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Steady call volume, new paramedics among Gilford FD updates

BY ERIN PLUMMER

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GILFORD — The number of incidents the Gilford Fire Department has responded to this year has remained near level with the year before according to a report from the fire chief. The department has also been getting more people trained as paramedics and on equipment and working on equipment.

Fire Chief Steve Carrier gave the selectmen an update on his department during the Oct. 9 meeting.

Activity levels are about the same this year compared to the same time last year.

Carrier said by the end of this September the department has responded to 1,437 incidents. April and June were "record high months" because of the big storm in April and an "unusually active" June. Overall this year, the department responded to seven more incidents than last year.

Crews at Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion were also busy this year. Carrier said they had 444 patient contacts, which he said is an average number. This season, 24 people were transported to the hospital, an amount that went down from last year.

The department will soon have a fourth paramedic, allowing them to assign paramedics to each shift. Firefighter Lachlan Plache finished his paramedic certification through Lakes Region Community College and when he is done his paramedic probationary period he will be put on a different shift.

"We can't really guarantee we have a paramedic on duty 24 hours, but we can guarantee we'll have one assigned to each shift at this point in time," carrier said.

Firefighter Brandon Flanagan is also working on his paramedic certification through a hybrid online and in-person program based out of Braintree, Mass., and will be the department's fifth paramedic once his training is done.

The department has been working with front end issues on its new ambulance and found a resolvable issue.

"Ever since it's been delivered, we've been having front tire problems; they just chew up the tires," Carrier said.

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New Durham poet named Grand Marshall of Portsmouth Halloween Parade



Mike Nelson of New Durham will serve as the Grand Marshall of this year's Portsmouth Halloween Parade.

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NEW DURHAM

—This year hundreds of revelers at the 29th annual Portsmouth Halloween Parade will march down the parade route following a New Durham-based poet. Mike Nelson has played integral roles in promoting poets and poetry in Portsmouth and across the state and this year he was named the Portsmouth Halloween Parade's Grand Marshall.

The Portsmouth Halloween Parade is a grassroots event that runs through downtown Portsmouth every Halloween Night and draws hundreds of participants every year. It is not funded or organized by the city and is run by a nonprofit organization. Anyone is welcome to join the parade at its line-up spot at Pierce Island or other parts of the route in any costume they wish and in any place.

This year's Grand Marshall is Mike Nelson, a former Portsmouth Poet Laureate who now

lives in New Durham and works on his own publishing company.

Nelson said one of the parade's organizers asked him if he would be interested in being the Grand Marshall this year. He said the organizers usually choose someone prominent in the community to serve that position. Last year's Grand Marshall was Penny Brewster, the owner of Ceres Street Bakery.

Nelson said it felt amazing to be chosen the Grand Marshall this year.

"It's an honor, that's the biggest part," he said. "It's an honor to be picked for this and it's a real acknowledgement of whatever I've been doing in the community, which in some ways you do things in a community and you're not looking for any grand recognition."

Nelson is originally from Hudson and said he fell in love with Portsmouth after going there for the first time in sixth

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PMHS celebrates "Good News" with monthly assembly

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ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School recognized the achievements of several students, student groups, and staff members during the first "Good News" assembly of the year.

Prospect Mountain High School held its first "Good News" assembly of the school year on Oct. 3.

Every month the

school holds an assembly where they celebrate different pieces of good news from around the school community, including student and club achievements. Students and staff can contribute to the list each month.

For more information and the presentation visit www.pmsau.org/o/pmhs/article/1810114.

The school's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club

has been busy going into the school year.

The club went to FBLA's National Leadership Conference June 29-July 2 and won a Gold Banner.

The club is also celebrating its 10th annual Prospect Pride: Cancer Awareness month, where they raise money and awareness about cancer and cancer prevention. The club will be holding a celebration

honoring cancer survivors on Oct. 24.

FBLA also took part in the Fall Leadership Workshop and Conference at the University of New Hampshire on Aug. 9, joining 500 students from across the state.

The PMHS Robotics Team BOB 319 wet to West Virginia for the West Virginia Robotics Extreme (WVROX) event on Aug. 2 & 3, a 36-hour endurance competi-

tion with 30 teams from across the country. The PMHS team won fifth in the competition.

A few individual students were recognized for their unique achievements in and out of school.

Keela Forsythe won a Gold Medal in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition with her drawing.

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Golden Eagles cruise past Newfound

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING

SPORTS EDITOR

BRISTOL — The powerhouse Gilford girls' soccer team journeyed to Bristol for a match with the young Newfound squad on Wednesday, Oct. 9, and the Golden Eagles returned home with the 10-0 win over the Bears.

"This was a game we came into knowing we had an advantage, so we discussed working on a few things," said Golden Eagle coach Rob Meyers. "The girls did a great job of working the ball around the field, opening up the defense and producing close-in opportunities."

Gilford started early, as Gracey LeBlanc scored on a corner kick just 1:33 into the game to give the Golden Eagles the 1-0 lead.

Macy Sawyer made a run in for the visitors,

with Newfound keeper Serenity Dinger getting out to make the grab. Isadora Robert had a good defensive stop for the Bears on a Clara Thompson run and Adara Glidden and Kate Braman made a strong defensive play on a centering pass from Sawyer. Thompson had a shot deflected wide of the net as well, which led to a Gilford corner, with LeBlanc heading the ball high. Thompson just missed connecting for another chance and Sawyer had a couple of bids denied by Dinger.

With 32:37 to go in the first half, Lianna Keenan finished off a Sawyer crossing pass to up the lead to 2-0. Aislyn Braley had a good clear for the Bears and Kendal Heyman had a nice cross to Thompson that went wide of the net. Anna Coapland had a shot for Gilford that Dinger

stopped and LeBlanc had a long direct kick chance. Sawyer sent a shot high and Molly Bureau had a good clear for the Bears.

Gilford had another corner kick cleared out and Coapland and

Sawyer teamed up on a chance that was stopped by Dinger. Sawyer sent a shot off the crossbar and also had a good cross. Newfound's Julia Reynolds made a run into the zone that LeBlanc was able to turn back and

Coapland went the other way for a chance that Leah McFarland was able to stop. Heyman had a chance go wide and Sawyer had a bid denied by Dinger.

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Gilford's Ava Wilson and Newfound's Kendal Untiet battle along the sidelines in action last Wednesday afternoon.

JOSHUA SPAULDING

“Bye Bye Birdie” coming to Village Players Theater in November



COURTESY

AJ O’Neil (Conrad Birdie) and Vivienne Dauphinais (Kim McAfee) rehearse a dance scene from “Bye Bye Birdie,” which opens Nov. 1 at Village Players Theater.

WOLFEBORO — Who doesn’t want to go back to a simpler time, back when bobby socks, poodle skirts and innocence were the norm? If that’s something that interests you, the Village Players Theater has just the performance for you.

Veteran Village Players director Kathleen Hill, ably assisted by Phoebe VanSchoy-Giessler, is bringing the classic musical “Bye Bye Birdie” to the Village Players stage the first two weekends in November. The show is filled with great music, a fun plot and lively dances as audiences are transported to 1950s

small-town America.

Teen heart-throb Conrad Birdie is about to be drafted into the Army, but before he leaves, he’s set to give one lucky fan one last kiss and a memorable send-off. Follow the teenagers and their parents as they navigate this big moment in their lives.

“Bye Bye Birdie” features a cast of Village Players veterans with a lot of new faces as well. AJ O’Neil, who made his Village Players debut in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” two years ago, stars as the titular Conrad Birdie, while Vivienne Dauphinais,

who starred as Amaryllis in the Village Players production of “The Music Man,” stars as Conrad’s love interest, Kim McAfee.

Other Village Players veterans in the show include Olivia Lee as Rosie Alvarez, David Morrison as Mr. McAfee, Kristen Sturtevant as Mae Peterson, Bob Tuttle as the Mayor, Joyce Wood as the Mayor’s wife and Kristi Nieman as Mrs.



Ray Mtimbiri (Hugo), David Morrison (Mr. McAfee), Brittany Frager (Mrs. McAfee) and Russell Carbone (Randolph) rehearse a scene from “Bye Bye Birdie,” which opens Nov. 1 at the Village Players Theater.

Newcomers in the cast include Russell Carbone as Randolph, Brittany Frager as Mrs. McAfee, Liam Frager as Albert, Ray Mtimbiri as Hugo, Natasha Kharitonov as Ursula and David Dauphinais as Charles Maude.

