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## Powerful Cougar offense ends Gilford's run in Division III semifinals *Football Golden Eagles fall to Campbell in Final Four*

BY DAN ATTORI  
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LITCHFIELD — The Gilford High School football team came in with a game plan, but slowing down an unstoppable offense was a tall order. Playing on the road

against the number one Campbell Cougars (10-0), the Eagles took an early lead and were tied midway through the second quarter. But Campbell's ground game, led by the state's new all-time rushing leader Scott Hersh-



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Noah Harder runs the ball as Tim Macaione provides the block during semifinal action against Campbell.

berger, eventually wore Gilford (6-4) down in a 50-22 victory.

"We came out strong. We were confident coming into this game," Gilford head coach Brandt O'Hara said. "Obviously we played them before (a 50-14 loss on Oct. 5), but I felt like we were a

different football team and the guys felt that way too. We were an inexperienced group coming into this season and (Campbell played us) in the middle of the year. ... We were pumped to get the opportunity to play them again."

Hershberger entered

Saturday's game just 16 yards shy of the all-time state rushing record and ripped a 57-yard touchdown run on his first carry of the game, the second play from scrimmage. Hershberger finished with 187 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries, plus an inter-

ception on defense. Hershberger, a senior, now has 6,063 career rushing yards, breaking the previous state record held by Sean Jellison's mark of 5,874. Jellison played for Souhegan from 2001 to 2004.

After the Cougars took a 6-0 lead less than a minute into the game, Gilford senior running back Noah Harder (two touchdowns and 46 yards on 15 carries) punched in a touchdown from less than a yard out and junior quarterback Mark Uicker kicked the extra point to give the Eagles a 7-6 lead at 5:37 in the first quarter.

Hershberger once again made quick work for Campbell, reaching the end zone in just six plays on the ensuing drive, capped by a 21-yard scoring run and running in the two-point conversion to make it 14-7 with 2:25 left in the

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### Several vehicle break-ins reported in Barnstead

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BARNSTEAD — Police are investigating a series of thefts from several vehicles in different parts of town and are reminding the public to lock their doors.

The Barnstead Police Department is investigating a series of car break-ins reported over the course of Nov. 11 and 12 with missing items including tools and firearms. Police also have camera footage of a possible suspect.

On Nov. 11, the department posted on its Facebook page about several reports of car break-ins on Dalton Court in the Colony neighborhood. The reported incidents occurred late at night with a suspect stealing items including tools from unlocked vehicles.

One suspect was caught on video dropping a green vape device during the theft.

Video footage showed the suspect wearing a light-colored hooded sweatshirt and a satchel style backpack. The footage showed the suspect coming back to the scene to look for the vape but not finding it.

On Nov. 12, the department reported it had received two different reports of guns being stolen out of unlocked vehicles parked on the north side of town.

"Please do not leave firearms in your vehicles for obvious reasons and make sure to secure your vehicles, homes and sheds," Barnstead PD said on its Facebook page.

The Barnstead Police Department is investigating the incidents and advising residents to stay alert. Anyone who sees suspicious activity is asked to call the department at 603-269-8100. Anyone involved in an emergency is also reminded to call 911.

### Annual Veterans Day service held in Alton

ALTON — The Claude R. Batchelder American Legion Post 72 in Alton held its annual Veterans Day Service at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day. Speakers included First Officer Paul Laroche, Sergeant at Arms Maryellen Kenerson, John Forsythe, Bruce Cornish who was filling in for Post Commander Dave Hussey who was unable to attend, and Chaplain George Feeney.

The program was opened with

prayer by Chaplain George Feeney, followed by Mr. Cornish's remarks:

"On this day, Veterans Day, we are commemorating the service of veterans of all wars. We believe our strength on the field of battle, on the supply lines which nourished our armed might, laying the justice of our cause against the forces of evil... We recognize service to our country does not end with the termi-

nation of military service..."

And his concluding remarks: "We shall move forward in the sight of God as a strong nation in a peaceful world."

After the service, a hearty lunch was served. Centerpieces were made by the students of Alton Elementary School. Membership in the Legion is open to all who have served honorably in the U.S. Military. For more information, call (603) 875-3461.

## GHS tech crew puts finishing touches on "Anything Goes"

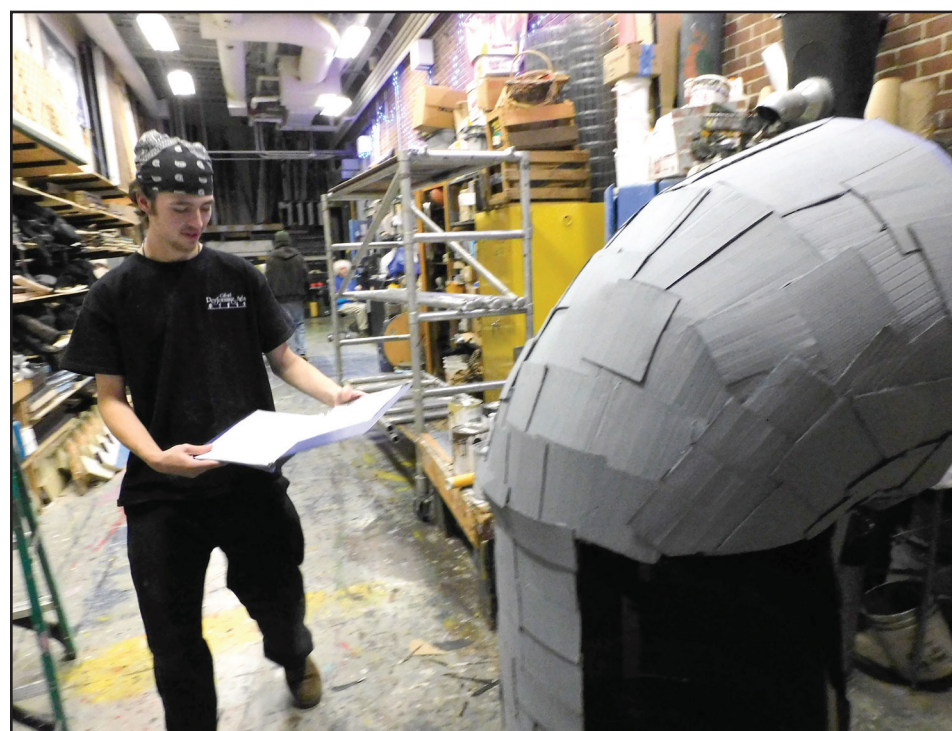
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GILFORD — As the coming Gilford High School production of "Anything Goes" takes place on an early 20th century cruise ship, actors and even members of the orchestra will be taking their places on a small ship right onstage thanks to the work of the show's tech crew.

In the classic Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," the fates of a group of passengers and crew members aboard a luxury liner collide in humorous ways. The GHS production will run this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16, at 7 p.m. in the GHS Auditorium.

To fit the setting, members of the tech crew put together a set that looks like a ship complete with decks and a bow.

"We worked together to come up with a deck of a cruise liner in the 1930s," said Auditorium Director



ERIN PLUMMER

Stage manager Jackson Reed shows the plans to some of the set pieces for the coming Gilford High School production of "Anything Goes."

Scott Piddington.

Piddington said students read the script and came up with concepts for the set design.

The upperclassmen really worked to put the ideas together, which were then put through a CAD program to come up with concrete plans. He

said the students spent a lot of time planning and building the set, showing a set of detailed CAD plans down to smaller elements like a staircase.

The result was a large ship set with multiple decks. The deck of the ship also includes an area for the pit band. Piddington said it would be fun for the ship to have a band and put an area on the third level deck for the 20 members of the band.

They created a bow that extends further across the stage with a gangplank that allows people to get onboard the ship. The stage markings are also

painted on the deck of the ship.

Interior scenes are done on sets that swing out from under the ship.

"This is pretty extensive, it's one of the more complex and challenging to build," Piddington said.

The set was built in sections that were put together to make the whole set. As they were putting the set together, they had to move elements to the side for the blood drive in the auditorium.

Piddington said they have several seniors on the tech crew as well as a few juniors

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## Early deadlines for Thanksgiving

The offices of the Gilford Steamer will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.

To ensure that our Nov. 28 edition arrives in subscribers' mail boxes on schedule despite the

holiday, the submission deadline for any press releases and letters to the Editor intended for publication that week has been moved up to Thursday, Nov. 21 at 4 p.m. Submissions can be e-mailed to Editor Brendan Berube at bren-

dan@salmonpress.news.

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

# ABA presents Alton Festival of Trees & Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

ALTON — The Alton Business Association presents the Sixth Annual Alton Festival of Trees & Gingerbread House Decorating Contest on Dec. 7 & 8 at the Gilman Museum, 123 Main St.!

The event hours are Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Alton "Light Up Night" is also happening at the same time at 5 p.m. across the street at Town Hall!) and Sunday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.!

This is for local businesses, organizations & residents who want to get creative with

promoting your business and organization in ways you normally couldn't. Get creative with using items that you sell, themed trees, toys or items that represent your business/organization. This is a fun way to display what your business/organization does and display your community pride! The trees will be raffled off for \$1 a ticket. A display table will be provided for the gingerbread houses and voting categories are youth & adult.

Here's how it works: Participating busi-

nesses/organizations/residents will register and "donate" a tree, decked out with all the trimmings of their choosing! Participants will set up their tree or wreath at the museum. The registration form and rules can be found on our website, [www.altonbusinessassociation.com](http://www.altonbusinessassociation.com) or our Facebook event page @altonbusinessassociation. Registration must be received by Nov. 29!

