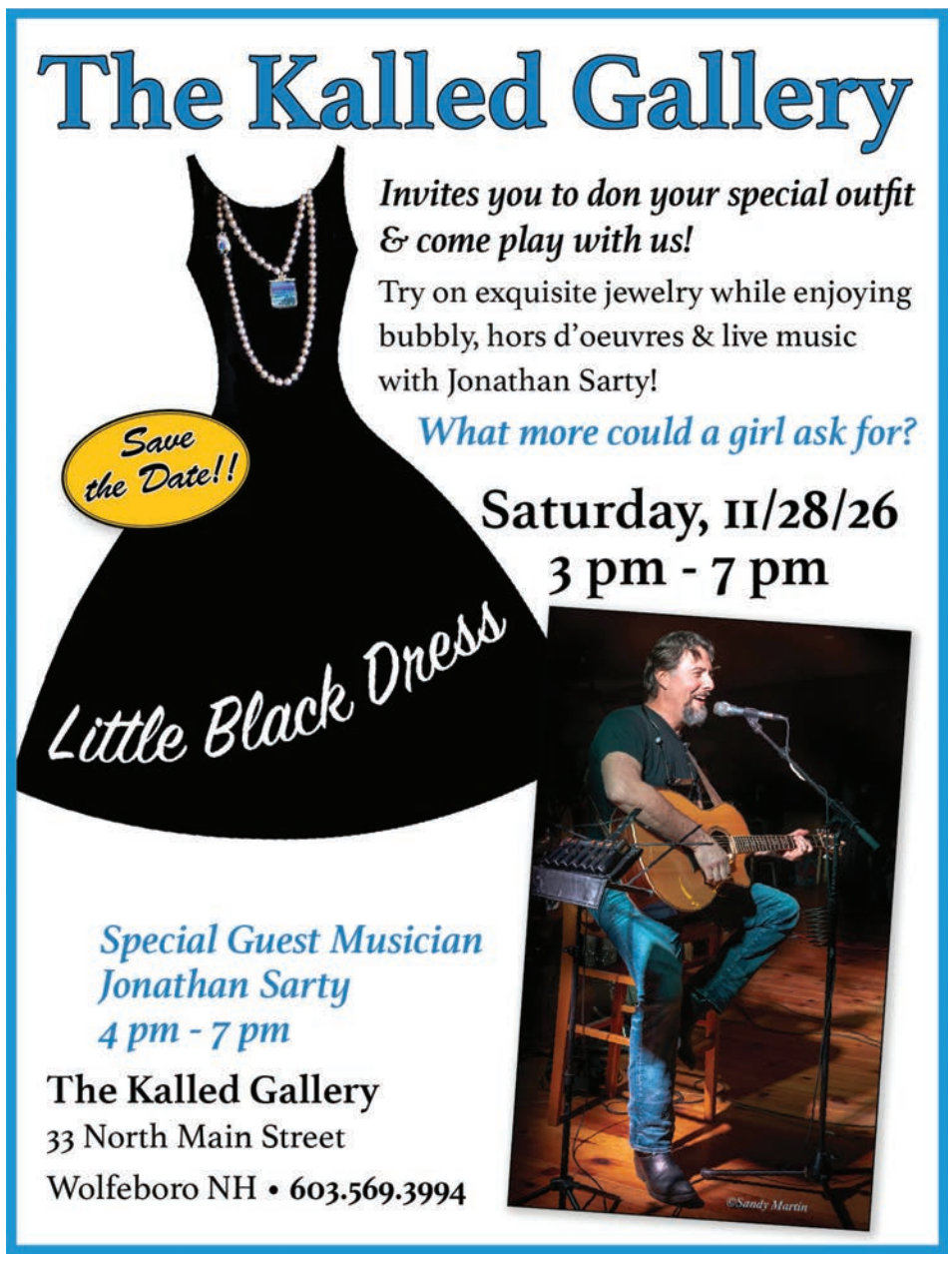
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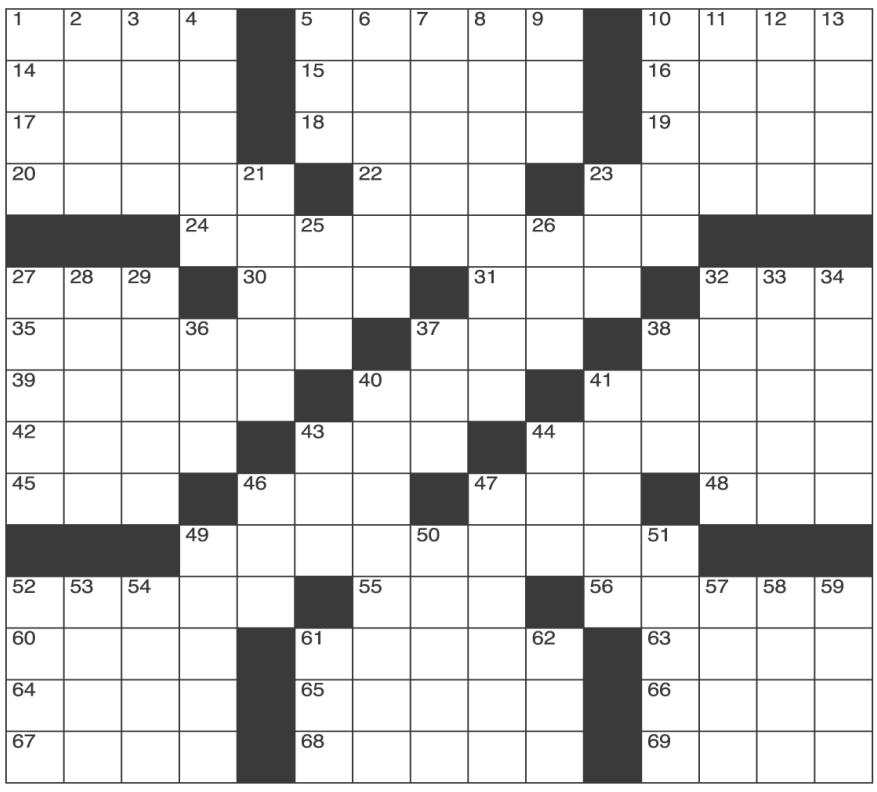
Early deadlines for Thanksgiving

The offices of the Gilford Steamer will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving.

To ensure that that week's edition arrives in subscribers' mail boxes on schedule despite the holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor has been moved up to Thursday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at brendan@salmonpress.news.