Adult ensemble veterans include Delina Bickford, Mary Foedermair, Janice Knepp, Philip Reilly, Corky Mork and

Kali Martin while the teen ensemble includes veterans Sydney Rohrbacher and Ava Roriston and newcomers Benjamin Tedcastle, Alex Matheson, Madeline Maimone, Cecilia Hamilton and Olivia Etchings.

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

LLC.

Performances are set for Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. at the Village Players Theater on Glendon Street in downtown Wolfeboro.

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

ABA Monthly Member Highlight: The Plush Pooch Pet Spa, LLC

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sits down with one of our amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work that they do in our communities. If you’re an ABA Member and would like to be considered for future Monthly Member Highlights, please reach out to us via email at info@altonbusinessassociation.com

Q: Tell us about your business?

A: At The Plush Pooch Pet Spa, we offer a range of luxurious grooming services for your furry friend. Our dedicated service providers ensure the utmost care and attention in a relaxing environment. We take pride in our services, and use some of the highest quality products in the industry and specialized techniques.

We believe in creating a safe space for your pets, one without fear or stress, in which we can form a basis of trust and understanding. A one on one session is personalized, where we will spend the allotted time with your pet, from start to finish, without interruptions or distractions. When you book an appointment at The Plush Pooch Pet Spa, you can be confident that your pet will be the priority.

Q: Tell us about yourself.

A: My name is Leia, Owner/Groomer at The Plush Pooch. We are a family owned business, and I personally have been grooming dogs & cats professionally since 2008, starting as a bathers before moving on as a grooming apprentice. When I’m not working, I

most likely am lavishing our 4 dogs and Savannah cat with belly rubs and all the love they can handle. I consider myself an old soul who has an affinity for the beauty of nature, and believes in the strong foundation of family.

Q: How did your business get started?

A: Being in the grooming business since 2008 and working for many different groomers I reached a point where I wanted my own shop. Our family discussed it and both my husband and daughter were all for it. My whole family works at the shop, and it is amazing!

Q: What has your relationship with the Alton Business Association done for you or your business?

A: The Alton Business Association (ABA) has been such a big help, answering the many questions that I have had on different things. My husband, Mark, does a lot of marketing and collaborating for the business and attends ABA meetings when he can. He has gained so much information and guidance through the ABA. It is so appreciated.

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: How caring, friendly, accepting and genuine everyone is.

Q: Why did you want to open your business in this community?

A: We live in Farmington, so not far away. Mark’s dad lived in Alton Bay for many years and he remembers how nice it was when he visited. Things just seemed like this community was meant to be. We looked at many properties that just didn’t have what we were looking for. Then this location appeared in our search one day and it was already pretty much a turn key location. Everything just seemed to come together for us in this community.

Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: Designing the shop to be a little unique. Most customers cant believe it when they walk in the door and see an actual Plush spa in a grooming salon.

Q: What does the future hold for you and your business?

A: Our goal is to grow and expand our business for many years. Hopefully within a couple of years we will be adding mobile grooming to our business. As I said everything is just a great fit here in Alton.

Q: What is one piece of advice you wish you had as a new business member?

A: Not being afraid to pursue your dreams.

Q: How can people who want to learn more about you or your business get in touch with you?

A: We are on all social media platforms (The Plush Pooch Pet Spa). Through our website, https://www.theplushpoochpetspanh.com. By phone 603-403-0017 call or text, or stop by the salon located at 166 Wolfeboro Hwy Unit #2, Alton, NH 03809. See you there! - Leia and Mark

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Trick or Treat Hours

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

After School Program- Oct. 24

On Early Release days at ACS Alton Parks and Recreation Staff will pick up participants, in grades 1-5, from school and walk together to the Pearson Road Community Center for an afternoon of fun. Activities include: themed games, coloring, crafts, snacks and more. \$5 per child. Future dates are Nov. 8 and Dec. 20. Pick up time at the Community Center is 3 p.m. Limited space, register today by contacting parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109.

Paint Pottery with Art Escape

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a paint your own pottery program on Wednesday, Nov. 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the Pearson Road Community Center with the Art Escape Ceramic Studio. Choose to paint a plate, mug or bowl; add it to your dinnerware collection or gift it to a loved one. Bring friends and family. We will send your masterpiece to the kiln, and have it ready to pick up at Alton Parks and Recreation on Nov. 15. \$25, register by Oct. 30. Registration forms available at www.alton.nh.gov. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 for more information.

Hit the Trail!- Hiking Program

Join hiker, Bonnie Dodge, for beginner hikes on Fridays at 10 a.m. This is a great opportunity for hesitant folks to discover the wonderful world of hiking. Bring water, comfortable walking shoes, and a snack. Hikes are held Fridays: Oct. 18- Cooper Cedar Woods (in New Durham); Oct. 25- Gilman Pond, and Nov. 1- Pine Mountain. Register by the Wednesday before the hike at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Program is free.

Line Dancing Lessons

Line dancing lessons with Jane are held on Thurs-

days now through Oct. 31: 1-1:30 p.m. for beginners, and 1:40-3 p.m. for experienced dancers at the Alton Bay Community Center. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome, \$10/season. Register on site.

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay- Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Alton Trails- All Star

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

Guided Meditation with Instructor Karen Khari-tonov

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Gilman Library are sponsoring a Guided Meditation Class on Thursdays: Oct. 24, Nov. 7 and Nov. 21 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Gilman Library, Agnes Thompson Meeting Room. Stop in and experience the positive state of meditation. The program is free, donations are greatly appreciated to support local charities.

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Boodey Farmstead Collaborative hosting Chili Benet Dinner

NEW DURHAM — The feel of autumn is in the air, and the season for comfort foods has arrived! Please join the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative for their Chili Benet Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Community Room, located at 4 Main St., behind the Fire Station. Dinner will be served from 4 to 6 p.m. Dining guests will have a choice of delicious homemade beef, chicken, vegetable, and venison chilis. All proceeds will support the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project. Take-out meals will be available. You will enjoy a delicious meal and support the Collaborative's 2024 fundraising goal. A win-win for everyone!

The Collaborative will share the successful outcome regarding the donor matching challenge, the progress to date for the project, and the plans for the near future. For additional information, please email President Catherine Orlowicz at president@zbfcnh.org or visit our Web site at www.zbfcnh.org. The Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Collaborative is a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise funds to support the reassembly, repurposing, and use of the Zechariah Boodey Farmstead Project by providing a vibrant social, cultural, historical, and economic centerpiece.

Masons hosting monthly breakfast buffet Sunday

ALTON — On Sunday, Oct. 20, the Masons of Winnipisaukee Lodge in Alton will hold their monthly Breakfast Buffet starting at 7:30 a.m., open to the public, at the Lodge on Route 28, a quarter mile south of the Alton Circle.

With fruit, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, omelets, bacon and sausage, home fries, beans, pancakes, french toast, coffee and juice being served, it is a perfect time for family and friends to sit down and enjoy an all you can eat breakfast buffet. Cost is \$12. The Masons serve breakfast between 7:30 and 11 a.m. They hope to see you there (always on the 3rd Sunday of the month). For more information about the breakfasts or Winnipisaukee Lodge, please contact Dave Cumming at 603-767-2057.



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Celebrating the spooky season

As the air turns crisp and the leaves crunch beneath your boots, there's something about this time of year that feels both cozy and a little eerie. Halloween is upon us, and with it comes the unmistakable pull of ghost stories, pumpkin carving, and a sense that maybe—just maybe—we aren't as alone as we think.

Halloween has roots that go way back, all the way to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. Imagine bonfires lighting up the dark, chilly night, with people in animal skins and masks, hoping to keep the spirits from noticing them. It was believed that the veil between the living and the dead was thin on Oct. 31, and the spirits were out and about. Fast-forward a few centuries, throw in some Irish immigrants bringing their traditions to America, and here we are—still dressing up, still feeling that touch of magic (and maybe fear) in the air.

But there's something special about Halloween here in New England. Maybe it's the old houses, some of which seem to creak with secrets of their own. Maybe it's the fog that rolls in just right, making everything feel like the opening scene of a ghost story. New England has been the setting for some of the most chilling tales—stories that seem to hang in the cool, still air this time of year.