This is a free event to attend, but attendees have the option to purchase raffle tickets (for \$1 each) for a

chance to win their favorite tree(s) or wreath(s). Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Alton Community Services/Mrs. Santa Fund. At the end of the event, each of the trees will be given to the raffle winners. Tree winners are announced on Dec. 8,

and will be picked up that night or by Dec. 9. We'll also ask our community to vote for a "Community Favorite" tree and Gingerbread House.

At the end of the event, our participating businesses will have made the season brighter, and sup-

ported a great local cause! This event also includes light refreshments, music, a raffle and more... This event is free to attend and open to the public. Stay up-to-date by following our Facebook event page or visit our Web site.

## Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction seeks donations

LACONIA — The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction is seeking items to auction off at its annual event, and several dozen collection locations are available around the area for convenient drop off.

Jennifer Kelley, executive director of the auction, said, "We're looking for new, unused items, big and small. Gift cards are always a hit with our bidders. Other popular items include electronics, tools, tickets to sporting events, experiences, toys and services. You name it, we need it."

The 43rd annual Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction, presented by Hannaford Supermarkets, will be held this year from Tuesday, Dec. 10 to Friday, Dec. 13, at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont.

### Drop off locations are in:

ALTON: Irwin Marine, 396 Main St., and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 82 Wolfboro Highway

ASHLAND: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 5 Riverside Drive

BELMONT: Baron's Major Brands, 225 Daniel Webster Highway; Belmont Fire Dept, 14 Gilmanton Road; Mattress Firm, Belknap Marketplace, 96 Daniel Webster Highway

BRISTOL: Tapply Thompson Community Center, 300 North Main St.

CENTER HARBOR: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 28 State Route 25

FRANKLIN: Franklin Savings Bank, 933 Central St., and Grevior Furniture, 440 Central St.

GILFORD: Children's Dentistry, 369 Housell Ave, Suite 1; Franklin Savings Bank, 11 Sawmill Road; Gilford Country Store, 1934 Lakes Shore Road; Gilford Tennis and Fitness Club, 314 Old Lakeshore Road; and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 1383 Lakeshore Road

LACONIA: Body Covers, 94 Primrose Drive North; Irwin Automotive Group, 59 Bisson Ave; Irwin Automotive Group, 446 Union Ave.; Irwin

Chevrolet, 623 Union Ave.; Irwin Marine, 958 Union Ave.; Meredith Village Savings Bank, 379 South Main Street Rt. 106; The Wellness Complex, 827 North Main St.; and WORKS Lakes Region, 51 Elm St., #107

MEREDITH: Edward Jones, 164 NH Route 25 #1A; Meredith Insurance Agency, 2 Lakes St., Suite 1; and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 71 NH Rt. 104 and 24 NH Rt. 25

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MOULTONBOROUGH: For Your Eyes Only, 517 Whittier Highway and Meredith Village Savings Bank, 991 State Rt. 25

PLYMOUTH: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 131 Main St.

TILTON: The Country Store at Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road and Dox on Winisquam, 927 Laconia Road

WOLFEBORO: Meredith Village Savings Bank, 66 North Main St.

For more information, visit [childrensauction.org](http://childrensauction.org) or call 603-527-0999.

## Gilford welfare office seeing huge demand

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GILFORD — The town's Welfare Department has been seeing high demand that has greatly overspent its budget, with more request coming in as the weather gets colder.

Welfare Director Tom Carr gave the selectmen an update on his department during the board's Nov. 13 meeting.

"It's been a very expensive summer and fall in the welfare department," Carr said.

Carr described a few different details that indicate trends that show an increase demand across a number of areas.

Carr said as of that meeting the Welfare Department's budget is 147.7 percent overspent and more demand is already coming as they go into heating season. He said his department

had two calls that day for heating assistance that totaled \$900.

Carr said there is no typical applicant, but many of the applicants have been seniors or people with different forms of disabilities. Different situations of need have arisen because of the death of a spouse, significant mental illness, and others.

"The economy is tough on them," Carr said. "A lot of them are on fixed incomes, whether it be Social Security or retirement. The cost of living has really grown at a much faster rate than their fixed incomes."

Carr regularly works with different outside agencies to help assist people and he said he will also help people sign up for those benefits

Housing is one area that has been especially in demand and

expensive. The office will assist residents in different ways to find housing options. Carr said if someone needs new housing, his office will contact different shelters and other organizations for options. Putting someone up in a hotel is later option until a shelter or other form of housing can be found. Carr said There were three individuals who spent a total of 200 days in hotels at a cost of \$16,000.

Heating costs are another area of high demand and Carr said the over \$1,000 that was budgeted was not nearly enough. He will work with organizations but some of these programs don't activate until December and heating help is needed sooner.

The office will also help with other needed expenses, including paying for a car expense for someone who needed a vehicle for work.

The town also offers food assistance, but Carr said he doesn't recall seeing anyone request this. He said many people who are coming to his office already qualify for SNAP benefits and other forms of assistance.

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White Elephant Table and much more.  
Look forward to seeing.

## Country Bookseller welcomes Helen Fernald for book signing

WOLFEBORO — Wolfboro resident Helen Fernald will be at The Country Bookseller Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon to sign copies of her new book, "Love, Helen: Letters to My

Mother." After losing her mother suddenly, Fernald kept busy not knowing quite how to grieve. Eventually, the grief caught up to her, affecting her health. On the road to recovery, Fernald took to writing letters to her mother. "Love, Helen" is a collection of those letters.

Fernald writes with such emotional honesty that these letters offer strength, comfort, and a reminder that it is okay to feel. Her personal experiences resonate on a universal level and offer hope to anyone experiencing loss, navigating grief,

or just seeking a little hope in a time of despair.

More than just a familiar smiling face around town, Fernald is a grief recovery author who teaches the art of therapeutic letter writing to help loved ones create peace and a renewed connection after loss. She is also known for her photography and positive messages of kindness, joy, and peace.

For more information or to reserve copies of Fernald's book, please call The Country Bookseller at (603)569-6030.

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# Dharma Down debuts at Hermit Woods Winery's Loft Listening Room

MEREDITH — Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery is thrilled to present Dharma Down, an ensemble pushing the boundaries of jazz with influences spanning centuries and cultures. On Thursday, Nov. 21, this dynamic group will deliver an immersive evening of music, dining, and wine at Hermit Woods Winery's Loft Listening Room as they celebrate the release of their debut album, "Owl Dreams."

Dharma Down's music fuses jazz with East European and Middle Eastern influences, making each performance a true musical journey. This four-piece ensemble — featuring Mike Effenberger on piano, Duncan Hardy on alto sax and qanun, Scott Kiefner on upright bass,

and John Mettam on percussion — captivates audiences with their virtuosic playing and intimate sound. Owl Dreams introduces audiences to 10 original tracks, blending ancient Arabic melodies with modern jazz, a unique listening experience that explores both familiar and unfamiliar soundscapes.

The Loft at Hermit Woods provides an intimate, focused setting ideal for music lovers who appreciate close connections with artists. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to savor a complimentary wine tasting from 5:30 to 6 p.m., followed by dinner from our celebrated kitchen. Once the show begins at 7 p.m., we invite guests to embrace the quiet inti-



macy of the space, creating a shared atmosphere of focus and immersion.

This event is an in-

itation to explore the cross-cultural magic of Dharma Down's sound, meet the artists, and cel-

ebate the release of Owl Dreams, a remarkable debut album.

Tickets for this exclu-

sive event are available now. Refunds are available up to five days before the event. For tickets and more information, visit [www.hermitwoods.com/music](http://www.hermitwoods.com/music) or call 603-253-7968.

Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery offers locally crafted wines, seasonal cuisine, and unique musical performances as part of the Loft Listening Room Series. Located in scenic Meredith, NH, Hermit Woods is dedicated to delivering exceptional experiences that celebrate the best of New England's music, food, and wine.

## New Hampshire Boat Museum board welcomes Cheryl Goebel

MOULTONBOROUGH — New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) has elected Cheryl Goebel to serve on its Board of Trustees. Goebel, who resides in Meredith with her husband Bill, expressed enthusiasm for her new role.

"I want to help capture the history of boating and lake life in New Hampshire," she explained. "I also hope to play a role in helping the museum introduce the next generation to all that the Lakes Region has to offer."

Regarding her own appreciation for the Lakes Region, Goebel said she and her family "fell in love" with it more than 20 years ago when they first vacationed in the area.

"Our goal was to retire here and build a life in this area," she said.

She began to build this life by volunteering for various events at NHBM to give back to the community,

"I happened to meet some wonderful people involved in the museum when I volunteered," she explained. "I was able to combine my interests in the water, boats, and lake life along with helping out a great organization."

Now retired with three grown children living in Hudson, Chicago, Ill., and Washington, D.C., Goebel said she feels that organization and planning are



Cheryl Goebel

two skills she brings to the Board.

"I also enjoy meeting new people and introducing them to all the NHBM has to offer in the way of programs, events, and history," she added.

Before retiring to raise her children, Goebel worked for AT&T in various positions. She attended SUNY Potsdam where she earned a BA in Mathematics. She also has an MBA from Clarkson University.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM offers dynamic exhibits and engaging programs and events tailored to the diverse boating lifestyles and values of people of all ages. NHBM is sponsored in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane and Oil, Kingswood Press and Design Studio, KW Lakes and Mountaintains, Taylor Community, Belletetes, and North Water Marine. To learn more about NHBM, visit [nhbm.org](http://nhbm.org).

