

**the
Hippo**

SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2026

**GRANITE STATE
COMIC CON P. 12**

**HIGHLAND GAMES
AND FESTIVAL P. 18**

LOCAL NEWS, FOOD, ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

FREE

A is for Apple



**AN ALPHABET OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE'S
TASTY FALL FOODS**

INSIDE: GREEK EATS AT GLENDI

Travel Night

HOSTED BY



EXPEDITIONS

Hike into jungles, kayak through fjords, or snorkel with sea lions on a small ship cruise. Join AAA Travel and the experts from National Geographic/Lindblad Expeditions for an evening you won't forget!

When:

Wednesday, Sept 30th
5:30pm

Where:

AAA Travel
560 South Willow St
Manchester

RSVP Today!

Space is Limited

603.669.0101 or

rsvpnne@nne.aaa.com



News and culture weekly
serving Metro Southern New Hampshire
Published every Thursday
(1st copy free; 2nd \$1).
195 McGregor St., Suite 325,
Manchester, N.H. 03102
P 603-625-1855 F 603-625-2422
hippopress.com
email: news@hippopress.com

EDITORIAL

Executive Editor

Amy Diaz
adiaz@hippopress.com

Editorial Design

Jennifer Gingras
hippolayout@gmail.com

Copy Editor

Lisa Parsons
lparsons@hippopress.com

Features Editor

John Fladd, ext. 130
jfladd@hippopress.com

Contributors Michelle Belliveau, Jennifer Graham, Henry Homeyer, Chelsea Kearin, Dave Long, Eric W. Saeger, Meghan Siegler, Dan Szczesny, Michael Witthaus

Listings

Arts listings: arts@hippopress.com
Inside/Outside listings: listings@hippopress.com
Food & Drink listings: food@hippopress.com
Music listings: music@hippopress.com

BUSINESS

Publisher

Jody Reese, Ext. 121
jreese@hippopress.com

Associate Publisher

Dan Szczesny

Associate Publisher

Jeff Rapsis
jrapsis@hippopress.com

Production

Jennifer Gingras, Nathan Hoell

Circulation

Ext. 35

Advertising Manager

Charlene Nichols, Ext. 126
cnichols@hippopress.com

Account Executives

Alyse Savage, 603-493-2026
asavage@hippopress.com
Roxanne Macaig, Ext. 127
rmacaig@hippopress.com
Tammie Boucher, support staff, Ext. 150

To place an ad call 625-1855, Ext. 126
For Classifieds dial Ext. 150
or e-mail classifieds@hippopress.com

Unsolicited submissions will not be returned or
acknowledged and will be destroyed.
Opinions expressed by columnists do not represent the
views of the Hippo or its advertisers.



ON THE COVER

8 A is for apple, one of the many foods you might associate with the good eats of a Granite State autumn. John Fladd takes an alphabetical tour of some of the fall foods of New Hampshire.

ALSO ON THE COVER It's Glendi weekend! Load up on pastries, lamb, gyro and more Friday through Sunday at Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Manchester (and see the story on page 22). And between meals of Greek eats, check out the Granite State Comic Con, also happening in Manchester this Friday through Sunday (see page 12). Or head up north for all things Scottish at the Highland Games and Festival (page 18).

INSIDE THIS WEEK

NEWS & NOTES

4 NEWS IN BRIEF

5 QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

6 SPORTS

7 THIS WEEK

THE ARTS

12 GRANITE STATE COMIC CON

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

16 CONCORD'S MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

17 KIDDIE POOL

Family fun events this weekend.

18 HIGHLAND GAMES AND FESTIVAL

19 TREASURE HUNT

There's gold in your attic.

19 CAR TALK

Automotive advice.

FOOD

24 WEEKLY SPECIALS Glendi!; Dirty Shirley pub crawl; Weekly Dish; John Fladd Cooks

POP CULTURE

26 REVIEWS CDs, books and more. Amy Diaz offers more appreciation of Alan Ritchson playing Reacher.

NITE

30 BANDS, CLUBS, NIGHTLIFE

Nite Roundup, concert & comedy listings and more.

30 COMEDY THIS WEEK

Where to find laughs

31 MUSIC THIS WEEK

Live music at your favorite bars and restaurants.

34 CONCERTS

Big-ticket shows.

ODDS & ENDS

35 ROCK N' ROLL CROSSWORD

35 SUDOKU

36 JONESIN' CROSSWORD

36 KEN KEN, WORD ROUNDUP

37 SIGNS OF LIFE

37 7 LITTLE WORDS

38 NEWS OF THE WEIRD



LONGLEY PLACE I & II
TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS

NEWLY RENOVATED. NOW LEASING.

2 & 3 BEDROOM TOWNHOUSES
IN MILFORD

LIMITED TIME
**2 MONTHS
FREE***



IN-UNIT
LAUNDRY



HARDWOOD
FLOORING



GARAGES
AVAILABLE*

*Amenities and features vary by home.



PRIVATE
OUTDOOR SPACE*



ANIMAL
FRIENDLY



NOW LEASING SCHEDULE A TOUR



603.554.8549

longleyplace.com

15 Powers St., Milford, NH 03055

*TWO months free rent with new 14-month lease & \$500 initial security deposit with qualifying credit FOR all units. Limited time offer, subject to change. New residents only, not transferable. Restrictions may apply. Please speak to our Leasing Team for more information.

NEWS & NOTES

Vax up

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services is “encouraging Granite Staters to take steps to protect themselves against seasonal respiratory viruses, including the flu, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and Covid-19. Immunizations are available across New Hampshire and continue to offer the best protection against respiratory virus infection,” according to a Sept. 4 release from the department. See press releases at dhhs.nh.gov for details on age recommendations for the mentioned vaccines.

Diapers needed

Gov. Kelly Ayotte signed a proclamation recognizing Sept. 14-20 as Diaper Need Awareness Week in New Hampshire, according to a Sept. 14 press release from the NH Children’s Trust, the state’s chapter or Prevent Child Abuse America. “Through its Economic and Concrete Supports Program, NHCT has distributed more than 429,941 diapers and 8,039 packages of baby wipes to over 40 organizations, who collectively serve over 15,460 New Hampshire

families statewide, working through a network of community-based child and family serving organizations that reach nearly every municipality in the state,” the release said. NHCT will hand out diapers and wipes to families in need at the Goffstown Network Food Pantry’s weekly distribution on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 9:30 a.m., the release said. Families who need diapers can find the partner map at nhchildrenstrust.org/partner-map.

The NH Children’s Trust is also hosting its 6th annual Ride For Resilience, a 100-mile charity bike ride in New Hampshire, on Friday, Sept. 18. See pledgereg.com/ride-for-resilience.

Manch tour

QC Bike Collective will hold a Tour of Manchester on Sunday, Sept. 20, with start times at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., depending on distance, at the Eversource building, 780 N. Commercial Ave. in Manchester, according to qcbike.org/tour, where you can find registration information and route maps. All of the routes feature rest stops with water and food, the website said.

National Guard at NHTI

The New Hampshire Army National Guard has opened a recruitment office on the campus of NHTI in Concord, the first National Guard presence at a New Hampshire community college, according to an Aug. 31 press release. “This partnership is about our students,” said NHTI president Patrick Tompkins in the release. “By working with the National Guard, we can provide our campus unbeatable access to all the opportunities that this avenue of military service has to offer.”

DEA in Londonderry

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration opened a new 50,000-square-foot DEA New England Laboratory in Londonderry, according to an Aug. 27 DEA release. “The lab will strengthen the agency’s ability to analyze drug evidence and identify emerging threats across the region. Londonderry will serve as the central location for analyzing DEA fingerprint evidence from across the country,” the release said.

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center in **Holderness** will host a raptor migration celebration, as “raptors begin their incredible annual migration to wintering grounds,” on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with birds of prey presentations at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m., according to a press release. See nhnature.org for details.

A New England contra dance will take place at the City-Wide Community Center, 14 Canterbury Road in **Concord**, on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 7 to 10 p.m., according to an event organizer’s email. Beginners, singles and families are welcome. See concordncontra.wordpress.com.

The Pembroke Town Library is seeking “craft supplies that are clean and in good condition” for a September Craft Supply Drive at the Library, 313 Pembroke St. in **Pembroke**, according to a press release. The library will host a craft swap on Saturday, Sept. 26, where the community is “invited to browse the collected supplies and take home items for their own creative projects,” the release said. See pembroke-library.org.

Amoskeag Quilters Guild will meet Thursday, Sept. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Mammoth Road in **Hooksett**, according to an email from the club. Guests are welcome. See amoskeagqg.org.

Map locations: Concord, Hooksett, Goffstown, Manchester, Merrimack, Derry, Londonderry, Nashua, Milford.

¹ Granite Edvance is a NH-based nonprofit lender offering fixed-rate student, parent, and refinance loans. Checking your rate will not affect your credit score. Terms and conditions apply. Granite Edvance loans may be funded by Granite Edvance Corporation NMLS ID# 1527348, www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org or Bank of Lake Mills, Member FDIC. Subject to credit approval and underwriting guidelines. Bank of Lake Mills does not have an ownership interest in Granite Edvance. Neither Granite Edvance nor Bank of Lake Mills is affiliated with the school you attended or are attending.

² APRs depend in part on creditworthiness. Lowest APR is only available to our most creditworthy borrowers and assumes an application with a cosigner, a 5-year repayment term, and 0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for optional automatic debit. Highest APR assumes a 20-year repayment term and 0.25 percentage point interest rate reduction for optional automatic debit. Borrowers with refinance loans that are in deferment or forbearance are not eligible to enroll and receive the automatic debit benefit until they enter into repayment.

Higher Education Loans from a Trusted Local Nonprofit

Refinance loan rates between 4.149% – 8.541% APR*

Big Goals. Real Support.

Granite Edvance private education loans help New Hampshire families bridge the remaining cost of college, so they can stay focused on education and keep moving toward what’s next.

Our Loan Benefits

- Multiple loan options: Student, parent and refinance.
- Competitive rates from a NH-based nonprofit.
- Multiple repayment options and terms.
- No application or origination fees.
- FREE loan support from local loan experts.

Check Your Rate Online

Terms and conditions apply.¹



GraniteEdvance.org/NHedLoans
FREE consultations available.
Call 855-887-5430

QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Did he drop it in the book drop out front?

As reported in a Sept. 12 online article by New Hampshire Public Radio and the Concord Monitor, a very, very overdue book has been returned to the Concord Public Library. After reading a flyer announcing the Library's year-long freeze on late fees, Barrington resident John Hanson decided to return a book that had been on his family's shelves for as long as he could remember. The book is a bound copy of a magazine, NHPR and the Monitor reported — The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine from September 1894. "It bore markings from the Concord Public Library," the story read, "along with the words 'may be kept for one week.' But the book did not return home for 48,220 days, or over 132 years, since being checked out. It would have amassed an overdue fine of \$12,055, although the library wouldn't have charged him."

QOL score: +1

Comment: "The library," the article read, "said it won't put the magazine back into circulation but hopes to display it in the Concord Room, where Concord-related archival material lives."

A situation bearly under control

In a Sept. 9 online article, WMUR reported that the Manchester Police and Fire Departments rescued a bear from a tree near Amory Street and Notre Dame Avenue on Sept. 8, with the assistance of NH Fish and Game. As bears go, WMUR reported, it was a fairly manageable size. "According to officials, Animal Control Officers found a bear that is estimated to be one year old and 100 pounds in a tree." The rescuers' first plan was not as successful as they would have hoped. "Police say they called in Fish and Game to help get the bear onto the ground. The bear was tranquilized, but proceeded to climb higher into the tree. The Manchester Fire Department brought in an aerial bucket, and a Fish and Game official was able to retrieve the bear."

QOL score: +1 for a happy ending

Comment: According to a National Park Service website, black bears are exceptional at climbing up trees, but descending is more difficult: "They have strong curved claws that allow them to climb trees with agility. ... Unlike other tree-climbing mammals that descend head-first, a black bear walks down a tree with its rear legs in the lead." Visit [nps.gov/articles/black-bears.htm](https://www.nps.gov/articles/black-bears.htm).

