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Gilford’s Katie Dobbins nominated as Performer of the Year by New England Music Awards

Daily voting open through Oct. 9

GILFORD — Gilford native and Lakes Region singer-songwriter Katie Dobbins has been nominated for Performer of the Year by the 2026 New England Music Awards Committee.

For Dobbins, the recognition comes after a lifetime of playing music in various capacities and over a decade building a music career as a singer-songwriter — performing across New England while continuing to invest in the local Lakes Region community that raised her.

Over the years, Dobbins has grown from playing local stages to



performing at venues and events throughout the region, while her hometown has remained at the heart of her career. She has been named Best Music Act – Solo in Best of the Lakes Region for three consecutive years and has performed at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion’s Hazy Little Stage in Gilford, a particularly meaningful milestone for an artist who grew up just down the road.

Dobbins is also the creator and host of the monthly Songwriter RoundUp at Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery

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Wolfeboro Friends of Music brings two Americana bands to Brewster

WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music will continue its 91st season with a double bill featuring The Barefoot Movement and Cold Chocolate on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at Anderson Hall on the campus of Brewster Academy.

The concert, billed as an evening of progressive Americana, will bring together two groups known for combining traditional American musical forms with contemporary influences.

The Barefoot Movement has been recording and touring internationally since 2011, developing a sound that draws from bluegrass, blues,

folk, rock, country and pop. The group’s performances combine original material with reimagined cover songs, three-part harmonies and instrumental work.

The band received the International Bluegrass Music Association’s Momentum Award in 2014.

Producer Chuck Plotkin, whose credits include work with Bruce Springsteen and Bob Dylan, has praised the group’s live performances.

“The Barefoot Movement delivers powerful, heart-rending, butt-kickin’ in-oculation against lifelessness in any of its forms,” Plotkin said.

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Timber Wolf volleyball rallies past Moultonborough

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

MOULTONBOROUGH — The Moultonborough and Prospect Mountain volleyball teams were pretty evenly matched throughout their contest on Monday, Sept. 28.

The host Panthers took the first set before the visiting Timber Wolves rallied to win the next three sets and take the 3-1 win, 23-25, 25-22, 25-20, 25-18.

Moultonborough’s Emma Jameson went on a great service run to start the match, notching a trio of aces to help her team go up 5-0 before the Timber Wolves got on the board. Prospect got an ace from Harper Boles to climb back

JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Right) Kora MacKenzie goes up for a hit during her team’s win in Moultonborough last Monday night.



into the match, cutting the lead to 7-5. Moultonborough’s Emma Hovey had a big hit and then a service ace and sister Hope Hovey added a nice tip at the net to pus the Panthers up by a 13-6 margin.

A Kora MacKenzie ace got the Timber Wolves back on track and Carson Blais added a hit as they cut into the Panther lead. Hope Hovey and Emma Hovey both added hits for Moultonborough before Jameson added a service ace to give the Panthers the 17-13 lead. Blais and MacKenzie added hits for Prospect while Emma Hovey and Jameson got key points for the Panthers. MacKenzie came back with a block and an ace from Paityn Glidden cut the Moultonborough lead to 22-21. Hope Hovey had a big block and after a

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Golden Eagles hand Bears first loss of season

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford field hockey team handed the Newfound Bears their first loss of the season on Friday, Oct. 2, rolling to a 6-0 victory on their home field.

Gilford had the first corner of the game and Newfound’s Olivia Bell made a nice defensive stop while Kierra Walker made a solid run in for the Golden Eagles that was turned back by the Newfound defense. Abi Lyman sent a centering pass into the circle with Khloe Pike making a nice defensive stop for the Bears.

The Golden Eagles had a couple of corners



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Newfound goalie Alyssa Seymour makes a save on a bid from Gilford’s Molly McClare in action last Friday.

in a row and on the second of the two, they converted, with Walker backhanding a shot past Newfound goalie Alyssa Seymour with 8:11 to go for the 1-0 lead. Bell sent a ball just ahead

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

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

Halloween Pet Costume Contest
Submit a photo of your pet (or a pet with your family/friends) now through Oct. 25 and be entered into the Alton Pet Costume Contest. Categories include cutest costume, scariest costume and most creative. Winners will be announced on Halloween. Submitted photos will be posted on the Alton Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Sumit photos to parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

Guided Meditation
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring Guided Meditation with Karen Kharitonov on Thursdays, Oct. 15 & 29 and Nov. 12 & 19 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Ag-

nes 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.

Line Dancing lessons
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring Line Dancing Lessons with Cindee on Thursdays at the Alton Bay Community Center at 58 Mt. Major Highway. Lessons start on Nov. 5. Absolute Beginners are 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Beginners are 2:45-3:45 p.m. Adults of all ages are welcome, \$10 for the November and December session. Must be pre-registered to attend- contact Alton Parks and Recreation for a registration form/payment- 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

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. Please note- class will not be held Oct. 12-22.

Weight Training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays
The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, with AFAA Certified Instructor Kellie Troendle, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Build

strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. \$20 per month, register on site.

Dungeons and Dragons
Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a

weekly Dungeons and Dragons adventure on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6-8 p.m. The program is free for ages 18 and up. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events

Oct. 8 – Oct. 15

Thursday, Oct. 8
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun & Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Work it Out Wom-bats, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Candy Corn on the Cob, 3-4 p.m.
Take the challenge and stack as many candy corn as you can until you get the whole cob!
French, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
The Wisdom Keeper Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 12
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Tuesday, Oct. 13
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m. to noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Discover Live: Bahia, Brazil, 11 a.m. to noon
This tour will take you to “São Salvador da Bahia de Todos os Santos”. Salvador is the capital of Bahia State and one of the most fascinating cities in Brazil.

Dungeons and Dragons, 3-4:30 p.m.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yogaah!, 10-11 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m. to noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m. to noon
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Science Seekers: Spooktacular Science, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Reiki Share - Instrumental Harp Music, 4-5 p.m.
You are warmly invited to join Lani Voivod, Carol Wallace, Dottie Bergeron, and fellow Reiki practitioners to a Reiki share.

We are especially excited to have the beautiful harp music of Kathy King of Connecticut accompanying our gathering!

Donations gratefully support the Friends of the Gilford Public Library.

Thursday, Oct. 15
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Work it Out Wom-bats, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Potion Making, 3-4 p.m.
Wish you were a student in Hogwarts? Let us give you a taste of that bewitching magic with potion making!
French, 4-5 p.m.

Book Discussion: The Correspondent, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
This month's book is “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans. Led by Rhettta; books are available at the front desk.

Gilford Public Library

Top Ten Requests (Plus Two)

1. “Hollow Bones” by Jodi Picoult
2. “The Munich Affair” by James Patterson
3. “The French Illusion” by John Grisham
4. “Whistler” by Ann Patchett
5. “The Thoroughbreds” by Elin Hilderbrand
6. “The Most Dangerous Games” by James Patterson
7. “Delusional” by James Patterson
8. “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi
9. “Yesteryear” by Caro Claire Burke
10. “The Calamity Club” by Kathryn Stockett
11. “Culpability” by Bruce W. Holsinger
12. “Regime Change” by Maggie Haberman

Plymouth State announces ice hockey admission information

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University Department of Athletics has released admission information for the 2026-27 ice hockey season.

The men’s team opens the season with home games against Curry College (Oct. 30) and Plattsburgh State (Oct. 31), while the women will spend the first two weekends on the road before hosting Norwich University (Nov. 13) and Vermont State University Castleton (Nov. 14) in their home openers.