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





CLUES ACROSS

1. Perceive a sound
5. Pretends to be
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Keep under control
18. Weight unit for precious stones
19. You better call him
20. Fanatical
22. Male cat
23. Jewish spiritual leader
24. One who takes risks
27. A way to nail
30. Cool!
31. Progressive policy supporter
32. "Losing My Religion" rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. Round globular seed
38. Somewhat
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Color at the end of the spectrum
41. Lines where fabrics are sewn together
42. Dodgers great Hershiser
43. Floor covering
44. Traveled aimlessly
45. Rocker Stewart
46. Body art
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Categorizes
52. Iraq-Syria border town
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bracts of grass
63. Italian seaport
64. Ancient city in Syria
65. Shoelace tube
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. "Nebraska" director Alexander
69. Upper body part

CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Skin care manufacturer
4. A long-legged frog
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in northern Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Bottom layer
11. Type of horse
12. Ticket part
13. Defunct currency of Guinea
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway rodent
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. City in Egypt
29. __ and flowed
32. Large quantities of paper
33. Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. Layer of water right above sediment (abbr.)
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Large, round root
41. Sound units
43. Knock
44. Soak in water
46. Hot drink
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Come back from being down
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. __ Clapton, musician
59. Gamble
61. Semi-liquid food
62. Consumed food

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Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events
Nov. 19 – Nov. 26

Thursday, Nov. 19

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!

Healthy Steps for Older Adults Part 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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.

Crochet and Clementines, 3-4 p.m.

Whether you're a pro or completely new to crochet, come by and craft while enjoying some much needed Vitamin C!

French, 4-5 p.m.

Book Discussion: "The Winter of our Discontent," 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This month's book is "The Winter of Our Discontent" by John Steinbeck. Led by Katherine; books are available at the Front Desk.

Friday, Nov. 20

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon

Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 10-11 a.m.

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. 21

Back Together Again, 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Let's come back together and continue the conversations. We'll revisit the ideas, explore practical steps and learn from one another. From conversation to connection to action! Please bring a notebook and pen. Presented by Dottie Bergeron and Carol Wallace.

Drop-In Craft: Turkey Craft, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Come in and celebrate Thanksgiving by making a turkey craft!

Gratitude Sound Bath w/ Lani, noon to 1 p.m.

Welcome Thanksgiving week with an uplifting, restorative hour of gratitude, relaxation, and beautiful healing sounds. Join Lani Voivod, Professional Muse, for a soothing sound bath experience designed to calm your nervous system, nourish your spirit, and reconnect you with the joy and abundance already present in your life. Come as you are, settle in, and give yourself the gift of peaceful presence before the holiday festivities begin! Free to the community, thanks to the generous support of the Gilford Public Library. Sign-up required.

Monday, Nov. 23

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

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

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

Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 9-10 a.m.

Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.

Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon

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

Dungeons and Dragons, 3-4:30 p.m.

Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon

Senior Stretch Yogaaah!, 10-11 a.m.

Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Groovy Games, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Have a goofy time playing groovy games with friends!

Thursday, Nov. 26
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 23 to Novl. 12.

Candice L. Sanville, age 41, was arrested on Oct. 23 in connection with a warrant.

A 32-year-old male and 27-year-old female were taken into protective custody on Oct. 25.

John Kenneth Almodovar Vallo, age 32, was arrested on Oct. 25 for Reckless Conduct.

Nathan Jay Richardson, age 24, was arrested on Oct. 28 in connection with multiple warrants.

Brian M. Quinlan, age 57, was arrested on Oct. 29 for driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration and Driving After Revocation or Suspension of License.

Ellen Phillips, age 82, was arrested on Oct. 29 for Operating Without a Valid License.

Savannah Leigh McClaughry-Bertelsen, age 19, was arrested on Oct. 30 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

Heather Mary McKenzie, age 20, of Gilford was arrested, along with several juveniles, on Oct. 31 for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

Jessica R. Baker, age 39, was arrested on Nov. 1 for Driving After and administrative Revocation or Suspension of license.

Kevin Joseph Davis, age 41, was arrested on Nov. 3 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license.

Ashlee L. Goyette, age 35, was arrested on Nov. 3 in connection with a warrant.

Amelia Ryan Hosmer, age 22, was arrested on Nov. 4 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Physical Contact or Bodily Injury and Criminal Mischief.

Chad Michael Emmons, age 47, was arrested on Nov. 5 for DUI-Impairment.

Jennifer L. Brunelle, age 45, was arrested on Nov. 6 in connection with a warrant.

April Millicent Bushong, age 49, was arrested on Nov. 7 for driving after Suspension of Vehicle Registration.

Alex John Thornton, age 27, was arrested on Nov. 8 for Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury or Physical Contact.

Darren Patrick Cushman, age 63, was arrested on Nov. 8 for Negligent Driving.

Jeffrey Michael Watt, age 45, was arrested on Nov. 11 for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of license (subsequent).

Patricia Lee Connare, age 58, was arrested on Nov. 11 for DUI-Impairment.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. "Miss Wolcott's Ghost" by Louise Penny
2. "Hollow Bones" by Jodi Picoult
3. "The Girl in the Lake" by James Patterson
4. "The French Illusion" by John Grisham
5. "The Hollow" by Michael Connelly
6. "The Family Cross" by James Patterson
7. "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett
8. "Partita" by Barbara Kingsolver
9. "Chain Reaction" by Lee Child
10. "Whistler" by Ann Patchett
11. "Theo of Golden by Allen Levi
12. "East of Eden" by John Steinbeck

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PETS OF THE WEEK

Meet Salt!



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

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

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

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

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

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A food drive with curb appeal

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

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

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

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

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

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



COURTESY PHOTO

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

Genakos, Dumais set new school records as PSU wins meet

DARTMOUTH, Mass. — The Plymouth State University men's swimming and diving team set four program records and captured first place at the Louise Goodrum Invitational, hosted by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth at the Tripp Athletic Center on Saturday.

Junior Karson Genakos (Gilford) established a pair of program records in diving, scoring 161.70 on the 1-meter board and 116.00 on the 3-meter board. Junior Kyle Dumais (Belmont) shattered the program record in the 100-yard individual medley by nearly two full seconds, winning the event in 58.08, while senior Marco D'Addona (Torrington, Conn.) set a new mark in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

The Panthers totaled 407 points to finish atop the three-team field, ahead of Elms College (343) and host UMass Dartmouth (219).

Dumais led the way with three individual victories, taking first in the 50-yard freestyle (22.91), 50-yard butterfly (24.82) and 100-yard individual medley (58.08).

Junior Alex Giguere (New London) added two individual wins, touching first in the 100-yard backstroke (1:18.39) and 200-yard butterfly (2:34.44). He also placed second in the 100-yard butterfly (1:04.44) and 400-yard individual medley (5:42.06).

D'Addona claimed victories in the 100-yard freestyle (53.19) and 1,650-yard freestyle (22:20.67), while adding third-place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle (24.45) and 50-yard butterfly (28.44).

Junior Riley Lyons (Methuen, Mass.) contributed a runner-up finish in the 100-yard backstroke (1:23.73) and placed third in the 50-yard backstroke (36.31).

Plymouth State also swept the relay events. Lyons, Dumais, Giguere and D'Addona teamed up to win the 200-yard medley relay in 1:56.79, while Dumais, Genakos, Lyons and D'Addona combined to take the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:47.47.

Plymouth State competes at the Bridgewater State Invitational on Dec. 5 to wrap up the fall portion of its schedule.