Ending veteran homelessness

Manchester Mayor Jay Ruais's office released a statement on Sept. 10 that the city has effectively ended homelessness among its veterans. "Manchester has met the legacy benchmarks for effectively ending veteran homelessness," the office announced in a press release, "fulfilling a commitment Mayor Ruais made when launching the [Manchester Veterans Initiative] in September 2024." At that time, the press release stated, there were 47 homeless veterans in Manchester. "Every veteran from that original group has since secured permanent housing. Tragically, one veteran has passed away. Over 130 veterans have now been housed through the initiative." The statement pointed out that this does not mean that no veteran in Manchester will ever experience homelessness, but that procedures are in place to address it.

QOL score: +1

Comment: "Manchester has a system in place to quickly identify veterans experiencing homelessness, connect them with services, and help them secure permanent housing. The goal is to ensure veteran homelessness remains rare, brief, and nonrecurring." In a statement, Mayor Ruais wrote, "We can take the lessons learned from this initiative and scale it to address the larger population. This is exactly what we have done with the elderly and infirm, families and children along with those suffering from substance use disorder or mental health issues." Visit manchesternh.gov/Government/Mayor-and-Aldermen/Mayors-Office/Press-Room.

QOL score last week: 62

Net change: +3

QOL this week: 65

What's affecting your Quality of Life here in New Hampshire?

Let us know at news@hippopress.com. 📧

75

50

...BUYING...

- Antiques
- Collectibles
- Jewelry
- Silver, Gold
- Complete Estates to Single Items

DONNA
FROM OUT OF THE WOODS
603-391-6550

141333

AMERICAN JEWELRY & COIN

Cash for Gold, Silver, Platinum.
We buy and sell watches, gold, silver, coins, jewelry, sterling silver flatware, and sports cards.



603-421-7482

515 Daniel Webster Hwy, Unit G, Merrimack

144873

Falling for a New Look!

Cut, Color*, & Style
*single process color **Only \$85**

Hairpocalypse
BARBERING & COSMETOLOGY

Tues-Fri 'til 8pm **603-627-4301**
904 Hanover Street Manchester



148735

THE ART OF
**RIGHTSIZING
WORKSHOP**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 • 6 PM

CANDIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Thinking about rightsizing
but not sure where to start?*

Get practical guidance on rightsizing
strategies, transition timelines,
and simple steps to plan ahead.

**SEE LUXURY 55+
LIVING FIRSTHAND**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED • SEATING IS LIMITED

603-370-0101
candiavillagefarms.com

RESERVE YOUR SEAT

148678



CALL THE CLOCK DOC

\$50 OFF

Overhaul of any mechanical clocks.
Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Text or Call:
603-361-1496

CERTIFIED MASTER WATCHMAKER
George Garneau AWCI (CMW922)
clockdoc922@gmail.com

Watches too!

Ridgeline, Seth Thomas, Howard Miller, and others



HOOD MUSEUM OF ART

Free and open to all.

Hanover, NH

hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu

Shared Ground:
Asian American Art in Conversation

Why Renters Insurance?

Because your stuff 's worth it. I can help cover the stuff landlords don't for pennies a day.

Let's talk today.



Rene C LeClerc Ins Agency Inc
Rene LeClerc CLU ChFC, President
1100 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, NH 03106
Bus: 603-668-0009
www.reneleclerc.com



Dick Lombardi, Agent
1837 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03104
Bus: 603-623-4675
dick.lombardi.gz15@statefarm.com



State Farm
Bloomington, IL

SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS

The week that was



The Big Story – Sox and Pats: It's the Patriots opening their season vs. SB foe Seattle and the Sox grinding toward the end of baseball's regular season.

Neither effort went particularly well. The Pats blew a winnable game and the Sox squandered a chance to make up ground in the AL East by going 3-3 vs. really bad teams.

Now, believe it or not, the Pats' only home game this month (vs. Pittsburgh Sunday) is a near must win, while the Sox get a shot at AL East-leading Tampa Bay with three games down there this weekend.

Sports 101: Name the first QB to throw 30 or more TD passes in an NFL season.

News item – Pats Lose in Seattle: Drake Maye set talk radio ablaze by inexplicably throwing interceptions on his final three possessions as they blew a 10-0 lead to lose 13-10, with the worst being a forced shot in the end zone in the final minute when they were in easy FG range to send it to OT, sending talk radio into its usual over the top nonsensical weeklong negative frenzy.

News Item – Sox Blow Easy Week: In a lay-up week they wasted a chance to close the gap with NY for home field for their likely play-off match-up. Instead they dithered their way to a 3-3 week against the Angels and Royals. Which could have been worse if rookie Payton Tolle hadn't come up with another big effort in Sunday's 4-1 win over KC.

They started the week a comfortable seven games up in the wild card race with a chance to cut into Tampa Bay's AL East lead this weekend.

The Numbers:

9 – pitches thrown by Payton Tolle to strike out KC's first three batters Sunday for the first immaculate inning by a Red Sox hurler since 2021.

29 & 101: Homers and RBI totals at AAA Oklahoma City for James Tibbs III, who the Red Sox got in the Raffy Devers trade, then foolishly flipped to L.A. for Dustin May, who went 1-4 with a 5.40 ERA after the trade.

400 – career saves by Aroldis Chapman after shutting down Baltimore with a scoreless ninth inning to preserve Tolle's ninth win.

... Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Up – Cathy Engelbert Retirement: The WNBA Commissioner will step down in December. Hopefully that will bring in someone with greater discipline and the clue Engelbert never had to do the job at a critical time for the league.

Thumbs Down – Most Predictable Injury Ever: With A.J. Brown being lost for five weeks with a high ankle sprain already, where, oh where, do you think the Patriots could get a

speedy deep threat to replace him?

That's after yours truly yacked all off-season they shouldn't trade Kayshon Boutte because it's football where guys get hurt and depth is needed.

Now what?

Well, Kyle Williams needs to step up and flash those gaudy yards per catch numbers when it counts.

Blown Lead of the Week: It made Ryan's day viewing film on Sunday nauseating after his top-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes turned a 23-3 halftime lead into a 24-23 loss to No. 4 Texas.

Running Up the Score Moment: We can only guess what whiney Red Sox announcer Will Flemming would say if he broadcasted for Florida A&M as the U (Miami) was rolling over A&M in Thursday's nip and tuck 77-7 win.

Ridiculous Full of Beans Claim/Boast – Donald Trump: That his mid-term GOP convention outdrew the NFL in TV ratings. When the numbers here on Earth were actually 28.2 million watching football while the convention drew 2.5 million.

Bottom Line – Program against the NFL at your peril.

Random Thought: With it filing for bankruptcy, good riddance to LIV Golf and Saudi Arabia's effort to whitewash its abysmal civil rights record through sports.

Sports 101 Answer: Johnny Unitas was the first 30+ TD thrower in NFL history when he threw 32 for the World Champion Baltimore Colts in 1959. The second was Sonny Jurgensen for the Eagles in 1961 with 32.

Final Thoughts

• **Patriots Defense Preview:** It was the most reliable part of last year's surprising season. And it was mostly solid in Seattle though not in the fourth quarter against a back-up QB after starter Sam Darnold went down on the fifth play.

• **Catastrophe Avoided:** They finally got the Christian Gonzalez contract mess done in a way that makes all wonder if it will be the same when it's Maye's turn next year.

• **Strengths:** They showed it in Game 1, where the starters on D-line and in the secondary were/are very good.

• **Problem Areas:** Depth and pass rush. The pass rush was weak last year and they let their best pass rusher walk. When injuries eventually happen they will hurt bigly because the depth everywhere is weak.

• **Needed Step Up Guy – Gabe Jacas:** He's a rookie, but he looks to have the best pass rush skills on the team and they will badly be needed.

Email Dave Long at dlong@hippopress.com. 🐘

THIS WEEK

BIG EVENTS SEPTEMBER 17 AND BEYOND

Saturday, Sept. 19

Manchester Citywide Arts & Kids Festival wraps up with a street fair on Amherst Street in downtown Manchester today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to facebook.com/MHTArtsFest, where you can check for updates on the events. See our story about the fair in the Sept. 10 issue of the Hippo, which you can



find in the digital library at hippopress.com. The story is on page 34.

release said. The Hollis Old Home Days Parade will take place in the town center at 10:30 a.m., followed by “more than 100 community, non-profit, artisan and business exhibitors along with food vendors, children’s activities, heritage demonstrations, live music, a silent auction and an artisan fair” at Lawrence Barn, 28 Depot Road in Hollis, including inflatable amusements from 10:30 to 7:30 p.m., the release said. At 4 p.m., head to Nichols Field for the Hollis Old Home Days Chicken Pageant where chickens and their handlers will compete for honors including Best Dressed, Best Team Costume, Friendliest Chicken, Best Chicken Personality, OHD Spirit and more, the release said. See hollisoldhomedays.org.

according to a post on the event’s Facebook page.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Hooksett Old Home Day will take place today and will feature a parade (at 10 a.m.), an authors alley, craft & retail vendors, a Heritage Trolley Tour, a line-up of live performances and more, according to hooksettoldhomeday.org, where you can find a schedule.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Pelham Old Home Day will take place today featuring vendors, an auction, kids’ activities, a quilt raffle, food trucks, a parade and more at the First Congregational Church of Pelham, 3 Main St., according to pelhamoldhomeday.org, where you can find schedule information. 🗨️

Thursday, Sept. 17

Fair season continues! **Granite State Fair** will run today through Sunday, Sept. 20, and Thursday, Sept. 24, through Sunday, Sept. 27, at 72 Lafayette St. in Rochester. The midway of rides and games will run each day of the fair and there is a line-up of grandstand and livestock events, Circus Hollywood, a corn-hole tournament and more, according to granitestatefair.com, where you can purchase tickets and find the schedule.

Friday, Sept. 18

Hollis Old Home Days will run today and tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 19. Tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. it’s the Old Home Days Friday Night Block Party at the Lawrence Barn with DJ Carryl Roy, a cakewalk from the Hollis Elementary PTA, s’mores, glow mini golf, concessions and family activities, according to a press release. On Saturday, catch Homesteaders Village from 9 a.m. to noon on Farley Green which will “showcase small farms, homesteaders and producers and celebrate Hollis’ continuing agricultural traditions,” the

Saturday, Sept. 19

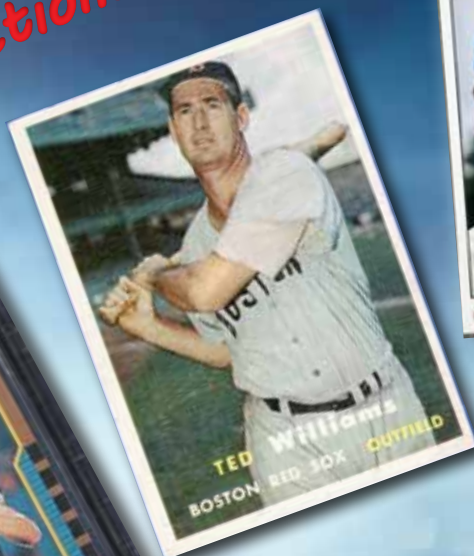
To Share Brewing, 720 Union St. in Manchester, will host **Batman Day** today starting at 1 p.m. featuring a Batman-themed beer flight, a coloring contest, nostalgic cartoons and more, according to the brewery’s Facebook page. Costumes encouraged.



Save the Date! Friday, Nov. 27

Tickets to the Friday, Nov. 27, **Trans-Siberian Orchestra’s “The Ghosts of Christmas Eve”** show at SNHU Arena in Manchester go on sale Thursday, Sept. 17, at 10 a.m., according to snhua-rena.com, where you can purchase tickets to the 2:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. show.

**CASH
Paid For
Sports Card Collections!**



**“Since 1987,
the one to call
when you want
to sell it all”**



Text, Call or Email

603-674-2328

loudemato@gmail.com



A is for Apple

AN ALPHABETICAL LOOK AT THE TASTY FALL FOODS OF NH

By John Fladd
jfladd@hippopress.com

Fall is a great time for food in New Hampshire. With so many tasty things to eat this season, we decided to take an A to Z tour of some of autumn's delights, both traditional and unexpected.

