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**ALSO ON THE COVER** Get a rundown of where to find everything from pies and sides to the whole turkey dinner to bring home for Thanksgiving starting on page 22. Find art shows, artisan fairs and craft fairs catering to the holiday shopper: on page 6 find a look at Mosaic Art Collective miniature art show, and on page 14 get the details on 3S Artspace's Form + Function Artisan Fair and check out the listings of area craft fairs this weekend. And the Junior Service League celebrates Festivus in denim (page 16).

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Health insurance help

The NH Navigator Program offers free health insurance navigation services to New Hampshire residents looking to apply for and enroll in health insurance through the Federal Marketplace, Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), according to a press release from Foundation for Healthy Communities and New Hampshire Hospital Association. NH Navigator is an initiative of the Foundation for Healthy Communities, "a nonprofit organization that builds healthier communities for all" according to the release. The NH Navigator offers help during the Open Enrollment period, which began Nov. 1 and ends Jan. 15. Access the NH Navigator at [acanavigator.com/nh/home](http://acanavigator.com/nh/home). "Navigators offer free assistance to people exploring health coverage options through healthcare.gov, from reviewing available plans to assisting with eligibility and enrollment forms, and post-enrollment services such as using their coverage to get care. Navigators can also assist people in helping enroll in or renew Medicaid CHIP coverage," the release said. To request an in-person visit for assistance in identifying the right insurance option, consumers can email Adrian Jason, director at NH Navigator, at [ajason@healthynh.org](mailto:ajason@healthynh.org).

## NH tourism

The Executive Council unanimously confirmed Michelle Cruz as the new State Tourism Director for the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development, according to a press release.

"She will provide strategic direction for the Department and will also be responsible for guiding the development and implementation of the state's domestic and international marketing and communication strategies, talent/workforce, and business recruitment platforms; oversight of the functions of the DTTD office; as well as working with industry leaders to advance and maximize the New Hampshire brand to a broad set of audiences," the release said. She will officially begin her new position on Dec. 2. See [visit-nh.gov](http://visit-nh.gov).

## UNH, NASA & NOAA

NASA awarded the University of New Hampshire \$24.3 million to build solar wind sensors to monitor space weather for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), according to a UNH press release from Oct. 29. The sensors will be part of a "high-priority alert system that will monitor space weather and solar wind — caused by explosions on the sun — for potential interruptions to key technology like satellite communications, electric power grids and GPS systems," the release said.

"UNH will oversee the design, development, fabrication, integration, testing and evaluation of the sensors. The researchers will also support the launch, supply and maintain the instrument ground support equipment and support post-launch mission operations at the NOAA Satellite Operations Facility in Suitland, Maryland. UNH will work with subcontractors

Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory where researchers there will focus on the electronics for the instruments. The project is expected to take nine years to complete," the release said.

## Funds for Mothers

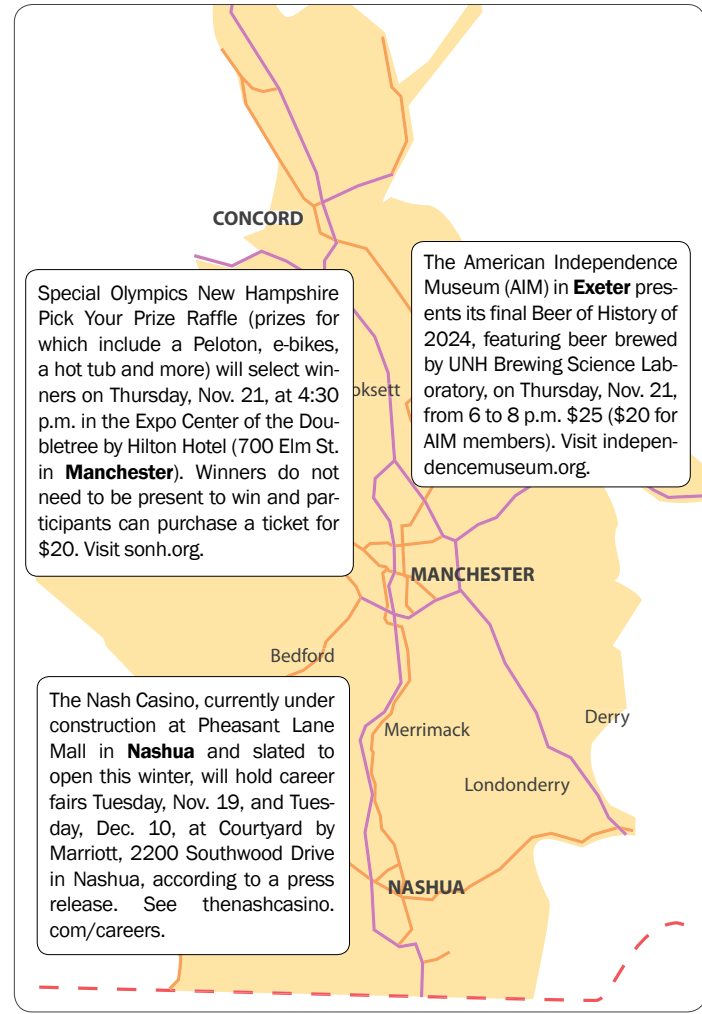
The Executive Council voted in favor of \$400,000 for a new effort in New Hampshire to provide direct care support to perinatal mothers and parenting women experiencing mental health challenges, according to a press release from Gov. Sununu's office on Oct. 30.

"The one-time financial support, which makes use of ARPA funds, will assist in establishing a maternal hub in southern New Hampshire to provide a hybrid model of emergency and preventative support services. The hub will collaborate with existing Family Resource Centers and healthcare providers," the release said. "New Hampshire was recently ranked the No. 1 state in the country for women and children by the United Health Foundation," the release said. See [dhhs.nh.gov](http://dhhs.nh.gov).

## Coats for Charity

The United Way of Greater Nashua is holding its Winter Coat Drive and collecting gently used winter coats as well as new coats and items like hats, gloves, scarves, and hand warmers to help people experiencing homelessness stay warm, according to a press release.

They also have an Amazon Wish List for other essential items like thermal underwear, duct tape and



flashlights. People can drop off coats and donations at the United Way office, 20 Broad St. in Nashua, on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact United Way at [info@unit-edwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unit-edwaynashua.org) or 882-4011.

## Diabetes month

YMCA Nashua (6 Henry Clay Drive in Merrimack) will hold a free seminar Thursday, Nov. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on managing blood sugar and preventing Type 2 diabetes, led by

experts from St. Joseph Hospital. The seminar will focus on nutrition, physical activity and essential components of diabetes care, according to a press release. Participants will receive resources including a free blood glucose meter, a nutrition handbook and other educational materials, the release said. The workshop is free but registration is required. Visit [nmymca.org](http://nmymca.org) or email the Director of Healthy Living, Erikur Holt, at [eholt@nmymca.org](mailto:eholt@nmymca.org).



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### NEWS & NOTES Q&A

## Small art, big impact

Mosaic Art Collective holds a show focused on mini

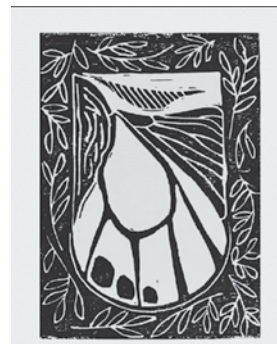
Founder and Volunteer Executive Director of Mosaic Art Collective (66 Hanover St., Suite 201, Manchester) Liz Pieroni spoke to the Hippo about their “Small Wonders: Miniature Art Show,” which runs until Sunday, Dec. 22, and contains lots of nifty tiny gifts for the upcoming holidays, and how an exhibit comes together. Visit [mosaicartcollective.com](http://mosaicartcollective.com).

**Q:** How do you and Mosaic come up with a theme for an exhibit?

At the beginning it was just really myself. Now we have a board of directors that we brainstorm ideas with. I think this year we’re going to cut back a little bit in 2025 and do a show pretty much every other month now. Just needing a little bit of a breather in between getting everything out there and making sure we’re advertising properly. But we come up with a big list of ideas and then from there narrow those down and we think about what we haven’t done in a while, what ideas are kind of trending. Sometimes it’s just an open concept and really open to any kind of medium or theme.



“Afternoon Visitor” by Kim Mullen.



“Moths and Mountains” by Mariah Sample.

[inches] or smaller. I think there’s like a 3 by 5. It’s pretty tiny. But for the most part things are around like 6 by 8-ish. It’s not super miniature, but small enough that you can find a little nook in your house to showcase. We do have a couple of sculptures. One of them is a bird made out of recycled materials that you could hang on a tree. So a little ornament. And then we also have a necklace created by Hannah Cole Dahar that I think is mother of pearl and another kind of teal stone.

**How do you decide what gets in the exhibit?**

All the calls are open calls. Some of the calls are more juried than others. For this show, we try to be as inclusive as possible, so this one has probably a wider range of experience levels

**What is the ‘Small Wonders’ exhibit?**

It’s an art exhibit that is taking to mind holiday gift buying, so keeping the prices on the lower side, small art for small budgets kind of a thing. We did this last year and the year before and both shows were pretty high-selling shows. I think the smaller size, most people don’t have huge walls to show art or showcase art, but also because the majority of our budgets are pretty pretty tight right now and we’re doing what we can to still get our artwork out there and be able to give gifts of art.

**What’s considered miniature for the exhibit?**

So for this show, everything is 12 by 12

### “Small Wonders: Miniature Art Show”

Mosaic Art Collective  
66 Hanover St., Suite 201, Manchester  
Runs until Sunday, Dec. 22  
Wednesday from 2 to 6 p.m.; Saturday  
and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.; closed  
Monday and Tuesday  
[mosaicartcollective.com](http://mosaicartcollective.com)

and different styles and media. For the most part, this show we’ve just brought everyone in that we could just to bring a huge range.

**What made you interested in starting an art gallery?**

I moved back to New Hampshire after living away for almost 15 years. Got here, there was nowhere that really was showing contemporary art, and my art is all contemporary art. I don’t do super traditional work. My goal with opening Mosaic was really to make a place that anyone could come and show their work and have a platform to be showcased and be seen.

**What does the gallery space look like?**

The gallery is one room. We have five art studios off the main room. Those are rented to artists. And then one other gallery, Amy Regan, who runs a small boutique gallery out of her studio called See Saw Art on Hanover. The gallery itself is one room, we have high ceilings, big windows, lots of natural light, and a kitchen where we have our opening reception food.

— Zachary Lewis



# Pats hit 10-week mark



**The Big Story – Patriots' 10-Week Update:** After Sunday's 19-3 domination of Chicago they stand 3-7 in Week 10. Here's a brief update.

**The Good – Drake Maye:** "I tell the guys

all the time he looks like **Josh Allen 2.0**. I played Josh Allen in Miami his rookie year, and he didn't look that good. Josh Allen is a phenomenal player. He's an MVP-type player.... Drake looks better than Josh in his rookie year." — D-tackle Davon Godchaux as told to the Boston Globe.

**The Bad – The Coach** We knew there'd be a learning curve for **Jerod Mayo**. But for much of his first 10 games he hasn't looked ready for this assignment.

**The Ugly – What Maye Has to Work With:** With 32 sacks allowed and the QB under pressure 43 percent of the time the O-line has been mostly bad, and outside of **Hunter Henry**, with flashes from **DeMario Douglas**, ditto for the receivers.

**Bottom Line:** A lot of struggles, but they've won two of three, so things are looking better.

**Sports 101:** Name the only person to lead the NBA, ABA and NCAA in scoring for a season.

**News Item – Sox Reset Starting:** The brass was at the GM meetings last week to get the off-season re-shaping underway. The big rumor says **Triston Casas** may be trade bait because both he and **Rafael Devers** should play first base. If that's the case, I trade Devers instead for two reasons. First, because trading the more established Devers frees up big money for free agency, which along with what they get back in the trade could net them two-three solid pitchers. Second, with as many four top minor prospects close to joining **Jarren Duran**, **Ceddanne Rafaela**, **Brayan Bello**, **Tanner Houck** and Casas in Boston, that is a deep, young, low-payroll (for now) core that can grow up in the way the **Mookie Betts-JBJR**-led group started in 2015. Plus the under-control low payroll lets them invest in additional pieces to fortify the team as it evolves.

**News Item – Best Sign About The Celtics:** That **Jayson Tatum** is looking to score from the jump — by scoring 14+ in five of their first six games. As opposed to the absolute nonsense **Doris Burke** spewed on ABC/ESPN all last year about it being good he wasn't shooting early to get others involved. The only people who thought that was a good idea were those guarding him in

the first quarter (phev!).

**The Numbers:**

**1.5 & 13** – dismal sacks and solo tackles for ex-Patriot **Matthew Judon** with the 6-4 Falcons.

**9** – second best in Patriots history sacks for the D vs. Chicago on Sunday.

**13** – consecutive strikeouts by soon to be Japanese free agent hurler **Roki Sasaki** when the now 23-year-old had 19 overall in his 2022 perfect game.

**... Of the Week Awards**

**Thumbs Up – UNH Hoops:** For hanging in against two-time defending champion UConn to be down by just five (29-24) in the final minute of the first half. Yes, it was Katie bar the door after that as the Huskies finished it with a that's more like it 92-53 final. But it was a nice half for the one time Yankee Conference rivals.

**Random Thoughts:**

Rookie issues? Or did the Bears draft another QB bust? I saw nothing from first overall pick **Caleb Williams** vs. NE on Sunday to be impressed with.

How is it that **Steph Curry** goes down after every single shot he takes? Couldn't be he flops on every single shot he takes? What happened to T's for flopping, **Adam Silver**?

With Milwaukee off to a 2-8 start after blowing a big lead to the Celtics on Sunday, wonder if they still think it was **Adrian Griffin's** fault last year. You may recall after starting out 30-13 in year one the ex-Celtic got axed and replaced by **Doc Rivers**, who is 20-27 since then.

**Sports 101 Answer:** **Rick Barry** led the NCAA in scoring at the University of Miami, the NBA with the San Francisco Warriors and the ABA with the Oakland Oaks.

**Final Thought – Celtics Broadcasters:** The trio of **Abby Chin**, **Drew Carter** and to a lesser extent **Scal** could not have sounded like bigger homer yahoos during last week's game with GS talking about **Steve Kerr** not playing **Jayson Tatum** in the Olympics as much as everyone wanted. Earth to those people: He did it for one reason and it wasn't match-ups. That was the excuse. It was because Tatum didn't play well. Period. Slump, confidence loss or Kerr is his kryptonite, but do these yahoos know he was 0-10 from behind the line during the Olympics? Or that he averaged just five points per when he did play? Give it a rest. If he'd played better he'd have gotten more time, just like **Derrick White** and **Jrue Holiday** did.

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### NEWS & NOTES

## QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

### Good news for coyotes, bad news for outdoor pets

The University of New Hampshire announced in a Nov. 6 press release that, despite human and predator pressures, coyote populations are thriving. "Surprisingly, the study's findings suggest that human hunting practices may actually contribute to increasing the number of coyotes," the press release read. It quoted Remington Moll, Assistant Professor of Natural Resources and the Environment and lead author of the study. "Intensive coyote removal can obviously reduce populations in the short term, but removal can also result in younger coyote populations with higher reproduction and immigration rates," Moll said.

#### QOL score: +1 for the coyotes, -1 for your cat

**Comment:** At [wildlife.nh.gov](http://wildlife.nh.gov), the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department warns, "In suburban areas, coyotes have been known to kill house cats. Keeping your pets and pet food inside at night helps reduce the likelihood that a family pet will become prey. Coyotes are often blamed for events for which domestic dogs, automobiles or other wildlife are responsible. As for your safety, coyotes pose little risk to people."

### Hard times for soft cheese

Savencia Cheese USA has announced a voluntary recall for some of its soft-ripened cheese because of potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*, according to a U.S. Food and Drug Administration email and a notice at [savenciacheeseusa.com](http://savenciacheeseusa.com). See pictures of the items, which include Aldi Emporium Selection Brie and Market Basket Brie, and a list of the UPC and best-by dates of the affected items on Savencia's website.

#### QOL score: -1

**Comment:** "Through routine testing, it was identified that processing equipment at the site may have been contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. While finished product testing has not identified contaminated product, we have initiated a voluntary recall to retrieve the potentially affected product," the website said.

### NH is bicycle-friendly

New Hampshire is the ninth best state for cyclists. A Nov. 7 press release read, "The legal team at Philadelphia-based personal injury law firm KaplunMarx analyzed various metrics, including the air quality, cyclist deaths per capita, bike routes per square mile, local government actions supporting cycling, federal funding for cycling projects, and bicycle laws to determine the most cycling-friendly states in the U.S." The study found that New Hampshire has a higher-than-average density of bike paths (62.8 miles per 1,000 square miles), good air quality, and a low cyclist fatality rate (3.3 per million residents).

#### QOL score: +1

**Comment:** The study rated New Hampshire's overall score as 62.4 points out of 100. The top-rated state was Minnesota, with a score of 84. The lowest scoring state was Alabama, with 39.

Last week's QOL score: 79

Net change: 0

QOL this week: 79

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# THIS WEEK

## BIG EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 14 AND BEYOND

#### Friday, Nov. 15

**Ringling Bros. and Bailey Circus** will be at the SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, [snhuarena.com](http://snhuarena.com)) tonight at 7 p.m.; tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. and 3 and 7



p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 17, at noon. This reimagined show is a fast-paced, action-packed production with modernized acts on a scale never seen before, creating real connections between audiences and performers. Tickets start at \$19.

#### Thursday, Nov. 14

Country Music Hall of Famer, five-time Grammy-winner and AMA Lifetime Achievement honoree **Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives** will perform at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, [nashuacenterforthearts.com](http://nashuacenterforthearts.com)) at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$50.

the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, [nashuacenterforthearts.com](http://nashuacenterforthearts.com)) tonight at 7 p.m. Sing on stage, or donate to support a participant. All proceeds from the event help United Way make grants to local organizations. This is a general admission event. Adult tickets are \$27, and youth tickets (14 and under) are \$10.

#### Friday, Nov. 15

**United Way Care-E-Oke** returns to the Nashua Center for

#### Saturday, Nov. 16

There will be a free **New England contra dance** with

David Millstone & Quindaro at the Citywide Community Center in Concord (14 Canterbury Road, 225-8690, [concordnh.gov/1364/Community-Center](http://concordnh.gov/1364/Community-Center)) from 7 to 10 p.m. Beginners, singles and families are welcome. Visit [concordnhcontra.wordpress.com](http://concordnhcontra.wordpress.com).

#### Sunday, Nov. 17

The Aaron Tolson Institute of Dance presents **Tapped In!** at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, [anselm.edu](http://anselm.edu)) at 4 p.m. This show features the dancers from Speaking In Taps, a training ground for young dancers. It will be a performance of thrilling rhythm, precision and talent. Tickets are \$25 each through the Dana Center's website.

#### Sunday, Nov. 17

It is **Legends Day** at the New England Racing Museum (New Hampshire Motor Speedway, 922

Route 106, Loudon, 783-0183, [nemsmuseum.com](http://nemsmuseum.com)). Headlining will be seven road racers who had major success across the New England region. Sam Posey, Skip Barber, Janet Guthrie, Rob Dyson, Chris Dyson, Jocko Maggiasco Sr. and Jocko Maggiasco Jr. will be honored. The event will include an honoree panel discussion, permanent banner unveiling and a buffet lunch. Tickets are \$80.