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Light Up Night — Dec. 5

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

Fused glass ornament workshop with Art Escape

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

Reiki gathering

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Reiki Gathering with Reiki Master Teacher, Carol Wallace at the Gilman Library on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9:30-11 a.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Join us for a relaxed Reiki 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 November 24 to reserve your seat.

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

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

Guided Meditation

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursday, Nov. 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.

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Opinion

The value of a town that remembers its history

There is a difference between a town that has a history and a town that remembers it.

Every community has a past. There are old buildings, familiar roads, family names that have appeared in town records for generations and stories about how things used to be. But preserving that history requires something more than allowing the years to pass. It takes attention, curiosity and a willingness to recognize that the ordinary details of life today may become important pieces of the historical record tomorrow.

In communities such as Alton, Barnstead, Gilford, and New Durham, history is never particularly far away. It can be found in old meetinghouses, cemeteries, farms, village centers and buildings that have served several purposes over the course of their existence. Sometimes it is visible in a stone wall running through the woods or a road whose name recalls a family that once lived nearby. These reminders are part of what gives each town its individual character.

Yet there is a tendency to think of local history as something that belongs primarily to historians, historical societies or longtime residents. That is an unfortunate misconception. History belongs to everyone who calls a community home.

Consider how much of what is known about earlier generations comes from relatively simple sources. Old photographs show what Main Street looked like before buildings were replaced or roads were widened. Newspaper clippings document school activities, business openings and community celebrations. Letters and diaries reveal how families managed through difficult winters, economic uncertainty and changing times.

Much of this material was never intended to become historically significant. It was simply a record of everyday life. The same is true today.

A photograph of a school event, a program from a community concert or a record of a local organization's anniversary may not seem particularly remarkable now. Fifty years from now, however, it could help someone understand what life was like in these towns during the 2020s. That makes preservation an ongoing responsibility rather than an occasional project.

There are practical challenges, of course. Historic buildings require maintenance, and restoration can be expensive. Old documents must be stored properly. Photographs need to be identified before the people and places in them are forgotten. Digital records present their own difficulties, particularly when files disappear with outdated computers or abandoned accounts.

Not every old structure can be saved, and not every object deserves a permanent place in a collection. Communities must make reasonable decisions about limited resources. But there is considerable value in asking what might be lost before something disappears.

Equally important is the preservation of personal memories. Older residents often carry knowledge that cannot be found in official records. They remember businesses that once operated in town, neighborhoods that have changed, local traditions that have faded and the personalities who helped shape community life. Those recollections are worth recording while the opportunity remains.

Schools can play a particularly meaningful role in this work. Students who interview longtime residents, examine historical photographs or research the origins of familiar landmarks gain something that a textbook alone cannot provide. They begin to see their hometowns as places shaped by real people making decisions, overcoming difficulties and adapting to change.

That understanding can create a stronger connection between generations. It can also provide perspective.

The challenges facing today's communities may be different in their details, but earlier residents also struggled with questions involving growth, transportation, education, public spending and the preservation of local identity. Knowing how those issues were addressed in the past does not automatically provide answers for the present. It does, however, remind us that change has always been part of small-town life.

Preserving history should never mean insisting that everything remain exactly as it was. Towns must continue to evolve, and future generations deserve the opportunity to leave their own mark. The goal is to make certain that progress does not require forgetting what came before.

A town's history is more than a collection of dates and distinguished names. It is the accumulated experience of the families, workers, teachers, business owners and neighbors who made a community what it is.

Some of their stories have already been carefully preserved. Others are sitting in photograph albums, filing cabinets and boxes in attics, waiting to be rediscovered. Those stories deserve attention before another generation passes and the opportunity to tell them is gone.



COURTESY PHOTO

The students and staff at Alton Central School offer a heartfelt thank you to all of our veteran families, guests, and students who attended our annual Veterans Day Assembly! They were truly honored to have local veterans join them as we came together to recognize, celebrate, and show their appreciation for the brave men and women who have served our country. Photo courtesy of the school's Facebook page.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Indian Summer

I made it through another Halloween without getting possessed. I watched this movie that got me wondering. Some of the creatures I saw wandering around town I can't be so confident about. Either way, I should be safe for another year.

Last week, I was commenting about how the leaves of the forest were still on the trees to the point where I couldn't see the sun rising. That's certainly not the case anymore. There are still tree trunks and branches in the way, but that giant golden beam came and filled the house with its color this morning. Now everything in the house is getting UV'd into oblivion again.

I have a couple of cheap plastic filing cabinets under my computer table. Since they never get any direct exposure to sunlight, I figured that they were safe. I went to open one the other day and the whole front face just sort of crumbled to bits. For the time being, the interior structure is maintaining things, but for sure, sunshine and plastic do not coexist.

There are still some outliers though. Heading up the highway the other morning, through a totally winter landscape, I came upon two large maples that hadn't gotten the memo. They were in their peak splendor. Both golden yellow, almost glowing in the sunshine. You would expect to see such a thing in some fantasy movie, only these were totally real! Probably my last flash of fall for the season. By now, even these are fading into obscurity.

I took a walk around the property yesterday and the road was all covered with leaves. It was nice, the trail bikes hadn't cleared them away yet. There is a light at the end of that tunnel to. The kids are growing up and will more than likely cease tearing up the trails as much. If at all. But I'm pretty sure that I will never again see the soft blanketed earthen paths without all the rocks sticking through.

As soon as the weather shifts in September, whenever a nice day shows up, I always hear people wondering if this is Indian summer. I always shake my head. No way. Now the days and nights keep getting colder and colder. Most of the leaves have fallen off the trees and there are regular freezing nights. All mention of the annual weather blip ceases.

Then from nowhere, we get a number of days in the mid to high sixties. Today, I didn't need to wear my fleece vest. My flannel shirt is even too warm. Today I didn't even wear a hat. This is Indian summer. Yesterday was the same and tomorrow is supposed to be even warmer.

I feel that it's a little early this year. Sometimes, it doesn't happen till around the Thanksgiving holiday. I remember going for a boat ride out on the ocean one Thanksgiving afternoon. That was a rare opportunity.

This makes me wonder if we could possibly have a re-occurrence before December's lack of sunshine plunges us down into day long freezing temperatures. Locking us into winter for the season.

For me this has been quite wonderful. I have spent the last two glorious days picking away at all my outdoor fall projects. Not having been called to sub allowed me this time. I hope that the phone remains silent again tomorrow as I have another full day of activities awaiting me. It won't help my checkbook balance much, but there's something to be said for completing one's to do list.

I slipped out this morning to head off to the school to go vote. It was wonderful that it was such a nice day, weather wise. Everybody was in a wonderful mood. Maybe it was because it was morning and all the tensions that tear the goodness out of everyone's days, hadn't kicked in yet. But maybe it was a subliminal joy for being able to get out and casting your vote.

The school is all constricted by reconstructions. The major reason for why the taxes jumped up so much. It always has something to do with the schools. Yes, think of the kids, but lets be reasonable.