A is for Apples

"It seems like anything with a 'crisp' in it is hot right now," Cameron Hardy said. Hardy is the owner of Brookdale Fruit Farms in Hollis. He said apple enthusiasts are constantly on the lookout for new varieties of apples, and this is the best time of the year to search them out. "People like to try different ones," he said. "Evercrisp, for example, is a cross between a Honeycrisp and a Fuji. You get some of the strengths from both apples. But just being able to get out with the family and actually pick from the tree is a great experience. We're always trying to stay ahead of the time. You can't pivot overnight into new varieties, so a lot of it takes a couple years of planning until [our trees] are fruit bearing, and then we can open them to the public. [We have] Cosmic Crisp, Crimson Crisp, Evercrisp, and that Ludacrisp actually has a juicy fruit-style, like the gum flavor to it. It's got really cool pineapple, red grape, strawberry tones in it. It's a cool tasting apple."

Brookdale Fruit Farm (41 Broad St., Hollis, 465-2240, brookdalefruitfarm.com)

B is for Beaujolais Nouveau

"The French label their wines by the region [where they are made] as opposed to the variety of grape," said Emma Stetson, the owner of Wine on Main in Concord. "Beaujo-

lais is a region famous for red gamay wines." She noted that every year Beaujolais fans eagerly wait for something called "Beaujolais Nouveau," which has not been aged. "It's completely fresh and untouched," she said. "They harvest the grapes, bottle it right away and send it out so it's very fruit-forward and fresh and it's meant to be the debut of the vintage. It's a big deal; everybody waits for it to come out the third week of November."

Wine on Main (9 N. Main St., Concord, 897-5828, wineonmainnh.com)

Each year the Franco-American Centre holds a formal gala to celebrate the arrival of Beaujolais Nouveau. John Tousignant, the Centre's executive director, said Beaujolais is a good way to celebrate New Hampshire's French heritage. "France has a long history with wine as an integral part of the culture," he said, "and this provides an opportunity to celebrate the culture through a gala evening of wine and fine food."

The 2026 Beaujolais Nouveau Gala will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown. Visit facnh.com/event-details/2026-beaujolais-nouveau-benefit-gala.

C is for Conchas

Sept. 16 is Mexican Independence Day, and according to Socorro Gonzalez, the owner of the Tex Mex Bakery in Nashua, there is probably no food more Mexican than conchas, a sweet, round bread served at breakfast throughout Mexico. "It has to be on the table every morning," she said. "Everyone expects it. I made some conchas two weeks ago for a wedding. So instead of cake they made the centerpieces with conchas." It made everybody think of home, she said.

Tex Mex Bakery (92 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 417-6857, facebook.com/texmexbakerynh)

D is for cider Doughnuts

Cider doughnuts are as much a part of

apple season as apples themselves. Samantha Pitarys from Sunnycrest Farm in Londonderry said most customers see them as an essential part of visiting the orchard each fall. "It's actually a popular item for us all year long," she said. "We run them hot, especially during apple picking season, Saturday and Sunday, if we have enough staff. We offer them warm in the morning and then we also bake enough off to let them cool and wrap ... to have in the store." She said the farm's fresh cider makes their doughnuts a step above traditional cake doughnuts. "We use apple cider for a nice batter with cinnamon and different sugars..."

Sunnycrest Farm (59 High Range Road, Londonderry, 432-7753, sunnycrestfarmnh.com)

E is for Espresso

There is a particular breed of coffee enthusiasts who wait impatiently all year for pumpkin spice season. According to Rachel Ormond, the owner of The Cure Cafe in New Boston, pumpkin spice is the tip of the fall coffee drink iceberg. "Right now we have a sea salt maple latte, which is espresso brewed over sea salt, and then we have a maple cold-foam made with pure maple syrup, and then we have a pumpkin cream cold brew, which is a cold brew with a cold foam that has pumpkin, vanilla, and cinnamon on top. Our core flavors are pumpkin spice, pumpkin pie, brown butter toffee, and caramel apple butter, but we will be playing with those flavors and doing different variations. People get the most excited about the fall flavors, because it's kind of like a new chapter is coming, which I think makes people really happy."

The Cure Cafe (8 Mill St., New Boston, 741-5016, curellc.toast.site)



Conchas from Tex Mex Bakery. Photo by John Fladd.



Steak tips from The Steak Out Butcher. Photo by John Fladd.

F is for Fried Fair Food

Matt Reed is one of the brothers who run Brothers Concessions. They sell the fair-food-iest of fair foods at county and state fairs in the area. Reed said fried Oreos might be nature's most perfect food. "I've been frying Oreos for almost 25 years now," he said, "and I think that if you're going to the Fair you're not going to get kale or salad. And fried Oreos are so delicious. We [fry] double stuffed Oreos — we figure it's cheating if you're not going to go all the way." But fried Oreos are just the beginning, Reed said. "We specialize in fried novelties. So we do fried Oreos, but we do Twinkies, which is my personal favorite, fried ice cream, funnel cakes for the faint at heart, and fried PBJ sandwiches." That's before he and his brother even start in on frying candy bars.

Brothers Concessions will be at this year's Deerfield Fair at the Deerfield Fair Grounds, 34 Stage Road, Deerfield, Thursday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on Sunday, when the Fair will close at 7 p.m.

G is for Grilled steak tips

We think of grilling as a summer activity, but according to Taylor Iantile from The Steak Out Butcher Shop this is the time of the year when serious backyard grillers start playing with adventurous flavors. "Our peach-bourbon steak tips started as a kind of an experiment," he said. "We used that originally on our chicken, and now it's one of our main originals. It really just takes off this time of year. We blend up the peaches fresh and then we use mixtures of our barbecue sauces. It's definitely a good early fall way to cook steak; it caramelizes really well on the grill."

The Steak Out (118 Daniel Plummer Road, Goffstown, 518-8965, facebook.com/TheSteakOut2)

H is for Hard cider

From colonial times until Prohibition in the 1930s, hard cider was the drink of the people in New England. It has seen a huge resurgence over the past 20 years. Gould Hill Farm in Contoocook is one of the new wave of cideries in New Hampshire. Tim Basset, the owner of Gould Hill Farm, wrote in an email that using the farm's own apples allows him to customize each batch. "Our cider is made in small batches so we can get great flavors. We have some single varietals made from just one type of apple and some great heirloom ciders, which have unique tastes."

Gould Hill Farm (656 Gould Hill Road, Contoocook, 746-3811, gouldhillfarm.com)

I is for pumpkin Ice Cream

"We've already started serving our fall flavors," said Keely Gallagher of Richardson Farm Ice Cream in Boscawen. This year we have Apple Crisp, Cranberry Harvest, Pumpkin, and Pumkin-Oreo. We'll keep those until as close to Thanksgiving as possible."

Richardson Farm (170 Water St., Boscawen, 796-2788)

J is for Jalapeño cheddar grilled cheese sandwiches

Peter Kress, the owner of and head cheese-maker at Swallow Ridge Farm in New Boston, said a really good cheddar cheese with jalapeños is ideally suited to a grilled cheese sandwich. "It adds a major flavor to the grilled cheese," he said. "Our cheddar cheese melts very nicely and then the peppers add a nice little spice to it when you're eating it. Most cheddars made with jalapeños are a jack-type cheese. We like doing it with cheddar because we feel that the cheddar mellows out the spiciness of the jalapeño. A lot of people like our jalapeño cheddar because it's not biting; there's no big spice surprise there. Both flavors mellow each other out, which makes for a really nice, smooth, nice melting cheese."

Swallow Ridge Farm (170 South Hill Road, New Boston, 325-0477, swallowridgefarm.com)

K is for Kimbap and Kimchee

Susan Chung owns 603 Meal Prep and does the hard part of cooking Korean dishes for her customers. "Kimbap and kimchi are available," she said. "Every Wednesday afternoon. I actually have a Kimbap VIP list that I keep. Every Tuesday or Wednesday morning I send out a group text of everyone included on the list, and they can pick up their kimbap every Wednesday afternoon. We also source a cucumber kimchi that is available."

603 Meal Prep (603mealprep.com)

L is for Loukoumades

One of the most popular foods at any Greek food festival is loukoumades. "They are little fried dough balls that everybody waits in

line for,” George Skaperdas, the organizer of the Glendi Food Festival. They are a dish that Greek families don’t usually make at home, so everybody looks forward to them at festivals, he said. “They are a lot of hard work, but so fun! They are similar to a fried dough ball with different toppings — honey, syrup, cinnamon, powdered sugar. They’re probably an inch in diameter, 2 inches in diameter. They are served warm, of course. Everybody loves their warm apple cider doughnuts, but you haven’t lived until you’ve had warm loukoumades. You could call them the nectar of the gods, and I won’t disagree with you.”

Glendi, the annual celebration of Greek food and culture at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral (650 Hanover St., Manchester; stgeorgenh.org/activities/glendi, 622-9113), will run Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 20, and will be open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

M is for Mongolian

Sophia Ruiz is a bartender at 815 Cocktails & Provisions in Manchester, where the bar staff is encouraged to add new drinks to its menu, if they have been carefully thought out. She began by filling a cocktail shaker with ice. “This is a housemade rhubarb vodka,” she said, measuring and pouring a bright red spirit into the shaker. “We probably won’t make it again this year,” she said, “so I wanted to make the most of it.... Now, this also gets our home-made coconut milk cream, which gives this a slight play on a White Russian. So it has the rhubarb vodka, vanilla, a little bit of Baileys, the cream of coconut, and a float of chai tea.” She briefly shook the mixture in her cocktail shaker, then strained it into a rocks glass with one very large ice cube, and drizzled the chai over the back of a spoon, to float in a layer at the top of the cocktail. She garnished it with a cinnamon stick and a slice of lemon peel. “Originally, my first few versions of this had lemon juice,” she said, “which tasted delicious but made the coconut cream clump up, which is why the Baileys is here.”

“Anyway,” Ruiz said, presenting her fall cocktail with a flourish, “I call this The Mongolian.”

815 Cocktails & Provisions (815 Elm St., Manchester; 782-8086, 815nh.com)

N is for NH Pink Boots

On its website, Concord Craft Brewing describes NH Pink Boots as a “Hoppy golden ale” that is “5.2% ABV [Alcohol by Volume], 8 IBU [International Bitterness Units]” and says, “This edition of our rotating hop series is about celebrating women in the craft beer industry. Each year members of the Pink Boots Society work ... to put together a special blend of hops.” \$3 per pound of hops sold is donated to the Pink Boots Society, the website said. The Pink Boots Society works to “assist, inspire and encourage women and non-binary individuals” in the brewing indus-



The Mongolian at 815 Cocktails & Provisions. Photo by John Fladd.

try, according to pinkbootssociety.org.

Concord Craft Brewing (117 Storrs St., Concord, 856-7625, concordcraftbrewing.com)

O is for Oktoberfest

Other than coming out in the fall, what makes an Oktoberfest beer different from other beers?

According to Aaron Share, co-owner and head brewer at To Share Brewing in Manchester, “typically, an Oktoberfest beer is either a marzen or a ‘fest’ beer style. It’s just a particular style that is made typically in Munich. They usually brew the beer in the spring and let it lager all year round. [Lagering is the process of storing beer at near-freezing temperatures for several weeks or months after fermentation, to clarify and smooth out its flavor.] And so Oktoberfest is the celebration where they tap that beer. Oktoberfest actually runs through September, not usually in October. When we first opened we weren’t [making] strict lagers. So we did an altbier for our Oktoberfest, and it was so popular that we can’t change that anymore. It’s like a hybrid lager ale. So you use an ale yeast instead of a lager yeast, but you will ferment it like a lager, [at] colder temperatures, and then you let it sit for a lot longer than you would an ale before you package it and release it.”

To Share Brewing (720 Union St., Manchester, 836-6947, tosharebrewing.com) will host its seventh annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 26, starting at 1 p.m.

P is for Pot pie

Caroline Arend, the owner of Caroline’s Fine Food and The Pot Pie Bar in Manchester, contends that a pot pie is the perfect fall food. “It’s one dish all composed together,” she said, “and people are back at school, there are activities, people have sports, and a lot of families want to sit down and have

a nice meal together. They don’t want to get fast food or takeout, and it’s just like a good family-style hearty homemade comfort food.”

