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The wire brush

GRANITE VIEWS STEPHEN RENO



Whether the topic is the pandemic, the economy, the climate, world affairs or politics, we all seem to be having serious conversations these days. And to come to those conversations with knowledge, we often

feel there is so much to read, to view or to listen to. It seems overwhelming. What I have observed, sadly, is that those conversations too often end with a comment such as, "I am really worried" or "I feel so depressed" or "Will things ever change for the better?"

The roller coaster of daily life these days contributes greatly to this sense of dis-ease. With its flow and ebb, Covid-19 keeps us shifting our behavior, ever uneasy about where to go, what to do or with whom to be, and with what consequences. The rising cost of living, the persistence of hate speech and acts, the inequities of our society, and the sufferings of so many cast deep shadows over the lives of so many. No wonder there exists the mental stress about which we read, which we see in others and we feel at times ourselves.

A recently departed dear friend once counseled me, "Hope is that most noble of human virtues. Especially in tough times, we need it to keep us going and to do what we need to do."

Those words came back to me as by chance I happened upon a poem by John O'Donohue titled "This is the Time to be Slow" (from his collection *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*). While the very title of the poem was strangely, and in a welcome way, quieting to me, it was an image in his poem that impressed me most by its simplicity and beauty.

He counsels the reader not to let "the wire brush of doubt scrape [from your heart] all sense of yourself." Instead, he urges we remain generous even as our "hesitant light" may flicker. For with hope, we shall, in time, find a new beginning. We'll step again on "fresh pastures of promise."

A poem is a purse made of words into which a treasure is kept (or so I once heard it described). O'Donohue's poem did indeed carry a treasure greatly in need at this time in all of our lives. His image of "the wire brush of doubt" and its potentially abrasive effect is truly wise counsel too. I hope to keep it firmly in mind and to share it with others.

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NEWS & NOTES

Covid update

As of Nov. 1 there were 3,948 active infections of Covid-19 statewide and 193 current hospitalizations. Three additional deaths were announced in the last week, bringing the total number of deaths to 1,568 since the start of the pandemic last year.

The Department of Health and Human Services has resumed the Homebound Vaccination program to administer Covid-19 vaccines and booster doses to Granite Staters who are unable or have difficulty leaving their home or who have been advised by a medical provider that their health could worsen by leaving their home, according to a press release. Call 603-338-9292 or visit onsitenh.com/ vaccine to set up an appointment.

Vax lawsuit

New Hampshire has joined the states of Missouri, Nebraska, Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming in filing a lawsuit against the federal government for imposing a vaccine mandate on federal contractors and federally contracted employees, according to a press release from Attorney General John M. Formella. "The State has made clear that the available Covid-19 vaccines are safe and effective and that every eligible person in New Hampshire is encouraged to get a Covid-19 vaccine. That said, the benefits of the Covid-19 vaccine do not justify violating the law. This lawsuit is being filed to protect the State of New Hampshire from the federal government's attempt to impose illegal mandates," Formella said in a statement.

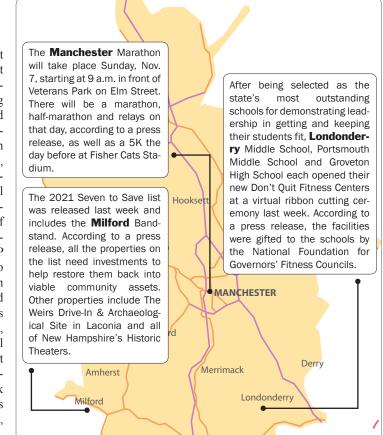
Criminal defense

The New Hampshire Supreme Court Report on the Recommendations of the Criminal Defense Task Force has been released. Accord-

ing to the report, the Supreme Court ARP Homeless funds has approved and adopted the following recommendations from the task force to help resolve current criminal defense issues, including a shortage of public defense attorneys.

- (1) Increase public awareness.
- (2) Adopt Early Case Resolution. "ECR programs are a necessity given the present overwhelming caseloads that are challenging all participants in the criminal justice system," the report says. "The Hillsborough County Attorney's Office is hiring two additional prosecutors for ECR purposes."
- (3) Secure additional funding to support contract attorneys. "Funds from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery have been approved to reimburse contract attorneys for past administrative costs associated with their increased caseloads," the report says. "The Judicial Council is in the process of seeking \$2,066,000 in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds for up to ten new, temporary attorneys to assist with current caseload challenges..."
- (4) Improve scheduling: "A brief pause in criminal cases would allow practitioners to better assess caseloads. ... The Court recommends that the Administrative Judges of the trial courts schedule a one-time, one-week pause on all criminal cases in the trial courts [in] January 2022."
- (5) Work on recruitment: "Judges in the trial courts ... should consider making personal overtures ... to criminal practitioners in their counties to accept contract and/or pro bono criminal cases."
- (6) Expand training: "Criminal defense training and mentoring [is needed] to expand the number of attorneys representing indigent clients."
- (7) Make rule changes: "Temporary rule changes could encourage more attorneys to represent indigent defendants," the report says.

The New Hampshire Department of Education announced last week that nearly \$2.3 million in American Rescue Plan funds will go toward funding the education of homeless children and youth. "Students experiencing homelessness encounter unique barriers in accessing educational opportunities, which have been exacerbated by disruptions to academic and other vital supports throughout the pandemic," McKenzie Snow, director of NHDOE's Division of Learner Support, said in a press release. ARP Homeless funds were distributed to the state in two parts: Part I, which totals nearly \$575,000, was awarded through a competitive grant process to Concord, Claremont, Seabrook, Winnacunnet and Manchester school districts and will be used to support activities such as trauma-based professional development, social work staffing and expanded school liaisons hours, according to the release. Part II, which totals more than \$1.7 million, was awarded to 52 school districts by a formula based on population, poverty and homelessness and will be used to address the academic, social, emotional and mental health needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness, the release said.



The Nashua Chapter of Veterans Count will virtually host its 10th annual Salute Our Soldiers Gala on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. According to a press release, this year's event will honor the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with a focus on the patriotism and community support that followed. The public is invited to register for this free event at vetscount.org/nh.

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Covid-19 update	As of Oct 25	As of Nov 1
Total cases statewide	132,441	136,755
Total current infections statewide	3,295	3,948
Total deaths statewide	1,544	1,568
New cases	2,778 (Oct. 19 to Oct. 24)	2,029 (Oct. 25 to Nov. 1)
Current infections: Hillsborough County	NA*	642
Current infections: Merrimack County	NA*	257
Current infections: Rockingham County	NA*	364

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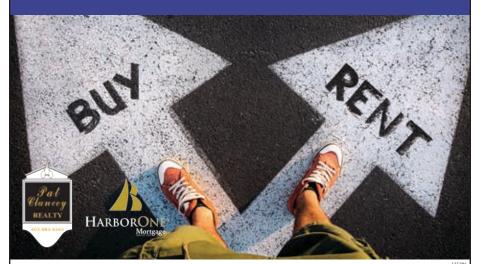
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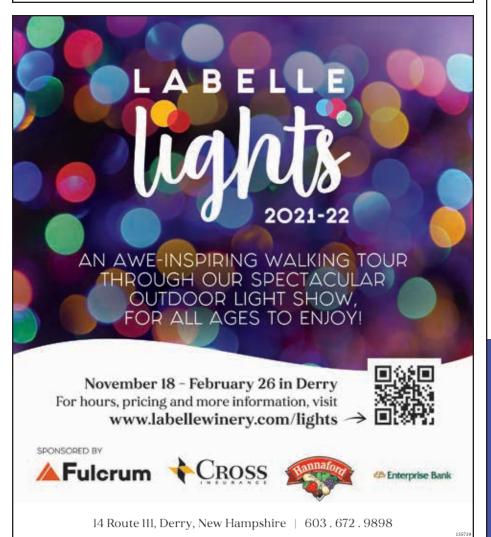
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Minding minds

Meet Catholic Charities NH's new mental health director

Catholic Charities NH has named Danielle Capelle its new director of mental health services. Capelle discussed the position and how she plans to lead Catholic Charities New Hampshire in working to address New Hampshire's mental health needs.

What is your background in mental health work and with Catholic Charities NH? I have been a licensed mental

health therapist for over three years in New Hampshire, and I was licensed for six years when I was living and working in Wisconsin. My family moved out here when my husband got a job at Saint Anselm College, so I [transferred] my license over to New Hampshire. I started working at Catholic Charities in 2016, doing counseling. Then, I took over as interim director [of mental health services] when our previous director left, which happened to be right during the beginning of the pandemic, so that was a strange transition. I became the [permanent] director on Oct. 18.

What does your job as director of mental health services entail?

I still have a large caseload of clients. ... I work with adults, teenagers, couples, families, you name it. ... In addition to that, I am the go-to for all of our counselors for any issues they have with clients or billing or other kinds of issues, and I do the financials for the department. I work with the other directors and the VPs on different programming to better serve the people of New Hampshire. I also work with the community to figure out what the community needs so that we can be a good resource for different communities across New Hampshire.

What are some of your goals for Catholic Charities NH?

The No. 1 goal right now is to get more therapists. The more therapists we have, the more services we can offer, and the more people we can reach. Eventually, we would like to expand our services so that we can work more with children than we do right now. Finding counselors for children is incredibly difficult, but it's definitely a service that is needed. We would also like to work more with groups of people [in addition to] individual counseling services and be able to offer different types of groups based on our counselors' areas of specialty.

What do you find fulfilling about this

My favorite thing is seeing my clients progress. It's amazing to see that transition from when their anxiety, trauma, history or whatever is going on determines how they live, to when things click for them and they become in charge of their own lives and determine how they are going to live.



Danielle Capelle, Courtesy photo.

What is challenging about it?

The most challenging thing is definitely leaving work at work. As mental health counselors, we always want to be helping everybody, so it can be hard to [create] that separation of work life and home life.

What are the greatest mental health needs you're seeing in New Hampshire

There's always a need for [addressing] depression, anxiety and life changes that people sometimes don't have the coping skills to deal with. There's the opioid crisis, which continues to hit our state and the whole country, so we need more people who are trained to help with that. Then, of course, there's the pandemic, which has created a lot of social anxiety and family issues. People who have never experienced anxiety before are now having anxiety, either [due to] being isolated for too long, or going back out in public after that isolation. We're having to help people with these transitions that nobody [was prepared] to go through.

How do you maintain your own mental health?

I have a great husband and kids who definitely help me with that. I'm also a firm believer that mental health is just as important as physical health, and that every single person should have their own therapist, whether it's [for] weekly [appointments] or just a check-in a couple times a year. We [therapists] especially need our own therapist to be able to unload some of those things [from work] so that they aren't just sitting on us.

— Angie Sykeny 🦚

Pats mid-year report



The Patriots hit what passes for the 2021 midway point in the new 17-game NFL season with Sunday's gritty 27-24 win over the San Diego, er L.A. Chargers. After their wild off-season spending spree, that's not what the optimists or pragmatic

folks like myself were expecting. I even said they *could* start 6-2 if things went their way during what was supposed to be the easiest part of their schedule. But I underestimated how good Dallas and the Saints defense would be — which showed itself in the Pats' only real dog so far. Well, OK, the Houston game was stinker.

So amid the ups and downs here's a midseason report and what to expect moving forward.

Coach B: He's faced a ton of pressure from the over-reactionary wolves mostly for how well you-know-who has done in Tampa Bay and their 2-4 start. The most ridiculous came from doofuses on the afternoon crew at Boston's Sports Hub, who actually wondered out loud whether "the game had passed him by." Like integrating 25 new players is no big deal and should happen like that. The last time they had as much turnover was 2001 when, while also breaking in an untested OB, they were 5-5 after their first 10 games before rolling off nine straight wins. Not saying it'll happen the same this time, just that it takes time. Not that he hasn't made a mistake or two, the most damaging one being sending Stephon Gilm**ore** away just before getting hit with a rash of injuries in the secondary. He's also getting hit for being too conservative for not going for it on fourth down. Which worked out perfectly on Sunday, didn't it, when they got stopped on fourth and 1 at the goal line instead of taking the FG and then falling behind 17-15 late in the fourth quarter. Of course that comes from the same people who killed him for going for it on fourth and 2 vs. the Colts in 2009. If you want to hit him on the GM front, have at it, but even with the mistakes I'm OK with what he's done overall.

The Big Mac Project: Amid all the yacking that he's a dump down artist, his 1,997 yards after are 9th best in the NFL, put him on pace for 4,237 (Brady at 2,830 in 2001) and are more than Justin Herbert, Josh Allen, Lamar Jackson, Aaron Rodgers and all four QB's taken ahead of him in the 2021 draft.

Best free agent – Matt Judon: With JC **Jackson** he's arguably been their best defender who's shown up in the run game and been the most reliable at pressuring the QB.

Best surprise – **Jakobi Meyers:** I wondered if his leading the team in 2020 catches was a function of somebody from a bad bunch had to do that. But with a team-leading 48 catches for 427 yards, not so, as he catches in traffic, takes big hits, is clutch and most importantly is reli-

able on third down.

Biggest free agent disappointments: There are a few among the large free agent newcomers, but so far it's the starting-to-come-around **Nelson Agholor**, whose target-to-catch ratio is among the worst in the league and who had a few big drops.

wild off-season spending spree, that's not what the optimists or pragmatic ere expecting. I even said 2 if things went their way apposed to be the easiest part But I underestimated how the Saints defense would be spending spree, that's not what the brown has played one play and since he went out right tackle was an absolute disaster until Michael Owenu went back there and Ted Karras went to left guard vs. the Jets. That led to the first time Mac Jones was protected all year and the result was a 54-point explosion.

Below expectation: We've been told all off season and in pre-season that **Josh Uche** was going to be a sack machine. He's had his moments, but with three sacks, seven solo tackles and a fumble recovery in garbage time vs. the Jets that has not been the case.

Anything good most don't realize: With all the yards they give up, especially vs. Dallas, it obscures the fact that the Pats are only giving up 20.5 points per game on average, which is 6th best in the league.

Likely second-half improvements: (1) The targets – Free agents Bourne and Hunter Henry seem to be finding their footing to give the QB more reliable options beyond just Meyers. (2) The offense – They've scored 110 points in the last three games, which suggests the pieces are coming together.

Biggest trade deadline need: Game breaking wide receiver that Agholor was supposed to be.

They will make the playoffs if: They need to beat wild card competitors Cleveland and Indy, who are just ahead in the next month, and a split with Buffalo would help too. To do that, (1) the O-line improvement needs to continue, (2) ditto for the defensive front seven, which played very well holding down the explosive Chargers on Sunday, and (3) they need to eliminate the boatload of stupid penalties, like those that brought back 29- and 38-yard (for a TD) runs by Damian Harris on Sunday and other bonehead mistakes that hurt all year.

Bottom line: Without playing close to a complete game until Week 7 vs. the Jets, they still are just three plays away from starting 7-1. You can't unring the bell off a loss of course, so instead they are just 4-4. But Coach B's biggest strength has always been that the team improves as the season moves along, which is how to ultimately judge this team in 2021. Because, as I said in the season preview, the biggest x-factor would be not **Big Mac** but how quickly all the new faces can be turned into a well-functioning team. And with three wins and narrow losses to the Bucs and Cowboys that each turned on one play in their last five games that seems to be happening, making the prospects for the second half seem a lot brighter than they did after that deflating loss to Dallas three weeks ago.

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- 2. While granola bakes, combine berries, orange juice and honey in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir continuously until bubbling. Mash fruit to desired texture then stir in chia seeds. Remove from heat, add vanilla extract and allow jam to cool 5 minutes.
- 3. Microwave peanut butter for 15 to 30 seconds (this makes it easier to stir into yogurt). Using a spatula, add all of yogurt into a medium bowl and fold in warmed peanut butter until combined.
- 4. In small bowls or decorative glasses, create layers of yogurt, jam, and granola.

 Top with a few whole, thawed berries or additional chopped nuts to garnish. Enjoy!

Dietitian's Tips:

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Three cheers for the Chicken Tenders!

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats will become the Manchester Chicken Tenders for one game at Delta Dental Stadium during the 2022 baseball season. According to a press release, it's a tribute to Manchester's culinary history: The chicken tender was invented by the Puritan Restaurant in 1974. The temporary jerseys will read "Manchester Chicken Tenders Est. 1974," while the hats will feature either The Classic Chicken Tender, the Buffalo Chicken Tender or the Coconut Chicken Tender — and it'll be the fans who decide. Pre-sale orders of all three versions of the baseball hat are available now at nhfishercats.com, and the one that gets the most sales will be worn by the team for the game (date to be determined).

Score: +1

Comment: QOL thinks a massive amount of Puritan chicken tenders and vats of dipping sauces should be available at the concessions during this game.

Third safest state in the country

Last week, personal-finance website WalletHub released its report on 2021's Safest States in America, and the Granite State came in 3rd, thanks to several key factors. According to the report, New Hampshire has the fewest murders and non-negligent manslaughters per capita and the fewest fatal occupational injuries per 100,000 full-time workers, as well as the second lowest number of assaults per capita, the 5th lowest number of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel, and the 8th lowest loss amounts from climate disasters per capita.

Score: +

Comment: New Hampshire was edged out by two neighbors: Vermont, which ranked No. 1, and Maine.

An early start to giving

Because of ongoing supply chain issues, Tower of Toys is getting an early start in collecting unwrapped children's toys, sports equipment, art supplies, cosmetics, movie certificates and gift cards to benefit children and families in need. According to a press release, this will be the 10th Tower of Toys, where donations are formed into a toy-filled tower at the Atrium of the Beacon Building at 814 Elm St. in Manchester. Toys are being accepted now through Thursday, Dec. 16, for toy distribution on Dec. 18 and Dec. 19. According to the release, the Tower of Toys collected 2,500 presents, \$1,400 in gift cards, and \$15,600 in monetary donations (used to purchase additional gifts) for 1,500 children.

Score: +1

Comment: Donations can be brought to Red Arrow Diner Corporate Headquarters (814 Elm St.), or you can order gifts online and ship them directly to 814 Elm St., Suite 102, Manchester, 03101. Online monetary donations are welcomed to help sponsors purchase gifts for all age groups; visit facebook.com/toweroftoysnh or redarrowdiner.com for a PayPal link and online QR code.

QOL score: 74 Net change: +3 QOL this week: 77

What's affecting your Quality of Life here in New Hampshire? Let us know at news@hippopress.com.

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THIS WEEK BIG EVENTS NOVEMBER 4 AND BEYOND

Sunday, Nov. 7

See Kathryn Lewek, a coloratura soprano called "the Metropolitan Opera's reigning Queen of the Night" in a press release, at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive in Manchester; anselm.edu/ dana-center-humanities) today at 4 p.m. She will be accompanied by pianist Elizabeth Blood and by opera tenor (and Saint Anselm College professor) Sean



Parr, who wrote the book Vocal Virtuosity and will offer historical commentary, according to a press release. Tickets cost \$45.

Friday, Nov. 5

Symphony New Hampshire will present "Suites and Schubert" at St. Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church (39 Chandler St. in Nashua) tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 (\$25 for seniors; children 18 or younger get in free).

Saturday, Nov. 6

Get a little more Halloween fun at the Halloween Trivia Extravaganza at Liquid Therapy (14 Court St. in Nashua; 402-9391, liquidtherapynh.com) today at 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6

With November comes craft fair season. Today, find the Village

Craft Fair at the First Congregational Church (15 Lawrence Road in Salem) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a snack bar that closes at 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. The Lakes Region Fall Craft Fair will run today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tanger Outlets in Tilton. The fair will feature 90 exhibitors; see joycescraftshows.com. The Knights of Columbus will host the Merrimack Craft Fair today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (and also on Friday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m.) at Mastricola Upper Elementary School (26 Baboosic Lake Road in Merrimack), where, in addition to handmade crafts, you can find a bake sale, food concessions and a chance auction, according to kofc6725.org. The Hampstead Mothers' Club will hold their annual craft fair today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hampstead Middle School (28 School St.) with more than 80 crafters, a raffle and a food court, according to the group's Facebook page. St. Jude's Women's Guild will hold its 42 annual Country Christmas Fair today from 9

a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Jude Community Parish (435 Mammoth Road in Londonderry). The event will feature hand-crafted items, a quilt raffle, a bake sale and more. Coe-**Brown Northwood Academy (901** First NH Turnpike in Northwood; coebrown.org) will hold its craft fair today from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Luke the Evangelist (8 Atkinson Depot Road in Plaistow; stlukenh.org, 382-8324) will hold its Christmas Craft Fair from 9 am. to 3 p.m. featuring more than 20 vendors, a silent auction, jewelry table, raffles, "Cookie Heaven," breakfast and lunch items available for purlive chase, entertain-

ment and children's entertainment (including possibly photos with Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.), according to the church's website. Do you know of a craft fair this season? Let us know at listings@ hippopress.com.