Take the eerie tale of the "Lady in White" of Union Cemetery in Connecticut. Picture it: a moonlit night, and a woman in a flowing white dress wandering the cemetery's edge. She's been spotted by countless people over the years, always disappearing into the mist just as quickly as she appears. Then there's "Emily's Bridge" in Vermont, where the ghost of a heartbroken young woman is said to linger; her presence felt by those brave enough to walk the bridge at night. And here in New Hampshire, we have the haunting of the Mount Washington Hotel, where guests still report seeing the ghost of Carolyn Stickney, the original owner's wife. She's often spotted in Room 314, brushing her hair, or simply strolling the halls as if still watching over the grand hotel she loved.

But Halloween isn't just about the ghosts; it's about that cozy feeling that comes with the bright foliage and chilly air. There's something magical about this time of year. The world feels like it's slowing down, wrapping itself in the warm colors of fall—heavy sweaters, mugs of hot cider, the crackle of a fire. And yet, even as we snuggle in, we can't quite shake the feeling that we're sharing this season with something...otherworldly.

As you settle into the comforts of fall, don't forget to indulge in a few good ghost stories. Whether it's huddling around a bonfire or sitting by the fire with friends, these tales are as much a part of the season as the turning leaves. Maybe it's because they remind us that even in the coziest of moments, there's always a little bit of mystery in the air.

Enjoy your cider, carve your Jack O'Lanterns, and pull your sweater a little tighter, remember that you're part of something much bigger and older. And if you happen to catch a shadow out of the corner of your eye or feel a chilly breeze sneak in through the window, well, maybe that's just New England reminding you it's not just the living who love this time of year.



COURTESY

Thank you from the Lions

The Laconia-Gilford Lions Club would like to thank all those who came to our Electronic Waste Collection Day fundraiser on Saturday in the Cinemas 8 parking lot in Gilford. We are grateful for your support as are those in our communities who will be the recipients of the funds raised. Your patronage helps the Lions raise money for their good works such as eyesight and hearing programs, youth sports, local scholarships, food pantries, other local charitable organizations and much more. Special thanks to WJP Development, LLC for allowing us to use their parking lot at the Cinemas 8 Plaza in Gilford.

Letters to the Editor

Is Pappas aware of Planned Parenthood's roots?

To the Editor:

I recently received a mailing from the NH Democratic Party proudly announcing that Chris Pappas is endorsed by Planned Parenthood-Planned Parenthood Action Fund to be specific. It seems that the NH Democrat Party is joined at the hip with Planned Parenthood. To be fair, there are plenty of Republicans that support Planned Parenthood from its first treasurer Prescott Bush to Nelson Rockefeller to Mitt Romney just to mention a few. This dishonest mailing tells us that Chris "believes women should make their own health care decisions, not politicians." But failed to mention that Chris supports the millions of taxpayer dollars the U.S. government gives to Planned Parenthood to help a woman make her choice. Chris certainly didn't support a "woman's health care decision" when it came to the Covid vaccines.

I placed a call to Chris' D.C. office to inquire if Chris has knowledge of the racist and Nazi roots of the organization. The staffer claimed not to know anything about Chris and his connection to Planned Parenthood. So, I told her.

Margaret Sanger founded Planned Parenthood. In 1939, she launched the infamous "Negro Project," which opened birth control clinics in a number of Black communities in the South. Sanger had a less than charitable view of Blacks and other non-Whites. She considered them "defective weeds." She had a special hatred of Christianity, and in particular, the Catholic Church. She was a supporter of forced sterilization, something in style with the

elite of the day. Forced sterilizations, conducted in numerous states including New Hampshire, became unfashionable when word got out that the Nazis adopted their sterilization project from the U.S. Sanger died in 1966, but not before the first annual Margaret Sanger Award was presented to both Martin Luther King and Lyndon Johnson. Hillary Clinton was also a proud recipient of the award. She is one of Sanger's many apologists.

I asked Chris' staffer to have him contact me and let me know if he knew of Planned Parenthood's racist and Nazi roots. I won't hold my breath. But I do encourage voters in the area to call his office and ask him to officially renounce this racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-Christian organization. His D.C. office number is 202-225-5456

I have done my research on this subject, including visiting Harvard University's Medical School Library, which houses the papers of Dr. Clarence Gamble where I found and published the correspondence between Gamble and Sanger. It included letters about the "Negro Project" who funded it, and where it was being implemented. The U.S. Government's National Institute of Health has a scholarship program named after the man who funded the "Negro Project." Readers who would like a free PDF version of my book "The Racist Roots of Planned Parenthood And Its Legacy of Death," may get one by e-mailing me at campconstitution1@gmail.com.

Hal Shurtleff
Alton

Harris/ Walz will continue to grow the economy

To the Editor:

Thanks to Biden, the economy is doing better than you may think and it is going to get a lot better. The good news is that wages have risen faster than prices, so we are in a better place than we were before, but only slightly. People see that and don't feel like they are getting ahead, but because of Biden and Harris, we're moving in the right direction.

Biden/Harris put the following building blocks in place to build our economy from the bottom up. The American Rescue Plan jumpstarted our economy with a national vaccination campaign and safely reopening America's schools. Remember the pandemic Biden inherited? The CHIPS Act is bringing back manufacturing from overseas and creating good-paying union jobs here at home. The Infrastructure Law is rebuilding our nation's roads and bridges, upgrading our public transit, cleaning up pollution, and

providing high-speed internet to every American. The Inflation Reduction Act is bringing down costs for families, lowering prescription drug prices, and making historic investments in American clean energy jobs and manufacturing. And it's working! Our inflation rate is now back to 2.5%.

Vice President Harris has pledged "to create an opportunity economy with the freedom not just to get by, but get ahead." Harris promises: decreased taxes for middle class Americans, stop price-gouging on groceries, \$25,000 for first-time home buyers and \$50,000 for new businesses, provide affordable child, long-term care and education, make rent more affordable and more.

Vote for Harris/Walz to keep our economy growing.

Jay Newton
Gilford

Where is the concern for children in need?

To the Editor:

As a candidate for state representative from Alton and Barnstead, I want to let voters know how my views on various issues differ from those of the three incumbents I am running against. One major difference concerns support for our local schools and students.

I strongly oppose the voucher program that diverts our local property tax revenues away from our public schools in favor of subsidizing private and religious school education. All parents should have the right to educate their children privately, but the rest of the community should not have to foot the bills for

specialized treatment.

In 2024 alone, the New Hampshire voucher program siphoned off \$28 million from public education to support the private school initiative. And, to anyone thinking that the voucher program primarily benefits needy students, it does not. The vast majority of voucher recipients were already enrolled in private schools. Income eligibility is currently set at 350 percent of the federal poverty level. Our three current representatives actually voted to increase that to 500 percent. To make matters worse, once the initial application for subsidy is approved, it remains in place for the future. Those wealthy parents who have been sending their child to a fancy private school continue to get the state handout over the years ... even if they win the lottery!

These same three incumbents for whom sky's the limit when it comes to subsidizing private schools refused to show similar generosity when it came to voting on meals for hungry children. House Bill 1212 would have raised the income eligibility for reduced-price lunches from 185 to 350 percent. Our three representatives decided that was an expense we could not afford. So the same representatives who wanted to raise private voucher eligibility from 350 to 500 percent of federal poverty level found the same 350 percent to be too high when it came to food assistance.

Where is the concern here for needy children? If I am elected, I will vote to have our tax dollars support our local schools and help needy schoolchildren instead of subsidizing private schools.

Ruth Larson
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50 years of high-powered sports

Gilford (Middle) High School at Fifty

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Gilford High School

Walking into Gilford High School's gymnasium, visitors have an immediate reaction to Gilford (Middle) High School's success: Gilford athletes have enjoyed quite a bit of it. The championship and runner-up banners covering wall space speak volumes. All told, in GMHS's fifty-year history, teams have recorded 114 state championships and 99 runners-up in state finals competition. That's an average of 2.28 championships a year during the school's history.

The numbers inspire awe when taken into full account of Gilford's fifty-year run. By the numbers, it breaks down as follows: Girls volleyball: 18 state championships, five runners-up. Boys soccer, 16 state championships, 11 runners-up. Boys tennis, 13 state championships, ten runners-up. Girls Alpine skiing, 12 state championships, 12 runners-up. Boys Alpine skiing, eight state championships, 11 runners-up. Boys track, six state championships, five runners-up. Boys basketball, five state championships, five runners-up. Girls tennis, five state championships, four runners-up. Girls track, four state championships, two runners-up. Field hockey, four state



Volleyball coach Joan Forge.

championships, one runner-up. Boys Nordic skiing, four state championships. Girls Nordic skiing, four state championships. Boys Cross Country, two state championships, seven runners-up. Softball, two state championships, 3 runners-up. Hockey, two state championships, two runners-up. Girls soccer, two state championships, one runner-up. Girls cross country, one state championship, seven runners-up. Baseball, one state championship, five runners-up. Unified soccer, one state championship. Golf, seven runners-up. Football, two runners-up. Boys lacrosse, one runner-up.