Doors open one hour prior to game time. Game admission or season passes are required for all spectators, including visiting team fans, families of student-athletes, and Plymouth State faculty and staff. Current Plymouth State students with a valid

PSU ID do not need to purchase admission but must present their ID for entry. Admission is not guaranteed if the facility is at capacity. There is no reentry for spectators who leave and wish to return. All cancellations will be posted on the Athletics website or social media channels (@PSUPanthers). Bags are permitted but subject to search. No alcohol is allowed. Pets and emotional support animals are not permitted. Service animals are allowed in accordance with university policy.

Single game admission is available at the East Entrance beginning one hour prior to game time, \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Admission is required for all spectators, including faculty/staff and visiting fans/families. Admission is first-come, first-served. Doors will close once capacity is reached. No reentry. General admission entry is through the East Entrance (skate rental shop/ice arena parking lot), using the left line only. Cash sales only. Seating is limited. Admission guarantees entry but not a seat. Ample standing room is available.

Current Plymouth State students with a valid ID are admitted free to all regular-season and LEC playoff games. Students must purchase admission for NCAA Tournament games (per NCAA policy). Student seating is general admission – West Side. Admission is first-come, first-served beginning one hour before game time. Doors will close once capacity is reached. No reentry. Seating is limited, but standing room is available. Students must enter through the West Entrance (nearest Avery Street).

Season passes are \$140 per pass. Includes admission to all men’s and women’s regular-season home games, plus all LEC home playoff games. Passes do not cover NCAA Tournament games. Season passes are designated as General Admission – East Side, Section 4, but holders may sit or stand elsewhere if space permits. Passes are fully transferable but admit only one person per game. Additional guests require single-game admission. Purchase online at athletics.plymouth.edu/SeasonPass or contact Director of Hockey Operations Rob Wright (rjwright@plymouth.edu or 603-535-2516).

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Bidding opens for FCCW Spirit of Giving online auction

Community invited to bid online and preview donated items in person

WOLFEBORO — Bidding is now open for First Congregational Church Wolfeboro, UCC's (FCCW) second annual Spirit of Giving Online Auction, following a generous response during the church's recent donation drop-off days. The online auction runs through Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Curated by Robert Orfant of Orfantiques and hosted on AuctionNinja, the auction will feature an eclectic collection of donated items, including antiques, artwork, jewelry, vintage collectibles, home décor and other distinctive finds. Proceeds support FCCW's mission and ministries, including serving neighbors throughout the Greater Wolfeboro community.

The public is invited to a Preview Day on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at FCCW, 115 South Main St., to see auction items in person and get help registering and bidding online.

"We're so grateful to everyone who contributed items to this year's auction," said Krista Marschner, Administrative Director of FCCW. "Now comes the fun part — seeing these wonderful donations find



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A sampling of the artwork, antiques, collectibles and other finds featured in this year's FCCW Spirit of Giving Online Auction.

new homes while helping support the many ways FCCW serves our neighbors and welcomes the wider community."

Bidding is open to all and registration is free. The full auction catalog, with photos and descriptions, will be available beginning Oct. 7 at wolfeboroucc.org/auction. Questions may be sent to auction@wolfeboroucc.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Oct. 8 BELMONT Volleyball at Mascoma; 6:15 GILFORD Volleyball at Milford; 6 WINNISQUAM Volleyball at St. Thomas; 5:45 Friday, Oct. 9 BELMONT Boys' Soccer vs. White Mountains; 4 Girls' Soccer at White Mountains; 4 GILFORD Field Hockey at Laconia; 6:15 WINNISQUAM Boys' Soccer vs. Raymond; 4 Saturday, Oct. 10 GILFORD Cross Country at Hopkinton; 10 Football vs. Monadnock; 12 WINNISQUAM Cross Country at Hopkinton; 10 Tuesday, Oct. 13 BELMONT	Boys' Soccer at Raymond; 4 Girls' Soccer vs. Raymond; 4 GILFORD Boys' Soccer vs. Berlin; 3:30 Field Hockey vs. Berlin; 3:30 Girls' Soccer at Berlin; 4 WINNISQUAM Field Hockey vs. Mascoma; 4 Volleyball at Inter-Lakes; 5:15 Wednesday, Oct. 14 GILFORD Volleyball vs. Oyster River; 5:45 WINNISQUAM Cross Country at Mascoma; 4 Volleyball at Hillsboro-Deering; 6:15 Thursday, Oct. 15 GILFORD Cross Country at Merrimack Valley; 4 WINNISQUAM Cross Country at Merrimack Valley; 4 All schedules are subject to change.
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Festival of Trees returns for another season of holiday magic

WOLFEBORO — The holiday season is just around the corner, and plans are underway for another exciting Festival of Trees, a community tradition that brings together local businesses, organizations, families, and friends to celebrate the spirit of the season.

The Festival of Trees offers businesses, organizations, families, and individuals the opportunity to sponsor and decorate a Christmas tree. Each tree becomes a unique holiday display and helps make this special community event possible.

Applications are now available for those interested in sponsoring a tree. Whether you are a local business, community organization, family, or group of friends, we invite you to be part of this wonderful holiday tradition. Sponsor-



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Local roots can carry a long way

There is something particularly satisfying about seeing a hometown artist earn recognition beyond the community where that career began.

Gilford native Katie Dobbins' nomination for Performer of the Year by the 2026 New England Music Awards is certainly an accomplishment worth celebrating. But perhaps more important than the nomination itself is the path that brought her there.

Dobbins has spent more than a decade building a career as a singer-songwriter, performing across New England and releasing her own original music. Along the way, however, she has maintained a strong connection to the Lakes Region.

Success in music is rarely an overnight affair. Behind every performance is an enormous amount of work that an audience never sees. There are years spent learning an instrument, developing a voice, writing songs, finding places to perform, traveling, promoting shows and continuing to work when the audience might be considerably smaller than anyone had hoped.

For independent musicians in particular, building a career means building an audience one person and one performance at a time.

Dobbins' career also illustrates something important about the role local communities can play in the arts. Artists need places to begin. They need restaurants, wineries, churches, festivals, theaters and community organizations willing to provide a stage. They need audiences willing to take a chance on original music. They need people who buy a ticket, attend a performance or tell a friend about an artist they heard the previous weekend. The Lakes Region has provided Dobbins with those opportunities, and she has returned that support.

Her monthly Songwriter RoundUp at Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery in Meredith, now in its fourth year, does more than provide another performance opportunity for Dobbins. It creates a stage for other songwriters and gives audiences an opportunity to hear original music in a setting built around listening to both the songs and the stories behind them.

That is how a local arts community grows. One artist succeeds, then helps create opportunities for another.

Dobbins has also continued contributing her music locally through Alpine Church at Gunstock Mountain, Isaiah 61 Café in Laconia and fundraising events supporting the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction. The significance of those connections should not be overlooked.

It can be tempting to measure an artist's success entirely by how far that artist travels from home. Bigger stages, larger audiences and wider recognition are obvious milestones. There is another measure, however: whether someone who finds success continues contributing to the place that helped make that success possible. Dobbins has done that.

Her nomination is also another reminder of how much talent can emerge from communities such as Gilford. The people who eventually perform on prominent stages, publish books, create businesses or accomplish remarkable things elsewhere usually start somewhere much smaller. They start in classrooms, churches, coffeehouses, community theaters and hometown events. Someone gives them that first opportunity. Someone listens. And sometimes, years later, the wider world begins listening, too.