Save the Date! Nov. 19

You may still be snacking on trick-or-treat candy but the season of *The Nutcracker* is nearly here. The Southern New Hampshire Dance Theatre will present its production of the classic Christmas ballet at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org, 668-5588) Friday, Nov. 19, through Sunday, Nov. 21. Shows are Friday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 20, at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 21, at noon and 4:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 to \$46.

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HOW THE PRINCESSES, CLOWNS, JUGGLERS AND OTHER PERFORMERS ARE KEEPING THE PARTY GOING

By Angle Sykeny asykeny@hippopress.com

Everyone could use a little magic these days, and these local entertainers are up to the task of bringing that magic to New Hampshire communities and families. We talked via phone and email with eight entertainers — two princesses, two clowns, an old-time magician, a fire-breathing juggler, one of Santa's helpers and even a unicorn queen with "real" unicorns — about how they got into the business of making kids' dreams come true, what goes into becoming a character and how they've adapted throughout the pandemic.

Andrew Pinard, Absolutely Magic



Andrew Pinaro

Pinard is a magician and variety performer offering entertainment for private and public events throughstate. out the He has a number of original shows, including a family-friendly vaudeville-style magic show called Alejandro's

Olde Tyme Magik Showe. Visit absomagic.

What is your stage persona or character?

While the name of my family audience show is *Alejandro's Olde Tyme Magik Showe*, my character is still named Andrew. Alejandro was a name that I first encountered as a child, and it sounded mystical. With my name starting with an 'A,' it seemed a natural fit.

Is this your main occupation or something you do on the side?

Until the pandemic hit, performance was my full-time job, [and had been] for 30 years. I'm mainly performing part-time right now while serving as Executive Director of the Claremont Opera House, but I expect [performance] will always be a part of my life.

How did you get into this?

I've been interested in performance, specifically theater, since I was a young child. I got interested in magic and gave my first magic show at a school assembly show when I was in second grade. I started performing music in fifth grade and theater in sixth and haven't looked back. At one time, I had the notion of being a music teacher, but theater and variety [performance] put out its siren song, and by 1990 I was performing full-time.

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

I wear a pretty basic costume: a custom waistcoat, collarless shirt — I have around 60 in about 20 different colors and patterns — and dark slacks. ... I would say the aesthetic is vaudeville-meets-barbershop-quartet.

How do you get into character?

Part of it is putting on the costume; part of it is loading in and setting up my show; and the final part is breathing in just before stepping on stage and reminding myself how much I love playing with my audiences. They're giving me a gift of their time whenever they come to see a show, and I want that time to be well-spent. At the end of every show, I want my audiences walking away delighted and excited to tell others of the experience they had.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

I did a few live public performances, mostly last summer, but for the most part I pulled back from performing as I wanted to be safe and ... my audiences to be safe. I avoided livestreamed or virtual performances as I struggled to feel a real connection. ... The technology got in the way of my goal of sharing a moment in time with audiences. I'm grateful to have a monthly show in a small theater and to see gigs starting to come back. ... Some of the mechanics have changed, especially with mask use and less contact in the show. ... I feel I have to exude more energy to make up for the muted responses caused by mask wearing. ... I also try to [perform] in a way that helps [the audience] forget the conditions we're in and transports them to a place where they're simply existing and enjoying.

What do you enjoy most about this work?

There are two things, really: the opportunity to travel all around the world seeing the sights, coupled with the opportunity to celebrate the people I meet along the way. There are far more things that connect us than those that divide us, and laughter is universal.

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

At almost every performance, there is at least one individual who will be completely swept up, to the point where they gasp or respond physically to the experience. I love, love, love those moments. Those moments are precisely what keep my love for the performance of magic alive. As the performer ... I never get to experience the magic until I get to see it through my audience's eyes. That's a true gift they give me every single show.

What do the next few months look like for vou?

I have a few shows lined up, but we're all kind of waiting to see what will happen next. I'm hoping 2022 will be much more like the past, but I am resolved to commit to the process. We all need a little magic in our lives right now, and I feel a responsibility to share my gifts as long as I may.

Jason Tardy, Jason Tardy Productions



Jason Tardy

Tardy is an entertainer specializing in juggling, comedy, fire performance and circus arts. Based in Maine, he does much of his performing in New Hampshire, for both private and public audiences. Visit jasontardy.com.

What is your stage persona or character?

Mostly I'm just an exaggerated version of myself, since most of my shows are my high-energy juggling performances. ... I do sometimes perform in variety shows where I

do need to play a character. ... I just created The Dragon Man character, [which is] a costume I wear while doing fire demonstrations.

Is this your main occupation or something you do on the side?

Believe it or not, this is the only job I've ever had. I've been performing since I was 15 years old, and when I graduated high school I made enough [income] to make a living. As you get older you get more bills, and luckily I've [continued to make] enough money to keep up with all that.

How did you get into this?

When I was 15 my brother Matt and I met a professional juggler, Michael Miclon, at our town's variety show. Basically, everyone in the town would come out and sing or dance or tell jokes. Michael was a full-time professional juggler and comedian and was kind of a guest performer in the show. He saw my brother and me and another friend doing an act where we lip-synced Weird Al Yankovic music and wore crazy costumes. He thought we had great energy. I mostly think he [was impressed that] we weren't afraid to look dumb in front of a lot of people and [didn't] take ourselves too seriously. He asked us if we would like to apprentice with him, which basically meant we would travel with him and help him set up [for shows], and he would teach us juggling and how to get into the business. Michael was also an apprentice when he was in middle school, so it was something he always wanted to pass on. I also took on an apprentice a few years back, and now he is a full-time performing

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

The costume I wear for most of my shows is just comfortable black pants that don't wrinkle, which is important when traveling a lot, and usually a very bright pixelated T-shirt made of tech fabrics. My juggling show is very high-energy and physical, so I need to be comfortable during the show.

How do you shift into your stage persona?

I take the parts of me that are high-energy and silly and just dig into that side of my personality. ... Since [The Dragon Man]

is pretty new, I'm not totally sure how I'm going to play that character. ... A lot of times I feel like the costuming of the character really helps me get into that personality. ... The main thing I do before my performances ... is remind myself to have fun. I learned a long time ago that the audience puts themselves in the performer's shoes, so if I'm nervous or shy, the audience will feel that, but if I'm having fun and not worrying about making mistakes, the audience will have fun as well.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

I was able to adapt and do virtual performances. I quickly learned how to use Zoom and bought a good webcam and even turned my garage into a performance space. The garage has lighting and even a curtain on the back wall. I think I lost about two-thirds of my work that year, but I was able to make enough money to get by. I also made a few pre-recorded shows I could sell over and over again for a lower price, which worked out really well, and I'm still selling those to this day. ... Now, [doing live shows,] I'm just a little bit more aware of when I bring people on stage, and schools sometimes still make you wear a mask while setting up for the show. Once the show starts, the audience is just into the show, and it doesn't feel that different [from pre-pandemic shows]. At some of my first shows after the pandemic, it felt like the audience was really ready to have fun and maybe even more energetic than before.

What do you enjoy most about this work?

Getting to be creative and really challenging myself creatively and physically. I love that my job challenges me in those ways. Also, one of the most special things about [being a performer] is that my job is to make people happy, and what could be better than

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

One of the best things about this job was getting to do it with my brother for so many years. When we first started we would sometimes fight and get into arguments as all brothers do, but you learn pretty quickly to get along if you're going to be throwing knives at each other. My brother has since retired from performing because of an illness, but getting to spend 25 years with him as my performing partner is something I'll never forget.

What do the next few months look like for

I definitely have less work than during the summer. The summer is usually pretty insane, with almost no days off, and sometimes three different shows in three different states in one day, so I kind of look forward to winter, but also dread the lack of work. ... I do have a few virtual shows and in-person shows booked ... [and] a few winter festivals.

Savannah Bernard. **Once Upon a Tea Room**



Savannah Bernard

Opened in August, Once Tea Upon a Room is a party service with its own event venue in Newport. It specializes in princess parties with costumed performers and currently offers around 30 different char-Visit acters.

onceuponatearoom.org.

What characters do you play?

Cinderella, Ariel, Belle, Snow White, Majestia the Unicorn Princess, Evie, Dorothy, Holly the Christmas Elf, Rapunzel, Hogwarts student, Elsa, Anna and Barbie. Most of the characters have stories already — they're just the traditional Disney stories — but there are a couple that we make up stories for, and I tend to do that based on what the child likes.

Is this your main occupation or something you do on the side?

This is a part-time job for me. My full-time job is [working as a] behavioral interventionist in the Claremont School District.

How did you get into this?

That's actually a funny story. Katlynn, the owner, ran into my best friend at Walmart and invited her to join the team. I was actually pretty skeptical, but after meeting Katlynn and talking to her, I knew that working with her would be a lot of fun. Who doesn't want to be a princess? Now, Katlynn and everyone I work with has become family, on the job and just in life.

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

I start by doing my makeup, and that takes about 20 to 30 minutes. Then, with some help, I'll put the hoop skirt and petticoat and dress on, depending on the character I'm playing for that event ... and then jewelry. Lastly, Katlynn will help me with pinning my wig on.

How do you get into character?

I personally like to watch all the movies and short films [featuring] the character and listen to all that character's music on repeat. Knowing their stories is key to making the kids' experiences magical.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

I didn't work at Once Upon a Tea Room [during the pandemic] — I was actually still



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in high school at the time — but events are picking up, and each one is an absolute blast every time.

What do you enjoy most about this work?

I love my coworkers — they are my second family — and I love knowing I'm making some little girl's or boy's fairytale dreams come true. I love seeing their faces as they are completely enthralled with the character.

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

Actually being with the kids and seeing their smiles ... [and] coming together with the other cast members and setting up for the events. That's where real relationships are built, spending those hours together. I've probably met some of my forever friends that way.

What do the next few months look like for you?

The next few months are packed with parties on the weekends, and I couldn't be more excited.

Alora Bowers, Once Upon a Tea Room



Alora Bowers

What characters do you play? Snow Princess, Peasant Belle, Rapunzel, Tail Ariel, Snow White, Majestia the Unicorn Princess, Dorothy, Mal, Poppy, Barbie, Jessie and fairies.

Is this your main occupation

or something you do on the side?

This is part-time. I work full-time as a resource tech at a pharmacy.

How did you get into this?

This has always been such a huge passion of mine. I volunteer for some nonprofits doing character calls, but I wanted to do more. I've always heard of these [party services] but could never find one near me. I kept searching and found Once Upon a Tea Room. I nearly screamed. I applied right away.

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

Thé process can be long, but, honestly, [it should] when you're starting out, because you're learning ... what the process will be for you, what's good for your skin and how to apply the makeup yourself. The more you do it, the faster and more comfortable [it becomes]. We arrive [to an event] an hour early. ... Our costumes are beautifully designed, and they fit the period, so ... the

classical princesses like Belle and Cinderella have hoop skirts and corsets. I absolutely love it.

How do you get into character?

It's understanding [the character's] motivation and mannerisms. I try to think of situations and how she would feel ... and respond. ... Singing their songs always helps me get in their mindset, too.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

We always state that masks are optional, and we are very flexible with how the family wants to proceed. We respect the family's comfort level and how they feel about the pandemic, making sure everyone feels safe. We still have games and activities ... and we still make sure each child gets that personal connection [with the characters] and enjoys themselves.

What do you enjoy most about this work?

There are no words to describe how it feels seeing kids so excited and like their dream came true. ... To see the kids' eyes light up during a party is the absolute best. ... Another thing is just practicing, honestly — having fun before events, loosening up, dancing and laughing. ... We are truly a family here.

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

[While playing] Rapunzel, [I] was told by a birthday princess that she had the best birthday and [was given] a big hug.

What do the next few months look like for you?

We're hoping to do some events for the holidays and back-to-school. ... Majestia the Unicorn Princess will be visiting our Tea Room soon for some parties. ... We also have new characters in the works ... [including] a fire fairy I am [playing].

Barbara Foristall, Cracker Jacks the Clown



Barbara Foristall, Cracker Jacks the Clown

Foristall of Merrimack is professional clown with more than three decades of experience. She is a member and the former president of Granite State Clowns, a group of local clowns that works to promote the art of clowning in New Hampshire.

Visit crackerjackstheclown.com.

What are your stage personas and characters that you play?

I do many characters: Cracker Jacks, Maggie May, Twink the Elf, Esmeralda the Witch, Do Fuss the Magic Clown, Melanie the Elegant Clown and Mrs. Barbara Claus. Cracker Jacks is a zany little boyish character, best geared for children up to age 7, but she can handle most any crowd. ... Maggie May is suited for older [audiences]. ... [She] collects [information] from family and friends [of the guest of honor] and uses that in a roast-like form to put the guest of honor on the spot. It's hysterical. ... I mimicked Carol Burnett, Lucy Ball, Red Skelton and other great comics to develop Maggie May, and added all my clowning experience so that I could basically fly by the seat of my pants at functions.

Is this your main occupation or something you do on the side?

This is a part-time job. I'm also currently a nursery school teacher.

How did you get into this?

I began my clowning career 35 years ago. ... I was a nursery school teacher ... but had to get a corporate job because I couldn't survive on nursery school pay. I missed the kids, so I ... started clowning around. I found other clowns in the area who guided me in the proper techniques. I attended many conventions and groups to learn more, and I still do. You can always learn something new.

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

Cracker Jacks wears big clown shoes, pants with suspenders, a shirt and bowtie and a baseball hat. Maggie May ... [wears] a dress [with] patches, a cape and a hat with a dirty old flower. ... It takes me a few minutes to get really ugly. ... I take out my teeth — well, most of them — and glue on a nose.

How do you get into character?

I'm kind of a character [in real life] anyway, so that part is easy. ... Cracker Jacks is who I am, exemplified. ... [For Maggie May,] on my ride to the event, I go over the information I got on the guest so if an opportunity comes up, I can use it to embarrass them — all in good fun.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

I didn't work during the pandemic. I didn't get calls, and I wasn't comfortable, due to my age, 72 years young. Events are very slowly picking up. My hope is that in 2022 everyone will feel safer and we as performers can strut our stuff again.

What do you enjoy most about this work?

Cracker Jacks can [interact] with a child who may be fearful [of clowns] and win them over. ... I love it when there's a child [who is] fearful [at first], but by the end of the event they are my best friend. ... [As Maggie May,] I adore causing laughter by doing the unexpected. ... I never know what I'm walking into, which makes it exciting for me and for the audience. I'm quite quick-witted. ... I surprise the guest of honor with all kinds of personal gags and jokes. It thrills me when a performance comes together.

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

I also use my Maggie May character at clown conventions in skit competitions, and I love being on stage in front of my peers and causing them to laugh. It's the ultimate compliment.

What do the next few months look like for

A very slow return of more jobs. I'm part of Granite State Clowns in Nashua, a group that meets to teach the art and love of clowning. ... We'll be holding a six-week clown school in March, and we hope to bring more interest to clowning and the joy it brings to all. Let's face it — we need more laughter, especially today.

Deanna Levesque, **NH Unicorns**



Levesque is the founder and owner of NH Unicorns. an entertainment service offering parties, special appearances and photoshoots with horses and ponies, transformed into "unicorns." Visit nhunicorns.com.

What character do vou play?

I'm not always in costume at NH Unicorn parties, but when I am, we call [the character] the Unicorn Princess. She's a princess who grew up in a castle where the unicorns are from. We thought it would go along great with the unicorns since a lot of people associate unicorns with fairy tales and magic and princes and princesses.

Is this your main occupation or something you do on the side?

It was intended to be a part-time thing, but is definitely more full-time than I ever thought it would be.

How did you get into this?

I've been working with horses my whole life. I'm a professional horse trainer ... and I own Bella Vista Stables in Barnstead, which is a competitive equestrian facility. ... NH Unicorns came about as a way to fulfill a child's dream of meeting a unicorn. I have a niece who was born with heart complications and had many heart surgeries and a pacemak-



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er by the time she was 3 years old. We asked her, 'What do you want most in life?' and she said she wanted to meet a unicorn. I got a little white pony and turned it into a unicorn, and it grew from there into a business.

How do you get into character?

It's pretty easy because I love the job. The character feels very natural to me.

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

The princess costume is fairly simple. I slap on a princess dress, do my hair up big and curly, do a little bit of light makeup and I'm ready to go. [Getting ready] is much more intense for the unicorns. The majority of our unicorns are all white ... so they have to go through a rigorous grooming routine to maintain their cleanliness and softness. ... Then, they get their hooves polished and their horns shined up for every event.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

Pre-pandemic, our events were pretty crazy; we had to start limiting [the number of] guests because the events got overcrowded. ... We didn't really do anything during the pandemic. ... Post-pandemic, we've stayed pretty busy ... but our crowds are a lot smaller. The vast majority of parties over the last year have been for one kid or a couple of kids and their immediate family.

What do you enjoy most about this work?

Getting to work with animals, getting to work with kids and getting to make so many people happy. I can't even count the number of people who have told us that we've made their dreams come true when they get to meet our unicorns.

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

When my niece first got to sit on one of the unicorns. Her face lit up, and I see that beautiful smiling face on every kid that sits on a unicorn.

What do the next few months look like for vou?

We do slow down a little bit in the winter; we won't have parties every single weekend, but we have enough on the schedule to stay mostly busy. We also have some photo shoots scheduled for the next couple of months.

Kristi Parker, Krickey the Clown

Parker is a trained, professional clown and currently serves as president of Granite State Clowns, a group of local clowns that works to promote the art of clowning in New Hampshire. Visit krickeytheclown.com.

What characters do you play?

My main character is Krickey the Clown.



Kristi Parker, Krickey the Clown

Krickey as a nickname for Kristi, so that's how Krickey was born. I also do Mrs. Wickywacky, the Not-So-Scary Witch during October. At Christmastime I work alongside one of my Santa

young, my mom

used to call me

Claus friends as Cookie the Elf.

Is this your main occupation or something you do on the side?

It's on the side. I'm a full-time middle school teacher, and I also teach some quilting classes. ... When I first became a clown I didn't even know I could get paid. Now I put whatever money I make back into clowning; I use it for attending conferences and trainings and buying balloons and supplies and materials to make costumes.

How did you get into this?

I've always loved theater and entertaining people, and I was always involved in plays when I was in school. ... I first learned about clowning around 15 years ago when the Granite State Clowns did a program at the library. They encouraged me to come to a meeting, and I got sucked right in. ... From there I actually went to clown school and have been to several trainings and conventions throughout the country. I've put a lot of time into learning my craft.

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

I love costuming. I sew, so I make my own costumes. ... There are different kinds of makeup for different kinds of clowns. I'm what's called an auguste clown, which has a white muzzle, red lips and some white or some kind of accent near the eyes. ... It takes me almost an hour to put on my costume, makeup and wig.

How do you get into character?

My clown persona is really just an extension of my own persona. I'm naturally a shy and somewhat reserved person, so I don't do a lot of slapstick or physical [performance].... I don't juggle; I've tried to learn, but I'm not very good, but that's OK, because I have other talents.... My focus is more on making a connection with a child and making them smile, and I don't do that in a loud or boisterous way.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

Last year was pretty devastating; I think I had two gigs in the entire year. ... I've been getting more gigs lately, primarily outside gigs. ... I am being more cautious about getting too

close to people. Instead of doing face painting, where I'm right up next to their face, I've been doing glitter tattoos, applied on the back of the person's hand. ... The younger kids don't always understand that they shouldn't get too close, so sometimes I'll have to say, 'Everyone, take one giant step back.'

What do you enjoy most about this work?

It fills my heart and soul seeing a child smile and giggle and their eyes get wide. ... This is my way of spreading joy and helping people forget about their troubles and things that are weighing them down and just let loose and

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

I did a birthday party where one of the children was deathly afraid of clowns. Her grandmother said to me, 'Can you please make sure that you don't scare her?' ... I was making balloon animals, and the grandmother brought her up to me, holding her hand, and I made her a balloon animal. When it was time for me to pack up and say goodbye, she came running up to me, hugged me around my knees, looked up at me and said, 'I love you, clown.' I guess I had won her over. It melted my heart.