## Light Up Night — Dec. 7

The Town of Alton is celebrating "Light Up Night" on Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Alton Village on Main Street. Free events include: 5 p.m.- Tree Lighting at Town Hall sponsored by ABA; 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); 5:30 p.m.- Holiday Hayride loading up at Monument Square- sponsored by Alton Home and Lumber; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.- Festival of Trees and Gingerbread House Decorating Contest at the Gilman Library sponsored by the ABA; plus more to see and do. Light Up Night Events are free and are open to the public. For more information, contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov).

## "Light Up Alton" Holiday Decorating Event

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

can enjoy your decorations while they explore the map.

## Weight training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of all ages and abilities. Learn new exercises and build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in.

## Pilates Classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water. For more information/register contact Donna at [breathepilates1@yahoo.com](mailto:breathepilates1@yahoo.com) or [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov).

## After School Program — Dec. 20

On Early Release days at ACS Alton Parks and Recreation Staff will pick

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

## Guided Meditation with instructor Karen Kharitonov

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Stop in and experience the positive state of meditation. The program is free, donations are greatly appreciated to support local charities. For more information, contact Alton Parks and Recreation at [parksrec@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109.

## Alton Trails- All Star

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a get outside and hike

program. Hike seven local trails, and receive an Alton Trails All Star sticker. All you have to do is take a photo on each trail, and send the photos to [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov). Trails include: Mike Burke Trail; Knight's Pond; Trask Swamp and Fort Point Woods Conservation Area; Gilman Pond; Mt. Major, Pine Mountain and Cotton-Hurd Brook.

## Learn How To Use Libby- the Library Book App

The Friends of Gilman Library and Alton Parks and Recreation are sponsoring an informative session on how to use the Libby App on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 1-2 p.m. in the Agnes Thompson Meeting Room at the Gilman Library. Did you know you can borrow eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and more electronically from your local library for free? Learn how to navigate the Libby App, choose and reserve books, play audiobooks and more. Bring your smart phone, kindle or tablet. For more information, contact [parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov](mailto:parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov) or 603-875-0109.

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# Opinion

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## Save Main Street: Shop local and keep our towns alive

In a world dominated by two-day shipping and digital convenience, it's easy to forget the personality of our communities, the small businesses that line our Main Streets. These aren't just shops; they're the heartbeats of our towns, and the places where neighbors gather. They are the framework of New England's charm, the pillars of local economies, and the custodians of our town's character. Without them, what remains?

The reality is stark: every time we opt for an online order instead of visiting a local shop, we make a choice about the future of our communities. Small businesses are facing a relentless uphill battle, competing not only with giant corporations but also with the shifting habits of modern consumers. And when these businesses close, they take more than their storefronts with them—they take jobs, vibrancy, and a sense of belonging.

Shopping locally isn't just about buying goods; it's about investing in the people around us. That cup of coffee from the corner café supports a family. That thrift store find funds local charities. That gift shop purchase puts money back into the local economy, where it's reinvested to improve schools, roads, and public services. Your dollar goes further when spent locally because it stays local.

But this requires a conscious effort. Yes, online shopping is convenient, but at what cost? Do we really want to trade ease for a future of shuttered windows and hollowed-out Main Streets? Do we want our children to grow up in communities where "downtown" is a relic of the past?

We have a choice. This holiday season and beyond, let's make an intentional effort to visit our local bookstores, bakeries, and boutiques. Explore the unique treasures of thrift shops. Say yes to the farmer's market, the family-owned hardware store, and the independent art gallery. These businesses are run by our neighbors—people who support our schools, sponsor our Little League teams, and show up when we need them most.

If we don't invest in them, who will? Let's work together to keep our towns alive, vibrant, and full of opportunity. Let's shop local—not because it's trendy, but because it's essential.

Our communities depend on it. Let's not let convenience rob us of connection. Together, we can ensure that our Main Streets remain places we're proud to call home.

### Letter submission policy

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

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



COURTESY  
A big congrats, along with a rousing hip, hip, hurray, to Kyleigh for all her hard work completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library in Barnstead.

## Dream of holidays

As the holiday season heats up and the smell of roasted turkey and pumpkin pie fills the air, it's easy to get caught up in the magic of the season—and just as easy to let your dreams slip into the background.

Between family gatherings, festive celebrations, and endless to-do lists, the holidays can feel like both a time of joy and a reminder of what you haven't yet achieved. But what if this season could be the spark to reignite your fire for your dreams?

The holidays are distracting. There's shopping to do, meals to prepare, and social media posts showing everyone else's highlight reels. That can leave you comparing your progress to others and wondering if you've fallen behind. But here's the thing—the holidays aren't about competing; they're about connection, reflection, and renewal. And that goes for your dreams, too.

Think about the power of this time of year. Latch onto the holiday spirit, express gratitude, reflect on where you've been, and just as importantly, set your sights on where you're headed.

What about that book you're writing, the weight you're losing, or

the business you started that hasn't quite taken off yet? Now is not

the time to hold back. Wake up a little earlier, stay up a little later—don't let your dreams take a holiday break only to resurface as New Year's resolutions. Keep the fire burning!

Let the warmth of the season fuel your ambitions. Let the love and laughter of family remind you why you're chasing your dreams in the first place. Let the joy of giving inspire you to give your all in pursuit of your goals.

Even history's greatest dreamers didn't take the holidays off when their vision was on the line. In the winter of 1879, Thomas Edison worked tirelessly at his lab in Menlo Park, perfecting the electric light bulb. His assistants reported working through snowstorms and late into the night by lamplight. The breakthrough came on New Year's Eve when his bulb successfully burned for over 13 hours, proving it was commercially viable.

Edison later said, "Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent per-

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spiration." His dedication reminds us that even in the season of comfort,

a little extra effort can lead to monumental breakthroughs.

Of course, no one wants to become a workaholic. Ebenezer Scrooge learned the hard way that all work and no play leads to misery, though his ghostly intervention came at Christmastime. Thanksgiving reminds us of balance. Gratitude is as much about appreciating where you are as it is about striving for more.

Here are a few ways to stay motivated while savoring the season:

1. Reflect: Take a moment to look back—not to beat yourself up, but to celebrate the progress you've made. Even small steps matter.

2. Write down your dreams: Grab a notebook and jot down your biggest aspirations. Putting them on paper makes them more real.

3. Visualize success: As you sip on cider or watch the leaves fall, close your eyes and imagine achieving your goals. What does it look like? How will it feel?

4. Share your passion: Talk about your

dreams with family and friends who support you. Their encouragement can spark new ideas or give you a much-needed boost.

5. Set a small goal before the New Year: Don't wait for January 1 to start fresh. Take one small, actionable step toward your goal now.

The holidays are the perfect reminder that life combines work and play, effort and joy, dreaming and doing. As you prepare your Thanksgiving plans—whether it's organizing a menu, tidying up the house, or coordinating with loved ones—take a moment to prepare for your goals.

Just like a well-thought-out meal comes together with care and attention, your dreams need thoughtful planning and action to thrive. Let the spirit of the season inspire you to dream bigger and work harder.

Gratitude and ambition go hand in hand. Some might argue that being happy with what you have might stifle your drive to achieve more. But think of an athlete who cherishes every victory while relentlessly training for the next one.

Here's to chasing your dreams as fiercely as you chase seconds on pumpkin pie!

## Letters to the Editor

### Every day is a good day to support the Children's Auction

To the Editor:

I've been a supporter of the GLR Children's Auction for decades. This nonprofit operates with only one part time employee and over 700 volunteers. Grants to over 60 local organizations provide food, housing, family and mental health support, emergency needs, recreation and education programs, and much more. Continuing the heartfelt work started by auction founder Warren Bailey, the wide range of services have a direct impact on our neighbors and children in need in Central New Hampshire.

I encourage you to join me and be involved in this rewarding community work. An easy way to do this is to donate items for the annual auction. Everything from toys, home décor, crafts, sports items, venue tickets, electronics and holiday gifts are appreciated. Gift certificates from local businesses for services or products often receive overbids from holiday shoppers. Donors also enjoy the opportunity for promotion on local radio and TV, and on the Children's Auction Web site. The auction is a fun way to bid and

win gifts for the holidays and beyond.

You can drop off your donations at convenient collection sites. The long list is posted on the Children's Auction website. It's never too early to donate. While the 43rd Annual Auction will be held on Dec. 10 to 13 at the Belknap Marketplace in Belmont, items received by Nov. 15 valued at \$300 or more will be offered for early online bidding starting on Black Friday, Nov. 29. Please help volunteers process items by donating today!

So, where does the money go? This website link provides the extensive list of funded programs: <https://www.childrensauction.org/whereourmoneygoes>

To learn about upcoming events and other ways you can help, visit the Children's Auction Web site: [www.childrensauction.org](http://www.childrensauction.org).

Together, let's make a difference in our community.

Judi Taggart  
Gilford

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# Going out of Town

## The many sides of Barnstable and Hyannis

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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Both of my adventures to Cape Cod took stops in the center part of the region to a town and a village with a few different personalities. In 2023, I explored downtown Hyannis on a sweltering late summer day. The next year I found myself back in the area and experienced everything from the art shanties on the harbor in Hyannis, the more bustling business district that's home to a mall and many more chain businesses, to a small dockside area and a restaurant with a seafood dinner that was to die for. These are the many sides of the Barnstable and Hyannis area and exploring all of them was amazing.

In September of 2023 I traveled to Cape Cod for the first time since sixth grade and I wanted to see everything. My main objective was Provincetown, and I spent a lovely couple days walking down its streets, docks, and beaches. I headed back east on a Thursday afternoon with the aim of visiting other places around the Cape and kill time until rush hour was over on every road anywhere near Boston and points north. My next stop was Hyannis, a village in the town of Barnstable and another place I heard of that was the epitome of Cape Cod.

