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They're flying!

ZFX Flying Effects visited the Kingswood Arts Center this week and installed the flying equipment for their production of “Peter Pan” on Nov. 20 & 21 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 21 and 22 at 2 p.m., with character meet and greets after the matinees. Tickets are now on sale at kingswoodtheater.org. Pictured: Jake Guinn of ZFX Flying Effects works with the Kingswood Flying Team: Bria Seay, Jaicie Weemhoff, Caroline Kinzлмаier, Jaicie Weemhoff, Laura Fernandes, Drew Feyler, Moira Leavitt-Carlson, Ezra Grehan, Lucas Grehan, Gabe Giessler, Logan Gil, Sawyer Mills., Mary Jo Snyder and Delilah Mills.

*Private funds
raised to
rebuild Old
Firehouse
Community
Center*

WOLFEBORO — On Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m., the Wolfboro Select Board will vote whether to accept the private funding raised to begin the total renovation of the Old Firehouse Wolfboro Community Center at 32 Lehner St. this fall.

Private funds have successfully been raised to begin the major structural renovation and the public is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to hear about the finalized plans and to support this year long effort to save and fully renovate the

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Makers Mill invites
community to first
Holiday Market &
Open House on Nov. 15

WOLFEBORO — Looking for something a little different this holiday season? Makers Mill, a nonprofit community makerspace in Wolfeboro, is opening its doors for its first Holiday Market & Open House on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. The event invites the community to shop for unique, locally made gifts, meet the makers behind them, and explore the creative workshops and shared spaces where people come to learn, make, and connect.

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

But this event is about more than holiday shopping. Throughout the afternoon, visitors can explore Makers

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Inn to Inn Cookie Tour returns Dec. 12 & 13



ning country inns as part of the tour.

Each inn on the 2026 tour will showcase signature cookie recipes—sweet and savory—plus eye-catching seasonal décor. Tour-goers receive a keepsake holiday recipe collection and enjoy special

touches that vary by property, from sleigh rides and carolers to live music and holiday markets.

Participating inns in 2026 include:

Cranmore Mountain
Lodge, North Conway

The Farmstand B&B,
Chocorua

Inn at Crystal Lake, Eaton

Inn at Ellis River, Jackson

Inn at Thorn Hill, Jackson

The Preserve at Chocorua, Tamworth

Purity Spring Resort,
East Madison

Snowvillage Inn, Eaton
TuckAway Suites, North

Conway
Whitney's Inn, Jackson

Rosewood Landing, Silver Lake

Giving back while
celebrating the season

More than just a festive tradition, the Inn to Inn Cookie

Tour also supports a meaningful cause. Each year, participating inns donate

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Fourth quarter goal lifts Falcons past Knights

Kingswood field hockey falls to Bow in annual Pink Game



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Goalie Lily Millner kicks the ball away during action against Bow last Wednesday evening.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood field hockey team joined the battle against breast cancer last Wednesday night in the annual Pink Game, welcoming Bow to town for a game under the Alumni Field lights.

The Knights put up quite a fight against the second-ranked Falcons, taking a 2-1 lead to half-time before Bow scored twice in the second half to take the 3-2 win.

Cassidy Libby had a couple of strong runs in to start the game, with the Bow goalie making the save. Kingswood had the game's first corner

but could not convert and Adelle Harrington sent a shot wide of the net. Anna Johnson and Ava Waldron connected on a bid for the Knights as well.

Bow took the 1-0 lead with 8:36 to go but the Knights answered just more than a minute later after a corner, with Libby getting the tying goal with 7:35 to go. The Falcons had a couple of chances denied by Kingswood goalie Lily Millner and Emma Ouellette and Hadley Aucoin had solid defensive stops. Millner also made a save on a Bow corner and the game went to the second quarter tied at one.

Johnson had a run in to start the second quarter

and Harrington had a shot blocked on a corner before Waldron put home the go-ahead goal with 13:07 to go in the first half for the 2-1 lead. Bow came back with a number of corners and goalie Alexia Davis turned away chances and Emma Cole had a couple of solid defensive stops. Libby, Maya Beaulieu, Avery Gilpatrick and Mazy Little all had good defensive stands and the Falcons had a couple of late corners that went wide and the game went to halftime with Kingswood up 2-1.

Gilpatrick had a nice defensive stand to start the second half and Miller stopped a shot on a

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Wolfeboro

PUBLIC LIBRARY

What's Up at Your Library

NEW FICTION
“No Song for the Dead” by Jussi Adler-Olsen, “The Moonshine Women” by Michelle Andersen, “Adam and Eve” by Jeffrey Archer, “Receipts from the Bookshop” by Katie Clapham, “Dark Reading Matter” by Jasper Fforde, “The Witches of Cambridge” by Alice Hoffman, “Partita” by Barbara Kingsolver, “Trad Wife” by Sarah Langan, “The Witch” by Freida McFadden, “American Hagwon” by Min Jin Lee, “Countdown to Christmas Murder” by Leslie Meier, and “Threshing Day” by Rebecca Yarros.

NEW NONFICTION
“Brady” by Lars Anderson, “The World Beneath Our Feet” by Frank Ashwood, “Plot Twist” by Harlan Coben, “Safest Family on the Block” by Jason Brick, “The Power of Your Thyroid and Adrenals” by Elizabeth Bright, “You Are the Parent” by Siggie

Cohen, “The American Way of Killing” by Malcolm Gladwell, “Blockers: Rebels in the Deep State” by Michael Lewis, “Cozy Hobbies” by Rose Kennedy, Sez I to Myself” by Frank McCourt, “The Rush: California Gold, the Civil War, and the Making of the Modern World” by Nathaniel Philbrick, and “The Steal” by Alex Wagner.

BENEDICT ARNOLD: PATRIOT (AND TRAITOR)
Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.
Presenter George Morrison will take you on a journey through New England, Canada, and New York tracing the complex story of this infamous American icon. Funded by NH Humanities.
HOUSEPLANT SWAP
Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Donate your healthy houseplants and/or pick up

some new treasures. How-to demos at 10:30 a.m. Early plant drop-off Friday, Oct. 23, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

iPad WORKSHOP
Monday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.
Instructor: Mike Babylon
Learn how to best use iCloud, keep your iPad updated, how storage works, tips and tricks, useful apps and much more. Bring your iPad if possible.

DROP-IN CARD NIGHT
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 5 – 7 p.m.
Whether you’re a seasoned card player or just looking to enjoy a relaxed night out, come play a

hand or two of Hearts and/or Kitty Whist. No registration required. Bring your own snacks. Beginners - someone will be on hand to guide you.

TRICK OR TREAT AT THE LIBRARY
Saturday, Oct. 31, 5 – 7 p.m.

Celebrate Halloween with us. Trick or Treat for books and candy. For toddlers to teens. Cider and donuts, too!

BUSTING FAMILY SAFETY MYTHS
Monday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m.
with author & safety expert Jason Brick. Learn the most common safety myths that can harm our families, why they’re wrong, and what we can do instead.
AN INTRODUCTION TO NH GEOLOGY
Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. Presenter: Ollie Fletcher
Learn the basic building blocks of geology, what

processes shaped today’s NH, why we are “The Granite State” and more.

CHAIR YOGA FOR ADULTS
Fridays at 1 p.m.
Mondays at 1 p.m.
Pre-registration is necessary. Registration for all October sessions is now open.

DROP IN CRIBBAGE
Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

DROP IN CHESS CLUB
Mondays 6-8 p.m. All levels welcome. Ages 18 and up.

TECH TUESDAYS
Tuesdays from 10 a.m.
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FREEDOM HAPPENINGS

BY LISA WHEELER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The former Freedom Flea Market run by John Woodard for so many years, and now shuttered for two decades, will reopen once again for the last time in order to liquidate its contents. Be certain to stop by during the dates below for great deals on an enormous compendium of 20th Century collectibles, tools and wares. For more information go to estatesales.org or call 603-539-4815 and leave a message. Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at 14 Porter Rd.

Sunflowers are well known for being a happy flower, and we can all use happy! Have you painted a sunflower, or do you have a sunflower painting you can share? Bring your Sunflower paintings to Freedom Gallery. Text or voicemail Barbara at 610-762-2493 to make arrangements for drop off. Let’s see how many sunflowers can pop up by Saturday, Oct. 17.

The library is collecting candy donations for Halloween. Thank you for your donations!

Upcoming library events:
Oct. 26 at 6 pm Beginner’s guide to cemetery sleuthing with author and genealogist Erin Moulton

Oct. 29 at 6 p.m., a presentation wit author and professor Dr. Regina Marchi discussing Dia de los Meurtos celebration origins, meanings, rituals, and history.

Oct. 31 at 11 a.m.: pumpkin painting and Dia de los Meurtos skull ornament painting.

The Freedom PTO will be selling wreaths again this year on Nov. 20 and 21 at Freedom Rings in the Holidays. You can purchase then or you can preorder right now through Oct. 13 to be guaranteed your wreath. Larger sizes must be preordered we will only have regular size door wreaths days of sale.

Plan ahead for the November Community Club dinner...this is one you won’t want to miss. Glenn Kemper is preparing a Thanksgiving Feast including turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, corn bread, and apple crisp. Cost of the dinner for members will be \$20 per person. Membership dues must be paid by Nov. 11 for the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Bingo in Town Hall on Oct. 18 from 11:15 a.m. -12:45 p.m. All ages are welcome and lunch is available. Cost to join is non perishable items for the food pantry. Church attendance is not necessary to participate. The goal is more than 500 items for the food pantry. Come try your hand at Bingo!

Join in the fun for the Valley Race...a take on the tv show the Amazing Race. Teams solve clues and challenges in a high energy adventure with twists and detours. Oct. 17 and 18 with a 10 a.m start in Conway Village. For more info connect with Lisa at valleypromotions@gmail.com.

Sign up for a Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot to support the Freedom Food Pantry. Lace up your sneakers and get ready to run, walk, or wobble. All event proceeds directly benefit the food pantry and all participants are asked to bring a canned item to the starting line. This family friendly run/walk is the perfect way to celebrate gratitude and support others. Bring the whole family, throw on your festive gear, and have fun! Register now at <https://tinyurl.com/4zjbnf28> or you can register the day of the race. Check in/registration starts at 7:30 a.m. For more info reach out to <https://firstchristianchurchoffreedom.org/trot/>.

If you are interested in supporting local business, try the Silver Lake Village Store. It has reopened and has artisan works, food, and other items.

Freedom was saddened with the recent death of Jack Middleton, a much loved, long time Freedom resident. Jack’s service at the Grace Episcopal Church in Manchester on Oct. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Our thoughts go out to Sharon and the rest of his family.

New, spellbinding October frights and fun at Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm

TAMWORTH — This October, history takes a delightfully spooky turn at the Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm in Tamworth. All month long, Thursday through Saturday (10 a.m.–3 p.m.), visitors of all ages can step back in time to celebrate the season with a spooktacular array of interactive exhibits, eerie tours, spellbinding events and family-friendly activities during the new event “BOO!”: A Family-friendly Haunting of Remick Museum & Farm. Daily “BOO!” Experiences (All Ages; Free Admission)

Experience the Museum Center tricked and treated in its complete Halloween-themed makeover. Step inside to explore the history of Halloween in America, tracking its evolution from a 19th-century night of mayhem into a family-friendly holiday. Discover the stories behind iconic symbols like the black cat, and wander through the museum to enjoy: Historical Insights: Unveil some of New Hampshire’s more frightening tourism destinations, and investigate the literary and cinematic history of Halloween horror. Learn how herbal concoctions influenced the development of modern medicine. Nostalgic Displays: View a decorated spider tree and journey upstairs to Doc and Marion Remick’s mid-20th-century apartment for a look at retro Halloween decorations and entertainment styles. Frightening Trails: Head outside to walk the Pumpkin Path along the Binsack Trail or test your (un)luck finding all 13 felines in our black cat scavenger hunt. Admission to daily experiences is free; costumes are highly encouraged. Haunted History Tours (Ages 16+; Preregistration Required)

For those seeking a more spine-tingling journey, book a spot on our Haunted History with the Drs. Remick: Eerie Medicine & Spooky Tales tour. Running Thursday through Saturday at 2 and 6 p.m. (evening tour available Friday and Saturday only; no evening tour October 31), your costumed guide delves into the eerie, fringe, and fascinating sides of medical history, including memorable moments experienced by the museum’s namesake doctors. Uncover a captivating past as you walk through the historic medical rooms of the Captain Enoch Remick House. \$10 per person; \$5 for members. Space is limited; preregistration is strongly encouraged. Spellbinding Saturdays

Enhance your weekends with special Saturday events featuring local presenters: Oct. 17: Meet local author Ann M. Willett for a reading and book signing of her new children’s book, The Witch Cat, 11 a.m.–Noon. Costumes are encouraged, and books are available for purchase while supplies last. All ages; Free. Oct. 24: Local tarot card reader Marina Biggio will be on-site for an afternoon of personal, revealing sessions offered 3:30–5:30 p.m. Ages 16+; ages 17 and under must be accompanied by an approving legal guardian.; \$35 per session. 15-minute time slots are limited; preregistration is strongly encouraged.

Celebrate the season at



Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm and immerse yourself in the history, traditions, stories, spooky surprises—and fun—of Halloween. Details are available by visiting www.remickmuseum.org or by calling the museum at (603) 323-7591.

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OPINION

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Saving a building, strengthening a community

There is something particularly encouraging about a community that looks at an aging building and sees not what it has become, but what it could be again.

That spirit has been on display in Wolfeboro over the past year, as residents, businesses and local organizations have rallied around an effort to restore the Old Firehouse Wolfeboro Community Center on Lehner Street. What began as a question about the building’s future has developed into a privately funded renovation effort that could give this familiar landmark a new lease on life.

On Wednesday, Oct. 21, the Wolfeboro Select Board is scheduled to consider whether to accept the private funding raised for the project, potentially clearing the way for renovations to begin this fall.

It is a significant moment, not only for the building itself, but for the broader question of how communities preserve the places that bring people together.

When concerns about the Community Center’s condition emerged, it would have been easy to assume that its best days were behind it. Years of deferred maintenance had taken a visible toll, and questions about safety and structural integrity understandably raised concerns about its future.

But appearances, as it turns out, can be deceiving. Professional inspections found that the former firehouse was structurally sound and free of mold. The building that once housed three fire engines had retained its strength, even if its appearance suggested otherwise. Limited asbestos contamination was addressed last year, removing another obstacle to restoration.

The discovery that the building had good bones changed the conversation. Rather than considering what might replace it, supporters could concentrate on what it would take to bring it back.

That distinction matters.

Across New Hampshire, communities regularly face difficult decisions about aging public buildings. Maintenance is expensive, municipal budgets are strained, and the temptation to postpone repairs can be considerable. Unfortunately, postponement often makes the eventual bill larger.

Wolfeboro’s experience offers a reminder that careful evaluation should come before conclusions about whether an older building is beyond saving.

Equally important is the extraordinary level of private support this project has attracted.

Individuals, families, businesses and foundations have contributed enough to fund the planned structural renovation, according to organizers. The establishment of the Friends of the Old Firehouse Wolfeboro Community Center as a nonprofit organization provides a framework for continued fundraising and stewardship.

There is something reassuring about seeing that kind of generosity directed toward a shared community resource.

Not every meaningful investment in a town needs to involve a new building, a major development or an expensive public initiative. Sometimes, the most valuable improvements involve taking better care of what already exists.

And the value of a community center cannot be measured entirely in dollars. A birthday party, a quilting group, a senior activity or a neighborhood potluck may not sound particularly remarkable on its own. Yet these ordinary gatherings help create the relationships that make a town feel like home.

For older residents, such spaces can provide companionship and opportunities to remain active. For families, they offer affordable places to celebrate milestones. For clubs and community organizations, they provide room to gather, organize and contribute.