As I was walking down the hallway, it just came upon me to start singing one of my old favorite songs. If I had a hammer, I'd hammer in the morning, by Peter, Paul, and Mary when I caught onto music in 1962.

E.Twaste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

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Wolfeboro Lions Holiday Poinsettia Sale returns

WOLFEBORO — The holiday season is approaching, and the Wolfeboro Lions Club is offering beautiful poinsettias again to brighten homes and businesses while supporting local community projects. Choose from red, white, or pink poinsettias in six-, eight-, and ten-inch sizes. It's an easy way to add holiday cheer while giving back.

Orders can be picked up at the Wolfeboro Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 24, or Saturday, Dec. 5. Home or business delivery is also available through a Wolfeboro Lions Club member.

All net proceeds from the sale support the Wolfeboro Lions Club's charitable work and community service. The club assists local residents in need with eye exams, eyeglasses, and hearing aids, conducts vision screenings for children through its annual Operation Kids Sight program, and supports the Granite State Sight and Hearing Foundation.

The club also contributes to numerous local organizations and community programs, including L.I.F.E. Ministries Food Pantry, Knights Against Hunger, Camp Pride in New Durham, the Wolfeboro Fuel Assistance Fund, and the Wolfeboro Children's Christmas Fund.

Supporting local youth and education is another important part of the club's work. The Lions sponsor Scout Troop 165 and award $2,000 scholarships to local students pursuing higher education.

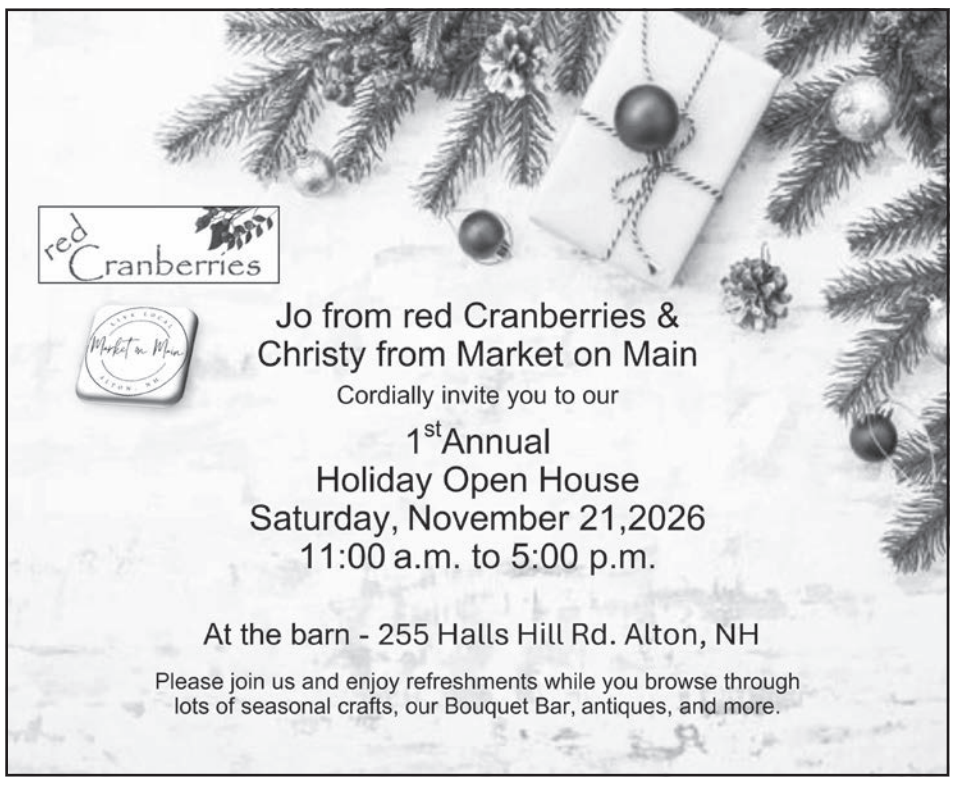
The Wolfeboro Lions also bring the community together through events such as the annual car show and Smith River Canoe Race. In partnership with Wolfeboro Parks and Recreation, the club organizes the annual Gift of Sight and Hearing Turkey Trot, with proceeds benefiting its sight and hearing programs.

To place an order, visit the club's online ordering page: pci.jotform.com/form/252744247188162. Order forms are also available at the Wolfeboro Public Library, Wolfeboro Chamber of Commerce, and Avery Insurance. To request a form by email, contact Lion Joe at jrdecho@aol.com.

The Wolfeboro Lions Club thanks the community for its continued support. Every purchase helps the club make a difference in the lives of local residents and support organizations and programs throughout the community.









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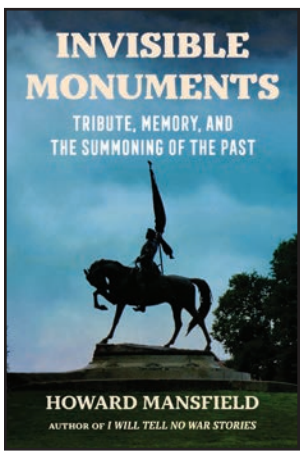

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Country Bookseller welcomes author Howard Mansfield



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Howard Mansfield



WOLFEBORO — Howard Mansfield will be discussing his new book, "Invisible Monuments: Tribute, Memory, and the Summoning of the Past," on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Country Bookseller.

Any monument that we stand before asks something of us.Think of monuments as the first part of a call and response, as in music, as in worship. We bring our sense of history to the present, otherwise the granite/marble/limestone/bronze before us will be mute. Howard Mansfield sifts through the commonplace and the forgotten to discover stories that tell us about ourselves and our place in the world. He writes about history, architecture, and preservation, very often set in the Monadnock region. He is the author of a dozen books, including The Bones of the Earth, The Same Ax Twice, Chasing Eden, Dwelling in Possibility, and In the Memory House, which The New York Times called "a wise and beautiful book." Books will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, call The Country Bookseller at (603)-569-6030.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Catherine Fay of Gilford capped off her season by earning First Team All-State honors for Division III.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Riley Coutts was named Division III First Team All-State for her play this fall.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Avah Mason of Gilford was named Division III Second Team All-State for her fall season.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gilford's Kierra Walker earned Second Team All-State honors for Division III for the field hockey season.

FIELD HOCKEY

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named Defensive Player of the Year in addition to being the only local athletes to earn First Team honors.

Kingswood's Avery Gilpatrick and Emma Ouellette and Plymouth's Serena McKenney earned Second Team honors and Honorable Mention went to AJ Sheldon and Izzy Fitzsimmons of Kennett, Cassidy Libby of Kingswood and Ella Duchette, Harper Hesser, Mabel Shuffleton, Kellen Mitchell, Autumn Lane and Alexa Joyce of Plymouth.

Joining Donis in earning First Team honors were Peyton Vaughn (Offensive Player of the Year), Kaylee Jacques and Madelyn Hebert of Bow, Greta Mancini, Sophia Mancini and Joia Collins of Hanover, Paige Shirley of Hollis-Brookline, Addison DeCew of John Stark, Ori Dart, Eme Godin, Ella Russell and Mariellah Dart of Souhegan and Riley Thomas and Leah Walsh of St. Thomas.