Not surprisingly, Arend recommended serving one of her own pot pies.

“It’s homemade and it’s warm and it’s comforting,” she said. “You just take it from the freezer and put it into the oven. And it’s like having some, you know, your grandma in your kitchen, but she’s not there making your pie.” Everything under the crust is homemade and all natural, she said.

Caroline’s Fine Food (649 Mast Road, Goffstown, 404-6500, carolinesfood.com)

The Pot Pie Bar (649 Mast Road, Manchester, 432-1927, thepotpiebar.com)

Q is for Quinoa, where you least expect it

Caleb Kippin, from Loon Chocolate, described Loon’s Maple Crunch Bar: “It’s a 50 percent milk chocolate, with maple sugar, cinnamon sugar, and puffed quinoa on the back. Most crunch bars will have puffed rice, but we went with the puffed quinoa to avoid some compounds in rice that people might be sensitive to.”

Loon Chocolate (195 McGregor St., No. 121, Manchester, 932-8887, loonchocolate.com)

R is for Ramen

Fall is the start of soup season, and according to Jason Paige, the owner of Go! Go! 88, a ramen food truck, there is no soup more appropriate for fall than ramen. “I would say the fall is the best time just because it’s cooled off and it’s perfect for a blazing hot ramen that’s coming at you. I think most people are just used to having something heartier and something hot as things cool down. I’m totally good with ramen in the summertime too, but especially curries and some of the hot-

ter ramen really fit with the fall vibe and the fall flavors. Right now we’ve got five different ramen, mostly [based] on either miso bases or shoyu. The plan is to have a few core ramen and then test out different [recipes] and rotate them in.”

Go! Go! 88 Ramen (thegogo88.com)

S is for Sweater Weather Pie

According to Lauren Klein, owner of Slightly Crooked Pies in Manchester, her Sweater Weather is the first seasonal pie to make an appearance this year. “It’s actually the first award-winning pie that Slightly Crooked Pies made,” she said. “It is an apple pie with pear in it. And for the spices we keep it really simple with a little bit of cinnamon and just a touch of cardamom. That cardamom gives it a very warm, comforting feeling like you’re being hugged by your piece of pie, but it also, because of its floral notes, brings out the fruitiest fruit quality of the apple and the pears. We also braid the crust top so that it mimics a cable-knit sweater.”

Slightly Crooked Pies (1209 Elm St., Manchester, 661-4575, slightlycrookedpies.com)

T is for chicken Tenders

One of Manchester’s cultural icons is the chicken tender. Residents are so passionately fond of them that in July 2023 Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig officially declared the city the “Chicken Tender Capital of the World.” The New Hampshire Fisher Cats, which wrapped up their season last weekend, fielded teams on Tuesdays throughout baseball season as The Manchester Chicken Tenders, with tender-themed uniforms and even an occasional appearance by a tender-costumed mascot. Chris Jarrod, the broadcast and media manager for the Fisher Cats, said this was a very good year for The Tenders. “This year we added our third different [chicken tender] identity,” he said, “the Manchester Chicken Tenders, the original identity, with the Buffalo Tenders and the Coconut Tenders in our back pocket. The team always loves the Manchester Chicken Tenders jerseys. We wear them every Tuesday for Tender Tuesdays.”

Manchester’s most famous chicken tenders come from the Puritan Backroom Restaurant (245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 669-6890, puritanbackroom.com), where they were reputedly invented in 1974. Some passionate chicken tender enthusiasts champion the ones from Goldenrod Restaurant (1681 Candia Road, Manchester, 623-9469, goldenrodrestaurant.com).

U is for tropical drinks with little paper Umbrellas in them, for when you need a return to summer vibes

Mary Beth Carcellino is the owner of CodeX, a speakeasy in Nashua. She has had a rough summer. She said that more than any-

thing she needs a series of tropical cocktails with little paper umbrellas. “Fortunately that’s something we do very well,” she said. “I’d say, for me, an umbrella drink is like vacation or beachside mode. If I see an umbrella, I feel like I am on a tropical vacation. After the summer I’ve had, I need that. If someone tries to talk to me, I can just be like, ‘Hey! I’m on vacation!’”

CodeX B.A.R. (29 Main St., Nashua) specializes in craft cocktails, with or without umbrellas.

Vis for **V**egan chili on a baked potato

According to Lauren LeFevvre, co-owner of The Potato Concept in Manchester, you’d have to search very carefully to find a better fall food than one of their chili-topped potatoes. “Potatoes are the perfect food year-round,” Lauren said, “but fall is comfort food time and so something hot and something hearty like a baked potato and chili, chock-full of beans and fresh vegetables, made fresh on the daily, is fantastic. We make it in small batches in-house, each morning.” She said they are relatively conservative when it comes to the spiciness of their chili. “We keep it moderately spicy,” she said. “We like it to be palatable for everybody. You can always add spice to your plate, but you can’t necessarily take it away. So it’s like a medium.”

The Potato Concept (119A Hanover St., Manchester; 667-0714, thepotatoconcept.com)

Wis for **W**ienie Weekend

According to Jimmy Purcell of the Candia Road Brewing Co. in Manchester, the staff’s favorite time of the year is Wienie Weekend. “It is a kind of celebration of the release of our Vienna lager,” he said. “We take our food menu away and replace it with 20 to 24 different styles of hot dogs. It’s all kinds of wacky combinations and fun things that you wouldn’t really expect to see on a hot dog. We try to keep it entertaining, interesting, tasty, of course, and it’s always a blast every single year. As of right now, when it will happen is kind of up in the air. We have to wait for the beer to be ready, which takes about eight weeks from starting point.” He said to expect it sometime at the end of October. “We can maybe do like a Halloweenie Weekend if the timing is right, so that gives us another month to brainstorm new hot dogs.”

Candia Road Brewing Co. (840 Candia Road, Manchester; 935-8123, candiaroad-brewingco.com)

Xis for **eX**tra **eX**tra large

At Sal’s Pizza in Manchester the philosophy is that if you’re going to have a large pizza you should probably go all in. Ed is a shift-leader at Sal’s. “It’s 19 inches [in diameter],” he said. “That can probably feed five or six people, but it depends on how hungry they are. It’s really good; you should try it.”



Sweater Weather pie from Slightly Crooked Pies. Courtesy photo.

Sal’s Pizza (296 S. Willow St., Manchester; 623-6565, and 2 Lenox Road, Derry; 425-2626, sals.com)

Yis for **Y**ankee pot roast

At this time of the year, one of the most satisfying memory-laden dishes is an old-fashioned yankee pot roast. On its menu, The Circle Restaurant in Epsom describes its pot roast as “tender, slow-cooked, braised beef.” According to Morgan, from The Circle, “It’s a tender pot roast topped with gravy, and it comes with two sides. It’s really popular.”

Country Cook’n At The Circle Restaurant (935 Suncook Valley Highway South, Epsom; 736-8169, countrycooknrestaurants.com)

Zis for **Z**infandel

According to Al Fulchino, owner of Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis, as the weather gets cooler and the food people eat gets heartier, the light white and rosé wines of the summer give way to more full-bodied reds, like zinfandel. “We make three of them, actually,” he said. “Zinfandels are a family tradition. Zinfandel was my grandfather’s favorite wine, so we started with that back in around 1981 or ’82. We make a dry, a semi-dry, and then we do another one that goes through a special aging process and we run it through four different wine barrels to get different characteristics. That one is called Fulcinus, which is just a Latin name from literally 2,000 years ago.” (According to Google Translate, it’s from the Latin term for “forked,” presumably describing particular grapevines.) Fulchino said it is hearty enough to stand up to the flavors of the fall. “It’s perfect for cold weather,” he said, “[with] pasta dishes or veal Parmesan. You know what? You can have it with a pizza. We age most of ours on French oak.”

Fulchino Vineyard (187 Pine Hill Road, Hollis; 438-5984, fulchinovineyard.com).

NOTICE OF PECUNIARY BENEFIT TRANSACTION
PURSUANT TO RSA 7:19-a

Pursuant to the requirements of RSA 7:19-a, II(d), notice is hereby given relative to pecuniary benefit transactions which exceed \$5,000.00 between Dream Academe and elected members of the Board of Directors of Dream Academe in the year(s) 2024 and 2025. These transactions and their resulting pecuniary benefits are listed below. In each case, the Director received a pecuniary benefit in the form of wages. It was determined by the Board that the transactions are fair to Dream Academe, in the best interest of Dream Academe, and comparable to similar positions in other education non profit organizations, unchanged since the 501c3 was formed in 2016, and services were provided in the ordinary course of business at a fair value combined with volunteering hours.”

148745

Since 1975
BALDASSARI PAINTING

- Interior/Exterior Painting
- Residential
- Wall Papering/Wall Paper Removal
- Ceiling Repairs - Power Washing

 **FREE ESTIMATES**
LICENSED & INSURED
EPA LEAD CERT.
Fred Jr. Baldassari

(603) 840-6044 or (781) 953-6890
WWW.BALDASSARIPAINING.COM

 *Family owned and operated for 50+ years, 3 generations* 

147888

Pick Your Own Apples!



Picking Hours
Every Day 8:30 to 5:00
Check AppleHillFarmNH.com for availability

A complete farm store with goodies: cheeses & meats, jams & jellies, pies & baked goods and lots lots more!

 **Peaches, Tomatoes, Our Own Sweet Corn picked fresh daily and other fresh fruits & veggies!**

Local wines and hard ciders.

Apple Hill Farm
580 Mountain Rd., Concord, NH
Call for Availability 603-224-8862
applehillfarmnh.com

148727

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH @ 7:30PM

LIMELITERS

Concord Community Concert Association
Celebrating our 96th season of Accessible World-Class Music



For 60+ years the Limelitters have entertained standing-room-only crowds with their incredible musical talent and zany sense of humor. They first made their mark in folk clubs and on college campuses during the height of the folk music boom of the early 60’s, which led to numerous TV appearances. With different configurations over the years, the group has preserved their vocal folk signature.

Sponsored By: **ELEKTRISOLA INCORPORATED**

Tickets at the door \$20.00 cash/check
On-line tickets are \$24.00 cca-audi.org

CONCORD City Auditorium
2 Prince Street, Concord NH **603-344-4747 • CCCA-Audi.org**

The AUDI
Since 1904

148739

ARTS

Citywide convention

At 24th Granite State Comicon, downtown's role grows

By Michael Witthaus
mwitthaus@hippopress.com

Chris Proulx is already planning next year's Granite State Comicon, even though this year's doors haven't opened yet.

"It's a lot of work, and sometimes a lot of crazy coordinating," Proulx, who opened Double Midnight Comics in 2003 and held the inaugural Granitecon that year as a one-room comic book show, said in a recent Zoom interview.

It's grown into its 24th edition, happening in Manchester Sept. 18 through Sept. 20 at the DoubleTree Hotel and SNHU Arena. With next year marking the event's 25th anniversary, Proulx is already promising "some big things." This year's edition leans into an idea that's been building since the state's biggest arena joined the fun three years ago.

"We've kind of been working on making Manchester the third venue," Proulx said. "How do we keep the fun going while we can expand things?" The answer has been letting downtown businesses in on the action. What started with Diz's throwing a themed night a few years back has grown into more after-hours programming than ever for the event.

There's a comedy show at Harpoon Brewery (covered elsewhere in this edition), a drag night at Hop Knot, cartoon-themed karaoke at



Granite State Comicon. Courtesy photo.

the Shaskeen and crafting at Make It Pop Studios. It's capped by the new Dirty Shirley Pub Crawl, organized by Bookery and built around the buzzy *Dungeon Crawler Carl* franchise.

Organizers are also coordinating with the Amherst Street Arts Festival.

"We want our event to raise all ships," Proulx said.

Growth brings logistical demands. As food trucks will line the hotel, organizers asked city officials about closing part of Pleasant Street. Police couldn't shut the block down — "it's one of the busiest times downtown," Proulx was told — but accommodations were promised and will be a big help.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles remains an

annual fixture.