These opportunities are particularly important in a community where residents of different ages and backgrounds do not always have many natural occasions to meet.

The Old Firehouse also represents a connection to Wolfeboro’s history. Its transformation from a working fire station into a community gathering place reflects the ability of older buildings to serve new purposes without losing their identity.

Preservation, after all, is not simply about keeping the past intact. It is about finding ways for the past to remain useful in the present.

There are still practical questions to address. A successful renovation should include clear plans for longterm maintenance, accessibility, operating expenses and public use. The generosity that makes restoration possible should be matched by responsible stewardship once the doors reopen.

Those considerations deserve attention as the Select Board reviews the proposal.

Whatever the outcome of the Oct. 21 meeting, the effort already demonstrates something worth celebrating. Residents saw a community asset in need of attention, organized around a common purpose and committed their time and financial resources to finding a solution.

That kind of cooperation is among the most valuable resources any small town possesses.

Wolfeboro’s Old Firehouse has already served its community in more than one capacity. With continued care and thoughtful planning, it may have many more years of service ahead.

The building’s strongest foundation may ultimately be something that no structural inspection can measure: the determination of a community to keep a place for its neighbors to come together.



COURTESY

Ladies of the Lake will host the Annual Juried crafts fair and festival Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will showcase more than 75 juried artisan crafters with a wide range of wares including candles, jewelry, soaps, home decor, pet items, pottery, fine arts, photography, holiday items, toys, books and much more. The Festival will have Food Trucks, the 9th annual Festival of Wreaths, raffles and a bake sale. All proceeds benefit The Greater Lakes Region Children’s Fund. Admission is free.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proven action, not campaign promises

To the Editor:

Our community deserves a state senator who is as invested in our future as we are—someone who understands that effective leadership is proven through action, not campaign promises. With our environment, schools, freedoms, and public institutions facing critical challenges, we need a Senator with the proven integrity that Bobbi Boudman has consistently embodied. Her record makes her the best choice for State Senate, and she has my full endorsement.

As the Representative for District 7, Bobbi has modeled a deep and genuine commitment to her constituents. She understands that effective representation is not found in grand gestures or political promises, but in the quiet, long hours and hard work, listening to residents, showing up consistently, and pursuing practical solutions to the concerns that affect our daily lives.

This dedication is most evident in Bobbi’s accessibility. She is a constant presence at town, county and state meetings, engaging directly with the community to understand their needs. While others may rely on summaries or talking points, Bobbi reads every bill in full, ensuring she is thoroughly prepared to advocate for us. Whether it is a text, an email, or a phone call, she responds to everyone with a level of personal accountability and diligence that is rare in public life.

Her vision for leadership also extends beyond her own

office. Bobbi recognizes that a strong community requires capable leadership at every level of government, which is why she diligently supports quality candidates up and down the ballot. She champions leaders who serve with integrity and prioritize the public interest over partisan gain.

Clean water is one of the most critical challenges facing our region, and Bobbi has the leadership necessary to protect it. She recognizes that safeguarding our lakes and rivers requires a vigilant focus on the cumulative threats of runoff, shoreline damage, and failing septic systems. Because Bobbi has spent years championing these resources and bringing environmental concerns into the public discourse, her commitment is authentic—not a campaign talking point or fake task force. She will bring this same integrity and proven experience to her role as State Senator.

Bobbi Boudman is the candidate New Hampshire can trust to listen carefully and study the issues thoroughly. She never shies away from a fight for justice and fairness, nor does she ever lose sight of the people she serves or the vital importance of protecting our environment.

She has earned not only my vote but my enthusiastic endorsement. Bobbi has the experience to lead, the integrity to be trusted with our future, and the heart to best serve us.

Linda Burnap
Wolfeboro

Protect New Hampshire’s tax advantage

To the Editor:

New Hampshire’s lack of a broad-based income tax and general sales tax is something worth protecting. These advantages help keep money in the pockets of our citizens, seniors, families, and small businesses.

On Nov. 3, voters have an opportunity to support candidates who will defend our state’s tax tradition and promote responsible spending. We must remain vigilant to prevent new taxes that could burden our residents and threaten our state’s unique character.

Vote Republican on Nov. 3 to help keep New Hampshire tax-friendly!

Bebe Burt
Wolfeboro

John MacDonald has my support

To the Editor:

I am writing this in support of Rep. John MacDonald for re-election.

I have known John for 20 years, and have known him to be a man of great character and always willing to help anyone that may need it. If you have a question, he will do all he can to get you an answer. On two separate occasions, he has helped me. I have served with him on the budget committee as well and he has always put the voters first in his decisions.

My support is for John MacDonald on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Sincerely,

Robert Moholland
Wolfeboro

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CABIN CHRONICLES

One day



BY DANIEL W. LAKE
TUFTONBORO

Every person has good intentions regarding his/her life and how it is lived. In theory, we celebrate freedom, independence, and the right of conscience. In reality, however, we often find ourselves overwhelmed, mere cogs in a machine or culture that imposes its will and work on us, silently beating the drum to keep us moving, fall in line, be abreast of the latest news, and have an opinion about everything and everyone. Ironically, all the labor-saving machines, the computers, the autos, Amazon...that were billed as time savers often leave us little time to think, to reason out why we are living and what being human is about. Thus, I chose to take one day and turn off the clatter and demands to simply live, to simply think, to simply observe the smallest of details I generally rush past without notice. So, pull up a chair and live one day with me.

Morning: My day generally begins around 5 a.m., after a good eight hours sleep. Turn on the coffee pot, then dress, splash water in the face, and brush hair. Coffee made, I sit looking north across the pond and marsh to the Osipee Mountains, waiting for earth to be born again. But it's October with cooler nights, so there will be no meadow or mountain this morning. Earth is giving up heat which coalesces into a miasma of ground fog that encompasses the land in mystery. All summer earth breathed in the heat of the sun and now it is exhaling that heat back into the universe from whence it came. The author(s) of Genesis rightly understood this metaphor—the metaphor of breath, or pneuma, or spirit which are all the same word—to describe the mystery of creation. The breath of God, the breath of earth, all the same thing bringing forth a multitude of the same substance in different forms. As the fog clears geese rise from the waters, beaver makes chevroned wakes hauling branches, deer retreat into the woodland. The first golden arrows of sunlight rend the fog into fleeting

ghosts, splash light across mountain sides in their October glory, chase wraith-like shadows across the forest floor. Multicolored leaves, heavy with dew, fall in wide-floating spirals, in flutters, on their return trip to earth from whence they emerged in May. Morning light dances in the golds and reds and tangerines of soft maples and birch along the marsh edge. How would it be possible for a man who'd never experienced autumn in New England to imagine such glory, such enchantment hidden all summer beneath the pedestrian green of chlorophyll? We are drawn to things with which we identify. Could it be that the emergent ecstasy of autumn calls to the potential hidden in the human heart “pregnant with celestial fire”, as one poet thought, waiting to be born?

Afternoon: That same sun and earth continue to give me garden-ripe tomato sandwiches on pumpernickel for lunch well into October. You'll understand that afterward I seek the reclining chair and throw? Years in the field with calloused hands and sweaty brow now call for a soft recliner after lunch. Then

there is another coffee taken outside to a lawn chair in the shade of an old pine. Looking about, I chasten myself for overlooking so many wonderful, but common, things. At my feet are mosses a dozen different shades from green to chartreuse, and cinnamon ferns the color of saffron, an outcropping of basalt, probably blasted out of the Osipee volcano 100 million years ago, and a chipmunk busily loading his larder for winter. Nearly unseen, warblers and vireos flit through the trees on their way south. Soft clouds drift slowly across the mountains like gentle freighters bearing water to lands unseen. Does a brain that is mostly water identify with a cloud that is mostly water? Will a water molecule in that cloud one day be a molecule of water in my brain? Oh, how intricately connected are all things. Late afternoon sunlight saturates leaf color in the tops of trees, turning each into a fluorescent flame to reflect their source. Hour by hour, Apollo drives the chariot of the sun westward across hill and dale. This one day is aging, softening, breathing slower by the hour, preparing for rest.

Evening: We tend to think of our lives in terms of years lived, as to say I began here and I ended there. This, however, tells us nothing about the journey, about the work, the joys, the learning, the discoveries, the connections, the growth, and the days. I would suggest that we do not live our lives in years but in days. For today, this one day, is all the life we will ever have. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is an unfounded assumption. What we either discover or fail to see is a chance that comes only today. Earlier in life, I would make my way northward to the forests and lakes for vacation, then have to go back for the demands of life. North was the goal, and much of life was lost because I saw it as a means to an end. In reality, however, the journey of life is the destination. Life happens where we are today, not yesterday, not in some far off dream, but now, here, where our feet are planted. This is the destination. But that was yesterday. I am here now, and this day, this one precious day, shall not be wasted worrying over yesterday, longing for tomorrow, or entangled with the actions and pronouncements of lit-

tle men who know not who they are...

Shadows stretch across the face of the mountains. Light dims over marsh and pond. Color drains from trees and the world as the sun sinks westward toward the sea. In the cooling air more leaves spiral like little ships drawn down to the depths of Charybdis' chamber. In a tip of the hat to Wallace Stevens, they spiral, “downward to darkness on extended wings... for death is the mother of beauty...” If, therefore, this one day is both the only day and every day, then perhaps we are awash in eternity and do not know it? I cannot know a transcendent God, but I can, in this one day, experience a God who is immanent in a world that flashes divinity from every corner, from the simple mosses at my feet to the cloud-brains that drift over mountains to the fungal mycelia that connect every piece and part of this forest. If today is every day, then today is eternity. We participate in eternity by participating in this day, full of transcendent beauty, full of divinity, full of enchantment if we would look and live with intention and a spirit of gratitude.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A focus on service — confessions from a former Republican

To the Editor:

I am writing as a former Republican who ultimately made the difficult decision to leave the Republican Party. It was not a decision made lightly.

For many years, I believed the Republican Party represented principles that mattered to me: fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, personal responsibility, limited government, and a commitment to serving the communities that elected its representatives. I still believe those principles are important.

What changed for me was my growing concern that the party had become too focused on partisan politics and ideological battles, and not focused enough on the everyday concerns of the people it was elected to represent. When elected officials stop listening to their constituents, when political loyalty becomes more important than practical problem-solving, and when the needs of local families, schools, businesses, and communities are pushed aside, people have every right to reconsider their political affiliation.

That is why this election matters to me. Deirdre McEachern has said that she wants to bring the focus back to public service, listening to constituents, finding common ground, and solving practical problems. Her campaign identifies strong public schools, reasonable property taxes,

attainable housing, protection of our lakes and natural resources, and support for local businesses and infrastructure as priorities.

Those are issues that affect people here in Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro directly. They are also the kinds of issues that I believe elected representatives should be discussing—issues that concern whether our children receive a good education, whether working families and seniors can afford to remain in our communities, whether our environment and lakes are protected, and whether our local businesses and infrastructure can thrive.

I have not abandoned the values that originally led me to become a Republican. Rather, I have come to believe that political parties should serve the people—not the other way around. Representatives should remember that their responsibility is to their constituents and communities first.

Deirdre's approach is one based on listening, collaboration, and keeping the interests of Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro at the center of her work. As a former Republican, those qualities are important to me.

I hope voters will look beyond party labels, examine the candidates and their positions carefully, and consider what kind of representation they want for Carroll County District 6.

R. Brian Hennessy
Wolfeboro

It's time to restore competence to Concord

To the Editor:

An extended vacation out of the area gave a needed respite from the inundation of Republican hit ads that regularly clog my mail and social media. I have grown weary of the lies, distortions, misrepresentations and under the table legislative nonsense that constantly emanates from Concord.

Republicans talk about New Hampshire's “first in the nation” status, but can't seem to get any farther than the calendar. We, the people or this state, would rather see New Hampshire be first in the nation in matters of substance that count with respects to residents' daily lives.

New Hampshire could be first in the nation in support of public education rather than trailing Alabama. New Hampshire could be first in the nation in small business and employment creation rather than lagging behind the rest of New England.

New Hampshire could be first in the nation in affordable housing rather than giving boondoggle tax cuts to out of state businesses and billionaires. I understand that someone has to pay for Jeff Bezo's mega yacht but does it have to be New Hampshire? Its time to replace Jason Osborn's wreck-the-government-and-threaten-to-kill-the-opposition brand of politics.

It's time to send competence to Concord. Competent representation that will make New Hampshire first in the nation in ways that actually benefit us. Please join me in supporting Deirdre McEachern, Phoebe vanScoy-Giessler, Karen-Burnett-Kurie and Bobbi Boudman, and the rest of the democratic ticket, on Election Day.

Thank you,

John van Lonkhuizen
Melvin Village

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I can't vote for Phoebe, but you can

To the Editor:

I am new to New Hampshire, and new to politics. In the few months I have been here I have learned a lot about what is special about New Hampshire government, and why this election matters. I live in Madison, so I can't vote for Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler. You can, and I am asking you to on Nov. 3.

I know Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro have been served well by John MacDonald. He works hard and he shows up. But I think it is time for a change. He voted to put the school tax cap on the November ballot, and he voted to repeal Housing Champions, the program that rewards towns for making room for new homes.

Phoebe has lived in the district since 2001, and spent 11 years as an educator in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District. She says voting is like riding a public bus: “What direction do you want the bus to take us?”

I work on Phoebe's campaign because she will change the direction we are going. She is an ultramarathon runner, and that alone shows she is capable. She is also a great person: smart, funny and eager to serve. Before you vote, check out where she stands on taxes, schools and housing at forwardwithphoebe.com.

Itzick Vatnick
Madison

Almanac

“October had tremendous possibility. The summer's oppressive heat was a distant memory, and the golden leaves promised a world full of beautiful adventures. They made me believe in miracles.” — Sarah Guillory, “Reclaimed”

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BY BILL SWAFFIELD				
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Dale Fincher for education freedom

To the Editor:

On Sept. 24, I went to the Tuftonboro library to hear former Democrat State Senator Jeanne Dietsch give a talk about the “Free State Project.” Dietsch didn’t define “Free Stater” and it was clear that her real intent was to scare people by pretending that all Republicans are “Free Staters.” Dietsch, who is from Ohio, accused all of our local Republican candidates of being “Free Stater-aligned.” She also criticized Republican support for education freedom, saying that the “Free Staters” want to “expand the unskilled labor force.” The implication being that unless children attend public school, they will be unskilled and work at menial jobs.

Dietsch is wrong on the facts. A 2026 study published in the Peabody Journal of Education found that homeschooled students outperform public students in standardized test scores. In my experience it goes well beyond better test scores. But Dietsch and all Democrat politicians that I’ve encountered seem to believe that supporting the institution of public schools means giving administrators a blank check year after year regardless of student outcomes.

My husband and I homeschool our children. They are thriving, and I want all parents to be able to choose the path that’s best for their children to thrive, too.

We have an election on Nov. 3. Voting really matters! Allow me to share a tale of two New England states.

This year, the Republican majority in

the New Hampshire Legislature passed, and our Republican governor, Kelly Ayotte, signed, HB 1268, the “Home Education Freedom Act.” Among other provisions, the act recognizes parents’ right to home-educate their own child.

Our neighbor Connecticut stands in stark contrast, where the Democrat supermajority in the legislature passed and, in May, the Democrat governor, signed HB 5468, which makes homeschooling more difficult. Among other restrictions, under the act, parents (and all adults in the home) must pass a background check in order to receive permission from the school district to home-educate their own child (upon withdrawal from public school). All parents must go to the school in person every year to ask whether they can continue to homeschool. It’s not that this is a particularly difficult thing for parents to do, but it’s the principle, apparently shared by all Democrat politicians, that the government decides what’s best for children. I do not and will not co-parent with the government.

The difference between Republicans and Democrats is clear. That’s why I will be voting for Dale Fincher on November 3, as well as all other Republicans on the ballot. Dale is committed to protecting the right of parents to choose the best education for their own child, whether that’s public school (including charter schools), private school, or homeschool.