Whatever the outcome of this year's New England Music Awards, a seventh nomination from the organization represents sustained recognition of a career that has been built over time. For Gilford and the greater Lakes Region, there is plenty of reason to take pride in that accomplishment.

There is also a lesson worth remembering: Supporting local artists isn't merely about enjoying what they create today. It helps make possible whatever they may create tomorrow.



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Belknap House grateful for support of Lions Club

The Laconia/Gilford Lion's Club has a long-standing history of supporting Belknap House. Most recently, the Lion's Club was a putting contest sponsor at Belknap House's twelfth annual golf tournament. In addition, the Lions Club provided a generous donation toward the Belknap House's mission. According to Matt Soza, Lions Club President, Belknap House "furnishes a service which is very necessary and shelter for families has never been more important to support than now." The mission of Belknap House is to provide safe shelter to families with children experiencing homelessness in Belknap County. Belknap House empowers families to become self-sufficient and independent by providing education opportunities and access to community resources. To learn more about Belknap house visit the website: Belknaphouse.org. At the Web site, you can learn about sponsorships and volunteer opportunities as well as how to donate to Belknap House. Pictured are Diane Lockwood, Lions Club member, and Matt Soza, Lion's Club President.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Signals

The radio I have on the windowsill to listen to while eating was given to me by a customer one day. It was her husbands and she said that he wouldn't know that it was missing. It was an old probably late sixties tube beast in a wooden cabinet. An early AM/FM unit. I threw it in my truck, and it disappeared from their premises.

It sat on a shelf down the cellar next to a recyclable bin for years, until one day I got totally fed up with a more modern gem that I had been using there for quite some time. This one's tuner had become finicky and I could never get the incredible resonant bass frequency tamed.

One day I pulled it out and replaced it with the old tube receiver. It worked! It was about eight times the size, no bass whatsoever, and the tuner drifted for easily a half hour while it warmed up. This was retro to the max. Made for the days when there weren't so many radio stations all crammed up next to each other. It needs constant fine tuning as the adjacent sta-

tions try to sneak their way to the speaker.

Another one of its issues is hum. When it's not perfectly in tune, line hum starts creeping in. It's all so reminiscent of the good old days of radio. Back then, you had to put up with all this background stuff and interference in order to listen to your programs.

The other day, I discovered that one of the sources of hum was my little portable phone charging station. So I moved it to over by the microwave. Much improved, that ones hum disappeared.

There is still a wall phone mounted next to the window. I wired the house for phones so there's phone plugs all over the place. Two lines worth. All running down to a panel in the cellar that has mounted to it, three old black, dial type wall phones, and an outlet for another just in case.

I got a call last night that I just knew had to be the robot, but I waited to pick up until I heard it leaving its message. When I heard it, I hit the speaker phone with my

knuckle, as I my hands were all greasy from the hamburger mush I was preparing for supper.

The phone went into this feedback scream that I tried to suppress by pressing the appropriate number keys, which didn't seem to work, so I just switched it off. I now knew that the robot had a job available so I could go online and check it out after supper.

Later on, I checked the website and it asked me to confirm my job tomorrow. At that point, I didn't know what job I had accepted, so I searched around and found that I was to be a high school English teacher. Nothing like that had ever happened before. It was fine with me, so I clicked the box.

As I was getting ready to head out the door this morning, I got a call from the school, a real human was asking me if I could come in today. I said I was on my way. It looks like that computer program isn't infallible. I messed it up without knowing what I was doing. It accepted me, but they didn't know that. I'll probably never

be able to do that again.

After first period, I had the realization that I'm getting spoiled. I like subbing at the high school. Nothing against middle schoolers — it's just less drama, I guess. It's sort of similar to grade schoolers. I used to sub for them too, but found out that I preferred dealing with kids whom you could communicate with.

I just finished a class where their discussion was centered upon an interaction between one of the students and a teacher. Apparently, as I found out later, the interaction was with the actual teacher I was substituting for. At one point in their discussion, I overheard it said that he, the teacher, said that he didn't care about the kids, didn't care about the school, and that he was through here. I guess that explains the quick rush to get a sub and the fact that there were no sub plans.

It looks like I may be back here again soon.

E.Waste

Correspondence welcome at edwintwaste@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

Thank you from the Lions

To the Editor:

The Laconia/Gilford Lions Club appreciated the

many people who turned out for their fall Electronic Waste Collection fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 26. You brought electronic items large and small to recycle them and thereby keep them out of the landfills which is important. Moreover, you helped the Lions Club raise funds to meet the pressing needs in our community: eye glasses and hearing aids, food pantries, holiday baskets for needy families, college scholarships, to name just a few. Our heartfelt thanks to you all.

We would also like to thank WJP Development LLC for allowing us to use the Scene One Cinema parking lot in Gilford as well as the Gilford Public Works Department for the loan of their traffic cones.

Our next Electronic Waste Collection Day will be on April 17, 2027 — we look forward to seeing you then!

Marilyn Brown
Laconia/Gilford Lions Club

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Gilford girls and boys third in Belmont



JOSHUA SPAULDING
William Reinhardt led the way for the Gilford boys in last week's race in Belmont.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Alissa O'Brien was the top Gilford girl in last week's Belmont Homecoming race.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Cooper Plourde rounds a corner in the Belmont Homecoming race last Thursday afternoon.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Gilford cross country boys and girls both finished in third place at Belmont's Homecoming race on Thursday, Oct. 1.

In the girls' race, Alissa O'Brien finished in fifth place overall in a tie of 24:21 with Brooke Baron in 21st place in 27:52. Kailey Knott placed 25th overall in 28:46, Bailey Juurlink-Gagne was 27th in 29:44 and Amanda Schaffnit finished in 31st place in 30:34 to round out the field of Golden Eagles.

The Gilford boys were led by William

JOSHUA SPAULDING
(Right) Kailey Knott heads down the hill toward the track during last Thursday's race in Belmont.

Reinhardt in fifth place overall with a tie of 19:40. Cooper Plourde placed 17th in a time of 23:00, Griffyn Greene placed 19th in 24:37 and Ryder Cantara finished out the scoring in 22nd place in 25:11.

The Golden Eagles are slated to run at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m.

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Laconia Fire Chief Tim Joubert named as community award recipient

LACONIA — Each year, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) presents two prestigious awards to members of the greater Lakes Region community who have championed the cause of mental health and supported LRMHC's efforts to promote mental health awareness.

The Dr. Pete Harris Award is presented in his memory to an individual who embodies Dr. Harris' values by promoting increased awareness, sensitivity, understanding, and acceptance of mental health issues through public education. This 2026 recipient of the Pete Harris Award is Laconia Fire Chief Tim Joubert.

Joubert was nominated for his outstanding service to the Lakes Region Mental Health Center community.

One nominee, Senia LaForte, Director of LRMHC Residential Services, said, "Chief Joubert's community education initiatives, particular in residential services, are an asset to our program operations. Not only does he keep patients and residents engaged, but he also communicates in a way that preserves dignity and respects varied abilities."

The award will be presented at Lakes Region Mental Health's Annual Meeting on Oct. 27 at the Plymouth State University Merrill Place Conference Center, from noon to 2 p.m. The public is wel-

come and encouraged to attend to help celebrate Chief Joubert's achievement. Registration information can be found at www.lrmhc.org.

The Lakes Region Mental Health Center, Inc. is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. A private, non-profit corporation, LRMHC has two campuses in Laconia and Plymouth that serves thousands of children, families, adults and older adults each year. Services include individual, group and family therapies; psychiatry; nursing; com-

munity-based supports; care management; community-based supports; housing; supported employment; substance use disorder treatment; and specialty services and evidence-based. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families. Emergency Services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 603-524-1100 or visit the website at www.lrmhc.org for updates and information.