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Susanna Tilley was named Second Team All-State for Division III for her field hockey season.

Also earning Second Team honors for Division II were Shire Kelley and Aubrey Merrill of Bow, Breigha Rodgers of ConVal, Anna Farrell of Hanover, Karrington Telgen and Maxine Lundeen of John Stark, Sophia Hoang of Manchester, Hannah Dubuc of Merrimack Valley, Grace Harvey and Hannah Main of Oyster River, Avery Wyborney of Souhegan and Karys Murphy of St. Thomas.

Honorable Mention was also presented to Ainsley Herrick and Elise Jacques of Bow, Penny Griffiths, Arianna Hamlin and Cheyenne Costi of ConVal, Ruby Lintner, Emma Richardson and Madde Reder of Hanover, Addyson Olszewski and Anna McGuirk of Hollis-Brookline, Rowin Ledy, Sage Lambert and Madelyn Landigan of John Stark, Claire Swope, Summer Crowell and Paisley Rancourt of Lebanon, Sofie Loya, Sophie Roux and Hannah Fullam of Manchester, Abby Crete of Merrimack Valley, Charlotte Dutton, Raiyne Bailey, Lily Webster and Norah Cardin of Milford, Aiofe Sullivan and Paige Jorgensen of Oyster River, Julia Emond, Riley Caron and Daphne Morris of Pembroke, Abby Mayo of Souhegan and Mollie Gaynor and Bizzie Pelletier of St. Thomas.

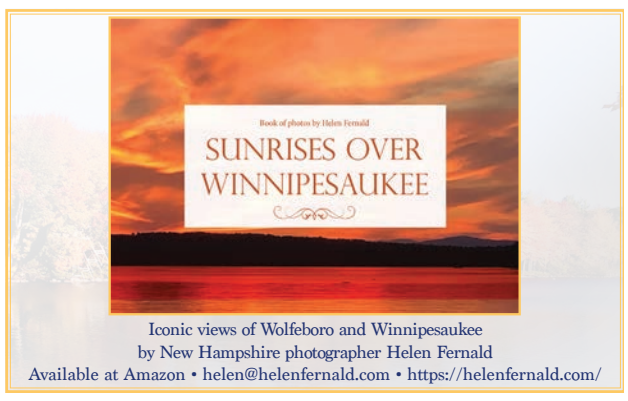
Kelly Shirk of ConVal was named the Division II Coach of the Year.

Additionally, after tryouts this past weekend, New Hampshire's Twin State team was named, with the game with Vermont tentatively scheduled for June 25 at Keene State.

Included on that team were Kingswood's Adelle Harrington along with Catherine Fay and Grace Southworth from Gilford.

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Songwriter Round-Up Friendsgiving Show to benefit Meredith Food Pantry



MEREDITH — The partnership between Katie Dobbins Music (Gilford) and Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith) which has brought the monthly music series Songwriter Round-Up to the Lakes Region is set to deliver another great show at the end of this month.

Held in the region's premier listening room, The Loft, located on the second floor of the Winery, this series has been giving audience members a chance to experience the original music of talented singer-songwriters from the New England area and beyond. At each show three artists share their songs and stories in a unique in-the-round style performance. This intimate series features two different songwriters each month alongside award-winning performer Katie Dobbins.

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

The Songwriter Round-Up "Friendsgiving Benefit Show" show takes place on Thursday, Nov. 19. This special show features a talented lineup that includes: Katie Dobbins, a singer-songwriter from the Lakes Region who delivers heart-felt lyrics with beautiful vocal tones wrapped in guitar and piano melodies; Ian Galipeau, a New Hampshire artist whose thought-provoking songs delivered within Indie-rock and Americana styles have been captivating audiences throughout New England; and Charlie Chronopoulos, a New England based songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer with a commanding stage presence, impressive guitar skills, and a love for sharing his music. All of these artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, melodies, and styles to the stage. This is sure to be an evening of great original music and dynamic entertainment that you won't want to miss. Learn more about each of these artists on the Hermit Woods Winery Web site.

A complimentary wine tasting will begin at 5:30 p.m., the Loft opens at 6 p.m. for seating & dinner orders, and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu of tasty items available from onsite Chef Eric Huckins. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.

Peter Mayer to perform benefit concert at Gilford Community Church

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



Courtesy Photo
Peter Mayer

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

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

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

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

"We are thrilled to welcome Peter back to Gilford," said the church's pastor, Rev. Michael Graham. "His music speaks to so much of what we value as a congregation—the importance of kindness, the beauty of life, and the connections that bring us together. And it's especially meaningful to know that this wonderful evening of music will support the important work of Church of Another Chance."

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

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

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



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2027 MVSB Community Calendars now available

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.

"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)

• Jason Kennedy, Bemis Brook Falls in Spring (May)

• Kathy Diamontopoulos, Buried Treasures (June)

• 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.



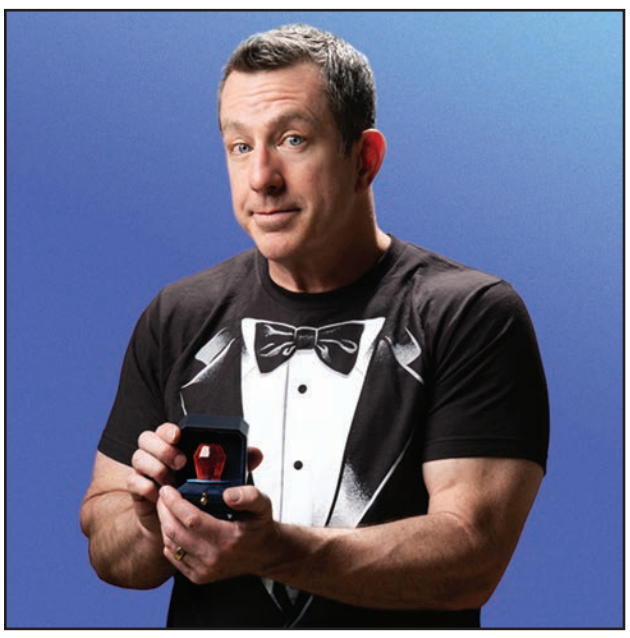
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Complimentary 2027 MVSB Community Calendars are available at all branches while supplies last. MVSB team member Jaron Jenkins displays "Sandwich Fair Ferris Wheel," his winning photograph featured for October.

MVSB has been serving the essential banking needs of people, businesses, nonprofits and municipalities for over 150 years. As a mutual savings bank, MVSB has no stockholders but rather operates for the benefit of its customers, employees and community. Since our founding, one thing has always remained true: caring is at the heart of everything we do. By building and nurturing relationships, we believe that we can cultivate a community where we all thrive. It all starts with caring about our customers and neighbors. To learn more, visit any of the local branch offices located in New Hampshire in Alton, Ashland, Center Harbor, Exeter, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, North Conway, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Rochester or Wolfeboro, call 800-922-6872 or visit mvsb.com.