Nicole Handfield
Wolfeboro Falls

Carroll County Democrats have a problem

To the Editor:

Carroll County Democrats have a problem. They’re trying to tell us what it is and how we can fight against it. They say the problem is there’s a secret society worming its way into New Hampshire politics. It plans on taking over the whole state and turning it into something bad. It calls itself the Free State Project.

Carroll County Democrats have a problem. They know who these clandestine Free Stater agents are. They know what they plan for us. It’s not good. The problem is, those secret agents won’t tell us who they’re really working for. All of them just happen to be Republicans, but that’s not why Carroll County Democrats are worried about them. No, it’s really because some of those Republicans are secret agents of the Free State Project, only they won’t tell us they are.

Carroll County Democrats have a problem. How do they know which Republicans are really secret agents of an evil plot? They know them by who their friends are, where they play golf or lift weights and with whom, and by how different they are from Carroll County Democrats. Right thinking folks who would never be secret agents of the Free State Project always think and vote just like Carroll County Democrats. Any sort of deviance from their party’s approved GroupThink is proof enough.

Carroll County Democrats have a problem. They want to warn us about a deep danger threatening our way of life without seeming to be unhinged and paranoid. I’m afraid that’s one problem they can’t overcome. They’ve demonized a political movement instead of meeting it face to face. They argue by innuendo and debate by exaggeration. They set up a bogey man and say it’s dangerous. They hope we won’t question their undemocratic tactics or why they say an \$80 Million school district is underfunded and needs to be saved.

Are Free Staters the danger Carroll County Democrats say they are? Up here, the Lakes Region Porcupines is the name these Free Staters have given themselves. Who are they? Where do they hide? It’s really hard to find out, mainly because they don’t seem to be much of a thing. The Free State Project has a Web site and an online calendar. Look up the Lakes Region Porcupines to find out about their next meeting and you’ll find...nothing. The state-wide organization hosts a workout session at the Free State Barbell Club in Manchester. That’s it. They don’t even have their own headquarters, they camp out in other people’s places.

Carroll County Democrats really do have a problem.

Mike Hodder
Wolfeboro

McConkey helps us all with Senate seniority!

To the Editor:

Mark McConkey has been a tireless and committed public servant and gets results for all. Over his many years in Concord, now as our Senator, he has and continues to work and be a big advocate for our district and the North Country. He has seen to it that we get our fair share and more of monies and revenues back for roads, bridges, water sewer projects and much more.

Family and folks mean a lot to Mark in his district, and he is no stranger to tragedy among his own life and his constituents. He reacts in all aspects of life to help people and this state in these times.

Seniority is a huge asset when you are in the Senate and state government to get those great things back to our district as I mentioned above, and for that reason one needs to really think long and hard now that the primaries are over that it’s not always about Republican and Democrat, but who has the ways and means and common sense know how to get your district needs

taken care of.

That is hands down Sen. Mark McConkey, and clearly not his opponent, Rep. Bobbi Boudman, who has only four months experience in Concord basically nothing, and who has been called out and criticized numerous times, especially by NH Journal, on her racist and sexist social media posts. She has been asked by other media including the Conway Sun to comment on these posts, and has failed to do so or worked around the matter when called out.

I just hope on Nov. 3, when you vote from the national level down the ballot to state levels, that you consider experience and follow through, able to continue moving forward after the election on day one and keep Senator Mark McConkey right where he is.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Shane McKinney
Conway/Albany

Press freedom is under attack

To the Editor:

Peter Goodwin’s letter pointing out the attack on press freedom was appreciated. I would like to add the Republican Congressmen’s attack on the VFW for a comic in their periodical protesting the cutting of soldiers’ benefits. In retaliation, Veterans Administration head Doug Collins was asked to remove authorization of the VFW to help vets file disability claims.

Did you know that Stars and Stripes, our Armed Forces newspaper, first published in 1861 to give our soldiers the truth, had its editor and

publisher fired for reporting on conditions on the USS Abraham Lincoln, citing insubordination? Congress was appointed to protect the editorial freedom of Stars and Stripes, but don’t hold your breath waiting for any response from the Republican controlled house.

Trump’s constant lying about everything from the 2020 election to Democrats cheating is purposeful. His MAGA followers live in an alternative facts world where truth is fake news. Is there any doubt Trump will declare the midterm election rigged when Democrats sweep Congress?

Michael Bogart
Wolfeboro

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Now I want you to know, brothers,
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is not of human origin.

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Apostle Paul
Galatians 1, 11-12



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Galatians 1, 11-12



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I proudly support Mark McConkey for re-election

To the Editor:

I am a registered independent voter, New Hampshire native and Selectman in Albany who is proud to support Mark McConkey for re-election to the New Hampshire State Senate.

No one in my view has worked harder and more effectively to fund improvements to our transportation network. NH Route 16 is the lifeblood of the Mount Washington Valley and Mark has championed safety improvements as well as bridge repair and paving with more to be needed.

As an Albany Selectman for several years, when we needed help or assistance from state government, Mark has always answered the call to help any way he could to resolve issues that arise periodically especially with help with the tourist traffic and safety issues on NH Route 16.

I also salute Mark for his support for increasing tolls (doubling tolls) on out of state drivers with out of state EZ-Pass accounts and travelers paying cash. We pay higher tolls when we go out of state. Mark's advocacy for this will certainly help fund further road and bridge im-

The problem of undervotes

To the Editor:

There is something important every New Hampshire voter should know before heading to the polls: if a race says "Vote for 2," you have the opportunity to vote for two candidates.

This may sound obvious, but undervoting is surprisingly common in New Hampshire. An undervote occurs when a voter selects fewer candidates than the number permitted in a particular race.

In fact, an analysis of New Hampshire election results found that in 2024, approximately 11 percent of voters who participated did not cast a vote in the State Representative race. That's tens of thousands of lost votes which may very well have changed election outcomes. This is particularly true of Independent and Democrat voters.

That matters enormously in local elections. Leaving your choices blank means you are letting someone else select your representative. You're giving someone else your vote. Someone you may not agree with.

Not my first rodeo

To the Editor:

We all know elections have consequences by those we choose to represent us. I moved to this area from a very blue state to escape high taxes, out of control spending, red tape, and diminishing freedoms. If it can happen there, it can happen here and none of us should want that.

When I research and listen to the Democrat candidates, honestly what I read and hear from them is more government. More government means more taxes to pay for their pet programs, now and in the future, should they get elected. They fa-

It's time for MacDonald to retire

To the Editor:

By all accounts, John McDonald is a very nice person. I don't know him, but I have heard from quite a few people that he is honest and friendly. He is currently serving in Concord as a Republican. Unfortunately, it seems to be in name only. With the takeover of our state government by the Free State Project, Mr. McDonald votes over 90 percent of the time with leadership. He has seen what happens to those who don't follow the party line — Dr. Marsh is a good example. I have also known several members over the years who could not in all conscience follow in lockstep and left politics altogether.

Mr. McDonald needs to follow the will of all voters and do what's best for all of us — protect public education, enact common sense gun legislation, fund affordable housing, vote no on data centers, protect

provements in the forever underfunded NH 10 Year Transportation Plan.

I know first-hand that Mark has worked and supported bringing high speed Internet service to homes, schools, local government and businesses in our communities over the past several years.

Mark is bringing the same effective leadership to water quality protection. He has currently filed legislation to put \$5 million behind efforts to mitigate the threat of cyanobacteria. All of our lakes are threatened by cyanobacteria so Mark's efforts are very important to the health and safety for all of us.

Mark also understands that the vast majority of Republicans, Democrats and Independents do not support an income tax. When I see some of the massive new spending being proposed in Concord, I am glad Mark is our NH State Senator because if we want to avoid an income tax we have to live within our means.

Please join me in voting for Mark McConkey for NH State Senator on Nov. 3.

Rick Hiland
Albany

If there are two candidates to represent your community, be sure to use both of your votes. And if your town is in two House districts like Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro, be sure to vote for three representatives.

If you don't know all the candidates there are websites which provide information about them, including findmynhcandidate.org. If a candidate is an incumbent these sites also summarize how they voted. You may be surprised that their record does not align with your impressions of them. It's always good to check.

Local elections can be decided by surprisingly small margins. Your votes matter.

When you receive your ballot on Nov. 3, take a moment to read the instructions carefully. If the ballot says "Vote for 2," remember that you can vote for two.

Your ballot is your voice. Don't leave part of that voice unheard!

Anne Garvey Corson
Wolfeboro

vor a state income and sales tax.

By contrast, the Republican candidates including Tim Bauman, Dale Fincher, John MacDonald, and Mark McConkey, all sound fair minded, level-headed, and fiscally responsible. I know John MacDonald has been instrumental in protecting our lakes, and Mark McConkey knows how to get things done to preserve the quality of life we all enjoy in the Lakes Region. They have my vote and hopefully many of your readers as well.

Richard N. Spalholz
Wolfeboro

transgender rights, enact legislation that addresses climate change, and more. Sadly, he can no longer do much to address our needs, so we need to replace him.

Luckily, we have three great candidates running in District 6 and 7 who have pledged to serve all voters and not just follow the party platform — Deirdre McEachern, Pheobe VanScoy Geissler, and Karen Burnett Kurie. They know the issues and want to make the government work for all of us. Look them up, they would be more than happy to talk to you.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Sundquist
Melvin Village

Break open our hearts even wider...

To the Editor:

It's Saturday [as I write this], my favorite day to get up late, put on the Winni sweatshirt, no bra, loose yoga pants and sneakers with holes in the toes...pure liberation and relaxation. Gets my vote!

My mind has been churning for hours about writing, so it's hard to bypass the computer and get breakfast first (my favorite meal). Ideas almost pull me into the chair and say "get to writing." I am so compelled to write prose, song lyrics and texts. I write for me, talking to myself... just to express my heart moment. I don't write to be agreed with or disagreed with—it's me seeking clarity for me and just laying it out there. If it speaks to others (and some people tell me it does) then our human sharing is a gift. And it's still a gift if you think "wow, this woman is crazy"... the thoughts are yours to work with. Fair enough? It's called being fully "human!"

I read the letters in The Granite State News (and many other writers) weekly. When I see the variety and heart of the "for and against" writings, I ask myself "isn't there more to say or ask?" Terry Tempest Williams wrote "The human heart is the first home of democracy. It is where we embrace our questions. Can we be equitable? Generous? Can we listen with our whole beings and not just our mind? Can we offer our attention rather than just our opinions? Can we learn to trust ourselves and our fellow human beings to join in a determined pursuit of a living democracy? Do we have a tipping point in numbers of people that think "we are having a shared "heartbreak" about the conditions of our culture, our society, our body politic? That shared heartbreak can build a footbridge of mutual understanding on which we can walk toward each other" (Parker Palmer).

In my opinion, Palmer's book "Healing The Heart Of Democracy" is a deep well of wise questions for "we the people." This coming Saturday is the next "No Kings Day — a Day of Action" nationwide, and Pickering Corner in Wolfeboro is our weekly meeting site that welcomes

all people to sign-speak in varied forms as in "Let's vote to keep our democracy alive and well", etc., alongside a few others who prefer to demonstrate division and aggression there and in the newspapers until the midterm election. Their choice always. But I trust that by now many people are listening and thinking courageously about the verbal "fights" and the choices Nov. 3. I trust they can see the "forest for the trees" and know which citizens and candidates seek improvement for all of us or just a small separated group. That might be the same group who would choose not to venture onto the 'footbridge' and seek more mutual understanding and clarity of newer options.

The point is that each one of us has a little bit of the truth...each 'unlabeled' one...but not one of us has it all. I think we need each other; we need to listen, let go, create new views and combinations. Look at real facts. Staying stuck in any past decade simply won't work; this is now. Also staying stuck with a predominantly male fondness for the 'F word' (which, by the way, is also intentionally demeaning to women) as the ultimate put-down insult in politics and elsewhere... that word says nothing, offers nothing, promises nothing intelligent, promises no positive power... it's just a word, an empty word. But it might demonstrate the frustration and futility of the person speaking about where to go from here, how to lessen their fears, and how to improve communication, to be heard, to ask for and get what they need. Ask yourself, what are your primary concerns about how our democracy is functioning? Do you think it's possible for people who seem on opposite ends of opinions to come together around shared concerns? Can we break open our hearts to try that? Well, let's give it a try it next Saturday at the "No Kings Day"...or call it "Stronger Together Without Kings Day." Then wear your heart on your sleeve!!

Nancy Glowacki
Wolfeboro

John MacDonald is Wolfeboro

To the Editor:

Unlike other candidates for state representative, John MacDonald has lived in Wolfeboro his entire life. He has served the community in many roles, including State Trooper, Marine Patrol, Budget Committee, and State Representative.

John often mentions that our government needs more common sense, not more of our dollars and cents. To that end, he is fighting against any push for state income tax and sales taxes. He supports capping property taxes. John does not support raising our taxes so Wolfeboro can become a "donor" town. He also understands the importance of education to our community but pushes for accountability in how those funds are utilized.

John is a tireless advocate for keeping pesticides and fertilizers out of our lakes. He spent many years patrolling those lakes and appreciates both their beauty and economic impact.

I urge you to vote for John MacDonald for State Representative for Carroll District 6.

Steve Farley
Wolfeboro

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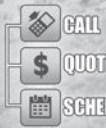
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Deirdre McEachern knows how to bring people together

To the Editor:

We need more people in Concord who know how to listen, solve problems, and bring people together. Deirdre McEachern, candidate for State Representative in District 6, is exactly that kind of leader.

As chair of the Tuftonboro Democrats, I have watched Deirdre build an extraordinary team of local supporters. Her campaign is one of the most organized and energetic I have seen. That doesn't happen by accident. It happens because people believe in Deirdre, enjoy working with her, and trust her leadership.

I've heard the same things from neighbors who have gotten to know her: Deirdre is warm, thoughtful, a terrific listener, and a natural problem solver. She has a remarkable ability to bring people together around a common goal.

And she has the experience to back it up. As a former head of school, Deirdre

understands education and the challenges facing students, teachers, and families. As a small business owner, she knows firsthand what it takes to build a business and navigate economic challenges.

She even has a degree in conflict resolution. Imagine how useful that skill could be in Concord!

What impresses me most about Deirdre is that she doesn't just talk about working together. She actually does it. I've watched her turn enthusiasm into action and individuals into a team.

District 6 needs a representative who will listen, think independently, and work with others to get things done. Deirdre McEachern has already shown us she can do exactly that.

I hope you'll join me in voting for Deirdre McEachern on Nov. 3.

Emily James
Tuftonboro

John and Mark can talk the talk and walk the walk

To the Editor:

A top concern of everyone in the Lakes Region is protecting water quality. Our lakes are critical to New Hampshire's environmental health and our tourism industry.

Rep. John MacDonald and Sen. Mark McConkey have led the effort to protect these lakes.

In June, MacDonald received the extremely prestigious 2026 Reverend Sidney Lovett Memorial Award for Exemplary Lake Advocacy. This award is presented every two years by the New Hampshire Lakes Association to recognize an "individual who exhibits extraordinary and selfless service at the local, municipal, and or state level, bringing people together to advocate for restoration and protection of New Hampshire's lakes through public policy."

MacDonald was cited for his work "advancing policies that safeguard water

quality, public health, recreation, and the state's outdoor heritage," by the Lakes Association

Senator McConkey is also a leader in protecting our lakes. Mark and John worked together in a bipartisan fashion to establish the Cyanobacteria Fund in 2023 and dedicate \$2 million to it in order to provide grants to threatened lakes to remediate the bacteria. With initial funding dwindling, Senator McConkey has filed legislation to appropriate \$5 million to continue the fight against cyanobacteria.