#### Sunday, Nov. 17

Symphony New Hampshire will present the first in a three-part series of "Illuminated Ensembles" today at

4 p.m. **American Standards** will be presented at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage (16 S. Main St. in Concord; [cconh.com](http://cconh.com)) and feature Symphony New Hampshire's Jazz Ensemble. Tickets are \$37.

## MURDER'S in the HEIR

#### Save the Date! Friday, Nov. 22 -

The Majestic Theatre (880 Page St., Manchester, 669-7469, [majestictheatre.net](http://majestictheatre.net)) will open its 2024-2025 season with the comedy **Murder's in the Heir** on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m., with additional showings Saturday, Nov. 23, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. The audience decides who did the crime; the play's unique ending uses secret ballots gathered at intermission. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for 65+ and 17 and under.

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Alex Williams of New England College.  
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Welcome to hoops season!

Basketball fans don't have to drive far to find games nearly every weekend through the end of February. Local colleges offer women's and men's games to cheer at — often with admission that is either free or in line with movie ticket prices.

### Southern New Hampshire University

Eric Coplin, the Director of Athletic Communication at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester, spoke to

the Hippo about Penmen Basketball at the school.

"So both teams play in the Northeast 10, which is part of NCAA Division II. The A-10 is usually kind of looked at as one of the stronger conferences in Division II. So we play in a really strong league. And I think anyone coming to watch is going to see a really strong brand of basketball," Coplin said.

"I love this level. ... I think it's a legitimate student-athlete experience. They're here to be students, but they're also here to be high-level athletes," he said.

There is a good possibility of reaching the playoffs. "If we have an NCAA tournament, it's obviously not as highly

publicized as the Division I NCAA tournament, but it's the same thing. It's a bunch of teams fighting for a national championship," Coplin said.

One of the biggest games is against nearby Saint Anselm College.

"We play them twice a year. We play them at home and then play them at their place. That's definitely our biggest rival in basketball for sure. So [we] definitely draw the biggest crowd, best atmosphere for that game, for sure," he said.

In the age of Caitlin Clark, both men's and women's teams draw a crowd.

"I think our women's basketball crowds have really improved over the last few years to kind of match the men. In some games I think they even outdraw our men.

But I think that has a lot to do with how we've been super successful the last three years. The team hadn't been to the NCAA tournament since 1990 and now they've made it three straight seasons. They were in the conference championship game two years ago, so I think a lot of that is just in the increased talent level. I think winning helps that," Coplin said.

Kids' teams can get involved too. "We have a lot of cool youth involvement, like Hooksett Youth Basketball League, always happy to work with the youth programs in the greater Manchester area for sure," he said. The Hooksett Youth Basketball League is part of the Hooksett Youth Athletic Association (HYAA).

"Admission is free for all of our regu-

### SNHU SCHEDULE

All home games are at Stan Spirou Field House (2500 N. River Road in Manchester). Admission is free. Visit [snhupenmen.com](http://snhupenmen.com).

#### Men's home games

- Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. vs. Bloomfield College
- Saturday, Nov. 23, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Felician University
- Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Saint Michael's College [NE10]
- Saturday, Dec. 7, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Franklin Pierce University [NE10]
- Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. vs. Post University
- Thursday, Jan. 2, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Bentley University [NE10]
- Sunday, Jan. 5, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Pace University [NE10]
- Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Saint Anselm College [NE10]
- Saturday, Jan. 18, at 3:30 p.m. vs. American International College [NE10]
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. vs. University of New Haven [NE10]
- Saturday, Feb. 8, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Southern Connecticut State University [NE10]
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Assump-

tion University [NE 10]

Saturday, Feb. 22, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Adelphi University [NE10]

#### Women's home games

- Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Saint Michael's College [NE10]
- Saturday, Dec. 7, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Franklin Pierce University [NE10]
- Saturday, Dec. 21, at noon vs. D'Youville University
- Thursday, Jan. 2, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Bentley University [NE10]
- Sunday, Jan. 5, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Pace University [NE10]
- Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Saint Anselm College [NE10]
- Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 p.m. vs. American International College [NE10]
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 5:30 p.m. vs. University of New Haven [NE10]
- Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Southern Connecticut State University [NE10]
- Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Assumption University [NE 10]
- Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Adelphi University [NE10]

### SAINT ANSELM SCHEDULE

All home games are played at Stoutenburgh Gymnasium on campus. Admission is \$10 (free for students). See [saintanselm-hawks.com](http://saintanselm-hawks.com).

#### Men's home games

- Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1:30 p.m. vs. American International [NE10]
- Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Saint Michael's [NE10]
- Saturday, Nov 23, at TBD vs. Jefferson
- Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Southern Conn. St. [NE10]
- Saturday, Dec 14, at 1 p.m. vs. Felician
- Saturday, Dec. 21, at 1 p.m. vs. Bridgeport
- Thursday, Jan. 2, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Assumption [NE10]
- Saturday, Jan 11, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Pace [NE10]
- Wednesday, Jan 22, at 7:30 p.m. vs. Franklin Pierce [NE10]
- Wednesday, Jan 29, at 7 p.m. vs. St. Thomas Aquinas
- Wednesday, Feb 5, at 7:30 p.m. vs. New Haven [NE10]
- Saturday, Feb 8, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Adelphi [NE10]

Saturday, Feb 15, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Bentley [NE10]

Wednesday, Feb 19, at 7:30 p.m. vs. SNHU [NE10]

#### Women's home games

- Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Saint Michael's [NE10]
- Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 5:30 PM vs. Southern Conn. St. [NE10]
- Friday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 p.m. vs. D'Youville
- Thursday, Jan. 2, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Assumption [NE10]
- Saturday, Jan 11, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Pace [NE10]
- Wednesday, Jan 22, at 5:30 p.m. vs. Franklin Pierce [NE10]
- Saturday, Jan 25, at 1:30 p.m. vs. American International [NE10]
- Wednesday, Feb 5, at 5:30 p.m. vs. New Haven [NE10]
- Saturday, Feb 8, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Adelphi [NE10]
- Saturday, Feb 15, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Bentley [NE10]
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lar season games,” he said. Championship rounds are a slightly different story. “Once we get into playoffs, the NEC 10 as a conference charges. And then if we were to host regionals, the NCAA charges.”

All of the home games are at the Stan Spirou Field House on campus. Many of the games are double-headers, with a women’s game followed by the men’s. “We have a concession stand that’s usually open ... [with] hot dog, pretzel, drinks, candy, stuff like that,” he said.

“We’re hoping for a good year, another fun time, fun atmosphere with the crowd, getting into it. Like I said, the women have been to three straight NCAA tournaments. The men last year won the conference championship and the NCAA regional tournament. The men went to the Elite Eight last year for the first time since 2015,” Coplin said.

### Saint Anselm College

Zach Elliot, Assistant Director of Athletic Communications for the Hawks at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, is looking forward to the school’s upcoming basketball season.

The Saint Anselm Hawks are in what he called “the highly competitive Northeast-10 Conference” within NCAA Division II.

“The men’s side is a historic program coming off a trip to the Conference Semifinals last year,” Elliot said. “They also won the Conference title two years ago and have won 10 NE10 Championships. They are returning an All-Conference Third Team selection from last year in Josh Morissette, an Exeter native who finished in the top 10 in the league in scoring with 17.9 points per game. He also made the 16th most three-pointers last year as just a sophomore.”

The team has a new head coach this year in Chris Santo, replacing Keith Dickson,

who retired during the offseason after 39 years in charge, Elliot said. Santo is a former NE10 Player of the Year and served as an Assistant Coach for both Saint Anselm and the University of Vermont (NCAA Division I).

“The women’s side looks to improve this year after two straight first-round playoff exits,” Elliot said. “They return their top scorer from a season ago in Tatum Forbes, who put up 14.7 points per game as a sophomore. She finished in the top 20 in the NE10 in scoring, assists, rebounding and steals.”

Games to especially look forward to, Elliot said, will be the game on Wednesday, Nov. 20, against Saint Michael’s College from Colchester, Vermont, the defending champions for men’s, and the Wednesday, Feb. 19, game against in-city rival Southern New Hampshire University.

“Our basketball teams are always hosting youth programs to come and spend time at our games. The teams get a chance to play on the court at halftime or during an intermission. Our teams stay after the game to sign autographs and take photos as well,” Elliot said. “Our women’s team also volunteers at a local middle school and takes part in numerous activities with local youth.

And at the game, there are snacks. Elliot said the concession stand, located outside the gymnasium, offered items such as popcorn, candy, hot dogs and bottled beverages.

### NHTI

Annie Mattarazzo, the new athletic director at NHTI in Concord, cannot wait for the upcoming season of Lynx basketball.

“Our conference is really competitive and our men’s program and women’s program have a history of great success. So I think every game is kind of fun. We play in the YSCC conference, which is within the

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### NHTI SCHEDULE

All home games are at the Dr. Goldie Crocker Wellness Center on campus in Concord. Admission is free. See [nhtiathletics.com](http://nhtiathletics.com).

#### Men’s home games

Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m. vs. University of Maine at Augusta [YSCC]

Thursday, Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. vs. Bryant & Stratton College

Saturday, Dec 7, at 3 p.m. vs. Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences [YSCC]

Sunday, Dec 8, at 3 p.m. vs. Washington County

Saturday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. vs. Massbay Community College

Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. vs. Vermont State University - Randolph [YSCC]

Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m. vs. Washington County

Wednesday, Jan 29, at 8 p.m. vs. Southern Maine Community College [YSCC]

Thursday, Jan. 30, at 8 p.m. vs. Central Maine Community College [YSCC]

Saturday, Feb. 1, at 2 p.m. vs. Word of Life [YSCC]

Sunday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. vs. Paul Smith’s College (N.Y.) [YSCC]

Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. vs. Berkeley College

Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. vs. Great Bay Community College [YSCC]

#### Women’s home games

Check [nhtiathletics.com](http://nhtiathletics.com) for the women’s schedule.

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USCAA,” she said.

The Yankee Small College Conference is within the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, which is composed of junior, community and small colleges, totalling 72 schools. Mattarazzo cited Great Bay Community College as a big match for the school “because we’re both in the state of New Hampshire.”

NHTI teams play inside the Dr. Goldie Crocker Wellness Center on a court named for a former coach, the Paul Hogan Basketball Court.

“It’s really energetic. It’s college basketball here, so it’s up-tempo, it’s fast,” she said. “We play teams from New York to Maine and kind of in the middle, Massachusetts, Connecticut. It’s just really a great atmosphere of up-tempo play locally in central New Hampshire.”

Mattarazzo hopes to preserve the old while ushering in the new. “I’m trying to maintain the traditions that are here and bring some new ideas to the table as well. So yeah, we’re definitely going to work to really continue those game initiatives. Some of my vision is to work with the parks and rec in town in Concord and have, you know, first responders nights with the local fire and EMT and have youth nights and invite teams to play or meet our team. Be able to provide that atmosphere for the Concord area. We do define ourselves as the Concord Community School. In such a prime location, there’s a lot of great connections here to build.”

“Our events are all free unless it gets to the tournament for our conference,” she said. The games be watched online too. “We do stream games, yep. And that would be found on our website under the specific team’s game schedule.”

Mattarazzo is no stranger to the Granite State or basketball. “I’ve been around New



Amya Moss of New England College. Photo by Meaghan Marcus.

Hampshire my entire life. I grew up here. I was a college basketball coach pre my high school administration days on the women’s basketball side, so I’m a big fan of women’s games.”

She’s aware of Caitlin Clark’s impact on the sport. “Clark has been such an instrumental contributor to the growth of college basketball. She plays such a unique style of play and has such a unique mental toughness that it is a beautiful thing to watch. And I think it attracts so many different levels of players in the game of basketball. Her contributions of being a head-down, hard-nosed, competitive athlete really does continue to advance the game of basketball on both sides, men’s and women’s, as she really just plays. She’s not afraid, and I think that’s a great role model for youth in the game of basketball as well.”

The school is a good place to watch the game and to play it too, Mattarazzo said. “Here at NHTI I think we understand, we support the values of being a student-ath-

lete and I think with that and the support in the community, our programs are really going to continue to be competitive and develop.”

## Rivier University

Nick Perenick, Director of Athletic Communications, spoke about the upcoming Raiders basketball season at Rivier University in Nashua.

“We’re Division 3 and we’re in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference,” Perenick said. “So we have a couple of other New Hampshire teams in our conference as well as Massachusetts and all over New England really.”

The women’s team is in a good spot this year, he said. “We made it to the playoffs for, I believe, the third straight year last year. And our coach is actually an alum,

Deanna Purcell from the class of 2015. She is the leading scorer in program history as well.”

“We currently have a fifth-year senior going after her record,” Perenick said. “She’s sitting just behind her record for all-time scoring. Her name’s Lyric Grumbblatt. She was recently named by the New England Basketball Journal to the top 10 watch list for Division III basketball athletes for New England for this upcoming season. Between the coach and our player going after the record, it’s pretty cool.”

The men’s team has bright prospects. “Two seasons ago we were really down. We finished with two wins and 23 losses. Then last year we had the biggest win turnaround from season to season. Last season we went 15 and 12 overall. We went from two wins to 15 wins. So plus 13 was, I believe, the largest in the country in terms of win differential from year to year,” he said. The Raiders finished seventh last year.

A couple games to especially look out for are on the horizon.

“I think for the men’s side it’s playing a conference opponent named Albertus Magnus College. They’re from Connecticut. They’ve won the conference the last few years or are fed right up at the top — if they’re not winning they’re in second, coming in second place losing the championship. They play at our place on Jan. 25 this year for the men’s side. So Albertus is one of the teams we kind of circle on the calendar as a team to get ready for as the season goes on,” Perenick said.

The women’s team has the same rival along with other teams. “I would say our biggest game in conference this year is

## RIVIER SCHEDULE

Games are played at the Muldoon Center (440 S. Main St., Nashua). Admission is free. Visit rivierathletics.com.

### Men’s home games

Saturday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. vs. Brooklyn  
 Saturday, Dec. 7, at noon vs. Framingham State  
 Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. vs. Elms [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Jan. 11, at noon vs. New England College [GNAC] (Youth Sports Day)  
 Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. vs. Norwich [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Jan. 25, at noon vs. Albertus Magnus [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. vs. Regis (Mass.) [GNAC]  
 Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. vs. Colby-Sawyer [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Feb. 15, at noon vs. Dean Conference (Senior Day) [GNAC]

### Women’s home games

Saturday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. vs. Suffolk  
 Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. vs. Framingham State  
 Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 4 p.m. vs. Elms [Division]  
 Saturday, Jan. 11, at 2 p.m. vs. New England College [GNAC]  
 Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 5 p.m. vs. Norwich [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. vs. Albertus Magnus [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Feb. 8, at noon vs. Regis (Mass.) [GNAC] (National Girls and Women in Sports Day)  
 Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. vs. Colby-Sawyer [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. vs. Dean [GNAC] (Senior Day)

## NEC SCHEDULE

Home games are played at Bridges Gym (14 Grove St., Henniker). Admission is \$5 (free for students). See athletics.nec.edu.

### Men’s home games

Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. vs. Framingham State University  
 Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m. vs. Lesley University  
 Saturday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. vs. Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts  
 Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. vs. Vermont State University Johnson  
 Monday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. vs. Curry College  
 Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. vs. University of Saint Joseph [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Jan. 11, at noon vs. Rivier University [GNAC]  
 Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. vs. Saint Joseph’s College of Maine [GNAC]  
 Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. vs. Regis College [GNAC]  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. vs. Emmanuel College (Mass.) [GNAC]

Saturday, Feb. 22, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Albertus Magnus College [GNAC]

### Women’s home games

Thursday, Dec. 5, at 5 p.m. vs. Mount Holyoke College  
 Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 5 p.m. vs. Vermont State University Johnson  
 Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 5 p.m. vs. University of Saint Joseph [GNAC]  
 Thursday, Jan. 9, at 5 p.m. vs. Plymouth State University  
 Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 5 p.m. vs. Dean College [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Lasell University [GNAC]  
 Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 5 p.m. vs. Saint Joseph’s College of Maine [GNAC]  
 Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. vs. Regis College [GNAC]  
 Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 5 p.m. vs. Emmanuel College (Mass.) [GNAC]  
 Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1:30 p.m. vs. Albertus Magnus College [GNAC]



actually an away game. I would also say Alberta is one of the top teams that we play at home this year. Most of our bigger games with real rivals are on the road. Those are Emmanuel and St. Joseph's College of Maine, but I would say that Albertus is probably the toughest team we'll play at home in conference this year."

Certain game days have themes. "For the women, on Feb. 8 they're going to host a game in dedication of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Last year we invited a bunch of youth basketball teams and a bunch of youth girl athletes to campus for a game to celebrate that. It's a day, the National Girls and Women in Sports Day, but we can't celebrate it if we don't have a game on that day so we honor that day on the weekend and we have a nice event with a bunch of youths from the area." The men's team will have a Youth Sports Day on Saturday, Jan. 11, against New England College.

Asked about the Caitlin Clark effect, he agrees she has had an undeniable impact in basketball. "Any time there's a generational talent in any sport, there's going to be more eyes on that sport. I think that Caitlin Clark has helped at a lot of different levels. I would say that for our women's team and for the youth in the area, I think it's a lot easier for us to have that National Girls and Women in Sports Day event with the headway that she's made in the realm of women's sports. But I would say that most

of our fans and supporters are students or parents," he said.

Concessions are available at some games, and a good number of the matches have teams play back to back. "We do a lot of double-headers with the men's and women's. In conference, almost every game is a double-header for men's and women's basketball."

A multi-camera setup is used to capture all of the shots. "You can view our website and then under there you can scroll to the schedule pages and then find the video link," he said. "You can watch all of our archived games for all sports that are broadcast. We have four cameras for the stream along with live commentary for all home games in the gym."

### New England College

Erica Ledy, the Head Women's Basketball Coach at New England College in Henniker, is excited about the upcoming season for the Division III Pilgrims.

"I think we might be pretty good this year. We have, it looks like, a completely new team, so if you're a spectator that came last year and is coming this year, you're probably going to see a lot of new faces," Ledy said.

"We're going to play an up-tempo style of game so it's like a fast-paced game, a lot of shots, pressing, like, pressuring the ball all the way up. So it should be more fun

than a slower-paced game," she said.

The team is in a whole new conference this year, the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC).

"So we don't really have a lot of rivals yet, because it's new. But Colby Sawyer is in our conference and we used to be in a conference with them before and they're close to us, so I would probably say Colby Sawyer and maybe Plymouth and Keene would be our rivals, maybe Rivier, because they're all New Hampshire schools," Ledy said.

The team has worked with Henneker Elementary School over the last few years. "They will come and we'll put on a mini clinic and the girls will stay and then we have a game where they'll come when we [are] warming up, they'll come out and talk to the girls. If other schools wanted to we'd be glad to do it. We like when teams want to be part of it."