Comedian Jamie Lissow brings new show to The Colonial

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Jamie Lissow: Marriage Material on Friday, March 12, at 7 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.



Jamie Lissow is an actor and comedian who can currently be seen as a weekly guest on the #1 rated late night talk show, "Gutfeld!" Prior to that, Lissow starred alongside SNL alums Rob Schneider, Adam Sandler, Norm MacDonald, and David Spade in the Netflix Original Series REALROB, in which he also served as co-writer and producer.

Lissow has appeared on "The Tonight Show," "The Late Late Show," "Last Comic Standing," and his Dry Bar Comedy Special has racked up more than 20 million views.

Most recently, Lissow can be seen in the feature "Daddy-Daughter Trip" alongside Rob Schneider, John Cleese, and Michael Bublé. Next, Lissow is set to star in the feature "The Animal 2" for Fox/Tubi. Jamie continues to headline standup comedy clubs across the country.

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

Spectacle Live

Spectacle Live's mission is to create connections that make exceptional live experiences happen. Founded in 2012 and headquartered in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Spectacle Live is a live event and venue management company specializing in performing arts centers across the Northeast. The company partners with municipalities and arts organizations throughout New England to provide comprehensive services, including venue operations, marketing and promotion, booking and talent buying, ticketing, food and beverage management, technical production, and consulting. Spectacle Live currently works with more than a dozen venues across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, presenting a diverse range of events from concerts and comedy to theater and family entertainment. For more information, visit www.spectaclelive.com or contact Pete Lally atplally@spectaclelive.com or 617-531-1257.

SELECTMEN

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$22,543 due to reductions in several expense categories. The Benefits budget increased by $239,623, driven by a 16 percent increase in the cost of employee health insurance.

These three budgets were the last to be reviewed, and the overall town budget, which will now be forwarded to the Budget Committee for review, is projected to have a 2.9 percent total increase.

The board also reviewed and approved the Default budgets for both Town and Water Department Operations.

The board reviewed and approved the lease-purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe to replace the existing Dodge cruiser serving as our K9 unit. The present cruiser has over 170,000 miles plus substantial additional engine idle time and has become a maintenance issue. The board considered outright purchase, but decided to execute a lease, with the option of an early payoff if funding allows. The cost of the vehicle is $54,856 to be paid through the Police Detail Operating Fund, which will have no impact of taxes.

Outfitting the cruiser with necessary equipment, including that required for K9 use, will cost $24,360, partially offset by a $6,800 grant from the Working Dog Foundation. This will be paid using surplus funds from the operating budget. Given the very low trade-in value of the present cruiser, it was decided to retain it as a spare, and ultimately as a source of parts for the other Dodge cruisers.

The board reviewed the proposed contract with Breezeline for a town-wide cable franchise agreement. The proposal is complex, and it was decided to hold a public hearing on it at a future date, likely in late December. The entire agreement will be posted on the town website for public review.

Town Administrator Ryan Heath provided updates on several issues:

-Town Planner Cameron Armstrong has been awarded his Planner's Certification from American Institute of Certified Planners, the national municipal planners association. The Board voiced its congratulations and expressed its appreciation for his efforts.

-The town hall replacement roof work is slated to start this week, either Wednesday or Friday. All materials are on site. The Board discussed the importance of close monitoring of the work, which will be provided by our building inspector, and include extensive use of drones for observation.

-Stumping and cleanup of the Hidden Springs site is underway. The Board will conduct a site inspection at a future date, likely after most of the work is completed. The date and time will be announced so the Public may attend.

-Gomez and Sullivan, the engineering firm engaged by the town to review and monitor state activities at the Alton Power Dam, has inspected the dam site and forwarded an extensive list of requested documents to the State. The state Fish and Game department has advised that its drawdown and test efforts are now complete, and the water level has been restored to 2.5 feet below the dam top. Any further actions are yet to be determined.

-The Fire Department has located a 2018 Pierce ladder truck with 56,000 miles on it available for purchase. It has a 107 ft ladder and is a single axle design. The posted price is $990,000 well below the current balance in the department's Equipment Reserve fund. The Board decided to seek further information on the truck's location, condition and equipment.

-The Public Works Department has successfully recruited 2 new employees 1 for grounds and maintenance and the other as a light equipment operator. This will bring our staffing level up to the minimum needed for timely storm management.

Selectmen Paul LaRochelle and Dick Shea voiced their appreciation to the Alton Central School students and staff for their Veteran's Day presentation. Many residents who are veterans or active-duty men and women attended, and were clearly moved by the program, which included songs, poems and prayers. The American Legion Color Guard posted the flag, and the school band outdid itself with patriotic music.

Select Board Chair Larochelle reported that the cameras and weather-reporting equipment planned for the Alton Bay water bandstand have been installed. Information for on-line access will be posted this week on the town website and on Facebook.

Police Chief Adam Painchaud advised the board that he's been able to hire two new officers, one that's fully certified and the other that will be attending the Police Academy to obtain certification. This will significantly improve staffing levels in the department and reduce the need for overtime scheduling.

The Chief also presented the Board with written recommendations for the promotions of 2 officers. Sergeant Tyler Glidden to Staff Sergeant and Lieutenant Bill Tolios to Captain. It was noted that both officers are long-time members of the Force, and both are currently performing the duties that the promotions would formalize. The board voted unanimously to approve the promotions, noting that they were very much deserved.

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 YouTube Web site.

Church Service SCHEDULE

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From backyard herbs to winter remedies

Farmstead Herbals brings two November workshops to Makers Mill

WOLFEBORO — More than a decade after teaching herbal salve workshops with G.A.L.A., the organization now known as Makers Mill, local herbalist Jessica Cole is returning to share her love of plants, traditional herbal medicine, and hands-on learning through two November workshops.

Cole previously operated Sumner Brook Herbals, offering small-batch herbal preparations at the Wolfeboro Farmers Market, including her popular Chaga Chai tea and memorably named "Bug Free or Die" bug spray. After stepping away from selling her products while raising her three children, she's returning to her herbal work under a new name, Farmstead Herbals.

Her small-batch herbal teas, seasonal syrups, and other preparations are currently available exclusively at Makers Mill, where she's also beginning to share her knowledge through a new series of classes.

And with winter just around the corner, the timing couldn't be better.

"The plants are all around us, and there is so much to learn and prepare from the herbs growing right in our own backyards," says Cole. "When we learn to safely and mindfully harvest and use the plants around us, we can support our well-being and connect more deeply with the natural world. Even just smelling the flowers and herbs is medicine!"



COURTESY PHOTO

Herbalist Jessica Cole leads a hands-on herbal salve workshop in 2014, when Makers Mill was known as G.A.L.A. More than a decade later, Cole returns to teach two November workshops exploring medicinal roots, winter syrups, and herbal teas. Photo courtesy of Makers Mill.