Kevin Eastman, who created the comic with Peter Laird, is on a Saturday *Mighty Mutanimals* panel, after a Q&A with cast members from the 1990 film Kevin Clash (puppeteer for Master Splinter) and James Saito (Shredder). All weekend long in the gaming lounge, a new TMNT tabletop RPG is showcased.

Along with the half-shell heroes, there's more homegrown talent in the spotlight this year.

Sci-fi streaming series *Resonance*, currently being produced at StudioLab in Derry, will debut its first 10 minutes at a panel that includes the all-local cast and crew in a Q&A. Proulx heard about the project through SNHU and urged director Rob Livie to attend

GraniteCon.

"Show people what is being done here in New Hampshire," he told him. "It'll kind of blow your mind."

For Livie, a television and digital media veteran who recently relocated to Manchester after he and his wife became empty nesters, it's a dream project.

"*Resonance* is a story I've wanted to tell since I was a kid," he wrote in an email. "An epic '80s sci-fi adventure about five people from very different worlds who come to Earth hoping it holds the key to saving their own."

Its central theme, he continued, "is this: 'You are not my enemy.'" Another local effort is an indie animated series, *Player vs. Trinity*. A panel focuses on how the project developed from an idea to a YouTube premiere. It will offer insider guidance for anyone looking to make their own mark on the industry.

Celebrity panels this year include "Queen of the Nerds" Felicia Day and actor Lou Diamond Phillips, known for *La Bamba* and *Young Guns*. Photo ops and autographs can be booked at a price set by each guest's team. While selfies are free, demand is intense. Last year, voice actor Roger Clark's line grew so long that a queue system had to be built on the fly.

The weekend after GraniteCon, the national Local Comic Shop Day event happens, at Double Midnight and other locations, including Jetpack Comics in Rochester. The event, once modeled with a nod to Record Store Day and its exclusive releases, is shifting its identity toward community over collectibles, Proulx said.

"It's more about how to get people in the shop for their first time and show off everything that we do." 🌱

Granite State Comicon

When: Friday, Sept. 18, 3-8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: Downtown Manchester, including DoubleTree by Hilton (700 Elm St.) and SNHU Arena (555 Elm St.)

Tickets: \$21-\$157 at granitecon.com

Art

Opening

- **"On Different Shores: Paintings of Ireland and Maine"** with featured artist Dawn Sanel is on display through Saturday, Oct. 10, at Sullivan Framing & Fine Art Gallery, 15 N. Amherst Road in Bedford, according to a press release. The gallery will hold a reception where you can meet the artist on Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 11:30 to 1 p.m. See sullivanframing.com.
- **"Musings, Memory and Magic"** featuring the works of Wen Redmond will run at Kimball Jenkins, 266 N. Main St. in Concord, kimballjenkins.com, Friday, Sept. 18, through Saturday, Oct., 17, at the Carriage House with an opening reception on Sept. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. and an artist talk on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m., according to the website.
- **"Wind & Waves"** will open at the Lakes Region Art Gallery at Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road, Suite 300, in Tilton, on Saturday, Sept. 19,

with an opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m., according to a press release. The show is described as "a themed exhibit of works by member artists at the Lakes Region Art Gallery," the release said. The gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays, beginning at 10 a.m., the press release said.

- **"Pepe Mar: Dream House"** will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, Thursday, Oct. 1, through Feb. 21, according to currier.org. The exhibit "is the first New England presentation of the Mexico-born, Miami-based artist whose exuberant works synthesize thrift store aesthetics, queer culture, science fiction, and fashion," the website said. The Currier is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Events

- **Bridges and Connections International Sculpture Symposium at the Andres Institute of Art** (106 Route

13, Brookline, andresinstitute.org, 673-7441) runs through Sunday, Oct. 4, according to the website, where you can check for updates on events during the symposium and find information on providing meals for the artists working on new pieces for the Institute's trails. This year's artists are Fermin Castro from Cuba and Massachusetts, Dankha Zomaya from Syria and Illinois, and Marin Murakoshi from Japan and Massachusetts, and this year's theme is "Curiosity," the website said. The closing ceremony will be Sunday, Oct. 4, according to andresinstitute.org, where you can find past years' artists' works as well as trail maps.

- **Shaker Village Barn Dance** at the Canterbury Shaker Village, 288 Shaker Road in Canterbury, on Friday, Sept. 18, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. featuring music by Jordan Tirrell-Wysocinski and Sue Hunt with caller David Millstone, according to shakers.org, where you can purchase tickets.

- **Manchester Citywide Arts & Kids Festival** wraps up with a street fair on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to facebook.com/MHTArtsFest, where you can check for updates on the events.

Arts & craft fairs

- **The Craftworkers' Guild Harvest Shop** will run Thursday, Sept. 17, through Monday, Oct. 12, open Thursdays through Sundays (and the final Monday), 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 3 Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, according to thecraftworkersguild.org. "The Craftworkers' Guild is a non-profit, community based organization that brings together people interested in handcrafts or fine arts. We are the oldest organization of crafters in New Hampshire and currently enjoy the participation of over 60 members from Bedford and area communities," the website said.
- **Hampton Falls Craft Festival** will take place Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hampton Falls Town Common featuring more than "75 juried artisans and specialty food makers," according to castleberryfairs.com, where you can find the vendor list.

- **New Hampshire Pagans Faire** will take place Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a Night Market on Saturday from 7 to 9:30 p.m., according to newhampshirepagansfaire.org, where you can purchase tickets. The event takes place at the Belknap County Fairgrounds, 174 Mile Hill Road in Belmont, and will feature vendors, workshops, artists and makers, food vendors and more, according to the website, where you can find a map of the fairground.

Exhibits

- **"Montages: Peter Cordova & Kyoko Idetsu"** runs through Saturday, Sept. 19, at Outer Space Arts,

35 Pleasant St., Concord, which is open Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. or by appointment, according to outerspacearts.xyz.

- **"Codex Insolitus"** featuring the works of Karl Fleck and Todd Pattison, will run at See Saw Art, 408 Chestnut St. in Manchester, seesaw.art, through Sunday, Sept. 27, according to seesaw.art.
- **"the drop falls,"** an exhibit in which "Brooklyn-based painter Elsie Kagan uses landscapes as a site for climate anxiety, technological mediation, and historical art traditions to converse," will be on view in the Gallery at 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth, through Sunday, Sept. 27. See 3arts.org to RSVP to the artist talk and for details. The gallery is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.
- **"Between lines and breath,"** an exhibit in which "multidisciplinary artist Mina Kim transforms humble domestic materials ... into sculptural

• **“Full Circle — New Beginnings 2026,”** featuring works “in all media that speaks to renewal, growth, connection, and the ongoing nature of change,” will be on display at Mosaic Art Collective, 410 Chestnut St., Manchester, through Monday, Sept. 28, with an opening reception on Sept. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m., according to mosaicartcollective.com.

• **“Surf & Turf: Coastal and Pastoral Landscapes from the 19th Century to Today”** runs through September at New Hampshire Antiques Co-Op, 323 Elm St., Milford, which is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to nhan-tiquecoop.com.

• **“Crossing Thresholds,”** featuring painting and photography by Jon Hoglund, Ann Saunderson and Sher Kamman, will run at Two Villages Art Society 846 Main St. in Contoocook, twovillagesart.org, through Saturday, Oct. 10, according to the website.

• **“Pure Form: Abstract Expression”** an exhibit featuring the works of 24 regional artists, is on display at the Center for the Arts Member Gallery, 428 Main St. in New London through Oct. 24, according to centerfortheartsnh.org, where you can also find information on a **Microgalleries** series of exhibits at New London locations (Alison Vernon at Grounds, 374 Main St.; Karen Haskell + Sara Rae at Blue Loon Bakery, 12 Lovering Lane, and Peter Jacoby at Tatewell Gallery, 277 Newport Road), also on display through Oct. 24.

ing acrylic paintings by Tracy Levesque is at NH Audubon's McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road in Concord, nhaudubon.org, through Oct. 24. The center is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **A collection of portraits and stories by photographer Becky Field** “documenting New Hampshire’s cultural diversity” will be on display in the Brown Dining Commons at Proctor Academy, 204 Main St. in Andover, from September through December with an opening reception, open to the public, on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 6 to 7 p.m., according to an email from campus art curator Molly Leith.

• **“Continuing the Tradition”** is on display at the Exhibition Gallery at the League of NH Craftsmen’s headquarters, 49 S. Main St., Concord, through Thursday, Oct. 22, according to nhcrafts.org. “Continuing the Tradition celebrates the craftsmen who have become juried members of the League — or have added a new media to their existing membership — within the past three years (Spring 2023-Spring 2026). This exhibition will showcase an exciting range of media and the diverse perspectives of nearly one hundred artists, reflecting the evolving story of our historic organization,” the website said. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **“Reflections: 180 Years of Manchester NH,”** featuring works that explore Manchester’s history, identity and evolution over the past 180 years, including the city as it exists today, will be on display at Mosaic Studios, 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, through Monday, Oct. 26, according to mosaicartcollective.com.

• **“Jyl Draws Every Day: A Creature Double Feature Exhibit by Jyl Dittbenner”** is at the NH Audubon’s Massabesic Center, 26 Audubon Way in Auburn, nhaudubon.org, through Oct. 30. The center is open Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **“The Scale of Things”** will be on exhibit at The Millspace, 55 Main St. in Newmarket, millspace.org, featuring works that explore “large spaces, close-up observations, big ideas, or anything that shifts our sense of proportion and perspective,” according to the website. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Dec. 5, the website said.

- **“Radical Quiet: Contemporary Drawings of Nature by Victoria**

Elbroch, Nancy Friese, and Margot Glass” will be on display at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, through Sunday, Jan. 10, according to currier.org. “Discover three acclaimed contemporary artists who draw inspiration from the natural world and their New England roots. With a profound respect for nature and drawing as their chosen mode of expression, Margot Glass, Victoria Elbroch, and Nancy Friese invite us to slow down, look closely, and reflect on the beauty that surrounds us,” the website said. The Currier is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **“Florentine Baroque: The Haukohl Collection”** is on display at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, through April 11, according to currier.org. The exhibit “is your passport to 17th and 18th century Florence, Italy, this fall at the Currier. Nearly 40 paintings and sculptures evoke a world in transition, as the rise of opera and theater opened up new ways of capturing the human experience. See Florentine masterpieces imbued with the spirit of the stage and displayed in gorgeous frames from the period,” the website said. The Currier is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Exhibits

• **“Witness to War: Treasures from the American Revolution”** is an exhibition telling “the story of New Hampshire’s contributions to the Revolutionary War on the battlefield and at home. It shares objects from the [New Hampshire Historical] Society’s collections that offer a glimpse of life during the turbulent years of the war and the sacrifices made by the men and women who helped forge a new nation. The objects come from all walks of life, from a canteen owned by Josiah Bartlett, who signed the Declaration of Independence, to a homespun linen shirt made by Mary Campbell Gordon for her teenaged son, who was serving in the militia. A highlight of the exhibition is a copper printing plate for New Hampshire currency, created by Exeter silversmith and engraver John Ward Gilman in 1775. The plate was used to print New Hampshire currency early in the war,” according to a press release. The exhibit is on display at the New Hampshire Historical Soci-



The Stage of Fools Shakesbeer Series kicks off with *Much Ado About Nothing*, as actors with scripts weave among the tables of Stark Brewing Co.'s back room and let the play spill into the crowd. It's been done in New York City, Los Angeles and Chicago, and nearby Portsmouth and Salem, Mass. The groundlings who paid a shilling to stand at the Globe Theatre were regular people, not nobility, and organizer Glenn Provost hopes to continue the tradition. Events are planned into next year. Monday, Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m., Stark Brewing Co., 500 N. Commercial St., Manchester, softheatre.com. *Featured photo: Quinn Spiewak of The Stage of Fools Shakesbeer.*



Free Diagnostics.

Trustworthy Advice.

Parts Where and When You Need Them



the *Hudson* Mall
Everything you need, all in one place!

77 Derry Road, Hudson | TheHudsonMall.com

Visit our stores • AutoZone • East Coast Muscle & Fitness • Fetch a Pet • Great Clips • Hannaford • H&R Block
Inner Dragon Martial Arts • Lavish Nail & Spa • Papa Gino's • Saval Dance Academy • US Post Office



CALLING AREA ARTISTS!