How about the Caitlin Clark effect? "I think a lot more people that didn't really pay attention to basketball pay attention to it more now. She's a great player. She is a really good offensive player. Defensively, she's not the greatest. ... but I think a lot more people are watching women's basketball, girls basketball because of it. I think a lot of people can relate to somebody shooting a three-pointer and making it. It's fun to watch."

A smaller venue enhances the immediacy of the sport. "Our gym is very small, holds about 300 people, and usually it's pretty full. It's loud, it's a great atmosphere, it's really fun. We played a lot of schools where the gym is a lot bigger but it seems like nobody's there because it's so big, so



Photo by SNHU Athletic Communications/Josh Gibney of Penmen player Royce Williams. Courtesy of Southern New Hampshire University.

it's pretty neat," Ledy said. She also noted concessions are a draw. "Our volleyball team runs concession stands usually when we have double-headers, so when we play and the men play after us or the men play first and we play second, there will be concession stands."

The ability to watch the game from everywhere is definitely beneficial for those far away. "You can click Watch and you can watch it on your computer or livestream it up onto your TV." Both men's and women's games offer the same feature for home games.

Ledy hopes to see you in the stands. "It will be exciting this year and they're just a really nice group of girls that play hard, so it would be fun to watch. And we'd love for people to come out and watch us."

### Wildcats Basketball

The University of New Hampshire plays in the NCAA Division I, America East Conference at Lundholm Gymnasium (145 Main St. in Durham).

For men's games, tickets start at \$17 in advance for adults and \$19 on the day (courtside tickets for all ages cost \$27 in advance and \$29 on the day). Tickets for youth, 65+, military and grad students cost \$12 in advance, \$14 on the day.

For women's games, tickets cost \$15 for adults on the website, \$12 for youth, 65+ and military.

Visit [unhwildcats.com](http://unhwildcats.com).

### Men's home games

Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m. vs. Endicott College

Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. vs. Dartmouth College

Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. vs. Harvard University

Saturday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. vs. University of Vermont [AEC]

Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. vs. University at Albany [AEC]

Saturday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. vs. Binghamton University [AEC]

Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. vs. Bryant University [AEC]

Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. vs. Univer-

sity of Maryland Baltimore County [AEC] Saturday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. vs. New Jersey Institute of Technology [AEC]

Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. vs. University of Massachusetts Lowell [AEC]

Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. vs. University of Maine [AEC]

### Women's home games

Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. vs. Boston University

Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 6 p.m. vs. Holy Cross

Saturday, Dec. 7, at 1 p.m. vs. Army Thursday, Jan. 2, at 6 p.m. vs. Bryant [AEC]

Thursday, Jan. 16, at 11 a.m. vs. UMBC [AEC]

Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 p.m. vs. NJIT [AEC]

Saturday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m. vs. UMass Lowell [AEC]

Thursday, Jan. 30, at 6 p.m. vs. Maine [AEC]

Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. vs. Vermont [AEC]

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### What is a Division? A Conference?

The NCAA has Division I, Division II and Division III basketball for both men's and women's teams. Each Division consists of around 64 teams; Men's Division I is an exception with 68 teams currently.

A Conference is a selection of schools in a given Division.

"So every game that we play this year will be against a Division III school, but only 13 of those teams are in our Conference," said Erica Ledy, the Head Women's Basketball Coach for New England College.

New England College is in Division III's Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

"We play 25 games and we have 13 Conference games," Ledy said.

"So 12 of the games, they count toward your record, and if you make the NCAA tournament they will help you if you win. But to make the NCAA tournament you have to win your Conference games."

Conference games are the main deciding factor to make the tournament. "Our Conference games are more important than the out-of-conference games. We won't be playing Conference games until January

and February," she said.

The same process occurs throughout the country.

"So what happens is the NCAA all across the nation is made up of different Conferences. Every Conference gets an automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. There are probably, I would say, somewhere close to 50 Conferences in Division III across the United States. So there'll be 50 teams that automatically make the NCAA tournament. That's the tournament at the end of the season," she said. These 50 are the teams that win their Conference.

Every Division has its own tournament layout, but each one follows some sort of bracket structure.

There are other ways to make it into the tournament too.

"There will probably be like 14 at-large bids. The Conference games matter because it's the NCAA tournament," she said.

Winning the Conference is the more straightforward path to the glory of the NCAA tournament. —Zachary Lewis



# Handmade treasures

## Early holiday shopping at Form + Function Artisan Fair

By Michael Witthaus  
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For anyone shopping for a special gift and looking to bypass Amazon and big box stores, the upcoming Form + Function Artisan Fair at 3S Artspace in Portsmouth is the perfect choice. The sixth annual event will include an evening market for the first time, on Friday, Nov. 15, as well as an all-day affair on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The event brings together more than 20 artisans offering everything from pottery to jewelry, textile products such as scarves and winter caps, even cosmetics, handmade in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. As the name implies, it's usable art for sale, with care and craftsmanship that should impress most gift recipients.

Artisans include Donna Pioli, whose Claypio coffee cups, vases, colanders and bowls have unique glaze profiles and fanciful touches such as flowers that resemble melted ribbon candy. Amy Vander Els makes jewelry; her Lottie Necklace is a

### Form + Function Artisan Fair

**When:** Friday, Nov. 15, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Where:** 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth,

**More:** Free admission, details at 3sarts.org

gold chain with a pale yellow serpentine turquoise stone dangling from it.

The clothing offered by Larkin & Larkin can be hippie-inspired — its proprietor began selling her art in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. For example, there's a denim jacket with an embroidery of a melding sun and moon as the centerpiece, but another has a country vibe, with Dolly Parton's photo sewn on it.

Items vary in cost, 3S Arts Marketing Manager Sara O'Neill said by phone recently.

"It's curated specifically to have kind of breadth in both the type of craft that people work on and also in price points," she said. "In the ceramics category, we'll have something in the \$40 range, and it could go all the way up to \$300. That swath also applies through jewelry. We have some glass-blowing crafts happening, and there's range between those."

There's something for everyone, even those not interested in another cup or necklace, like Holmes and Hudson's skincare products. "We actually carry them in our shop year-round, but I'm assuming they'll bring some special things that normally we don't carry," O'Neill said. "Natural body products like soap and toners and hand creams, all of that kind of stuff."

O'Neill is a fan of Off Menu Pots, a company that's based in Portsmouth's Button



Courtesy photo.

Factory. "I spend all of my money there every year at their booth," she said. "I really love their large platters, and they do some small cups.... They have really great colorways, like a very terracotta kind of a bluish blue, and they draw florals and skulls, so it's a little bit sweet and salty."

The event provides an easy path to supporting the arts, O'Neill said.

"It focuses on the maker space versus what you might traditionally think of as visual arts, which we reserve for our exhibits in the gallery and the yard sale where artists submit 2D works," she said. "This is more handmade categories versus painting, charcoal, that type of thing."

It's underwritten by 3S Arts' five lead sponsors — AC Hotel, Katzman Contemporary Projects, MacEdge and Raka, all in Portsmouth, and The Brook Casino in Seabrook. "This is the third year in a row where they've chosen 3S as a beneficiary of their charitable gaming," O'Neill said of

The Brook, "and Katzman is a wonderful supporter of the arts, they have their own gallery... AC, MacEdge, Raka — it's a wonderful group."

Their support is vital, particularly at this moment.

"In this past year, hearing all of these stories of the art museum at UNH and the Mona Gallery, which has transitioned into another art gallery, but as a nonprofit going under. It's a critical time if you don't want to see these arts organizations go away," she said. "It's a critical time for us, for sure."

Finally, the fair is a great way to keep giving local, and give back to the community. "Shopping for your loved ones this holiday season overrides that Black Friday feeling," O'Neill said. "You're getting something much more wonderful and original shopping at Form + Function. It's Small Business Saturday — we kind of fall into that category." 🍀

### Art

#### Craft fairs

- **The Craftworkers' Guild shop in Bedford** (3a Meetinghouse Road, down the hill in the Library parking lot) is open for the holiday season. The shop will be open in November Thursdays through Sundays (plus Veterans Day) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and in December Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 22. See [thecraftworkersguild.org](http://thecraftworkersguild.org).
- **Snow Man Fair** at Bow Mills United Methodist Church (505 South St. in Bow; [bowmillsumc.org](http://bowmillsumc.org)) on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. In addition to crafts find baked goods, breakfast and lunch, silent auction items and more, according to the website.
- **Lil' Iguana's Craft Fair & Raffle** will be held Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nashua High School North (8 Titan Way). The event will feature more than 250 vendors, crafters and businesses, according to [liliguanausa.org/craft-fair](http://liliguanausa.org/craft-fair).
- **Holly Berry Fair** at Trinity Episcopal Church (Hobbs House,

- 200 High St. in Hampton; [trinityhampton.org](http://trinityhampton.org)) will run Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and cookie sales and a cookie walk.
- **Memorial High School Booster Club Craft Fair** at Memorial High School (1 Crusader Way in Manchester) will run Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission costs \$2 per person. The fair will feature more than 215 booths of crafters & vendors, raffles and more, according to a Facebook post about the event.
- **Girl Scout Craft Fair** will be held at Bedford Presbyterian Church (4 Church Road in Bedford) on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **603 United Holiday Craft Fair** at Belknap Market Place (96 DW Highway in Belmont) will be held Sunday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and feature crafters, a bake sale and a penny raffle.

#### Exhibits

- **"Things on Tabletops: Paintings by Bruce McColl"** at the Sullivan Framing & Fine Art Gallery (15 N.

- Amherst Road in Bedford; [sullivanframing.com](http://sullivanframing.com)) through Saturday, Nov. 23. Sullivan Framing is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to its Facebook page.
- **"My Artistic Legacy"** a group show at The Two Villages Art Society (846 Main St. in Contoocook; [twovillagesart.org](http://twovillagesart.org)) featuring works artists would like to be remembered by, according to the website. The exhibit will be on display through Saturday, Nov. 16, and the gallery is open Thursday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.
- **"Small Wonders Miniature Art Show"** is at the Mosaic Art Collective (66 Hanover St. in Manchester; [mosaicartcollective.com](http://mosaicartcollective.com)) through Sunday, Dec. 22. The exhibition is described as a "celebration of small-scale art that packs a big punch," according to the website.
- **"Olga de Amaral: Everything is Construction and Color"** featuring works by the abstract artist from Latin America who "works with materials that she sources locally,

such as raw wool, wood branches, luffa, horsehair, plastic, and most notably, gold" at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, [currier.org](http://currier.org), 669-6144) on view through Sunday, Jan. 12.

### Theater

- **The Fall of the House of Usher** will be presented by the Players' Ring Theatre (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, [playersring.org](http://playersring.org)) through Sunday, Nov. 17. The Halloween opening night of this adaptation of an Edgar Allan Poe short story will be presented at 9 p.m.; thereafter shows will be at 7 p.m. on Thursdays; 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets cost \$29 general admission; \$26 for students, 65+, military and first responders. A Players' Ring email described the show as PG-13.
- **Theatre Rock**, a tribute to rock musicals from 1970 to the present, on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)). Tickets \$25 to \$45.

- **Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey** at SNHU Arena in Manchester on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 17, noon and 4 p.m. Tickets cost \$19 to \$119. See [snhuarena.com](http://snhuarena.com).
- **Mean Girls: High School Version** presented by the Peacock Players at Janice B. Streeter Theatre (14 Court St., Nashua) will run Friday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 24. Shows are 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets cost \$15 and \$18 for adults; \$12 and \$15 for students and seniors.
- **Aaron Tolson Institute of Dance Presents: Tapped In** at the Dana Center for the Humanities (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, [tickets.anselm.edu](http://tickets.anselm.edu)) on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$25.

### Classical

- **Candlelight: Tribute to Queen** on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)). Tickets cost \$43 to \$60.

- **Candlelight: Tribute to Coldplay and Imagine Dragons** on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 8:30 p.m. at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)). Tickets cost \$43 to \$60.
- **Jesse Cook**, a Nuevo Flamenco guitarist, will perform on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, [nashuacenterforthearts.com](http://nashuacenterforthearts.com)). Tickets cost \$39 through \$69.
- **Illuminated Ensembles — American Standards**, a concert from Symphony New Hampshire. The Symphony at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord presents a "three-part series of Illuminated Ensembles. Join the Symphony New Hampshire Jazz Quartet for the first of a series of concerts by candlelight at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage. This intimate and immersive experience will bring the Great American Songbook into a whole new light," according to [symphonynh.org](http://symphonynh.org). Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. at Bank of NH Stage, 16 S. Main St. in Concord; [cconh.com](http://cconh.com). Tickets cost \$37.



# THE ROUNDUP

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

• **Twiggs closing:** Twiggs Gallery will celebrate its art instructors with its final exhibition. The exhibition, "GLOW," marks the gallery's "farewell after an inspiring 10-year run," with their doors closing on Dec. 14, according to a press release. The show "spotlights the diverse, heartfelt work of its dedicated art instructors," the release said. The artists' reception is on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Twiggs Gallery (254 King St., Boscawen; TwiggsGallery.org). In a statement, gallery owner Laura Morrison said, "This last exhibition is truly bittersweet. Our teachers have offered so many wonderful classes over the years, and we wanted to celebrate them by giving them an opportunity to show their favorite pieces of art. ... It's a beautiful and heartfelt exhibit." Twiggs is open Thursday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

• **Ghosts before Christmas:** On Friday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. the Derry Opera House presents "The Fright Before Christmas," a program exploring the many Yuletide monsters and legends that have almost been lost to the ages. The program is based on years of research by storyteller Jeff Belanger, looking at the history of the holiday and ghostly traditions such as the stories of Krampus, the Belsnickel, Tomtens, and Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, according to the website. Belanger is the Emmy-nominated host, writer and producer of the PBS and Amazon Prime series *New England Legends* and the weekly *New England Legends* podcast. Belanger does not recommend this program for a young audience. Participants will need to register via the Derry Public Library at [derrypl.org](http://derrypl.org). Visit [derryoperahouse.org](http://derryoperahouse.org).

• **Exhibit in Concord:** Outer Space Arts (35 Pleasant St., Concord; [outerspacearts.xyz](http://outerspacearts.xyz)) is showing an exhibit of work by Emma cc Cook & Em Kettner titled "Caterpillar" until Saturday, Jan. 18. Emma cc Cook graduated with a BFA in painting from University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and studied at the Angel Academy in Florence, Italy, according to the event page. Cook often combines dark paintings on canvas with abrupt insertions of walnut sticks, textural variations, and intriguing thematic ventures that are inspired by rural American West landscapes and the broad discourses surrounding identity, history, environment and erasure, according to the website. Outer Space will donate 5 percent of its profits



Artwork by Sarah Eastman. Courtesy photo.

from any sales of her work to a nonprofit of the artist's choosing, according to the same website. The gallery is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to its Facebook page.

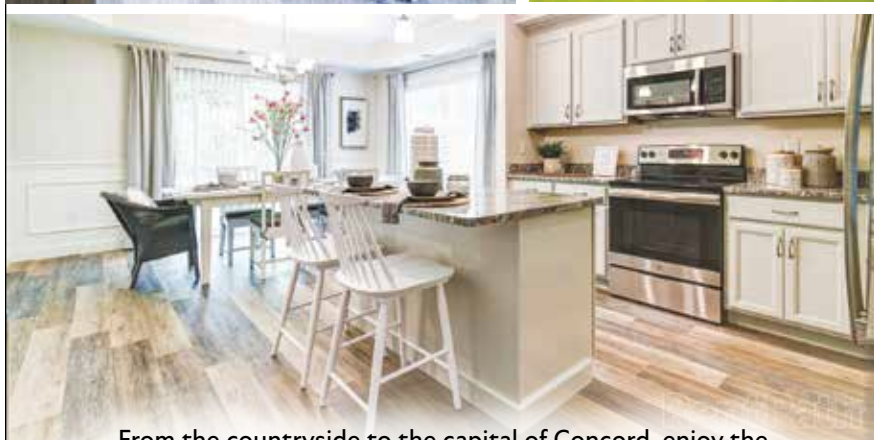
• **Jazzing it up:** Symphony New Hampshire and the Capitol Center for the Arts are teaming up for a three-part series of Illuminated Ensembles. American Standards is the first of the series; it will take place on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. at the Bank of New Hampshire Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord) and will feature Symphony New Hampshire's Jazz Ensemble. This intimate and immersive experience will bring the Great American Songbook into a whole new light, according to the press release. Tickets are \$37. Call the Capitol Center for the Arts box office at 225-1111 or visit [ccanh.org](http://ccanh.org).

• **Wood and fiber:** The Wood & Fiber Art exhibition featuring the works of Jim and Peg Doyle is open to the public during Gafney Library (14 High St., Sanbornville) hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Peg works with fabric and fiber art and Jim enjoys working with natural wood such as tree stumps, branches and burls, according to a press release. An artists' reception will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

• **Beethoven:** Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra Family Matinees Chamber Series' next installment is "Adventures with Beethoven" on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. with the Essex Piano Trio to perform 'The Archduke' and other masterful works for piano, violin and cello at St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, according to a press release. Admission is a suggested \$15 per family donation at the door. Visit [portsmouthsymphony.org](http://portsmouthsymphony.org).

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# INSIDE/OUTSIDE

## Fundraising for the rest of us

The Junior Service League of Concord celebrates Festivus early

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The 7th Annual Junior Service League of Concord Festivus: Backwoods Black Tie Edition takes place on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Barn at Bull Meadow in Concord.

Ashley Miller is the President of the Junior Service League of Concord.

“We are a group of all-volunteer women. Most of us work full-time. Most of us are moms with careers. So we are a group of all-volunteer women who do this in our free time. We operate out of our homes, and we support women and children in crisis throughout the greater Concord area, and we

**7th Annual Junior Service League of Concord Festivus: Backwoods Black Tie Edition**  
**When:** Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6 to 9 p.m.  
**Where:** Barn at Bull Meadow, 63 Bog Road, Concord  
**Tickets:** \$30 or two for \$55  
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do that via volunteer projects and fundraising,” Miller said.

One of those fundraising events is their Festivus event. “That’s one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. It’s held at the Barn at Bull Meadow.... It’s a huge silent auction. We’re sitting at, right now, over 80 silent auction items,” she said.

Attendees will have a chance to win some enchanting items. “We’ve got a pair of Celtics tickets. We have plumbing services. We have tree removal services. We have a weekend away at an Airbnb up in Lincoln. We have our famous Junior Service League bucket of booze, which is exactly what it sounds like. We’ve got gift cards to local businesses. We’ve got gym memberships. Anything you can think of, we’ve got it,” Miller said.

Each Festivus is unique. “And this one is Backwoods Black Tie Edition. We always have a theme. So it’s denim on denim theme,” Miller said. Any type of denim combo or ensemble is welcomed. “We do have a prize for the most creative denim on denim outfit, so I don’t want to limit anyone.”

“I’ll give a speech about what we’re about, some of the things we fundraise for. You’ll hear from some of our grantees that we’ve granted to in the past about the work we’ve done with them. So it’s a really good time. But yes, there’s music, there’s dancing, there’s food, there’s drinks. We sell rum cakes,” she said.

These are no ordinary rum cakes. “We do make them. ... They’re our famous JSL rum cake recipe, which has been around for a while,” Miller said. Those interested in the rum cakes must attend to receive them. “They’re great, and they’re great for the holidays. You can freeze them. Or if you’re like me, you can eat them over the weekend, because they’re that good.”