On the day I went to Hyannis, it was pushing 100 degrees with full sun. It was a hot day for anyone but heat and I especially don't get along. Taking that last walk down Commercial Street in Provincetown was difficult enough, but after an hour drive the sun got higher in the sky and the air felt like an oven. I made it into Hyannis, found a parking spot, and pressed on against the scorching temperatures to enjoy some of Main Street. I found a row of lovely shops and did some exploring. I was also thrilled to find a Kilwin's Chocolate and Ice Cream Shop. I had visited the Portsmouth location so many times that it was nice and familiar, plus ice cream was so welcome on a day like this.

After enjoying my sweet treat, I found my way to the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum across the street that I wrote about last year around the 60th anniversary of JFK's death. It was an interesting museum with artifacts and stories about the Kennedy family especially their strong connection to Hyannis.

After the Kennedy museum, I took a walk down Ocean Street toward the docks, passing by Michael K. Aselton Memorial Park and its unique stone pathways and buoys mounted on high poles alongside.

I walked around the Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanties, colorful shacks about the size of a bobhouse where



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A look at the Artist Shanties in Bismore Park in Hyannis, Mass., at night.



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Main Street in Hyannis on a sweltering Day in Septemer of 2023.

artisans sold their creations. This was a concept I first saw in Provincetown and was delighted to see them here. The ones in Hyannis are managed by Arts Barnstable, an organization dedicated to the arts across Barnstable's seven villages. I walked around the docks and enjoyed the view of the water, but the high heat was draining my energy and I decided it was best to head back to the car.

A year later I kept this whole area in mind when planning my next Cape adventure. This time I decided to stay in a hotel around Barnstable that was just a few minutes from downtown Hyannis. It seemed like this area would make a good center hub for greater exploration of the Cape.

One thing I noticed is the area of Barnstable is one of the more developed places in the Cape. Driving around the Cape I saw mostly smaller, more rural towns. Even a big town like Provincetown felt a little more remote. Barnstable, however, is a bit more urban with a lot more commercial properties.

The Cape Cod Mall was just a few minutes from my hotel. I stopped by on my first day and found a nice-bustling mall with a lot of great stores. It was fun to be able to crawl around a newly discovered mall and get all of its personali-

ty. From a convenience standpoint there was a Target right along the strip, so it was perfect for snagging basic necessities, including the box of tissues and decongestant from when I got sick during the trip (grumble grumble).

Later that night I made a goal to go to a restaurant I first discovered on a webcam and a peek at its online menu made it look amazing. I had been watching the view from the roof of Mattakeese Wharf Waterfront Seafood Restaurant looking over Barnstable Harbor from my couch, now it was time to see it in real life. The fact they were closing for the season just a few days after my trip sealed the deal.

Mattakeese Wharf is in a more remote part of Barnstable past some commercial and residential properties. At the end of the road, I was right on the harbor and by fishing charters and marinas. I drove into the restaurant's parking lot and experienced valet parking for the first time ever. The restaurant was nicely busy but not slammed. I got a seat right by a huge picture window overlooking that same area I had seen so many times on a screen. The sun was setting at the time. On one hand, this meant dealing with some sun glare, but this was immediately followed by the sky going orange and then purple right over the water. I hap-



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Hyannis harbor on an October night under a nearly full moon.

few photos of the harbor and took off, finding my car in the lot thanks to the care of the friendly valet.

It was nightfall when I drove back to Hyannis. I passed down Barnstable's Main Street, seeing more small shops though most were closed because of the hour and one more thing was added to a future list.

I drove through Hyannis, this time wanting to check out more of the docks. I found a parking spot right by the art shanties and went for a walk around Bismore Park, only having to go back to my car to get a sweatshirt which was a much nicer development than last time. This time I took my time walking the docks. The moon was almost full and illuminated the harbor, making for silvery streaks in the water beside fishing boats and yachts. I took my time strolling around and experiencing everything here. I walked back toward Aselton Park and past the John F. Kennedy Memorial as well as the Peace Corps Memorial. As it got later and darker, I decided now was a god time to go back to my car, rest at the hotel, and get ready for my adventures for the next few days.

This trip, I found other sides of the Barnstable and Hyannis areas that I want to further explore. This is an area with a lot going on with different sides from extremely commercial to extremely remote. This area has a lot of resources and a lot of things to see. It is also a great hub for getting a sense of the Cape, a good middle point to start a lot of exploring.



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Dinner with a view: a delectable seafood dinner overlooking gorgeous harbor views at Mattakeese Wharf Waterfront Seafood Restaurant in Barnstable, Mass.



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Exploring the Cape Cod Mall in Barnstable.

pily watched an angler walked on the nearby docks carrying fishing gear with his two excited dogs following along.

I started off with a cup of lobster bisque and it was seriously the best lobster bisque I have ever had: rich, buttery, and with nice chunks of lobster meat. My main course followed: baked sea scal-

lops in a sherry butter sauce with roasted baby potatoes and green beans on the side. This was in fact the greatest seafood dinner I ever had; it was almost a spiritual experience how good this was. I was even dipping my bread rolls in the sauce alongside the scallops. I left very full, but it was all worth it. I took a



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# Look what's coming to Great Waters!

REGION—It may only be November, but Great Waters has planned an excellent summer of musical entertainment for 2025. There are so many fantastic performances that you won't want to miss either at the Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough or at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro.

Starting on July 10, Human Nature will open the season at the Castle. Begun as a boy band in the late nineties at their high school just outside Sydney, Australia, this group quickly became popular throughout the continent. Today, they are one of the world's greatest pop vocal groups and have played various residencies on the Las Vegas strip for over a decade. Their show "Back to the Sound of Motown" celebrates the greatest songs ever. Brothers Andrew, Michael Tierney, and Toby Allen are three of the greatest vocal harmony singers in the world. Smokey Robinson first introduced Human



Nature to the United States and said they are "Making Motown Proud - a must-see show!"

On July 24, Broadway's Abby Mueller,

former star of "Beautiful The Carol King Musical," will open the Concerts in Town series at Brewster's Anderson Hall. She, her musical

director, composer, lyricist Sharon Kenny, and actor and singer Andrew Mueller will present an evening celebrating the iconic hits and stories

of musical legends and three real-life friends, Carole King, Joni Mitchell, and James Taylor.

Other performances to look forward to this coming season at the Castle are Alter Ego—an 80's and '90's MTV Dance Show, Brass Transit performing the Musical Legend of Chicago, Proud Tina – The Ultimate Tribute to Tina Turner and Elements – The Earth, Wind

and Fire Tribute.

The Daily News says, "The only thing you can say about Peter Cincotti is that he is sensational."

If you were lucky enough to attend Great Waters' first performance at the Castle in 2021, you know that is true. This year, he will return as part of the Concerts in Town series.

Great Waters Music Festival is a non-profit organization whose mission is to present and create outstanding and unique musical and educational events appealing to a wide variety of tastes that enrich the cultural lives of those living in and visiting the Lakes Region of New Hampshire. Are you eager to buy tickets? Sorry, they won't go on sale until mid to late January, but in the meantime, a gift certificate would make an excellent gift for family and friends for the upcoming holidays. Gift certificates are available for purchase on our website at [www.GreatWaters.org](http://www.GreatWaters.org) or by contacting the Great Waters office by email at [info@greatwaters.org](mailto:info@greatwaters.org) or by phone at 603-569-7710. The office has limited hours during the off-season, but phone messages are checked daily, Monday through Friday.

## Church Service SCHEDULE

<p><b>ABUNDANT HARVEST FAMILY CHURCH</b> Sunday School for children up to age 12, service 10:30 a.m. Greater Wakefield Resource Center, 254 Main St., Union. Pastors Daniel and Sherrie Williams, 473-8914. For more information, please visit <a href="http://abundantharvestnh.org">abundantharvestnh.org</a> or e-mail <a href="mailto:ahf@faith.com">ahf@faith.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF FARMINGTON</b> Worship Services: 10:00 AM Sunday School: 10:15 AM Sept. To June 400 Main Street Farmington, NH 03835 <a href="http://www.farmingtonnuc.org">www.farmingtonnuc.org</a></p>
<p><b>ALTON BAY CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER</b> Sundays throughout the summer 10am &amp; 7pm, 875-6161.</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NEW DURHAM NH</b> Sun. School 9:30am, Church 10:30am, Evening Service 6pm, Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm, Depot St., New Durham, Pastor Ryan Blackard</p>
<p><b>BEFREE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ALTON</b> Alton-9:30 a.m. Sun. Meeting at Prospect Mountain High School. Pastor Ben Ruhl, <a href="http://www.befreechurch.net">www.befreechurch.net</a>.</p>	<p><b>PARADE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BARNSTEAD, N.H.</b> on the Parade in Barnstead Sunday Morning Worship Service for all ages begin at 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting - April through November at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday Evenings. Pastor Sandy Pierson - 483-2846</p>
<p><b>CENTER BARNSTEAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> Worship Service 10:00am Bible Study 11:15am Rte. 126 next to Town Hall Call or Text (603)269-8831 <a href="http://centerbarnsteadcc.org">centerbarnsteadcc.org</a></p>	<p><b>ST. KATHARINE DREXEL</b> 40 Hidden Springs Rd., Alton, 875-2548 Father Robert F. Coks, Pastor. Mass Saturday 4pm; Sunday 8:30 &amp; 10:30am; Daily Mass Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:00am.</p>
<p><b>CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF PRAISE C.C.O.P PRAISE GATHERING</b> Gathering Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. The Gilmanston Community Church 1863 NH Route 146, Gilmanston Ironworks, NH <a href="mailto:ccoppraisegathering@gmail.com">ccoppraisegathering@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Sunday 9:30, 50 Main St., Pittsfield Rev. Miriam Accardo with Rev. Stephen Ekerberg <a href="http://www.ststephenspittsfield.com">www.ststephenspittsfield.com</a></p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ALTON</b> Pastor Jared Cassidy 10am Worship service Sunday 20 Church St Alton (603) 875-5561 <a href="http://www.ccoaillon.com">www.ccoaillon.com</a></p>	<p><b>UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rt. 171 at Tuftonboro Corner. Sunday services 10:30 am. Church 603-539-8058</p>
<p><b>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTH BARNSTEAD, UCC</b> Sunday School and Worship Services Rev. Kate Kennedy 603-776-1820 Our services are in person at 504 North Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, NH and live-streamed on Zoom, Sundays at 10 a.m. <a href="http://ccnorthbarnstead.com">ccnorthbarnstead.com</a></p>	<p><b>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY OF LACONIA</b> Sunday services and religious education 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. 172 Pleasant St. Laconia • 524 6488 • <a href="http://uusl.org">uusl.org</a></p>
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**Thursday, Nov. 21**  
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.  
Sensory Sensations, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Explore the wonders of our five senses in this