Taylor leads Gilford golfers in Salem

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

SALEM — The Gilford golf team made the trip to Campbell's Scottish Highlands in Salem on Tuesday, Sept. 29, and finished in fourth place on the day with 62 points. Campbell took the win with 84 points, Belmont was second at 83 points and host Pelham was third with 67 points.

Andy Taylor led the way for the Gilford squad with 19 points out of the third spot in the lineup while Kaden Blouin at number two and Cohen Elliott in the fifth spot both finished with 15 points. Colton

Byars finished with 13 points out of the top spot in the lineup to round out the scoring for the Golden Eagles.

Maddi Metz had 12 points out of the sixth spot and Rowan Defosses in the fourth spot and Adam Marceau in the seventh spot both had 10 points to round out the field of Gilford golfers.

The Division III golf tournament is set for Thursday, Oct. 15, at Indian Mound Golf Course in Ossipee.

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Skye Greenwood pushes the ball over the net during action against Moultonborough last week.

VOLLEYBALL

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Blais hit on the other side of the net, Jameson had a key point and a service ace to close out the 25-23 win for Moultonborough.

The Timber Wolves scored the first three points of the second set before Moultonborough got a hit from Ella Mardis and an ace from Emma Hovey to close the gap to 5-4. Boles, MacKenzie and Delilah Tiede added hits for Prospect Mountain as they opened the lead back to 9-5, but the Panthers got hits from Olivia Young, Hope Hovey and Emma Cahoon and a pair of aces from Young to take the 10-9 lead.

MacKenzie got the Timber Wolves even and then added a service ace as they went up by an 18-10 score only to see the Panthers rally back with an ace from Lilly Sousa and hits from Cahoon and Jameson to cut the lead to 18-14. Prospect got an ace from Tiede and went up 23-16 before the Panthers rallied, with Emma Hovey starting the rally with a block and strong play from Young at the net and a pair of service aces from Emma Hovey pulled them to within 24-22. However, Prospect got the final point for the 25-22 win to pull even at one.

Jameson had an early service ace in the third set and Moultonborough went up 3-1 before Prospect cut into the lead. After Emma Hovey found a nice spot for a key point, Prospect's Skye Greenwood and Tiede answered and the Timber Wolves built up a 7-4 lead. Young had a hit for Moultonborough, but Blais answered for Prospect Mountain. A great hustle play from Sousa helped the Panthers get a point and Jameson and Mardis added key points as the Panthers chipped away at the Prospect Mountain lead.

Emma Hovey had a ser-

vice ace, but Prospect got a key point from Rebekah Thomas and two service aces from Shelby Lonnardo to go up by the 19-13 score. Mardis got the Panthers back on track with a point and Hope Hovey added a kill before Prospect got back-to-back kills from Thomas and Boles and a service ace from Tiede to go up 23-16. Cahoon added a hit for the Panthers but Prospect got a kill from Boles and eventually closed out the 25-20 win for the 2-1 lead.

Jameson started things out with a couple of service aces for the Panthers in the fourth set before strong play from Greenwood and Blais got the Timber Wolves on the board. Emma Hovey and Young had kills for Moultonborough and Emma Hovey added an ace as Moultonborough took the 6-2 lead. MacKenzie led the Timber Wolves back with three key hits while Boles got a service ace and the visitors took the 12-6 lead.

Mardis had an ace for the Panthers and Jameson and Emma Hovey had hits while Cahoon had a hit and Emma Hovey added a block, pulling Moultonborough right back into things at 18-15. Bikes had a block and a hit for the Timber Wolves and Blais added a pair of hits for the 24-15 lead before Moultonborough got kills from Cahoon, Emma Hovey and Jameson to cut the lead to 24-18. However, Prospect got the final point for the 25-18 win and the 3-1 victory.

Prospect Mountain is scheduled to be in action today, Oct. 8, at Sunapee and Wednesday, Oct. 14, at home against Portsmouth Christian, both at 6:15 p.m.

Moultonborough is slated to be in action on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Trinity at 6:15 p.m.

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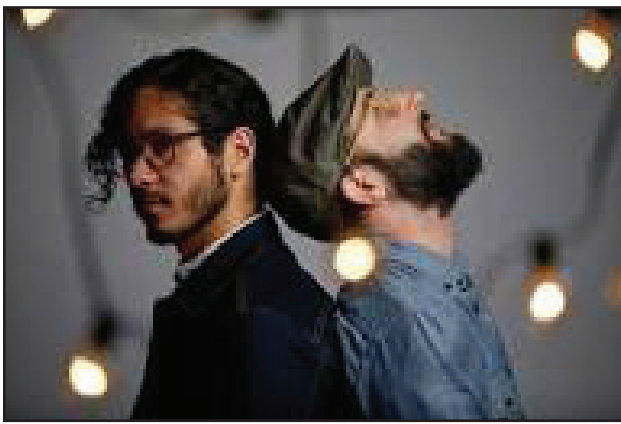
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Sharing the program will be Cold Chocolate, a Boston-based acoustic duo that combines folk, funk and bluegrass.

The group is led by Ethan Robbins on vocals, guitar and mandolin and Ariel Bernstein on vocals, percussion and banjo. Both musicians have connections to Berklee College of Music.

Cold Chocolate has built its reputation around original music, close harmonies and energetic performances that draw upon traditional acoustic music while moving beyond conventional genre boundaries. The duo released its sixth full-length album last winter and has gained both regional and national recognition.

The Oct. 24 performance is the second concert in the current Wolfeboro Friends of Music season and continues an organization tradition



stretching back more than nine decades.

Wolfeboro Friends of Music describes the program as part of its commitment to the traditions of American music, with the pairing of The Barefoot Movement and Cold Chocolate reflecting the ways bluegrass, folk and other American musical styles continue to evolve.

The organization's 91st season continues its longstanding effort to bring live musical performances to audiences in Wolfeboro and throughout the Lakes

Region and Mount Washington Valley.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. at Anderson Hall at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro.

Tickets are available through Wolfeboro Friends of Music's website, at the door on the evening of the performance or by calling 603-651-9163.

Middle and high school students will be admitted free of charge. Children accompanied by an adult ticket purchaser will also receive free admission.

FIELD HOCKEY

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of Kylie Pike going the other way and Walker ripped another shot wide of the net. Riley Coutts and Walker had a run for the Golden Eagles that was defended nicely by Kyla Gallagher and Lyman sent a shot wide of the net on a Gilford corner. Adi Bacon and Coutts had runs for the Golden Eagles and Autum Blackman made a good clear for the Lakers. Avah Mason had a shot denied by Seymour and Gilford had a late corner, with Seymour making a solid save on a bid from Walker and Grace Southworth's rebound shot went wide and the first period ended with Gilford up 1-0.

Gallagher had a good clear early in the second but Gilford scored just 1:11 into the frame on a corner, with Baron sending the shot on net and Mason tipping it home for the 2-0 lead. Gilford had another corner with Seymour stopping a shot from Walker and Taelyn Hannagan clearing the rebound. Blackman had a good clear and Gilford had a bid from Molly McClare turned away by Seymour.

With 10:04 to go in the second, the Golden Eagles upped the lead to 3-0, as McClare put a shot off of a Newfound defender and into the net for the 3-0 lead. McClare had another shot denied by Seymour and Blackman had a good



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Catherine Fay prepares to send the ball into the circle during action against Newfound on Friday.

clear on another Gilford corner.