Many people we send to Concord can talk the talk — John and Mark have walked the walk.

We should be proud of the bipartisan efforts of Rep. MacDonald and Sen. McConkey, and on Nov. 3, vote for both of them so they can continue this vital work.

Jeb Bradley
Wolfeboro

New Hampshire's future is worth protecting

To the Editor:

I was a Democrat living in Massachusetts until I voted Republican in 2016. When I moved to New Hampshire in 2022, I registered as a Republican because I wanted to live in a state that values lower taxes, limited government, and individual freedom.

New Hampshire's lack of a broad-based income tax and general sales tax is no accident. These policies reflect a commitment to allowing people to keep more of what they earn instead of sending more of their hard-earned money to the government. Our state's tradition of education freedom also gives families greater opportunities to make the choices that work best for their children.

That is why I will vote for Dale Fincher and other Republican candidates who share these priorities, including John

MacDonald and Tim Bauman in the two-seat District 6 race, as well as Mark McConkey for State Senate District 3.

Elections have consequences. The people we elect will make decisions affecting our taxes, our schools, our freedoms, and the future of our state. We cannot take these advantages for granted or assume they will protect themselves.

I urge my fellow Granite Staters to look carefully at what is at stake and make their votes count on Nov. 3. Vote Republican to protect our low-tax tradition, defend education freedom, and keep New Hampshire a state where individual liberty and personal responsibility matter. I left Massachusetts in search of these values. Let's work together to ensure that New Hampshire never loses them.

Joanne Jordan
Wolfeboro

Why is a pastor on Pickering Corner?

To the Editor:

Since President's Day 2025, a small group has colonized "Pickering Corner" every Saturday. Locals have asked them to stop—not to silence the First Amendment, but to give division and ugliness a rest. Wolfeboro's "Pickering Corner" has become a synonym of sadness.

As a pastor, I see evidence this political activism is religious. I attend Saturdays to understand, to bring some hope. They told us directly, their "protest was like a church service" and we were unwelcome. They asked how I, as a pastor, could "hate so much." The label is combative and false. My concern is love for my town and neighbors.

For me, standing on that corner means offering a positive message, a voice of difference, and prayer, so neighbors know they are not alone. I wear a "Need Prayer?" button because I care for them.

Sadly, their messages seem inverted. They call insults "peaceful." They claim

inclusion but ask us to leave or put cones out to mark us as different. They share poems against us and yell "shame". They say "no kings" yet beg government to be king. They invert assassination (8647) into "democracy." When they call neighbors "hateful" for disagreeing, what could they possibly mean? I do not want to repay evil with evil but to lead with goodness by example.

I pray "Pickering Corner" will again be a synonym for pride in our local history. Our presence brings hope. Many thank us that someone is "finally doing something." You also can "do something" by joining us Saturdays at noon. Bring a positive message. (Negative messages do not belong here.)

I pray for our election—that we elect those who uplift families, our businesses, and our lakes. Join me in voting for Dale Fincher, Tim Bauman, John MacDonald, and Mark McConkey on Nov. 3.

Pastor Jeremy Abbott
Wolfeboro

Buying votes

To the Editor:

The President has had \$500 checks sent to nearly one million people as refunds for the Affordable Care Act overpayments. This comes right before the election. Is he trying to buy votes? Also, \$90 checks are being sent to 20 million seniors the "offset October Medicare premiums." (Will this happen after the election every month?) These payouts total more than \$2 billion.

In another area, PACs are spending millions. Virtually all are attack ads and come from both sides. This money is also trying to get you to vote "their way," not really "buying" your vote, but smearing a candidate. These ads generally point to one thing in the candidate's history and amplify it and many of them are in black and white with unflattering pictures.

Another way to buy your vote is to say that you will lower your taxes. This reduces the ability of the government to pay for services, or it increases the debt that future generations will have to deal with. If it is harder to get services such as mental health support, this is good for society or does it ultimately costs more. A stitch in time, saves nine.

If someone or something is yelling and screaming at you to do something, check to see its source. Is it something real or just someone with money trying to get your vote?

Peter Goodwin
Wolfeboro

Thanks to all who supported Ladies of the Lakes Golf Tournament

To the Editor:

The Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild members wish to thank the Kingswood Golf Club members and staff, the 96 players, the incredibly generous sponsors, donors, and the raffle basket and auction item contributors for assisting us in making our Charity Golf Tournament and Live Auction on Oct. 3 a smashing success.

The net total of \$28,800 was realized and will be donated to the newly created (501(c) (3) public charity, the "Friends of the Old Firehouse Wolfeboro Community Center." These proceeds will be used solely for the Community Center renovation

We are so grateful for the amazing and generous response from businesses and individuals in Wolfeboro and the surrounding communities. Once the renovation is complete, the Community Center will be available once again to families for

birthday parties, baby and wedding showers; for senior programs, pot luck suppers, games, exercise, dance and craft classes; and continued use by the Ladies of the Lakes Quilters to make their charity quilts for children residing at David's House while they receive life-saving treatment at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital, quilts for abused young folks receiving services from the Child Advocacy Center, and quilts for local families who have suffered a personal tragedy.

Thank you all.

With appreciation,

Mary Morgan
Marie Pullin
Barbara Schellhammer
Susan Bunting
Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild
Golf Tournament Committee
Wolfeboro

Opioids and Warmington

To the Editor:

I have been curious about the ads portraying Cinde Warmington as an opioid lobbyist, so I did a little research.

Warmington initially got involved in the opioid business when she was working as a lawyer for Shaheen & Gordon, the firm that was founded by Bill Shaheen, husband of Jeanne and father of Stefany, who is running for Congress in District 1.

In 2001, Purdue Pharma hired Warmington to represent their interests in trying to defeat HB 1218 which put guardrails on prescribing opioids by requiring physicians to try three alternative therapies prior to prescribing Oxycontin. Warmington led the charge against HB 1218, testifying in a state senate hearing on April 9, 2002 that HB 1218 would "arbitrarily and inappropriately restrict access to medically necessary medications." She further testified that HB 1218 is "not supported by clinical data and places patients at risk," and went on to say, "Oxycontin is a miracle drug for many patients," and "it has very few side effects." All this is a matter of public record.

Warmington's work on behalf of Oxycontin didn't stop there. She was later hired by PainCare, a notorious NH "pill mill" operated by Dr. Michael O'Connell who surrendered his medical license in 2012. PainCare prescribed opioids in record numbers, and Warmington worked actively in support of the firm which has since been shuttered. Dr. O'Connell was subsequently indicted on two felony counts, and he was represented by Warmington's husband, Bill Christie, who got the charges dismissed. O'Connell has been a generous financial backer of Warmington's

campaigns with contributions made as late at 2022. Warmington also represented Dr. Anton Heins, another PainCare doctor in an effort to have his medical license renewed.

In a recent ad, Warmington seeks to deflect criticism of her work by saying she is being attacked for work she did "decades ago and about which she is not proud," but the facts are that she and her husband continued to represent the opioid industry well beyond her work for Purdue Pharma, and she received financial support from O'Connell as late as 2022. The Sackler family, which owned Purdue Pharma has been sued for damages caused by opioid addiction and the tremendous damage it caused in lives lost or destroyed, and the Sacklers have been stripped of the billions they made from Purdue Pharma. If Warmington is so ashamed of the work she did promoting opioids, why hasn't she donated all the money she and her husband made as attorneys working for this evil enterprise, and why is she continuing to accept money from the disgraced purveyors of death? (You might ask the same question of the founder of Shaheen & Gordon, Bill Shaheen.)

In a few weeks, we will be able to choose between this opioid lobbyist or Kelly Ayotte who is doing a good job keeping our state running efficiently and taxes low and who has pledged to veto legislation putting further limits on a woman's right to choose. I do see a few signs in yards around town, saying the occupants prefer the opioid lobbyist, but I will be voting for Kelly.

Carl Lehmann
Wolfeboro

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Who sent that? And why?

To the Editor:

When political mail arrives, my husband and I hunt for the small print to see which group paid for it.

We received one recently, endorsing our friend Dale Fincher. It says “Paid for by Americans for Prosperity.” When we went to their website, we read that they want to “empower every American to achieve their unique version of the American Dream.” That sounds good. A little more digging reveals they want tax cuts, worker choice, and opportunity for the private sector. That sounds even better. Looking further, we learned that AFP wants to help small business owners. That also aligns with our beliefs! Understanding who sent the mailer helps us evaluate the candidates, even ones like Dale, whom we already know.

We asked Dale how groups like AFP decide to endorse him. He told us that when he filed to run, he received surveys from organizations like AFP. Each group

then vetted Dale against their mission. No one gave Dale a cheat sheet about how to answer the questions, he just answered honestly. Groups either aligned with him or they didn’t.

Some groups have endorsed him and sent out mailers for him. His wife Jonalyn said, “It was sort of strange to have friends getting mail with our faces on it that we hadn’t even seen until they showed us!”

Dale sends mailers, too. When you see “Paid for by Friends of Dale Fincher,” you know that’s paid for by local friends and supporters. Those letters were written at the Finchers’ kitchen table, edited by Jonalyn, hand-lettered, and printed by New Hampshire small businesses to arrive in your mailbox.

The next time you get a mailer (or a thousand), check who sent it and see if you align with that group’s mission. And vote for Dale Fincher on Nov. 3! The Micous certainly will be!

Kathryn and Tripp Micou
Wolfeboro

Fincher will not compromise on NH’s tax advantage

To the Editor:

New Hampshire’s tax advantage is not just a policy preference — it is the backbone of our state’s prosperity and independence. It protects families, strengthens small businesses, and keeps government accountable to the people rather than the other way around. In this election, I refuse to support anyone who won’t defend it without hesitation. That is why Dale Fincher is my unequivocal choice for State Representative on Nov. 3.

Dale doesn’t waffle or soften his stance on taxes. He understands that once broad-based taxes take root, they grow, and the freedom we enjoy in New Hampshire shrinks. His commitment to preserving our tax advantage is firm, unapologetic, and exactly what we need in Concord. At a time when other states are drowning in tax burdens and runaway spending, Dale stands firmly on the side of fiscal disci-

pline and protecting the people’s wallet.

While safeguarding the tax advantage is my primary reason for supporting him, Dale’s leadership extends further. His support for educational freedom ensures parents — not bureaucracies — guide their children’s learning. And his dedication to protecting our natural resources shows he understands the responsibility we share to preserve the Lakes Region’s beauty and health.

For me, this election comes down to one essential question: Who will defend New Hampshire’s tax advantage without compromise? Dale Fincher has proven he will. That’s why he has earned my vote, and why I urge my neighbors to stand with him on Nov. 3.

Paul Avard
Wolfeboro

Don’t let McEachern make New Hampshire like Maine

To the Editor:

Deirdre McEachern and her supporters urge New Hampshire to follow Maine’s example of higher taxes and expanded spending, while warning that our current policies risk fiscal ruin. The evidence points the other way.

Maine taxpayers now face a roughly \$1.3 billion deficit for the coming biennium—\$1.085 billion in the General Fund that covers schools, health care, and core operations, plus another \$256.7 million for roads. This shortfall is driven in large part by soaring MaineCare costs and rising education spending under the very approach McEachern champions. It is the predictable result of years of unchecked growth in government, not a temporary accounting quirk.

New Hampshire’s latest revenue numbers tell a sharply different story. In September alone, unrestricted General and Education Fund collections reached \$398.9 million—\$69.1 million, or 21 percent, above plan and \$85.8 million higher than the same month last year. Year-to-date receipts stand \$74.9 million (12.5 percent) above plan and \$111.7 million ahead of last year. Business taxes, the very ones repeatedly cut in recent years, deliv-

ered \$269.8 million in September—\$69.4 million above expectations and nearly 54 percent above the prior year.

McEachern claims neighboring states somehow thrived without the tax relief New Hampshire has enacted. Her supporters ignore the fact that she is a recent transplant who moved here for the clear purpose of launching a political career and remaking this state in the image of the one she just left—while they stay hyper-obsessed with labeling anyone who disagrees with them a “freestater.” Maine’s \$1.3 billion deficit shows what that path actually produces. New Hampshire’s strong collections show the opposite: lower rates have not hollowed out revenue; they have coincided with growth that continues to beat projections.

Voters should reject the idea that New Hampshire must import Maine’s fiscal problems to solve ones that do not exist here. On Nov. 3, let’s keep New Hampshire, New Hampshire by voting for Tim Bauman, John MacDonald, Dale Fincher, and Mark McConkey.

Brett Williams
Tuftonboro

Vote to protect the New Hampshire Advantage

To the Editor:

I am voting for Dale Fincher on Nov. 3 because he will never support an income tax or a sales tax. For 250 years, New Hampshire has protected this advantage. Dale will keep it that way for Ossipee, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro.

A vote for Dale also means education freedom so parents, not bureaucrats, decide what is best for their children. It means protecting our lakes through practical local effort rather than distant man-

dates.

The same common-sense priorities guide John MacDonald and Tim Bauman in District 6 (vote for both!) and Mark McConkey for State Senate.

Join me in voting the Republican team to preserve low taxes, local control, and the Live Free or Die spirit our communities rely on.

Max Ledoux
Tuftonboro

Chick Lumber, MVSB invite community members to construction lending seminar



COURTESY

Sal Massa, Owner of Chick Lumber, in North Conway. Chick Lumber and MVSB will host a complimentary construction lending seminar at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Chick Lumber, 1618 White Mountain Highway in North Conway.

CONWAY — Community members considering building a home are invited to a complimentary construction lending seminar hosted by Chick Lumber and MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Chick Lumber, 1618 White Mountain Highway in North Conway. The seminar will provide practical information about financing home construction and the steps involved in bringing a project from concept to completion.

Attendees will hear from MVSB construction lending professionals about financing options for new home construction, budgeting considerations, and what to expect throughout the construction loan process. The seminar is designed to help individuals make informed decisions and move forward with confidence in their homebuilding plans.

“Building a home is an exciting opportunity, but it also comes with many important decisions,” said Lauren Young, MVSB Vice President, Mortgage Sales Officer, NMLS# 1890212. “Our goal is to help attendees better understand their financing options, learn what to expect throughout the construction loan process, and get answers to their questions before they begin building.”

Presenters include Brit-tany Hodge, Mortgage

Loan Officer NMLS# 2387835; Ken Paul, Vice President and Construction Lending Officer; Lauren Young, Vice President, Mortgage Sales Officer, NMLS# 1890212; and Jessica Ruel, AVP, Branch & Business Development Officer.

All attendees will receive a \$500 coupon toward closing costs on a qualifying construction loan with MVSB. Restrictions apply. Visitsurveymonkey.com/r/Chick-Lumber to RSVP. Anyone who attends the seminar and uses Chick Lumber for their building materials will receive a free set of architectural plans. More information about the free architectural plans will be provided at the construction loan seminar.

This special offer is available to those who attended an MVSB Construction Lending Seminar in October of 2026. Borrowers are eligible for a credit against closing costs at closing for certain new construction one-to-four-family residential owner-occupied first mortgages with MVSB with a completed application within 12 months of the date you attended the seminar. This is subject to qualification, approval and closing of the loan. This discount excludes home equity and government loans and lines and cannot be used with any other offer or discount. Coupon must be presented

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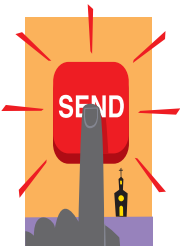


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Dive Winnepesaukee recognized as water quality heroes

WOLFEBORO — For the last five years, Dive Winni has come through for the water quality of

local lakes. Nick Sackos, the manager of Dive Winni, and Christine McGraw provide a central storage

spot for the water quality samples taken throughout the summer from Lake Winnepesaukee (Wolfboro Bay and Back Bay). Monthly samples are taken to monitor water clarity and the nutrient load (especially phosphorus) in our lake waters.

The Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance and Wolfboro Waters (a town committee of volunteers) organize this sampling for Wolfboro and UNH Extension Service Labs process the samples. Concurrently, the Wentworth Watershed Association completes sampling of Lake Wentworth, Crescent Lake and Sargent's Pond.

Rust Pond and Mirror Lake also sample through their Associations.

The yearly summary of all this testing can be found on each Lake Association site.

The Wolfboro Waters Committee of the Town of Wolfboro works to improve water quality and public awareness of water quality in our local lakes. We collaborate with all area Lake Associations. For more information, visit <https://www.wolfboronh.us> or follow us on Facebook. You can sign up there for the free e-newsletter which has lots of great information on water quality.



COURTESY Christine McGraw holding water samples taken from Lake Winnepesaukee.



LISA WHEELER — COURTESY

Henry Cook enjoys the presentation about animals from Leaping Lizards at Freedom Elementary School last week. Students learned loads of interesting facts about the Leaping Lizard animals from habitats to diets and left with the message to treat all creatures with kindness.

Honor a hero this Veterans Day

WOLFEBORO — Join the DAR in honoring those who serve by sponsoring a flag in tribute to a veteran or current service member. The Winnepesaukee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will display the flags on Brewster Academy's DeWolf Field, South Main Street in Wolfboro, for Veterans Day 2026.

two weeks around November 11, 2026.

To sponsor a flag, send your check and dedication information by Oct. 23 to: WINNI DAR, PO Box 676, Wolfboro Falls, NH 03896.

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonpolitical, lineage-based service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Its members have diverse backgrounds and interests but share one connection: each descends from an ancestor who helped secure American independence.

We would be delighted to welcome you. Membership is open to any woman age 18 or older—regard-

less of race, religion, or ethnic background—who can document lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Members support historic

preservation, education, and patriotism through meaningful service. To learn more, visit www.dar.org or email winnepesaukeedar@gmail.com.

Granite State Gallery presents "New Hampshire Art and Artists through the Years"

WAKEFIELD — The Gafney Library and the Wakefield-Brookfield Historical Society will be hosting the program "New Hampshire Art and Artists through the Years," presented by the Granite State Gallery, on Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. in their Community Room.

New Hampshire has attracted and inspired artists since the colonial era. What is distinctive about the art made here? This program will consider works by itinerant and folk painters, landscape artists drawn to the state's scenic vistas, and modern artists that adopted bold styles to depict everyday life in the Granite State. Some of the artists that will be discussed in the program will be Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Childe Hassam, and Maxfield Parrish.

Presenter Jane Oneil (pronounced OH-neel) is the founder of Culturally Curious, an arts education consulting firm specializing in art appreciation programs. She curates and delivers programs throughout New England and beyond.

Oneil holds a master's in art history from Boston University and a master's in education from Harvard University. Born and raised in New Hampshire, she has worked at some of the state's most esteemed cultural institutions, including the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, where she served as executive director, and the Currier Museum of Art, where she was senior educator. Jane has also taught at the college level for more than a decade, most recently at Southern New Hampshire University.

This event is hosted by the Gafney Library and made possible by New Hampshire Humanities. For more information, call Library Director Amy Swanson at 603-522-3401. Library programs are free and open to the public.

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

Bidding opens for FCCW Spirit of Giving online auction

Community invited to bid online and preview donated items in person

WOLFEBORO — Bidding is now open for First Congregational Church Wolfeboro, UCC's (FCCW) second annual Spirit of Giving Online Auction, following a generous response during the church's recent donation drop-off days. The online auction runs through Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. Curated by Robert Orfant of Orfantiques and hosted on AuctionNinja, the auction will feature an eclectic collection of

donated items, including antiques, artwork, jewelry, vintage collectibles, home décor and other distinctive finds. Proceeds support FCCW's mission and ministries, including serving neighbors throughout the Greater Wolfeboro community. The public is invited to a Preview Day on Thursday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at FCCW, 115

South Main St., to see auction items in person and get help registering and bidding online. "We're so grateful to everyone who contributed items to this year's auction," said Krista Marschner, Administrative Director of FCCW. "Now comes the fun part — seeing these wonderful donations find new homes while helping support the many

ways FCCW serves our neighbors and welcomes the wider community." Bidding is open to all and registration is free. The full auction catalog, with photos and descriptions, will be available beginning Oct. 7 at wolfeboroucc.org/auction. Questions may be sent to auction@wolfeboroucc.org.

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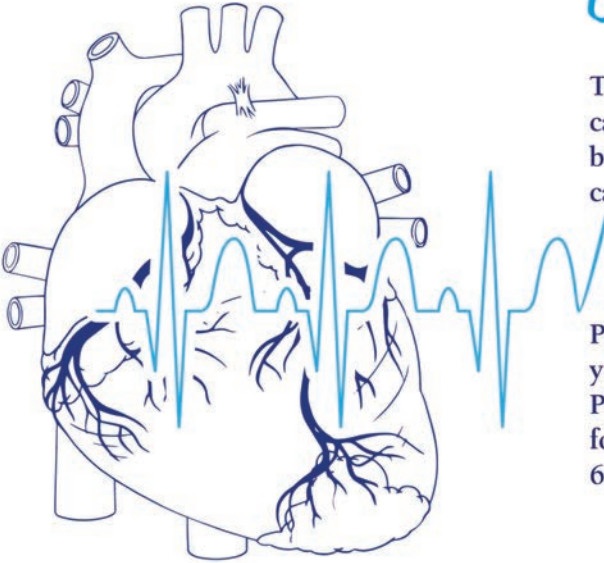
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Tuftonboro Association to host Candidates Night

TUFTONBORO — On Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m., the Tuftonboro Association will host a candidates’ night at the Tuftonboro Free Library on Route 109A (Middle Road). The evening will be an opportunity to meet, greet, and ask questions of local candidates running for local offices in the town of Tuftonboro.

This year, 13 candidates are expected. All discussions will be moderated, and admission is free.

Feet for Fuel - Walk for Warmth Sunday, Oct. 18

TUFTONBORO — With the high cost of heating fuel, keeping warm can be difficult for people in our community when the cooler seasons arrive. Since 2008, Melvin Village Community Church has sponsored the annual Feet for Fuel Walk to raise funds to assist local families in need of fuel and other emergency assistance.

Over the years, MVCC, with generous support from the Bald Peak Community Fund, has raised over \$250,000 through this effort. So far this year (2026) MVCC has provided more than \$30,000 in heating assistance and emergency help to families in our community.

This year’s walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. We will assemble in the church parking lot at 476 Governor Wentworth Highway in Melvin Village at 1:45 p.m. to begin our four-mile walk through the community. Pets are welcome!

Please consider walking all or part of the four miles, sponsoring a walker, or sending a donation to the church at MVCC, P.O. Box 233, Melvin Village, NH 03850 with Feet for Fuel on the memo line. Or you can donate online at mvccnh.org and click the “Donate” button. Additional information about the walk can be found at www.mvccnh.org/feet-for-fuel.

Fall craft fair and raffle in Union Oct. 17

UNION — On Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., more than 25 crafters will display their best wares to the fall Craft Fair at the Union Congregational Church, across the street in the Hotchkiss Commons-Reunion Grange Hall, and outside around the church property.

Tables will be covered with a vast array of personally designed and created items. Need some home-made goodies for your Thanksgiving table? How about sewn or quilted items for winter? Jewelry for yourself or for gifts? How about woodcrafts, wreaths, photographic items, and candles – all you need to decorate for the seasons! We’ll have it all available for purchase. Also, many beautiful items have been donated by the crafters for you to take a chance on winning. And, if all that shopping makes you hungry, a snack bar will be available with our famous corn chowder, hot dogs, chips and drinks for sale.

The Church and Commons are located at 80 and 71 Main St. (State Route 153) in the village of Union in the town of Wakefield, just off Route 16. You can’t miss our beautiful white steeple! Parking will be available behind the church and along Main Street. Both buildings are handicapped accessible. All proceeds will benefit the Union Church Fellowship’s Outreach program, which supports needy causes locally, state-wide, nationally and internationally. For more information and directions, call Mel at 603-978-3744 or Jennifer at 603-522-6713.



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Tuftonboro man indicted for possessing Fentanyl analogue and Methamphetamine with intent to distribute

CONCORD — Tuftonboro resident Justin Trudeau, 27, was indicted by a federal grand jury last week for possession with intent to distribute 100 grams or more of fentanyl analogue and 50 grams and more of methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney Erin Creegan announces. Trudeau will appear in federal court in Concord on a later date.

If convicted, Trudeau faces a mandatory minimum prison term of 10 years and a maximum prison term of life, a maximum fine of \$10,000,000, or both. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge

based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes that govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The Drug Enforcement Administration led the investigation with valuable assistance provided by the Hillsborough County Street Crimes Task Force. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Shannon is prosecuting the case.

Champions for Kids Breakfast draws capacity crowd, raises more than \$500,000 for Lakes Region youth and families

LACONIA – On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the 2026 Champions for Kids Breakfast, sponsored by Platinum Group at RE/MAX Bayside, brought together a capacity crowd of dedicated supporters, community leaders, volunteers, and a growing generation of new donors, demonstrating the Lakes Region’s shared commitment to investing in local youth and supporting working families.

This year’s event carried the inspiring theme, “Together We Can Do It!” a message that resonated throughout the morning as attendees were welcomed by Club youth who greeted guests and set an uplifting tone for the program.

The opening moments of the breakfast captured the spirit of the Boys & Girls Clubs’ mission. Club members led the audience in a powerful call-and-response affirmation used daily by staff member Nicole Wittenberg in her toddler classroom: I am smart. I am kind. I am strong. I can do hard things. I’m a good friend. I’m glad you’re here.

As the capacity audience repeated each statement alongside Club youth, the room was filled with energy, hope, and a reminder of the confidence and belonging that the Clubs strive to instill in every young person they serve.

The program featured welcome remarks from Wendy Mills, whose family’s story is deeply woven into the history of youth services in the Lakes Region. Mills reflected on the tragic loss of her son, Robbie, whose murder in 1998 became



the catalyst for community leaders to establish a teen center in the region. That effort ultimately evolved into an organization that merged with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire in 2015, expanding opportunities and support for local youth.

“Robbie was looking forward to, but never got the chance to participate in, afterschool programming like the Boys & Girls Club. I am a supporter of the Boys & Girls Clubs because they have amazing goals and they make it all about the kids,” said Mills.

The Champions for Kids Breakfast highlighted the critical role that quality youth development programs play in supporting working families and strengthening the Lakes Region. As demand for affordable, reliable care and enrichment opportunities continues to grow, community support remains essential to ensuring children have safe places to learn, grow, and thrive while their parents work.

The strong turnout of both longtime champions and first-time supporters reflected a growing recognition that investing in young people is an investment in the future of the region. Testimony from parents underlined how much

programming supports not just their children, but the whole family.

Parent Jessica McDonald said, “Belmont Early Learning Center staff helped me become a stronger, wiser mother. And because Ana could stay in school, BELC changed my life, too. I could finish my degree, build a career at Campion Insurance, and now provide for my children without state assistance. That is because of BELC, and because of the understanding and patience they showed both of us.”

Chris Emond, CEO, shared, “We have an obligation to teach our children to stand up for what they believe is right. To do this, we need to give them a foundation that includes a safe place to be, positive adult mentors, and opportunities to try new things.”

Proceeds from the Breakfast will support the programs and services that help local youth achieve academic success, develop healthy lifestyles, build strong character and leadership skills, and provide working families with the support they need to succeed. This year, the Club added two new locations in the Lakes Region by opening the new Sara M. Allen Lakes Region Child Care Services site located at the Gale School in Belmont

and assuming management of Plymouth State University’s former Center for Young Children and Families, now the Early Care and Education Center at Plymouth State University.

Chris Kelly of the Platinum Group at Re/Max Bayside closed out the event explaining how attendees could help by becoming members of the Champions for Kids Society and pledging \$1,000 or more for the next five years. This year’s event raised a record-setting \$503,710 in gifts and pledges. Over the next several years, the funds will offer sustainability for the Club’s programs, shore up the Club’s food program among rising costs and decreasing federal funding, and strengthen staffing to better care for those kids and families who need it most.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lakes Region includes Lakes Region Child Care Services and is a regional division of the parent organization Boys & Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire. In the Lakes Region alone, BGCCNH serves nearly 800 youth and provides more than 89,000 meals and snacks at 9 locations: the Lakes Clubhouse in Laconia, Laconia Early Learning Center, River’s Edge, Belmont Boys & Girls Club, Belmont Early Learning Center, Sara M. Allen, Holderness Boys & Girls Club, Winnisquam Camp, and the early education center at Plymouth State.

FIELD HOCKEY

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Bow corner. The Falcons also had a couple more corners that Millner turned back and Gilpatrick continued her strong defense. Libby and Cam Cushing made solid defensive stops on a Bow corner before the Falcons ripped a shot into the cage on another corner for the tying goal.

Gilpatrick and Cushing continued to make good defensive plays and the Falcons sent a shot wide of the net. Millner turned back another Bow chance and Aucoin cleared the rebound out of the circle. Lainey Clarke chipped in with a good defensive chance and Libby made a good run the other way, resulting in a Kingswood corner, where Clarke’s chance was blocked and the game went to the fourth with the score tied at two.

The Falcons had a pair of corners

early in the fourth quarter and the second one found the back of the net with 13:14 to go for the 3-2 lead. Libby made a solid run the other way and Gilpatrick made a defensive stop at the other end. Davis turned back a Falcon bid and Gilpatrick and Riley Lamparter made good defensive stops and Gilpatrick made a good defensive run on a Bow corner. Davis turned back another chance and the teams exchanged late corners, but Kingswood could not close the deal and Bow had the 3-2 win.

The Knights are slated to finish



Lainey Clarke controls the ball for Kingswood during action last Wednesday against Bow.

up the regular season today, Oct. 15, at Kennett at 4 p.m. The Division II tournament opens on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the home of the higher seed.

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

Halloween tale works its magic during Remick Museum & Farm’s local author event

TAMWORTH — Family-friendly Halloween magic swoops into Tamworth this coming Saturday, Oct. 17, when the Remick Country Doctor Museum & Farm hosts local author and illustrator Ann M. Willett for a special reading and book signing of her new contemporary Halloween book, “The Witch Cat,” from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection in Wolfeboro

WOLFEBORO — Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection on Thursday, Nov. 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Huggins Hospital, Medical Arts Conference Room/Education Center, 240 South Main St. in Wolfeboro.

Join us and connect with other family caregivers, while enjoying an opportunity to unwind and have discussions rich in empathy and resources.

Pre-registration is not required. When entering, use Christian Ridge Road for rear lot parking. For more information, call (603) 224-4093 or (800) 924-8620, ext. 85664 or visit www.granitevna.org. This program is offered at no charge.

About Granite VNA

Granite VNA is a not-for-profit licensed and certified home health and hospice care provider. The agency serves people of all ages in 72 communities across the Greater Capital Region and Central New Hampshire by providing home care, hospice care, pediatric and maternal child health services, and wellness programming. The agency has offices in Concord, Laconia and Wolfeboro. Formed through the merger of Concord Regional VNA and Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, Granite VNA has served New Hampshire since 1899. For more information about Granite VNA, visit www.granitevna.org.

Join Freedom Historical Society on a time traveler’s journey through Carroll County

FREEDOM — The Freedom Historical Society continues its 2026 speaker program series on Oct. 21 with a newly-created presentation which takes the audience on a nostalgic tour of southern Carroll County, using historic visual sources to see the area as it appeared during the early years of the 1900s.

While some local landmarks from that era remain intact, others have been lost due to fire, neglect or obsolescence. The assembled images offer a unique opportunity to see area buildings and businesses that were important to past generations, and they help us understand why so much of the built environment changes over time. If you enjoyed “A Sense of Freedom,” you’ll appreciate this curated collection of scenes from the Lakes Region towns of Carroll County: Effingham, Wakefield, Brookfield, Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro, Moultonborough, Sandwich Tamworth, Madison, Eaton, and Ossipee.