interactive playful program!  
Home School Club, noon-1:30 p.m.  
French Club, 4-5 p.m.  
Book Discussion: De-

mon Copperhead, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Led by Rhetta; books are available at the front desk.  
Your Identity: Staying

Connected and Protected, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Millions of consumers are victims of identity theft and fraud every year. Since we all spend

time cruising the web and shopping on-line, we need to be more vigilant than ever of security breaches. In a few simple steps, we will show you how. Presented by the NH Department of Justice.

Joyce, 9-10 a.m.  
Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.  
Enjoy songs, rhymes, and movement with other families!  
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

## Get ready for the holidays with Gilman Library

ALTON — Let the Gilman Library, at 100 Main St., Alton, help you with your Holiday preparations. Come visit the Friends Corner! The Friends of the Gilman Library sell books, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles, seasonal décor, and hand-crafted items. The "store" will always be open during library hours. All proceeds directly benefit the Gilman Library, to augment the budget and provide for programming.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE FRIENDS CORNER**

Assorted Vintage Alton Bay Post Cards – 25 cents  
Original Gilman Library Pencil sketch stationery - 10 postcards - \$3  
Original Gilman Library Pencil sketch stationery - 5 note cards w/ envelopes - \$3  
Seasonal decor and hand-crafted gifts - prices vary.

**OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE CIRCULATION DESK**  
Assorted Hiking Maps - from 15 cents to \$1  
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Friends of the Gilman Library Tote Bag, Sturdy Canvas, cream with navy - \$5  
Gilman Library Brass Clip Bookmark - \$5  
Gilman Library Wood Block Collectible - \$10  
The Village of Alton, NH 1796-1996 Bicentennial Poster - \$15  
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**Friday, Nov. 22**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.  
Heart 'n Soul Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.  
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon  
Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 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. 23**  
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
**Monday, Nov. 25**  
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**Tuesday, Nov. 26**  
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.  
Geri Fit, 10-11 a.m.  
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon  
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.  
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Nov. 27**  
Senior Stretch Yoga, 9-10 a.m.  
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon  
Card Games 10 a.m.-noon  
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.  
**Thursday, Nov. 28**  
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## Gilford Public Library Top Ten requests

1. "The Grey Wolf" by Louise Penny
2. "In Too Deep" by Lee Child
3. "Framed" by John Grisham
4. "How to Read a Book" by Monica Wood
5. "An Eye for an Eye" by Jeffrey Archer
6. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
7. "Swan Song" by Elin Hilderbrand
8. "Counting Miracles" by Nicholas Sparks
9. "On The Hunt" by Iris Johansen
10. "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" By James McBride

## Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Nov. 8-18.

Douglas Eugene Nobodity, Jr., age 46, was arrested on Nov. 9 for operating a motor vehicle

after suspension of registration.

Derek A. Emans, age 37, was arrested on Nov. 15 for Criminal Trespassing.

Wilfred Kennon Robertson, age 75, was arrested

on Nov. 16 for Driving Under the Influence.

Melinda A. Bastraw, age 53, was arrested on Nov. 16 for Loitering or Prowling and Resisting Arrest or Detention.

Gregory Benjamin

Dick, age 51, was arrested on Nov. 18 for Driving after Revocation or Suspension of license.

Jessica M. Gelinas, age 45, was arrested on Nov. 18 in connection with multiple bench warrants.



# Holiday Gift Guide



## Go 'mutts' for these pet gifts

Pet parents try to ensure their companion animals never want for anything. People will go to great lengths to pamper their pets with the best care, food and accessories. According to the American Pet Products Association, consumers in the United States spent \$147 billion on pets in 2023. And it's not just the essentials that have people opening up their wallets for pets. A 2022 YouGov survey found that 57 percent of owners buy holiday gifts for their pets and 40 percent host birthday celebrations.

With the holiday season on the horizon, there's a good chance that beloved pets are on gift lists this year, particularly for Gen Z pet owners. A study of 1,000 U.S. adults conducted by Talker Research for Newsweek found that Gen Z spends an average of \$148.50 on their pets each month, the highest of all surveyed. For those shopping for gifts their pets will enjoy, these options could have tails wagging.

• Treat dispenser: It isn't possible to be home with their pets all of the time. A dispenser that can be programmed to offer treats at certain intervals or connected to an app that enables a person to release one at the push of a button can be a nice gift to surprise stay-at-home pets.

• Puzzle toy: Pets need to keep their brains working; otherwise, they may get bored and into trouble. A puzzle toy that has treats or kibble hidden behind panels helps pets remain mentally sharp.

• Pet booties: When the weather gets chilly, walking dogs outdoors on the



ice and snow can be painful on their paws. A pair of booties can protect the delicate pads of pets' feet from ice melt products, snow and sharp objects.

• New bed: Upgrade

a pet's bed to something even more lush and comfortable. A fleece blanket and a dedicated pet pillow can help pets feel even more pampered.

• Safety belt: Guarantees

tee that trips in the car to the dog park or other excursions are safer by gifting a safety pet harness

that works like a seatbelt in a vehicle.

• Grooming package: Everyone wins when a pet is washed, dried and primped to perfection. Professional groomers have the skills to tame excess fur and trim nails so pets smell wonderful and remain comfortable.

• New toys: Whether a pet is a parakeet or poodle, gifts of new toys can be engaging for animals who have grown bored with their old ones.

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# Santa arrives at Gilford Rotary's Christmas Tree Sale

GILFORD — The Gilford Rotary Club will launch their 38th season of selling Christmas trees to benefit local charities Friday, Nov. 29 – Sunday, Dec. 8 at The Fireside Inn and Suites parking lot, 17 Harris Shore Road off Route 11-B across from Patrick's.

Come see Santa Claus during opening

weekend. Santa will arrive by firetruck at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 29, Saturday, Nov. 30, & Sunday, Dec. 1. Santa will be on hand from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. each day.

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Gilford Rotary is an

organization of business and professional men and women who have accepted the ideal of service as a basis for attaining fulfillment in their business, personal, and professional lives, and by serving their community.

Gilford Rotary meets Fridays at 7 a.m. at the Gilford Community Church Fellowship Hall, Potter Hill Road, Gilford.

Happy Holidays from everyone at Gilford Rotary.

## Holiday Gift Guide

### 8 guidelines for safe gifts

Everyone wants their gifts to be well-received. For those giving presents to children, they want to see kids' faces light up with excitement when they find a spectacular present underneath all that wrapping paper. In order to elicit that joy, some people may sacrifice safety in order to buy the "coolest" or the "hottest" gifts around. But that could be a recipe for injury. It is essen-

tial to consider safety anytime one is buying gifts for children.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission says an estimated 200,000 toy-related injuries were treated in United States hospital emergency departments in 2020, with most patients four or younger. The Public Health Agency of Canada notes that, between April 1, 2011 and November 9, 2022,

there were 29,268 cases of toy-related injuries, and children between the ages of one and four were the most affected.

When buying gifts for children, shoppers can consider these safety strategies.

1. Check the recommendations. Toys and games come with age recommendations for a reason. Note ages listed on boxes, never choosing above the child's age even if the young-



ster seems mature for his or her age.

2. Be mindful of small parts. Small toys can present a choking hazard. Also, check to see if parts are secure or can break off.

3. Check breakability. Avoid gifts that seem flimsy or delicate. Stay away from toys made from glass or thin plastic, as they could shatter if dropped or

thrown.

4. Be mindful of antiques. Although older or antique toys and games can be interesting and readily found at garage sales and flea markets, some older toys could be unsafe. They may contain lead or toxic paints. Others may not have been made in adherence to modern toy safety standards.

5. Look for the ASTM label. ASTM International is a standards organization that publishes technical international standards for a range of materials. Games and toys that meet ASTM safety standards are better choices.

6. Check battery sizes. Selecting powered gifts that utilize larger batteries could be safer for children. Size D, C, and even double A are better than items that use very small, button-like batteries, which can be easily swallowed, potentially causing injuries to the digestive tract. Also, confirm that batteries are hard to access.

7. Include protective gear with the gift. If you purchase a gift like a skateboard or bicycle, include helmets and additional safety gear to ensure they are safer to use.

8. Learn how gifts work. Read the instructions and familiarize yourself with the operation of the gift so you can help the child use it correctly.