Registration is open for our
Small Works/BIG IMPACT Show

Register online at
creativeventuresfineart.com

Works will include both two and three-dimensional pieces in a variety of genres, styles and mediums along with clay, wood and glass objects.

DEADLINE
OCT. 20th!

Artwork size is limited to 12 inches in any direction plus frame.



411 Nashua Street, Milford NH | 603.672.2500 | creativeventuresfineart.com



Hampton Falls

Craft Festival

September 19 & 20

Sat 10-5 / Sun 10-4

Town Common • Hampton Falls, NH

Over 75 Booths of American Made Arts, Craft & Specialty Foods!

Woodwork, Fine Jewelry, Pottery, Florals, Knit Blankets, Original Paintings, Mixed Media, Fabric, Crochet, Quilts, Cork Leather Bags, Photography, Fiber Art, Shell Craft, Engraved Glass, Pillow Quilts, Candles, Resin Art, Toys, Folk Art, Slate Signs, Inlay Furniture, Wreaths, Metal Art, Kettle Corn, Toffee, Macarons, Honey, Cannoli & More!

Friendly Pets Welcome • Free Admission • Rain or Shine

GPS Location: 1 Lincoln Ave, Hampton Falls, NH

More info at CastleberryFairs.com

ety, 30 Park St., Concord, which is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the release said. See nhhistory.org for admission prices.

- **“Reflections of the Revolution: The Derryfield Perspective”** is the new exhibit at the Millyard Museum, 200 Bedford St., Manchester, and “will feature stories, portraits and artifacts from several influential characters in America’s Revolution,” according to an email from the museum. See manchesterhistoric.org.
- **“A Legacy of Landscapes: Selections from the Linda and P. Andrews McLane Collection, Part 2”** is on display at the New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park St., Concord, through Dec. 31, according to nhhistory.org. The exhibit “presents a sampling of their private collection, showcasing the work of several artists, including Thomas Cole, Benjamin Champney, Ann Sophia Towne Darrah, Samuel Lancaster Gerry, Thomas Hill, David Johnson, John Frederick Kensett, John Ross Key, Louisa Morse, and Frank H. Shapleigh. Some of the works are magisterial depictions of New Hampshire’s grandest peaks, while others are more intimate and pastoral scenes. Together, they tell the story of New Hampshire. White Mountain landscape art would become emblematic of the Granite State, capturing its stunning natural beauty and the indomitable spirit of its people. The work created by White Mountain artists helped define American landscape painting,” the website said. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Theater

- ***Green Day’s American Idiot*** will run at The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org) through Sept. 27, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.
- ***Sister Act*** will kick off the St. Mary’s Bank 2026-2027 Performing Arts Series at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, through Oct. 4 with shows Fridays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. as well as Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m., according to palacetheatre.org, where

you can purchase tickets.

- ***Just Breathe: The Quest for a Little Peace of Mind .. and Chocolate*** the NHTP Guest Artist Production at New Hampshire Theatre Project, 959 Islington St., No. 3, in Portsmouth, nhtheatreproject.org, will take place Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 18, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, at 4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2:30 p.m., according to the website, where you can purchase tickets to this one-woman show featuring Lesley Ann Smith.
- ***Iphigenia in Aulis***, a play by Euripides transadapted by Anne Washburn, will be presented by Theatre Kapow (tkapow.com) on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, at 2 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m. at BNH Stage in Concord, according to the website.
- ***Hedwig and the Angry Inch*** will be presented by Dive In Productions, diveinproductions.com, at the Millspace, 55 Main St. in Newmarket, millspace.org, Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Oct. 4, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, according to the Millspace website, where you can purchase tickets.
- ***As Time Goes By*** (which has the tagline “Time Travel. Comedy. Heart.”) will be presented by The Players’ Ring, 105 Marcy St. in Portsmouth, playersring.org, Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Oct. 11, with shows at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.
- **The Season 2027 Reveal** will take place at The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org) on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m., according to the website.
- ***RENT: School Edition*** presented by The Rep Academy will run at will run at The Seacoast Repertory Theatre (125 Bow St. in Portsmouth, seacoastrep.org) at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 20, and Wednesday, Sept. 23, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.
- ***School of Rock The Musical: Young Actors Edition*** will be presented by Palace Youth Theatre at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St. in Manchester, palacetheatre.org, on

Tuesday, Sept. 22, and Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.

- ***The Great Winnepesaukee Steamboat Race & Musical Talent Contest*** is presented on the M/S Mount Washington by the Winni Players Community Theatre with dinner and a show on Wednesday, Sept. 23, through Friday, Sept. 25, and Wednesday, Sept. 30, through Friday, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m., according to winnepesaukee-playhouse.org, where you can find a link to purchase tickets through Mt. Washington Cruises.

Classical

Includes classical, folk, jazz, heritage, pops, American songbook and other musical events.

- **From Classical to Tango!** a presentation that is part of the Faculty Performance Series at Manchester Community Music School, May Gruber Recital Hall, 2291 Elm St. in Manchester, on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. Register at mcmusicschool.org/fps/
- **Evenings at Avaloch** at Avaloch Farm Music Institute, 16 Hardy Lane, Boscawen, avalochfarmmusic.org, feature concerts take place at 5 p.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 19 and Sept. 26, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets and see the line-ups.
- **SNHUGFEST** The Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group will hold its 10th annual SNHUGFEST on Saturday, Sept. 19, starting at 11 a.m. at the Rotary Arts Pavilion in Dover, a “free, all-day festival” featuring “live ukulele performances from local and visiting bands, food vendors, raffle prizes and interactive play-along jams” to raise money for Ukulele Kids Club, according to a press release. See theuke.org/snhugfest-x.
- **Violinist Joshua Bell plays Lalo’s *Symphonie espagnole*** presented by the **Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra**, portsmouthsymphony.org, On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m. at The Music Hall in Portsmouth; see themusichall.org.
- **Candlelight: Featuring Vivaldi’s Four Seasons & More** will perform at Rex Theatre, 23 Amherst St. in Manchester, on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m., according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

The Manchester Community Theatre Players will present ***The Addams Family Musical*** at the MCTP Theatre at North End Montessori School, 698 Beech St., Manchester, manchestercommunitheatre.com, Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 27 (shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Sundays), according to the website, where tickets will be for sale. *The Addams Family* is “a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and a dilemma that’s every father’s nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family — a man her parents have never met,” according to a post on the Players’ Facebook page, where you can find video teasers for the show. *Featured photo: Photo by Becca Blanc.*



THE VILLAGE
ON TECHNOLOGY HILL

NOW LEASING

**Brand New, 1, 2 & 3
Bedroom Apartments**

6 Akira Way, Londonderry, NH



Schedule a tour today!

Scan the QR code or visit TechHillNH.com to see apartments designed for every lifestyle and a list of our amenities. Fill out our contact form or give us a call at 603.782.0343

Convenience • Comfort • Community

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

A world of food and music

Concord Multicultural Festival celebrates the community

By John Fladd
jfladd@hippopress.com

Concord will hold its annual Multicultural Festival on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Keach Park, on Newton Avenue.

“It’s an annual festival with food and music and art and activities and community,” said organizer Jessica Livingstone. “We come together every year to celebrate all of the different cultures [in the Concord community]. And when I say all, I mean all of the different cultures, not just the newer ones. We come together to celebrate everybody’s culture and share with each other through everybody’s favorite universal things: food, music and art.”

Livingstone said one of the throughlines of the Festival, something that ties everything together, is the music.

“We have a whole lineup of music, like we always do,” she said, “but it changes. Sindy [Chown], our performance coordinator,

Concord Multicultural Festival

When: Sunday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Keach Park in Concord Heights

More: concordnhmulticulturalfestival.org

is really great at keeping all of the favorites while also bringing in new types of performances. We get access to all different types of music and performances and dance from all over the world.”

For many festivalgoers the main draw is the food.

“We have commercial food vendors, food trucks, like most festivals do,” Livingstone said, “but we also open [the festival] up to community members to share their food and sell their food.” She said that by partnering with the New Hampshire Food Bank, the Festival makes it fairly straightforward for community cooks to sell their food and still meet food licensing and safety regulations. “Our community cooks will go down there [to the New Hampshire Food Bank commercial kitchen] and cook and prep all of their food. It’s this big production that everybody loves. The cooks get to work in this great beautiful state-of-the-art commercial kitchen and work with the cooks from the Food Bank. There are chefs there, but then there’s also people working and training for some of their culinary programs. It’s a great experience for everybody, including the volunteers. I had a volunteer tell me one year that we should start charging for

experience. It’s like a VIP kind of access to how food is made, but also you get to try the foods before they’re served.”

“We have a lot of community cooks this year,” Livingstone continued, “which is wonderful. We have a Jamaican food vendor this year; we’ve never had Jamaican food there before, other than some of the vendors do sort of Caribbean-style food, but this person is from Jamaica. We have the usual Nepali favorites like samosas [South Asian fried dumplings] and the roti [a laminated Indian flat bread]. And we have food from the Middle East and just a whole array of different types of food. People are definitely going to want to come with an appetite.”

Livingstone said that this year, even more than in previous years, the arts will play a big role in the Multicultural Festival.

“One sad thing,” she said, “is that we used to have the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts work with us and, as you know, [that agency] has all but closed, which is very sad for the whole state for so many reasons. But it was always great to work with them, because they were able to sponsor some of the traditional artists who continue to practice traditional crafts and making, like basket



Multicultural Festival. Courtesy photo.

weaving and things like that. We have artists who will come and sell their work. We have, of course, [Iraqi painter] Saad Hindal, who is a gem in our community. He will be selling his paintings. We also have other artist-vendors who will be selling their handmade products — either handmade, specific cultural products or immigrant-owned creative businesses.”

Viking House

Accessories Inspired by Nature





“Best Place to Find a Unique Gift”

Discover our collection of charming bags, scarves, and jewelry—perfect for adding a little magic to your style. The kind of gifts that become cherished favorites.

19 N Main St, Concord, NH 603-228-1198 | vikinghouse.com

Ahhhhhhhhh!

BRA FITTING EVENT & SALE

SEPT. 24, 25, 26
OPEN 10 am - 6 pm

The most COMFORTABLE BRA you'll ever wear!

Great Coverage & Support
No underwire
Size S to 3X & All Cup Sizes

RAFFLES & GIVEAWAYS SALES!



13 North Main Street, Concord, NH • 603-228-1101
GondwanaClothing.com • Open Mon - Sat

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

KIDDIE — POOL —

Family fun for whenever



AerospaceFest. Courtesy photo.

Space and sky

• The annual **AerospaceFest** at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord will take place Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., according to starhop.com.

“AerospaceFest is the Discovery Center’s annual celebration of all things STEM and highlights the exciting ways local companies, universities, non-profits, and other organizations are contributing to science and education. These organizations will be spread around the Discovery Center’s grounds and exhibit halls, sharing their work with visitors through demonstrations, hands-on activities, and discussions,” according to the website, where you can find a list of vendors and participants. The Fest will also feature Big Joe’s Big Green Show; “Big Joe the Storyteller presents a show filled with multicultural tales about protecting the environment and making our world a happier and greener place to live,” the website said.

The Center will debut the new planetarium show “Encounters in the Milky Way” with free tickets available, first come first served, at the Discovery Center’s front desk, for screenings at 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., the website said. The event is open to all with a suggested donation of \$5 per person, the website said.

Wheels & Wings

• **Nashua Airport’s Wheels & Wings “A**

Touch a Truck Event” will take place Saturday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Boire Field with cars, trucks and planes to see and explore, according to the city’s SummerFun brochure at nashuanh.gov. The event will feature a horns-free hour from 1 to 2 p.m. and organizers will collect nonperishable food for End 68 Hours of Hunger, the brochure said. The event, which is free to attend, will feature fire trucks, police vehicles, planes, helicopters, DPW vehicles, electric cars and more, according to a post on Nashua Recreation Department’s website.