Step back in time with local historian Noel Quinton, a Lifetime Member of the Freedom Historical Society, author of “A Sense of Freedom,” and a longtime collector of historic postcards and images on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. The program is free and will be held at the Freedom Town Hall, 16 Elm St. For more information, please call (603) 491-8347.

Ann M. Willett is a New England-based author and illustrator. Her storytelling combines folklore with regional history, creating adventures that captivate the minds of readers young and old.

“The book tells the story of a cat’s mysterious night on a farm,” museum staff noted. “What better place to share this Halloween tale than at the historic Remick farmstead, where Doc and Marion Remick lived and their love of cats is honored indoors and out?”

Part of the museum’s Registration informa-

Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro Democrats to host local candidate forum

TUFTONBORO — The Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro Democrats will host a local

Candidate Forum on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Public Library, located at 221 Middle Rd., Tuftonboro.

The event, themed “Get Out to Vote! Meet Your Local Candidates!” will feature

Democratic candidates running to represent the region in the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives:

Bobbi Boudman, candidate for NH Senate District 3
Phoebe VanScoy-Giessler, candidate for NH House Carroll Co. 6

Deirdre McEachern, candidate for NH House Carroll Co. 6

Karen Burnett-Kurie, candidate for NH House Carroll Co. 7

County Commission candidates will be there as well.

This community conversation will focus on local issues and local voices as community

members prepare to cast their ballots. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear

directly from the candidates about their vision for the community, local governance, and

key policy priorities.

The event is free and all are welcome to attend this forum.

Ossipee Historical Society closes 2026 season with storyteller Anne Ward

OSSIPEE — Storytelling by Anne Ward: Growing Up in Ossipee will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Ossipee Town Hall, 55 Main St. in Center Ossipee.

Anne Ward will share stories about growing up in Ossipee, and others will be invited to share their own memories and stories as well.

The evening will also include potluck desserts and a short annual meeting. Everyone is welcome, and Historical Society members may also pay their annual dues at the meeting.

Spellbound Events series and the broader “BOO!” exhibit and experiences—which includes a display of pages from the book, this program invites children and Halloween lovers of all ages to gather in the museum’s Hearth Room to let their imaginations soar.

Following the reading, guests will have the opportunity to meet the creator, ask questions, and purchase signed hardcover copies of the book. This event is free, and attendees are welcome to dress in costume.

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While walk-ins are welcome, capacity in the museum’s Hearth Room is limited. Preregistration is strongly suggested using the following options:

- Online: Visit the museum’s website at www.remickmuseum.org.

- Phone: Call the museum directly at (603) 323-7591.

- Email: Send a message to info@remick-museum.org.

- In Person: Register at the museum’s front desk; first come, first served.

Save the date for Festival of Trees Gala

WOLFEBORO — Mark your calendars for the Festival of Trees Gala on Dec. 3 at the Wright Museum!

This special evening is a wonderful opportunity to experience the magic of the holiday season, admire beautifully decorated Christmas trees, and support the organizations selected as this year’s beneficiaries.

Tickets will be available beginning the first week of November on the Festival of Trees Web site.

We hope you will plan to join us for an unforgettable evening while supporting our local beneficiaries and the community. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Tuftonboro Grange to host Penny Sale

TUFTONBORO — Tuftonboro Grange is hosting a penny sale on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 17.

The Penny Sale will begin at 4 p.m. with coupon sales. Drawing will begin at 6 p.m. We have new items and a generous amount of gift certificates from the surrounding community.

We will be offering water and assorted beverages.

Come join the fun at the Tuftonboro Grange Hall, located at 157 Middle Rd. (Route 109A), Center Tuftonboro.

Tuftonboro Grange #142 (a 501 (c) 8 nonprofit) is the oldest fraternal organization in Tuftonboro. We are devoted to making a difference in our community.

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Joy Perkins, Secretary, Tuftonboro Grange at 603-569-1887 or email at TuftonboroGrange@outlook.com.

Fall is still buzzing with GMCG’s pollinator programs and growing pollinator field

EFFINGHAM — Learn how you can make your property more beneficial to native pollinators like bees, flies, beetles, hummingbirds, and moths.

Join GMCG and experts Wendy Scribner, Natural Resources Field Specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension, and Debra Marnich, Stewardship Director of Chocorua Lake Conservancy, on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon as we explore the importance of native pollinators, share first-hand research experience, and see examples of a pollinator garden, bee hotel and pollinator field and how to create habitat. Following the program from 12pm-2pm, participants are welcome to volunteer with GMCG’s Pollinator Habitat Improvement Project. Last summer, GMCG started a three-year project to create a 6,650 ft² pollinator field to enhance wildlife habitat and attract pollinators. At the fall volunteer workday, we will be expanding our pollinator field by raking out dead plant materials and seeding a wildflower meadow with a diverse mix of plants that will bloom throughout the season.

The program and work day will take place at Green Mountain Conservation Group’s Blue Heron House, located at 236 Huntress Bridge Rd. in Effingham. Donations graciously accepted.

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Late goal sinks Kingswood girls in battle with Lebanon

Knights bounce back with big win over St. Thomas



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Abigail Locke battles for the ball in action against Lebanon last Tuesday evening.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood girls' soccer team battled under the lights with Lebanon on Tuesday, Oct. 6, with the Raiders coming out with the 1-0 win thanks to a late second half goal despite Kingswood controlling the pace of play for most of the game.

Cayla Proctor had a chance denied by the Raider goalie and just missed connecting with Hadley Nance on a chance. Taylor Allar had a bid denied by the Lebanon goalie and Gabby Ferland sent Nance in with a chance that was denied by the Lebanon

goalie. Nance just missed connecting with Ferland and Proctor and Carly Weeks had a good clear at the other end.

Proctor had a crossing pass cleared by the Raider defense and goalie Megan Nicol grabbed a bid from the Raiders. Nance had a shot denied by the Lebanon goalie and also just missed connecting with Proctor on a bid. Norah Pelletier had a shot go over the top of the net and the Raiders had a long direct kick that missed the mark.

Allar sent a great ball up to Nance and the visitors came the other way with a chance that Brianna Cann turned back for the Knight

defense. Nicol stopped another Lebanon chance and then stopped a Raider direct kick. Nance had a crossing pass cleared and Allar had a run in that was stopped and the game went to the halftime break with the teams scoreless.

Nance had an early shot denied and Allar just missed connecting with Proctor and also had a long direct kick that missed the mark. The Knights got in close on a chance and Allar had a bid denied while Nance just missed connecting with Proctor. Nicol made a couple of solid saves as the Raiders pressured and Pelletier had a solid defensive stop



Stella Friesen boots the ball down the field during her team's game with Lebanon last week.

as well. Allar had a pair of shots denied by the Lebanon goalie and also had a long direct kick cleared out by the Lebanon defense.

With 8:54 to go in the game, the Raiders got a breakaway through the defense and fired it past Nicol for the 1-0 lead. Pelletier came back the other way with a bid just ahead of Proctor and Nicol made a save on a Lebanon chance. The Raiders also had a corner kick that missed the mark and Proctor went the other way with a late chance and the game ended with Lebanon taking the 1-0 win.

The Knights bounced back in a big way, going on the road on Thursday and

defeating St. Thomas by a 3-2 score behind a hat trick from Allar.

"It was a win we had to have to keep playoff hopes alive," said coach Shane Flood. "St. Thomas came out hard on their senior night, they looked solid."

The Saints scored first and Allar answered with a direct kick from the 30 to tie the game. The Saints took a 2-1 lead on a direct kick late in the first half and took the 2-1 lead to the second. Abigail Locke and Arianna Wilson just missed a chance to tie the game up but with 10 minutes to go, Nance played a great ball to Allar, who went one-on-one with the defense and dribbled past

both defenders and put it in the net low to the outside to tie the game.

Allar then scored with five minutes left in the game with Nance getting another nice pass from the flag to the six, which Allar finished for the game-winner.

Nicol finished with six saves in earning the win in goal for the Knights.

Kingswood will be back in action on Friday, Oct. 16, at ConVal at 4 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 20 at Souhegan at 6 p.m.

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Davis, Pinard crack top 60 at Hopkinton Fairgrounds



Zach Dubuc, Jonathan Bronson and Jacob Pinard break from the starting line on Saturday in Hopkinton.



Kaylee Pellerin runs toward the finish line during the Hopkinton Cross Country Festival on Saturday.



JENNIFER PINARD — COURTESY

Kelsie Davis led the Kingswood girls during Saturday's race in Hopkinton.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

HOPKINTON — In a massive field of runners that included both public and private schools from across New Hampshire and around New England, the Kingswood girls finished 22nd overall and the boys were 34th at the annual Hopkinton Cross Country Festival on Saturday at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds.

Kelsie Davis led the Kingswood girls, finishing in 49th place overall with a time of 20:35 with teammate Emerson Ingham in

98th place overall in 21:53. Erolisa Agramonte was 139th in a time of 22:35, Ellie Fuller ran to 161st place in a time of 23:11 and Kaylee Pellerin finished out the scoring for Kingswood in 202nd place in 24:39.

Jacob Pinard led the Knight boys in the varsity race with a time of 17:05, which placed him in 58th place overall in a field of more than 300 runners. Zach Dubuc finished in 197th place in 19:07 and Jonathan Bronson ran to

202nd place in 19:15. Oliver Maran was 263rd overall in 20:52 and Garrett Van Gelder finished out the scoring for Kingswood in 291st place in 22:51.

In the JV girls' race, Sophia Nichols led the Knights with a 105th place finish in 26:18 with Willow Swenson in 134th in 27:25. Dreya Benton was 166th in 29:45, Lauren Reitter placed 176th in 31:19, Lexi Baker was 177th in 30:21 and Arianna Thomas finished out the field of Knights in 193rd place in

33:11. In the boys' JV race, David Garner was 249th in 23:43, Max Stevens was 302nd in 26:12 and Landon Blair placed 306th in a time of 26:35.

The Knights are scheduled to run at Merrimack High School on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 2 p.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Oct. 15
KENNETT
Field Hockey vs. Kingswood; 4
Girls' Soccer vs. Plymouth; 4
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Soccer vs. ConVal; 6
Field Hockey at Kennett; 4
Friday, Oct. 16
KENNETT
Boys' Soccer at Plymouth; 4
KINGSWOOD
Football vs. Hanover; 7
Girls' Soccer at ConVal; 4
Volleyball vs. Gilford; 6
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Soccer vs. Somersworth; 4
Girls' Soccer at Somersworth; 4
Volleyball at Kearsarge; 5:15
Saturday, Oct. 17

KENNETT
Football vs. John Stark; 7
KINGSWOOD
Cross Country at Merrimack; 2
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Football vs. Newport; 1
Monday, Oct. 19
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Volleyball at Winnisquam; 6
Tuesday, Oct. 20
KENNETT
Boys' Soccer vs. ConVal; 4
Girls' Soccer at ConVal; 4
Volleyball vs. Manchester Central; 6
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Soccer vs. Souhegan; 4
Girls' Soccer at Souhegan; 6
Volleyball at Sanborn; 6

PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Soccer at White Mountains; 4
Girls' Soccer at White Mountains; 4
Wednesday, Oct. 21
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Volleyball vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 6:15
Thursday, Oct. 22
KENNETT
Volleyball at Merrimack Valley; 6
KINGSWOOD
Girls' Soccer vs. Pembroke; 6:30
Volleyball vs. ConVal; 6

All schedules are subject to change.



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Eagles compete against huge field in Hopkinton



JENNIFER PINARD — COURTESY
Malcolm Davenport runs for Kennett during the Hopkinton Cross Country Festival on Saturday.

Jenna Burnell and Bailey Light run with the pack during Saturday's race in Hopkinton.

Micah Stackpole pushes toward the finish line of Saturday's Hopkinton Cross Country Festival.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
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HOPKINTON — The Kennett cross country team joined teams from around New Hampshire and beyond at the Hopkinton Cross Country Festival, held on Saturday morning at the Hopkinton Fairgrounds.

In a field of more than 300 runners in the varsity boys' race, Kennett was led by Micah Stackpole in a time of 18:05 for 115th place overall while Campbell Light ran to 169th place in a time of 18:41 and Ashton Ingham was 238th in a time of 19:58. Cole Fournier placed 245th in a time of 20:10 and Malcolm Davenport finished out the slate of scorers for Kennett in

249th place in 20:15. AJ Gladkowski finished in 279th place in 21:33 to round out the field of Eagles.
In the varsity girls' race, Lorelai Desharnais led Kennett with a 63rd place finish in a time of 21:06. Addy Jaus ran to 122nd place in a time of 22:10 with Bailey Light in 189th place in 24:04. Jenna Burnell was 191st in 24:10 and Shannon

Fay finished out the scoring for Kennett in 240th place in 29:45. Penelope Kerls placed 242nd in 31:49 to round out the field of Eagle girls.

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Cranmore completes first four phases of base area master plan

CONWAY — Cranmore Mountain Resort has reached a significant milestone in its ongoing base-area transformation with the closing of the final residence at The Lookout. All 69 residences across the first four residential phases, Kearsarge Brook Phases I and II, Fairbank Lodge and The Lookout, have now been sold.
The milestone is part of a much larger vision for Cranmore that began following the purchase of the historic North Conway ski area by Brian and Tyler Fairbank in 2010. Since then, substantial investment has been made throughout the resort and its base area, including new and improved mountain facilities, skier services, and four-season amenities. More than \$54 million in residential sales were generated through the first four phases, with proceeds from the residential component helping fund Cranmore's new base-area facilities.
The first residential phase began with 18 residences at Kearsarge Brook,

followed by 19 in Phase II. Fairbank Lodge added 15 residences while also incorporating two floors of new lodge space and a 7,000-square-foot slopeside patio serving the resort. The Lookout added another 17 residences and space for Cranmore's Ski Patrol.
For Cranmore General Manager Ben Wilcox, that connection between the residential component and improvements to the resort is an important part of the story.
"The residential development proceeds all went into paying for new ski facilities that are enjoyed by our residents, season pass-holders, day visitors and the community at large," Wilcox said. "The resort can now meet the needs of today's skiers in our base area, and we have also been able to expand functions and weddings at the resort during the spring, summer and fall."
Wilcox said the residential expansion also helped Cranmore avoid borrowing money for its base-area fa-

cilities, allowing the resort to direct its funding to improvements on the mountain that can be enjoyed by all visitors.
Now entering its 89th season, Wilcox said Cranmore's focus remains firmly on the future.
"Our goal is to equip the resort with amenities that will keep Cranmore operating for another 89 years," he said. "A healthy Cranmore supports all our local businesses that rely on tourism to the region."
Michele Sawyer and Eileen Difeo, lead agents for Cranmore Real Estate with Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, have been involved with Cranmore's residential development since the summer of 2017 and have watched much of the original vision become reality.
"I think about our first handful of buyers often, most of whom are still owners," Difeo said. "Back then, they really believed in the future of the development and took a leap of faith to jump on board so early. There were promises

of a pool, a new ski lodge, a new bar and more. It's been incredible to see all these things come to fruition over the years."
Difeo said one of the most rewarding parts has been watching a community form around Cranmore, with families creating lasting friendships and children growing up spending their winters there. Some of the children whose parents were among the early buyers are now entering college.
For Sawyer, the experience has represented what she has always enjoyed most about real estate: bringing buyers and sellers together and having the opportunity to work closely with one resort community over many years.
"This has been such a wonderful part of my career," Sawyer said. "Building relationships with Ben, Eileen and all the families we have been fortunate to meet has been incredibly rewarding. I look forward to what comes next and would love to be here to see Cran-

more's residential vision through to completion."
With the first four phases now complete, attention will eventually turn toward the next and final chapters of Cranmore's residential and skier services plan. Two additional buildings, representing approximately 35 residences and a new restaurant, retail and rental shop, remain part of the long-range vision for the base area. While there are no plans to begin another phase this year, the remaining buildings continue to be part of Cranmore's vision for completing the base-area transformation.
For Cranmore, Sawyer, Difeo and Coldwell Banker Lifestyles, the sellout of the first four phases is both a milestone worth celebrating and an opportunity to look ahead to the eventual completion of a vision that has been taking shape for nearly a decade.
Cranmore Mountain Resort is located in the heart of one of America's best-rated ski towns, North Conway. Located 2.5 hours

from Boston, Cranmore is a four-season, family-friendly ski resort known for its ski school, sunny south-facing slopes and a festive atmosphere geared for skiers and non-skiers alike. Cranmore boasts 56 trails and glades with a variety of terrain for all ability levels from a beginner-only ski area, to classic New England trails and steepes. Cranmore also features activities such as NH's number one snow tubing park, a year-round Mountain Adventure Park, lift-serviced downhill mountain bike park, and many seasonal events. Cranmore is part of the Fairbank Group portfolio.
Cranmore is currently engaged in a \$60 million base area redevelopment plan that has morphed the resort into a progressive, four-season destination while introducing a second-home community. For more information on Cranmore Mountain Resort and Real Estate opportunities, visit www.cranmore.com.

Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club creates opportunities through scholarship program

NORTH CONWAY — MVSb (Meredith Village Savings Bank) is proud to donate \$2,500

to the Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club (MWVSC) Scholarship Program, helping ensure

local youth have access to soccer opportunities regardless of financial circumstances.

The Club's Scholarship Fund helps eligible families cover player registration costs, easing financial barriers so more children can experience the personal, athletic and social benefits of youth soccer throughout the Mount Washington Valley.
"Organizations like the Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club provide valuable opportunities for young people to learn, build relationships and stay active," said Dan Osetek, MVSb Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Banking Officer. "We're proud to help make those opportunities available to more local families."
"The demand for scholarship assistance has continued to grow, and community support plays an important role in meeting that need," said Scott Laine, Executive Director of the Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club.

"MVSb's donation will help us provide registration assistance to eligible families and make soccer more accessible to local youth."
MWVSC is a community-based youth soccer organization serving more than 200 players ages 3 to 19 from communities throughout the Mount Washington Valley and surrounding areas. The club offers competitive travel teams, recreational programs and seasonal training opportunities focused on developing confident, resilient and skilled young athletes while strengthening the broader community through sport.
Visit mwvsoccer.com to learn more about the Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club.
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MVSb is proud to support the Mount Washington Valley Soccer Club.

COURTESY



Coleman scores again as PSU field hockey wins

PLYMOUTH — Junior Lexi Berrettini (Lake Bluff, Ill.) scored three goals and added an assist to lead Plymouth State University to a 7-1 victory over the University of Massachusetts Boston in a Little East Conference (LEC) field hockey game at Panther Field on Saturday. The game served as PSU's Morgan's Message Game, part of an initiative aimed at eliminating the stigma surrounding mental health within the student-athlete community.

The Panthers came out firing, taking an early lead when sophomore Claire Toleman (Cambridge, N.Y.) scored her first goal of the season just 3:50 into the contest. Berrettini followed less than three minutes later, scoring on a feed from senior Sarah Adamske (Windham) to make it 2-0. Junior Georgia Coleman (North Conway) added her fourth goal of the season before Berrettini scored again to close out the first-quarter scoring and give the Panthers a 4-0 lead.

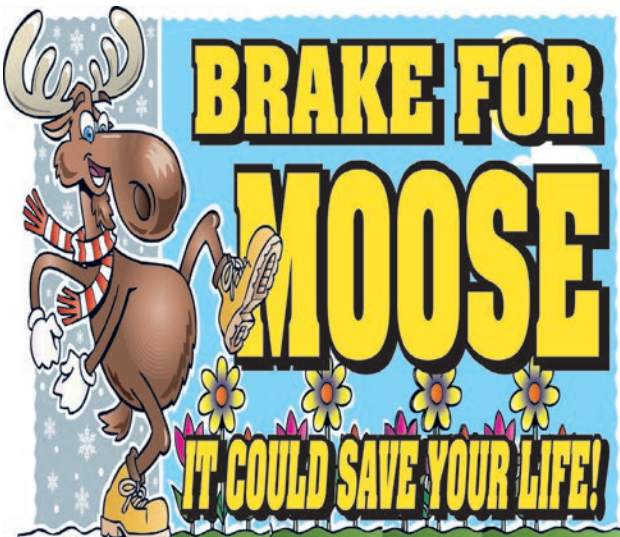
Freshman Amelia Avery (Campton) scored her fourth goal of the season midway through the second quarter as the Panthers carried a commanding 5-0 lead into halftime.

PSU continued its offensive dominance early in the third quarter when sophomore Cassidy Leger (Bellingham, Mass.) scored her first goal of the season on a penalty corner. Berrettini completed her hat trick just over a minute later to extend the lead to 7-0. UMass Boston spoiled the shutout bid midway through the fourth quarter.

Plymouth State improves to 3-9 (2-0 LEC), while the Beacons fall to 0-11 (0-2 LEC).

Berrettini's three goals and seven points were both career highs. She now leads the team in both categories this season. Avery scored her fourth goal of the season and has found the back of the cage in each of the last three contests. Coleman added a goal and an assist. Toleman's goal was the third of her career, while Leger scored her first goal of the season.

The game marked the first meeting between the two programs, as UMass Boston is competing in its first season as a varsity program.



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PSU soccer ID clinics set for Nov. 22

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University men's and women's soccer programs have released the details of the annual fall Panther Soccer ID Clinic.

The half-day clinics are geared toward high school players aged 16-and-up with an interest in playing at the collegiate level. Both clinics are scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22, with the girls' clinic running from

9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., and the boys' from 2:15 to 5:30 p.m. An optional, joint Admissions tour for both groups is scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m.

The Panther Soccer ID Clinics offer high school players the opportunity to train and play in the Plymouth State environment while gaining insight into the college recruitment process. Participants will

also learn what it takes to succeed physically, emotionally, technically, and tactically at the collegiate level. Attendees will receive a PSU soccer tee shirt and post-clinic access to video footage from the two technical/tactical training sessions.

The clinics are run by head coaches Rob Wright and Sammy Blizzard Bogardus and their staffs

and are limited to 28 participants and a maximum of four goalkeepers. The registration fee is \$85, and a multi-child discount is available.

Registration links, waiver forms, and the camp brochure can be found on the department website at athletics.plymouth.edu/camps.

PSU softball hosting fall and winter clinics

PLYMOUTH — The Plymouth State University softball program will host its annual pitching, hitting and defensive clinics this fall and winter, head coach Mike Bernier announced on Thursday.

The fall pitching clinics are scheduled for Nov. 8, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6 at the Bank of New Hampshire Field House at ALLWell North. Open to players

in grades 6-12 of varying ability levels, the sessions will cover proper warm-up drills, pitch grips, and the mental approach to pitching. Clinics run from 2 to 4 p.m., with on-site registration beginning at 1 p.m. Pitchers should bring a personal catcher. The cost is \$75 per session, with discounted rates available for athletes who register for multiple sessions. Indoor

footwear is required.

The hitting and defense clinics will be held Jan. 31, Feb. 14, and Feb. 21 also at the Bank of New Hampshire Field House. Designed for students in grades 6-12, the sessions will focus on throwing, fielding, hitting, and baserunning, with instruction provided by PSU coaches and players. Clinics run from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30

p.m., with on-site registration opening at 10:15 a.m. The cost is \$80 per clinic, with discounts available for multiple sessions. Participants should bring gloves, bats, sneakers, and water.

For more information and links to the mandatory online registration and waiver forms, please visit athletics.plymouth.edu/camps.

Makers Mill welcomes Death Café, creating space for an often avoided conversation

WOLFEBORO — Death is something everyone encounters, but it isn't always something people feel comfortable talking about.

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Makers Mill will provide the setting for a free Death Café, offering adults a supportive and informal place to gather over tea and snacks and talk openly about death and dying.

A Death Café is not grief counseling, therapy, or a support group. Instead, it is a lightly moderated, unstructured conversation where people in all phases of life can explore their thoughts, questions, and experiences surrounding death.

The conversation will

be facilitated by Gwyn Villa, who specializes in hospice and palliative nursing care. Villa became interested in the Death Café movement as a way to create safe spaces where conversations about death and dying can become a more normal part of life.

There is no agenda and no expectation that participants arrive with a particular question or experience to share. The goal is simply to create room for an honest conversation about a subject that can often be difficult to approach.

Providing space for gatherings like Death Café reflects Makers Mill's broader role as a community hub, a place not only for making and learning, but also for connecting, ex-

changing ideas, and learning from one another.

The Death Café is open to adults 18 and older and is free to attend. Space is limited to 10 participants, and advance registration is requested.

Learn more and register at makersmill.org.

Makers Mill is a non-profit Community Makerspace + Vocation Hub located at 23 Bay St. in Wolfeboro. Free building tours are offered every Friday and on the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

George Morrison to discuss Benedict Arnold at Wolfeboro Library Oct. 21

WOLFEBORO — The public is invited to the program "Benedict Arnold, Patriot and Traitor," presented by George Morrison at the Wolfeboro Public Library on Wednesday evening, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

Most Americans think they know the story of Benedict Arnold, the American Revolutionary War general who fought for the Continental Army but then defected to the British. Recalled mainly as a traitor for his 1780 defection, Arnold had risked his life and fortune for American freedom in courageous exploits between 1775 and 1778, when the dream of independence was at its most fragile. As an officer in the Continental Army, Arnold ably led American forces in desperate circumstances against impossible odds, in a blinding snowstorm, through a howling wilderness, and against the extraordinary might of the Royal Navy. George Morrison will take you on a journey through New England, Canada, and New York tracing the complex story of this infamous American icon.

This program is made possible by a grant from New Hampshire Humanities. It is free and open to all. For more information on this and other Library programs, please visit www.wolfeborolibrary.org or call 603-569-2428.

Local students graduate from Clarkson University

POTSDAM, N.Y. — Students from Clarkson University were awarded bachelor's, masters and doctoral degrees this spring on May 9, 2026.

Maximus Facticeau of Sanbornville
Dylan West of Silver Lake

Clarkson University is a proven leader in technological education, research, innovation and sustainable economic development. With its main campus in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the Capital Region and Hudson Valley, Clarkson faculty have a direct impact on more than 7,800 students annually through nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate STEM designated degrees in engineering, business, science and health professions; executive education, industry-relevant credentials and K-12 STEM programs. Alumni earn salaries among the top 2 percent in the nation: one in five already leads in the c-suite. To learn more, go to www.clarkson.edu.

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RECENT REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Town	Address	Type	Price	Seller	Buyer
Albany	N/A (Lot 2)	N/A	\$119,000	Jason R. Brown and Heather M. Shaw	Young LT and William A. Young
Alton	30 Alton Shores	N/A	\$515,000	Renewed Homes LLC	Angela Lavrich
Alton	26 Gedney Ct.	Single-Family Residence	\$470,000	Heather and Martin Schlieter	Lee and Kara D. Covey
Alton	104 Hopewell Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$5,000,000	Laurie A. Latchaw 1995 RET	David & Dee A. Swanson Fiscal Trust
Alton	19 Linwood Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$595,000	Charles J. and Margaret A. Barnett	Heather and Martin Schlieter
Alton	214 Prospect Mountain Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$510,000	Corbett LT and David J. Corbett	Amy P. and Elizabeth C. Lord
Alton	Riverlake Street	N/A	\$1,175,000	Precision Crafted Homes LLC	Allen L. and Cynthia Huberdeau
Alton	Walker Twombly Road	N/A	\$535,000	S. & Adam Henderson Fiscal Trust	Stephen I. Depalma and Kelly Ann Dyer-Rawlings
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$750,000	Beth A. and Theodore O. Doehner	Stanley Fiscal Trust Of 2005 and Heather B. Stanley
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$300,000	David Thayer	Angela C. Stevens RET
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$1,400,000	Rebecca A. Whitcher Trust	Erik Travers
Bartlett	177 Alpstrause	Single-Family Residence	\$645,000	Christopher M. Walcott	Peter Kaczor
Bartlett	River Run Motel Condo II Unit H	Condominium	\$142,933	River Run Motel Condo II & T. Alexander S. Tarberry	Linda A. Jezek
Bartlett	815 W. Side Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$325,000	Todd A. Judson	Daniel Mascola and Samantha R. Murray
Bartlett	5 Wildflower Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$415,000	Amy Deshaies	Gerald A. and Molly D. Gould
Bartlett	N/A (Lot 38)	N/A	\$250,000	Robert and Lisa Dempsey	Bulls And Bears LLC
Conway	59 E. Main St.	Hotel	\$1,050,000	Gance LLC	17 Wilder St. LLC
Conway	Eastern Inns Condo W-48	Condominium	\$28,533	Vanessa Ann Lagoa	Matthew and Lynne Burchfield
Conway	535 Grandview Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$887,533	Cathleen G. and Kevin R. Heffernan	Robert Timothy and Deborah Gail Gannon
Conway	25 Hawk Rd. #11-A	Condominium	\$250,000	Linda S. Pinkham Estate and Josth Brustin	Isaiah Stevens and Keely Gingras
Conway	Northbrook Unit C	Condominium	\$335,000	Sara Erdmann and Erin Iwaskiewicz	Amy Deshaies
Conway	Route 16	N/A	\$119,000	Eileen E. Haley	Steven F. and Jane A. Perry
Conway	Route 302	N/A	\$119,000	Eileen E. Haley	Steven F. and Jane A. Perry
Conway	229 Tasker Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$250,000	Donald A. Johnson	Aaron Tyler and Stephanie M. Bennington
Conway	2001 White Mountain Highway	N/A	\$6,600,000	Motel North Conway Inc.	Jay Radhe Radhe Conway Realty
Conway	N/A	N/A	\$100,000	Lee Ann Realty Inc.	Wldg. Holdings LLC
Conway	N/A	N/A	\$199,000	Peter A. Donohoe and M. Lynn Lyman	Wldg. Holdings LLC
Eaton	Brownfield Road	N/A	\$100,000	Jeffrey F. Hertel	Dow Construction LLC
Effingham	34 W. Range Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$360,000	Catherine Fraser	Kevin Michael and Patricia L. Jones
Freedom	23 Stoddard Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$449,000	Juanita Kim and Michael P. Rosa	John Krebs
Jackson	Carter Notch Road	N/A	\$275,000	Peter M. and Emily T. Benson	Robert A. Lefevre and Sarah S. Allen
Madison	27 Little Shore Dr.	Residential Open Land	\$445,000	Borchers Fiscal Trust Of 2014 and Rosemary A. Borchers	Francis A. Murphy
Madison	29 Little Shore Dr.	Single-Family Residence	\$445,000	Borchers Of Fiscal Trust 2014 and Rosemary A. Borchers	Francis A. Murphy
Madison	748 Plains Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$500,000	Ronald N. and Joanne Ducharme	Andrew J. and Kelly Travis
New Durham	Jenkins Road	N/A	\$120,000	Vaughn D. Glidden	Bruce Tardiff
New Durham	N/A (Lot 13)	N/A	\$250,000	Robert S. Kowalski, Jr.	Paul F. Kowalski
Ossipee	E. Side Blvd.	N/A	\$320,000	Reynaldo L. Rincon	The Enterprises LLC
Ossipee	N/A	N/A	\$1,900,000	Hannelore Tandon	Noci Property Management LLC
Tuftonboro	29 Edge O Lake Dr.	Mobile Home	\$430,000	A. & Roberto Fuerte LT	Susan and Brian Blanchette
Tuftonboro	Ledge Hill Road	N/A	\$540,000	Robert A. and Kathleen D. Edwards	Ryan Patrick Fries and Eliza Browne
Tuftonboro	NH Route Unit 109A	N/A	\$540,000	Robert A. and Kathleen D. Edwards	Ryan Patrick Fries and Eliza Browne
Tuftonboro	Sodom Road	N/A	\$250,000	Linda M. Cheney Estate and Clemmie B. Merrow	Joshua M. and Kaitlyn Hayman
Tuftonboro	78 Union Wharf Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$905,000	Robert G. Ciccarelli	Michael R. and Tracey L. Skinner
Wakefield	Canal Road	N/A	\$100,000	Tyler S. Royle	Russell Ward
Wakefield	N/A (Lot 3)	N/A	\$475,000	Ellis Fiscal Trust and Linda L. Ellis	Diane and Julie Gniadek
Wolfeboro	39 Beach Pond Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$540,000	Cathleen R. Lapierre and Howard Williams	Keelie and Joseph Rogers
Wolfeboro	36 Blueberry Hill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$862,000	Dragon INT and Susan Hatfield	Edward J. and Ellen M. Dennehy
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CENTER

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Wolfeboro Community Center.