Gilford sports have enjoyed strong athletics coaching over those fifty years, and though many of its sports leaders are stars in their own right, there are two coaches in particular who are practically galaxies. Joan Forge and Dave

Pinkham were both recently inducted into the Gilford Sports Hall of Fame. Forge coached volleyball and softball from 1985 to 2021, while Pinkham coached soccer from 1977 to 2023 (and served as Athletic Director for 20 years).

Coach Dave Pinkham put Gilford soccer on the state and national map. Over 45 consecutive seasons (1977-2023), his teams reached the finals 27 times, ultimately capturing 16 championships and finishing as runners-up 11 times. Pinkham and his legacy of Gilford teams hold a top-ten place in nine national schoolboy soccer records. Gilford teams are #1 – winning percentage for a coach (Pinkham's 47 year coaching record: 729-81-37); #1 for games without a loss (133-1990-97); #1 - #4 for fewest goals allowed in a season (1, 2, 3, 4); #2 for most consecutive championships (10);



Soccer coach Dave Pinkham.

#2 for most consecutive games not shut out; #6 – most wins by an active coach; #7 (tie) for most consecutive wins (46-1992-1995); #9 for most state championships (16); and #10 – most wins by an individual coach. Coach Pinkham, for his excellence in coaching, was recognized as New Hampshire Coach of the Year nine times, and was named National Coach of the year in 2004 by the National Federation of State High Schools, and National Coach of the year in 2006 by the National High School Coaches Association. Needless to say, Pinkham's soccer teams own many of the state's records as well.

Joan Forge (1984-2017) built impressive records with two of Gilford's sports teams: volleyball and softball. Joan Forge is the winningest coach in the state of NH for both varsity volleyball and softball with 542 wins in volleyball and 557 wins in softball. Forge coached

at the high school level for 42 years and is currently in her 7th year of coaching volleyball at Plymouth State University, making this is her 49th season as a coach in New Hampshire.

With Joan Forge at the helm, Gilford won the state volleyball championship fifteen times with five runners-up finishes. Her teams combined for a 92-game winning streak over one particular stretch spanning different seasons. Forge's records are only part of her legacy: she has always earned the respect and admiration of her players, serving as a role model who instilled the importance of community service. Each year the volleyball team raises money for breast cancer research in memory of former Gilford player Amy Annis Colby and for all of the people in our lives affected by breast cancer. The current Gilford Volleyball program remains dedicated to this cause.

Coach Forge also made her mark in Gilford softball, guiding her teams to two state championships and two runners-up finishes. Her teams competed against incredibly strong opponents over the years, and the Gilford-Franklin softball games during her coaching tenure were near-legendary pitching and hitting battles. Ultimately, Coach Forge's success is not just measured in wins, championships, or trophies—her true legacy lies in the countless athletes she has inspired and mentored throughout her career, nurturing

and teaching players the values of hard work, perseverance, and integrity.

Ally Murphy, Class of 2007, has high praise for her former coach: "Coach Forge built more than just a volleyball powerhouse—she built a culture that taught her athletes how to be successful on the court and in life. She set high standards for her athletes, getting the best out of each player every day. While expecting nothing but the best, she allowed us to have fun, continue traditions, and enjoy time off the court with team bonding events. She went above and beyond while dedicating most of her free time to her team. It is no coincidence that her teams were always successful both on and off the court. The Gilford High School community was lucky to have a such well-rounded coach who truly wanted the best for her players."

Rick Acquilano, who followed Dave Pinkham in the role of Gilford's Athletic Director, knows all about GHS's athletic prowess: "When I was named the athletic director at Gilford High School nine years ago, someone commented to me, 'If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.' I replied, 'Exactly,' with a big smile on my face. It has been a highlight of my career to work with such a great team of coaches which obviously includes the likes of Dave Pinkham and Joan Forge. There are so many others who have contributed through the years and have legacies of their own. Gilford is a place where coaches can go to run top notch programs and athletics is celebrated throughout the community. The past players and coaches continue to show up at games and take an interest in the teams and the success they have. Here in Gilford, it is like the past is still connected to the future. I marvel at the camaraderie that exists."

Missing 411

Well, if you read my column last week, you'll know that for this Halloween season, I decided to venture into the Strange, Dark, and Mysterious—a bit of a departure from my usual focus on the positive. But I have to admit, I've always been intrigued by mysteries. And what better time than spooky season to dive into the things that freak me out?

Many of you will start looking for a logical explanation as soon as I bring up this topic. Our brains want to rationalize the strange and unusual. But sometimes, things defy explanation, and that's what drew me back to 2015 when I first heard David Paulides on "Coast to Coast AM" with George Noory.

Paulides, a former police officer turned researcher after his retirement. His focus? Missing person cases, often in the middle of nowhere and in our National Parks. As an avid hiker, I've been to many remote areas and forests, and I've only ever experienced their beauty. But according to Paulides, something else lurks in these wildernesses—a series of cases that are as baffling as they are unsettling.

Now, I know what you're thinking—people get lost, wander off the trail, or are attacked by wildlife. And while these situations happen, a subset of missing person cases don't fit those typical explanations.

In his "Missing 411" series, Paulides doesn't speculate or offer wild theories. He presents the facts—just like a detective—and leaves the conclusions up to the reader. His work is compelling because he doesn't rush to label any disappearance as a "Missing 411" case. A specific set of criteria must be met before

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a case qualifies.

These are the disappearances where people seem to vanish without a trace—no signs of a struggle, no evidence of an attack, no clues. Search and rescue teams comb the area, and dogs are brought in—but in some of these cases, the dogs refuse to track the scent.

One case that stands out for its oddness is the story of Keith Parkins, a two-year-old boy who disappeared on April 10th, 1952, near his grandfather's cattle ranch in Ritter, Ore. Keith was playing outside with his older brothers near a barn when he suddenly vanished. A frantic search began when his mother realized Keith hadn't returned for lunch with his brothers. The conditions were cold, with snow patches still on the ground.

Initially, locals and family members searched, quickly spreading out in a line, covering as much ground as possible. As the day wore on, the search grew larger,

and by nightfall, more than 200 people were involved, combing the area in hopes of finding the boy. Despite the cold and rough terrain, they were confident they'd see him nearby. But the search dragged on through the night, with no sign of Keith.

Then, at around 7 a.m. the next morning, searchers found footprints three miles away, walking through a herd of cattle—one set of footprints. Hours later, a searcher found Keith 12 miles away in Skull Canyon, lying face down in the snow, his hat and coat beside him. Remarkably, he was alive but suffering from exposure, unable to move because his body was stiff from the cold. His face was covered in scratches, and his clothing was torn. Keith made a full recovery, but his case left many unanswered questions. How did a two-year-old travel 12 miles in freezing temperatures overnight without shoes, food, or water? Yet, against all odds, he survived. I have a hard time believing he could do

this without help from someone or something.


se has a happy ending—Keith was found alive—but he was two years old, and two-year-olds don't walk 12 miles, especially barefoot in the snow.

Parkins' case isn't an isolated incident. There are hundreds of cases that are even stranger and far more terrifying.

Mysteriously, these cases often occur in clusters—specific locations where disappearances appear more frequently. The patterns suggest that something strange is at play in these regions, though no one has been able to pinpoint a solid explanation.

The forests, mountains, and wilderness may hold more mysteries than we care to admit. So, as you carve pumpkins, watch scary movies, and enjoy Halloween, understand that real-life mysteries can be far more frightening than any old ghost story.

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Thursday, Oct. 17
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Playdough Playtime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Homeschool Club, noon-1:30 p.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Book Discussion: A Council of Dolls, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

This month's book is "A Council of Dolls" by Susan Power. Led by Molly; books are available at the front desk.

The NH Presidential Primary - A Lighthearted Look at the Longshots, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

What do Billy Joe Clegg, Vermin Supreme, Russell Farnwall and Caroline "The Hemp Lady" Killeen have in common with Joe Biden, Donald Trump, Barack Obama and George W. Bush? They've all been on the New Hampshire Presidential Primary ballot. They, and hundreds of others! While voters in the rest of the country choose between two or three candidates in their presidential primaries, New Hampshire voters regularly see ballots that list dozens of candidates. Those candidates push a social cause, feel a religious calling, promote a personal comedy career or just want people to listen to their

ideas on how to run (or not run) the country.