Outdoor movie

• **Inside Out 2** (PG, 2024) will screen in Derryfield Park in Manchester on Friday, Sept. 18, at 8:15 p.m., according to a post on the Manchester Parks & Recreation Facebook page. BYO chairs, blankets and snacks, the post said.

At the museums

• **Toddlerfest**, the annual celebration of younger kids at the Children’s Museum of New Hampshire, 6 Washington St. in Dover, Tuesday, Sept. 22, through Sunday, Oct. 4, according to childrens-museum.org, where you can purchase admission for the Toddlerfest days. The museum will feature special events and activities geared toward younger kids, the website said. Tuesday kicks off with Early Birds Playgroup from 8:15 to 9 a.m. and then a storytime and sing-along with the Dover Public Library at 10:30 a.m., the website said. Other events in the first week include Try A Little Artists Class at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23; Messy Baby Paint Crawl on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 p.m., and Science Friday on Friday, Sept. 25, at 2:30 p.m., according to the website, where you can find admission information. The Children’s Museum reopens after its annual fall cleaning on Saturday, Sept. 19.

• **SEE Science Center**, 200 Bedford St. in Manchester, will reopen after its annual break for maintenance and repairs on Saturday, Sept. 19, when it will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to see-sciencecenter.org. The center will then operate on its fall/winter hours: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with some Monday hours on certain holidays and school vacations, the website said.

VOTED BEST FARMERS MARKET 15 YEARS IN A ROW!

What a difference fresh-picked makes!

NEW VENDORS
As well as your favorites!

SPRING VEGGIES, BAKED GOODS, LOCAL MEATS, LOCAL DAIRY PRODUCTS, SPECIALTY FOODS, SPRING PLANTS, SOAPS AND HERBS, PET TREATS

SNAP & EBT Accepted | Ask about Market Tokens

THE CONCORD FARMERS MARKET

CAPITOL STREET, NEXT TO THE NH STATE HOUSE
SATURDAYS, 8:30 - NOON, THROUGH OCTOBER

MERRIMACK COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

WINNER
HIPPO BEST OF 2024
BEST OF THE BEST!

The Granite YMCA

THE Where Every Neighbor Belongs PLACE

Welcoming Week | September 10-19, 2026

At The Granite YMCA, we believe a welcoming community takes all of us—creating spaces where every neighbor feels like they belong, unlikely connections are made, and each of us has the opportunity to thrive.

Join us from September 10-19 as we celebrate Welcoming Week, because there’s no place like the Y for welcoming neighbors! Visit our website to learn about all of the fun activities we have planned.

\$50 for 5 Visits

Find your fit and see what the Y is all about with our 5-Day Class Pass for \$50!

*Passes may be purchased from 9/10-9/19/26 and used through 10/31/26. Additional restrictions apply; see website for details.

The Granite YMCA | www.graniteymca.org/welcoming-week
Participating Branches: Manchester • Goffstown • Concord • Portsmouth

REST, RESET, PROTECT:

Less Stress. Better Sleep. Stronger Immunity.

ALL ARE ON SALE NOW!

GraniteState Naturals

Advanced Stress Support
Ginseng, Chamomile, Valerian Root, Lemon Balm, Passion Fruit, Magnesium, Zinc, Vitamin B6, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Vitamin K, Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B7, Vitamin B9, Vitamin B12, Vitamin K2, Vitamin K1, Vitamin K3, Vitamin K4, Vitamin K5, Vitamin K6, Vitamin K7, Vitamin K8, Vitamin K9, Vitamin K10, Vitamin K11, Vitamin K12, Vitamin K13, Vitamin K14, Vitamin K15, Vitamin K16, Vitamin K17, Vitamin K18, Vitamin K19, Vitamin K20, Vitamin K21, Vitamin K22, Vitamin K23, Vitamin K24, Vitamin K25, Vitamin K26, Vitamin K27, Vitamin K28, Vitamin K29, Vitamin K30, Vitamin K31, Vitamin K32, Vitamin K33, Vitamin K34, Vitamin K35, Vitamin K36, Vitamin K37, Vitamin K38, Vitamin K39, Vitamin K40, Vitamin K41, Vitamin K42, Vitamin K43, Vitamin K44, Vitamin K45, Vitamin K46, Vitamin K47, Vitamin K48, Vitamin K49, Vitamin K50, Vitamin K51, Vitamin K52, Vitamin K53, Vitamin K54, Vitamin K55, Vitamin K56, Vitamin K57, Vitamin K58, Vitamin K59, Vitamin K60, Vitamin K61, Vitamin K62, Vitamin K63, Vitamin K64, Vitamin K65, Vitamin K66, Vitamin K67, Vitamin K68, Vitamin K69, Vitamin K70, Vitamin K71, Vitamin K72, Vitamin K73, Vitamin K74, Vitamin K75, Vitamin K76, Vitamin K77, Vitamin K78, Vitamin K79, Vitamin K80, Vitamin K81, Vitamin K82, Vitamin K83, Vitamin K84, Vitamin K85, Vitamin K86, Vitamin K87, Vitamin K88, Vitamin K89, Vitamin K90, Vitamin K91, Vitamin K92, Vitamin K93, Vitamin K94, Vitamin K95, Vitamin K96, Vitamin K97, Vitamin K98, Vitamin K99, Vitamin K100

100% Vegetarian L-THEANINE
HERBAL SUPPLEMENT
90 Veggie Caps

100% Vegetarian ELDERBERRY PLUS
Sambucus Fruit and Flower
HERBAL SUPPLEMENT
90 Veggie Caps

Organic MUSHROOM IMMUNE
DIETARY SUPPLEMENT
90 Veggie Caps

Celebrating 55 Years

GraniteState Naturals

Family owned since 1971

We're Here to Help!

Vitamin & Supplement Superstore
Organic Produce Groceries | Skincare
Beer & Wine | Refill Station

170 N. State St Concord, NH (603)224-9341 Open Every Day

*These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.

HIPPO | SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2026 | PAGE 17

THE BIG 1
Last Chance for
Ice Cream Treats!

Closing
for the
season on
Sept 19



Stock up on the best
HOMEMADE Novelties!

Chocolate Tops •
Ice Cream Sandwiches • Fudge Nut Bars

Grab pints or quarts!

53 years of sweet memories!

Open 11am-9pm Everyday
185 Concord St. Nashua
TheBig1icecream.com
Find us on Facebook!

FREE JUNK CAR REMOVAL!
We will pay up to \$600
for some cars and trucks.

MURRAY'S
HELP WANTED!

**55 Hall Rd.
Londonderry
425-2562**

Please mention this Hippo ad

WE SELL PARTS!

**CRACKED
Windshield?
ONE CALL
DOES IT ALL!**

Same Day Service
We replace Glass in Heavy Equipment
Table Top's & Mirror's • Window Repairs

MANCHESTER AUTO GLASS
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 1987
1225 Hanover Street, Manchester
603-622-6737 | manchesterautoglass.com

INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Heavy athletics

'Haggis' toss, Scottish eats and music at the Highland Games

By Chelsea Spear
listings@hippopress.com

If the Tartan Army's New England takeover was the highlight of your summer, you're in luck. The New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival returns to Loon Mountain from Sept. 18 to Sept. 20. Now in its 51st year, the festival features heavy athletics, pipe bands, ceilidh dancing and sheepdog trials.

The Highland Games and Festival had an unassuming start in 1975.

"It was a clan picnic for those first couple years, and then just over the course became kind of a larger and larger thing," program director Andrew MacLeay said in a recent Zoom interview. "It grew from strength to strength year to year. And now we're up to close to 45,000 people over the three days."

One of the main attractions for the festival is heavy lifting, which MacLeay describes as "the traditional big people lifting heavy things sort of stuff. The one that most people know is the caber toss, so that's that large telephone pole, tree trunk essentially that people are tossing around. They also throw various implements for distance, throw a big giant bale of hay over a high bar, that sort of thing."

The heavy lifting component of the festival inspired a new attraction for 2026.

"We're doing a stone lifting competition, breaking that out from our heavy athletics," MacLeay says. "People are going to lift, I believe, a 300-pound stone as many times as they can over their shoulder in five minutes. That will be a big show of strength and a nice test."

Live music will also be a major component of the festival. Local favorites like the McCarroll Sisters, who first became popular through fiddle competitions, and Cassie and Maggie, a Cape Breton duo who have performed at folk music venues throughout New Hampshire, will be performing at the event. Several fife and drum bands, some from Scotland or the Canadian maritimes, will also be present.

NHSCOT, the parent organization for the Highland Games and Festival, will be offering Try It activities. If you've ever wanted to learn how to ceilidh dance, how to play the harp, how to curl or how to speak Scottish Gaelic, this is your opportunity. The festival will also host more in-depth programs about genealogy and

New Hampshire Highland Games and Festival

When: Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 20

Where: Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln

Tickets and program schedule: Visit nhscot.org. Weekend passes \$116.26 for age 15+, \$13.04 for children, free for toddlers, at the website. Single-day and single-event tickets are also available. Separate tickets are required for some events.



The Highland Games. Courtesy photos.

Scottish cooking, if you'd like a deeper dive on those topics.

Those who'd like to sample traditional Scottish cuisine are also in luck. While there's no build-your-own haggis booth, delicacies like Scottish eggs and meat pies will be available for purchase. If you want to play with your food, the festival offers an unusual activity for that as well.

"We do a 'haggis' toss," MacLeay says with a laugh. "It's a faux haggis, so that's a fun competition in our Parade Square on Friday afternoon so people can chuck a bag of mystery meat back and forth at each other." The festival will also be offering a whiskey and spirits tasting on Friday night and a traditional Cape Breton dinner for an additional cost.

While the Tartan Army has returned to Scotland, MacLeay is looking forward to an increased interest in Scottish culture after the World Cup.

"We're definitely going to have some traffic cones around," he laughs, referencing the ubiquitous symbol of the raucous soccer club. "We certainly have just received some calls from people who just heard about our festival or looked it up through having the Tartan Army down in Boston in the region. It's great to see what we already kind of know in the Scottish cultural community, what we stand for and what we bring to the party." 🍷

NHTI
Concord's Community College

**MANHATTAN
SHORT
FILM FESTIVAL**

Friday, September 25 at 7pm
Saturday September 26 at 2pm & 7pm
Sunday, September 27 at 2pm

Learn more at nhti.edu/events

Time for the '99 Camry to retire?



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:
I have a 1999 Toyota Camry LE, with 318,000 miles. I bought it new in 1999. In the last three months, I've spent about \$2,000 on repairs.

First, I needed new coils, wires and plugs. Then, the timing belt snapped and had to be replaced. I drive this car to work every day. And now, I find that I'm worried about the next breakdown. It doesn't leak or burn oil. But I should mention that the passenger door handles — both interior and exterior — are broken.

My question: Is it time to donate, sell, or otherwise dispose of this car, and buy another Toyota? And what should I get for my daily commute? — Bob

Gee, Bob, I feel for you, brother. You've only driven this car for 27 years. You've barely passed 300,000 miles, and already it cost you \$2,000. What a piece of junk!

Actually, it sounds like it's been a fabulous car, Bob. And I have no idea what will cause the next breakdown or when it will happen. But "soon" is a good guess. When a car has even 150,000 miles on, you have to expect its reliability to fall off.

And if that's a lifestyle you no longer want

to live, then yes, donate this to your public radio station (search for the "Car Talk vehicle donation program"), give it to a relative or friend to whom reliability is not so important, or turn it into a planter. And based on your — I would say — pretty positive experience with this Camry, you might want to get another one.

You'll be amazed by how much more comfortable and quiet the new one is. How many new convenience features it has. How much better the hybrid mileage is. How well the passenger door opens — from the inside and out. And you'll be availing yourself of 25-plus years of reliability and safety improvements — the safety improvements being reasons enough to upgrade.

Even though your old Camry still runs, and even runs pretty well, you now have my full blessing to let it go, Bob. You've squeezed pretty much every ounce of life out of this car. Maybe twice. Someone, or some charity, will now be grateful to have it. And you, Bob, can take that bold step and move into the 2000s. We'll be here to welcome you.

Visit Cartalk.com.

INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Dear Donna,
My sister reads the Hippo weekly. She referred me to you for help.