When buying gifts for children, well-meaning individuals must take the safety of an item into consideration.



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# Lakes Region Tourism Association announces awards, scholarship at Annual Meeting

MEREDITH — The Lakes Region Tourism Association recently held its annual meeting and celebration at Hart's Turkey Farm in Meredith.

After a time of networking and refreshment, Executive Director Amy Landers welcomed members, sponsors and guests. She shared the Association's marketing report, highlighting the marketing results for in-state; out of state and international visitors; groups and second homeowners. Following her presentation, two Tourism Awards and scholarships to area students were awarded.

The Association's Tourism Award is presented each year to an individual or business that has made a difference in the past year to bring visitors into the Lakes Region and Central New Hampshire. The 2024 Tourism Award was presented to a pair of new waterfront restaurants Dox on Winnisquam and Dox on Winnepesaukee. These restaurants are committed to delivering exceptional food and service in a welcoming atmosphere where both locals and tourists can come together to enjoy the natural beauty of the Lakes Region. Both locations have enjoyed supporting the community, and both the owners and employees of these two restaurants certainly deserve this recognition.

The evening wrapped up with the presentation of the Lifetime Tourism Achievement Award. This Association award is given to an individual who has made a long-standing dedication, commitment, and permanent contribution to the visitor industry, displaying leadership, and providing inspiration to others for many years. This year, the 2024 Lifetime Tourism Achievement Award was presented to Warren Bailey. A well-known radio personality in the Lakes Region, Bailey was named Broadcaster of the Year in 2000 by the New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters. With a strong commitment to community, Bailey started the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction in 1982. Since then, the event has raised over \$8 million helping families and children in need.

Bailey served on the Lakes Region Tourism Association Board of Directors where he assisted



Mildred Beach Scholarship: Anna Herrmann - presented by LRTA Board Member Jared Marai.



Mel Borrin Scholarship — Aleksandr Green, presented by LRTA Board Member Gail Batstone.



Lifetime Tourism Achievement Award: Warren Bailey - presented by the 2023 Award winner Kathy Fairman.

with offered his professional guidance and expertise to help shape the organization's marketing efforts.

The Mildred Beach Hospitality Scholarship was named in honor of Mildred Beach who was the director of the Lakes Region Tourism Association for almost 50 years. She was involved in State Legislature and was very active in the tourism industry for the entire State. This year's Mildred Beach Scholarship recipient grew up in Loudon. She is a second year Culinary Arts Ma-

major at the Lakes Region Community College and Student Senate President and Hospitality Club Treasurer. She has had two jobs in the industry, her first job was a busser at T-Bones Great American Eatery. The second job is at the Bank of NH Pavilion doing backstage catering for the performers and their crews. She plans on working there again next season. Once she completes her associate's degree at Lakes Region Community College, she is planning on transferring to another school to continue her



education. This year's scholarship is presented to Anna Herrmann.

Mel Borrin was the owner of Preferred Vacation Rentals and active in tourism organizations for many years. He served on various Boards for over 30 years and was a Past President and Board of Director of our Association. Named in honor of Mel, the 2024 Mel Borrin Scholarship was awarded to Aleksandr Green. Adopted from overseas, Green lived his entire life in New Hampshire. A student at Lakes Region Community College, Green is dual-majoring in Culinary Arts and Pastry Arts. He is currently employed at 70 North Kitchen and Market in Weirs Beach.

The Lakes Region Tourism Association is a non-profit marketing organization representing more than 400 businesses that promotes the Lakes Region and Central New Hampshire year-round to bring more visitors that will have a positive economic impact on businesses.

Tourism Award: Dox on Winnisquam and Dox on Winnepesaukee - presented by LRTA Board Member Ryan Cardella.

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# SPORTS

## Folan, Drew earn All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

REGION — Golfers from Gilford and Plymouth earned Division III Golf All-State honors at the conclusion of the season.

For Gilford, Ryan Folan and Brayden Drew both earned First Team honors while for Plymouth, Noah Shaw and Sebastian Eisenbarth both earned Third Team honors. Plymouth coach Gavin Brickley was named Division III Coach of the Year.

Joining Folan and Drew with First Team honors were Maddy Savary of Bishop Brady, Maddy Giampa of Pelham, Owen Wilkenson of Stevens, Ben Britton of



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Ryan Folan was named Division III First Team All-State.



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Brayden Drew earned First Team All-State for the recently-concluded golf season.

Lebanon and Alex Myslinsky of Coe-Brown.

Earning Second Team honors were Mitchell Grunbeck, Henry Gardner, Griffin Moore and Brady Doldo of Derryfield, Aiden Boule and Chase Connor of Bishop Brady and Shawn Bodenrader of Pelham.

Joining Shaw and Eisenbarth in earning Third Team honors were Aubree Herzog of Stevens, Cam Fortier of Bishop Brady, Landon Duclos and Daniel Brisson of John Stark and Tom Rilee of Derryfield.

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## Boudreau earns volleyball All-State honors

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING  
Sports Editor

REGION — Shortly after the volleyball season came to a close, the New Hampshire volleyball coaches announced the All-State honors for the fall 2024 season.

In Division II, Second Team honors went to Gilford's Sydney Boudreau and Plymouth's Joanna Doyle while Honorable Mention went to Kingwood's Lily Scott.

Earning First Team honors were Haile Coemeau and Emma Zeblicky of Coe-Brown, Ivy Armstrong-McEvoy of ConVal, Aubrey Young and Gracy Spirito of Oyster River, Emily Runions of Somersworth, Ava Grant of Campbell and Abby Krulis of Milford.

Joining Boudreau and Doyle in earning Second Team honors were Macy Swormstedt of Laconia, Paige Demers of Somersworth, Reagan Pepin of Souhegan, Ellie Molina of Hanover, Piper Greenhalgh of Milford, Alaina Hathaway of St. Thomas and Hannah Kelly of Pelham.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Souhegan's Juliana Koch and Julia Colantuoni, John Stark's Mikayla Rogers, Somersworth's Kylie Pettengill and Oyster River's Claire Jorgenson.

Sya McKay of Somersworth was named Player of the Year, Haley Patch of Milford was named Coach of the Year and Sarah Wilson of Somersworth was named JV Coach of the Year.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Cecilia Hornkohl of the



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Gilford's Sydney Boudreau was named Division II All-State Second Team.

champion Inter-Lakes Lakers, Liv Chandonnait of Belmont, Mia LeBrun of Newfound and Sammy Nagle of Moultonborough. Earning Second Team honors were Belmont's Sophia Gilbert and Meadow True and Marissa Anastasio of Inter-Lakes and Honorable Mention went to Ava Mardis of Moultonborough.

Also earning First Team honors were Lylah Shumway of Concord Christian, Quinn Arico of Portsmouth Christian, Abby Santom of Trinity and Lyla Somero of Mascenic.

Joining Gilbert, True and Anastasio in earning Second Team honors were Anna Cardinal of Farmington, Sadie Thompson and Abby Owens of Concord Christian, Heidi Geyer of

Portsmouth Christian, Emma Reed of Sunapee and Sophia Romano of Trinity.

Joining Mardis in earning Honorable Mention were Lucille Donohue of Raymond, Rachel Mazzone of Epping, Lauren Souza of Trinity, Madi Ricker of Farmington and Emma Eisner of Portsmouth Christian.

Kiera Moynihan of Inter-Lakes was named Division III Player of the Year while Kevin Carreiro of Portsmouth Christian was named Coach of the Year and Maddy Jordan of Portsmouth Christian was named JV Coach of the Year.

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## Local curlers looking forward to winter season



COURTESY PHOTOS

Games for the Lakes Region Curling Association take place on Sundays at the Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center in Wolfeboro.

WOLFEBORO — The Lakes Region Curling Association is currently celebrating a decade of curling in the greater Lakes Region.

While the club's fall league continues into December, LRCA is looking ahead to its winter league.

For men and women of all ages and fitness levels, curling is a sport that combines skill, teamwork, and strategy.

Players can register singly or as full teams of four or five players. No previous experience is needed, and the LRCA provides all necessary equipment. LRCA membership is open to players ages 14 years and older. Spots are available for full-season membership as well as associate and alternate opportunities.



Games will take place at Pop Whalen Ice and Arts Center in Wolfeboro on Sundays starting in January 2025.

The LRCA Winter League began with members only registration on Nov. 17. Spaces are limited and extend-

ed registration will open to the general public later in November.

For more information on Lakes Region Curling including Winter 2025 membership, Learn-to-Curl events and more, visit [lakescurlingnh.org](http://lakescurlingnh.org).

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# Celebrate the music of Chicago at The Colonial

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*Beginnings* - A Celebration of the Music of Chicago brings the magic of a live Chicago performance to life and exceptionally recreates their enormous songbook of contemporary hits.

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*Beginnings* has one of the most entertaining live performances you can see today. Expect a family-friendly entertainment event that is pleasing to music lovers of all ages!

First opened in 1914, the Colonial Theatre was designed by George I. Griffin. Original owner Benjamin Piscopo was from Italy, and the theatre featured a fire curtain depicting Venice as seen from the water. The theatre hosted a variety of stage productions and photoplays. By the early 1930s the Colonial had pivoted to show motion pictures. In 1983, the theatre was divided up into 5 separate movie screens. 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. 609 Main Street LLC was created to conduct the capital campaign for the renovation. The restoration of the Colonial began in March of 2016 and concluded in early 2021.