Friday, Oct. 18
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Heart 'n Soul Chair Yoga, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Hand & Foot, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Beginner Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 21
Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Mahjong, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 22
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.

Geri Fit, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

T(w)een RPG Sessions, 3-4:30 p.m.

Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

S.T.O.P. to Go: How a Woman in Mid-Life Conquered Her Fear and 48 Peaks, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Newly liberated after

ending her toxic 25-year marriage to a controlling husband, Linda gradually regained her independence and rediscovered her love of hiking in the White Mountains. She set a goal to climb all 48 of New Hampshire's 4,000-foot and higher peaks. With every upward stride, Linda cautiously rebuilt her life. "Live Free and Hike" is a candid and humorous story of a woman's transition from a place of pain and anger to one of healing, resilience, and grace - one mountain summit at a time.

Wednesday, Oct. 23
Senior Stretch Yoga, 9-10 a.m.

Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon

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

Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Chess Group, 1-3 p.m.

T(w)een Early Release: S'MORES!, 1-2 p.m.

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fires and make up a yummy treat.

Elementary Early Release: October Party!, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Kick off Halloween with donut-on-a-string competitions, games, & crafts!

Thursday, Oct. 24
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.

French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Allagash - New England's Wild River, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Allagash-New England's Wild River: Narrated by author and humorist Tim Caverly; the show includes music as well as scenic and historic photos from our 'northern forest.' Spectators will virtually canoe the world-famous river; discover forgotten logging history and learn about Native American archaeology. Hear firsthand about the lore, legends, and characters that Tim experienced during his 32-years while a Maine Park Ranger.

Gilford Public Library Top Ten Requests

1. "Framed" by John Grisham
2. "An Eye for an Eye" by Jeffrey Archer
3. "One Day I'll Grow Up and Be a Beautiful Woman" By Abi Maxwell
4. "By Any Other Name" by Jodi Picoult
5. "Passions in Death" by J.D. Robb
6. "The Women" by Kristin Hannah
7. "Tell Me Everything" by Elizabeth Strout
8. "Safe Enough" by Lee Child
9. "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon
10. "Swan Song" by Elin Hilderbrand



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ALTON – As an adult, some of our favorite memories are of Halloween nights. If you think back, you'll probably remember some of the spooky creations we put together. Depending on your age, your costume was probably not bought from the store, but hung or packed away in the attic or basement. Pumpkins were carved

and candles placed inside to lure you to the porch and doorbell. Back then your picture wasn't being taken and showing up on the computer. Neighbors would guess which witch or goblin was jumping up and down shouting "Trick or Treat!" And, hopefully, you didn't throw the pumpkins in the street! On Tuesday, Oct. 22 at

1:30 p.m., Garden Club members will be transported back to their childhood memories when they enter "Narnia." One of our very talented Garden Club members has re-created the scenes in her large barn. From floor to ceiling, on walls and shelves, you'll see bats, ghouls, goblins, witches, brooms, cobwebs, spiders, and all things "Narnia." This annual event is a favorite of the season. We are in awe of the energy and love put into our Halloween meeting, with Michelle's creativity and inspiration shown in the enchanting scenes. Our program will be presented by another talented member, Joan Blackwood. She will show us how to "Preserve Fall Colors." To complete

the theme, we'll have a delicious selection of Halloween treats. If you've ever wondered why our members enjoy Alton Garden Club so much, this is a wonderful meeting to attend.

For information on the meeting place and directions, please call Peggy McKinney at 603-776-6032. Our meetings are open to the public, and your membership is welcomed. Take a

few minutes to check out our website: Altongardenclub.com.

Oh! And wishing you all a "Happy Halloween!" and remember, "If the broom fits, fly it!"

Seniors can have smoke, CO detectors checked on Senior Safety Day

BY ERIN PLUMMER
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GILFORD — The Gilford Fire-Rescue Department is offering to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for local seniors during Senior Safety Day coming up on Nov. 2.

The department has been spreading the word on the coming event through flyers, social media, and other means. Fire Chief Steve Carrier updated the selectmen on the event while giving an update on his department during the Oct. 9 meeting.

Carrier said that week, Oct. 6-12, was National Fire Prevention Week with the theme of "Make Smoke Alarms Work for You." Carrier said this is a message they will carry over for Senior Safety Day.

On Nov. 2, members of the fire department will go to the homes of over 150 seniors and to test their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If necessary they will change the batteries and the detectors themselves.

"We even have donations of smoke detectors we can install if the detectors are over 10 years old," Carrier said. "Any detector over 10 years old the recommendation is to replace it."

The fire department received donations of new smoke detectors and batteries for the event.

Carrier said seniors can receive this service by contacting the department and signing up to have their smoke detectors checked. He said they have been working on advertising Senior Safety Day and getting the word out so people know when it's going on.

Carrier said different stores have donated batteries and smoke detectors in past years. This year they got donations from the Gilford Lowes, though were receiving less this year because of a previous donation. Two years ago they received a donation of smoke detectors from Kidde, the detectors' manufacturer.

Members of the board said this is an important event and asked how the word could be spread further.

Senior Safety Day will go on Nov. 2 from 8 a.m.-noon. Anyone interested in being part of the event can sign up with the fire department by calling 603-527-4758 to get on the list.



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Paul Terry



Peter Varney

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2. Leader of the attacks against Gunstock in recent years

3. No show for over two years at county meetings to decide county budget

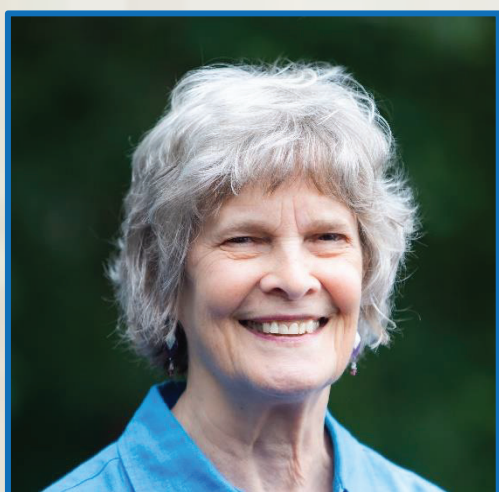
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- 1 Right: A good start
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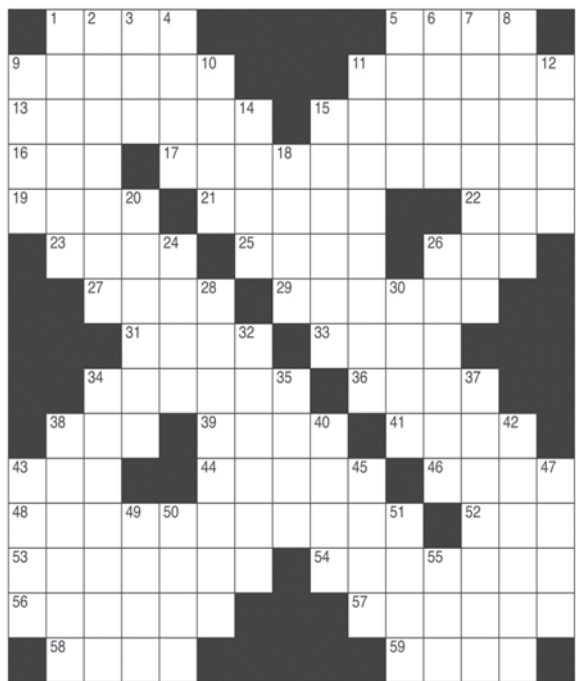
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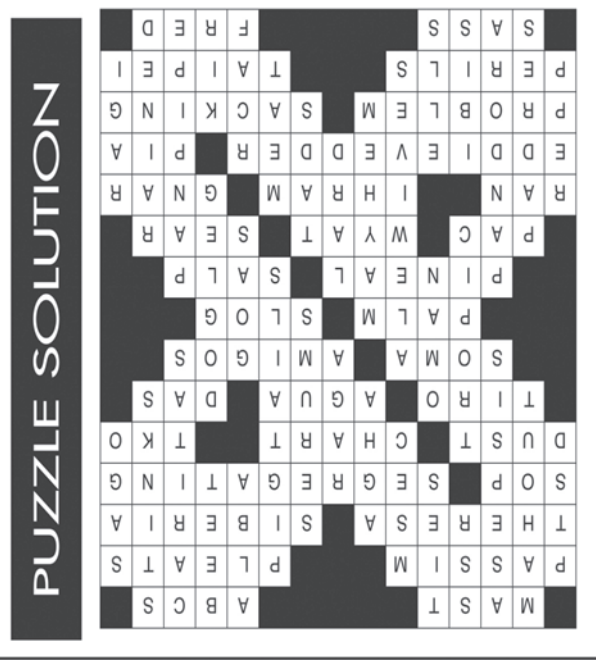