What do the next few months look like for

I've only been doing outdoor [events], so when things move inside for the winter I won't be doing a lot, but I do have a couple of outdoor things coming up, like the Concord Tree Lighting and the Christmas Parade.

Ernie Rousseau, Santa's Den



Ernie Rousseau

Rousseau, also known as "Santa Ernest," is a professional Santa from Hudson. His services include home visits, photo shoots, video messages and letters from Santa. Visit santasden. com.

What character do you play?

My character is Santa Claus. Of course, there are all kinds of stories about Santa Claus, so you learn about the history of St. Nicholas, from the beginning up to modern times, and you add your own spin to it, and that's how you develop your Santa persona. ... Mine is based mostly on Santa as he's known in the United States — the kind, generous gift-giver.

Is this your main occupation or something you do on the side?

This is part-time. My main employment is working as a city bus driver.

How did you get into this?

I also work part-time at a haunted house, primarily doing security, but I also play a few different characters there. ... That got me thinking, and a couple years ago I said, 'I'm going to become Santa Claus.' I started doing a bunch of research and then became a member of the New England Santa Society.

Describe your costume and process of getting ready.

It usually takes me about an hour to get ready. ... I have four different types of suits ... for different types of events. I get [suits and accessories] from a Santa company out of Michigan ... and a seamstress in Texas ... and a craftsman in North Carolina. I do a lot of research to find the best-looking stuff.

How do you get into character?

I have a room designated as my 'Santa den.' It has the smell of Christmas and a Christmas tree that stays up all year round. ... I sit in there and take in the scent of the tree and the decorations, and then I'm ready to put my suit on.

How have events and your relationship with your audience changed over the course of the pandemic?

I worked at Bass Pro Shops during the pandemic. There was no contact; we had face shields and plexiglass between me and the visitors, and we cleaned everything between each visitor. ... I also did social-distanced private visits where I'd stand out in the [family's] front yard and they would drive up and have a brief interaction with me from their vehicle. It was great that the children still got to see Santa. ... We don't use face shields or plexiglass anymore, but there's still no contact; the families sit on a bench and chat with me. ... I've also been doing virtual visits from my Santa den.

What do you enjoy most about this work?

Watching the children's eyes get wide when they see Santa. When you bring a child joy, and that in turn brings joy to the parents, how can you not feel good about what you're

What is one of your favorite memories from on the job?

There was a little boy who had been in some kind of burn accident and was all bandaged up. ... When he got to me, he looked at me, and there wasn't any pain in his face - just pure joy and happiness to see Santa Claus. I had to keep myself from crying.

What do the next few months look like for

Very, very busy. From October through December I'm working nonstop, doing everything from private events where I go to people's homes; [public] events with a Santa visit; [charity] events; and some virtual visits.

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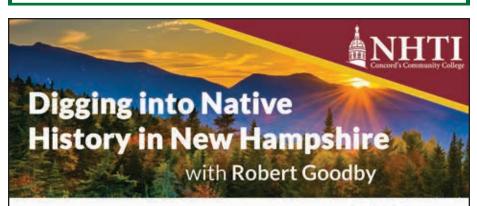
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ARTS

Take the artistic route

Exhibits, make-and-take crafts, demos and more on the Route 3 Art Trail

By Meghan Siegler msiegler@hippopress.com

Building on a small but successful inaugural event, the second annual Route 3 Art Trail returns with more artists, more demonstrations and more hands-on activities at three anchor locations Kimball Jenkins, Twiggs Gallery and MakingMatters — plus a cluster of small studios in between. The event takes place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adele Sanborn, owner of Twiggs Gallery in Boscawen, came up with the idea last year to create the art trail as sort of a replacement for NH Open Doors, which the gallery used to take part in.

"We are connecting [the public] with local artists this way instead," Twiggs Gallery Manager Laura Morrison said. "The ultimate idea is to create an arts corridor that's north of Concord."

During the event, Twiggs will open its annual holiday exhibit Sleighbell Studio for the season.

Route 3 Art Trail

When: Saturday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Various locations throughout Boscawen. Penacook and northern Concord

More info: For a map, visit route3arttrail.com.

"During November and into mid-December we kind of turn it into more of a shop for people to pick up gifts," Morrison said.

If weather permits, the gallery will also host a bonfire from 1 to 3 p.m., where people can roast marshmallows, drink hot chocolate and listen to caroling, and it will offer free kits for making hol-

MakingMatters in Penacook is another of the tour's anchor stops, and MakingMatters Treasurer Sandra May said they'll have 10 or 11 demonstrators.

"We've more than doubled what we had last year," she said. "We [also] have a full house of resident artists."

Some of the demonstrations will be done by non-resident artists, including a bowl turner and a wood carver from the Guild of New Hampshire Woodworkers and a sculpturist. There will be some hands-on activities, including happiness rocks, collage painting and two free classes: posca pen paint art for all ages, and cyanotype image printing for mature kids and adults. For the posca pen class, people are welcome to bring objects from home to paint on.

May said she's looking forward to "sharing the energy of the arts community that's north of Concord."

"I think Penacook doesn't always get the love it deserves," she said.

Also in Penacook, mixed-metal artist Jo Shields is back on the art trail after getting a lot of traffic last year at her studio, located inside her house. Shields was just juried into the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen and is starting to get some of her pieces into the League stores. She uses all kinds of recycled objects in her jewelry, including old knitting needles, pieces of metal she's found on the road, old porcelain dolls and cut-up silver-plated trays.

"I like to work with copper, and I make a lot of earrings. I love making necklaces. My stuff is very different, kind of funky and fun," she said.

Also at Shields' studio will be her friend Diane Fishel of Ofishel Designs!

"She makes some of the most awesome handbags," Shields said.

Both will be doing demonstrations; Shields will be doing repousse, a metalworking technique, while Fishel will be painting on fabric.

Back in Boscawen, glass artist Karen Mehos will open her studio and home retail shop, Gadzooks Glass, for tours and shopping, as well as demonstrations if the weather is warm enough. Mehos makes fused glass ornaments, bowls, votive holders and night lights. Up until now it's mostly been just for fun, but she was intrigued by the idea of opening up her home and studio for the tour.

"I've never done this before, [but I thought] I should really sell [my work] because it's piling up," she said. "I just want to make pretty things that other people can enjoy."

Mehos has been working with fused glass for about eight years, having done stained glass in college.

"Life happened, then I [eventually] moved into my own place with my own little shed, and that's where I work," she said.

Mehos will have something for every price range; most will be less than \$50, and many are in the \$10 to \$25 range.

"The more complex they get, the price goes up," she said. "I can spend anywhere from an hour to a day just putting the glass in place and making it go the way I want it to."

Her priciest item is a bowl that features a sunset, which she spent three months working on.

"That bowl is a labor of love and passion," she said. "That image popped into my head and it was my job to get that image out of my head and into the glass."

Several other artists will open up their shops for the Route 3 Art Trail, as will the third anchor location, Kimball-Jenkins, which is in the northern part of Concord. It will have its Salon 2021 exhibit open for viewing.

Each of the locations will have an item to raffle off; pick up your Passport at your first stop, then visit at least five more sites to be eligible to participate.



Susan Douglass upcycles glass objects for home and garden. Courtesy photo.



Doug Egounis handcrafts furniture and holiday decora tions. Courtesy photo.











Small glass bowl by Karen Mehos. Courtesy photo.

Trail stops

On King Street in Boscawen:

Twiggs Gallery, 254 King St.

Twiggs Gallery's holiday exhibit Sleighbell Studio will open for the season. Weather permitting, there will be a bonfire from 1 to 3 p.m. for roasting marshmallows, plus hot chocolate and caroling by the Boscawen Congregational Church Choir. Take home a free kit to create a unique holiday card.

Gadzooks Glass, 232 King St.

Glass artist Karen Mehos will open her studio for tours and demonstrations, weather permitting, and she will have her retail space open to sell her small ornaments, night lights, votive holders, platters and bowls.

Susan Douglass, 231 King St.

Susan Douglass will have a tent set up outside her home to showcase the sculptures and whimsical items she creates for the home and garden. Everything is made from upcycled objects.

Chadwick Hill Rustic Furniture, 187 King St. Furniture craftsman Doug Egounis creates log furniture made from a variety of wood such as black birch, white birch, maple and pine. He Kimball Jenkins, 266 N. Main St. will be making a bench and some small reindeers during the tour.

Marshall's Flowers & Gifts, 151 King St. Marshall's Flowers & Gifts features New Hampshire-made gifts, fresh, dried and silk arrangements and dish gardens. Stop by to watch the florist designing fresh flower arrangements.

In Penacook:

Dreamland Machine Quilting, 15 Fowler St. Quilter Tracy Szanto provides custom machine quilting, custom-made T-shirt quilts and other quilted items and gifts. Tracy will have her quilting machine set up to do demos and will also demonstrate how she paints on fabric.

Jo Shields Studio, 5 Steeple View

Jo Shields is a mixed-metal jeweler; she invited Diane Fishel of Ofishel Designs! to join her for the day. Jo will be demonstrating repoussé, a metalworking technique, and Diane will be demonstrating painting on fabric.

MakingMatters NH, 88 Village St.

MakingMatters NH is Concord's makerspace and artist/business incubator. It will be offering facility tours, artisan and equipment demos and children's make-and-take craft stations. There will be two free classes: Explore Posca Paint Pen Art from 11 a.m. to noon and Cyanotype Image Printing Workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sign up at makingmattersnh.wildapricot.org.

In Concord:

Kimball Jenkins Salon 2021 exhibit will be open for viewing. The exhibition explores the diversity of studio practices and media from a range of regional artists and is hung floor-toceiling, salon-style.

The latest from NH's theater, arts and literary communities

- Symphonic suites: Symphony New Hampshire presents its second concert of the season, "Suites and Schubert," on Friday, Nov. 5, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church (39 Chandler St., Nashua). The concert, conducted by artistic director Roger Kalia, will feature music by Bach, Schubert and Florence Price, the first African American female composer to have her music performed by a major symphony orchestra in 1933. Notable pieces will include Price's Suite of Dances, Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3, "Air on a G String," and Schubert's Symphony No. 5. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$60 for adults and \$18 to \$55 for seniors age 65 and up. Admission is free for children with a paying adult. Visit symphonynh.org or call 595-9156.
- Art weekend in the villages: The Warner Historical Society and Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Warner and Contoocook Art Event and Shopping Tour from Friday, Nov. 5, through Sunday, Nov. 7. Art galleries and studios in both villages will be open, with artists onsite to discuss and demonstrate their art. There will be a variety of art and crafts for sale, including jewelry, fine art, baskets, pottery, wooden ware, dreamcatchers and more. The event will kick off at the Upton Chandler House Museum (15 W. Main St., Warner) on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m., and will continue at various locations throughout the weekend. On Saturday only, participating locations will include the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum (18 Highlawn Road, Warner), MainStreet BookEnds Gallery (16 E. Main St., Warner) and Copper Canoe Gallery (916 Main St., Contoocook,), all from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participating locations on Saturday and Sunday will include Two Villages Art Society (846 Main St., Contoocook), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days; Café One East (1 E. Main St., Warner), from dreams of the perfect wedding at which 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days; and the her father walks her down the aisle. The Upton Chandler House Museum and Contoocook Depot (896 Main St., Contoocook), both from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. Visit warnerhistorical.org or kearsargechamber.org.
- Aardvark Jazz Orchestra pays tribute to jazz legend Duke Ellington with "Salute to Duke" on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Dana Cen-



Art by Vicki Blanchard, a featured artist at the Warner and Contoocook Art Event and Shopping Tour. Courtesy



Art by Kristin Watts, a featured artist at the Warner and Contoocook Art Event and Shopping Tour. Courtesy

ter (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester). The concert will feature the music of Ellington, some classics and some lesser-known pieces, performed in various sounds and styles. Tickets cost \$40. Visit anselm. edu/dana-center-humanities or 641-7700.

• Watch that scene: Mamma Mia! continues at The Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) through Nov. 14. with showtimes on Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at noon and 5 p.m. The jukebox musical written by British playwright Catherine Johnson features 28 songs by the 1970s Swedish pop group ABBA, including hits like "Dancing Queen," "Take a Chance on Me" and "Mamma Mia." Set on a Greek island, the story follows Sophie, a young woman who is engaged to be married and only problem is she doesn't know who her father is. After looking through her mother's old journals, Sophie invites three of her potential fathers to the wedding, but the identity of her real father is • A night of Duke Ellington: The not as clear as she thought it would be. Tickets cost \$39 to \$46 for adults and \$25 for children. Visit palacetheatre.org or call 668-5588.

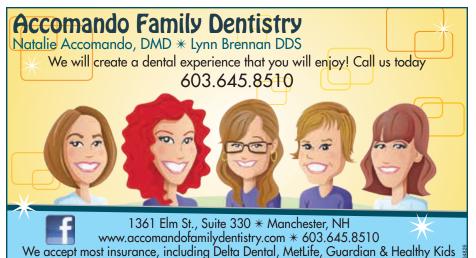
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Exhibits

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lagesart.org. • "WPA IN NH: PHILIP GUS-TON AND MUSA MCKIM" Exhibit features a pair of 14-foot monumental murals painted by artist Philip Guston and poet and painter Musa McKim for the Federal forestry building in Laconia, New Hampshire, in 1941. The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester). On view now through Dec. 5. Museum admission tickets cost \$15, \$13 for seniors age 65 and up, and must be booked online. Call 669-6144 or visit currier.org.

"AROUND NEW HAMP-SHIRE" On exhibit at the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce's Visitor Center, 49 S. Main St., Concord, on view through Dec. 16. Featuring the work of New Hampshire Art Association member Elaine Farmer, the exhibit features her oil paintings embodying New Hampshire's iconic views and ideals, ranging from mountain lakes and birch tree woods to historic landmarks. Visit concordnhchamber.com

• "SMALL WORKS — BIG IMPACT" Creative Ventures Gallery presents its annual holiday exhibit in-person at the gallery (411 Nashua St., Milford) and virtually on the gallery's website (creativeventuresfineart.com). The exhibit features non-juried small works of art in a variety of media

and styles, created by area professional and nonprofessional artists, priced affordably for holiday gift buying. Nov. 2 through Dec. 31. An artist reception will be held at the gallery on Fri., Nov. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. Visit creativeventuresfineart.com or call 672-2500.

• "NEW HAMPSHIRE NOW" A collaborative photography project presented by the New Hampshire Historical Society and the New Hampshire Society of Photographic Artists, on display in eight exhibitions at museums and historical societies across the state. Nearly 50 photographers participated in the project, taking more than 5,000 photos of New Hampshire people, places, culture and events from 2018 to 2020 to create a 21st-century portrait of life in the Granite State. Exhibition locations include Belknap Mill Society in Laconia; Colby-Sawyer College in New London; Portsmouth Historical Society; Historical Society of Cheshire County in Keene; the Manchester Historic Association; Museum of the White Mountains at Plymouth State University; and the Tillotson Center in Colebrook: with the flagship exhibition at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord. Visit newhampshirenow.org and nhhistory.org.

 GALLERY ART A new collection of art by more than 20 area artists on display now in-person and online. Creative Ventures Gallery (411 Nashua St., Milford). Call 672-2500 or visit creativeventuresfineart.com.

• "9/11" Exhibit features images of the September 11 attacks and the aftermath, taken by war photographer Jim Nachtwey. On view now. The Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester). Museum admission tickets cost \$15, \$13 for seniors age 65 and up, and must be booked online. Call 669-6144 or visit currier.org.

Shows

• WONDERS Phylloxera Productions presents. The Hatbox Theatre (Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road, Concord). Now through Nov. 7, with showtimes on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets \$22 for adults, \$19 for students, seniors and members. Visit hatboxnh.com. · MAMMA MIA Palace Theatre presents. 80 Hanover St., Manchester. Now through Nov. 14, with showtimes Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at noon and 5 p.m. Tickets cost \$39 to \$46 for adults and \$25 for children. Visit palacetheatre.org or call 668-5588. • BUDDY - THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY Capitol Center for the Arts

• ALL TOGETHER NOW! Produced by the Community Players of Concord's Children's Theater Project. Concord City Auditorium, 2 Prince St., Concord. Fri., Nov. 12, 7 p.m., and Sat., Nov. 13, 2 p.m. Visit communityplayersofconcord.org.

(44 S. Main St., Concord). Fri,

Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at

\$44.50. Visit ccanh.com.

• THE WEDDING SINGER Presented by Peacock Players. Court Street Theatre (14 Court St., Nashua). Nov. 12 through Nov. 21, with showtimes Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Visit peacockplayers.org.

• 9/12 New World Theatre presents. The Hatbox Theatre (Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Road, Concord). Nov. 12 through Nov. 21, with showtimes on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets \$22 for adults, \$19 for students, seniors and members. Visit hatboxnh.com.

Classical

• "SUITES AND SCHUBERT" Symphony New Hampshire presents music by Bach, Schubert and Florence Price, the first African American female composer to

have her music performed by a major symphony orchestra. Pieces will include Price's Suite of Dances and Schubert's Symphony No. 5. St. Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church (39 Chandler St., Nashua). Fri., Nov. 5. Visit symphonynh.org.

COVID POETRY BOOK LAUNCH

The New Hampshire Center for the Book and the New Hampshire State Library will host a virtual book launch event for COVID Spring II: More Granite State Pandemic Poems on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m., via Zoom. The book, published by Hobblebush Books and edited by New Hampshire Poet Laureate Alexandria Pearv, is an anthology of poetry by 51 New Hampshire residents about the pandemic experience in New Hampshire and the followup to COVID Spring: Granite State Pandemic Poems, which was released in September 2020. The event will include an introduction from Mary Russell,

Director of the New Hampshire Center for the Book, and discussions with other special guests. Registration is required. Visit hobblebush.com or call 715-9615.





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Use the force

How to plant bulbs for forcing indoors

By Henry Homeyer listings@hippopress.com

— THE — GARDENING — GUY —

I love the winter, but by March I am ready for spring.
I usually have some snowdrops blooming

in March on a south-facing hillside, but they are subtle, not bodacious blooms. So I plant lots of bulbs indoors in the fall and keep them cool until it is time to bring them into the warmth of the house, and I get indoor tulips, daffodils and more in March. That's what forcing bulbs is all about. It's simple, really, but there are a few tips I can share since I do this every year.

Most bulbs are described on their packages as early, mid-season or late. Go to your local garden center and look for bulbs that are labeled as early bloomers — they are the best for forcing. Buy daffodils, some tulips and maybe some small bulbs like crocus or grape hyacinths. You can plant these bulbs in large pots or even in your window box if you bring it in.

You will also need some potting soil and compost. I make a mix that is half compost, half potting soil for forcing bulbs. I don't use garden soil because it can be heavy and often stays

wet. Bulbs can rot if they are left in wet soil for too long. I often reuse the potting mix that I used for growing annual plants outdoors in summer. I just pull up the summer's plants, fluff up the soil, add some compost as needed, and make sure it is damp to start. If it is dry, I water it before I plant my bulbs.

Each year I plant about 25 daffodils in a window box that is about 30 inches long, 6 inches wide and deep. I prefer to get all of one kind so that they all bloom at once.

I fill the window box a little more than half full with my mixture of compost and potting soil and place the bulbs, pointy end up, in the soil. Once I have them all in place I push them down more and fill up the box with more potting soil-compost mixture.

Be sure to label each pot with the date planted, and what is planted. Later that will tell you when you can bring it into the warmth. Daffodils take about 12 weeks of dormancy before they should be brought into the warmth of the house, and tulips do better with 4 full months. Little things like crocus can be forced in 8 to 10 weeks.

Often bulbs will send roots out through the holes in the bottom of the pot or send up green shoots telling you they are ready. But don't rush the process. Tulips brought up early will have

nice green leaves, but no flowers.

Ideally temperatures for bulbs used for forcing will be between 32 and 50 degrees, though colder temperatures should not be a problem (my basement often goes below freezing for a few days). Left in a warm location, the bulbs

will grow green tops — but not blossoms. Bulbs left in a cold basement or garage will do just fine. Inside the bulkhead to your cellar might be the right temperature, too.

You need to be aware that rodents like eating bulbs (indoors or out) — especially tulips. My basement has, most years, harbored mice and sometimes even a resident red squirrel. Unlike tulips, daffodils are not of interest to rodents as they are mildly poisonous. I keep my pots of tulips covered with hardware cloth (a fine-mesh metal screening available at hardware stores). But wear gloves if you cut hardware cloth to size — the edges are as sharp as razor wire.