The newly reopened Colonial Theatre has a seating capacity of 750 and plays host to a wide range of performances, including music, theatre, comedy, and civic events. The Colonial Theatre is managed by Spectacle Management and is home to the Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative. The Colonial Theatre is located at 609 Main St., Laconia, NH 03246. [www.coloniallaconia.com](http://www.coloniallaconia.com)

Spectacle Live was founded in 2012 to provide performing arts venues throughout New England with expert services in venue operations, booking and programming, venue and event marketing, venue programming and oper-

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## SPORTS

### PSU volleyball falls in LEC title tilt

PLYMOUTH — Graduate student Nora Ryan (Groton, Conn.) posted 13 kills, but second-seeded University of Massachusetts Dartmouth upset top-seeded Plymouth State University, 3-0, to win its second straight Little East Conference (LEC) Women's Volleyball Tournament title at Foley Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

UMass Dartmouth improves to 23-6 and earns the LEC's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year. Plymouth State's season likely comes to an end with a 25-4 record. The Panthers will hope for a potential at-large bid when the tournament field is revealed during the NCAA Selection Show.

Plymouth State held a 19-16 lead in the opening set, but the Corsairs ripped off six straight points to pull ahead before holding on for a 25-21 win. UMass Dartmouth snagged an early five-point advantage in set two and the Corsairs would stay in front the rest of the way to take set two, 25-16.

The thrilling third set featured back-and-forth action, as junior Abigail Bassingthwaite (Plymouth) provided a spark with three kills during a 5-0 spurt to give PSU a 12-8 lead. UMD would rally back, eventually earning championship-point at 24-23. PSU fought off four straight match-points, but with the score deadlocked at 27-27, an error and Corsairs' kill closed out the match.

Plymouth State was playing in the title match for a program-record third straight year.

Sophomore Emma Hampton (Durham) found the floor to spark a 6-0 run as the Panthers took a 10-5 lead in the opener. UMass Dartmouth slowly chipped away, cutting the deficit to one, 17-16, but Hampton answered again, and a Corsairs' error gave PSU a 19-16 advantage. UMass Dartmouth rallied, though, running off the next six points to take the lead, before closing out the set, 25-21.

Senior Lilli Stogner (Weare) notched a

kill to open set two, but UMD scored the next three points, and the visitors would stay in front the rest of the way. Kills from Stogner, Hampton, and graduate student Aynslee King (Anacortes, Wash.) pulled the hosts to within 10-8, but UMD recovered with a 5-1 spurt. The Corsairs continued to extend the lead, going up as many as ten, 23-13, before capping the 25-16 win with a kill.

Trailing 8-7, Bassingthwaite ignited the home team with three kills in a five-point run as the Panthers led 12-8. UMass Dartmouth would rally to tie the score at 14-14 and things would stay tight. Three straight points gave the visitors a 20-17 lead and UMD remained in front, 23-20, until Stogner and Ryan blasted back-to-back kills, and an error tied things at 23-23. PSU erased championship-point four straight times, but the Corsairs were able to eke out the 29-27 win.

Ryan paced the offense with 13 kills. She ends her career with 1,022 winners,

the seventh-most in program history. Bassingthwaite was a spark with six kills (.333 attack percentage) in just two sets of action, adding a pair of blocks to her stat line.

Stogner finished with six kills and a career-best 24 digs. Senior Makayla Marucci (Newton, Mass.) recorded 26 digs, giving her 1,491 for her career, a mark good enough for fourth all-time. She finishes her career as one of just three players to average more than four digs per set (4.10).

Emerson recorded 23 assists and nine digs, while senior Riley McDonough (Gilford) added 17 assists and six digs. Senior Imalay Rodriguez (Juncos, Puerto Rico) chipped in ten digs.

PSU leads the all-time series 28-5, but UMass Dartmouth has won three of the last four meetings, including each of the last two LEC Tournament finals.

The previous three meetings required five sets to determine a winner.

## LIBRARY

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at the Gilman Library, from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., just one block down, at 100 Main St. Christmas craft activities will be available in the downstairs Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. This portion of Light Up Night is sponsored by Alton Parks and Recreation. Tell Santa your Christmas wishes and make a craft to decorate your room or give as a gift.

Mrs. Claus will be returning on Saturday morning, Dec. 14, for a Christmas Party. Santa will be too busy that day, so she has invited The Everywhere Man to join in the fun. Watch here in The Baysider, for more details to be announced soon.

Prospect Mountain High School Art Students, led by their talented teacher Troy Corriveau, will be painting the windows at the Gilman Library for the winter season, on December 10th. Mr. Corriveau was recently bestowed the title of the New Hampshire Art Educator of the

Year for 2023 - 2024, by The New Hampshire Art Educators Association. Come into the library to enjoy their fine work.

Don't forget the Christmas Spirit Raffle to be drawn on Dec. 18. The beautiful blue hand-crafted shawl is accompanied by the book *The Christmas Spirit* by Debbie Macomber. This would make a lovely gift. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Remember that the Giving Tree is up at the Gilman Library for Gift Givers who wish to donate items for The Compass House, in Laconia. The non-profit serves Belknap County in support of women and children in transition. Details are available at the library. The Community Food Pantry donation bin will be up all year round, to benefit local families in need.

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# Susan Dagostino promoted to MVSB Branch & Business Development Manager in Laconia

LACONIA — Susan Dagostino has been promoted to oversee MVSB's (Meredith Village Savings Bank) Laconia Office as Branch and Business Development Manager. In this role, she will support the location's customers, employees and community involvement initiatives. Susan previously served as Branch Services Supervisor at the same location and takes the place of Jessica Ruel, who recently transitioned to oversee the Bank's new North Conway office.

"Susan has proven to be a caring and thoughtful leader at the Bank, and she is well regarded by her team members and customers," said Cathy Sleeper, MVSB Regional Vice President. "We know she will flourish in this new role and continue to be an asset to our customers and neighbors in the Laconia community."

"It's an honor to



Susan Dagostino

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lead such an incredible team that genuinely cares for local people and businesses we serve and always strives to provide exceptional service," said Dagostino. "I have

thoroughly enjoyed my career at MVSB and I look forward to continuing to promote the wonderful values of our community-focused organization here in Laconia."

Dagostino has more than 22 years of banking and customer service experience. She joined the MVSB as a Teller in 2010 and has gone on to serve as Branch Services Representative, Teller Supervisor and Branch Services Supervisor. She holds an Associate Degree in Business Management from Castle College and completed the Northern New England School of Banking program.

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## Winni Players stage annual radio drama



COURTESY

Local radio personality Pat Kelly who will once again take to the stage in our live radio drama.

MEREDITH — A live reading of a traditional radio drama is always one of the highlights of the Winni Players Community Theatre season. This popular event has been happening yearly for more than a decade, and the February offering of "Sherlock Holmes" was captured on WMUR's "NH Chronicle." The segment was such a hit that viewers requested another chance to see live radio drama this year. The Winni Players were happy to oblige, and "The WXYZ Radio Hour: American Radio Classics Live On Stage" will be performed at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse from Nov. 21-24.

On the March 14 episode of "NH Chronicle," host Jean Mackin

got a behind-the-scenes look at the intricacies involved in staging a live radio drama — most notably the live Foley sound effects.

"There's a lot of timing... that goes into it," said Foley artist Robin Dorff. "It really is something that you practice and have to get the timing right."

Mackin herself took a turn at the special effects, which she found not as easy as it sounds. She tried her hand at train sounds and a clock striking on the hour and declared, "it's no mystery why the audience keeps coming back!"

The second offering of the 2024 season includes a trio of classic radio scripts: "The Green Hornet," "The Lone Ranger,"

and "Challenge of the Yukon." Local radio superstar Pat Kelly returns for this production, joining a dozen performers will enact beloved characters from those scripts, including many faces which will be familiar to loyal radio play enthusiasts. Brendan Berube of Laconia helms this production. Though he has appeared onstage in several of the radio dramas, this will be Brendan's first time in the director's chair.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and available at [www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org](http://www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org) or by calling (603) 279-0333.

## Sarah Goodrum joins Lakes Region Chamber as Membership Director

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Chamber is excited to announce the addition of Sarah Goodrum as its new Membership Director. Sarah, who brings an impressive background in marketing and community engagement, is Leadership Lakes Region class of 2025, holds an MBA and a Graduate Certificate in Strategic Marketing from Plymouth State University. She also earned her bachelor's degree from Granite State College and an associate degree from Mt. Washington College. With her expertise and dedication, Sarah will play a vital role in fostering connections and enhancing the Chamber experience for members across more than 30 communities in the Lakes Region.

Sarah's professional background, paired with her active involvement in the Alton community, positions her well for this role. She serves as Membership Director for the Alton Business Association, Vice Chair of Friends of Alton Parks & Recreation, and Technology Coordinator for the Alton Swap Shop. In her new position at the Lakes Region Chamber, Sarah will serve as the primary point of contact for entrepreneurs, business leaders, government representatives, and community members alike. Her work will encompass managing member onboarding,



Sarah Goodrum

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coordinating networking events, and engaging with members to ensure they maximize the benefits of Chamber membership.

Reflecting on her new role, Goodrum shared, "I'm honored to serve the Lakes Region and its many communities in this position. I look forward to building stronger, more cohesive relationships that support the growth and vibrancy of our local businesses and organizations."

The Lakes Region Chamber, serving more than 30 communities including Alton, Alexandria, Andover, Barnstead, Belmont, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Center Harbor, Danbury, Effingham, Franklin,

Freedom, Gilford, Gilmanton, Groton, Hebron, Hill, Holderness, Laconia, Madison, Meredith, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Northfield, Ossipee, Plymouth, Rumney, Salisbury, Sanborn, Sandwich, Tamworth, Thornton, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Weirs Beach and Wolfeboro strives to create value for members, promote a thriving economy, and foster an engaged community. With Sarah's leadership and commitment, the Chamber looks forward to continued success in achieving its mission. For inquiries or more information, please contact the Lakes Region Chamber at 603-524-5531 or visit [LakesRegionChamber.org](http://LakesRegionChamber.org).