One year ago, on Oct. 15, 2025, Geordy Hutchinson, owner of Yankee Pedlar Real

Estate, and architect Tony Fallon presented architectural renderings for the necessary

renovations to the Wolfeboro Community Center to bring the facility up to code. The

Community Center was thought to have multiple safety issues. However,

professional air quality and structural integrity tests found that the building was sound, mold free, and even square and plumb after all these years. Having held three fire engines in its previous life, the Wolfeboro Community Center still has “good bones.” The neglected interior and exterior maintenance made the Community Center appear much worse than it was.

In late October of 2025, the minimal asbestos found in the horn tower’s caulking around its windows, under the floor in one of the two bathrooms, and in the paint under the kitchen sink was

removed. Now it was just a matter of raising the required private funding to make the renovation a reality. And that has been accomplished because of the amazing response from the Wolfeboro community with incredibly generous donations by individuals, families, businesses and private foundations.

The Friends of the Old Firehouse Wolfeboro Community Center was created and approved on July 23 by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501 (c) (3) public charity. The mission of the Friends of the Old Firehouse Wolfeboro Com-

munity Center is to engage in and otherwise promote the history, renovation, maintenance, community use, and support of the Old Firehouse Wolfeboro Community Center. This new nonprofit organization will continue to raise funds to address the landscaping, new furniture, decorating, and outfitting the new kitchen.

The Wolfeboro Community Center, a stand-alone facility, is the perfect size for so many community and family gatherings. Once

more, the renovated facility will be available for birthday parties, wedding and baby showers, potluck suppers, senior activities, club meetings, quilting, crafts, exercise, & dance classes. Its location is perfect for a walk downtown to shop, to enjoy Wolfeboro’s restaurants, or for a stroll along the Bay. The many volunteers working behind the scene on this project thank everyone for their generosity and continued support.

“It is imperative that folks come to the Select Board meeting on Oct. 21,

6 p.m. at the Wolfeboro Town Hall to show your support for the Community Center renovation,” said Susan Bunting of the Friends group. “The required private funding for the complete structural renovation has been realized, the architectural plans have been approved, and a construction company has been selected and is ready to go. Your presence will prompt the Wolfeboro Select Board to vote yes to begin the renovations immediately.”

TOUR

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a portion of tour proceeds to End 68 Hours of Hunger, a local nonprofit that fights food insecurity by providing meals to school children who might otherwise go without over the weekend.

“This event is a labor of love for all of us,” said Ostendorf. “We’ve proudly supported End 68 Hours of Hunger for years and have raised thousands of dollars to help children and families in our local communities. It’s incredibly rewarding to know that the joy we spread during the holiday season also helps feed kids who need it most.”

How to attend The best way to enjoy the tour is by reserving a VIP Lodging Package directly from a participating inn. Packages include:

- Two nights’ accommodations
- Two Cookie Tour tickets (\$70 value)
- The 2026 Holiday Recipe Cookbook
- Keepsake ornament

Entry to win a \$250 getaway gift certificate

Some packages also include sleigh rides, dinners, or seasonal extras. One-night packages are limited. For details, visit: www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com/reserve-your-cookie-tour-package-now

Single-day tickets A limited number of single-day tickets for those not staying at an inn. They will be available online starting the Monday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 30, for \$35 per person: cookie tour.square.site.

A taste of what’s to come Last year’s cookie lineup featured guest favorites like Cherry Almond Shortbread, Espresso Brickle Drop Cookies, Bailey’s Hot Chocolate Bars, and Eggnog Pecan Sandies. The 2026 tour promises even more creative confections—and some new savory surprises.

Celebrate the season in sweet style Whether you’re a first-time visitor or a longtime fan of

the Cookie Tour, 2026 offers more ways than ever to experience the magic. Tickets sell out quickly, so plan your getaway now and make the Inn to Inn Cookie Tour part of your holiday tradition.

For full details, participating inns, and lodging packages, visit www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com.

MARKET

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Mill’s creative spaces, watch live demonstrations in stained glass, jewelry making, blacksmithing, and electronics, and join building tours to get a closer look at the shops, tools, and opportunities available to the community.

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

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

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

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

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Nocturnal rodent

5. Requesting

11. Give temporarily

12. Frivolousness

16. Military arm

17. “Westworld” actor Harris

18. Persian Gulf port city

19. Air hostesses

24. Partner to “Pa”

25. Percussion instrument

26. Raincoats

27. Lower the light

28. Asian mountain range

29. Every one of two or more

30. Lack of difficulty

31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage

33. Reduces in size

34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman

39. A French river

40. Prehistoric people

43. Messenger ribonucleic acid

44. “Layla” singer Clapton

45. Ancient Greek sophist

49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

50. “Top Gun: Maverick” actor Powell

51. A way to disentangle

53. Atomic #93

54. Manifesting approval

56. Indigo bush

58. Larry and Curly’s pal

59. Off-Broadway theater award

60. Fencers

63. Masses of fish eggs

64. Passerine birds

65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless part of blood

2. Of a main artery

3. Photog’s tool

4. Blues Traveler hit “But __”

5. Grew older

6. Not the leader

7. __ Lang: country singer

8. A driver’s license is one

9. Nests of pheasants

10. Antelopes

13. One quintillion bytes

14. Japanese lute

15. A type of cat

20. It cools your home

21. Dorm official

22. Pouches

23. German trigraph

27. Form of Persian

29. __ route

30. Upper body part

31. Bridge building degree

32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee

34. Edible nuts

35. Front part of a quadruped

36. Locate

37. Geological time

38. Of I

40. Northern Utah city

41. They work in the trenches

42. Hammer is one

44. Tall deciduous tree

45. Performers

46. Slang for mistake

47. More open

48. Most slick

50. Provokes

51. Home of the NCAA’s Flyers

52. Sodium

54. Large fish of the mackerel family

55. Not one

57. __ and behold

61. Atomic #21

62. “The Great Lakes State”

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Granite State Adaptive invites community to open house celebrating new indoor Adaptive Equestrian Center

WOLFEBORO — Granite State Adaptive invites the community to its Open House on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its facility, located at 7 Jennifer Circle, offering guests an opportunity to meet the organization’s therapy horses, staff, and volunteers, tour its new state-of-the-art indoor adaptive equestrian center, and learn more about the programs that help make equestrian activities accessible to people with disabilities.

Visitors can meet Granite State Adaptive’s beloved herd of therapy horses and see firsthand how these special animals support adaptive programming. Guests can also tour the organization’s new indoor equestrian center, designed to provide a comfortable, accessible, and year-round environment for adaptive riding and related activities.

The Open House is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

Community members, families, supporters, and anyone interested in learning more about adaptive equestrian activities are warmly invited to attend.

For more information about Granite State Adaptive and its programs, visit www.gsadaptivesports.org.

About Granite State Adaptive

Mission: Empowering individuals, especially those with disabilities, at-risk youth, and Veterans, to develop independence, confidence, life skills and fitness through adaptive sports, therapy, training and recreation – sustained by community engagement.

Through specialized instruction, dedicated staff and volunteers, and the partnership between horse and rider, Granite State Adaptive creates opportunities to experience the benefits and joy of equestrian activities.

Tin Mountain hosts Halloween Hoots program for all ages

ALBANY — Tin Mountain Conservation Center welcomes back by popular demand, Halloween Hoots Program on Saturday, Oct. 24, starting at 5 p.m., with staggered start times at Tin Mountain Nature Learning Center in Albany.

Halloween Hoots will feature fun and learning for all ages with guided walks on the Accessible Nature Trail surrounded by lit pumpkins with stations along the way. Short natural history skits on a variety of non-scary topics will delight everyone under the evening sky. Halloween Hoots is a favorite fall tradition with a twist on learning for everyone.

This event is for people of all ages and the walks will end by the outdoor fireplace followed by cider and snacks. Come immerse yourself in nature and enjoy the skits while strolling past carved pumpkins lighting up the night sky trail.

Tickets are available at tinmountain.org and space is limited. Special member only ticket sales from Oct. 1 to Oct. 3, then non-member sales until we are sold out. \$20 per person or \$45 per household.

To learn more about Tin Mountain, its programs, camps, research projects, events and staff visit tinmountain.org. Nature – There’s No Better Classroom!

For Advertising Information
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The Hikers to hold Fall Rummage Sale

TUFTONBORO — The Hikers’ Fall Rummage Sale will take place at the Willing Workers Hall on Route 109 in Melvin Village on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a great time to spruce up your winter wardrobe and find treasures to decorate your home for the coming season. Donation drop-off will be on Friday, Oct. 16, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Willing Workers Hall. We welcome clean fall and winter clothing for women, men, and children, as well as bedding, linens, costume jewelry, footwear, kitchen items, books, games, small appliances, and household items. Please note that we cannot accept computer electronics, large furniture, or large workout equipment.

About The Hikers

Hikers business meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. at the Tuftonboro Free Library, and program meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend. Although based in Tuftonboro, our membership includes residents from surrounding towns.

If you are interested in joining The Hikers—a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising money for scholarships and local charities—please contact Jill Cromwell at schlichtercromwell@gmail.com or 603-677-6724. You can also find us on Facebook at «The Hikers.»

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held at 7:00PM on Wednesday October 21, 2026 concerning:

- #1 Barrie Stokes continued from October 7, 2026.
- #2 American Youth Foundation, 34-1-2 for a variance concerning section 3.7.4 of the zoning ordinance.

Applicant proposes to build two year round staff houses on property located at 147 Canaan Rd. in the OSF zone.

Alicia Gettman, Chairman,
Board of Adjustment

TOWN OF TUFTONBORO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

You are hereby notified that the appeal of:

Case # 622, Barrie Stokes has been continued to September 21st, 2026.

Case # 623 Winni Shaughnessy Realty Trust for a variance regarding section 4.2 of the zoning ordinance has been granted by affirmative vote of at least 3 members of the board of adjustment.

Alicia Gettman
October 7, 2026

Note; Any party to the action or any person directly affected has the right to appeal this decision, you must act within thirty days of the date of this notice. See NH RSA Chapter 677.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH SUPERIOR COURT

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE Superior Court Rule 4(d)

Case Name: **Chantelle M. Friedman v Ronald G. Hooper as Trustee of the Ronald G. Hooper 2000 Trust; 137 Brown Road, LLC; Brian A. Sacramone; Peter Lagarde, Jeannette A. Lagarde; Joyce E. Brown as Trustee of the Brown Road Realty Trust; Isaac H. Brown and the Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest or Estate in and to the Subject Matter of This Action**

Case Number: 212-2026-CV-00275
Date Complaint Filed: September 14, 2026

A Complaint to Quiet Title to a certain tract of land with any attached buildings located in Tuftonboro, in the State of New Hampshire has been filed with this court. The property is described as follows:

Tuftonboro Tax Map 69, Lot 3-1 and Map 69, Lot 1-2
The Court ORDERS:
Chantelle M. Friedman shall give notice to The Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest or Estate in and to the Subject Matter of this Action of this action by publishing a verified copy of this Citation for Publication once a week for three successive weeks in the Union Leader and Granite State News, a newspaper of general circulation. The last publication shall be on or before November 12, 2026.

Also, **ON OR BEFORE**

30 days after the last publication
The Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest or Estate in and to the Subject Matter of this Action shall electronically file an Appearance and Answer or responsive pleading with this court. A copy of the Appearance and Answer or other responsive pleading must be sent electronically to the party/parties listed below.

December 03, 2026
Chantelle M. Friedman shall electronically file the Return of Publication with this Court. Failure to do so may result in this action being dismissed without further notice.

Notice to The Unknown Persons Who Claim Any Interest or Estate in and to the Subject Matter of this Action: If you are working with an attorney, they will guide you on the next steps. If you are going to represent yourself in this action, go to the court’s website: www.courts.state.nh.us, select the Electronic Services icon and then select the option for a self-represented party. Complete the registration/log in process then select “I am filing into an existing case”. Enter the case number above and click Next. Follow the instructions to complete your filing.

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September 28, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Abigail Albee
Clerk of Court

LEGAL PROBATE NOTICE
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
3rd Circuit - Probate Division - Ossipee
9/25/2026 THRU 10/8/2026
APPOINTMENT OF FIDUCIARIES
Notice is hereby given that the following fiduciaries have been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for Carroll County. All persons having claims against these decedents are requested to exhibit them for adjustment and all indebted to make payment.

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Dubuc, Elaine Ann, late of Ossipee, NH. Suzanne M. Piper, PO Box 14, Mirror Lake, NH 03853. #312-2026-ET-00361

Ewell, Richard James, late of Chocorua, NH. Geoffrey Richard Ewell, 36 Orchard Hill Dr., Plymouth, MA 02360. Larry K Haynes, Resident Agent, 27 Boulder Hill RD, Weare, NH 03281. #312-2026-ET-00275

Pryce, Barbara Alice, late of North Sandwich, NH. Elizabeth Wilcox Jacobson, PO Box 109, Ctr Sandwich, NH 03227. #312-2026-ET-00348

Robbins, Michael, late of Brookline, MA. Helen A.R. Robbins, 5510 N. Sheridan, Apt. 5B, Chicago, IL 60640. Letitia Robbins Mollwraith, 28 Manchester Road, Brookline, MA 02446. Mark B. Bartram, ESQ, Resident Agent, Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green PA, PO Box 3701, Manchester, NH 03105-3701. #312-2026-ET-00368

Roessiger, Peter Dorian, late of Wolfeboro, NH. C. Leigh Roessiger, 265 Stoddard Road, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. #312-2026-ET-00075

Zuccarelli, Sarah W, late of Center Sandwich, NH. Lynn Z Austin, 58 Crawley Falls Rd., Brentwood, NH 03833. #312-2026-ET-00295

Dated: 10/9/2026

Public Hearing Notice Updated Regional Master Plan Lakes Region Planning Commission

In accordance with NH RSA 36:47: III, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) has prepared a 2026 update to the Regional Master Plan for the Lakes Region of New Hampshire and is holding a public comment period from October 16, 2026, to November 16, 2026.

Following the public comment period, LRPC will hold a public hearing to review comments, solicit final public feedback, and consider adoption of the newly updated 2026 Regional Master Plan update. The public hearing has been scheduled for November 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Gilford Public Library, 31 Potter Hill Road, Gilford, NH.

The 2026 Regional Master Plan update may be viewed on the LRPC website: <https://lakesrpc.nh.gov>. Hard copies are available for review at the LRPC office located at 103 Main Street, Meredith, NH.

Written comments may be submitted until midnight on November 16, 2026, by email execadmin@lakesrpc.nh.gov or postmarked via US mail to LRPC, 103 Main Street, Suite #3, Meredith, NH 03253.

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