You can double your production of blooms by planting two layers of bulbs in a container. Plant big bulbs deep in the pots, add soil, and then plant a layer of crocus or other small bulbs above them.

It is important to check on the bulbs you are forcing at least once a month, particularly if you have put wire rodent-proofing over the containers. I've had shoots try to grow through the hardware cloth and get damaged. If the bulbs are



freezing for a few days). Left Forced tulips are my favorites. Courtesy

sending up shoots, remove the wire mesh. I also don't want the soil mix to get bone dry, so I check it and water a little if it's dry. The bulbs will grow roots when first planted, and then go dormant if kept in a dark, cold location.

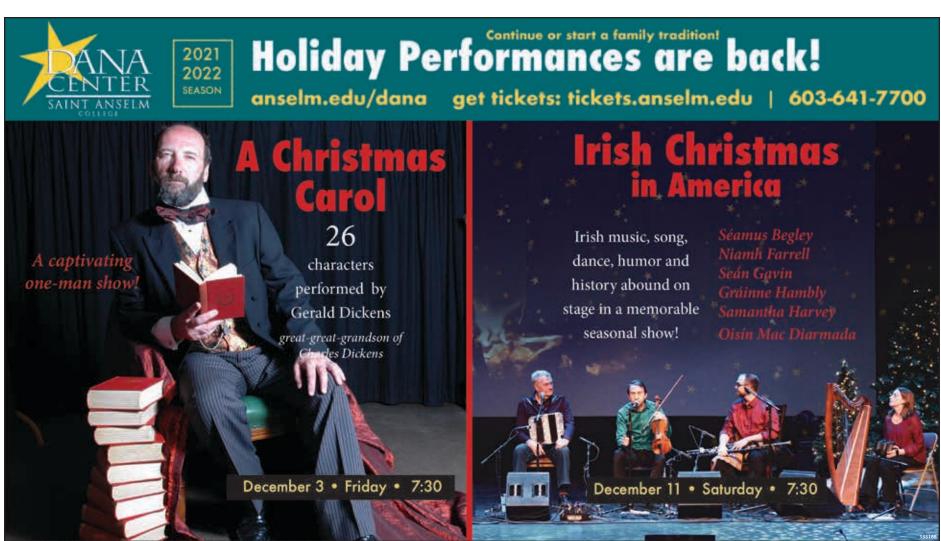
When it is time to bring up your potted bulbs into a warm

place, let them wake up gently. My mudroom is good for starting them: there is some sunshine but it is cool. Then, once the shoots are up and green, I place the containers on my sunniest window sills, either east- or west-facing.

Most bulbs that have been forced are not likely to flower the following year, even if you keep the foliage alive until spring and plant them outside. I've done it, and some daffodils will build up the energy to blossom after a while, but tulips are not so cooperative.

I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, West Africa, many years ago. There I could have flowers blooming every day of the year. It spoiled me, perhaps, because I still want flowers every day. Forcing bulbs is one way to have lots of blossoms when there is snow on the ground. So don't wait until mid-December to start your bulbs; get on this project now.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Family fun for whenever

Getting out while the getting is still good

All but the south-southeastern-iest parts of the state are decidedly past peak foliage, according to the state's foliage tracker (visitnh.gov/seasonal-trips/ fall/foliage-tracker) on Nov. 1. But there are still some fun autumnal views worth

viewing out in the natural world. (And, as of Nov. 1, WMUR is predicting a mild weekend in the low 50s.)

- Find a list of the New Hampshire Audubon's 39 wildlife sanctuaries across the state at nhaudubon.org/lands/sanctuaries. The sanctuaries are free and open to the public for "passive recreation" (like hiking) and rules about dogs vary by location. Find locations, descriptions and maps for the sanctuaries on the website.
- Beaver Brook Association's (117 Ridge Road in Hollis; beaverbrook.org) 35 miles
- Andres Institute of Art (106 Route 13 in Hollis; andresinstitute.org) open daily from dawn to dusk. There are printable trail maps online, where you can also find a rundown of all the sculptures in the park and view the sculptures on each trail.

Science on their day off

· Looking ahead to next Thursday, Nov. 11, when many schools may be closed: Check out the SEE Science Center (200 Bedford St. in Manchester; see-sciencecenter.org, 669-0400) from noon to 2 p.m. when the UNH students from Team Cooke, who

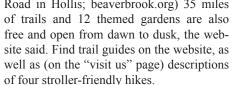
> are taking part in a research project that will go to the International Space Station, will be at SEE to discuss doing science experiments in space and lead handson activities, according to the website. Make reservations for museum admission online: sessions are available at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Admission costs \$10 for visitors ages 3 and up.

The center is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• The McAuliffe-Shepard Planetarium (2 Institute Dr. in Concord; starhop.com, 271-7827) is open Fridays through Sundays (with admission times at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) during the school year. It will also be open Thursday, Nov. 11. Go online to reserve a time slot; admission costs \$11.50 for adults, \$8.50 for children (ages 3 to 12), \$10.50 for students ages 13 through college and for seniors.

More midweek entertainment

- The Pembroke Town Library (313 Pembroke St. in Pembroke; 485-7851, pembroke-nh.com/library) will present the Toe Jam Puppet Band Variety Show in the • And get some art and nature at the library's parking lot on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. Dress warmly and bring chairs for a show with the "wacky and wild" band, a release from the library said.
 - The Palace Teen Company will present The Little Mermaid on Tuesday, Nov. 9, and Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. The show will feature actors ages 12 to 18, according to the website. Tickets cost \$12 to \$15.



TREASURE HUN

Dear Donna,

Can you provide me with any information on this pair of earrings? Are they gold?

Karen

Dear Karen,

Your set of earrings was put out in 1997 by the United States Postal Service, representing 32-cent stamps and characters from Warner Bros. They are not real gold but have a beauti-

ful golden color to them. The top has Tweety Bird and the stamps have Bugs Bunny.

Yours appear to be in great shape, but the value of the ones I found is not very high, maybe because so many were made. It is possible that time might increase the val-



ues. For now, though, they are under \$10. I would wrap them with this information and check on them in another 10 years, or pass them to someone who will.

Donna Welch has spent more than 30 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing, and recently closed the physical location of From Out Of The Woods Antique Center (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com) but is still

doing some buying and selling. She is a member of The New Hampshire Antiques Dealer Association. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at footwdw@aol.com, or call her at 391-6550 or 624-8668.













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Vehicle options for aging canine companions



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

My 13-year-old, 75-lb. rescue golden retriever can't get in my 2005 GMC Yukon anymore. Unfortunately, she won't use either the steps or the ramp I got for her.

She had been able to

put her front paws in the car, and then I would lift her butt. However, she won't put her front paws up anymore, and I can't lift her (she does take meds for arthritis).

I tried using a 6-inch-high platform, but it slipped, she slipped, and then I slipped and landed on my butt. I'm 77 years old; 5-foot, I inch and shrinking; and 120 lbs. My pocketbook with my phone was in the car, as well as the garage door remote. If I had been hurt, I could have been there for days.

She's so excited when she knows I'm going out and looks so disappointed when I leave her home, so I thought I should get a "dog" car (I'll keep the Yukon). I've been wandering around the Walmart parking lot checking out cars, trying not to look suspicious and hoping they don't call the cops.

Sedans don't seem to have very much space between the front and back seats, and I don't think she'd be able to get on the seat. So I asked a nice lady if I could measure her minivan. It was 18 inches from the ground, compared to 24 inches for the side door and 33 inches for the back door entrances in the Yukon.

Is there a car that could accommodate my dog? A sedan where the back seat could be removed and didn't have a transmission hump or other impediments would be OK. Even a small van. I just don't know what to look for. Any advice is appreciated. — Holly

Have you tried throwing a pork chop in the car, Holly?

Actually, she's a lucky dog to have such a dedicated and loving human, Holly. Unfortunately, she's 13 years old, and her arthritis is getting worse, so whatever you do, you don't know how long she'll be able to benefit from it. But if you're willing and able to buy a car just to suit your tail-wagging friend, I think a minivan is probably your best bet.

Minivans have sliding side-doors that open very wide and provide great access. They have lots of flat floor space right inside the door, and most have seats that can be removed so they're not in the dog's way. And my guess is that the step-in height at the side door is quite a bit less than 18 inches. So, I would suggest you look at used Chrysler Pacificas, Toyota Siennas, Honda Odysseys, Mazda 5s or any other minivans that catch your eye.

And be sure to take the dog with you when

you go to look, to make sure it works well for both of you. You don't want to get something that clashes with her coat.

If you can't find a vehicle that works well, don't despair. Even though she'd be excited to go for a ride with you, I'm certain she'd be just as excited to go for a walk with you. Or sit at your feet and wait for you to drop a Ritz cracker with liver pate on it.

Best of luck to both of you.

Dear Car Talk:

I have an issue with my 2005 Ford F-250 Super Duty that's causing me to lose my sanity.

When I am getting gas, the gas does not flow down the filler neck at a fast enough speed. It backs up and my nozzle gets automatically shut off — as if the tank is full.

The real problem is that this happens every gallon or so when I am getting gas, meaning the nozzle is clicking on and off every minute or two until I am done filling up! This is driving me cray cray. PLEASE HELP! — Freddy

But is it driving you crazy enough to spend money to fix it? Because then I'll believe you, Freddy.

Usually, when you have trouble filling the tank, it's related to the evaporative emissions system. When you pump gasoline into the tank, the existing vapors in there have to go

somewhere. They used to just come right out the filler neck and into the air, but that caused smog and asthma, so we put a stop to that.

Now the vapors get pushed into a charcoal canister, where they're stored until you start the engine and they can be combusted. But if the vapors can't get into the evaporative canister, for whatever reason, they push back up the filler neck, and signal to the fuel nozzle that the tank is full and it's time to "stop pumping."

How do evaporative emissions systems malfunction? If you overfill your tank regularly — if you keep squeezing in 94 cents more gas so you can get to a nice, round "\$50.00" on the readout -- liquid gasoline can get forced into the charcoal canister and plug it up.

So that's one possibility. There's also a solenoid that controls the valve to the canister; that could be bad. And finally, there could be something mechanical, like a kink in the tubing that runs from the gas tank to the canister.

So, you need a good mechanic who's willing to do some diagnostic work for you, Freddy. And depending on what he finds, the cost could be anywhere from \$100 to \$500.

If it turns out to be too much, you can always stick with the stop-and-start fill ups, and console yourself by thinking about what a great workout your hand muscles are getting. Good luck, Freddy.

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ON THE JOB

TRISHA CRAIG

FLUTIST AND FLUTE INSTRUCTOR

Trisha Craig is a flute instructor at Ted Herbert Music School in Manchester and a professional flutist performing in solo and chamber concerts throughout the region.

Explain your job.

I practice the flute every day, and I may have rehearsals. At the [music school] studio, I have private lessons with students of all ages and levels ... one-on-one, teaching them music.

How long have you had this job?

About 40 years, and I've been at Ted Herbert Longy School of Music. for around 25 years.

What led you to this career field and your attire? eurrent job?

I always knew I wanted to be involved in music. I initially went [to college] to become a band director in a public school setting. I quickly realized that wasn't quite for me. ... I started teaching privately on the side and realized that

Explain your job. was where I really belonged. ... It grew from I practice the flute every day, and may have rehearsals. At the [music more until it became one of my primary things.

What kind of education or training did you need?

I have a bachelor of music from Ithaca College and master of music in Flute Performance from Longy School of Music.

What is your typical at-work uniform or attire?

People expect [musicians] to be in formal black and white [attire] on stage, but I eschewed that regalia a long time ago; I usually go with something far more colorful. ... When I'm teaching I go with an artsy casual outfit adorned with handmade jewelry by New Hampshire artists.

How has your job changed over the course of the pandemic?

Pre-pandemic, I always struggled with losing income [due to] blizzards; somehow, there were always the biggest snowstorms on my biggest teaching days. I had started using Zoom a few years before the pandemic so I could give lessons when there was a blizzard. When the

pandemic hit and we couldn't teach in person, I just told my students, 'OK, we're going to start doing lessons the same way we do on snow days,' so the transition was pretty seamless for me. ... It is challenging, though, teaching a musical instrument online, because it's hard to hear exactly what's going on with the tone and the sound, so I was anxious to get back to teaching in person.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

Marketing is all about building relationships; it doesn't work if people don't have a relationship with you or an understanding of your art form. People say, 'The arts are dead,' but they aren't; we just aren't telling anyone about it. ... So many people are surprised to learn that new music is currently being written for orchestra. As artists, we need to be ... starting those conversations to enlighten people and get them interested in what we do.



Trisha Craig

What do you wish other people knew about your job?

What goes on behind the scenes of the arts ... and the level of skill that is needed [for artists] to express themselves through their art. ... People ... say, 'Oh, you're so gifted.' I'm not gifted; I work really hard to play well. My students aren't just talented; they're hardworking.

What was the first job you ever had?

Teaching private flute lessons to a young girl who lived down the street from me.

What's the best piece of work-related advice you've ever received?

My longtime [music] professor ... told us to do all of the work in advance so that when it's time to perform you can just let it flow. You shouldn't be thinking about your technique while you're performing. Trust in the hard work you've done to make that moment possible, and just play. — Angie Sykeny

Five favorites

Favorite book: The Four Agreements by

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News from the local food scene

By Matt Ingersoll food@hippopress.com

• Fire up your immunity: Learn to make fire cider during one of two upcoming workshops at the Beaver Brook Nature Center's Brown Lane Barn (52 Brown Lane, Hollis) on either Sunday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon, or Thursday, Nov. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. Fire cider is a traditional New England remedy and preventive medicine made with apple cider, honey, garlic, onions, ginger and horseradish, an immune stimulant that's also a great added flavor to salads, stir-fries and veggies. Participants in each class will learn about the history of vinegar and honey remedies, then taste and fire cider to take home. Ingredients are provided — you bring your own grater, cutting board, knife, vegetable peeler and measuring cup. Masks are required when indoors, regardless of vaccination status. The cost is \$22 for Beaver Brook Association members and \$25 for non-members. Visit beaverbrook.org.

• Turning the page: The Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester) has partnered with Restoration Cafe owner Tom Puskarich to reimagine the store's food and drink menu. According to a press release, Puskarich now operates the Bookery's cafe as a satellite location for his brand, allowing the store to shift its business model and focus exclusively on sourcing books, gifts and cards, and hosting community events. "Tom was instrumental in the build-out of the kitchen and has come full circle as he now operates in the kitchen he envisioned," Bookery owner Liz Hitchcock said in a statement. Menu options include a variety of grab-and-go sandwiches, salads, pastries and snacks, many of which are rotated out weekly, as well as coffees, teas and espresso drinks. Visit bookerymht.com/ cafe-menu.

· Farmers market news: The Deering Winter Market is set to return on Friday, Nov. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Deering Fish & Game Club (Fish & Game and Long Woods roads, Deering), with both new and returning vendors selling items like baked goods, jellies, jams, eggs, milk, maple products and more. Markets in Milford, Contoocook and Concord, meanwhile, are all scheduled to resume their indoor seasons this week. The Milford Farmers Market begins inside the Milford Town Hall Auditorium (1 Union Square, Milford) on Saturday, Nov. 6, and will continue every other Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., through April 9 (except for Jan. 1). The Contoocook Farmers Market also moves indoors beginning Saturday, Nov. 6, to Maple Street Elementary School (194 Maple St., Contoocook) — that market will take place every Saturday from 9 a.m. 28

FOOD

Clams on wheels

Former Clam Haven owner returns with new seafood truck



Bacon millers.



Rick Metts. All photos courtesy of One Happy Clam.



Lobster roll.



Grilled cheese with lobster.



Fried pickle

By Matt Ingersoll mingersoll@hippopress.com

For more than three decades Derry native Rick Metts owned and operated Clam Haven, a seasonal takeout eatery that has served generations of fried seafood lovers since 1954. Now, after passing the Clam Haven torch on to Lisa DeSisto of Rig A Tony's in early 2020, Metts has returned to the local food scene with his newest business venture.

It's called the One Happy Clam food truck, and more than a catchy play on words, its name perfectly suits Metts, who views the experience as a new chapter of a career doing what he loves. The truck officially hit the road last month and has made appearances at several spots across Derry and Londonderry since then, its menu items featuring the culinary prowess of Metts, with his children, grandchildren and wife of 45 years all helping out.

"I had talked about possibly doing a food truck ... [and] had done a lot of

research and spent a lot of the time my last few years at Clam Haven planning it," Metts said. "My wife and I took a trip down to Florida. ... We went to a couple of food truck builders down there, looked at what it would cost and came back home with lots of ideas."

He found what would become One Happy Clam, a truck with a nearly brand new kitchen built out in mid-2019, through a private seller on Facebook Marketplace.

In many ways Metts has simply picked up where he left off — he's using the same seafood suppliers he has been in touch with since his first season at Clam Haven back in 1987. Each and every menu item is made to order, and while it's a scaled back version of what Metts cooked at the restaurant, you'll still find many of his tried and true staples here, from lobster rolls with mayonnaise or butter to whole belly clam rolls and fried haddock sandwiches.

"We tried a new item that's called a clam cake down in Rhode Island, but basically everywhere else it's called a fritter," Metts said. "It's just a fried dough ball and I put bacon in it."

Other options have included fried pickles, chicken tenders, burgers and lobster grilled cheeses, and Metts is looking into adding a few more seafood dishes like shrimp rolls and fish and chips.

While he hasn't yet found a regular spot to park the truck, Metts said his goal is to eventually get into a routine, cooking at four or five designated locations in and around Derry and Londonderry while also scheduling some private catering jobs.

"It's been a good experience so far, not being tied to a brick and mortar," he said. "If I can get four or five years out of this, I can walk away and go do something else."

One Happy Clam food truck

Follow owner Rick Metts on Facebook @ onehappyclam and on Instagram @1happyclam for updates, or email him at richardmmetts@gmail.com.

Celebrations to remember

Bedford's Boho Pop-Up Picnic offers luxury picnic setups



Photos courtesy of Tanya Tobin.

By Matt Ingersoll mingersoll@hippopress.com

A new business based in Bedford is aiming to take away the stress of planning a special event while turning celebrations into uniquely customizable experiences.

Boho Pop-Up Picnic — short for "bohemian," which is the style of the company's locally built picnic tables — is owned and operated by Tanya Tobin and her husband, Matt. Since their launch earlier this year, the couple has provided elevated picnic setups for events large and small with all kinds of themes and add-ons to fit the occasion. They'll also often partner with local businesses for small food enhancements like cakes, cupcakes and charcuterie boards.

Tobin, who has always had a passion for the holidays and for hosting events, said she became inspired after following other similar luxury picnic setup concepts out on the West Coast.

"I hadn't seen anything like this on the East Coast and in New Hampshire, so I wanted to bring it to this area," she said. "It has had a bigger and quicker response than I anticipated. ... I've found that a lot of people either didn't know about it or they came across it during a search of trying to find ways to celebrate an anniversary or a birthday or a bridal or baby shower."

Whether it's a romantic indoor or outdoor picnic for two or a more involved gathering in a public park, Tobin has handled it all. Inquiries can be filled out on Boho Pop-Up Picnic's website.

A standard picnic setup would include low sitting tables and all plates, utensils, placemats and napkins, plus any wine glasses, baskets, and small chalkboards with a custom written message. Umbrellas, fresh flowers, bar carts, cornhole sets and ice buckets can be added too.

"They tell me what the theme is, and I



try to incorporate their idea the best that I can to match what's being celebrated," Tobin said. "I do the setup about an hour before the event, and then they have the event for two hours. Then I pick up and clean up everything after."

Tobin has also formed relationships with local bakeries like Frederick's Pastries, Queen City Cupcakes and the Bearded Baking Co., as well as 603 Charcuterie and The Grazing State, which offer customizable charcuterie boards and boxes to go. Personal snack-sized charcuterie boxes, boxed waters or seltzers are provided to each member of the party.

While many of the more specialized picnics take place at clients' homes, Tobin has done setups in public places. A recent picnic she organized overlooked Lake Massabesic in Manchester, and she's also travelled to the Seacoast to put together picnics by the beach.