The Golden Eagles pushed the lead to 4-0 with 6:21 to go, with Mason pushing the ball into the net. Susanna Tilley had a nice defensive stop for the Gilford girls and Coutts went the other way with a chance that Seymour stopped. Gilford had a late corner that was defended nicely by Erin Matthews and Seymour stopped another Coutts chance to send the game to halftime with Gilford up 4-0.

Coutts and Walker teamed up on a chance and Walker had a bid denied by Seymour while Khloe Pike made a solid defensive stop for the Bears as well. Seymour stopped a bid from Catherine Fay and Fay made another run that was turned back by Callie Hill and Ayla Dolloff made a run

for the Bears that was turned back by Brynn Blackwelder, while Kylie Pike and Hannagan each had good clears for the Bears and the Bears cleared out a Gilford corner to close out the third quarter.

Southworth had an early shot denied in the fourth quarter and Matthews made a run the other way for Newfound. Fay sent Baron in for a bid that went wide and Seymour denied another Southworth bid and Hannagan cleared the rebound. Walker just missed connecting with Baron and Hannagan, Matthews and Hill all making strong defensive stops for the Bears. Fay had a bid denied by Seymour and Blackwelder stopped a run from Doll-off going the other way. Seymour made a great save on another Gilford bid.

With 3:05 to go in

the game, the Golden Eagles put in their fifth goal, with Baron tapping home a cross from Fay and just a minute later, Southworth touched home a rip from Walker for the 6-0 lead. Coutts had a bid denied by Seymour and Doll-off went the other way with a chance that Tilley and Blackwelder turned back and Gilford took the 6-0 win.

Gilford is slated to be in action on Friday, Oct. 9, at Laconia at 6:15 p.m. and at home against Berlin on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 3:30 p.m.

Newfound is slated to be in action on Friday, Oct. 9, at home against Derryfield and Tuesday, Oct. 13, at home against Newport, both at 4 p.m.

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Timber Wolves battle but fall to Tigers in Homecoming tilt



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Blake Pappaceno races down the field during his team's game with Farmington-Nute on Saturday night.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Prospect Mountain football team celebrated Homecoming on Saturday night, welcoming neighboring Farmington-Nute to town for a Division IV matchup under the temporary lights in Alton.

The Timber Wolves showed some fight, battled back from an early deficit, but came up a bit short in the long run, dropping a 42-22 decision to the Tigers.

Prospect's offense got the crowd in the game early, as quarterback Blake Pappaceno and back Gabe Cole moved the ball down the field nicely and got the ball all the way inside the five yard line, but an interception got the Tigers the ball and they immediately went to work, moving the ball 89 yards on eight plays and eventually running into the end zone with 3:21 to go and converted the two-point conversion for the 8-0 lead.

Hunter Cassidy had a nice punt return for the Timber Wolves, setting them up near midfield, but a penalty, a sack and an incomplete pass forced the Timber Wolves to punt and the first quarter ran out with the visitors up 8-0.

Farmington-Nute moved the ball up the

field on the first drive of the second quarter despite some solid defense from Cole and Landen Deane. The Tigers were able to get back in the end zone with 7:10 to go and the two-point conversion was good for the 16-0 lead for the visitors.

The Timber Wolves fumbled the ball on the next drive to give the Tigers the ball back and they needed just one play to go 59 yards for the touchdown and they got the two-point conversion for the 24-0 lead with 4:36 to go in the first half.

Prospect Mountain got the offense moving on the next drive, with Pappaceno and Cole moving the ball down

the field after a good kick return from Anthony Quirk got them to the Tiger side of the field. Pappaceno then carried in from two yards out with 1:47 to go. The Tigers stopped the two-point conversion try and the Timber Wolves trailed 24-6.

Cole got the crowd hyped just a few plays later when he intercepted a Tiger pass and he took over at quarterback in place of an injured Pappaceno. He carried the ball and connected with Charlie Chandler on a pass. The Timber Wolves attempted a field goal but a bad snap led to what appeared to be a touchdown pass to Chandler, but it was ruled the Cole was over



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Gabe Cole looks for running room against the Farmington-Nute Tigers on Saturday night in Alton.

the line of scrimmage and the half ended with Farmington-Nute up 24-6.

Cole picked up a pair of first downs to start the second half after Eli Colby recovered the opening kickoff of the second half. However, a bad snap gave the Tigers the ball back and they moved down the field, eventually scoring from two yards out with 4:47 to go. The Timber Wolves stopped the two-point conversion and the Tiger lead was 30-6.

Cassidy had another good kick return and Cole had a couple of runs on the next drive and also connected with Matthew Perry on a key pickup for first down. Cole then connected

with Quirk in the end zone with 48 seconds to go in the third quarter and Cole carried in the two-point conversion try to make it 30-14 after three quarters.

Farmington-Nute got the ball to start the third and ate up almost four minutes of the clock with their drive and went in from 26 yards out with 8:12 to go. The Timber Wolves stopped the two-point conversion and the Tiger lead was 36-14.

Prospect was able to move the ball on Cole carries, a toss to Quirk and two screens to Luciano Pecorino, but they could not convert on fourth down and Farmington-Nute took over. The Tigers got a 77-yard

touchdown run on their first play of the next drive and took the 42-14 lead with 4:28 to go.

The Timber Wolves did answer, with Cole, Chandler and Quirk all getting key runs and Chandler catching a couple of passes, including a key fourth and six to get the Timber Wolves to the 10. Cole then connected with Perry with 1:14 to go and then found Chandler for the two-point conversion for the 42-22 final score.

Prospect is scheduled to host Mascoma on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Jeri W. Blair, 80

Jeri W. Blair, age 80, passed away on August 26, 2026. Born October 18, 1945, Jeri was the son of the late Francis & Viola Blair; predeceased by his brother, Michael.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara; son, Michael; daughter, Amy Landers; former wife, Janice Jones, mother of his children; his stepchildren & their families; grandchildren; extended family; & many friends.

Jeri was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, coach, barber, & beagler. For more than 50 years, he barbered in Laconia and Alton, NH, where he built lasting friendships with generations of customers & families.

A talented three-sport athlete at Belmont High School & a member of its Hall of Fame, Jeri later coached basketball,



cross country, & softball at Belmont & Prospect Mountain High School. He was inducted into the New Hampshire Coaches Hall of Fame for his dedication to young athletes & the lessons of hard work, confidence, discipline, & perseverance he instilled in them.

Jeri was also deeply involved in beagle field trials for more than 40 years. Working alongside his father, Frank, & son, Mike, he raised championship beagles, serving as an AKC & CKC judge throughout the Northeast & Atlantic Provinces of Can-

ada. Respected for his knowledge & fairness, he also mentored future judges & was inducted into the Large Pack Beagling Hall of Fame.

Jeri & Barb lived in Lake Wales full time since 2020. He will be remembered for his devotion to family, his love of coaching & competition, as well as the many friendships & lasting impressions he made throughout his life.

A Celebration of his wonderful life will be held on his birthday, October 18th at Belmont High School beginning at 2:00 p.m.

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Magical Mystery Doors brings music of three legendary bands to The Colonial Theatre

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Magical Mystery Doors – A Beatles, Zeppelin, Doors Tribute on Friday, April 16, 2027 at 8 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Magical Mystery Doors takes classic rock beyond the standard tribute. With two distinct productions, the band celebrates legendary music while reshaping it for today's audiences.