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Tall, upright post on a boat
- 5. Basics
- 9. Used to refer to cited works
- 11. Folds
- 13. Former UK PM May
- 15. Cold region of Russia
- 16. Standard operating procedure
- 17. Separating
- 19. Particles
- 21. A way to map out
- 22. Referee declares
- 23. Beginner
- 25. Water (Spanish)
- 26. Gov't lawyers
- 27. Non-reproductive parts of an organism
- 29. Spanish friends
- 31. A type of tree
- 33. Walk heavily
- 34. About a wood
- 36. Free-swimming marine invertebrate
- 38. Political action committee
- 39. SB19 hit song
- 41. Scorch the surface of
- 43. Moved quickly on foot
- 44. Sacred state for a Muslim
- 46. Growl
- 48. Pearl Jam frontman
- 52. Irritating person
- 53. Something requiring a solution
- 54. Firing
- 56. Hazards
- 57. Taiwan capital
- 58. Impudence
- 59. Rock frontman Durst

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One who rides an elephant
- 2. Absence of bacteria
- 3. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 4. Men's fashion accessories
- 5. "Honey" actress Jessica
- 6. Round red root vegetable
- 7. Latin term for "charity"
- 8. Doesn't smell good
- 9. Mental health issue
- 10. Millisecond
- 11. Hairstyle
- 12. Edible starch
- 14. Middle Eastern military title
- 15. Protein-rich liquids
- 18. Indian musical pattern
- 20. Cancer and Capricorn
- 24. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 26. A bend
- 28. Fishes of the herring family
- 30. Antelopes
- 32. Chaos
- 34. Popular music app
- 35. Cooking material
- 37. Musical instrument
- 38. San Diego ballplayers
- 40. Small amounts
- 42. Poured
- 43. Fabric
- 45. Food option
- 47. Finger millet
- 49. The U. of Miami mascot is one
- 50. Alberta, Canada river
- 51. Canadian flyers
- 55. Dry white wine drink



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Carrier said they found out that the hydraulic suspension on ambulances like this are set on the chassis before the box of the vehicle's structure is put on, leading to front end problems if this isn't adjusted. Carrier said they found a mechanic in Henniker that can do an alignment on the vehicle and correct this issue and will get it fixed when they change the tires. This is an issue that the town's mechanic can learn how to fix in house.

"It's obviously some good information to pass on," said board chair Gus Benavides. "You might have dozens and dozens of towns and municipalities out there who have no idea and they're just chewing through tires."

Carrier said there are a lot of other fire chiefs who aren't aware of this problem.

The department's new fire engine is being built and could arrive earlier than expected.

Carrier said the en-

gine is in the beginning stages of being built and he has seen a photo of the chassis. Originally, they were told the fire engine would be delivered in April of 2025, but an initial report said it could be there this October. Carrier said it looks like it likely won't be there in October and he was thinking it could possibly be ready around December.

Testing was recently done on the ladders, hoses, and pumps and all passed with no major problems.

"In the past few years, it seems like we've had some major issues that we've had to deal with, but we got by with a good report card this year," Carrier said.

The fire station's new washing machine for bunker gear is now in service and the station's base radio system was also replaced as part of the budget. A keyless entry system and close circuit TV for the station is also in progress and should be done by the end of the month.

EAGLES

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Gilford got another corner chance that LeBlanc headed wide of the net and Coapland and Thompson teamed up on a chance that Dinger was able to snag. Dinger also stopped a Sawyer shot and Robert cleared the rebound out of the zone. Robert also made a good defensive stop on Sawyer, who also sent another shot wide. Dinger also made a save on another Heyman chance.

The Golden Eagles upped the lead to 3-0 with 11:19 to go in the first half, as Thompson finished off a feed from Sawyer and after a couple of offensive chances from McFarland at the other end, with Gilford keeper Ariaiah Dewar handling the ball, the Golden Eagles scored their fourth goal of the

game, with LeBlanc putting the ball in the net on another corner kick for the 4-0 lead with 7:57 to go.

Moments later, the visitors upped the lead to 5-0 as Makenna Clayton finished off a cross from Sawyer. Bureau had another defensive stop and Braman cleared a cross from Clayton and the game went to half-time with the Golden Eagles up 5-0.

The Golden Eagles got on the board early in the second half as well, with Keenan finishing off a cross from Sawyer for the 6-0 lead. Gilford had another corner that missed the mark and Thompson had a chance that was saved by Dinger.

LeBlanc finished off her hat trick by heading the ball in the net on another corner kick chance with 33:53 to go and Gil-

ASSEMBLY

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Grant Ferraro was accepted into the All-State Music Festival Modern Band, the first Modern band festival in New Hampshire.

Katie Smith received an award for horseback riding at the Deerfield Fair. Smith, who owns 13 Stripes Farm in Barnstead, won the championship blue ribbon in Intermediate Fitting and Showmanship.

The school's Deep Sea Fishing PACK had an adventure on the water and brought in a lot of fish. The group went out fishing and dealt with seas from eight to 12 feet with swells around 15 feet. Jacob Luscomb and Gage Elliott came back with two coolers full of fish and Andrew Korolowski managed to catch a nine-foot blue shark.

English Teacher Andrea Caruso recognized many people involved in Homecoming. She recognized Student Council and their leader Samantha Bravar for a successful Homecoming week as well as the Alton Dance Academy for its performance during Homecoming. She also recognized Jules West and National Honor Society for the fall Blood Drive, and the Courtyard Cleanup PACK for cleaning up moss at the back of the courtyard.

Science teacher Thomas Owen recognized the Bass Fishing team for two first place wins and qualifying for states. He also recognized the Robotics Team for its second place finishes in two competitions.

Owen was also named PMHS Staff Member of the Month by Student Council. Owen was recognized for his kindness to the students, fun activities to enhance students' learning experience, and his passion for what he teaches among other qualities.

The Award for Student of the Month was presented to Shaun McAneney for his academic and athletic achievement, strong work ethic, positive attitude, and more qualities.

ford had the 7-0 lead. Sawyer had a bid in close that Dinger was able to stop and McFarland had a good defensive stop on another Gilford corner. McKenna Howard just missed connecting with Sawyer on a chance and Coapland had a shot denied by Dinger.

Thompson picked up her second goal of the game off another feed from Sawyer to up the lead to 8-0. Clayton came back with a chance that went wide of the net and had another bid that Dinger saved. Dinger a couple of chances from Sawyer, who also sent a shot over the net on a corner and another off the post.

Sawyer finally found the back of the net with 18 minutes or so to go for the 9-0 lead and Addison Huckins took over in goal for the Bears. Robert had a direct cleared out of the zone and Bralley just missed connecting with Riley McFarland on a chance.

Gilford got the game's final goal, with Lily Bishop finding the back of the net for the 10-0 lead and her first varsity goal. The Bears continued to pressure in the final minutes, with Robert getting the best bid, but Gilford's defense held tight and they got the 10-0 win. Bristol Weber also notched her first varsity assist.

Gilford finished the week with a 3-0 win over fellow undefeated squad Campbell. Both teams

came out and tried to control the ball and Gilford had the upper hand moving the ball in their offensive end. Gilford scored twice in the first half with Dewar making a huge save on a free kick right after the first goal of the game.

"A big win for the girls, we had a run of three games where we dominated possession and scored a lot of goals, which made me a little worried coming into a tough match," Meyers said. "The girls came out and played their best game of the season. Their control and passing were as good as I have seen at this level."

Keenan picked up the first goal on an assist from Thompson and then LeBlanc headed the ball in on a corner kick delivered by Ava Wilson for the 2-0 lead. Sawyer added the third goal on an assist from Thompson for the 3-0 win.

Gilford is scheduled to be in action on Friday, Oct. 18, at home against Inter-Lakes and will be hosting St. Thomas on Tuesday, Oct. 22, both at 3:30 p.m.