You don't even need to wait for someone's birthday or baby shower to come up
either, as Tobin offers a few of her own
preset picnic themes. The "Game Day"
pop-up, for instance, is football-themed
with a faux green grass football field table
runner and a mini chalkboard scoreboard,
while the "Popcorn & Movie Night" popup, available for up to four hours, features
a popcorn machine, a movie projector and
a 10-foot screen all provided by Tobin herself. She has also done sleepover pop-up
parties for kids that will often have themes
of their own.

Indoor and outdoor events can still be booked both now and during peak dates early next year.

Boho Pop-Up Picnic

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Trina Bird of Goffstown is the owner of the Bird Food Baking Co. (birdfoodbaking.com, and on Facebook and Instagram @birdfoodbakingco), a homestead business she launched earlier this year specializing in multiple unique flavors of artisan doughnuts, as well as cookies, cinnamon rolls, cupcakes and other pastries. A former baker at The Black Forest Cafe in Amherst, Bird now accepts custom orders and works with multiple local businesses to sell her baked goods, including the Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester), Apotheca Flowers (24 Main St., Goffstown) and Revelstoke Coffee (100 N. Main St., Concord). Custom orders can be placed with a preferred two-week notice.

What is your must-have kitchen item? My offset spatula.

Pizza. If I had to pick one ... it would be a white pizza.

What celebrity would you like to see Hampshire right now? trying something that you've baked?

Jason Momoa, because I love him and he brings me so much joy.

What is your favorite thing that you

Definitely my doughnuts. After pizza, doughnuts are my favorite food. ... I do flavors like maple bacon, Nutella, creme brulee, pumpkin, apple, glazed ... [and] I just did a chicken and waffle one last soup. week that was a pretty big hit.

What is vour favorite local restaurant?

Right now, I'd say my favorite is Surf-What would you have for your last side Burger Bar, over in Meredith. They are amazing. Every single thing on their menu is so good, and the vibe is so cool.

What is the biggest food trend in New

Taking something that's average and doing something extra. ... One of my favorite places that does that is Industry East Bar [in Manchester], with their hot dogs. They did a crab rangoon one and I lost my mind. That was my favorite.

What is your favorite thing to cook at

I make a really killer chicken noodle

— Matt Ingersoll 🦛

"Any cereal" Krispie treats

From the kitchen of Trina Bird of the Bird Food Baking Co. in Goffstown

6 Tablespoons unsalted butter 8 cups marshmallows

2 cups mini marshmallows

6 cups cereal (Rice Krispies, Fruity Pebbles, Lucky Charms, or any cereal of choice)

½ teaspoon kosher salt

Line an 8x8- or 9x9-inch pan with parchment paper and nonstick spray. In a large pot over medium heat, brown the butter and stir in the eight cups of marshmallows until just melted. Remove from the heat, add the cereal and salt and stir until just coated. Fold in the remaining two cups of mini marshmallows. Press the mix into your pan and let it set. Cut into squares to share and serve.

Weekly Dish

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to noon through the winter. The Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market returns on Saturday, Nov. 6, as well, continuing at 7 Eagle Square in the Capital City every week from 9 a.m. to noon through April.

• NHLC recognized: The New Hampshire Liquor Commission has been nominated for Retailer of the Year in Wine Enthusiast magazine's 22nd annual Wine Star Awards, according to a press release. Each year the publication honors individuals and retailers

from around the world for their contributions to the wine and alcohol beverage industry. Winners will be announced in the magazine's Best of Year issue and celebrated at an annual event in February 2022. The NHLC, according to the release, also received two national awards from StateWays magazine in the 2021 Control State Best Practices Awards and was recently named one of the Top 10 retailers in the country by Beverage Dynamics for the second time.



Mini pumpkin whoopie pies

The season of eating has begun! Or at least in my eyes it has. Halloween kicks off a series of holidays and parties that are food-centric. Why not add a fall-themed recipe to the list of treats you can make to share at these gatherings?

These whoopie pies are really quite simple to make - not much more effort is required than in making a batch of cookies. However, a tray of these mini whoopie pies garners much more attention than a plate of cookies. Trust me.

When making these whoopie pies there are a couple items of note. First, make sure you buy canned pumpkin puree. You don't want pie filling, which will be too sweet, and you don't want to use fresh pumpkin. Fresh pumpkin sounds nice, but it takes a lot more time to cook it, and it probably won't be as smooth as the canned version. Second, when baking the cakes, if you don't trust your judgment when testing their springiness, you also can use a cake tester or toothpick. If it comes out find more of her recipes.



Photo by Michele Pesula Kuegler.

clean, the cakes are done. Don't overbake the cakes; you want them to be moist.

Michele Pesula Kuegler has been thinking about food her entire life. Since 2007 the New Hampshire native has been sharing these food thoughts and recipes at her blog, Think Tasty. Visit thinktasty.com to

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Mini pumpkin whoopie pies

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½ cup unsalted butter, melted & cooled

1 cup light brown sugar

1½ cups canned pumpkin puree

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 teaspoons cinnamon

½ teaspoon ground cloves

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

³/₄ teaspoon salt

1²/₃ cups all-purpose flour

Filling

4 ounces cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened

1³/₄ cups powdered sugar

1 Tablespoon whole milk

1 teaspoon vanilla

Cakes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Place ½ cup butter and brown sugar in the

bowl of a stand mixer, and beat with paddle attachment on speed 2 until smooth.

Add egg, mixing until fully incorporated on

Add pumpkin, vanilla, cinnamon, ground cloves, baking powder, baking soda and salt, mixing well on speed 2.

Use a spatula to scrape down the sides, and mix again.

Add flour, mixing on low; scrape sides with spatula and mix until fully blended.

Scoop approximately 1½ tablespoons batter, spaced evenly, onto baking sheet.

Bake for 18 minutes or until cakes spring back when touched.

Allow to cool for 2 minutes on baking sheet. Transfer to baking rack to cool completely.

To assemble

In a stand mixer cream together the cream cheese and 1/4 cup butter on speed 2 for

Add powdered sugar, milk, and vanilla; mix

Spread the flat side of 15 cooled cakes with

Top each with another cake.

about 4 minutes.

on low speed until combined.

the cream cheese frosting.

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Trillium and some random hoppy beers

You've got to respect the hops

By Jeff Mucciarone food@hippopress.com

Because she's a hero, my wife made a reservation at Trillium Brewing Co.'s Canton, Mass., location. And because she's a hero and made the reservation, we didn't have to wait in line.

For those who have never been, like myself up until a couple weeks ago: It's an impressive spot with an expansive indoor/outdoor facility right off the highway about 20 minutes or so outside of Boston. With an incredible variety of fresh, delicious and unique

brews, it's no wonder RateBeer.com currently has Trillium tabbed as the fourth-best brewery in the world.

If you can time it right or if your partner is also a hero and makes a reservation (you need to have a party of at least six), then it's absolutely worth the drive. Not only is the beer incredible; the food is terrific as well — we ate way too much scrumptious pizza.

I'd had a couple Trillium brews over the years but I couldn't remember which ones. I started with a Summer Street IPA, which is wonderful, featuring big citrus and pine flavors in a pretty dry and crisp overall package.

My wife went with the Barrel-Aged Affrogato, which is hands-down the most decadent beer I've ever sipped, with huge notes of bourbon, vanilla, coffee and sweet brown sugar.

Sticking with hoppy beers, I tried the Double Dry Hopped Stillings Street, which is another super aromatic IPA characterized by an array of melony aromas and flavors, a soft mouthfeel and borderline nonexistent bitterness.

I rounded it out with the Mosaic Free Rise, a dry-hopped saison, which is a bit of a departure for me, but this was delightful. Crisp, fruity, dry and a little spicy, Free Rise is one of the brewery's signature saisons.

I felt like I sufficiently experienced the brewery's hoppy beers, but on another trip, I'd want to better explore Trillium's array of imperial stouts, like the Coffee Cake Imperial Stout and the Barrel-Aged German Chocolate Cake Doughnut Imperial Stout, most of which land north of 13 percent ABV, just so you know.



Lush Double IPA by Frost Beer Works. Photo courtesy of Jeff Mucciarone

Trillium also features a big list of wild ales that deserve your attention as well.

As we left, the line had grown considerably. If you can't make a reservation, my advice is to get there early — they open at noon on Saturday. You don't want to be in that line.

Trillium was terrific and I have to be honest, I've been all about the hops lately. Here are three hoppy beers I've enjoyed over the past few weeks.

Lush Double IPA by Frost Beer Works (Hinesburg, Vermont)

This is rich and juicy and that's not a typo. I'm not used to referring to an IPA as rich but this one is. It's velvety smooth and boasts a big-time citrus flavor. You might have to track this down in Vermont or in a beer store just over the border in Massachusetts — and you should track this down.

Full Clip NEIPA by Stoneface Brewing Co. (Newington)

I hadn't had this New England IPA in a long time and the first sip reminded me why I like it so much: juicy, vibrant and drinkable. It's an explosion of tropical and citrus flavor but in an overall package that is quite approachable.

Victory Nor Defeat by Able Ebenezer Brewing Co. (Merrimack)

This double IPA is a wonderful rendition of a West Coast IPA that hits you with big flavor, including plenty of piney hop character and a delightful bitterness.

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What's in My Fridge

Giant Pumpkin Imperial Pumpkin Ale by Greater Good Imperial Brewing Co. (Worcester, Mass.) If you don't like pumpkin, move along. This is an absolute bomb of pumpkin flavor. It's a little sweet, it's a little spicy and it's exceptionally smooth. Despite its relatively high ABV at 8 percent, it drinks very easily — it's a little dangerous, honestly. I'm hit or miss on pumpkin beers but this was a decided hit. Cheers!

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...and just a few more, but too many to mention.

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POP CULTURE

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Alice Longyu Gao, High Dragon And Universe (self-released)



The current electronic music scene, this Chinese-born DJ is reported to have said, is "designed by heterosexual white men to guarantee their success." I have no doubt that's true; Gao wasn't able to release this debut EP until she'd been at it for five vears, even though she started out with a bang (her second DJ gig was the launch party for A\$AP Mob's VLONE streetwear line). Based in New York and L.A. these days, she's a cross between a fashion plate and a

fake-12-year-old Twitter goofball; she wastes no time mindlessly getting up in your grill with opening bling brag "100 Boyfriends," evoking a combination of Da Brat and Missy Elliot as processed through a grime-o-meter set to "bust your eardrums" on the bass-throb end. Past that utter mindlessness, she does have some pop sensibilities (I mean come on, that's where this would be going anyway), but for now she's focused on club stuff, heavy on the hearing-test panoplies. Good luck to her, I suppose. **B** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Toth, Death EP (Northern Spy Records)



Really, another Brooklyn hipster who sounds like Bon Iver? I am really about out of words to describe this kind of stuff, and I'm not seeing any reviews that nail it in a sonic sense (Aquarium Drunkard's reviewer went with "a Beach Boys session produced by Brian Eno," which was close enough I suppose. I mean, I have no idea how anyone can even take this stuff seriously anymore, really truly). I dunno, to me, this is Grizzly Bear with a heavy

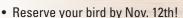
infusion of Vampire Weekend getaway-indie, not that there's anything interesting going on as far as syncopation or percussion. But the more I listen to it, the more I have to admit it's next-gen, in a way, at least toward the end of evoking images of sipping umbrella drinks in a sleepy cabana; the overall vibe is José González but with a little personality. The theme is alcoholism, a disease with which singer Alex Toth has had his bouts and which claimed a relative, an event that inspired this five-songer, not that anyone would have the foggiest idea that that's what this fluff is about. **B** — Eric W. Saeger •

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

- On to the winter months and the yearly misery time, it's November, and there will be new music albums coming out, on the 5th! Soon enough we'll get the worst of it, like when you're already running late and you go outside to start the car but it's completely frozen in a block of ice, like a woolly mammoth with all-weather tires, and you're scraping like the dickens with an empty CD case or whatever, but it's basically Krazy Glue. Hey, man, I told you months ago to move to Georgia, yet here you are, so let's just get to the business at hand, making ultra-jillionaire Diana Ross a few more dollars by helping to sell her new album, Thank You, which is coming to the stores as we speak. Pretty sure she put out an album last year, so the only reason she would want to put out another one so soon is that she must be starting her own NASA, like her fellow gazillionaires, and she needs people to buy this album in order to buy a few candy machines for her Diana-NASA cafeteria. Wait, no, this is the same dumb album that was supposed to come out in August, the one where I said the title track was a "shapeless, formless blob of Foxwoods glitz-pop." Whatever, this time for sure, I assume!
- Aimee Mann was once a Gen-X It Girl, the Boston-based singing lady from 'Til Tuesday, and then she turned herself into a meme by becoming Jules Shear's groupie, and it was super funny, but these days, she's out on her own, making albums. I know one Hippo reader who like totally loves Aimee Mann; I won't try to explain that, but I respect it. Her Christmas album was pretty good, the one from 2006 or whenever it was. Let's see, what else, she won Best Songwriter or whatever in a few contests that were basically run by big-ass record companies that had to somehow promote artistes like Aimee Mann, I do know that, and, like anyone else who's old, I remember making out with someone at a club while her big song "Voices Carry" was playing. And that's all my brain has on this subject, so let's 'ave a look at her fast-approaching new album, Queens Of The Summer Hotel, and its single, "Suicide Is Murder." It's a kooky piano ballad, with disturbing lyrics I won't get into here. Hm, she looks like a librarian in the video. I think the guy in the video is a semi-famous actor, like someone who lasted like three episodes on The Walking Dead, but I could be wrong, which I'm allowed, as I haven't misreported anything for at least a week I think.
- Oh, boy, what a week, what could possibly be next. Ah, it's indie-rock singer Penelope Isles, with an album called Which Way To Happy. I asked Google who she is, and Google was all like, "I don't know, would you rather talk about Thanksgiving decorating ideas instead?" But after some digging — which I really wasn't interested in doing — come to find out "Penelope Isles" is just the stage name of goofy Twitter girl Lily Wolter, from England. Wait what, she only has 88 followers. Why am I doing this, again? Whatever, my "Important Notes For Professional Music Critics" feed, a.k.a. Metacritic.com, thinks she's important, so I'll traipse over and listen to "Sailing Still," her new single. It's basically a pre-shoegaze thing, with giant Chris Isaak guitars, and she's singing like Carole King on Rohypnol. All set with this, let's finish this week up.
- We'll close the week with Voyage, the new album from Swedish '70s-pop band **ABBA!** Ha ha, these ridiculously famous circus clowns came to hate each other so much they haven't done an album in 40 years. The new single, "I Still Have Faith In You," is a giant yelly power ballad for bluehaired grandmothers, you might love it, I don't know. — Eric W. Saeger

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POP CULTURE BOOKS

Bewilderment, by Richard Powers (W.W. Norton, 278 pages)

For some people, the title of Richard Powers' new novel, *Bewilderment*, might seem a nod to his last.

Although *The Overstory* won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, the 612-page book, published in 2018, had decidedly mixed reviews from the general public. Many readers found it confusing, overwrought, pretentious, unwieldy and preachy.

There are no such problems with Bewilderment, which is a taut and engrossing read from its opening pages to its unsettling ending. It is Powers' 13th novel and should delight his longtime fans and recruit new ones. There is a raft of intelligent design bobbing in this fast-moving river of a book that centers on two characters: a widowed astrobiologist and his neurologically atypical son who has been diagnosed with Asperger's, ADHD and obsessive-compulsive behavior. In all of modern literature, you will not find a more sympathetic account of what it's like to be a single parent raising a child who cannot regulate his behavior. Nor will you find a more thoughtful, yet accessible, musing on the mysteries of the universe.

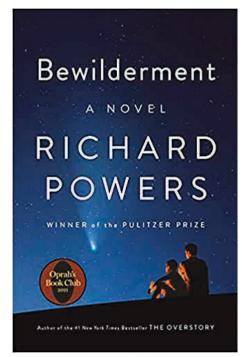
The novel begins with a father-son camping trip that Theo Byrne arranges as an extended time-out for his son, Robin, who is on the verge of being expelled from third grade because of his out-of-control behavior. Robin, who goes by Robbie, is 9 and has the usual challenges of children that age; other children bully him, for example, because of his name, which was given to him because it was his mother's favorite bird.

Alyssa Byrne has been dead for two years, but her spirit is very much with her son and husband, who recite her favorite prayer every night: May every sentient being be free from unnecessary suffering. Alyssa was what is commonly known as an animal-rights activist, but without the red spray paint. She was a sharply intelligent, untiring force of nature who used natural winsomeness to alleviate the suffering of animals and to draw attention to mass extinctions under way. In the words of her husband, "She ionized any room, even a roomful of politicians."

Alyssa's sudden death (the details of which are slowly revealed) was catastrophic for the family, beyond usual ways. It left Theo an island with no support in his insistence that Robbie not be subjected to psychoactive drugs while the child's mind was still developing. And it left Robbie, already prone to fits of rage and other antisocial behavior, obsessed with his mother and her causes. At one point, he decides to paint a picture of every endangered animal and sell the paintings to give to one of Alyssa's favorite charities.

All this alone is fodder for a very good novel, especially given the sensitivity and insight that Powers brings to the challenges of parenting children with autism-spectrum disorders, especially for those doing so alone.

But Powers brings another layer to the story through Theo's choice of career. A researcher who uses data and imagination to envision forms of life that could populate planets that have yet



to be found, Theo shares these potential worlds with his son, who possesses extraordinary wisdom and empathy. Their conversations about the Fermi paradox (the fact that there is no evidence of extraterrestrial life despite the overwhelming odds that it exists) and other scientific concepts lend an intelligence to this novel that inferior literature lacks, and Theo's descriptions of theoretical planets at times mirror what's going on in the book. It's a lovely dance, expertly choreographed by a master.

Robbie's escalating problems lead Theo to seek out an experimental therapy called Decoded Neurofeedback, which Theo and Alyssa had participated in years ago. Using artificial intelligence, a subject's brain is mapped, and then taught to steer toward another subject's emotions. Because Alyssa's data was available, it is eventually incorporated into Robbie's treatment, and unforeseen consequences ensue.

This puts Theo, a science-fiction fan since childhood, deeper into an already mind-boggling dilemma — whether to continue with therapy that is apparently helping his son, even when unfolding events threaten to publicly expose Robbie's participation in a controversial treatment.

As in *The Overstory*, Powers has points to make, about nature, humans' oversized footprint on the planet, and politics. His occasional asides into the actions of a fictional president (clearly Donald Trump, or an imitator, though never directly identified as such) — such as a directive that all Americans carry proof of citizenship at all times — seems unnecessary, although there is an endearing fictional Greta Thunberg with whom Robbie falls in love and who is a perfect fit with this story. And when the reason for the title is finally revealed in the waning pages of the novel, it's a political observation, but pitch-perfect no matter what ideology the reader embraces.

A Hollywood happy ending would betray the complexity of this deeply serious and heart-rending novel, so don't look for that. But this should be a contender among the best novels of 2021.

A — Jennifer Graham 🦡

BOOK NOTES

If your life has been a little colder, a little drearier these days, maybe it's because it's November. Or maybe it's because it's been almost five years since the last BBC episode of *Sherlock* aired, and Benedict Cumberbatch is still being cagey about whether he will make another season.

No matter. There's usually something new in the Holmes universe, and this month comes *Miss Moriarty, I Presume?* (Berkley, 368 pages) by Sherry Thomas, writer of something called "The Lady Sherlock Series." The major characters are Charlotte Holmes and Mrs. Watson, and previous titles in the series include *A Study in Scarlet*

Women and A Conspiracy in Belgravia. It's anybody's guess what Sir Arthur Conan Doyle would think of this, but the books have made the New York Times bestseller list.

Doyle died in 1930, but his inspired character lives in the genre of *pastiche*, literature written in the style, and with many of the same characters, as a famous work. Call it a more formal and tasteful style of fan fiction, one that satisfies the appetite for more and more stories of a beloved character.

British writer James Lovegrove has done this successful-

ly with the Sherlock Holmes franchise, and he released a new novel in October: *Sherlock Holmes and the Three Winter Terrors* (Titan Books, 416 pages). That's seasonal enough, but he also published *Sherlock Holmes and the Christmas Demon* two years ago (Titan, 384 pages). It seems that Halloween and Christmas are morphing into one big festival, probably starting with *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

There are nine other Lovegrove/Sherlock books, and he's also written a handful of short stories, published in anthologies, all listed on his website. That should be enough to keep you entertained until a fifth season of *Sherlock* comes out.

If not, there's a Benedict Cumberbatch adult coloring book available on Amazon.