In this flagship show, Magical Mystery Doors brings together three of rock's most influential bands in a way no one else does. Hits from The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, and The Doors are reimagined through mashups and medleys that connect songs across catalogs. Imagine the melody of "Hello, I Love You" set against "Misty Mountain Hop," or a seamless journey from The Rain Song into Riders On The Storm and Here Comes The Sun. Backed by stunning visuals and

lights, the result is a performance that feels both familiar and completely new.

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.coloniallaconia.com

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DOBBINS

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in Meredith. Now in its fourth year, the listening-room series brings local and regional songwriters together for an intimate Nashville-style "in the round" performance, giving Lakes Region audiences an opportunity to hear original music and the stories behind the songs.

While much of Dobbins' career takes her throughout New England, she continues to be deeply involved in her local community, leading worship at Alpine Church, a year-round outdoor church at Gunstock Mountain in Gilford, ministering through music regularly at Isaiah 61 Café in Laconia, and donating

her talents to The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction for various fundraising events. Dobbins values her local community immensely, and her deep roots inspire much of her songwriting.

A singer-songwriter known for heartfelt folk-pop and acoustic storytelling, Dobbins has released two albums and several singles over the course of her career. Her music centers on hope, faith, resilience and the experiences that bring people together.

The New England Music Awards recognize artists and music industry professionals from throughout the six New England states. Dobbins' Performer of the Year recognition marks her seventh nomination in various categories from the organization.

Voting is open to the public, and supporters can vote once every day through Oct. 9.

To vote for Katie Dobbins for Performer of the Year, visit nemusicawards.com/vote and select her name in the Performer of the Year category.

For more information about Katie Dobbins, her music and upcoming performances, visit her website and follow her on social media.

Sara Evans coming to the Colonial stage Dec. 3

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Sara Evans on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Multi-platinum entertainer Sara Evans is at the top of her game. As the fifth most-played female artist at country radio in nearly the last two decades — her five No. 1 singles include "No Place That Far," "Suds In The Bucket," "A Real Fine Place To Start," "Born to Fly," and "A Little Bit Stronger". Several of those #1's spent 2 weeks in the top spot and were certified platinum by the R.I.A.A. Overall,

she's had 15 songs chart in the top 20.

Sara continues to thrill audiences around the world playing over 70 shows each year. Sara's "stunning, country voice" (Rolling Stone) has earned her the prestigious Academy of Country Music Top Female vocalist accolade as well as numerous American Music Awards, Billboard Music Awards, Country Music Association, CMT and Grammy Awards nominations. In addition, the CMA awarded Video of the Year honors for her hit chart-topping single, "Born to Fly" from her double-platinum album of the same name. Evans' discography also includes the multi-platinum selling studio albums Real Fine Place and Restless as well as the gold-certified projects Stronger and No Place That Far. Evans is also a proud member of the Grand Ole Opry.

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Castle in the Clouds announces annual Christmas at the Castle event



MOULTONBOROUGH — Castle in the Clouds is pleased to announce the return of their popular annual holiday tradition, Christmas at the Castle. Christmas at the Castle is a series of events held at the National Historic Landmark Lucknow Estate across three weekends at the start of the holiday season. This year, the season’s theme is “Old-Fashioned New England Christmas,” offering visitors a holiday experience perfectly tailored to the backdrop of the historic home.

This year, Castle in the Clouds is offering visitors three different ways to experience the magic of Christmas at the Castle.

The holiday festivities begin with the Christmas Preview Party on the evening of Friday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. During the preview, guests can visit Lucknow Mansion and experience the holiday festivities before the general public. The Preview party will include cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, carolers, and first access to the Artisan Fair held in the Carriage House. Tickets for this exclusive fundraising event are limited, with proceeds benefiting the nonprofit mission of Castle Preservation Society.

The public Christmas at the Castle events and activities begin the next day. Every Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 21 through Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors can spend the day exploring the Castle, admiring the holiday décor

provided by local businesses, and participating in holiday activities. In addition to the seasonal decorations, Christmas at the Castle promises holiday spirit and family fun. Visitors can shop with local vendors at the Artisan Fair, take a photo with Santa, create holiday crafts, and enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and cookies. The Carriage House Restaurant will be open, offering the addition of a holiday lunch to the Christmas at the Castle experience.

After a successful introduction last year, Castle in the Clouds is also hosting Christmas at the Castle Twilight Tours. On Christmas at the Castle dates at 3 p.m., visitors can enjoy a special dusk tour of Lucknow Mansion illuminated by holiday lights. Tickets for Twilight Tours are limited to allow a more intimate experience.

“Christmas at the Castle is a beloved tradition at Castle in the Clouds, and we are delighted to host this time-honored event again this year,” said Charles Clark, Executive Director of Castle in the Clouds. “Our theme this year is a perfect fit for the historic estate and aligns with our current museum exhibit about the history of the property. With exclusive opportunities for viewing like the Preview Party and Twilight Tours, we are excited to offer unique ways for new and returning visitors to experience Christmas at the Castle.”

For more information or to purchase tickets for

Christmas at the Castle, visit castleintheclouds.org/christmas-at-the-castle.

About Castle in the Clouds

As the premier historical museum in the beautiful Lakes Region of New Hampshire, Castle in the Clouds provides each visitor with a look into the past while providing contemporary comforts to make every visit memorable. Originally called Lucknow, this breathtaking 6,300-acre property was developed in 1913 by Thomas G. Plant, a wealthy shoe manufacturer, to create a luxurious lifestyle with state-of-the-art amenities, beautiful hand-made furnishings, and a large staff to run the estate. These days, visitors come from all around the world to tour the mansion and exhibit gallery, dine in the Carriage House Restaurant or Café in the Clouds, hike miles of hiking and walking trails maintained by partner organization the Lakes Region Conservation Trust, or enjoy one of our many programs and events. Operated by the Castle Preservation Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2026, Castle in the Clouds is revered as a cultural and educational resource and listed on the National Register of Historic Places with national significance. Castle in the Clouds is also available as a fairytale wedding venue and versatile private event rental. For more information about Castle in the Clouds, visit castleintheclouds.org.

AI: Curious, confused, or a little nervous?

LACONIA — AI seems to be everywhere. It’s writing books, answering questions, creating pictures, changing jobs, and occasionally getting things spectacularly wrong. So what can it actually do for you?

Join Bill Gassman at the UU of Laconia for a lively, interactive introduction to AI for beginners and casual users. We’ll cut through some of the hype and worry and explore practical ways to use AI for planning, learning, writing, research, travel, everyday problem-solving, and more.

You’ll see what AI does well, where it can fool you, and why your own judgment still matters.