## LEGALS

### TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

7:00 PM at NEW DURHAM COMMUNITY ROOM

Jacob Rossman

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 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm. The hearing is regarding a Boundary Line Adjustment and removal from Woodlot Status within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District and the Steep Slopes Conservation District submitted by Brett W. Allard of Shaughnessy Allard, Attorneys at Law, on behalf of Jacob Rossman for property at Map 221, Lot 002 and 003, North 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 Assistant at [ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov](mailto:ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov) or the Planning Board.

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## ANYTHING GOES

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and sophomores and several freshmen.

Senior Jackson Reed helped design the set and also serves as the stage manager. He uses a copy of the script to keep up with the show and using it to guide the other crewmembers on their

ERIN PLUMMER

(Right) Crew members put some finishing touches on the "Anything Goes" set.



## FOOTBALL

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first quarter.

Harder's four-yard TD run tied the game, 14-14, with 8:50 left until halftime, but Campbell's offense was unstoppable, with Braydon White scoring a pair of one-yard touchdowns in the final 2:36 of the half to give the Cougars a 30-14 halftime lead.

Uicker (7-for-11, 115 passing yards) moved the ball well, connecting with five different receivers. Seniors Harder (two catches for 13 yards), Cooper Perkins (31 yards on eight carries), Ashton Taylor (56 receiving yards on a pair of catches) and Carter Gelo (17-yard reception), and sophomores Lukas Diaz (18 rushing yards, 18-yard reception) and Lucas Raleigh (11-yard reception) also contributed offensively, but Campbell scored on seven of eight possessions, taking a knee in victory formation to run out the clock.

Gilford had the ball to open the second half, but Hershberger picked off Uicker and returned it 50 yards to set up another Campbell touchdown. The wheels came off the cart in the third quarter when the Eagles' kick return team let the ensuing kickoff roll and Campbell pounced on it, setting up another short touchdown drive, and White intercepted Uicker on the last play of the third quarter, with Campbell up 44-14.

White (three rushing touchdowns, 25 yards on nine carries and 39 receiving yards on two catches), Scott's twin brother Nick Hershberger (47 receiving yards on two catches, 27 yards and a TD on the ground) and Brody Pinciario (47 yards



SHAUN PARISH - COURTESY

Mason Sleeper (2) and Declan Voivod tackle Campbell back Scott Hershberger during semifinal action on Saturday.



SHAUN PARISH - COURTESY

Carter Gelo makes a tackle for the Gilford football team during semifinal action in Litchfield Saturday afternoon.

and a TD on five carries) pounded the ball for Campbell, while quarterback Mikey Grace (4-for-5, 86 passing yards) mixed things up.

Diaz scored on a five-yard run with less than three minutes to go to cap the scoring.

"We felt confident in our game plan at the start of the first half there, but things kind of took a turn," O'Hara said. "They've got those

boys that run hard. It takes a brick wall to stop them, honestly. For us, we executed the best we possibly could. It didn't come out our way, and that's ok. I think we can say to ourselves that we fought as hard as we could to the very end."

The victory sends Campbell to the Division III title game for the third consecutive year (the Cougars won in 2022) and will play against number

three Inter-Lakes/Moultonborough, who upset number two Monadnock, 14-8, in the other semifinal. The game is scheduled for Saturday at Souhegan High School in Amherst at 1 p.m.

While it's not the way Gilford wanted the season to end, given how much change the Eagles were facing this season - a new head coach, a new division and a new starting quarterback - ending

tasks scene by scene. Reed said he has done tech all throughout high school

Reed gets help backstage from deck manager Thomas Hoover.

"(We're) both backstage making sure everything happens when it should," Reed said.

Hoover did tech for two years in middle school when he lived in Franklin.

"My siblings did tech, so I was interested," Hoover said.

He took a year off when moving to Gilford, then picked it up again at GHS.

Elijah Hudson serves as a member of the backstage crew with different tasks throughout the production.

"We just move stuff across the set," Hudson said.

Senior Hunter Kingsbury said everyone makes sure everything is going as it should backstage, including talking back and forth with the light and sound team in the auditorium.

Kingsbury also designed some of the set-pieces with ideas that were jotted down on pen and paper.

Reed also got Hudson and Kingsbury involved in tech.

Kingsbury said Reed convinced him to start working behind the scenes during the production of "Mamma Mia."

"He was like you don't have to go onstage or anything, you just have to build," Kingsbury said.

He said he fell in love with doing tech and has done it ever since.

Hoover and Reed said everyone works on a variety of different tasks and make sure things get done that need to be done.

Junior Alyssa McKenna serves as props manager with the job of looking for, crafting, and maintaining the company's collection of different props. She said just that day she created prop cigars out of paper and went on a shopping run to find a life preserver. She also goes around talking to the performers about their props.

"I grew up watching my older sister do tech," McKenna said. "I've always loved to paint."

She described herself as an artsy person and said she is doing a form of construction by putting together much smaller pieces.

"I love to make more crafty, artsy projects," she said.



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Alton	64 Clay Point Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$1,200,000	Christina A. Kitchener LT	Nelson and Elizete C. Chaves
Alton	70 Gilmans Corner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$575,000	H.A. Ashton & J.L. Pepin Trust and Jacki L.	Pepin J. and Sharon Brown RET
Alton	Hills Pond Road	N/A	\$76,158	Harrington LT and Denise Staubach	Denise M. Staubach
Alton	137 Lockes Corner Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$420,000	James H. Armer	Connor J. Lagace
Alton	179 Nutter Dr:	N/A	\$492,533	Kathryn Wilson	Robert Lepore
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Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$308,000	Rosales-Joe Fiscal Trust and Agustin Rosales	Laurie A. Griggs
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## Barnstead Historical Society announces Christmas Sale

BARNSTEAD — The Barnstead Historical Society invites all to attend our annual Christmas Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Barnstead Town Hall. Support local vendors Twisted Pines Farm, MJ Michael Photography, JLF Embroidery, and Savannah Field Crafts. Purchase a beautiful holiday Bow from Anne Watson, or hand sewn items from Mary Lou Conton and Sew-Fly's Unique Boutique. Pick up some cookies or bread to take home from Mary Locke. Old Home Day t-shirts will also be available if you missed out over the summer. Sit

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# Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation celebrates successful leadership

LACONIA — The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce that Christopher Guilmett has been promoted to Interim Executive Director of the Foundation following the announcement by Karen Switzer, Executive Director, of her upcoming retirement!

Guilmett has been in the position of Assistant Director for three years, and has been instrumental in successful fundraising campaigns, representing the Foundation at countless community events and together with Karen, managing the daily operations of the Foundation.

“He is well-prepared to follow in Karen’s footsteps, and continue the strong leadership and community commitment by the LRSF,” said Gayle



Don McLelland, Vice President, Laura Larson, Treasurer, Chris Guilmett, Gayle Price, President and Karen Switzer.

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Price, Board Chairperson of LRSF. “Karen’s decade of leadership has given strength to the organization, positioning it for the future and the next transition. The Board of Directors wishes to express their sincerest gratitude for Karen’s service, and feel very confident in Guilmett’s commitment and leadership in this next chapter! We are thrilled that Karen Switzer will remain as Director throughout this transition and beyond and continue to foster the Foundations Mission with staff, Board of Directors, Donors and the greater community.”

Guilmett resides in Laconia with his family, and is a native of the Lakes Region. His familiarity of the foundation began early, with his mother and aunt serving the organization when he was a teenager. As a recipient of scholarship himself when going to college, he experienced the value and importance of charitable giving.

# Lineup set for next Songwriter Round-Up at The Loft

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 alongside host performer Katie Dobbins on the last Wednesday of every month.

The series has been steadily gaining in popularity with many sold-out shows and a growing number of area residents attending as many shows as possible to experience the show “magic” that each new lineup creates. Winery co-founder and owner Bob Manley is thrilled to have his establishment be home to the monthly Songwriter Round-Up Series.

Remarking on the success of the series, Manley reaffirms the valued partnership the Winery



has developed with Katie Dobbins Music expressing “Working alongside Katie Dobbins and her Songwriter Round-Up Series has been an absolute delight. Katie brings an engaging presence to the stage, effortlessly connecting with our audiences and showcasing incredible talent with each performance.”

Dobbins, who previously hosted this series in the Boston area, is grateful to be able to bring it to her New Hampshire com-

munity. Reflecting on the Songwriter Round-Up Series at Hermit Woods Winery, she says “Bob Manley and his fellow co-owners, along with the Winery staff, have been so supportive in the creation and delivery of this songwriter series.”

Dobbins adds, “I’ve met and shared this stage with so many talented artists through these shows and the reception and support from the Lakes Regions commu-

nity has been amazing and rewarding for all of us. Though I perform throughout New England, this monthly series in my home community is something really special to me.”

The next Songwriter Round-Up show takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 27, featuring New Hampshire artist Katie Dobbins, who blends folk and pop into a genre of her own, Americana artist Sam Luke Chase from Massachusetts, and Jay

Psaros, an established artist from Boston who wraps several musical genres around compelling themes. All of these artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, melodies, and styles to the stage. This promises 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., Loft seating opens at 6 p.m., and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu of tasty items available from Chef Kaylon Sweet of Sweet Mercy’s kitchen. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.



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