— Jennifer Graham

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Last Night in Soho (R)

A present-day young woman with a romantic view of 1960s London suddenly finds herself traveling there nightly in *Last Night in Soho*, a not-the-best but not-the-worst ghosty story from director Edgar Wright.

Eloise (Thomasin McKenzie) loves 1960s London fashion and the 1960s music her grandmother Peggy (Rita Tushingham) listens to. Stories of London are also tied up in Eloise's mom (Aimee Cassettari), who died by suicide when Eloise was little but whom Eloise still appears to communicate with, such as when Eloise sees her smiling mother just before Peggy brings Eloise the letter saying she's been accepted into a London fashion school.

Peggy doesn't know that Eloise is still seeing her mom, but she she worries that the stress of the big city will get to Eloise. Eloise does get a little freaked out when the taxi driver's chatter gets a little too friendly and she doesn't quite fit in with her roommate at the school dorm, Jocasta (Synnove Karlsen), who instantly establishes herself as a queen bee.

When Eloise sees an ad for a studio apartment, she decides to move out on her own and is, at first, delighted by the space. In addition to an in-the-thick-of-things location, the apartment gives Eloise a psychic connection to a young woman who lived there decades earlier. When Eloise goes to sleep, she finds herself entering the life of Sandie (Anya Taylor-Joy), a blonde with ambitions to be a singer. She goes to swanky clubs, wearing beautiful clothes, and she meets Jack (Matt Smith), a handsome man who offers to help her get gigs. Eloise is quickly enamored with this new life, even if it is somebody else's that she's sort of virtual-reality-ing her way into. In the waking world, she buys herself a coat like Sandie's at a vintage shop, starts designing a dress for a class similar to one of Sandie's cocktail dresses and even gets Sandie's haircut. Some of Sandie's flirting abilities even rub off on Eloise, who is slowly making a friend in classmate John (Michael Ajao).

But then Eloise sees some darker scenes from Sandie's life and starts to wonder if all of these "ghosts" really are in the past or if there are dangers that have carried into the present — and if a mysterious older man (Terence Stamp) who hangs out at the bar where Eloise works is one of those dangers.

Many of the elements of *Last Night in Soho* are extremely fun — from Eloise's whole 1960s mod thing (which reminded me of the 1990s swing revival) to everything about the catty Jocasta character. I like the relationship Eloise has with whatever her abilities are — she just sort of accepts that she is seeing ghosts, but she doesn't entirely know yet how to interpret what she's seeing. This character could have seemed extremely daffy and fragile but McKenzie makes her seem more just uncertain and sheltered but also aware of her naivete.

The movie also has a delightful-to-see supporting character, which I won't spoil except to say I was both happy to get to spend time



Last Night in Soho

with this person and then sad when I realized it might be the last new role I see that person in.

Other elements of *Last Night in Soho* feel underbaked. Sandie's story builds to high drama, but then it resolves sort of too fast. Am I saying I wished the movie had been longer? No? But maybe added to and then edited down again, with some of the choppier bits of the story smoothed out. **B**-

Rated R for bloody violence, sexual content, language, brief drug material and brief graphic nudity, according to the MPA on filmratings. com. Directed by Edgar Wright with a screenplay by Edgar Wright & Krysty Wilson-Cairns, Last Night in Soho is an hour and 56 minutes long and distributed by Focus Features.

Army of Thieves (TV-MA)

A group of quirky criminals attempts to crack three of the toughest safes ever created in *Army of Thieves*, a prequel to *Army of the Dead* focused on Matthias Schweighöfer's Dieter.

In this movie, the zombie apocalypse has only just begun in Las Vegas, so while Dieter is worried about zombies and even having nightmares about them, he's still working his boring job in an idyllic-seeming German town and eating his sad work sandwich under a tiny awning in an alleyway. Then he meets Gwendoline (Nathalie Emmanuel), who has watched his YouTube videos about safe-cracking and believes he just might have the ability to tackle the safes built decades earlier by a man named Hans Wagner. Like the Gotterdammerung, the safe Dieter faces in Army of the Dead, Wagner built three other safes named after parts of Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle. These safes are supposed to be impossible to crack and if someone tries and fails, the safe is supposed to lock

Gwendoline wants to hit all three safes, which are set to be decommissioned soon. Tens of millions of dollars await all the members of the team if they succeed; those members include hacker Korina (Ruby O. Fee), getaway driver Rolph (Guz Khan) and muscle/crazy guy/Gwendoline's boyfriend Brad Cage (Stuart Martin). But for Gwendoline and for Dieter, the real prize is in being about to meet the challenge of Wagner's creations.

For Interpol agent Delacroix (Jonathan Cohen), his grand challenge is finding and catching Gwendoline. He quickly realizes that her plan is to go after all the safes and he is determined to catch her in the act — even though, as his fellow agents point out, there's this whole zombie apocalypse thing, which might arguably be a bigger deal.

Maybe having absolutely no expectations for this thing after the "good ideas but long and sort of scattered" Army of the Dead helped because I kind of enjoyed this. Not loved it, not "wheeeee!" the whole time, just had some fun, some of the time. As this movie itself points out, the machinations of a heist in a heist movie, with its sleight of hand and misdirection and wigs, is always fun and we get a couple of examples of those in this movie. I also enjoyed the group dynamic. Everybody on this team is some kind of oddball and portrayed as such but with a light touch. Dieter is an excellent "talented dork" character, having gained his criminally useful safe-cracking skills from a love of puzzles and a childhood spent as an

The performances here also bring a good energy to this endeavor, which is peppy despite an over two-hour runtime. Emmanuel is the movie's big star; I know her mostly from supporting roles on *Game of Thrones* and in the *Fast and Furious* movies but here she shows her ability to really carry off the blend of action, humor and general bad-assery that is needed for an action movie lead. Surely there's some spy thing, some Marvel movie that can capitalize on this.

Army of Thieves feels like a perfect "let's just watch something fun" movie that doesn't require too much attention or brain power and delivers a reasonably good time. **B**-

Rated TV-MA. Directed by Matthias Schweighöfer with a screenplay by Shay Hatten, Army of Thieves is two hours and nine minutes long and is available on Netflix.

Paranormal Activity: Next of Kin (R)

A young woman makes a documentary about her search for her biological mother in *Paranormal Activity: Next*

of Kin, a universe expansion sidequel/reboot thing.

It also took me a minute to remember that the intentional documentary as setup for a horror film was the premise of 1999's The Blair Witch Project, not 2007's original Paranormal Activity, which was largely home video camera footage. Here, Margot (Emily Bader) and her friend Chris (Roland Buck III) are making a documentary about an Amish family that she believes is related to her. Margot was adopted and all she initially knows about her birth mother comes from some hospital security footage showing her leaving baby Margot in a doorway. Now, 25-ish Margot has found Samuel (Henry Ayres-Brown), a 20-something Amish man that 23andMe says is related to her. Samuel, living apart from his family during his rumspringa, agrees to meet up with Margot and travel with Margot and Chris to the Baylor family farm, where Margot can learn more about her mother. The film team is joined by Dale (Dan Lippert), a big doofy sound guy, and a van loaded with equipment.

At first the family, represented by Jacob (Tom Nowicki), who we eventually learn is Margot's biological grandfather, doesn't want these outsiders hanging around. But he decides to let them stay and Margot and Chris try to uncover more about Margot's mother from the fairly tight-lipped community. But along with the usual cultural differences between these filmmaker kids and the Amish farmers, Margot and Chris start to notice oddities — a middle-of-the-night meeting of torch-carrying farmers, odd noises from the supposedly uninhabited attic — that hint at something spookier.

At one point late in the film, Dale and Chris debate whether the Baylor family really is Amish at all, or just using it as a cover. But to what end, Chris asks. And that was kind of my feeling about the whole movie: to what end does the movie make any of the choices it does — from elements as large as the use of the documentary to set the plot in motion to smaller details, like specific creaks and "there was something else in the room" that don't make much sense once you find out the nature of the Scary Thing.

Especially earlier on, the *Paranormal Activity* movies did a good job of letting its characters use video technology to freak themselves out; I remember watching (in the second one maybe?) footage of a pool cleaner for a while. *Scary* pool cleaner footage. *Next of Kin* feels like it has a lot more "things" happening, not just one small element of spookiness per scene, but the result is that the movie often gets in its own way and doesn't offer a clear idea of why it's showing us what it's showing us. C

Rated R for violence and bloody images and language throughout, according to the MPA on filmratings.com (actually, the rating seems largely swear-word based, with some goriness shoved in at the end). Directed by William Eubank with a screenplay by Christopher Landon, Paranormal Activity: Next of Kin is an hour and 38 minutes long and is distributed by Paramount Pictures on Paramount+.

Film

Venues Bank of NH Stage

16 S. Main St., Concord 225-1111, banknhstage.com

The Music Hall

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth 436-2400, themusichall.org

O'neil Cinemas

24 Calef Hwy., Epping 679-3529, oneilcinemas.com

Red River Theatres

11 S. Main St., Concord 224-4600, redrivertheatres.org

Shows

• A Nightmare on Elm Street (R, 1984) part of the Film Frenzy \$5

Classics series at O'neil Cinemas with multiple daily screenings through Thursday, Nov. 4.

- French Dispatch (R, 2021) on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 5, through Sunday, Nov. 7, at 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Red River Theatres.
- *Spencer* (R, 2021) on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 5, through Sunday, Nov. 7, at 1, 4 and 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord.
- The Bolshoi Ballet *Spartacus*, a broadcast presentation captured live, Sunday, Nov. 7, at 12:55 p.m. at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord. Tickets \$15.
- *The Big Parade* (1925), a silent film with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the

Flying Monkey. Tickets start at \$10

- Hot Water (1924) starring Harold Lloyd, a silent film with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis, on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at Wilton Town Hall Theatre. Admission is free; \$10 donation suggested.
- Warren Miller's Winter Starts Now at The Music Hall in Portsmouth, Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 19, at 6 and 9 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 20, at 4 & 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$28.
- National Theatre Live *No Man's Land*, a broadcast of a play from London's National Theatre, screening at the Bank of NH Stage in Concord on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 12:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 (\$12 for students).









SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

See Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, Cyd Charisse and Rita Moreno in 1952's musical film *Singin' in the Rain* on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St. in Manchester; palacetheatre.org, 668-5588), a Senior Movie Mornings screening. Tickets cost \$10.



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By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

- New room: A recently opened restaurant, bar and music venue hosts D-Comp, the ubiquitous duo of vocalist Demetri Papanicolau, winner of the Rockstar ManchVegas vocal competition, and Nate Comp, talented at looping his acoustic guitar into dense soundscapes. Like most of the room's upcoming calendar, it's a free show; a ticketed event starring Angry Hill and Taliente Pistoles will happen later in the month. Thursday, Nov. 4, 9 p.m., Angel City Music Hall, 179 Elm St., Manchester, facebook.com/ angelcitymusichall.
- Capitol band: Led by a Burlington expat who relocated to Concord five years ago, Andrew North & the Rangers is a multifaceted group touching on rock, soul and jazz fusion stitched together with jammy sensibility. Phosphorescent Snack, their debut album released in September, is a gem; standouts include "Down the Pipes," with echoes of Dixieland jazz, the can-do anthem "Dig Deep" and the Phish-adjacent "Aditi." Friday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Area 23, 254 N State St., Unit H (Smokestack Center), Concord, thearea23.com.
- · Roots crew: A favorite in their Merrimack Valley home region, McKinley's **Mood** is anchored by the songwriting team of Dave Osgood and Keith Blanev. The Jerry Garcia Band feel of their namesake song provides a good clue about where they're coming from musically, a point driven home by the Dead covers that pop up in their set. They also have a lovely, harmonies-and-all version of The Band's "Up On Cripple Creek." Saturday, Nov. 6, 5 p.m., Millyard Brewery, 125 E. Otterson St., Nashua, millyardbrewery.com.
- Galaxy grass: Sporting a name born from the room where they began, Kitchen Dwellers is a Montana-based quartet that credits a lot of influence on its sound to The Infamous Stringdusters' Chris Pandolfi, producer of their recent Muir Maid LP. "Just by hanging out with a musician like Chris, you absorb what he says and how he approaches songs, and all of the sudden you're a better musician for it," said banjo player Torrin Daniels. Sunday, Nov. 7, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage, 44 S. Main St., Concord, \$15 and \$18 at ccanh.com.
- String thing: Zach Lupetin formed Dustbowl Revival after taking a writing degree to Los Angeles to chase screenplay dreams. He also brought a guitar, and soon placed a Craigslist ad for like minds that led to a multi-instrument, multi-genre collective of musicians focused on acoustic Americana. Longtime singer Liz Beebe left last year; Lashon Halley took over for her after a few tryout shows. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, \$28 to \$30 at eventbrite.com.

Keeping it real

Comedian Carolyn Plummer headlines Rex show

By Michael Witthaus mwitthaus@hippopress.com

Of all the words Carolyn Plummer might use to describe herself, "lucky" isn't one. As a teenager Plummer won a pair of Grateful Dead passes, only to see the show canceled when Jerry Garcia died. In early 2020, she had the best spring of her comedy career lined up, and everyone knows how that turned out.

Quarantine led to a lot of soul-searching, Plummer said in a recent phone interview.

"I reassessed my whole life," she said. "Like, why am I doing comedy? Should I have focused on a career? Should I have been a teacher?" Then, in February of this year, Denis Leary called with an invitation for Plummer to appear at the annual Comics Come Home benefit.

"That re-energized me to feel like I was on the right path," she said. "Now I have a deeper appreciation for live shows and performing. I look at every performance now as an opportunity to meet more people and network and just enjoy it. ... There's a lot of sacrifice, but that kind of just brought everything full circle, that all the sacrifices made sense."

Of course, the Nov. 13 Boston Garden show has been postponed for another year, but Plummer knows she'll be on the next one. That's a more tangible thing to hold on to than that Dead contest back when.

"They were will-call," she said of the Boston Garden concert. "So I didn't even have the tickets."

A few comics mined the pandemic for new jokes, but not Plummer.

"I wasn't very creative at the beginning. ... My whole life just changed; it took a while to work through. I did a few things about contactless delivery; I don't know why we didn't have that in the past. I don't need to have a relationship with the guy bringing the pizza to my house."

A New Hampshire native — she grew up in Wolfeboro, a minister's daughter -Plummer got into comedy after responding

"This guy was teaching a class out of his mom's condo in Manchester," she said, adding with a chuckle, "That seemed safe to me at the time."

It turned out well, and after a summer of learning, she began hitting open mic nights, eventually spending a lot of time in Portland, Maine.

"I met all the Boston guys; they would come up and do comedy," she said. "I would watch them and go, 'Wow, these guys are awesome' - you know what I mean? Like Don Gavin, and all the greats: Lenny Clarke, Tony V...."

A big early break was the result of misfortune for Plummer.

"True story: On my 30th birthday, I got laid off," she said. "Kelly MacFarland is one of my best friends, and she's also a comic. She said, 'I just met these guys, and they need another roommate, why don't you go talk to them, and if it works out, move in there?' I was like, 'I don't know, I don't have a job.' She said, 'That's the



Comedian Carolyn Plummer. Courtesy photo.

best time to go.' I ended up moving back to Belmont, Mass., which I could never afford if I wasn't in a roommate situation. ... It kind of took off from there."

While she's performed in New York City, ventured to California for the Burbank Comedy Festival and even thought about moving west once or twice, Plummer is partial to living in and working in New England, particularly her home state.

"What I like about New Hampshire is it surprises you," she said. "You might go to this tiny town in the middle of nowhere and have all these highly educated people that you'd think wouldn't be living in the woods, fixing cars, being lumberjacks, and all this other stuff. You can't make assumptions like that. ... All the different towns are different."

Carolyn Plummer & Friends

When: Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St.,

Manchester

Tickets: \$25 at palacetheatre.org

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Venues

Bank of NH Stage

16 S. Main St., Concord 225-1111, banknhstage.com Outdoor venue: Fletcher-Murphy Park (28 Fayette St. in Concord)

Capitol Center for the Arts 44 S. Main St., Concord 225-1111, ccanh.com

Chunky's

707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, chunkys.com

The Flying Monkey 39 Main St. Plymouth

536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom

169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach 929-4100, casinoballroom.com

Hatbox Theatre

Road, Concord 715-2315, hatboxnh.com

Headliners Comedy Club DoubleTree By Hilton, 700 Elm St., Manchester headlinerscomedyclub.com

The Music Hall

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth 436-2400, themusichall.org

Rex Theatre

23 Amherst St., Manchester 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Tupelo Music Hall 10 A St., Derry,

437-5100, tupelomusichall.com

Shows

- Justin Willman Music Hall, Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
- Bob Marley Cap Center, Friday, Nov. 5, and Saturday, Nov. 6, at 6 & 8:30 p.m.

- Steeplegate Mall, 270 Loudon Friends Rex Theatre, Friday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m.
 - Nov. 5, 8 p.m.
 - Kenny Rogerson Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Nov. 5, and Saturday, Nov. 6, 8:30 p.m.
 - Kyle Crawford Chunky's Nashua, Friday, Nov. 5, and Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, 8:30 p.m.
 - at DoubleTree by Hilton, Saturday, Nov. 6, 8:30 p.m.
 - Brian Regan The Music Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 10, and Thursday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m.
 - · Kelly MacFarland Rex Theatre, Friday, Nov. 12, 7:30
 - · Tupelo Night of Comedy with Mark Scalia, Chris D and Kennedy Richard Tupelo, Friday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m.
 - Kyle Crawford Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Nov. 12, and Saturday, Nov. 13, 8:30

- · Carolyn Plummer and · Kenny Rogerson Chunky's Nashua, Friday, Nov. 12, and Saturday, Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m.
- · Bob Saget Tupelo, Friday, · #IMOMSOHARD Getaway Tour Casino Ballroom, Saturday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m.
 - · R-Rated Comedy Hypnotist Frank Santos Jr. Bank of NH in Concord, Saturday,
- · Chris Zito Headliners at • Brian Beaudion Headliners DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 13 8:30 p.m.
 - Ballroom, Friday, Nov. 19, 7
 - Dave Russo Rex Theatre, Friday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m.
 - Drew Dunn Chunky's Man-Saturday, Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m.
 - Nashua, Friday, Nov. 19, and Saturday, Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m.
 - That Golden Girls Show (a Saturday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.



Brian Regan. Courtesy photo.

- Mark Scalia Headliners at DoubleTree by Hilton in · Chelsea Handler Casino Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 20, 8:30 p.m.
 - Queen City Improv Hatbox Theatre, Friday, Nov. 26, 7:30
- · Corey Rodrigues Rex Thechester Friday, Nov. 19, and atre, Friday, Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m.
- Brad Mastrangelo Steve Bjork Chunky's Chunky's Manchester, Friday, Nov. 26, and Saturday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m.
- Jody Sloane Chunky's puppet parody) Cap Center, Nashua, Friday, Nov. 26, and Saturday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m.

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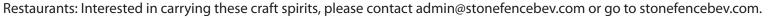
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Bedford

Copper Door 15 Leavy Dr. 488-2677

Bow

Bedford

Brookline

Concord

Epping

Exeter

Goffstown

Hampton

p.m.

Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St. 228-8508

Thursday, Nov 4

Auburn Pitts: open mic jam, 6:30

Copper Door: Clint Lapointe, 7

Alamo: live music, 4:30 p.m.

Area 23: drum circle, 7 p.m.

Telly's: Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.

Sea Dog: Joel Cage, 5 p.m.

CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m.

Brian Burnout, 8 p.m.

Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m.

Penuche's: open mic night w/

Sawbelly: The Brethren Duo, 5

Village Trestle: Mike Gallant, 6

The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13 721-5000

Concord

Area 23 State Street 881-9060

Concord Craft Brewing

117 Storrs St. 856-7625

Courtyard by Marriott Concord

Kingston

DJ Jason, 7 p.m.

Londonderry

Manchester

p.m.

p.m.

Merrimack

Nashua

70 Constitution Ave.

Hermanos Cocina Mexicana

Whym: music bingo, 6 p.m.

Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke with

Stumble Inn: Jodee Frawlee, 7

Fratello's: Austin McCarthy, 5:30

The Goat: Pat Dowling, 7 p.m.;

Strange Brew: Chris O'Neill, 4

Homestead: Jessica Olson, 6 p.m.

Tomahawk: Chad LaMarsh, 6

Stonecutters Pub: Blues Therapy,

Fratello's: Malcolm Salls, 5:30

Currier: Paul Nelson, 5 p.m.