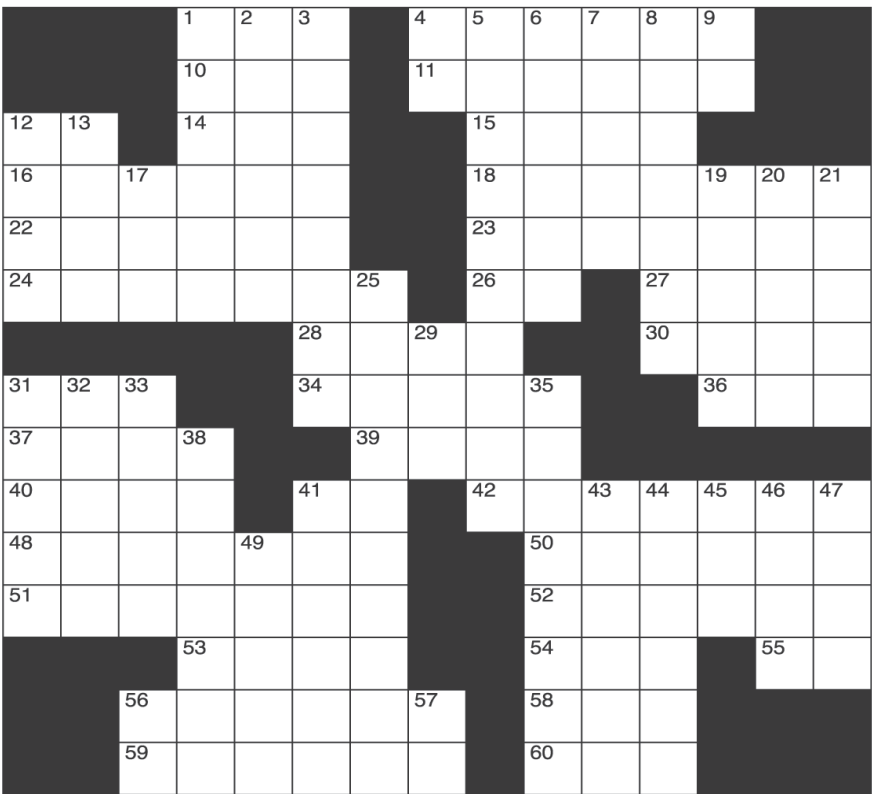
Expect demonstrations, real-world examples, questions, and probably a few surprises.

No technical background needed. Bring your curiosity, your skepticism, and something you’d like to ask AI.

The presentation will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Laconia, located at 172 Pleasant St. We will have a potluck at 5:30

and then he will do his presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome at either the potluck or just the presentation.

Bill Gassman is retired after a 40-year career in information technology, with experience as an industry analyst, network operations manager, software engineer, and marketing specialist. He remains active in local technology and conservation efforts, serving on the Moultonborough Conservation Commission and the Carroll County Communications District.

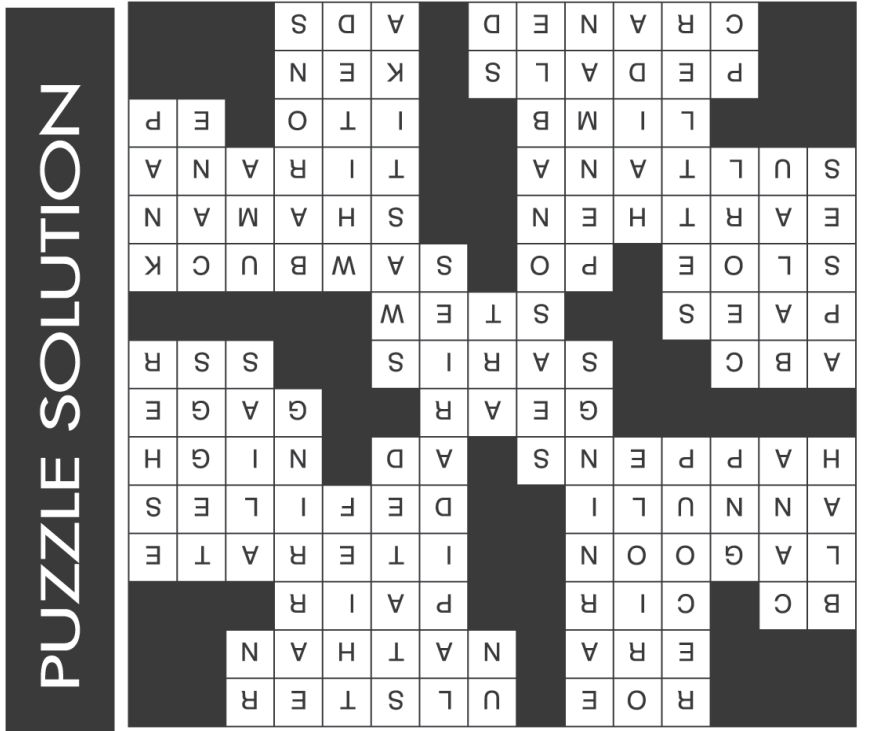


CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Province in Northern Ireland
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A notable one was “blue”
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Tools you may need
30. A pledge
31. They start the alphabet
34. Silk garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Longtime mayor of Rio
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. \$10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendage
54. OJ trial judge
55. European government entity (abbr.)
56. Bike parts
58. Friend to “Barbie”
59. Stretched to see or hear
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Wages
4. International organization of countries
5. Engravers of gems
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Alternative identity
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work
31. Recesses
32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Member of British nobility
45. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
46. Helps people walk
47. Crest of a hill
49. People of southeastern Alaska
56. One’s own device
57. The Mount Rushmore State



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Alton	Alpine Way	N/A	\$1,950,000	D&D RT and Darlene E. Demers	Garry and Lisa M. Lewis
Alton	Beach Street	Residential Open Land	\$1,950,000	D&D RT and Darlene E. Demers	Garry and Lisa M. Lewis
Alton	Elm Street	N/A	\$1,950,000	D&D RT and Darlene E. Demers	Garry and Lisa M. Lewis
Alton	653 Frank C. Gilman	N/A	\$379,933	Olivia and David Alberts	Amy Hoolihan
Alton	554 Frank C. Gilman Highway	Single-Family Residence	\$80,000	Sandra Jean Roberge	Evan Michael Lagrant and Stephanie Lundy
Alton	Jaytee Drive	N/A	\$175,000	Bear Hill LLC	D&M Homes LLC
Alton	Jaytee Drive, Unit 6	N/A	\$200,000	Bear Hill LLC	Timothy R. and Pamela A. Courounis
Alton	Jaytee Drive, Unit 7	N/A	\$200,000	Bear Hill LLC	Todd E. and Jennifer Leigh Taylor
Alton	332 Main St.	Single-Family Residence	\$365,000	Conboy Fiscal Trust and John J. Conboy	Geoffrey H. Fairchild
Alton	95 Sunset Shore Rd.	N/A	\$800,000	Linda C. Mentzer and Daniel M. Tremblay	Mohammad Dahrouj and Kaoutar Abbou Oucherif
Barnstead	Coles Ledge Road	N/A	\$194,000	Tyler Haugh	Garland Farm LLC
Barnstead	16 Lincoln Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$450,000	Alejandro Colon	Adam and Tabitha Behr
Barnstead	425 Narrows Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$235,000	John F. Hackett, Jr. and Beverly J. Davis	Stephanie Leive
Barnstead	Peacham Road	N/A	\$399,000	George Fiscal Trust and Eric George	Geoffrey C. Erickson
Barnstead	Route 28	N/A	\$399,000	George Fiscal Trust and Eric George	Geoffrey C. Erickson
Barnstead	276 Varney Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$550,000	Geoffrey H. Fairchild	Lori M. Lareau and Christopher J. Ahlgren
Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$38,000	Strickland RET and John D. Strickland	Viceroy Canal Holdings LLC
Barnstead	N/A (Lot 39)	N/A	\$33,000	Strickland RET and John D. Strickland	Viceroy Canal Holdings LLC
Gilford	6 Beacon Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$800,000	Michael B. Riopel	Saige B. and Matthew R. Dean
Gilford	1934 Lake Shore Rd.	Shopping Center/Mall	\$1,400,000	Gv Resort V LLC	Sea Lake Shore Road LLC
Gilford	Lake Shore Storage Unit C	Condominium	\$165,000	Lake Shore Road Storage Dev.	Kimberly Foley 2018 Trust
Gilford	59 Welch Island	Residential-Other	\$950,000	Gail Fiscal Trust and Randall Q. Cail	D.S. Cowles Fiscal Trust
Gilford	60 Weirs Rd.	N/A	\$619,000	Brenda Castonguay and Eric V. Schuberth	Peter Vogiatzoglou
Gilmanton	95 Lakeshore Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$715,000	D.L. & J.M. Andersen JRET	Nicholas Call and Megan Fecteau
New Durham	48 Brienne Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$500,000	Adam Lane Radford	Calvin J. Legge

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.thewarrendgroup.com

Granite VNA offers Healthy Steps for Older Adults in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Granite VNA is offering Healthy Steps for Older Adults, a falls prevention workshop to help older adults learn how to protect themselves and live a full and active

life, free from the fear of falling.