Cole's approach to herbalism is practical and approachable. You don't need an elaborate herb garden or a cabinet full of unfamiliar ingredients to get started. Sometimes, the first step is simply learning to recognize what's already growing nearby.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cole will lead "Backyard Herbalism: Medicinal Roots & Winter Syrups." Participants will explore traditional uses of roots such as astragalus, echinacea, burdock, dandelion, and yellow dock, along with plant identification, sustainable harvesting, preparation, and herbal syrup-making.

The following Sunday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Cole will offer "Backyard Herbalism: Winter Teas for Health & Calm."

And who couldn't use a little more calm during the busy holiday season?

This cozy, hands-on workshop explores herbs traditionally used for relaxation and seasonal wellness, including nettle, lemon balm, holy basil, hops, motherwort, and milky oats. Participants will sample herbal teas, learn blending techniques, and create a personalized winter tea blend to take home.

For Cole, herbalism is about more than making remedies. It's about slowing down, paying attention to the seasons, and rediscovering the relationship between people and plants.

After studying Environmental Education, Cole became a certified herbalist through Greenwood Herbals in Limerick, Maine. Through Farmstead Herbals, she creates small-batch herbal preparations inspired by traditional plant medicine and a lifelong love of plants and seasonal living.

Both workshops welcome beginners and anyone curious about herbs. Through hands-on learning, participants can explore traditional plant knowledge, develop practical skills, and connect with the plants growing around them, reflecting Makers Mill's mission of learning and sharing together.

Space is limited, and advance registration is encouraged. Find class details and register at makersmill.org/herbs. For questions about the workshops, contact Cole at jess@farmsteadherbals.com.

Meet Jessica and explore her Farmstead Herbals products at Makers Mill's Holiday Market & Open House on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1–4 p.m.

Makers Mill is a nonprofit community makerspace and vocation hub located at 23 Bay Street in Wolfeboro, offering hands-on classes, shared workshops, and opportunities to learn, create, and connect.

Wolfeboro Festival of Trees

Gala tickets now on sale!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrate the season, support local organizations, and help make a difference right here at home. We hope to see you there!

Colonial welcomes musical tribute to ABBA

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

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

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

Spectacle Live

Spectacle Live's mission is to create connections that make exceptional live experiences happen. Founded in 2012 and headquartered in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Spectacle Live is a live event and venue management company specializing in performing arts centers across the Northeast. The company partners with municipalities and arts organizations throughout New England to provide comprehensive services, including venue operations, marketing and promotion, booking and talent buying, ticketing, food and beverage management, technical production, and consulting. Spectacle Live currently works with more than a dozen venues across Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, presenting a diverse range of events from concerts and comedy to theater and family entertainment. For more information, visit www.spectaclelive.com or contact Pete Lally atplally@spectaclelive.com or 617-531-1257.

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Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Alton	241 Mount Major Highway	Single-Family Residence	$600,000	Brenda J. Falke RET	Jeffrey P. Thompson, Jr. RET
Alton	41 Rand Hill Rd.	N/A	$340,000	Jake Normand Whitney	Curtis D. Kaye
Alton	Sawmill Brook Road	N/A	$50,000	Shaina and Daniel Laurin	David Halligan LT
Alton	256 Trask Side Rd.	Residential Open Land	$50,000	Shaina and Daniel Laurin	David Halligan LT
Alton	N/A (Lot 11)	N/A	$400,000	Justin P. Willette	Cody Willette and Lauren Geleas
Barnstead	33 Old Rochester Rd.	Single-Family Residence	$410,000	William J. and Chantell Wheeler	Robson G. Miguel, Sr. and Luciana B. Estrazulas
Barnstead	S. Shore Drive	N/A	$10,000	Patricia A. Finethy	Ernest and Donna Glynn
Barnstead	Shackford Corner Road	N/A	$95,000	Jeffrey Martin	RM Abbott Builders LLC
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	$25,000	Lakelands Improvement Association	Henderson Fiscal Trust and Pamela Henderson
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 15A)	N/A	$379,933	Michael Geraci RET	Jonathan and Stephanie Pavnick
Gilford	23 Cross Lane	N/A	$540,000	23 Cross Lane RT and Lynda J. Nadolny	Carla A. Frisbee
Gilford	Cyrus Lane	N/A	$430,000	D'ann M. Dennison and Wanda L. Floyd	Candace and Neil A. Eastman
Gilford	216 Mountain Dr.	Single-Family Residence	$760,000	Carl T. Rennie RET	Brendan Robert and Maria B. Demo
Gilford	N/A	N/A	$208,000	Richard P. and Russell R. Letendre	Louis R. and Colleen Leslie Fantozzi
Gilmanton	58 Blueberry Lane	Single-Family Residence	$600,000	Palladino Fiscal Trust and Michael G. Palladino	Kriss R. and Maricel D. Hoy
Gilmanton	22 Chestnut Ave., Unit 140X	N/A	$222,000	Edward Bantz	Taylor Kuroski
Gilmanton	469 Province Rd.	Single-Family Residence	$125,000	Darlene Page 2021 Trust and Robert A. Page	Richard Hilton
Gilmanton	N/A (Lot 17)	N/A	$545,000	Jacob M. and Michelle M. Dalzell	Kevin Richard Kiernan and Alexandra M. Kriegel
New Durham	71 Main St.	Single-Family Residence	$404,000	Dylan Finneran and Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC	Gary Nadeau
New Durham	N/A (Lot 13)	N/A	$475,000	Richard J. and John A. Kowalski	Paul F. Kowalski

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

Here are recent real estate transactions in Alton and the surrounding areas. These sales summaries are informational only, not a legal record. Names shown are usually the first listed in the deed. Sales might involve additional parties or locations. Prices are usually based on tax stamps and might be inaccurate for public agency sales. Refer to actual public documents before forming opinions or relying on this information. Additional publicly recorded information on these sales, prior sales and data from Department of Revenue Administration forms is available at www.real-data.com or 669-3822. Copyright 2011. Real Data Corp. In the column "Type": land= land only; L/B= land and building; MH= mobile home; and COND=condominium. Transactions provided by The Warren Group, Boston Ma., publishers of The Registry Review and Bankers and Tradesman newspapers, Phone: 1-800-356-8805. Website: www.thewarrengroup.com

Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection on Thursday, Dec. 10 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 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.

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.

Kalled Gallery hosts Third Annual Little Black Dress Night featuring live music from Jonathan Sarty

WOLFEBORO — The Kalled Gallery at 33 N. Main St. believes playing dress-up is fun at any age! We invite you to wear your favorite black dress or holiday outfit and come try on beautiful jewelry Nov. 28 from 3-7 p.m. Create a whole new look and make a wish list so Santa knows exactly what you want this year.

Jonathan Sarty will also be performing live music in the gallery. Native to Maine and New Hampshire, Jonathan Sarty is a musician, songwriter, and the host of the Cold River Radio Show. As a performer of what he describes as Classic American Music, his show is a must-see for music lovers!

Listen to live music, sip on bubbly, and nibble on hors d'oeuvres, what more could you ask for on a November evening?!