The music is a draw as well. “We have live music. We have two performers. One is Ryan Williamson music and the other is the Eric Reingold Has Friends band and they both performed last year and were phenomenal.”

Even if all the rum cakes are gone, other options to eat exist.

“We have all of our food donated by local



Courtesy photo.

businesses and then there are beer, wine, and alcohol pours, again, all donated by our community partners.”

If you can make it, bring a buddy. “\$30 for one ticket or two for \$55. So grab a friend and save five bucks,” she said.

Those who can’t attend can still support the JSL and what they do.

“If you can’t make it to the event but you’re interested in supporting us, you can donate. We are on Venmo. We can take a card via our website. We have a donate button. If you’d like to join us out in the community, we do regular service projects, so feel free to reach out. We are happy to be involved and to get to know people and serve our community,” Miller said. 🍷



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## Bubbles!

• The Stockbridge Theatre (44 N. Main St. in Derry; [stockbridgetheatre.showare.com](http://stockbridgetheatre.showare.com), 358-5210) will present **BubbleMania** on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. This is a live experience where Casey Carle “will transform the theater into a whimsical wonderland, blending high-energy bubble performances with hands-on fun” in an immersive journey that’s perfect for kids and adults alike, according to the press release. “Featuring world-class bubble artists, BubbleMania is designed to mesmerize with tricks like giant bubbles you can stand inside, bubbles stacked like towers, and more unexpected twists that allegedly defy the laws of physics,” the release said. Tickets cost \$20.



BubbleMania. Courtesy photo.

Music Hall Rockette and Theater Artist, will join the cast as Mother Ginger, according to the press release. See [snhdt.org](http://snhdt.org) for more about the dancers.

## Be in a show

• Palace Youth Theatre will hold auditions for performers in grades 2 through 12 for its January production of **Grease: School Version** at Forever Emma Studios (516 Pine St., Manchester) on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 4, 5, 6 and 7 p.m., according to a press release. Audition participants will learn a dance and be asked to sing (a short section of a musical theater or Disney song), the release said. Rehearsals are typically on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays with some Monday rehearsals that will occur early in the rehearsal process, according to the press release. Performances at the Palace Theatre occur on Wednesday, Jan. 22, through Thursday, Jan. 23, and Wednesday, Jan. 29, through Thursdays, Jan. 30. To schedule an audition time, email [MeganAlves@palacetheatre.org](mailto:MeganAlves@palacetheatre.org) with performer’s name, age and preferred audition time.

## Candy & games

• Chunky’s Cinemas (707 Huse Road in Manchester; [chunkys.com](http://chunkys.com)) will host **Movie Theater Candy Bingo** on Friday, Nov. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Billed as family-friendly, the game will feature prizes for each round (boxes of movie theater candy) of at least eight rounds of bingo, according to the website. Doors open one hour before the start time. Bingo lasts about 90 minutes. Reserve a space for \$10 and receive a \$5 off virtual food voucher good for this event as Chunky’s food and drink menu will be available, according to the same release. One bingo card per customer. 🍬

## See a show

• The Bedford High School Theatre Company will present **Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella** at Bedford High School (47 Nashua Road in Bedford) this weekend on Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. and next weekend on Thursday, Nov. 21, and Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$10 for seniors and \$15 for adults. See [seatyourselves.biz/bedfordhigh](http://seatyourselves.biz/bedfordhigh) for tickets and find the Bedford Theatre Co. on Facebook for more about the show.

• The Peacock Players will present their fall teen mainstage production of **Mean Girls: High School Version**, at Janice B. Streeter Theatre (14 Court St., Nashua) Friday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 24. Shows are 7 p.m. on Fridays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets cost \$15 and \$18 for adults; \$12 and \$15 for students and seniors. See [peacockplayers.org](http://peacockplayers.org).

• Save the date for an early **Nutcracker** — **The Nutcracker** will be presented by Southern New Hampshire Dance Theater at Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St. in Manchester; [palacetheatre.org](http://palacetheatre.org)) Thursday, Nov. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 24. Zackery Betty-Neagle will reprise his role as the Nutcracker Prince and is currently the Artistic Director of NSquared Dance. Lori Mello, a regular guest artist with SNHDT and former Radio City





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# Mix-and-matching tires?



By Ray Magliozzi  
 I recently read your column "Why all tires need to match." It was an answer to a question from the owner of a 2022 Hyundai Santa Fe Hybrid AWD who needed to replace a bad tire.

You stated that all four tires needed to match because of the AWD's center differential. You said that having one, newer tire (bigger than the other three tires because of the deeper tread) would cause the center differential to overwork.

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I've been told that, for that reason, only the front two or the rear two tires need to match — not all four tires. Was that advice incorrect? Do all four tires on my RAV4 Prime need to match?

Thanks. — Ron

Not on your car, Ron.

Dear Car Talk:

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We're starting to see some automakers create all-wheel-drive systems that use a second electric motor to power the "non-powered" set of wheels. And that's what your RAV4 Prime does.

Your car has both a gasoline engine and an electric motor up front. Those work together to drive the front axles. And, in fact, most of the time, the RAV4 behaves like a front-wheel-drive vehicle.

But when you need extra traction, your RAV4 Prime has a second electric motor to power the rear axles, which is activated instantly, as needed, by the car's computer. And because this is all done electronically, there is no mechanical, center differential on your car that can be burned out.

I believe the RAV4 Prime also has a pseudo "locking differential" mode, where you can engage the rear electric motor manually if you're driving through rough terrain. Like the Lowe's parking lot. So the advice you got is correct, Ron. Feel free to mix and match if you need to.

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## INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Hello, Donna.

Can you shed some light on these paintbrushes? Possibly for stenciling. They belonged to a member of my family who was a painter. They seem to not have much wear.

Any information would be helpful. Thank you in advance, Donna.

Linda

Dear Linda,

Your brushes are actually not for painting. They are antique Shaker clothes brushes, made to dust off clothing and coats. They are from the early 1900s and a lot of them made it through to today.

Possibly your family member used them for a purpose related to dust removal in painting. Being made of horsehair, they could be easily used for many purposes.

Most are used today for decorative purposes. The value on them is in the \$50 range each to collectors. Thank you for sharing, Linda.

Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new loca-



tion is an Antique Art Studio located in Dunbarton, NH where she is still buying and selling. If you have questions about an antique or collectible send a clear photo and information to Donna at [footwdw@aol.com](mailto:footwdw@aol.com), or call her at 391-6550. 🍷

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# Thanksgiving to go

Where to get pies, sides and the gravy

By John Fladd  
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**News from the local food scene**

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• **New poké: Poké BonBon** (232-2464, pokebonbon.com) has opened in Manchester at 1000 Elm St., inside across from Hop Knot. Focusing on Asian- and Pacific-inspired dishes, it is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

• **New tea:** On its website, the new **Honey Cup Cafe & Tearoom** (150 Bridge St., Manchester, 836-6008, honeycupnh.com) describes itself as “Manchester’s first and only tearoom, dedicated to offering delicious bites, a wide variety of tea and coffee beverages, as well as innovative non-alcoholic cocktails and soft drinks.” It is open Tuesday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Happy birthday wine:** LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst, or 14 Route 111, Derry, 672-9898, labellewinery.com) announced the release of a special limited-edition wine to commemorate the 90th birthday of the New Hampshire Liquor Commission (50 Storrs St., Concord, 230-7015, gov.liquorandwineoutlets.com). As part of the Commission’s “90 Years of Cheers” campaign, LaBelle Winery has created **Granite Anniversary Red**, an artisan red blend that offers fruit-forward flavor with blackberry notes, a rich tannin structure and a smooth, dry finish. It has been crafted by winemaker Amy LaBelle. It is available in New Hampshire State Liquor Stores, where it retails for \$24.99 a bottle.

• **Gnocchi and vino:** Learn how to **make ricotta gnocchi from scratch** and pair it with wine. Chef Jarret will teach a hands-on class at Tuscan Market (Tuscan Village, 9 Via Toscana, Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com) Sunday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon, which will also include a demonstration on how to make the perfect sauce to pair with your gnocchi. Tickets are \$70 and are available through the Tuscan Market website.

• **Cleaner, greener beverages:** In an Oct. 31 press release, the Environmental Protection Agency announced that New Hampshire has been selected to receive **\$265,000 in grants**. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (des.nh.gov) “will provide technical assistance to New Hampshire’s craft beverage sector with an emphasis on reducing environmental and health impacts for businesses and disadvantaged communities,” the press release read. The goal, the EPA said,

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Here are some of the spots offering dessert, sides and sometimes even the whole turkey dinner to go. Know of a place not mentioned here? Let us know at food@hippopress.com.

• **All Real Meal** (87 Elm St., Manchester, 782-3014, allrealmeal.com) is taking orders on its website for Thanksgiving dinner that include turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans and cranberry with the option of an individual size, a meal to serve three to four people or a meal to serve six to eight people. Sides, gluten-free stuffing and desserts are also available. Visit the website to see which towns are eligible for free delivery.

• **Angela’s Pasta and Cheese Shop** (815 Chestnut St., Manchester, 625-9544, angelaspastaandcheese.com) is taking orders until Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. (pre-pay only). On the menu are traditional Thanksgiving dinner items, from turkey (\$39.95) to cranberry relish (\$6.95), sweet pies (\$18.95 to \$33.95), pork pie, (\$21.95), and a full selection of baked goods and desserts. Orders will be available for pickup on Wednesday, Nov. 22, between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pick up orders on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Applecrest Farm Orchards** (133 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, 926-3721, applecrest.com) is offering Thanksgiving food to take home for the holiday, including pies and crisps, cider and doughnuts, fresh baked goods, fresh turkeys and homemade sides. Turkeys are available for pickup anytime during farm stand hours Monday, Nov. 25, through Wednesday, Nov. 27, and Thursday, Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Order through the farm’s website.

• **Apple Hill Farm** (580 Mountain Road, Concord, 224-8862, applehillfarmnh.com)



offers a variety of pies (apple, apple crumb, blueberry, blueberry crumb, cherry, cherry crumb, maple custard, strawberry rhubarb, strawberry rhubarb crumb, pumpkin, mince and pecan) and is taking orders until Monday, Nov. 25. Shaker-style squash rolls and Parker House rolls are also available for special orders. Call the stand to place your order. Pick up orders Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of Thanksgiving week until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, will be the last day of Apple Hill’s 2024 season.

• **Atlantic Grill** (5 Pioneer Road, Rye, 433-3000, theatlanticgrill.com) is taking Thanksgiving dinner orders now through Saturday, Nov. 18, to be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Main courses feed six to eight people and are \$199. Order online.

• **The Bakeshop on Kelley Street** (171 Kelley St., Manchester, 624-3500, thebakeshoponkelleystreet.com) offers a variety of baked goods such as homemade doughnuts, made-to-order cakes, cupcakes, pastry trays and specialty desserts. New for this year, there is a Black Forest Cherry Pie and a White Chocolate Cream Pie. Half pies are available, and also half and half (half one flavor, half another). The last day for ordering is Thursday, Nov. 21. Pickup hours are Tuesday, Nov. 26, and Wednesday, Nov. 27, between 8 a.m. and noon.

• **Barrel and Basket** (377 Main St., Hopkinton, 746-1375, barrelandbasket.com), the expanded location of Local Basket meal kits, is offering a full catering menu of prepared sides, the popular Beautiful Brussels Sprouts meal kit side dishes, pies and dessert platters, antipasto and charcuterie platters as well as soups and prepared vegan butternut squash stuffed shells to complete Thanksgiving for all your guests. Preorder online by Friday, Nov. 22, or stop in to the store for wine, beer and additional grab-and-go items. Visit barrelandbasket.com.

• **Bearded Baking Company** (819 Union St., Manchester, 647-7150, beardedbaking.com) is offering a full range of holiday baked goods for Thanksgiving, including: Lambeth and carrot cakes, apple or blueberry crumb, pecan, lemon meringue, and chocolate pies, festive breads and vegan cookies. Pick up orders between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26, or Wednesday, Nov. 27.

• **The Big Bad Food Truck** (Hampton, bigbadnh.com) is offering a turkey dinner package enough to feed six to eight people that includes one turkey, a pint of gravy, one quart of baby carrots, a half pan of cornbread stuffing and half pan of mashed potatoes for



\$135. There is also a brisket dinner package that feeds six to eight people that includes 10 to 12 pounds of smoked Angus brisket, a half pan of mac & cheese, a half pan of whipped Yukon potatoes, a quart of sweet coleslaw and a pint of brown sugar and rum barbecue sauce, for \$240. All orders can be picked up at 41 Ashworth Ave. in Hampton between 3 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. You can choose your preferred date from the drop-down menu when you order online. Orders close on Nov. 21.

• **The Black Forest Cafe and Bakery** (212 State Rte 101, Amherst, 672-0500, theblackforestnh.com) has its Thanksgiving menu available on its baking website, and will offer its normal catering menu, as well as some specialty items. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, Nov. 24, and can be picked up through 12 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28.

• **Brookdale Fruit Farm** (41 Broad St., Hollis, 465-2240, brookdalefruitfarm.com) is taking orders for pies. Apple, apple crumb, blueberry and pumpkin pies are \$21.49, and triple-berry pies are \$24.99. Order by phone, and pick up orders by 3 p.m. on the date specified at the time of the order.

• **Brookford Farm** (250 West Road, Canterbury, 742-4084, brookfordfarm.com) will help you fill your table this Thanksgiving, with locally sourced products such as apple pies, apples, pears, rolls and stuffing from Orchard Hill Bread. There is plenty of winter squash, 100 percent grass-fed dairy and more. Stock your freezer during the Farm’s bulk beef sale: orders are being taken for 100 percent grass-fed half-cows.

• **Brothers Butcher** (8 Spit Brook Road, Nashua, 809-4180, or 142 Lowell Road, Hudson, 577-1130, brothers-butcher.com) is taking online orders for fresh turkey, fresh free-range turkey, sausage & herb stuffing, traditional bread stuffing, garlic mashed potatoes, butternut squash, turkey gravy, and



apple, pumpkin and chocolate cream pies. Visit [brothers-butcher.com/Thanksgiving](http://brothers-butcher.com/Thanksgiving).

• **Buckley's Bakery and Cafe** (436 DW Highway, Merrimack, 262-5929, [buckleysbakerycafe.com](http://buckleysbakerycafe.com)) and Buckley's Market and Cafe (9 Market Place, Hollis, 465-5522) are taking orders now until Friday, Nov. 22, for cakes — caramel spice cake (\$46), Boston cream pie (\$42), chocolate mousse cake (GF) (\$48), apple crisp cheesecake (\$48) — and pies — apple, pumpkin, pecan, streusel-topped blueberry crisp, and chocolate cream (\$22 each), and more. Visit the Buckley's website for a full menu.

• **Caroline's Fine Food** (132 Bedford Center Road, Bedford, 637-1615, [carolines-food.com](http://carolines-food.com)) is taking orders now through Friday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. for turkey ballotine with herb stuffing that serves eight to 10 people (\$100) and sides such as herb-roasted sweet potatoes (\$43), sausage stuffing (\$60) and carrot confit (\$60) that each serve 10. Cranberry sauce can be ordered by the pint (\$27) or the quart (\$43) as can turkey gravy (\$32 for a pint, \$49 for a quart.) Pick up your order on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Castleton Banquet and Conference Center** (58 Enterprise Drive, Windham, 898-6300, [castletonbcc.com](http://castletonbcc.com)) has two dinner packages available to go. The first dinner package serves 10 to 12 guests and includes a 16- to 20-pound turkey with Castleton's bread stuffing, two quarts of homestyle mashed potatoes, butternut squash and turkey gravy, a pint of homemade cranberry relish, 12 dinner rolls and one 10-inch apple, pecan, pumpkin or blueberry pie and costs \$289. The second package serves 10 to 12 guests and includes an 8- to 10-pound spiral glazed ham, two quarts of homestyle mashed potatoes and butternut squash, a quart of pineapple raisin sauce, 10 dinner rolls and the same choice of pies, for \$210. All sides are also available separately, as are red and white wines. All orders must be placed by noon on Friday, Nov. 22, and pickups will be scheduled on Wednesday, Nov. 27, between 9 a.m. and noon.

• **Chez Vachon** (136 Kelley St., Manchester, 625-9660, [chezvachon.com](http://chezvachon.com)) is offering a variety of 9-inch pies for \$14.99 including chocolate, banana, brownie, coconut, pistachio, lemon chiffon, Key lime, chocolate mousse, apple crisp, blueberry, cherry, lemon meringue, cranberry walnut, Canadian sugar pie, pumpkin, pumpkin deluxe and pumpkin mousse. Pork pie (\$21) and salmon pie (\$23) are available as well as cream cakes such as chocolate, cookies and crème, pistachio, strawberry, pumpkin, and apple spice each for \$23.99. Please order at least 24 hours in advance. Pick up orders no later than Wednesday, Nov. 27, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

• **The Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern**

(176 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, 437-2022, [coachstopnh.com](http://coachstopnh.com)) is taking orders for takeout and delivery within a 5-mile radius on Thanksgiving Day with the last delivery and takeout being at 3:30 p.m. All entrees include turkey soup, apple cider, mashed potato, homemade bread stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, butternut squash, baby pearl onions and green peas, hot rolls, sweet bread, homemade pie, and coffee. All entrees are \$42.

• **Colby Hill Inn** (33 The Oaks, Henniker, 428-3281, [colbyhillinn.com](http://colbyhillinn.com)) is offering a takeout service available on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 28, until 1 p.m. Entrees include cider-brined turkey with herbed combread stuffing, cranberry chutney and giblet gravy, crispy porchetta (Tuscan roast pork loin), four-grain risotto with mushroom and parsnip ragout and cherry wood roasted salmon. All are served with whipped potatoes, roast sweet potatoes and fall vegetable succotash. Freshly baked pumpkin pie, sea salt caramel and pecan chocolate cake, apple crisp with vanilla gelato, sorbet duo or ricotta cheesecake are offered for dessert. The cost is \$65 per person. Orders should be placed by Tuesday, Nov. 26.

• **The Common Man** (Lago, 1 Route 25, Meredith, 279-2253; Camp, 298 DW Highway, Meredith, 279-3003; Lakehouse, 281 DW Highway, Meredith, 279-5221; 60 Main St., Ashland, 968-7030; 10 Pollard Road, Lincoln, 745-3463; 88 Range Road, Windham, 898-0088; 1 Gulf St., Concord, 228-3463; 304 DW Highway, Merrimack, 429-3463; 21 Water St., Claremont, 542-6171; 231 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2764; 752 Route 104, New Hampton, 744-0120; 61 Laconia Road, Tilton, 286-2204; 2280 Brown Ave., Manchester, 623-5040; [thecoman.com](http://thecoman.com)) is taking orders until Friday, Nov. 22. On the menu is oven roasted turkey with house-made pan gravy, whole-berry cranberry sauce, signature stuffing, country mashed potatoes, maple roasted butternut squash, garlic green beans, dinner rolls and butter, sweet bread and a slice of pumpkin pie with cinnamon whipped cream. A meal for four is \$119.95 plus tax and a meal for one is \$30.95 plus tax. Other meal enhancements include glazed ham and macaroni and cheese. House baked pies can be bought individually and cost \$16.95 for apple pie, \$20.95 for pecan pie and \$14.95 for pumpkin pie. Orders must be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

• **Concord Food Co-op** (24 S. Main St., 225-6840, [concordfoodcoop.com](http://concordfoodcoop.com)) is selling fresh turkeys and complete meals to serve eight to 10 people with a 12- to 15-pound turkey, turkey gravy, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, homemade cranberry sauce, stuffing and apple roasted green beans starting at \$279.99. Extra sides are also available.