Balance screenings are Thursday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Wolfeboro Senior Programs, Pop Whalen – Stretch Room,

390 Pine Hill Rd. in Wolfeboro.

The workshops are being held on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 1-3 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 29, 1 to 3 p.m. All registered participants must com-

plete a balance screening and attend both workshops.

To register, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 85664 or visit www.granitevna.org. Registration is required

by October 19 and space is limited. Participants must complete a balance screening and attend both workshops.

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, pediatrics and maternal child health services, and wellness programming. The agency has offices in Concord, Laconia and Wolfeboro. Formed through the merger of Concord Regional VNA and Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, Granite VNA has served New Hampshire since 1899. For more information about Granite VNA, visit www.granitevna.org.





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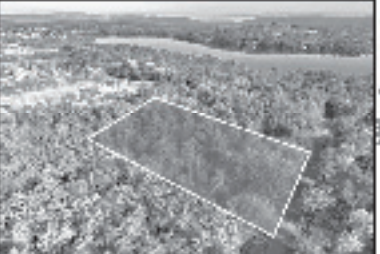
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The Machine brings the music of Pink Floyd to The Colonial Theatre

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

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

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

The Machine has sold out theaters, premier showcase rooms and casinos across North America, Europe and



Asia, performed at renowned music festivals such as Bonnaroo, Riverbend, and Gathering of the Vibes, and shared the stage with full symphony orchestras, including the Atlanta, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Jacksonville, Charlotte and San Diego Symphonies, as well as the Buffalo Philharmonic.

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

with Tahrah in 1988.

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

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

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

The Colonial Theatre of Laconia

The original owner, Benjamin Piscopo, was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice

as seen from the water. In August of 2002, the theatre closed after 87 years of operation. On June 15, 2015, the City of Laconia announced a partnership with the Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC) to purchase, renovate, and reopen the Colonial. The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to various performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. Spectacle Management manages the Colonial Theatre and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. www.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 at plally@spectaclelive.com or 617-531-1257. www.spectaclelive.com

Audubon announces Cuba program



MOULTONBOROUGH — On Thursday, Oct. 15 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 "Birding Cuba" by Charlie Nims.

Experience an adventure in birding during a time of turmoil in a country close to our shores, but a world apart. This presentation features not only colorful and endemic birds, but also insight into daily life in Cuba. Please join us in exploring the country's birds, pleasant scenery, and resilient people.

Charlie Nims is an experienced birder who moved to the Mt. Washington Valley 14 years ago. He was previously actively involved with Massachusetts Audubon and the South Shore Bird Club, and now volunteers with NH Audubon. Charlie also enjoys skiing and hiking, including completing the 48 New Hampshire 4,000 footers.

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.

Comedic illusionists featured on "AGT" to perform at The Colonial Theatre

LACONIA — The Colonial Theatre of Laconia will present Young & Strange on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2027, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the show are on sale now at ColonialLaconia.com or by calling 1-800-657-8774.

Direct from London's West End and fresh from their appearances in the Live Finals of "America's Got Talent" 2026, England's most famous comedy illusionists Young & Strange present "DELUSIONISTS" — a spectacular new magic show packed with breathtaking illusions and hilarious comedy.

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How did they do that?!

"Young & Strange are stand-out stars," raves The London Evening Standard.

"Young & Strange tri-

umph," wrote The London Times.

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One (1) 1999 Coachmen Catalina recreational vehicle, VIN 1 TC283563XB06331, and one (1) attached pressure-treated deck, now located at Campsite 19, Viewland Campground, Allen Bay, New Hampshire.

Owner of record Eric Langill
Amount of lien claimed \$4,436.30

This sale is made pursuant to RSA 216-1:7 and RSA 216-1:8, and notice is given in accordance with RSA 444:3 and RSA 444:4

Dated: September 28, 2026

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Raider girls come up short in Homecoming battle with Gilford



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Gilford's Makenna Howard looks to boot the ball away from a charging Belmont's Ella Walsh during action on Saturday morning.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

BELMONT — The Belmont soccer girls welcomed rival Gilford to town for Homecoming on Saturday morning. The Golden Eagles were able to get a goal in the first half and added two in the second half for the 3-0 win over the host Raiders. Penny Flanders sent a shot high for Gilford early and then Belmont's Ella Walsh had a solid run that was turned back by Makenna Howards. Nora Martinez Bermejo and Mia Macaione teamed up for a chance for Gilford, with Belmont's Avery Thurber and Josephine Shoemaker making solid defensive stops. Macaione headed a shot on net that goalie Jamie Walker stopped and at the other end, Gilford goalie Josie Bassett stopped a bid from Ella Stevens.

Walker handled a chance from Martinez Bermejo and another from Macaione while Stevens had another bid denied by Bassett. Macaione made another run that was turned back by Shoemaker and Belmont's Falyn Sicard cleared a Gilford corner kick chance. Penny Lewis sent a shot wide for Gilford and Shoemaker made a solid defensive stop on Macaione.

With 22:12 to go in the first half, Lewis buried a shot from the top of the box for the 1-0 lead for the Golden Eagles. Sarah Cribbie and Thurber made solid defensive stops and Devyn VonKadich had a good clear and Walker stopped a bid from Emma Sylvestre. Bassett stopped a chance from Gillian Varnum and Thurber cleared a shot from Macaione at the other end. Gilford had a corner kick and Macaione sent a ball in just ahead of Leah Scudder and Sylvestre while Aubrey Vliet made a nice cross in front that Shoe-

maker cleared out. Macaione had a chance on a corner kick that Walker stopped and Varnum and Walsh teamed up on a bid for Belmont that Howard turned back. Belmont had chances from Faelyn Archer and Von Kadich but the half ended with Gilford up 1-0.

Scudder made a bid early in the second half and Shoemaker made a solid defensive stop. Gilford got good clears from Maya Criscone and Howard and a chance that went wide from Scudder. Shoemaker had another solid defensive stop on Macaione and Scudder had a bid denied by Walker and another go over the top of

the net.

With 28:15 to go in the game, Macaione made a good run around the defense and fired the ball into the net for the 2-0 lead. Howard had another defensive stop on a run from Varnum and Caroline McClare cleared a Belmont corner kick chance. Von Kadich made a nice defensive stop on a run from Martinez Bermejo and the Golden Eagles sent a cross off the crossbar.

Sylvestre finished out the scoring for Gilford with about six minutes to play, fighting through the defense and burying the shot for the 3-0 final score. The Gilford boys



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Belmont's Avery Thurber and Gilford's Mia Macaione go after the ball in action on Saturday morning in Belmont.

closed out the day in Belmont with a 1-0 win over the Raiders.

Belmont is slated to be in action on Friday, Oct. 9, at White Mountains Regional at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 13, at home against Raymond at 4 p.m.

Gilford is slated to be in action on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at Berlin at 4 p.m.

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