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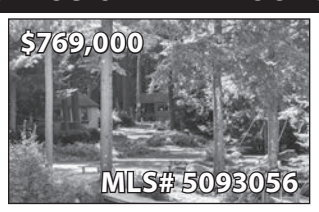
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Gilford: To be built on a 0.72-acre lot, this modular ranch features a base plan with 3BR/2BA, an open-concept living area, a 2-car attached garage and beach rights to Lake Winnipesaukee via Gunstock Acres Association.



Meredith: This updated seasonal cottage features an updated kitchen, remodeled bathroom, new hot water tank, drilled well, and two Bosch mini-splits for heating/AC. Includes a deeded 24-foot boat slip and permits short-term rentals.



Laconia: Located in Long Bay on Lake Winnipesaukee, this 3BR/2BA home features an open-concept living/dining area, a galley kitchen with granite countertops and an oversized breakfast nook, and a main-floor office/den. Access to two private beaches, a heated pool, tennis, and pickleball courts.

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Power Chords Holiday Concert comes to Laconia!

LACONIA — The Power Chords celebrate the end of their 2026 season with two free Holiday concerts open to the public. The Power Chords are Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative's Broadway show choir for adults who come together on Sunday nights all year long to sing Broadway showtunes together. On Friday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m., the performance will take place at the Woodside Building of the Taylor Community. The second performance is Sunday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Laconia.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lorraine Barrows leads the Power Chords at a performance at the Congregational Church of Laconia.

The concert will include selections from the group's ever increasing repertoire of Broadway showtunes, plus traditional holiday classics and will last about an hour. This year's group is made up of about 50 community members who have been working hard all year long working towards their final presentation.

The Power Chords are led by Lorraine Barrows, a longtime music educator who moved to Laconia upon retirement and quickly got involved in Powerhouse productions, and Lorraine is assisted by Jay Labrecque. Power Chords is open to anybody, without audition, and is a great way to meet new people or build the skill and confidence to audition for a community theatre production. A new season of Power Chords begins in early January. Those interested in signing up are encouraged to attend one of the concerts to see what the group is all about! Information on the 2027 Power Chords schedule can be found at https://www.powerhousenh.org/power-chords.

The Power Chords Holiday Concert is part of Powerhouse's 2026 Spark Series sponsored by Taylor Community and the Laconia Daily Sun. Powerhouse's 2026 season has been sponsored by Grappone Automotive, MVSB and LaValley Middleton Building Supply. Powerhouse's exciting 2027 season has already been announced - to find out how you can get involved as a sponsor contact info@powerhousenh.org for more details. For all the information on Powerhouse events and auditions including ticket information for Powerhouse's annual production of "A Christmas Carol: The Musical Ghost Story" and the adults only "Fezziwig's After Dark, check out powerhousenh.org.

Audubon announces Baxter State Park program



MOULTONBOROUGH — On Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Loon Center in Moultonborough, the Lakes Region Chapter of the New Hampshire Audubon Society will present a program called Baxter State Park — Maine Magic, with wildlife photographer Joe Callanan.

Join Callanan as he takes you to one of the most exceptional wildlife sanctuaries in the eastern half of our country.

Baxter State Park was the result of one man's magnificent lifelong obsession. Percival Baxter was taken to climb Mt. Katahdin as an 11-year-old boy. He was so taken with the grandeur of the mountain and its wildlife that he made it his personal mission to preserve this mountainous paradise in its original state for perpetuity.

Incredibly, he singlehandedly purchased the land, designed the campground layouts, and set up a trust to cover its costs. Then he donated it to the State of Maine.

This was the stomping ground that birthed Joe's passion for wildlife and rugged adventures. Come and discover this place in all its primitive, wild and rugged glory! This place will leave its mark.

Joe Callanan strives to capture wildlife acting naturally during its daily activity, as he believes these images can become the window by which we are allowed to view the wonder and natural history of these animals.

The Loon Center is located on Lee's Mill Road; follow the signs on Blake Road from Route 25 near the Moultonborough Central School, or from Route 109, turn on to Lee Road and turn left on Lee's Mill Road.

LEGALS

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

Timothy and Marie Perkins

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Town Hall. The hearing is regarding a Stormwater Conditional Use Permit within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District, the Steep Slopes Conservation District, and the Shore Front Conservation Area submitted by Thomas W. Varney of Varney Engineering, LLC, on behalf of Timothy and Marie Perkins for property at Map 121, Lot 067, at 159 South Shore Road, New Durham, New Hampshire.

The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Administrative Assistant at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov or the Planning Board.

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

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And
Linda J. Callaway, Trustee, Linda J. Callaway Revocable Trust

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Town Hall. The hearing is regarding a Boundary Line Adjustment within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District in the Shorefront Conservation Area submitted by Steven M. Oles, LLS, of Norway Plains Associates, Inc. on behalf of Kristine Gagnon, Trustee of Hilaire V. Gagnon Revocable Living Trust and Linda J. Callaway, Trustee of Linda J. Callaway Revocable Trust at Map 240, Lot 049, 147 Merrymeeting Road, and Map 240, Lot 050, 143 Merrymeeting Road in New Durham, New Hampshire.

The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Administrative Assistant at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov or the Planning Board.

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

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

This spectacular production features breathtaking flying effects by ZFX Inc. alongside a thrilling full live pit orchestra conducted by Music Director, Jennifer Ouellette; vibrant choreography by Kaylin Gagne, Kiersta Tessier, and Kristin Cooper; dynamic fight choreography by London Summers; and stunning sets, props, and costumes expertly built and designed by Kingswood Theater students under the guidance of Norman Adjutant, Carrie Kinzlmaier, and Michael Allfrey.

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



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

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

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

Wolfeboro Bay Center welcomes Dr. John H. Wheeler, DO, as Medical Director



WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Bay Center, a member of the 603 Healthcare Management network, is pleased to announce that Dr. John H. Wheeler, DO, has been named the center's new Medical Director, effective Nov. 1.

Dr. Wheeler brings 30 years of medical experience, specializing in family medicine, geriatrics, long-term care and hospice care. He has practiced as a family physician since 1999 and has more than 24 years of experience as a long-term care medical director. His background in clinical leadership, resident-centered care and healthcare administration makes him a valuable addition to the Wolfeboro Bay Center team.

Dr. Wheeler is board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Rochester and graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1996. He completed his residency at Crozer Keystone Health System in Philadelphia.

"Dr. Wheeler brings a wealth of knowledge, compassionate leadership, and decades of experience caring for our aging population," said Mikyla Pixos, Administrator of Wolfeboro Bay Center. "We look forward to the expertise, collaboration, and commitment to quality care he will bring to our residents, families, and staff."

Outside of medicine, Dr. Wheeler is a devoted fan of all things New England sports.

Wolfeboro Bay Center provides short-term rehabilitation and long-term care to the Wolfeboro and Lakes Region community. For more information, visit www.wolfeborobayhc.com or call 603-569-3950.

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