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- Place your order with **Copper Kettle To Go** (39 Main St., Wilton, 654-2631, copperkettletogo.com) for a small turkey dinner that serves two to four people, with mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, squash, gravy, cranberry sauce stuffing, pie and rolls for \$75, or a large dinner that serves five to six people for \$125. Kentucky Derby pie, blueberry cream cheese pie and pecan pie are \$20, and coconut custard or pumpkin pies are \$18. All orders must be picked up and paid for by Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 9 p.m.

- **Cremeux French Patisserie** (707 Milford Road, Merrimack, 320-4702, cremeuxfrenchpatisserie.com) has an ever-changing menu and currently on it are éclairs, lemon and honey tart, chocolate praliné, macaroons and more. Call for holiday deadlines.

- **Crosby Bakery** (51 E. Pearl St., Nashua, 882-1851, crosbybakerynh.com) is taking orders for pies and other Thanksgiving treats. The deadline for ordering is Saturday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. Pick up orders on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and Wednesday, Nov. 27. Visit the Bakery's website.

- **The Crust and Crumb Baking Co.** (126 N. Main St., Concord, 219-0763, thecrustandcrumb.com) is offering bread; pies, such as pumpkin, apple streusel, vegan blueberry coconut crisp and maple cream; quiches (broccoli pepper jack, spinach tomato feta, bacon cheddar), and other desserts such as lemon-raspberry layer cake. Orders must be placed and paid in full by Friday, Nov. 22, for pickup on Nov. 26 or Nov. 27.

- **Frederick's Pastries** (109 Route 101A, Amherst, 882-7725; 25 S. River Road, Bedford, 647-2253, pastry.net) is taking orders for an assortment of Thanksgiving treats such as a Thanksgiving cookie kit, apple tarts, autumn wreath cake, caramel apple cupcakes, caramel pecan cheesecake, maple pecan cheesecake and pumpkin caramel cheesecake cups, harvest pumpkins cake, linzer torte, pumpkin loaf, pumpkin whoopie pies, mini pies and a turnover tray with pumpkin, apple and raspberry turnovers.

- **The Fresh Chef Press** (775 Canal St., Manchester, 716-7197, freshchefmp.com) is offering various Thanksgiving sides: ancient grain pilaf (\$2 a cup), eight bacon-wrapped asparagus (\$8 per serving), six bacon-wrapped scallops (\$15), butternut squash, spiced or savory (\$2 a cup), a charcuterie board (\$150), stuffing (\$22), mac and cheese (\$30), 10 Italian sausage stuffed



mushrooms (\$20) and 10 vegetable stuffed mushrooms (\$15), cheesy scalloped potatoes (\$4 a cup), mac & cheese (\$30, serves eight) and much more. Order online.

- **Giorgio's Cocktails & Eatery** (707 Milford Road, Merrimack, 883-7333; 524 Nashua St., Milford, 673-3939; 270 Granite St., Manchester, 232-3323, giorgios.com) is taking orders for a family meal with oven roasted turkey (12 ounces), Yukon mashed potatoes (8 ounces), cornbread stuffing (8 ounces), homemade gravy (8 ounces), orange ginger cranberry sauce (5 ounces), green bean and shiitake mushroom casserole (8 ounces), dinner rolls with cinnamon sage butter and a slice of homemade pumpkin pie for \$29.99 per person. Orders must be placed by noon Sunday, Nov. 24. Pickup is between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27.

- **Granite State Candy Shoppe** (13 Warren St., Concord, 225-2591; 832 Elm St., Manchester, 218-3885, granitestatecandyshoppe.com) has various treats for the holiday such as 6-ounce milk fall leaves (\$8.25), 8-ounce jelly bean autumn mix (\$6.98), 8-ounce bourbon caramel (\$6.98), fall dipped pretzel rod (\$3.75), milk and white chocolate pumpkin (\$9.98), 8-ounce pumpkin pie almonds (\$8.98), white and milk chocolate turkeys in various sizes and much more.

- **Greenleaf** (54 Nashua St., Milford, 213-5447, greenleafmilford.com) is taking preorders now until Monday, Nov. 25, with pickups available Wednesday, Nov. 27, between 4 and 8 p.m. All orders are served cold and will include specific heating instructions. Please specify pickup time when placing your order. Roasted Turkey Dinner (\$55 per person) includes turkey breast and thigh, brioche stuffing, roasted seasonal vegetables, roasted garlic and herb potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy. Add-ons include Parker House dinner rolls (six for \$8), molasses honey butter (\$3), pumpkin cake with chai spice buttercream (\$7) and chocolate swirl cheesecake (\$6). Orders can be placed through Greenleaf's website.

- **Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant** (233 DW Highway, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) is taking orders for family and individual turkey dinners. The family meal comes with a whole roasted turkey, gravy, stuffing, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, green beans, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls and your choice of apple, pumpkin or chocolate cream pie. A small order (\$195) feeds two to six, a medium (\$290) feeds six to 10 and a large (\$425) feeds 10 to 14. Individual dinners include roasted turkey with gravy, stuffing, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, cranberry sauce, a roll and butter. Pickup times for Whole Roasted Family Meals (curbside, hot and ready to eat) will be 10 to 11 a.m., 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., or 3 to 4 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Whole Roasted Family Meals are also available for pickup Wednesday (curbside 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4 to 6 p.m.). Family Meals are limited and available while they last.

- **Harvey's Bakery** (376 Central Ave., Dover, 749-6029, harveysbakery.com) has dinner rolls available by the dozen and pies such as apple, pumpkin, chocolate cream, lemon meringue, mince cherry, coconut cream and many more. Orders must be placed by Saturday, Nov. 16.

- **J and F Farms** (108 Chester Road in Derry, 437-0535, jandffarmsnh.com) offers Thanksgiving turkeys along with eggs, beef, pork, veggies and New Hampshire maple syrup and honey. Call for details.

- **Johnson Golden Harvest** (412 W. River Road, Hooksett, 210-2031, johnsongoldenharvest.com) is taking orders for turkey, pies and rolls for Thanksgiving dinner. Call or order in person.

- **Local Basket** (377 Main St., Hopkinton, 219-0882, localbasket.com) offers weekly selections for meal kits, having previously included meals such as shrimp and scallop tostada with apple salsa, fettuccine with Brussels sprouts, cranberries and caramelized onion and Chinese braised daikon radish pork stew. Pickup and delivery options are available. Call for holiday deadlines.

- Call or stop by **Meadow Ledge Farm** (612 Route 219, Loudon, 789-5860, meadowledgefarm.com) to order apple, apple crumb, blueberry, triple berry, strawberry rhubarb, cherry cream, chocolate cream, banana cream, lemon meringue or lemon blueberry meringue pies and more available for pickup on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and Wednesday, Nov. 27.

- **Moulton's Kitchen and Market** (10 Main St., Amherst, 673-2404, moultonsmarket.com) is taking preorders for a Thanksgiving dinner that feeds four to five people featuring carved roasted turkey breast for \$29.99, herbed turkey gravy for \$14.99, whipped mashed potatoes for \$18.99, traditional bread stuffing for \$17.99, spiced butternut squash for \$16.99, fresh cranberry sauce for \$9.99. Apple or pumpkin pie is \$18.99 for a 9-inch pie and \$8.99 for a 6-inch pie. Orders must be placed by noon on Saturday, Nov. 16, and picked up by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

- **Mr. Mac's Macaroni & Cheese** (497 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 606-1760, mr-macs.com) is now offering a "Thanksgiving Mac" special, with roasted turkey, gravy, bechamel sauce, cheddar with traditional stuffing and drizzled cranberry sauce on top, as party and banquet trays.

- Place your order with **New England Tap House Grille** (1292 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 782-5137, taphousenh.com) by Thursday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. Available for order are French-Canadian meat pie, pumpkin pie, carrot cake, a cookie and brownie tray, apple pie and a dozen dinner rolls. Order by Thursday, Nov. 21. Pick up your order on Tuesday, Nov. 26, or Wednesday, Nov. 27, by 5 p.m.

- **Piccola Italia Ristorante** (815 Elm St., Manchester, 606-5100, piccolarestaurant.com) will offer a Thanksgiving catering menu, featuring full and half-turkey dinners, and traditional side dishes. All orders must be placed before Saturday, Nov. 23. All orders must be picked up before 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. Piccola Italia will be closed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 28.

- Until Tuesday, Nov. 19, **Presto Craft Kitchen** (168 Amory St., Manchester, 606-1252, prestocraftkitchen.com) and its partner-in-crust, the **Mount Washington Pie Co.**, will allow you to **Pie It Forward**. For every pie you buy, for an additional \$7, you can buy a pie for a family in need. Double-crust pies include classic blueberry, berry blast (blueberry, raspberry, strawberry, and blackberry), strawberry-rhubarb, peach-raspberry, traditional apple, apple-cherry, cherry, and pumpkin. Single-crust pies include chocolate, banana, pistachio, coconut, cannoli, maple-pecan, and cookies and cream.

- **Queen City Cupcakes** (816 Elm St., Manchester, 624-4999, qccupcakes.com)



is taking orders online or via phone by Saturday, Nov. 23. Cupcake flavors include Apple Cider Donut, Gingerbread Whoopie Pie, Pumpkin Maple, Hot Cocoa, Biscoff Cookie Butter, Cake Batter, German Chocolate, Salted Caramel Oreo, Chocolate Orange, Chocolate, and Vanilla Bean. Pickup is available on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Red Arrow Diner** (112 Loudon Road, Concord, 415-0444; 137 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 552-3091; 61 Lowell St., Manchester, 626-1118; 149 DW Highway, Nashua, 204-5088, redarrowdiner.com) is offering desserts such as chocolate and carrot cake, pumpkin and lemon meringue pie. All cakes are double-layer and \$39.99 each. All pies are 10" and between \$20.99 and \$23.50 each. All online orders require 48-hour notice.

• Thanksgiving dinner selections at **The Red Blazer** (72 Manchester St., Concord, 224-4101, theredblazer.com) include roasted turkey with gravy, baked ham, mac and cheese, mashed potatoes, baked butternut squash, green bean casserole, apple chicken stuffing and turkey gravy. A variety of desserts are offered such as Yule logs, pies, cakes and cheesecakes, dessert platters, cupcakes and whoopie pies. Now offering pickup dates for Tuesday, Nov. 26, and Wednesday, Nov. 27.

• **Rig A' Tony's Takeout & Catering** (13 Rockingham Road, Windham, 685-8122; 38 West Broadway, Derry, 425-6116, rigatonyitalian.com) has a Thanksgiving dinner with an 18- to 20-pound turkey, family-size portions of stuffing, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, corn, cranberry sauce and gravy. Desserts include apple pie, blueberry, chocolate cream pie, Italian cookies, lemon meringue pie, pumpkin pie, pecan pie and pumpkin bread. Customers can choose to pick up their meals on Tuesday or Wednesday of Thanksgiving week.

• **Roundabout Diner** (580 Portsmouth Traffic Circle, Portsmouth, 431-1440, roundaboutdiner.com) is taking orders for Thanksgiving dinners to-go with slow roasted turkey, cornbread stuffing, mashed potatoes, butternut squash, peas and pearl onions, cranberry relish, dinner rolls, homemade gravy, cinnamon apple sauce and your choice of pumpkin, apple, blueberry, pecan, banana cream, coconut cream, Key lime or chocolate cream pie. Meal 1 serves six to eight people for \$199.99 and includes one pie. Meal 2 serves 10 to 12 for \$279.99 and includes two pies. The sides can be bought a la carte as well as a half sheet of cornbread for \$14, barbecue pulled pork for \$12.95 a pound, roasted Brussels sprouts for \$10.95 a quart and house brined turkey breast for \$14.95 a pound. Orders can be picked up all day on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and Thursday, Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **Slightly Crooked Pies** (slightlycrookedpies.com) is taking Thanksgiving pie orders until Wednesday, Nov. 20. Thanksgiving orders will be available to pick up on Wednesday, Nov. 27, from the Joppa Hill Educational Farm, 174 Joppa Hill Road in Bedford, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Contact crookedpies@gmail.com if you need a different arrangement.

• **Smoke Shack Cafe** (226 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, 404-2178, smoke-shackcafe.com) is accepting orders until Monday, Nov. 25, by 7:30 p.m. Package No. 1 includes a whole turkey, two large sides of your choice, medium cranberry sauce, medium gravy and six pieces of cornbread for \$149.99. Package No. 2 includes a whole turkey, six large sides of your choice, medium cranberry, large gravy and 12 pieces of cornbread for \$223.99. Sides are butternut squash, corn saute, green beans, jalapeño and sausage stuffing, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce and gravy. Sides are available a la carte as well as bacon-wrapped stuffed turkey breasts and a whole smoked turkey. Order pickup is available on Wednesday, Nov. 27, between 2 and 6:30 p.m. and on Thanksgiving, from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

• **The Sweet Spot** (353 Riverdale Road, Weare, thesweetspotnh.com) is taking orders for Thanksgiving, offering 9-inch pies (apple or apple crumb \$21, pumpkin \$21, pecan \$26, chocolate cream \$25), 6- or 9-inch pumpkin cheesecakes with graham cracker or walnut crust (\$30, \$40), quiches (\$21), pork pies (\$26), and more. Orders must be picked up by Tuesday, Nov. 26, or Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 a.m. and 2 p.m.

• **Temple Street Diner** (200 Temple St., Nashua, 521-7133) is taking individual or family Thanksgiving dinner and dessert orders for delivery or pickup. Delivery will be offered on Wednesday, Nov. 27, and Thursday, Nov. 28, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Call and pay ahead of time.

• **Tuscan Market** (Tuscan Village, 9 Via Toscana, Salem, 912-5467, tuscanbrands.com) is taking orders to be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 27. A Thanksgiving dinner includes a whole carved roasted turkey, maple-roasted sweet potatoes, garlic green beans with lemon, mascarpone whipped potatoes, porcini mushroom ciabatta stuffing, an heirloom cranberry and marsala wine compote, fresh herb gravy, focaccia and ciabatta bread for \$180. The Market's regular catering menu is also available. Orders must be placed by Monday, Nov. 25.

• **Van Otis Chocolates** (341 Elm St., Manchester, 627-1661; 15 S. Main St., Wolfeboro, 515-1045, vanotis.com) has a variety of sweet treats for Thanksgiving such as a near 12-pound chocolate turkey (\$275), apple orchard gummies (\$6.50) and custom Swiss fudge boxes (\$44).

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I texted back: "It WAS a good dedication, wasn't it?"

"What are you even talking about?"

"You know — the big speech the mayor gave before the ribbon-cutting? I really appreciated that he wore his ceremonial sash and sword."

"That never happened."

"And the brass band playing 'Livin' La Vida Loca.' I'll remember the tuba solo as long as I live."

"I'm not listening anymore."

"I mean, I could have lived without having the mayor's wife smash that bottle of champagne against me, but you can't have everything...."

"I have to get to class."

"And then, the Poet Laureate. At least she had the decency to read a filthy limerick."

"There are days when I really hope that I was adopted."

"I love you and I'm proud of you."

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"I love you, too."

#### The Cablegram

This tall drink is extremely old, as mixed drinks go. It dates back to at least 1908, a time before texts, when fathers had to torture their children in person or via telegram.

2 ounces whiskey – I used Natterjack Irish whiskey for this, and I have no regrets

¾ ounces fresh squeezed lemon juice

½ ounces simple syrup

3 to 4 ounces ginger beer



The Cablegram. Photo by John Fladd.

Add whiskey, lemon juice, and simple syrup over ice in a cocktail shaker. Shake enthusiastically.

Strain over fresh ice in a highball glass, and top with ginger beer.

Stir and drink with a straw, while listening to "Ain't No Sunshine When She's Gone" by Bill Withers. Keep score with hashmarks on a pad of paper to see how many of these cocktails it takes before you sing along, loudly and unapologetically. My prediction is two.

Then switch to "Long, Long Time" by Linda Ronstadt. You'll last half of another before singing with her, then start sending annoying texts to your child at college.

Whiskey and ginger ale are a classic combination. Really *good* whiskey and ginger beer, even more so. Lemon is a social butterfly who gets along with almost everyone. As a tall drink, the whiskey plays around with your expectations here. There is no burning, attention-grabbing — only a gentle encouragement to have another sip. 🍷

### Weekly Dish

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• **Brunch:** The Hop Knot (1000 Elm St.,

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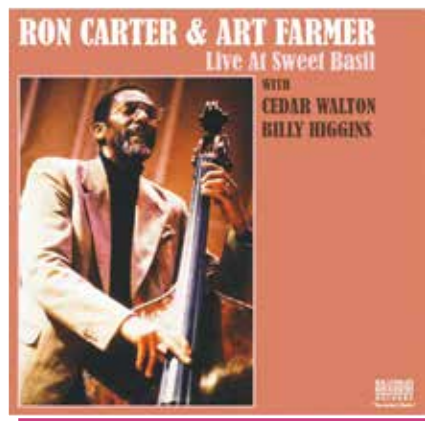
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## Ron Carter & Art Farmer, *Live At Sweet Basil* (Arkadia Records)



This release, newly pressed in 180-gram premium virgin vinyl, captures a dream band of jazz legends jamming at the famed New York City club, which they did in order to tick a more-or-less mandatory checkbox in the band's "We Played Here" list; everyone had played shows there from its mid-1970s opening onward. This 1990 performance finds the players at the top of their respective games: Ron Carter on bass, Art Farmer on trumpet and flumpet, Cedar Walton on piano, and Billy Higgins on drums. Each member wrote at least one tune for this album, which kicks off with one of Carter's, "It's About Time," wherein

Farmer immediately moves into trumpet-soloing mode while Carter noodles underneath most expressively. That's just for starters; for another thing, a 10-minute rendering of "My Funny Valentine" finds the band taking their deliciously sweet time with the melodies. Walton and Higgins had a long coworking history, as evidenced by their flawless, seemingly preternatural canoodling, but the whole smash is deep-stewed for timelessness. A+ —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

## Hattie Webb, *Wild Medicine* (self-released)



Here's to the semi-obscure side musicians: This Kent, U.K.-bred singer and harpist, along with her sister, Charley, just finished a tour with Pink Floyd's David Gilmour, the sort of elite-level gig that's nothing new to them (in the past they've joined bands like Lumineers and Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, and even performed for Queen Elizabeth II once). This solo album finds Hattie playing the role of a lilt-ing goddess, opening with "Shakespeare's Shores," which, at least in a synopatic sense, is a distant cousin to Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine" (hey, man, I always do try to provide some point of reference,

regardless of propriety). Despite the obvious ren-faire ambiance that comes with this territory, there's nonetheless an Americana vibe wafting through these pieces; I swear I heard a dobro in there, but it certainly could have been my cat's snoring. Either way, you get the gist — the freaking Queen rocked out to this stuff, guys — it's intended for ruminating, sipping tea, and other putterings. A+ —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

## PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• What's up, guys, I hate to remind you, but I hope you're not doing anything silly with your money these days, like buying cans of ramen noodle packs just to keep your weight up in these hilariously broke times, because guess what's coming, that's right, it's the holidays! What does it all mean? It means you have to start seriously thinking about buying presents for people who won't appreciate them, unless they actually want one of the albums that's coming out in time for the holiday season, maybe for example one of the albums that are coming out this Friday, Nov. 15! Holy Toledo, look at all these new albums, coming for your "discretionary spending money" (ha ha, remember that crazy stuff?) like a flock of geese who want you to give 'em your stale old Pop-Tarts! Yes, sorry, folks, why not get it out of the way now and buy one of these albums before the inevitable \$800 car repair bill comes up, just like it does every year when you least want it to happen, so let's look at your choices, I am here to help you, my little elves! Oops, let me start by donning my Stetson hat, adjusting the spurs on my boots, and throwing a case of toxic-smelling American beer in the back of my Chevy pickup, as we start off the week with *Reboot II*, the new album from cowboy troubadours **Brooks & Dunn**! You may have heard of this country duo, given that they get literally billions of YouTube views and sell gorillions of albums, which could probably be chalked up to the fact that the band makes sure we music journalist bros can't escape them, like, they've probably sent me 200 albums over the years. Not saying that me personally; they never include an introductory letter or anything, they just expect me not to be stupid and to know who they are, which is good marketing I suppose, like, if The Beatles put out a new album, they'd just send it to me with no note saying, "Hello Eric, I hope that you are doing OK in these apocalyptic times" and simply expect me to write about it, in this multiple-award-winning newspaper column! Well, let me tell you, I won't be treated like some nobody who's never won an award. In fact, I'll — oh never mind, let's just get this over with, by listening to the new single, a re-recording of one of their previous hits, "Play Something Country!" The guest singer for this rerub is Lainey Wilson, who does her yodel-singing routine over this old ZZ Top-like tune, like, if ZZ Top heard this, they'd probably sue these guys for copyright infringement, not that I'm trying to cause any trouble!