DJ set by Chris Drake

11 Hills Ave. 224-5669

126 Hall St., Unit B

Penuche's Ale House 16 Bicentennial Square 228-9833

Shara Vineyards 82 Currier Road

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Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square 856-7614

Deerfield The Lazy Lion 4 North Road

Dover **Sunrise Pointe Cafe** 50 Pointe Place, No. 33 343-2110

Telly's Restaurant &

Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy. 679-8225

Exeter

Sawbelly Brewing 156 Epping Road 583-5080

Sea Dog Brewery 9 Water St.

Gilford Patrick's 18 Weirs Road 293-0841

Goffstown

Village Trestle 25 Main St. 497-8230

Riverworks: Max Sullivan, 5 p.m.

Boonedoxz Pub: music bingo,

The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Copper Door: Dave Zangri, 7

Friday, Nov 5

Auburn Pitts: Nicole Knox Mur-

Alamo: live music, 4:30 p.m.

Penuche's: live music, 7 p.m.

Area 23: Rainbow Friday, 7 p.m.

Lazy Lion: Chris O'Neill, 5 p.m.

Red's: live music, 7 p.m.

Newmarket

Northfield

Portsmouth

6:30 p.m.

Salem

Seabrook

Auburn

phy, 7 p.m.

Brookline

Concord

Deerfield

p.m.

Hampton CR's The Restaurant 287 Exeter Road 929-7972

The Goat 20 L St. 601-6928

Sea Ketch

127 Ocean Blvd. 926-0324

Shane's BBQ

61 High St. 601-7091

Smuttynose Brewing 105 Towle Farm Road

Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave. 926-6954

Whym Craft Pub & Brewery

853 Lafavette Road 601-2801

Hudson

The Bar 2B Burnham Road

Epping Telly's: Johnny Angel, 8 p.m.

Sawbelly: David Corson, 5 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Rosa Kula, 6 p.m.

Hampton

CR's: Steve Sibulkin, 6 p.m. The Goat: Alex Anthony, 8 p.m. Wally's: Born of Osiris, 8 p.m. Whym: Pete Peterson, 6:30 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up: Cory Malm, 8 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Tom Rousseau, 6 Stumble Inn: Mugsy Duo, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Kimayo, 6

Bonfire: Martin and Kelly, 7 p.m. Derryfield: Eric Grant, 8 p.m. Elm House of Pizza: Max Sullivan. 7 p.m.

The Foundry: Eric Marcs, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Jodee Frawlee, 6 p.m. **The Goat:** Pop Disaster, 9 p.m.

Jewel: Chuckie with special guest Exodus (I'll House You Fridays), 9 p.m.

South Side: Alex Roy, 8 p.m. Strange Brew: BJ Magoon & Driving Sideways

Stark Brewing: karaoke with DJ Paul Roy, 7 p.m.

Meredith

Twin Barns: Ryan Williamson, 5 p.m.

Nashua

Luk's Bar & Grill

Saddle Up Saloon

Tower Hill Tavern

264 Lakeside Ave.

Londonderry

Coach Stop Restaurant

176 Mammoth Road

20 Rockingham Road

Backvard Brewery

1211 S. Mammoth Road

142 Lowell Road

889-9900

Kingston

369-6962

Laconia

366-9100

& Tavern

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432-3210

623-3545

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950 Elm St.

663-7678

Stumble Inn

Manchester

92 Route 125

Cercle National Club

550 Rockland Ave.

Derryfield Country

625 Mammoth Road

623-8243

150 Ash St.

669-6144

623-2880

Firefly

935-9740

836-1925

Fratello's

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The Goat

858-5789

50 Old Granite St.

1050 Holt Ave.

Great North Aleworks

155 Dow St

21 Concord St.

The Foundry

50 Commercial St.

Club

Fratello's: Austin McCarthy, 6 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: A Band Beyond Description, 9 p.m.

Northfield

Boonedoxz Pub: karaoke night, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Liz Ridgely, 9:30 p.m. Gibb's Garage Bar: Chad Verbeck, 7 p.m.

The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m. Thirsty Moose: Vere Hill, 9 p.m.; Tenderheds, 9 p.m.

Rochester

Porter's Pub: Max Sullivan, 6:30 p.m.

Seabrook

Chop Shop: White Noiz, 7 p.m. Red's: live music, 7 p.m.

Stratham

Tailgate Tavern: Elijah Clark, 7

Saturday, Nov 6

Alton Bay

Dockside: live music, 8 p.m.

Bow

Chen Yang Li: Eric Marcs, 7 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: live music, 4:30 p.m.

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625-4444

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666-4292

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279-0876

Merrimack

Homestead

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819-9336

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Area 23: R&B Dignity, 7 p.m. Craft Brewing: live music, 4 p.m. Hermanos: live music, 7 p.m. Penuche's: live music, 7 p.m.

Epping

Telly's: Almost Famous, 8 p.m.

Exeter

Sawbelly: The Duo, 1 p.m.; Chris Voss, 5 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Ralph Allen, 6

Hampton

The Goat: Brooks Hubbard, 8 p.m. **Smuttynose:** live music, 6 p.m. Wally's: Ra, Intercorrupted, 9 p.m. Whym: Sean Coleman, 6:30 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Casual Gravity, 8 p.m.

Laconia

Tower Hill: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Jodee Frawlee, 6 p.m. Stumble Inn: The Slakas, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: April Cushman, 6 p.m.

Music plays on

These listings for live music are compiled from press releases, restaurants' websites and social media and artists' websites and social media. Call the venue to check on special rules and reservation instructions. Get your gigs listed by sending information to music@hippopress.com.

BUZZ BALL

The team from the radio show Greg and the Morning Buzz will host their annual show featuring musicians, comedians and more, the Greg and the Morning Buzz Ball on Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St. in Concord; ccanh.com, 225-1111). Tickets cost \$35 and \$45 (plus fees), with a portion of the proceeds going to Lend a Helping Can (a charity that serves 11 soup kitchens in the state). according to a press release.

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Milford The Pasta Loft 241 Union Sq.

672-2270

213-5979

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Stonecutters Pub 63 Union Sa.

Nashua 194 Main St.

Liquid Therapy 14 Court St. 402-9391

Millyard Brewery 25 E. Otterson St. 722-0104

Peddler's Daughter 48 Main St.821-7535

Derryfield: Chad Lamarsh, 8 p.m. The Foundry: Kimayo, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m. The Goat: Fortune, 9 p.m. Great North Aleworks: Paul Driscoll, 4 p.m. South Side: Jonny Friday, 8 p.m. Strange Brew: Aj Coletti, 5 p.m. Lisa Marie, 6 p.m.

Bonfire: The EXP Band, 7 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Marc Apostolides, 6

Milford

Pasta Loft: DeadBeat, 9 p.m.

Nashua

Fratello's: Justin Jorden, 6 p.m. Liquid Therapy: Ze Ivan, 5 p.m. Millyard: McKinley's Mood, 5

Newmarket

Stone Church: Saints & Liars, 8

Northfield

Boonedoxz Pub: live music, 7

Polish American Club 889-9819

Newmarket Stone Church 5 Granite St. 659-7700

Northfield Boonedoxz Pub 95 Park St.

717-8267

435-0005

Pittsfield Fratello's Italian Grille Main Street Grill & Thirsty Moose Bar 32 Main St.

> **Plaistow** The Crow's Nest 181 Plaistow Road

Portsmouth Clipper Tavern 75 Pleasant St. 501-0109

The Gas Light 64 Market St. 430-9122

Gibb's Garage Bar 3612 Lafayette Road

The Goat 142 Congress St. 590-4628

The Statey Bar & Grill 238 Deer St. 431-4357

Taphouse 21 Congress St. 427-8645

Rochester Porter's Pub 19 Hanson St. 330-1964

Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway 458-2033

T-Bones 311 S. Broadway 893-3444

Seabrook Castaways 209 Ocean Blvd. 760-7500

Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road 760-7706

Red's Kitchen + Tav-530 Lafayette Road 760-0030

Somersworth The SpeakEasy Bar 2 Main St.

Stratham Tailgate Tavern 28 Portsmouth Ave. 580-2294

Portsmouth

Clipper Tavern: Max Sullivan, 9 p.m. Gas Light: Jordan Quinn, 9:30

p.m. The Goat: Mike Forgette, 9 p.m. Thirsty Moose: Fighting Friday, 9 p.m.; David Hoffman, 9 p.m.

Seabrook

American Legion: Leaving Eden,

Chop Shop: live music, 6:30 p.m. Red's: live music, 8 p.m.

Somersworth

Speakeasy: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Stratham

Tailgate Tavern: Green Heron, 7

p.m.

Sunday, Nov 7

Alton Bay

Dockside: live music, 4 p.m.

Auburn

Auburn Pitts: live music, 2 p.m.

Bedford

Copper Door: Marc Apostolides,

Brookline

Alamo: live music, 4:30 p.m.

Pointe Café: Chris Sunrise O'Neill, 11 a.m.

Exeter

Sawbellys: John Irish, 11 a.m.; Tombstone, 3 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Dave Glannon, 3:30 p.m.

Hampton

CR's: Don Severance, 4 p.m. Whym: Max Sullivan, 12 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: video music bingo, 5 p.m.

Manchester

The Goat: Mike Forgette, 10 a.m. Strange Brew: Becca Myari, 4 p.m.; jam, 7 p.m.

Newmarket

The Stone Church: Kick The Cat, 7 p.m.

KITCHEN DWELLERS

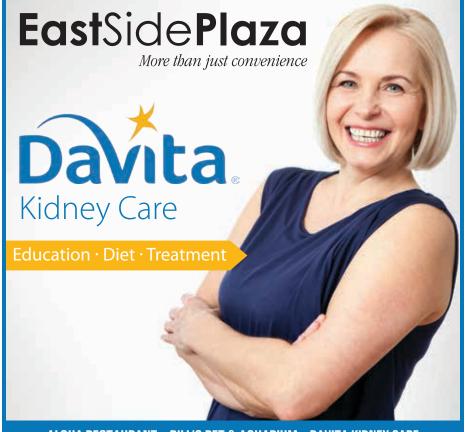
Described as a four-piece progressive bluegrass band, **Kitchen Dwellers** — featuring Max Davies on guitar, Joe Funk on bass, Torrin Daniels on banjo and Shawn Swain on mandolin — will play the Bank of NH Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; 225-1111, banknhstage.com) on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 plus fees.



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NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Northfield

Boonedoxz Pub: open mic, 4 p.m.

Portsmouth Charlie's Tan

Charlie's Tap House: Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.

The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m.

Monday, Nov 8

Hudson

The Bar: karaoke with Phil

Cilforn

Patrick's Pub: open mic w/ Paul Luff, 6 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Lisa Guyer (all ages), 7 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Phil Jakes, 5:30 p.m. **The Goat:** live band karaoke, 8 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua

Fratello;s: Chris Gardner, 5:30 p.m.

Portsmouth

The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.; Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov 9

Concord

Tandy's: open mic night, 8 p.m.

Hampton

Shane's: music bingo, 7 p.m. **Wally's:** Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Joanie Cicatelli, 5:30 p.m.

The Goat: Rob Pagnano, 9 p.m. **Strange Brew:** David Rousseau, 7 p.m.

Stark Brewing: open mic w/Brian M & Chad Verbeck, 7 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Dave Zangri, 5:30 n.m.

Nashua

Fratello's: Josh Foster, 5:30 p.m.

Portsmouth

The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

Stratham

Tailgate Tavern: Musical Bingo Nation, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov 10

Concord

Area 23: open mic night, 7 p.m. **Tandy's:** karaoke, 8 p.m.

Exeter

Sawbelly: Qwill, 5 p.m.
Sea Dog Brewing: Douglas
James, 5 p.m.

Hampton

Bogie's: open mic, 7 p.m. **Wally's:** Chris Toler, 7 p.m.

Hudson

Luk's: Wooden Soul 7 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello's: Chris Lapointe, 5:30 p.m.

The Goat: country line dancing, 7 p.m.

Stark Brewing: Cox Karaoke, 8 p.m.

Strange Brew: open mic w/ Howard & Mike

Merrimack

Homestead: Austin McCarthy, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Stonecutters Pub: open mic, 8 p.m.

Nashua

Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Charlie Chronopoulos, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth

The Goat: Alex Anthony, 9 p.m.

Rochester

Porter's: karaoke night, 6:30 p.m.

Seabrook

Red's: live music, 7 p.m.

Somersworth

Speakeasy: open mic night, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov 11

Amherst

LaBelle: Moondance, 6:30 p.m.

Auburi

Auburn Pitts: open mic jam, 6:30 p.m.

Bedford

Copper Door: Jodee Frawlee, 7

Brookline

Alamo: live music, 4:30 p.m.

Concord

Area 23: karaoke, 8 p.m. Hermanos: live music, 6:30 p.m. Penuche's: open mic night w/ Brian Burnout, 8 p.m.

Derry

LaBelle: Dueling Pianos w/ Flying Ivories, 6:30 p.m.

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Telly's: Jonny Friday, 7 p.m.

Exeter

Sawbelly: Max Sullivan, 5 p.m. **Sea Dog:** Chad Verbeck, 5 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Malcolm Salls, 6 p.m.

Hampton CR's: Ross McGinnes, 6 p.m.

Whym: music bingo, 6 p.m.

Kingston

Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke with DJ Jason, 7 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Rob & Jody, 7

Manchester

Currier: Charlie Chronopoulos, 5 p.m. **Fratello's:** Paul Lussier, 5:30

p.m. **The Goat:** live music, 7 p.m.

Strange Brew: Becca Myari, 7 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Sean Coleman, 6 p.m.

Tomahawk: Chad LaMarsh, 6 p.m.

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Described as a six-piece funk band "with strains of hip-hop, rock, psychedelia, jazz, soul and go-go" on the Music Hall website, the band Lettuce will play the Portsmouth venue (28 Chestnut St.; 436-2400, themusichall.org) on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$32 to \$52. Hear the band's music at lettucefunk.com.

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Venues

Area 23

254 N. State St., Concord, 881-9060, thearea23.com

17 Depot St., Concord, 228-0180, cheersnh.com

Chunky's Cinema Pub

707 Huse Road, Manchester; 151 Coliseum Ave., Nashua; 150 Bridge St., Pelham, chunkys.com

The Crow's Nest

181 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, 817-6670, crowsnestnh.com

Fody's Tavern

9 Clinton St., Nashua, 577-9015, fodystavern.com

Great North Aleworks

1050 Holt Ave., Manchester, 858-5789, greatnorthaleworks.com

The Lazy Lion

4 North Road, Deerfield, thelazylionrestaurant.com

Liquid Therapy

14 Court St., Nashua, 402-9391, liquidtherapynh.com

Mitchell Hill BBQ Grill & Brew

50 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-2537, mitchellhillbbq.com

Peddler's Daughter

48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535. thepeddlersdaughter.com

The Shaskeen Pub & Restaurant 909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246

Tandy's Pub & Grille

1 Eagle Square, Concord, 856-7614, the lounge. tandyspub.com

Events

- Wizard of Oz trivia, 21+, at the Plaistow at 8 p.m. Chunky's in Manchester on Thursday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Reserve a spot with a \$5 per person food voucher (up to 6 players per team).
- · Halloween Trivia Extravaganza at Liquid Therapy in Nashua on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m.
- Ghostbusters trivia, 21+, at the Chunky's in Manchester on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. Reserve a spot with a \$5 per person food Epping from 6:30 to 8 p.m. voucher (teams can have up to 6
- Friendsgiving trivia, 21+, focusing on the Thanksgiving episodes in Hampton at 6 p.m. of the TV show Friends, at the Chunky's in Manchester on Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Reserve a spot with a \$5 per person food Rib Shack in Manchester at 7 p.m. voucher (up to 6 players per team).

- Aleworks in Manchester from 7 to
- Changer Sports Bar in Londonderry at 7 p.m.

from 8 to 10 p.m.

- Thursday Game Time trivia at Hart's Turkey Farm in Meredith from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- · Thursday Game Time trivia at Mitchell BBQ in Rochester at 6 p.m.
- Concord from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in
- Friday trivia at Gibb's Garage Bar in Portsmouth from 8 to 10 p.m.
- · Mondays trivia at Crow's Nest in
- · Monday Trivia at the Tavern at
- Tuesday Geeks Who Drink trivia at Peddler's Daughter in Nashua, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- Tuesday trivia at Area 23 in Concord at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday trivia at Popovers in
- Oven in Hampton at 6 p.m.
- · Wednesday trivia at The Bar in
- Hudson at • Wednesday Kings trivia at KC's
- · Wednesday trivia at Millyard
- · Wednesday trivia at Main Street • Thursday trivia at Great North Grill and Bar in Pittsfield at 6:30
- Wednesday Game Time trivia at • Thursday Kings trivia at Game The Thirsty Moose in Portsmouth



- Friday Team Trivia at Cheers in
- Red's in Seabrook, signup at 8:30 p.m., from 9 to 11 p.m. Hosted by DI Zati

- Wednesday trivia at Community
- Wednesday trivia at Smuttynose

- Brewery in Nashua at 7 p.m.



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44 S. Main St., Concord 225-1111, ccanh.com Outdoor venue: Fletcher-Murphy Park (28 Fayette St. in Concord)

The Flying Monkey

39 Main St., Plymouth 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

Casino Ballroom

169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton Beach 929-4100, casinoballroom.com

Jewel Music Venue

61 Canal St., Manchester 819-9336, jewelmusicvenue.com

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345 Route 101, Amherst 672-9898, labellewinery.com

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The Music Hall

28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth 436-2400, themusichall.org

Rex Theatre

23 Amherst St., Manchester 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

The Spotlight Room

96 Hanover St., Manchester 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

Stone Church

5 Granite St., Newmarket 659-7700, stonechurchrocks.com

The Strand

20 Third St., Dover 343-1899, the stranddover.com

Tupelo Music Hall

10 A St., Derry 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com

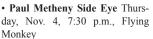
The Word Barn

66 Newfields Road, Exeter 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

Shows

• Justin Willman Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall

Tusk. Courtesy photo.



- Liz Longley Thursday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- Jeffrey Foucault Friday, Nov. 5, Keller Williams Friday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- TUSK Friday, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- I Am Kawehi Friday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord
- Chase Rice Friday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- OTEP with The World Over, Nov. 13, 2 p.m., Jewel Sepsiss & The Almas Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., Jewel
- Phil Vasser Saturday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- Let's Go Crazy for the '80s Saturday, Nov. 6, 7 p.m., The Music • The U2 Show (U2 tribute) Sat-
- urday, Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m., Rex The-• Hollywood Nights (Bob Seger 8 p.m., Music Hall
- Tribute) Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., Tunelo • Buddy Guy & Samantha Fish
- Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., Casino ter Ballroom • Kitchen Dwellers Sunday, Nov.
- 7, 7 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord
- Lettuce Sunday Nov. 7, 8 p.m., Music Hall
- Series) Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., Cap Center
- Ivories Thursday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m., LaBelle Derry
- Moondance: Van Morrison Tribute Thursday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
- Thursday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., Word
- Max Weinberg's Jukebox Thursday, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Rex
- The Wailin' Jennys Thursday,
- Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- Nov. 11, 8 p.m., Tupelo

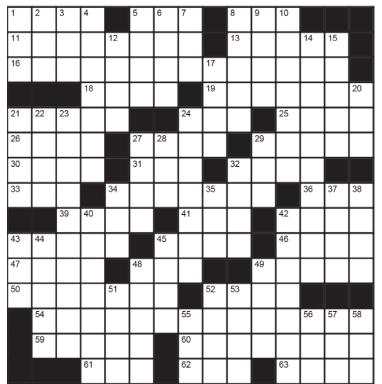
- · Buddy The Buddy Holly Story Friday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Cap Center
- The Wailin' Jennys Friday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Music Hall
- 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- · Jocelyn & Chris Friday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord
- · Sinfest 2021 with Hail the Horns, Dead by Wednesday & Mark Rizzo and more Saturday,
- · The Small Glories Saturday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Word Barn
- · Peter Wolf and the Midnight Ramblers Saturday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m., Tupelo
- · Dueling Pianos Saturday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m., The Strand
- · Absence: Terence Blanchard, featuring E-Collective & Turtle Island Quartet Saturday, Nov. 13,
- · Songwriter in the Round with Liam Spain Sunday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., Spotlight Room in Manches-
- · Marc Broussard Sunday, Nov. 14. 7 p.m., Tupelo
- · Dying Fetus & Terror with Brand of Sacrifice & Vitriol Tuesday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Jewel
- · Rich DiMare A Night with • Harlem 100 (Gile Concert Sinatra Thursday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., LaBelle Derry
- VCTMS & Born A New Thurs-• Dueling Pianos with The Flying day, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Jewel
 - The Immediate Family Thursday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., Tupelo · Roomful of Blues Friday, Nov.
 - 19, 8 p.m., Tupelo · Jamantics Reunion Friday,
- · Mark Erelli & Mary Bragg Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Bank of NH Stage in Concord Scissorfight with special guests
 - Murcielago, Razor Burn City & Paul Jarvis Friday, Nov. 19, 8:30 p.m., Stone Church
- · Jake Clemons Saturday, Nov. Blues Project 2020 Thursday, 20, 7:30 p.m., Rex Theatre



NIGHT OF COMEDY

See comedians Mark Scalia, Chris D and Kennedy Richard at the Tupelo Night of Comedy on Friday, Nov. 12, at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St. in Derry; 437-5100, tupelomusichall.com). Tickets cost \$22.