Newfound is slated to be in action today, Oct. 17, at home against Fall Mountain at 4 p.m. and will be at Lin-Wood on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 6 p.m.

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Clara Thompson picked up a pair of goals in action against Newfound last week.

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Alton	14 Farmington Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$735,000	Oullette Trust and Steven J. Ouellette	Patrick and Linda Gibbons
Alton	Route 28	N/A	\$110,000	Deborah Briggs	Rebecca Degnon
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$475,000	Randy D. and Ariana M. Benn	R.J. & Caren J. Evans LT
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$199,933	Richard J. Hilton	Dorene Massetti
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Barnstead	10 Dow Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$290,000	Billy W. and Melinda M. Lambert	Heather M. Brown
Barnstead	434 N. Barnstead Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$499,933	JTWO Custom Homes LLC	Kaye A. and Kay A. Cross
Gilford	Chalet Drive	N/A	\$685,000	Julie A. Nigro	Stephen D. and Penny S. Carlson
Gilford	932 Cherry Valley Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$690,000	Robert C. Rohrborn RET	Robin and Wayne Sampson
Gilford	34 Foxglove Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$420,000	Gilas RET and Mario Langsten	Adam J. McGovern
Gilford	Highway 11	N/A	\$235,000	Ernestine May Nedeau Estate and Dorothy A. Hall	Red Door Properties LLC
Gilford	131 Lake St., Unit 337	Condominium	\$162,533	Alss Management LLC	Wasley and Caroline Maciel
Gilford	50 Timber Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$548,000	Engelhardt Fiscal Trust and Michael Engelhardt	Michelle A. and Chadwick R. Baron
Gilford	118 Weirs Rd., Unit 125	Condominium	\$259,933	Houlihan Fiscal Trust and Robert M. Houlihan	Clare and Joshua Lawson
Gilford	N/A (Lot 6-20A)	N/A	\$17,533	Kristen G. and Joanne H. Bedigian	Michael Stead
Gilmanton	457 Loon Pond Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$530,000	Donna J. Gilbert	Jared S. and Kimberly M. Chicoine
Gilmanton	Swanborn Drive	N/A	\$650,000	William R. III and Sandra Martin	Albana and Ardian Macorri
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$310,000	Dean C. Poehler 2015 RET	Shane and Catherine McCann
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$240,000	Robert E. Wright	James E., Jr. and Shauna E. Pinksten
New Durham	20 Brackett Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$376,000	Jennifer A. Queiser	Kevin A. and Isabelle H. Morency-Carr

ABOUT THE REAL REPORT

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NELSON

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grade for a trip to Strawberry Banke. He returned to the city at the age of 20 after getting a job as a dishwasher at the Portsmouth Brewery.

Nelson said he had been writing poetry since his teens, but first discovered poetry readings at Portsmouth's Beat Night.

Beat Night is a monthly poetry reading event that was founded in 1999 by Larry Simon and originally started at The Crazy Cat Lounge.

Beat Night features poets backed by a full band that improvises the music with the piece. Nelson said the poet might give the band a few words about the tone and style of their work, but the band otherwise improvises with the performance. After its first year the event moved to The Press Room for 14 years and then moved to Book and Bar for seven years. Book and Bar closed this year, and the

event returned to The renovated Press Room.

Nelson said he found Beat Night when he was 30-years-old and that sparked an interest in doing poetry readings.

"I just love Beat Night; it's a very unique experience," Nelson said. "It's fun, it's something every poet wants to try it out. It's been a big part of my life and so I've always lived in or around Portsmouth until recently."

Simon left the event 10 years ago and Nelson took over hosting it and has done so since.

Beat Night will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Nov. 13, and Nelson said Simon will be coming back for the occasion.

Nelson is the former Poet Laureate of Portsmouth, serving from 2017-2019. During that time he led several poetry classes and took part in numerous events.

"I was proud of what I did when I got to be Poet Laureate," he said. "I wanted to try to bring po-

etry to people who may not necessarily have an experience with it."

He ran three different poetry classes in the community. One was at Safe Harbor Recovery working with people recovering from addiction. Another class was at the Chase Home for at-risk youth. He also taught another class in Manchester at the International Institute of New England for refugees and immigrants.

He also worked on Beat Fest, an event in Portsmouth's Prescott Park with the support of the Prescott Park Arts Festival.

He also served as the chair of Portsmouth's Poet Laureate program from 2022 to this year. He also did all of this while working full time.

Nelson moved to New Durham three years ago to be with his partner Stefanie King, a fellow poet he met at Beat Night in 2016. The two reconnected in 2020 during the pandemic and have been

together since.

"I love New Durham; I love coming home here everyday," Nelson said. "I come out of the car, it's quiet, there's no traffic, there's no crowds. It's woods and it's beautiful, I feel lucky to live here."

He still works in Portsmouth as a chief engineer at a hotel and is involved in the city's poetry and literature scene.

For the past 10 years, Nelson has been working on Bee Monk Press, his own independent publishing company that has been steadily growing into its own business.

He said he started it to publish his own works and then started working on publishing the works of other poets. He said getting published is hard and a lot of people don't know how to create a publishable product. Nelson will help poets get their books published and posted on Web sites while they retain the rights.

Bee Monk Press (which can be found at beemonkpress.com) is done on his home computer and he will hold Zoom meetings with poets., he will work to format the authors' works using Word and Photoshop.

Bee Monk was named for Nelson's fascination with bees. Nelson will be wearing a bee costume during the parade.

"I have a personal thing for bees: I paint bees and I made a bee costume and I walked in the parade with that last year," he said. "This year, I'm going to be the bee again in the parade itself."

Nelson is inviting anyone to wear a bee costume and join him at the front of the parade and bring a pan to bang with a wooden spoon. He said peasants in medieval times would have a tradition of beating pans on Halloween to honor those that died and let them know they haven't been forgotten.

Nelson said the Portsmouth Halloween Parade is a big event for the community. The entire event is funded by donations and managed by volunteers who work in conjunction with the city. Funding for the parade does not come from taxes and the event and the organization puts on fundraisers throughout the year to raise the money.

"it's a huge event, something that everybody really looks forward to," Nelson said. "The fact they let anybody be in it is really super, it makes it this really inclusive event. Anybody can be in it and everybody can express themselves however they want and its fantastic."

The Portsmouth Halloween Parade will take place on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. with line up starting around 6 p.m. at Pierce Island. For more information, visit www.portsmouthhalloween-parade.org.

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Drew leads Golden Eagles to sweep at The Ridge



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Brayden Drew shot even-par to earn medalist honors at the Gilford golf team's home match at The Ridge last Monday.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The final match of the regular season for the Gilford golf team teed off at The Ridge on Monday, Oct. 7, with the Golden Eagles joined by Pelham, Stevens and Coe-Brown.

With rain falling all day, the course was plenty wet, but due to the weather, the kids basically had the course to themselves for the entire afternoon.

The Golden Eagles came through with the sweep with 84 points



Andy Taylor putts during the final regular season matchup at The Ridge last Monday afternoon.

ahead of Stevens with 76 points and Pelham with 71 points. Coe-Brown finished with 57 points to round out the field.

Brayden Drew led the way for the Gilford squad, as he earned medalist honors by firing an even-par 36 for 27 points overall from the second spot in the lineup. Ryan Folan played at number one and finished with 25 points and Andy Taylor scored 19 points from the third spot. Colton Byars at number four and Michael Giovanditto from the sixth spot each

finished with 13 points out of the fourth spot, with one of those scores counting toward the team score. Kyle Gandini had seven points at number seven and Ali Lyman had six points at number five.

The Division III State Meet is scheduled to take place today, Thursday, Oct. 17, at Rochester Country Club.

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Good, McKnight lead Timber Wolves in Bristol



JOSHUA SPAULDING

Paige Harding takes a turn in the course at the Newfound Invitational on Saturday morning.



Caiden Wainwright runs for Prospect Mountain during Saturday's Newfound Invitational.



Whitney Good led the Prospect Mountain girls in Saturday's meet in Bristol.



Parker Wood runs for Prospect Mountain during the Newfound Invitational on Saturday morning.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor


BRISTOL — The Prospect Mountain girls came home second and the boys finished third at the Newfound Invitational on Saturday morning in Bristol.

In the girls' race, Whitney Good led the Timber Wolves with a third place finish overall in 24:32, followed closely by Paige Harding in fourth place in 25:51. Kira Campanile finished in eighth place in 27:04, Scarlett Pinto was 11th in 27:34 and Madelyn Briggs rounded out the scoring for Prospect with a 12th place finish in 28:56. Alexis Briggs finished in 31:13 to place 18th overall to finish out the field of Prospect girls.