• Former interesting person **Gwen Stefani** is nevertheless still groovy and "swell" in the opinion of all you crazy rock 'n' roll fans out there, right? Well, no matter, she has a new album out this Friday, *Bouquet*, whose cover photo depicts her in a cowboy hat, like we were just talking about, in case you already forgot! She is married to Blake Shelton nowadays, so it's no surprise she's going in a country direction. The single, "Somebody Else's," is a Sugarland-tinged semi-rocker in which Stefani sounds like every other luke-warm diva out there, kind of just clocking in. You know.

• Alt-metal band **Linkin Park** has entered a new era after the passing of Chester Bennington. Their first LP since 2017, *From Zero*, streets this week and features the aggressive La Roux-like vocals of new co-lead singer Emily Armstrong! The single, "Over Each Other," is loud, melodic and catchy, you may very well like it!

• And finally it's hip-hop-soul legend **Mary J. Blige**, with her new album, *Gratitude*, which includes the single "Breathing," guested by stoned-sounding spitter Fabolous! Its sweeping background vocals make its vanilla trap beat palatable. —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

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**Bambi**, by Felix Salten (Knopf, 211 pages)

If all you know of Bambi is what Disney served up, you don't know Bambi.

With many of Disney's early movies, the stories weren't written in-house — Snow White came from a German fairy tale, attributed to the Brothers Grimm, and Pinocchio was written by an Italian journalist in the 19th century. The source material for *Bambi*, which Disney released as an animated film in 1942, was a slim novel by the same name written by Felix Salten. It's been re-released this year as a gold-embossed hardcover book, part of Alfred A. Knopf's "Children's Classics" series — which is fine, so long as this elegant, disturbing little book doesn't fall into a child's hands. This is not your 5-year-old's *Bambi*, and Thumpers in the rear-view mirror are not as they seem. That said, Salten's *Bambi*, subtitled "A Life in the Woods," is better than Disney's, and I love that the foreword is the original one from 1928, which concludes, "I particularly recommend it to sportsmen."

Like George Orwell with *Animal Farm* and E.B. White with *Charlotte's Web*, Salten created characters who are fully animal but at the same time quite human. The book opens with an exchange between Bambi's mother, exhausted from giving birth, and a magpie who keeps chattering about its own life. "Pardon, I wasn't listening," Bambi's mother says after a while, and the magpie

flies away thinking, "A stupid soul. Very nice, but stupid," which, fair or unfair, could encapsulate a lot of conversations we all have in a grocery store line.

Soon enough, as Bambi enjoys his solitary time with his mother they encounter a ferret that has killed a mouse. And a "vast, unknown horror clutched at his heart" as the fawn gets a blurry view of some unknown horror that exists beyond his idyllic life. But his mother is not yet ready to speak of it, trying to keep Bambi innocent as long as possible while teaching him about the joys of the meadow, where "he rejoiced with his legs and with his whole body as he flung himself into the air," and gazed at the sky, where "he saw the whole heaven stretching far and wide and he rejoiced without knowing why."

He is introduced to three other deer, one of which, Faline, will become his mate, and catches his first glimpse of his father, who passes the cluster of deer with another proud stag without acknowledging them. Crushed, Bambi asks his mother why; she replies, "They don't ever stay with us, only at times. ... And we have to wait for them to speak to us. They do it whenever they like."

Bambi's mother herself grows increasingly colder to her son as he matures, once snapping at him, "Go away and let me be." When he cries for her, a stag appears and tells him, "Your mother has no time for you now." And this is before we ever get to the cruelty of man, the hunter, who is described

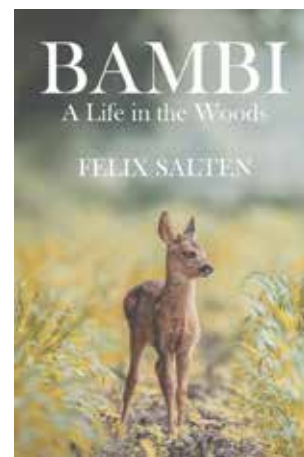
throughout simply as "He."

The word "Bambi" itself has become Bambi-ized, more associated with cartoon characters and porn stars than its source. But Saltzer's book, while simply written, is gritty with the hard reality of animal life in which fear and death are constants. In one interaction with a squirrel, Bambi inquires about the rodent's father, and the squirrel replies, "O, the owl caught him a month ago."

One chapter is a conversation between two autumn leaves, clinging to the top of a tree, contemplating their mortality. ("Can it really be true, that others come to take our places when we're gone and after them still others, and more and more?")

All this is to say, perhaps this was a "children's" book when it was first published, five years before antibiotics were discovered and when many people still slaughtered their own meat and death had not been sanitized and swept aside to nursing homes and hospitals. Now, it's nightmare-inducing stuff, particularly with the running theme of abandonment by parents, and a scene in which Bambi's "Friend Hare" — which Disney named Thumper — is terrified and writhing in a trap.

In the end Salter's *Bambi* is both a coming-of-age story and circle-of-life story,



as the deer matures and accepts his role in the forest. Like every good story, it has a clear villain — the human — who is threaded with complexity. He both terrorizes the forest creatures and provides a safe and loving home for his dog, and even cares for an injured deer.

In one scene, a hunting dog and his wounded prey, a fox, have an emotionally charged conversation, the fox calling the dog a turncoat and renegade, since they are genetically brothers. The dog replies, "Do you think you can oppose Him, poor creatures like you? He's all powerful. He's above all of you. Everything we have comes from Him."

And just when you think you've got the book's theological implications figured out, Salter goes elsewhere, because this is, at its heart, a morality tale.

Stephen King once called Disney's *Bambi* the first horror movie he ever saw because of its effect on him as a child. That genre doesn't describe Salter's *Bambi* the book, except maybe for vegans. But it's a deeply affecting little book that, like *A Christmas Carol* and *Animal Farm*, shows that the impact of a book has nothing to do with its length. **A** —Jennifer Graham

**Books**

**Author events**

- **Eric Orff**, a retired wildlife biologist, will talk about his new book, *What's Wild: A Half-Century of Wisdom from the Woods and Rivers of New England*, at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsons-bookstore.com) on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Joan Wickersham** will talk about her new book, *No Ship Sets Out to Be a Shipwreck*, in conversa-

- tion with author Ralph Sneed, at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, waterstreetbooks.com) on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m.
- **Beth Ann Hooper**, a local author, will sign copies of her book *The Roots That Clutch* at Bookery Manchester (844 Elm St., bookerymht.com) all day Saturday, Nov. 16 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.).
- **Kurt D. Springs**, a local author, will sign copies of his new sci-fi book *Promise of Mercy* at Barnes & Noble in Manchester (1741 S.

- Willow St., bn.com) on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m.
- **Shari Lane** will talk about her book *Two Over Easy All Day Long* at Bookery Manchester (844 Elm St., bookerymht.com) on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m.
- **Stephen Puleo** will talk about his book *The Great Abolitionist: Charles Sumner and the Fight for a More Perfect Union* at Nashua Public Library's Chandler Performance Arena (2 Court St., Nashua, ) on Sunday, Nov. 17, at

- 1 p.m. This is a free event sponsored by the Friends of the Nashua Public Library. No registration is needed. Balin Books will have books available for purchase.
- **Elaine J. Makara** will talk about her book *Moments: Every One Counts* at Bookery Manchester (844 Elm St., bookerymht.com) on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m.

**Virtual events**

- **U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Countering Violent**

- Extremism in the Middle East** with Dr. Negron-Gonzales presented online by New Hampshire Humanities on Friday, Nov. 15, at 5 p.m. To attend, register at nhhumanities.org.

**History & lectures**

- **A Cross-Country Cycling Journey** presented by Alan Stein, M.D., who after retiring from 33 years of practicing family medicine in Suncook decided to pedal his bicycle from San Francisco to

- Hampton Beach, on Friday, Nov. 15, at 11 a.m. in the Village Depot Room at Hooksett Library. Registration is required; register at hooksettlibrary.libcal.com.

**Poetry**

- **Abbie Kiefer** headlines the Poetry Society of NH reading and open mic at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsons-bookstore.com) on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4:30 p.m. Newcomers are welcomed and encouraged.

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**My Old Ass (R)**

A newly minted 18-year-old is suddenly confronted with her 39-year-old self in *My Old Ass*, a very sweet coming-of-age comedy.

Elliot (Maisy Stella) has gone to the woods with her two best buddies to celebrate her birthday by taking mushrooms. Her friends seem to be seeing euphoric discos; Elliot is stuck sitting by the campfire complaining nothing is happening. And then Elliot (Aubrey Plaza) shows up. Old Elliot is bemused by Young Elliot, who is initially shocked but then wants to know, like, what stocks to buy so they can be rich in 20 years and what awesome things might happen to her. Old Elliot is wary of messing with the future too much but she does tell Young Elliot to spend more time with her family, to please wear her retainer and to stay away from anyone named Chad. Elliot doesn't know a Chad — until she meets her dad's summer worker on the family cranberry farm and he is, of course, Chad (Percy Hynes White).

Elliot, who has always been attracted to women, is shocked to learn she's attracted to the potentially troublesome Chad. While dealing with this confusion, she is also approaching the big life change of heading to college. She has always been eager to leave her family's farm and small town but now that it is a reality she finds herself full of conflicting emotions.

*My Old Ass* thinks a lot about last times — the last time you do a thing and whether you know when you're doing it that it is the end of something. Some lasts sneak up on you — the last time Elliot's mom (Maria Dizzia) rocked a toddler Elliot to sleep. Some, like the last times Elliot is suddenly encountering as she prepares to leave for college and have her "life start," as she says, are clearly last times and she has to deal with all the bittersweetness of them while in the middle of them. *My Old Ass* approaches this — life transitions, what we miss and how we deal with it all — with genuine emotion and melancholy-tinged sweetness while also being funny and having just the right touch when it comes to the older-self-talks-to-younger-self aspect of the story. Great performances all around help sell the realness of this world, with special kudos to Stella. **A**

Rated R for language throughout, drug use and sexual material, according to the MPA on [filmratings.com](http://filmratings.com). Written and directed by



*My Old Ass*

*Megan Park, My Old Ass is an hour and 29 minutes long and distributed by Amazon MGM Studios. It is available for rent or purchase and is streaming on Amazon Prime Video.*

**The Substance (R)**

Demi Moore gives a very good, frequently quite funny performance in the goofy body horror *The Substance*.

Aging star Elisabeth Sparkle (Moore) attempts to recapture the "best version" of herself with an underground treatment called the Substance. The neon green serum does not lift and tighten — it pushes a whole new younger, flawless version of yourself out of you, violently, creating a seam down the back that this new person has to sew up. The operating rule of the Substance is seven days on, seven days off — the perfect Substance-created version of yourself gets to be for seven days while the older you sleeps. In seven days, you must switch back. Both versions are "you" and the younger version needs a "stabilizer" (fluid syringed out of the older version's back) to continue existing.

Sue (Margaret Qualley), Elisabeth's "best version," is able to win a spot as the host of the exercise show Elisabeth was just fired from and is quickly getting spots on billboards. When Elisabeth reawakens she is both proud of what her alter has accomplished and, very quickly, jealous. Later Sue's carelessness with the seven-day-switch rule has immediate and disturbing consequences for Elisabeth.

*The Substance* has lots of tight shots gleefully highlighting the grossness of the human body even before the movie's final

third, when what feels like a tidy dark comedy horror about beauty, age and media takes a hard left turn into total bonkers territory. Like so bonkers that the movie pushes past where you think it will stop, enters a new realm of absolute lunacy and then keeps going, so that actually by the end I kinda respected the whole crazy circus of gore the movie became. What holds it together throughout is Moore, who really does some solid work here with both the desperation Elisabeth feels (and that the Substance exacerbates) and the movie's comedy. **B+**

Available for rent or purchase and streaming on Mubi.

**The 4:30 Movie (R)**

Kevin Smith makes his *The Fabelmans* with *The 4:30 Movie*, a nostalgia-rich tale of teenage friendship and love and ye old 1980s pre-stadium-seating movie theaters.

Ben David (Austin Zajur) gets up the courage to ask Melody Barneget (Siena Agudong), a girl he likes but ghosted after he got nervous when they kissed, to the 4:30 screening of what sounds like a middling detective movie — their local theater in suburban New Jersey isn't playing *Poltergeist II*, the current hot ticket. The screening will come in the middle of a day of movies Ben has planned with his friends, dork Belly (Reed Northup) and dork-who-wants-so-badly-to-seem-greaser-cool Burny (Nicholas Cirillo). Belly seems perfectly happy for Ben but Burny is clearly nervous about how it will change the friendship dynamic. In addition to friend friction, obstacles to Ben's romantic movie moment include a power-drunk cineplex owner (Ken Jeong), assorted burnout theater employees and Ben's and Melody's parents.

From the lingering shots of the post-rotary push-button desk phone to jokes about the surely-finished-forever *Star Wars* trilogy, *The 4:30 Movie* is all about the gooey nostalgia for a very specific late 1980s time and place and for the impact it had on Smith's life. Actually, just how *Fabelmans*-y this movie is becomes ever more apparent as the movie goes on, culminating in a fun little credits scene. This much Kevin Smith-itude might not be for everyone but I thoroughly enjoyed it. **B**

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**• *Conclave* (PG, 2024)** will screen at Red River Theatres

in Concord, [redrivertheatres.org](http://redrivertheatres.org), on Thursday, Nov. 14, 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 17, at 1:15, 4 & 6:45 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 18, through Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 4 & 6:45 p.m.

**• *A Real Pain* (R, 2024)** will

screen at Red River Theatres in Concord, [redrivertheatres.com](http://redrivertheatres.com), on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 4:30 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 15, through Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 18, through Thursday, Nov. 21, at 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

**• *The Fifth Element* (PG-13, 1997)** Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. at Cinemark Salem, Oneil in Epping, Regal Fox Run (where it will also screen at 7:30 p.m.) and AMC Londonderry (where it will also screen at 7 p.m.) as well as Wednesday, Nov. 20, at

7 p.m. at AMC Londonderry, Cinemark in Salem, O'neil in Epping and Regal Fox Run. See [fathomevents.com](http://fathomevents.com).

**• *Free Birds* (PG, 2013)** will screen on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 11:30 a.m. at Chunky's in Manchester, [chunkys.com](http://chunkys.com).



By Michael Witthaus  
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• **Country star:** Led by a Grammy-winning Country Music Hall of Famer, **Marty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives** perform an area show. The singer/guitarist joined Lester Flatts' bluegrass band at age 13 and is an on-demand session player. Stuart's latest album, *Altitude*, brings to mind *Western Edge*, a 2022 book about the musical connection between Nashville and L.A. Thursday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts, 201 Main St., Nashua, \$50 and up at etix.com.

• **Blues power:** A great double bill for guitar fans has **Coco Montoya and Ronnie Baker Brooks** sharing the stage. Brooks' debut for venerable Alligator Records is *Blues In My DNA*, a reference to his famous father, Lonnie Brooks. He grew up around his dad's playing, as well as B.B. King, Willie Dixon and other titans. Montoya was mentored by Albert Collins and played with John Mayall. Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$40 at tupelohall.com.

• **Coral reefer:** The passing of Jimmy Buffett still doesn't seem real to most Parrot Heads, and **Mac McAnally** helps ease the loss as he continues to perform hits like "A Pirate Looks at Forty" and "Come Monday" with his band, which includes percussionist Erik Darken, also in Buffett's touring group. McAnally released the Zac Brown co-write "Pirates & Parrots" last April. Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Dana Center, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, \$65 at tickets.anselm.edu.

• **Guitar hero:** Beginning with the formation of his group Morblus in 1991, Italian-born guitarist **Roberto Morbioli** made a name for himself in the blues world. One critic called his mix of "funk, soul, shuffle, swamp, second line and everything else" a "relentless feast for the ears." He plays at an area favorite roadhouse. Sunday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., Village Trestle, 25 Main St., Goffstown; visit robertomorbioli.com.

• **Doom music:** An evening of loud, thick rock is topped by **Dopethrone**, a Montreal-based trio revered by fans of what's called sludge and stoner metal. One critic called their 2018 LP *Trans-Canadian Anger* "so heavy it will rattle the calcium out of your freaking teeth." Their latest release is *Broke Sabbath*. Equally doomy combos Temple of the Fuzz Witch and Hobo Wizard open. Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Jewel Music Venue, 61 Canal St., Manchester, \$20 at eventbrite.com. 🍷

# NITE

## This is his time

Willie Nile on making the best music of his life

By Michael Witthaus  
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"The Benjamin Button of rock 'n' roll" is what *VH1 Storytellers* creator Bill Flanagan once called Willie Nile. "Because my career has been ass backwards," Nile said recently. It's true; the Buffalo-born rocker made two great albums early and waited 10 years for his third. Since then, he's released over a dozen more, including nine in the last 12 years.