R. FANTASY'S FEELING ALRIGHT



48. Jazz pianist Evans

Fred Savage show (3,6,5)

(3,4)

49. Pretenders sang of a hog rider or this

50. Stone Temple Pilots '___ Baby'

54. 'My Last Semester' band inspired by

60. Screamin' Cheetah Wheelies song

52. The Used's 'Bird' might catch it

59. Peter Gabriel hit "Give me!"

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Across

- 1. "Bring this ship into the shore and throw away the forever"
- 5. Maiocco of Vixen
- 8. Descendents drink out of a 'Coffee'
- 11. '04 Papa Roach album 'Getting ____ Murder' (4,4)
- 13. Long, majestic songs
- 16. Joe Cocker's Dave Mason jam "
- (oh, no) I'm not feeling too good about '99 Tom Cruise movie, perhaps myself' (7,7)
- 18. John Cougar 'Hand To Hold ' (2,2)
- 19. Bad band went largely this, by public 21. Producer will do this to studio tape after poor jam
- 24. When Neil Sedaka visits the jungle he sings 'I Go
- 25. Traffic's 'Welcome To The Canteen' was not studio but this
- 26. Hives hit album '__ Vidi Vicious' 27. 'Think About You' __ & Roses
- 29. Smokey Robinson 'Just __ _ Her' (2,3)
- 30. Tacks on track to release or does this
- 31. Suzanne Vega sang of her time ' Child' (2,1)
- 32. Jack Vidgen said 'Am' when asked (3.1)
- 33. '02 Vanessa Carlton album 'Be Nobody'
- 34. '92 Pavement album ' Enchanted'
- 36. Some fest ground turf
- 39. Excitement cries right before "aahs"
- 41. Used to color a light
- 42. 'Got No Shame' Brother
- 43. 'Mama Said' Kravitz
- 45. Heidi Klum's ex/singer that got a 'Kiss From A Rose'
- 46. Bob Marley was running a 'Rat' one
- 47. Peter, Paul & Mary faced death with 'And When ___' (1,3)

- 61. "Good ol' boys were drinking whisky and" this
- 62. 'The Phoenix' band w/Bam Margera's bro
- 63. Dave Mason 'Let It __' on '77 album

Down

- 1. Star that blew it all is a buffoon or this 2. A solo might leave you "struck" w/it
- 3. 'Is This Love' Corinne Bailey
- 4. 'Edge Of The Earth' metalers
- 5. Size of beer for pre-show jitters
- 6. Pete Yorn 'Carlos (Don't Let To Your Head)' (2,2)
- 7. Security "Caught you!" exclamation
- 8. Chapel Hill, NC label for a traffic sign
- 9. Hüsker Dü put the b-ball tip-off '___ The Air' (2,2)
- 10. David Lee Roth may hang out with them on seedy corners
- 12. UB40's is doubly 'Red'
- 14. He played a 'Wicked Game' (5,5)
- 15. 'Jerusalem' sing/songer Earle
- 17. Traffic "__ that tell a story sad and deep as you"
- 20. 'I Wanna Rock' singer Snider
- 21. Jethro Tull ivory tickler John
- 22. Make over, in studio
- 23. Kiss' own 'Rock & Roll All Nite' rip 'Tomorrow ____'(3,7)
- 24. Hinder was in Heaven w/'Lips Of
- 27. Guys' plus-ones are girls or these
- 28. Clash's anti-American 'I'm So Bored With The
- 29. 'Dog Eat Dog' Nugent
- 32. Billy Idol screamed a 'Rebel' one

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34. Once Bitten, Twice

WORD ★Roundup™

Last Week's Answers: SISTER MOTHER UNCLE AUNT / BLURB BLAB

SEV

BLOB BULB / KING ROOK PAWN / PANTHER CHEETAH LEOPARD / JEFF

- 35. Singer might drink hot this, w/honey
- 37. Talking Heads ' In A Lifetime'
- (3,4)
- Passion' (5.2)
- 43. '84 Howard Jones 'New Song' album 'Human's '
- 44. Cuts recording down or does this
- 45. '84 Autograph album ' In Please'
- "Been , haven't seen you in a while" 52. American Hi-Fi 'Flavor Of The' 38. Owl City '__ In The Headlights' 53. 'Blue Monday' coverers 40. One Bourbon, One Scotch, ____ 55. '88 'Tougher Than Leather' album Run-42. Rick Wakeman committed a '____ 56. Quiet Riot 'Mama, Weer Crazee

Now' 57. She dances on the sand w/Duran Duran

48. David Bowie met 'The Laughing'

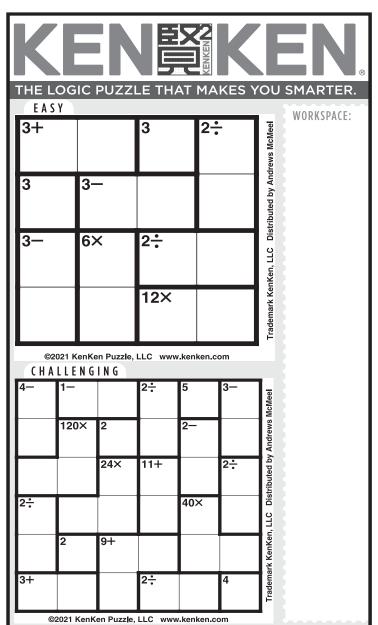
51. 'We Just Disagree' opening line:

58. I Her Standing There

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munchkin or this

49. Merrick of The Damned



RULES

1 Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.

2 The numbers within the heavily

outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3 Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

3 PREVIOUS ANSWERS 3

2 3 6

3 3 2 6

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Soup's On!" — it's getting to be soup weather

1 CD- (outdated discs)

5 Abbr. that's to scale?

8 Pituitary, e.g.

13 Loads

14 Ranch addition?

15 Decide, in court

17 Partial shadow

19 Turkey's capital

20 polloi (general population)

21 Outdoor section for cars

23 "Blazing Saddles" actress

Madeline

Pollos Hermanos ("Breaking

Bad" restaurant)

26 The "M" of "MIB"

27 Fencing sword

29 " the Seas with Oysters"

(Hugo Award-winning short story by

Avram Davidson)

32 Some pet chickens

33 Telephone numbers, account IDs, 58 Medicare ID, once

36 Fiery crime

37 When doubled, that vacuum thing from the Teletubbies

49

63

66

38 Photo-sharing app, for short

42 Snapple offering

45 Gets older

48 Averse (to)

49 A head

30

65

43 48

51 Airline whose website offers a 4 "Simpsons" character Disco

Japan Explorer Pass

52 "The ___ Duckling" 54 Film with elaborate costumes,

often

61 Overjoyed

62 Kind of soup, or what the five

theme answers demonstrate 64 Medium-sized tube-shaped pasta

65 Sweater neck shape

66 Bitterly regrets

67 Richman of "The New Gidget" and "A Very Brady Christmas"

68 "Gangnam Style" musician

69 Big volcano in Sicily

Down

1 Turtle with the red mask, to fans

from pg 43 of 10/28

2 Imitation spread

R&R answer

3 Nicknames

5 Site of the Cedar Revolution

6 "It's freaking freezing!"

7 Lounge in the hot tub

8 Continental breakfast offering, mavbe

9 Sources of inspiration?

-Seltzer

11 Descriptor in many Google Maps searches

Green, aka Squirrel Girl

16 Indian flatbreads

18 Speed limit letters

22 "Count me in!"

24 "___ Fables"

27 Anti-pollution agey.

28 Part of 18-Down

30 Chilled, like blood in an eerie situation

31 Greeting at a luau

Jonesin' answer

ASKGENIE

ASTERN

from pg 44 of 10/28

Y A C H T R O C K H A S T A

S T R A D Y E S R E A L L Y O U R E R I G H T T A Y

YELLOWROSE

32 "The Messiah" composer

34 First digit of all Delaware ZIP codes

35 Fifty-fifty, e.g.

39 Refuses to budge

40 Investigator, informally

41 "Delectable!"

43 2019 remake directed by Guy Ritchie

44 Tennessee Tuxedo's walrus pal

45 Energized, with "up"

46 Language where a crossword puzzle is "tóimhseachan crois-fhacal"

47 Printers' mistakes

51 "Nip/Tuck" actress Richardson

53 Moo goo ___ pan

55 ____-Tass (Russian news agency)

56 Invitation letters

57 Tarzan's cohorts

59 Envisioned

60 Curiosity creator

63 Capri crowd?

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NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. See last week's puzzle answers on pg 45.

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2		9		1	3	7	8	
			4			6		1
4								
		6		3	7	4		
			1	3	5			
		3	2	9		1		
								8
6		1			9			
	3	8	6	5		9		2

Conceptis SudoKu Puzzle A By Dave Green

Conceptis SudoKu Puzzle B By Dave Green 3 2 1 9 5 8 1 6 1 3 7 9 6 2 7 8 8 9 8 5 4 6 ©2021

Difficulty Level ★★★

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	7	8			6	5	
		9	2	6	8		
6		2			5		9
4		5			2		8
		4	1	9	3		
	9	6			7	4	
			6	7			

Conceptis SudoKu Puzzle C By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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Difficulty Level ★

Matthew McConaughey, born Nov. 4, go make more.

romantic comedy was different from anything I'd done before. Try new things.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) I never wrote things down to remember; I always that it was, in fact, located in the contiwrote things down so I could forget. Try writing some things down.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) After over three years on the road ... I started hankering for a tad more domesticity — cleaner sheets, a full kitchen, and some more water pressure.... If you want a full kitchen, stock it up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) Then, in contest. The night before the deadline, I working, 'she said. Keep working.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) I soon I had three cassettes: INXS's Kick, Maxi with it! Priest's Maxi/Maxi Priest.

and U2's Rattle and Hum. I'd listen to them on my Walkman while I read about romance. Play your favorite music and make discoveries.

Aries (March 21 -April 19) I was always the first one to wear out the knees in my Toughskin *jeans*. Have a backup pair.

Taurus (April 20 - May **20)** I was now on my sixth job. I'd been a bank teller, a boat mechanic, a photo processor, a barrister's assistant, a construction worker, and an assistant golf pro. Every job is a learning opportunity.

Gemini (May 21 - June **20)** In 1977, Mom entered me in the 'Little Mr. Texas' contest in Bandera, Texas. I won a big trophy. My mom framed this picture and put it on the kitchen

All quotes are from Greenlights, by wall. Honor your accomplishments and

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Everyone had a preconceived bio of me now. Honest **Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** *Acting in a first impressions were a thing of the past.* Go for honest second impressions.

> Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) Having already been to the Amazon and physically proven nent of South America, I knew it was now time to go to Africa. But where in Africa? Start by narrowing down your choices.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) The hype surrounding my 'arrival' was off the charts. ... 'Matthew McConaughey Saves the Movies' was the boldface caption behind my head on the cover of certain industry magazines. Save the movies? 1982, I entered the seventh-grade poetry Hell, I didn't know they needed saving, and if they did, I wasn't sure I was or showed my poem to Mom. 'Not bad, keep wanted to be the one to save them. Ignore the hype.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) The romanstarted skipping class daily and going tic comedies remained my only consistent to the library instead, where I discov- box office hits.... I had taken the baton ered the great English poet Lord Byron. from Hugh Grant, and I ran with it. Run

LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses a represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS **CLUES** 1 open public space (6) **2** jet (5) 3 bar of music (7)

4 fit together (8) 5 stage in a game (5)

6 put away a sword, perhaps (7)

7 complete (6)

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ME	SH	VEL	PLA	VE
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L801 4. RIVULETS 5. CATAMOUNT 6. ELEMENTRRY 7. LOUVRE

Sudoku Answers from pg44 of 10/28

Puzzle A 3 7 8 6 5 9 4 1 2 4 5 1 2 3 8 6 7 9 9 6 2 1 4 7 8 5 3 6 8 7 3 9 5 1 2 4 2 4 9 7 1 6 5 3 8 1 3 5 8 2 4 9 6 7 5 9 6 4 7 3 2 8 1 7 2 4 5 8 1 3 9 6 8 1 3 9 6 2 7 4 5

Puzzle B

6	8	3	2	5	9	1	4	7
9	7	4	6	3	1	8	5	2
5	2	1	4	7	8	6	3	9
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8	5	7	3	1	6	9	2	4
4	1	9	7	2	5	3	8	6
3	9	2	1	8	7	4	6	5
7	4	5	9	6	3	2	1	8
1	6	8	5	4	2	7	9	3
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Puzzle C

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4	3	8	1	7	6	5	2	9
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6	4	9	8	2	1	3	7	5
3	1	2	4	5	7	9	8	6
8	7	5	3	6	9	2	1	4
9	5	3	7	1	8	6	4	2
1	2	6	5	3	4	7	9	8
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Government in action

About 100 hippopotami that are descendants of hippos once owned by late drug lord Pablo Escobar have been recognized by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio as legal persons, United Press International reported. The hippos live in Colombia, but nonhuman animals are allowed to go to a federal court in the U.S. to obtain testimony in defense of their interests. Colombian attorney Luis Domingo Gomez Maldondo filed a lawsuit on the animals' behalf to save them from being euthanized, arguing that sterilization would be a better option.

Unclear on the concept

A hiker in Colorado who was on a trail to Mount Elbert got lost on Oct. 18, wandering in the woods until the next morning around 9:30 a.m. Lake County Search and Rescue began looking for the unidentified person that evening and continued through the night, Fox News reported, making repeated calls to the hiker's cellphone, which went unanswered. The hiker, who didn't realize a search party was looking for them, told officials that they ignored the calls because they didn't recognize the phone number. LCSAR recommended to hikers: "If you're overdue according to your itinerary and you start getting repeated calls from an unknown number, please answer the phone."

Creepy

Residents of Ipswich, England, claim they have spent more than four years being troubled by a haunting rendition of the nursery rhyme, "It's raining, it's pouring ..." sung by a young child during the night. "It was waking me up in the night. It was absolutely terrifying," one woman said, according to the Mirror. "Last week it played for hours. It was just horrible." Finally, in September, the borough council's rapid response team tracked down the source of the chilling singing: It was a motion alarm in an industrial park. "The sound is only supposed to act as a deterrent for opportunistic thieves that come onto our property," a spokesperson for the park said. "The motion sensors were being triggered by spiders crawling across the lenses of our cameras, and it looks like we've had it turned up too loudly." The volume has been lowered, and Ipswich residents can sleep at night.

Happy Halloween!

Singer-songwriter Brocarde, 38, has revealed that she is in love with a Victorian ghost, Edwardo, who died at age 35 when he fell down a well, the Daily Star reported. Edwardo first came to her on a night when she was having difficulty sleeping, making the whole room cold and then introducing himself to her and whispering "I love you" in her ear. He proves himself by blowing out candles and leaving steam hearts on the shower walls,

she said. But Brocarde is also afraid of Edwardo: "My biggest fear is that he'll expect too much from me and kill me so I'm a spirit too," she said. After Brocarde revealed her ghostly paramour on ITV's "This Morning," she said Edwardo "ghosted" her: "Edwardo seems furious with me since I've gone public with our romance," she said. She hopes to lure him back on Halloween with scattered rose petals and candles. "I may even cook him some typical Victorian dishes to win him back."

Harsh

An unnamed Thai woman, 34, who lives in a high-rise condominium building in Bangkok was apparently very unhappy that she wasn't informed that two painters, using ropes, would be working on the outside of the building on Oct. 12. So she cut their support rope, the Associated Press reported. One of the painters, a man named Song, said he and his co-worker had lowered themselves from the 32nd floor to repair cracks. When he reached the 30th floor, he felt something on the rope and looked down to see someone on the 21st floor lean out of the window and cut his rope. A third colleague supported them from the top floor as they tried to summon help from people in other apartments. A couple on the 26th floor finally let them in. The suspect confessed to cutting the rope and said she had no intention of killing the workers, but she faces attempted murder and property destruction charges.

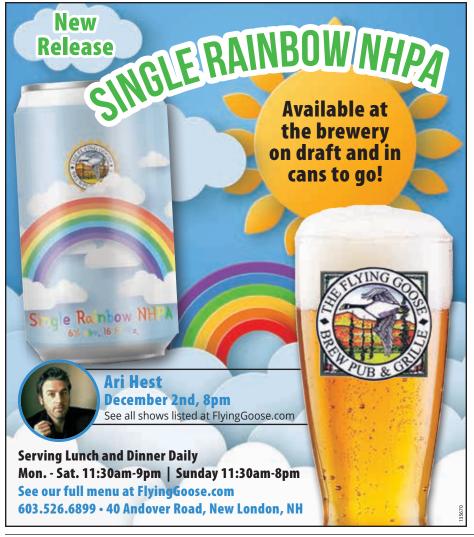
Most competent criminal

A clever burglar in Coronado, California, devised a simple way to enter a home there on Oct. 21, the Associated Press reported. The 43-year-old woman allegedly just called a locksmith and asked him to change the locks on "her" home, then went inside, settled in, and turned on the music and fireplace. But a neighbor noticed the activity and contacted the out-of-town homeowner, who alerted the police. When officers arrived, the spare key provided by the neighbor didn't fit the locks, and police saw metal shavings and parts of a discarded lock near the front door. Police went around back, called out to the person inside and arrested her as she emerged on suspicion of burglary.

Parenting fail

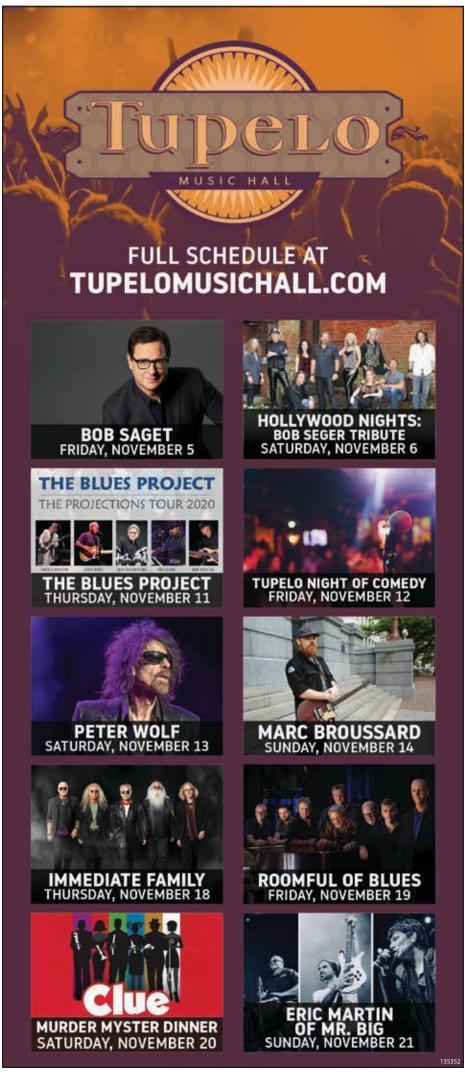
On Oct. 23, police in Gillette, Wyoming, were called to a home about a fight between a man and woman. When they arrived, the man had already left in his pickup truck, the Gillette News Record reported. He was pulled over and emerged from the truck with his two sons, 15 and 4. Sheriff's Lt. Paul Pownall said that the 39-year-old admitted he'd been drinking but said his 4-year-old had been sitting on his lap and doing the actual driving. The suspect, who was already on unsupervised probation, was charged with his second DUI.

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