Stockton McKnight led the Prospect Mountain boys with a sixth place finish overall in 21:55, with Caiden Wainwright in 10th place in 24:12 and Parker Wood in 12th place in 24:42. Avery Giunta was 14th in 25:29 and Trew Reed finished out the scoring for Prospect Mountain with a time of 27:37 for 18th place.

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Volleyball Timber Wolves fall to neighboring Kingswood

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — The Kingswood volleyball team made the short trip down Route 28 to Alton to take on Prospect Mountain on Wednesday, Oct. 9, with the Knights returning home with a 3-0 win over their neighbors to the south, 25-16, 25-17, 25-7.

The Knights took the 25-16 win in the first set and got out to a 4-0 lead in the second set, with Lily Scott and Libby Gagne getting hits for the Knights. Prospect got on the board with a hit from Eva Harbison and then got an ace from Jazmine Witham to cut the lead to 7-4.

A couple of Makenzie Boisvert hits helped the Knights open the lead to 10-4 and then an ace from Opal Grupp allowed the Knights to stretch the lead to 13-5. Prospect got an ace from Mariah

Arsenault, but Boisvert answered with a hit on the other side of the net and added a service ace to give the Knights the 16-8 lead.

Prospect Mountain got a service ace from Kora MacKenzie, who also added a nice tip at the net, but Scott added a hit and a service ace to stretch the lead to 21-13. Kingswood opened the lead to 23-14 before Arsenault got a hit for the Timber Wolves. Grupp had a hit for the Knights to put them within one point of the win, but a block from MacKenzie and Taylor Greenwood and a great hustle play from Witham got the Timber Wolves two points in a row. However, Kingswood closed out the 25-17 win for the 2-0 lead.

MacKenzie got a service ace out of the gate for the Timber Wolves

to open the third set, but Kingswood's Caelynn Blattenberger went on a great service run that saw the Knights run off 10 points in a row for the 11-1 lead. Blattenberger had five aces during the run. Scott added a hit as the Knights put another point on the board, but Ashley Lyle answered with a hit on the other side of the net.

After another Scott hit, Rosy Peterson had a service ace for the Knights for the 14-5 lead. Addy Arsenault also added a service ace for Kingswood as they opened the lead up the 18-6 and after Prospect got the next point, the Knights rolled out the next seven points, with Savannah Hughes delivering a pair of service aces to close out the 25-7 win and the 3-0 victory for the Knights.

The Timber Wolves



Kingswood's Savannah Hughes puts the ball up over the blocking attempts of Prospect Mountain's Taylor Greenwood (7) and Kora MacKenzie (11) in action last week.



Ashley Lyle pushes the ball over the net during action last week against Kingswood.

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at home against St. Thomas and Wednesday,

Oct. 23, at home against Somersworth, both at 6:15 p.m.

The Knights are scheduled to host Coe-Brown on Friday, Oct. 18, and visit Plymouth on Monday, Oct. 21, both at 6 p.m.

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Golden Eagle boys and girls both third in Hopkinton

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HOPKINTON — The Gilford boys and girls both finished third in a meet hosted by Hopkinton High School on Wednesday, Oct. 9. The host Hawks won the girls' race and Mascoma took top honors in the boys' race.

For the Gilford girls, Georgia Eckhardt led the way with a seventh place finish overall in 23:20, with Alana Sawyer right behind her in 23:52 for eighth place. Kaitlyn O'Brien crossed in a time of 25:47 for 16th place and Tess Eckhardt finished in 18th place in 26:13. Brooke Baron fin-

ished out the scoring for the Golden Eagle girls with a 35th place finish in a time of 29:17.

Emilia Burlock was 37th overall in a time of 29:32 and Bailey Juurlink-Gagne finished out the field of Golden Eagles with a 42nd place finish in a time of 32:35.

The Gilford boys were

led by a 12th place finish from Gunnar Marvel in a time of 20:17. Mark Warren was 17th overall in a time of 20:38 and Ian Lofblad ran to 25th place in a time of 21:08. Benjamin Smith finished in 31st place in 22:08 and Jin Su Kim rounded out the scoring for Gilford with a 39th place finish in 22:58.

Malcolm Breton finished in 53rd place with his time of 24:43 and Wren Reinholz finished in a time of 28:41 for 71st place overall.

The Golden Eagles are slated to compete at the Capital Area Invitational today, Oct. 17, at Merrimack Valley High School.

Rawnsley, Glidden lead Timber Wolves in regular season finale

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SUTTON — The Prospect Mountain golf team wrapped up the regular season with a match at the Country Club of New Hampshire on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

The Timber Wolves

finished with 42 points, with host Hopkinton leading the way with 79 points, Sunapee in second with 75 points and Belmont finishing in third with 58 points.

Joseph Rawnsley at number one and Brady

Glidden at number two both finished with 11 points to lead the way for the Timber Wolves. Mike Perry at number two and Gavin Gorton at number three both finished with 10 points to round out the scoring

for the Prospect squad. Heath Dunne had seven points from the fourth spot and Griffin Brown had three points from the sixth spot to round out the field of Timber Wolves.

The Division III State

Meet will take place at Rochester Country Club today, Thursday, Oct. 17.

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HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Oct. 17

BELMONT
Cross Country at Merrimack Valley; 4
GILFORD
Cross Country at Merrimack Valley; 4
Field Hockey at St. Thomas; 6
WINNISQUAM
Field Hockey vs. Franklin; 4

Friday, Oct. 18

BELMONT
Boys' Soccer vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 3:30
Girls' Soccer at Hillsboro-Deering; 4
Volleyball vs. Moultonborough; 6:15
GILFORD
Boys' Soccer at Inter-Lakes; 4

Football at Somersworth; 7
Girls' Soccer vs. Inter-Lakes; 4
Volleyball vs. Plymouth; 6
WINNISQUAM
Boys' Soccer vs. Stevens; 4
Volleyball at Hanover; 6

Saturday, Oct. 19

WINNISQUAM
Football at Bishop Brady; 5
Monday, Oct. 21
BELMONT
Volleyball at Inter-Lakes; 5:15
WINNISQUAM
Volleyball at Manchester Memorial; 6

Tuesday, Oct. 22

BELMONT
Boys' Soccer vs. Stevens; 3:30
Girls' Soccer at Stevens; 6
GILFORD
Boys' Soccer at St. Thomas; 4

Girls' Soccer vs. St. Thomas; 4
WINNISQUAM
Boys' Soccer at Raymond; 5:30

Wednesday, Oct. 23

BELMONT
Volleyball at Hillsboro-Deering; 5:15
GILFORD
Volleyball vs. Oyster River; 6
WINNISQUAM
Volleyball vs. Kennett; 6

Thursday, Oct. 24

BELMONT
Boys' Soccer at White Mountains; 3:30
Girls' Soccer vs. White Mountains; 3:30

All schedules are subject to change.

HIGH SCHOOL SLATE

Thursday, Oct. 17

KENNETT
Field Hockey at Pelham; 4
KINGSWOOD
Cross Country at Merrimack Valley; 3:30

Friday, Oct. 18

KENNETT
Boys' Soccer vs. Bow; 4
Cross Country at White Mountains; 4
Football at Hanover; 7
Girls' Soccer at Bow; 4
Volleyball at Manchester Central; 5:45
KINGSWOOD
Field Hockey at Derryfield; 6
Football vs. Manchester West; 7
Volleyball vs. Coe-Brown; 6
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Soccer at Sanborn; 4
Girls' Soccer vs. Sanborn; 4
Volleyball vs. St. Thomas; 6:15

Saturday, Oct. 19

KINGSWOOD
Boys' Soccer vs. Laconia; 7
Girls' Soccer vs. Laconia; 5

Monday, Oct. 21

KINGSWOOD
Volleyball at Plymouth; 6
Tuesday, Oct. 22
KENNETT
Boys' Soccer vs. Pembroke; 4
Girls' Soccer at Pembroke; 4
KINGSWOOD
Boys' Soccer at Pelham; 6
Girls' Soccer vs. Pelham; 7
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Boys' Soccer at Hillsboro-Deering; 4

Girls' Soccer vs. Hillsboro-Deering; 4

Wednesday, Oct. 23

KENNETT
Volleyball at Winnisquam; 6
PROSPECT MOUNTAIN
Volleyball vs. Somersworth; 6:15
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