Nile's energy level is up to 11, and he's so confident he can inspire a crowd with his high-energy rock that he offers a guarantee. "If you want to see a spark and some light in this darkness, come to a show," he said. "If you're not blown away and you don't feel better walking out the door, you'll get your money back ... and I don't mean you'll just like it."

Every night, Willie Nile leaves everything on the stage, exiting fully soaked in sweat, usually after more than one standing ovation. He'll play great songs from the early days like "Vagabond Moon" along with rave-ups like "This Is Our Time," a cut from 2013's *American Ride* and "The Day The Earth Stood Still," the title track from his last studio album.

"Nothing's changed, except I think I'm singing better," he said. "My voice has gotten just a little richer. Maybe I wouldn't go that far; I'm a little Sam Cooke, but I mean, I'm having more fun. The set lists are never better than this, and it's a ball. I'm still feeling it in every pore of my body, and I'm not the only one."

If the measure of a person is the company they keep, Nile is a star. He got his first big break when the booker at Kenney's Castaways convinced Robert Palmer, the *New York Times*' premier critic in the 1970s, to arrive early for a show he was covering to catch Nile's opening set. The rave review led to a record deal and a tour opening for The Who.

Bruce Springsteen invited Nile to open for him in front of 70,000 fans in New Jersey's Giants Stadium, and in 2009 pulled him from the audience to sing Jackie Wilson's song "Higher & Higher" at a show that turned out to be Clarence Clemons' last with the E Street Band.

### An Evening With Willie Nile

**When:** Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St., Manchester  
**Tickets:** \$35 at palacetheatre.org



Willie Nile. Courtesy photo.

Nine years ago he stood between Springsteen and Pete Townshend to perform "Won't Get Fooled Again" in a band that included Billy Idol and Who lead singer Roger Daltrey. Nile also played "Substitute" and "Kids Are Alright" at the show, a Grammy MusiCares tribute.

"I remember thinking, what's wrong with this picture?" he recalled, and talked about working out how to play the Who classic backstage with the Boss, who also didn't know the song. "For 15 minutes, like two high school kids ... we learn 'Won't Get Fooled Again.' You can't make this stuff up; I'm living a dream."

Nile, however, isn't the least bit starstruck by the music legends who love him.

"I'm just too dumb to know any better, but fame was never what I cared about," he said. "It was always about the songs ... that's gotten me through some really small keyholes into some unique places."

The inverse of that is what led him to leave music in the wake of his first two critically lauded albums when the industry harshed his mellow, then return in 1991 with *Places I Have Never Been*. He just wasn't feeling it anymore. He and his

then-wife — he's now married to Italian photographer Cristina Arrigoni — moved back to Buffalo and had four kids.

"I stayed there through the eighties," he said. "I stopped playing, but I was always writing. That's what I do. I'll write till I drop. At this rate, I'll be playing till I drop, but it's like my dad says ... he asks, 'How you doing?' and I'll say, 'I'm working really hard, I'm pretty beat.' He goes, 'Yeah, but you get to do what you love. You're a lucky guy.' And he's right."

Even in conversation, one can hear the raucous Nile's rock 'n' roll heart beat. When he's up on stage blazing through his massive catalog or covering a gem like the Velvet Underground's "Sweet Jane" — Lou Reed was another New Yorker Nile knew — it's like attending a revival tent party in 4/4 time.

So don't go to The Rex on Nov. 15 with any thoughts of getting a refund. Rather, expect many moments when Nile's spirit lifts the crowd to its feet. "I'm a 76-year-old dude and having the time of my life and doing the best shows in my career," he said. "I'm having a ball, still writing at the top of my game, and the songs are still coming." 🍷

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WILLIE NILE



# MUSIC THIS WEEK

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Road, 293-0841

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St., 497-8230

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**Fratello's** 799 Union  
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Lakeside Ave., 366-9100

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ican Taqueria Mel's  
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## Thursday, Nov. 14

**Auburn**  
Auburn Pitts: open jam, 7 p.m.

**Bedford**  
Copper Door: Chris Lester, 7 p.m.

**Brookline**  
Alamo: open mic with Travis Rollo, 6 p.m.

**Derry**  
Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m.  
LaBelle: Absolute Queen, 7:15 p.m.

**Dover**  
Auspicious Brew: Static Friction, The Wicked North, The Big Sun, 8 p.m.

**Epping**  
Telly's: Jamie Hughes, 7 p.m.

**Epsom**  
Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

**Gilford**  
Patrick's Pub: Dave Clark, 6 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: D-Comp, 6 p.m.

**Hampton**  
CR's: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.  
Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

**Hudson**  
Luk's: Lee Biddle, 7 p.m.

**Lynn's 102:** karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

**Laconia**  
Fratello's: Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.  
High Octane Saloon: karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 7 p.m.  
Tower Hill Tavern: Skyrocket Karaoke, 6 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
Stumble Inn: Chad LaMarsh, 7 p.m.

**Manchester**  
Fratello's: Chris Cavanaugh, 5:30 p.m.  
Goat: Emo Night, 9 p.m.  
Shaskeen: EDM Night, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
Giuseppe's: The Sweetbloods, 5:45 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
Homestead: Ralph Allen, 5:30 p.m.  
Tortilla Flat: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.

**Milford**  
Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.

**Nashua**  
Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m.  
Fody's: DJ Rich Karaoke, 9:30 p.m.  
Shorty's: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.

**Newmarket**  
Stone Church: The 200s, Parachute Club, Supernaut, 8 p.m.

**Pembroke**  
Cavern Sports Bar: Chad Verbeck, 6 p.m.  
Pembroke City Limits: Gary Smith's Musical Gatherings, 7 p.m.

**Pittsfield**  
Over the Moon: open mic, 6 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
The Goat: Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

**Salem**  
Copper Door: Jon Paul Royer, 7 p.m.  
Sadye's: music bingo, 8 p.m.

**Seabrook**  
Backyard Burgers: Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.  
Red's: Rebecca Turnel, 7 p.m.

**Somersworth**  
Earth Eagle: open mic w/Dave Ogden, 6 p.m.

**Tilton**  
Dox: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.

**Warner**  
The Local: Ian Galipeau, 5 p.m.

## Friday, Nov. 15

**Alton Bay**  
Foster's Tavern: Dan Fallon, 6 p.m.

**Bedford**  
Murphy's: Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.

**Bristol**  
Kathleen's: Irish Sessiun, 7 p.m.

**Brookline**  
Alamo: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.

**Epping**  
Telly's: Swipe Right, 8 p.m.

**Gilford**  
Patrick's Pub: Holy Cow music bingo, 7 p.m.

**Goffstown**  
Village Trestle: Sam Vlasich, 6 p.m.

**Hampton**  
CR's: Lou Antonucci, 6 p.m.  
The Goat: Mike Jetty, 9 p.m.  
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.  
Wally's: Phil X & The Drills, 9 p.m.

**Kingston**  
Saddle Up Saloon: open line dancing w/ country music, 7 p.m.

**Laconia**  
Defiant: Chris Torrey, 5:30 p.m.  
Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.

**Litchfield**  
Day of the Dead: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
Coach Stop: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.

**Manchester**  
Backyard Brewery: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.  
Bonfire: Whiskey Horse, 9 p.m.  
Derryfield: Hell On Heels, 8 p.m.  
The Foundry: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.  
Fratello's: Peter Pappas, 6 p.m.  
The Goat: Pop Daddy, 9 p.m.  
Great North Aleworks: open mic, 5:30 p.m.  
Olympus Pizza: Casey Roop, 7 p.m.  
Shaskeen: Rockspring, 9 p.m.  
South Side Tavern: Cox Karaoke, 9 p.m.  
Strange Brew: David Zangri, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
Twin Barns: Dakota Smart, 5 p.m.

**Stumble Inn:** Time Bomb, 8 p.m.

## NICK OF TIME



Granite State comedy fans have a special place in their hearts for **Nick Swardson**. This actor and comedian frequently works with Adam Sandler, acting in a dozen movies produced by the Manchester-raised comedy icon. He stops by the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, ccanh.com) on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$48.25 to \$58.25, plus fees.







## NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

### Monday, Nov. 18

**Dover**  
**Cara Irish Pub:** open mic, 8 p.m.

**Gilford**  
**Patrick's Pub:** open mic w/ John McArthur, 6 p.m.

**Hampton**  
**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.

**Hudson**  
**The Bar:** karaoke with Phil, 7 p.m.

**Laconia**  
**Fratello's:** Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

**Londonderry**  
**Stumble Inn:** Monday Night Muse with Lisa Guyer, 7 p.m.

**Manchester**  
**Fratello's:** Phil Jacques, 5:30 p.m.  
**The Goat:** Musical Bingo Nation, 7 p.m.  
**Keys:** Blues Jams & open mic, 6 p.m.

**Salona:** music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.  
**Strange Brew:** music bingo, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Lou Porrazzo, 5:45 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Kat Ivy, 5:30 p.m.

**Milford**  
**Brickhouse:** line dancing, 6:30 p.m.

**Nashua**  
**Fody's:** karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
**The Goat:** musical bingo, 7 p.m.; Kali Loop, 9 p.m.  
**The Press Room:** Robot Team-mate, 8 p.m.

**Tilton**  
**Dox:** Henry LaLiberte, 5 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 19**  
**Concord**  
**Barley House:** Irish session, 6 p.m.  
**Tandy's:** open mic, 8 p.m.

**Hampton**  
**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.  
**Wally's:** music bingo, 7 p.m.

**Laconia**  
**Fratello's:** Duke Snyder, 5:30 p.m.

**Manchester**  
**Fratello's:** Jordan Quinn, 5:30 p.m.  
**KC's Rib Shack:** Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.  
**The Goat:** karaoke w/ George Cox, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** Michael Bourgeois, 5:45 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Justin Jordan, 5:30 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
**The Goat:** Isaiah Bennett, 9 p.m.

**Rochester**  
**Porter's:** karaoke, 6:30 p.m.

**Seabrook**  
**Backyard Burgers:** music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.  
**Red's:** Clint Lapointe, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 20**  
**Concord**  
**Tandy's:** karaoke, 8 p.m.  
**Uno Pizzeria:** Danny McCarthy, 6 p.m.

**Derry**  
**Fody's:** karaoke, 7 p.m.

**Dover**  
**Auspicious Brew:** open mic night, 6:30 p.m.

**Hampton**  
**L Street:** karaoke, 9 p.m.

**Hudson**  
**Lynn's 102:** music bingo, 7 p.m.

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

**Laconia**  
**Fratello's:** Richard Cumming, 5:30 p.m.

**Manchester**  
**Fratello's:** Jeff Mrozek, 5:30 p.m.  
**The Goat:** 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.; Chris Gendron, 10 p.m.  
**Keys:** Jindo music bingo, 7 p.m.  
**Stark Brewing:** Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.  
**Strange Brew:** open mic w/ Jordan Quinn & Scott Armstrong, 8 p.m.

**Meredith**  
**Giuseppe's:** live music, 5:45 p.m.

**Merrimack**  
**Homestead:** Chris Lester, 5:30 p.m.

**Milford**  
**Riley's:** acoustic open mic, 8 p.m.  
**Stonecutters Pub:** open mic, 8 p.m.

**Nashua**  
**Liquid Therapy:** karaoke w/ Armand, 6 p.m.

**Pembroke**  
**Pembroke City Limits:** Ernesto Burden, 7 p.m.

**Portsmouth**  
**Press Room:** Addison Agen w/ Taylor Marie, 7 p.m.

**Rochester**  
**Governors Inn:** Dave Gerard, 6 p.m.

**Seabrook**  
**Chop Shop:** DJ Manny karaoke, 7:30 p.m.  
**Red's:** Freddie Catalfo, 7 p.m.



## GAINING ALTITUDE

He's been performing in country music since he was 10 years old and collaborated with some of the most legendary talent out of Nashville, including Johnny Cash, Lester Flatt and Travis Tritt, but **Marty Stuart** has continued to turn out some of the most solidly crafted songs this side of Music Row. Perhaps that's why he called his most recent album *Altitude*. He comes to the Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com) on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$50 to \$80, plus fees.



## DEEP IN THE HEART OF LACONIA

In a career that spans three decades, **Lonestar** have recorded nine singles that hit the top spot on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart. The quartet's status as hitmakers have inspired them to revisit their best-known songs on their latest album, *10 to One*. They stop by the Colonial (609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com) on Thursday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$49 to \$99, plus fees.

## COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

### Venues

**BankNH Stage in Concord** 16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com

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

**Chunky's** 707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com

**Colonial Theatre** 609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.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

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

**McCue's Comedy Club** at the Roundabout Diner, 580 Portsmouth Traffic Circle, Portsmouth, mccuescomedyclub.com

**Murphy's Taproom** 494 Elm St., Manchester, scampscomey.com/shows

**The Music Hall** 28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org

**The Music Hall Lounge** 131 Congress St., Portsmouth, 436-2400, themusichall.org

**Nashua Center for the Arts** 201 Main St., Nashua, 800-657-8774, nashuacenterforthearts.com

**Palace Theatre** 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

**Park Theatre** 19 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-9300, theparktheatre.org

**Rex Theatre** 23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

**Ruby Room Comedy** Shaskeen, 909 Elm St., Manchester, 491-0720, rubyroomcomedy.com

**Saddle Up Saloon** 92 Route 125, Kingston, 347-1313, saddleupsaloonnh.com

**SNHU Arena** 555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, www.snhuarena.com

**Stone Church** 5 Granite

St., Newmarket, 659-7700, stonechurchchocks.com

**Strange Brew Tavern** 88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292, strangebrewtavern.net

**Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusic-hall.com

### Weekly comedy nights

- **Wednesday** Ruby Room at the Shaskeen, 9 p.m.
- **Thursdays** Laugh Attic at Strange Brew, 8:30 p.m.
- **Saturday** Murphy's Taproom, 8 p.m.

### Events

- **Nick Swardson** Chubb Theatre, Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m.
- **Funny Women of a Certain Age: Carole Montgomery, Kerri Louise and Monique Marvez** Flying Monkey, Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m.

- **Steve Trevino** Casino Ballroom, Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
- **Jim McCue** McCue's, Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
- **Stacy Kendro** Chunky's, Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
- **Bob Marley** Chubb Theatre, Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
- **Christopher Titus** Tupelo, Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
- **Mark Scalia** Headliners, Saturday, Nov. 16, 8:30 p.m.
- **Gabe Mollica** Music Hall Lounge, Thursday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m.
- **Ladies of Laughter with Patty Rosborough and Liz Glazer** Rex, Friday, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m.
- **Chris Franjola** Music Hall Lounge, Friday, Nov. 22, 8:30 p.m.
- **Brian Failla** Colonial, Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
- **Alex Giampapa** McCue's, Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
- **Steve Bjork** Chunky's, Satur-

- day, Nov. 23, 8 p.m.
- **James Dorsey** Headliners, Saturday, Nov. 23, 8:30 p.m.
- **Brian Glowacki** Music Hall Lounge, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- **Emily Ruskowski's Thanksgiving Leftover Comedy Show** Rex, Friday, Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m.
- **Justin McKinney** Flying Monkey, Saturday, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.
- **Kelly MacFarland** Music Hall Lounge, Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.
- **Rob Steen** Chunky's, Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.
- **Jim Bishop** McCue's, Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.
- **Drew Dunn** Nashua Center for the Arts, Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 p.m.
- **Joey Carroll** Headliners, Saturday, Nov. 30, 8:30 p.m.
- **Tom Cotter** Music Hall Lounge, Sunday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.



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## NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

### Trivia

#### Trivia events

- **Back to the Future** Trivia with Heather at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Friendsgiving** Trivia with Heather at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.



Back to the Future

#### Other games

- **Theater Candy Bingo** at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Friday, Nov. 15, at 6:45 p.m. Family-friendly. Reserve a seat for \$10, which includes a \$5 food voucher for use that night.
- **21+ Feud Gone Wild**, an R-rated *Family Feud*-style game, at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Friday, Nov. 15, at 8:30 p.m.
- **21+ Scratch Ticket Bingo** at Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m.

#### Weekly trivia

- **Thursday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at Mitchell BBQ (50 N. Main St., Rochester, 332-2537, mitchellhillbbq.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia with ABC Trivia at Oddball Brewing (6 Glass St., Suncook, 210-5654, oddballbrewingnh.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Reed's North (2 E. Main St., Warner, 456-2143, reedsnorth.com) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Station 101 (193 Union Sq., Milford, 249-5416) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** music trivia at Day of the Dead Taqueria (454 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, 377-7664) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia with Geeks Who Drink at the Barley House (132 N. Main St., Concord, thebarleyhouse.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia with Game Time Trivia at Hart's Turkey Farm (223 DW Highway, Meredith, 279-6212, hartsturkeyfarm.com) from 7 to 9:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** Opinionation by Sporele trivia at Uno Pizzeria & Grill (15 Fort Eddy Road, Concord; 226-8667) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Hop Knot (1000 Elm St., Manchester, 232-3731, hopknotnh.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Bonfire Restaurant & Country Bar (950 Elm St., Manchester, bonfiremanch.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Shooters Sports Pub (6 Columbus Ave., Exeter, 772-3856) at 7:15 p.m.

- **Thursday** trivia at Liquid Therapy (14 Court St., Nashua, 402-9391) at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Game Changer Sports Bar (4 Orchard View Dr., Londonderry; 216-1396, gamechangersportsbar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
- **Thursday** trivia at Strange Brew (88 Market St., Manchester, 666-4292) at 8 p.m.
- **First and third Thursday of every month** trivia at Fody's (9 Clinton St., Nashua, fodystavern.com) at 8 p.m.
- **First and third Thursday of every month** trivia at To Share Brewing (720 Union St., Manchester, tosharebrewing.com) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday** trivia at Biergarten Anheuser-Busch (221 DW Highway, Merrimack) from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Sunday** trivia at Mountain Base Brewery (553 Mast Road, No. 111, Goffstown, 315-8382) at 4 p.m.
- **Monday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Renegade's Pub (103 Nashua Road, Londonderry, renegadespub.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Monday** Pub Quiz at Shaskeen (909 Elm St., Manchester, 625-0246, shaskeenirishpub.com) at 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Able Ebenezer Brewing (31 Columbia Circle, Merrimack, 844-223-2253) at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Sea Dog Brewing (5 Water St., Exeter, 793-5116) at 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Second Brook Bar & Grill (1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, secondbrook.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Fody's (187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 404-6946, fodystavern.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Lynn's 102 Tavern (76 Derry Road, Hudson, 943-7832, lynns102.com), at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Shoppers Pub + Eatery (18 Lake Ave., Manchester, shoppersmht.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday** trivia at Gibb's Garage Bar (3612 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, gibbsgaragebar.com) from 8 to 10 p.m.
- **Tuesday** **Geeks Who Drink**

- trivia at Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com), from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Community Oven (845 Lafayette Road, Hampton, 601-6311, thecommunityoven.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** Brews & Qs trivia, 21+, at Feathered Friend (231 S. Main St., Concord, 715-2347, featheredfriendbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Lithermans (126 Hall St., Concord, lithermans.beer) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Otto (33 Water St., Exeter, 810-6886) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Spyglass Brewing Co. (306 Innovative Way, Nashua, 546-2965, spyglassbrewing.com) at 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Talespinner Brewery (57 Factory St., Nashua, ramblingtale.com, 318-3220) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Popovers (11 Brickyard Sq., Epping, 734-4724, popoversonthesquare.com) from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Wednesday** The Greatest Trivia in the World at Revolution Taproom and Grill (61 N. Main St., Rochester, 244-3042, revolutiontaproomandgrill.com/upcoming-events) at 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday Trivia Night with Bill Seney** at Backyard Brewery (1211 S. Mammoth Road, Manchester, backyardbrewerynh.com) 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday** trivia at Don Ramon (6 Whitney St., Merrimack, 420-8468) from 7 to 9 p.m.
- **Wednesday Kings Trivia** at KC's Rib Shack (837 Second St., Manchester, 627-7427, ribshack.net), sponsored by Mi Campo, in Manchester 7 to 9 p.m..
- **Wednesday** trivia at City Hall Pub (8 Hanover St., Manchester, 232-3751, snhhg.com) at 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday World Tavern Trivia** at Fody's Tavern (9 Clinton St. in Nashua, fodystavern.com, 577-9015) at 8 p.m.
- **Second Wednesday of every month** trivia at Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey; 532-9300, theparktheatre.org) at 7:30 p.m.



**Concerts**

**Venues**

**Bank of NH Stage in Concord** 16 S. Main St., Concord, 225-1111, banknhstage.com

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

**Colonial Theatre** 609 Main St., Laconia, 800-657-8774, coloniallaconia.com

**Concord City Auditorium** 2 Prince St., Concord, theaudi.org

**Dana Center Saint Anselm College**, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, tickets.anselm.edu

**The Flying Goose** 40 Andover Road, New London, 526-6899, flyinggoose.com

**The Flying Monkey** 39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flying-monkeynh.com

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

**Jewel Music Venue** 61 Canal St., Manchester, 819-9336, jewelmusicvenue.com

**Jimmy's Jazz and Blues Club** 135 Congress St., Portsmouth, 888-603-JAZZ, jimmysoncongress.com

**LaBelle Winery** 345 Route 101, Amherst, 672-9898, labellewinery.com

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**Lakeport Opera House** 781 Union Ave., Laconia, 519-7506, lakeportopera.com

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**Palace Theatre** 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

**Park Theatre** 19 Main St., Jaffrey, 532-9300, theparktheatre.org

**Press Room** 77 Daniel St., Portsmouth, 431-5186, press-roomnh.com

**The Range** 96 Old Turnpike Road, Mason, 878-1324, therangemason.com

**Rex Theatre** 23 Amherst St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

**Rochester Opera House** 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 335-1992, rochesteroperahouse.com

**The Spotlight Room** 96 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, palacetheatre.org

**SNHU Arena** 555 Elm St., Manchester, 644-5000, snhuarena.com

**Stone Church** 5 Granite

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

**The Strand** 20 Third St., Dover, 343-1899, thestranddover.com

**3S Artspace** 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, 766-3330, 3sarts.org

**Tupelo Music Hall** 10 A St., Derry, 437-5100, tupelomusicall.com

**The Word Barn** 66 Newfields Road, Exeter, 244-0202, thewordbarn.com

**Shows**

• **Christopher Paul Stelling** Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage

• **Eric Gales** Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Lonestar** Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Colonial

• **Marty Stuart and the Fabulous Superlatives** Thursday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **The 2000s/Parachute Club** Thursday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Stone Church

• **Absolute Queen** Thursday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry

• **Theory of a Deadman** Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., Casino Ballroom

• **Theatre Rock** Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Palace

• **Judith Owen Band** Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Willie Nile** Thursday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Rex

• **David Francey** Friday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Word Barn

• **NightOUT with Free Range Revue: That '90s Show** Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage

• **Kris Allen** Friday, Nov. 15,

7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey

• **Dead Meat** (Grateful Dead tribute) Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Press Room

• **BBMAK** Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Music Hall

• **Little Lies** (Fleetwood Mac tribute) Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., The Strand

• **Dancing Dream** (ABBA tribute) Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Rochester Opera House

• **Coastals** Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Stone Church

• **Coco Montoya & Ronnie Baker Brooks** Friday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m., Tupelo

• **Moondance** (Van Morrison tribute) Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Rex

• **The Glenn Campbell Experience** Saturday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m., Park Theatre

• **Joyce Andersen** Saturday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m., Stone Church

• **Swing Dance Night with NH Jazz Orchestra** Saturday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m., BNH Stage

• **Joey Canzano** Saturday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Luna Bistro

• **Cormac McCarthy** Saturday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Press Room

• **Zachariah Hickman** Saturday, Nov. 16, and Sunday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Word Barn

• **The Fabulous Thunderbirds** Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Palace

• **Jesse Cook** Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **Mac McAnally** Saturday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Dana Center

• **Soultown Band**

Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m., The Strand

• **Mr. Bill (AV Set)/Camnah/Sine Language/Fermented Beats/Contest Winner** Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m., Jewel

• **Life's A Drag** Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 p.m., Chunky's

• **Glenn Miller Orchestra** Sunday, Nov. 17, 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Tupelo

• **Symphony NH Illuminated Ensembles** Sunday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m., BNH Stage

• **Trio Gaia** Sunday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m., Park Theatre

• **Person2Person** Sunday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Marty O'Reilly/Laura Fox** Sunday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., Press Room

• **Lady Lamb** Sunday, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace

• **Tim Theriault** Monday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Robot Teammate** Monday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., Press Room

• **Josee Vachon** Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Dana Center

• **Greg Koch & the Koch Marshall Trio** Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Addison Agen/Taylor Marie** Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.,

Press Room

• **Jazzmeia Horn** Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **The Rocky Mountain High Experience** Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., Colonial

• **Matsyahu** Wednesday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m., Tupelo

• **Hayley Jane Band** Thursday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Word Barn

• **David Francey** Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose

• **JaRon Marshall** Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage

• **Django Festival Allstars** Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., Jimmy's

• **Rocky Mountain High** (John Denver tribute) Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts

• **Habib Koite/Aly Keita/Lamine Cissokho** Thursday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., 3S Artspace

• **John Brickley** Friday, Nov. 22, 6 p.m., Park Theatre

• **Phil Jacques** Friday, Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Luna Bistro

• **Wailin Jennys** Friday, Nov. 22, 7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre

• **The Artimus Pyle Band** Friday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m., Tupelo

**R&R answer from pg 35 of 11/7**

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**Jonesin' answer from pg 36 of 11/7**

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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 37.

**King Classic Sudoku**

**Puzzle A**

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				7	9	6	1	
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Difficulty: ★

**King Classic Sudoku**

**Puzzle B**

8	6					2		9
	9					3		
	4	2		1				5
6			7			3	1	
							7	4
				4			9	
1			5			9		7
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Difficulty: ★★★

**King Classic Sudoku**

**Puzzle C**

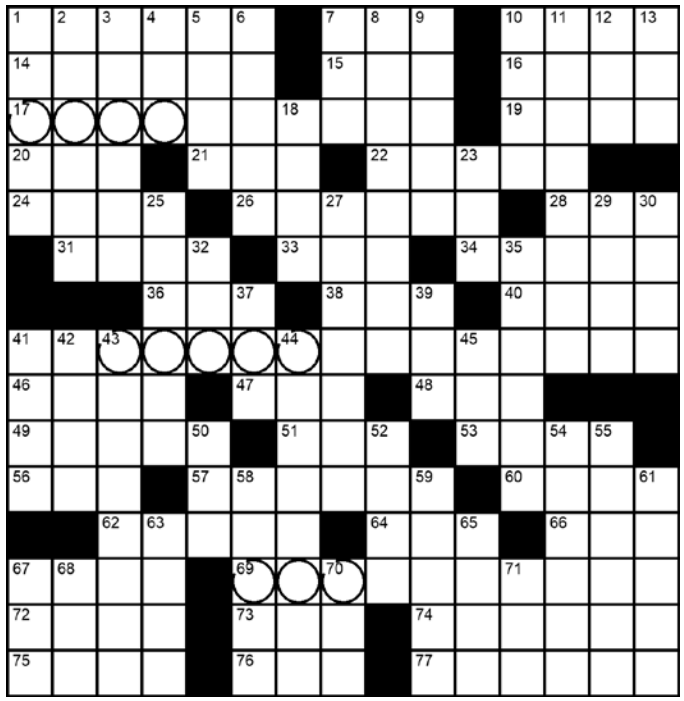
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1		2				3		
8				2			5	
			9					7

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Difficulty: ★★★★★



# “My Kind of Town”— with three examples in the circles.



- Across**
- Garden pests
  - J. Edgar Hoover’s agency
  - Crocheter’s tool
  - She’s asked to “peel me a grape” in a Mae West film
  - Golfer Ernie
  - Tupac Amaru, for one
  - Keepsakes on VHS, perhaps
  - Innings score or wickets, in cricket
  - Pop singer Rita who appears in “Detective Pikachu”
  - Trip up
  - Language where “crossword book” is “llyfr croesair”
  - Cheese coating
  - How something might be dissolved
  - Night before
  - Out on the water
  - Bear, in Barcelona
  - Black of “Inside Out 2”
  - Sch. with a Shreveport campus
  - Mischievous rascal
  - With 25-Down, “Video Games” singer
  - Head-over-heels comment
  - French friend
  - One of many grains in an “overnight” jar
  - Ambient musician Brian
  - U.S. children’s fitness center chain with a palindromic name
  - Cage component
  - Coffee vessels
  - \_\_\_ whisker (narrowly)
  - Satellite (whose name is an abbreviated shortening) from a 1961 NASA program
  - Inauguration Day words

- Star-giver?
- “You’ve got mail!” ISP
- Mrs., in Madrid
- Salad with bacon and hard-boiled egg
- TV ad subject mentioned with “And now a word from ...”
- Hand sanitizer additive
- Union behind a 2023 Hollywood strike
- \_\_\_ terrible (hellion)
- Send a quick message

- 1099 ID
  - Heavy rainfall
- Down**
- Detest
  - Illinois city of a “Will it play in” phrase
  - Aliens’ enemies, in schlocky sci-fi stories
  - Tahiti, par exemple
  - Wendy’s founder Thomas
  - “UnREAL” star Appleby
  - Charged amount
  - Two-in-one electric hairstyling tool
  - First-generation Japanese-American
  - Annoyed cat noise
  - Soon to arrive
  - Edible Andean tuber
  - Kit \_\_\_ (candy bar, or nickname in the movie “About Time”)
  - First Bond film (1962)
  - Cholesterol type, for short
  - See 40-Across
  - Like some elephants
  - Trattoria glassful
  - Person paired with Jacob
  - Words before rule or whole
  - “Bullish” nickname of the late Dodgers star Fernando Valenzuela
  - “Orange Is the New Black” actress \_\_\_ Aduba
  - Poet whose “A Dream Within a Dream” has been likened to 2010’s “Inception”
  - Poetic meter unit
  - Credit card exp. date format
  - Old container for stogies (or other keepsakes)

- Small floor coverings that might be crocheted
  - Former Burmese prime minister
  - WY winter hrs.
  - Squeezing snakes
  - Bahamian capital
  - Like dark-roast coffee
  - Comic book shrieks
  - Two-wheeled ride
  - Author Bret who wrote about the California Gold Rush
  - Partner in crime?
  - Word in a Dallas state nickname
  - Olivia Benson, for Taylor Swift
  - Futbol fan’s cheer
  - Sought office, like Kamala Harris
  - Raiders and Vikings group, for short
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## WORD★Roundup™

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**Find and Circle...**

Six aquatic mammals

Three eight-letter words

Greenwich \_\_\_\_\_

Populous Asian city: \_\_\_\_\_

Jupiter, in the order of the planets

Last Week’s Answers: BUTTER CHEESE CREAM MILK / SECURITY METRIC SUBWAY SOLAR / BACON LETTUCE TOMATO / MEXICO MALI / BENNY

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		3×	
6+			4
3		2÷	

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**CHALLENGING**

2÷	1-	1-		5-	
		6	2-		3-
6+	5-	12×		5	
		3-	1-	5+	3-
15+	4				
			6	2-	

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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.

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**PREVIOUS ANSWERS**

9×		2÷	
1	3	2	4
3	4	1	2
2	1	4	3
4	2	3	1

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6×		3-		11+	6×
4	5	3	1	6	2
1	2	6	4	5	3
3	4	1	6	2	5
5	1	4	2	3	6
2	1-	9+	1-	11+	
2	6	5	3	1	4
6	3	2	5	4	1

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**SIGNS OF LIFE**

All quotes are from *Capital Gains: Smart Things I Learned Doing Stupid Stuff*, by Chip Gaines, born Nov. 14, 1974.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)** When baseball was going well, my life was going well. Don't put all your baseballs in one basket.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)** But my point here is, if you want to do well in your work, don't get caught up in the job-title mentality. Let your work speak for itself.... What is it saying now?

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)** When an uncovered passion sits dormant inside you and then someone calls it out, all of a sudden that's all you can think about. At least for a while.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)** There's just something about picking up trash and taking it to the dumpster. ... I always knew that if I ever got too important to pick up trash, my priorities had gotten out of whack. Reduce, reuse, take out the trash.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)** I believed the baseball field was the perfect place to train me as a baseball player, but it turned out to be the perfect training ground for life as an entrepreneur. Take one class, learn two things.

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)** But the truth is, I am a builder and a contractor. I don't just play one on TV. What you see is what you get.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)** I can't say for sure what Magnolia looks like from the perspective of someone on the outside, because it's my life's work. People will tell you if you ask.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)** Every single employ-

ee had multiple responsibilities. We even hung a 'chore chart' in the break room. Those chores don't do themselves.

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)** Things were moving at such a breakneck speed that we didn't even have time to read *How to Build a Retail Empire for Dummies* (if such a book existed). Once things settle down, you can write it.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)** What makes you want to jump out of bed in the morning? What puts a smile on your face, the kind you can't wipe off if you tried? Really good coffee maybe?

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)** Joanna and I have concluded that we can only do two things really well at one time. Hey, that's more than most people.

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)** If I had to describe myself in one word, it would be handsome. But if I had to pick another word, it would be scrappy. Pick a word.

**7 LITTLE WORDS**

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses 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.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 worker who lades cargo (9)	_____
2 insurance payment (7)	_____
3 method of making lobster (9)	_____
4 fragrant (8)	_____
5 complicated morass (8)	_____
6 word before effect or theory (6)	_____
7 be the most common example (11)	_____

ORE	PRE	PR	EV	UM
RE	THE	ED	DOLE	INO
RMI	DOM	EMI	NT	DOR
DOMI	MIRE	NATE	ST	QUAG

Last Week's Answers: 1. ROLEX 2. QUARTZ 3. HEUER  
4. WATERPROOF 5. DIGITAL 6. POCKET 7. MICKEY

**Sudoku Answers from pg 37 of 11/7**

**Puzzle A**

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

Difficulty: ★ 10/21

**Puzzle B**

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 10/23

**Puzzle C**

6	7	1	8	2	9	3	5	4
2	4	9	6	3	5	1	7	8
3	5	8	7	1	4	9	2	6
4	6	3	2	9	7	5	8	1
8	2	7	1	5	3	6	4	9
9	1	5	4	6	8	7	3	2
7	8	6	5	4	1	2	9	3
5	9	2	3	8	6	4	1	7
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**It's Come to This**

We all know that Amazon has EVERYTHING, which apparently now includes ready-to-assemble homes, the Mirror reported on Nov. 5. Content creator Nathan Graham ordered the compact home, which showed up in the signature smiley-arrow box. He spent about \$39,000, which included a bathroom, kitchen, windows and furniture. The metal home just needed to be unfolded and snapped into place to be livable. "This thing is so easy to build," Graham said. But another customer was less impressed — at only 5-feet-8, he said he could touch the ceilings. "I'm actually going to Airbnb it," he said. Just to short people? *Mirror*; Nov. 5

**Awwwww!**

Perhaps it was wedding day jitters for father of the bride Neil Crossley, 60, People magazine reported on Nov. 5. As Crossley sped down the aisle in Yorkshire, England, and arrived at the altar, he realized something was missing: his daughter, the bride. "It was just pure miscommunication between my dad and the staff," Amy Totty, the bride, said. A staff member followed him down the aisle and guided him back to his daughter as the congregation and family had a good laugh. "It was a spe-

cial moment none of us will forget," Totty said. *People*, Nov. 5

**Bright Idea**

Even the Trevi Fountain needs occasional repairs and upkeep, but what about all those coins tourists toss in to ensure a return trip to Rome? Someone had the bright idea to build a temporary pool to receive the coins, CNN reported on Nov. 5, but its position behind a tall fence covered in plastic is problematic — many hopeful tossers simply miss. The fountain nets about \$1.6 million a year, which is donated to a Catholic charity called Caritas. Italians aren't loving the temporary pool, either. One called it "The saddest thing I've seen in Italy in as long as I can remember." Work is expected to be complete in September 2025. *CNN*, Nov. 5

**The Passing Parade**

A resort in the Philippines has unveiled its new 15-room hotel, which businessman Ricardo Cano Gwapo Tan said he wanted to have a "wow factor that can really leave a footprint of admiration to the public," United Press International reported on Nov. 5. The building is shaped like a rooster — in fact, it's the world's largest building in the shape of a chicken, according to Guinness World Records, at 114 feet, 7 inches tall. Tan said the rooster's shape is a tribute to the local culture. "It looks calm and commanding, imposing and strong, which reflects the attitude of our people," he said. *UPI*, Nov. 5

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**Ewwwww!**

In October in Sydney, Australia, beachgoers were confronted with mysterious black balls that had washed up on the beaches, CNN reported. Authorities closed the beaches and assumed the balls were unrefined oil from a spill. Now, scientists at the University of New South Wales have discovered what exactly the balls are — and it's not pretty. The orbs are mini "fatbergs" — human feces, methamphetamine, human hair, fatty acids and food waste, among other gross ingredients. "They smell worse than anything you've ever smelt," said lead investigator Jon Beves. The EPA guesses that the bergs came from "a source that releases mixed waste," but "testing has not been able to confirm their exact origin." *CNN*, Nov. 7

**News You Can Use**

- If you're in the Lowcountry, exercise extreme caution. On Nov. 6, 43 female monkeys escaped from the Alpha Gene-

sis Primate Research Center in Yemassee, South Carolina, The Post and Courier reported. The monkeys are bred and sold for medical testing and research; the facility houses about 6,700 animals. The company, along with police, are searching with thermal imaging cameras and setting traps. While police say the monkeys pose no threat or health risk to people, they advise residents to "keep doors and windows securely closed." "Just don't try to take these things home or pet them," said police Chief Gregory Alexander. "That's a felony because they don't belong to you." *Post and Courier*; Nov. 6

- ItalyCommunica is bottling (or canning) the AIR from Lake Como in northern Italy, CNN reported, and selling it for \$11. Each can allegedly contains 400 milliliters of "100% authentic air" that tourists can open at home and then repurpose the can as a souvenir pen holder. "It's not a product, it's a tangible memory that you carry in your heart," said marketing specialist Davide Abagnale. It's "something original, fun and even provocative," he added —and it fits in your carry-on! *CNN*, Nov. 4

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