This is one of a couple bowls my mom had in her house. While cleaning out my sister said to check values before just donating them.

This bowl is big in size, 14 inches across the top. It is marked Texas Ware. I can unpack others if you would like to evaluate them as well.

Thank you for your time, Donna.
Claire

Dear Claire,
Your sister was right to check values!

This bowl is a great size melamine plastic mixing bowl. Texas Ware was made in Dallas, Texas. It was very popular during the 1950s and still is today. The melamine plastic was made to last and be very durable for everyday use.

The one thing you have to look for in a value is whether the sheen is gone inside the bowl. Sometimes with heavy use the inside can wear down. This changes the values. As always any damage would lower the value as well.

There is lots of history on melamine bowls and other companies that made them. Imagine a set of three graduated bowls sold for \$2 to \$3 a set. Now your single bowl has a value of \$50+.



Claire, you're welcome to send more pictures, but you might want to bring the items to a local antique shop. Good luck and thank your sister!

Donna Welch has spent more than 35 years in the antiques and collectibles field, appraising and instructing. Her new location 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, or call her at 391-6550.

Coin & Stamp Show

Sunday, September 20th
9:00AM—3:00PM
FREE ADMISSION
60+ DEALERS FROM MA, NH, RI, CT, VT, ME
Early-Bird Admission \$10 at 8 AM

Coins- Paper Money
Stamps- Postal History- Covers
Gold & Silver Bullion

Alpine Grove Events Centre
19 S. Depot Rd, Hollis, NH

EBW Promotions
PO Box 3, Wilmington, MA 01887
978-658-0160
www.ebwpromotions.com

NH SCOT

IGNITE YOUR
Scottish Spirit!

NH HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026
LOON MOUNTAIN RESORT, LINCOLN, NH

SPONSORED BY:

BUY TICKETS AT NHSCOT.ORG

Dermatology Care Without The Wait

Book Your Free Skin Analysis
Offer Ends 8/31/26

(603) 637-0037
EliteMedSpaNH.com

the Hippo HARVEST MAP

PLACES TO GO

1. Apple Hill Farm

Apple Hill Farm
PYO apple Orchard opens Sept 6, Farm stand is open every day 8:30 to 5:30 7 days a week. The store is filled with our own fresh picked sweet corn, tomatoes and all the other veggies, jams and jellies, pies, donuts, baked goods, our own sweet cider and ready picked fruit. Check our website or call for picking updates.
applehillfarmnh.com
580 Mountain Rd, Concord
603-224-8862

2. Averill House Vineyard

Averill House Vineyard
Vineyard and winery tours, live entertainment with music every Sunday, wine ice cream, slushies & mulled wine, wine tastings (indoor & outdoor tasting rooms), tour & bottle your own wine with the winemaker on select Sundays.
averillhousevineyard.com
21 Averill Rd, Brookline
603-371-2296

3. BRAVO

BRAVO
Elevate Every Experience! Reserve your table at BRAVO today. Brunch every Sunday from 9am to 2pm featuring live music. Dinner from 2pm to 8pm. Happy Hour: Mon-Thurs 4-5pm and 8pm-Close. Sundays: 2pm-4pm and 6pm-Close. Enjoy \$10 Apps, \$7 Selected Drafts, \$10 House Wines (main bar and patio only). Prime

Ribs Special on Sunday thru Tuesday.
bravonh.com
73 Hanover St, Manchester
603-854-8139

4. Brookdale Fruit Farm

BROOKDALE FRUIT FARM
The largest PYO farm in New England! 30+ varieties of apples, PYO raspberries, PYO flowers & sunflowers, corn maze, hay rides, farmstore with gourmet foods, cheese, our own ciders, baked goods and fall plants and decor. Awarded the best by Hippo and NH Magazine readers. brookdalefruitfarm.com for current availability.
41 Broad St, Hollis
603-465-2240

5. Charmingfare Farm

Charmingfare Farm
A real working farm! Visit the Animals and Zoo, Horse Rides, Hayrides, Carriage Rides, Weddings & Private Events, Family Event Days and More!
visitthefarm.com
774 High St., Candia
603-483-5623

6. Concord Craft Brewing Co.

CONCORD CRAFT BREWING CO.
Downtown Concord's home of the flagship award-winning beer, Safespace and serving a large array of brilliantly styled beers from classic IPA to barrel aged stout and gluten free options. Full kitchen serving tapas, flatbreads and burgers.

concordcraftbrewing.com
117 Storrs St, Concord
603-856-7625

7. Concord Farmers' Market

CONCORD FARMERS' MARKET
Voted Best of the Best Farmer's Market 16 years running. 8:30 am - noon every Saturday thru October.
concordfarmersmarket.com
Capitol St., Concord

8. Coppal House Farm

COPPAL HOUSE FARM
Corn Maze & Farm Stand Saturday & Sunday | 10:00am - 5:00pm Monday, Thursday, & Friday | 12:00pm - 5:00pm Professional Corn Maze - Wagon Rides - Private & Public Night Mazes - Picnic Area - Fall Decorations. For full fall event line up check out www.nhcornmaze.com.
coppalhousefarm.com
118 North River Rd, Lee
603-659-3572

9. Conway Scenic Railroad

CONWAY SCENIC RAILROAD
Enjoy the beauty of autumn aboard the Conway Scenic Railroad! Daily fall railroad excursions run through November 1, with weekend excursions continuing through November 22. The one-hour Valley Train is popular with children of all ages. For a longer adventure, consider the scenic Mountaineer, which travels through Crawford Notch. A choice of seating is available on every excursion, subject to

availability. All trains board at the Victorian-era North Conway Railroad Station at 38 Norcross Circle in the center of North Conway, N.H.
conwayscenic.com
38 Norcross Circle, North Conway
603-356-5251

10 & 11 . Granite State Candy Shoppe

Granite State Candy Shoppe
Voted best of the best over 20 years running! Handmade chocolates, ice cream, candies, specialties famous candied apples and more.
granitestatecandyshoppe.com
832 Elm St., Manchester
13 Warren St., Concord
126 Hall St., suite E Concord

12 & 13. Haywards

HAYWARDS ICE CREAM
NH's favorite homemade ice cream for over 86 years. Open daily 11am-9pm.
haywardsicecream.com
7 D.W. Highway, Nashua
603-888-4663
364 D.W. Highway, Merrimack (drive-thru)
603-424-5915

14. Hollis Art Space

HOLLIS ARTSPACE
Hollis Artspace offers art workshops and classes for all ages, a gift shop with over 75 local artisans and a gallery. Visit them in Hollis center or online to discover creativity,

art and community. Class info and current hours at www.HollisArtspace.com
30 Ash Street Hollis NH
info@hollisartspace.com
603-465-4300

15. Lickee's & Chewy's Candies & Creamery

LICKEE'S & CHEWY'S
Home of the King Shake! Handmade Chocolates, Candy, Ice Cream & Desserts.
lickeesnchewysstore.com
lickeesnchewys.com
53 Washington St, Ste 100, Dover
603-343-1799

16. Sweet Bel's Ice Cream

Sweet Bel's
Swing into Sweet Bel's this fall to treat yourself to our seasonal ice cream flavors or our fresh baked cookies, apple crisp, pumpkin pie and other goodies. Open 7 days a week 11-8.
sweetbels.com
608 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack
603-670-2161

17. SunnyCrest Farm

SUNNYCREST FARM
Enjoy pick-your-own Apples, Raspberries, Pumpkins, and Flowers alongside a market stocked with local produce, dairy, fresh baked goods, famous hot cider donuts or grab an

ice cream from Colbie's Cones. Just a short distance away (at 114 Pillsbury Rd), check out their first-ever 5-acre corn maze, open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9-5pm September through October!
sunnycrestfarmnh.com
59 High Range Rd, Londonderry
603-432-7753

18. Washburn Windy Hill Orchards

WASHBURN'S WINDY HILL ORCHARDS
Pick your own apples and pumpkins, Farmstand and store, 5 acre corn maze, friendly farm animals, hayrides, gift shop with baked goods, ice cream, and famous apple cider donuts and try one of our original donut sundaes!
washburnswindyhillorchard.com
66 Mason Rd, Greenville
603-878-2101

22. Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille

FLYING GOOSE BREW PUB & GRILLE
Award winning Restaurant & Brewery with panoramic views of Mt. Kearsarge and 19 handcrafted beers on tap. A NH magazine winner year after year!
Winner for best restaurant, brewery, burger, nachos and chicken tenders.
Details and get tickets at flyinggoose.com
40 Andover Rd, New London
603-526-6899

THINGS TO DO

2. Live Music, Monthly Events & Yoga at Averill House Vineyard

Averill House Vineyard
Live Music every Sunday afternoon from 1:30-3:30. Monthly events: Psychic Medium Jessica Moseley leads a group medium reading inside the vineyard's historic 1830s estate. Yoga in the vines select Saturdays. Learn more and reserve tickets at averillhousevineyard.com
21 Averill Rd, Brookline
603-371-2296

3. Sunday Brunch at BRAVO

BRAVO
Brunch every Sunday from 9am to 2pm featuring live music.
bravonh.com
73 Hanover St, Manchester
603-854-8139

22. Concerts at Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille September-December

FLYING GOOSE BREW PUB & GRILLE
Flying Goose Fall Concert Series. See amazing musicians in an intimate setting. Jon Poussette-Dart, Ordinary Elephant, Willy Porter, Garnet Rogers Tom Rush & More!
Details and get tickets at flyinggoose.com
40 Andover Rd, New London
603-526-6899

17. Corn Maze at SunnyCrest Farm

SUNNYCREST FARM
Get lost in autumn fun at Sunnycrest Farm at their first-ever corn maze! Spanning five acres, this exciting new attraction offers fall adventure for families. Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9am-5pm. Pick-your-own apples also

available here. Once you find your way out, head back to the main farm and treat yourself for ice cream, cider and donuts and pick out the perfect pumpkin.
sunnycrestfarmnh.com
114 Pillsbury Rd, Londonderry
603-432-7753

18. Washburn Windy Hill Orchards

WASHBURN'S WINDY HILL ORCHARDS
Bring your flashlight and try our 5 acre Corn Maze at Night and hop aboard free hayrides! You'll find delicious fall treats and fresh bakery items including cider donuts, ice cream, and much more!
washburnswindyhillorchard.com
66 Mason Rd, Greenville
603-878-2101

19. Rail Rides at Scenic Rail Riders

SCENIC RAIL RIDERS
Sept thru Oct & Nov 20 thru Dec 27
Final Season Alert! Pedal custom, four-wheel rail bikes along 6.2 miles of tracks alongside the gorgeous Merrimack River offering unrivaled riverside scenery. Our final season daytime rides run through November 1st. Holiday Lights Tour: A Favorite Festive Tradition! Pedal through 2+ miles of dazzling holiday light displays every Fri, Sat, & Sun nights, Nov 20th through Dec 27th. Don't miss your last chance to experience the magic!
scenicrailriders.com
188 Sewalls Falls Rd, Concord
(603) 931-1700

20. Glendi at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral September 18-20

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
A Celebration of Greek Culture & Heritage. Featuring: live music, food, dancing, pastries, taverna, raffles, shopping and more! Free shuttles available. Free admission.
650 Hanover St., Manchester

16. Ice Cream Special Charity Day at Sweet Bel's Ice Cream September 20

Sweet Bel's
We will have a special ice cream cup for sale and 10% of all proceeds from the sale will be donated to the NH Animal Rescue League. Dogs are welcome to come and be treated to their free pup cup!
608 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack
www.sweetbels.com
603-670-2161

8. Harvest Weekend at Coppal House Farm September 26 - 27

COPPAL HOUSE FARM
Celebrate the arrival of Fall at Coppal House Farm with the corn maze, horse-drawn wagon rides, live music, activities, food trucks, and pumpkins and all your fall decor needs!

• Wildcats Come Home September 26 - 27

A collaboration with UNH Alumni, Coppal House Farm, and Deciduous Brewing Company to celebrate the connections that make the UNH community feel like home. Taking place on Friday evening of Family

Weekend, students and their families will experience a fun, distinctly New Hampshire fall evening alongside generations of fellow Wildcats.

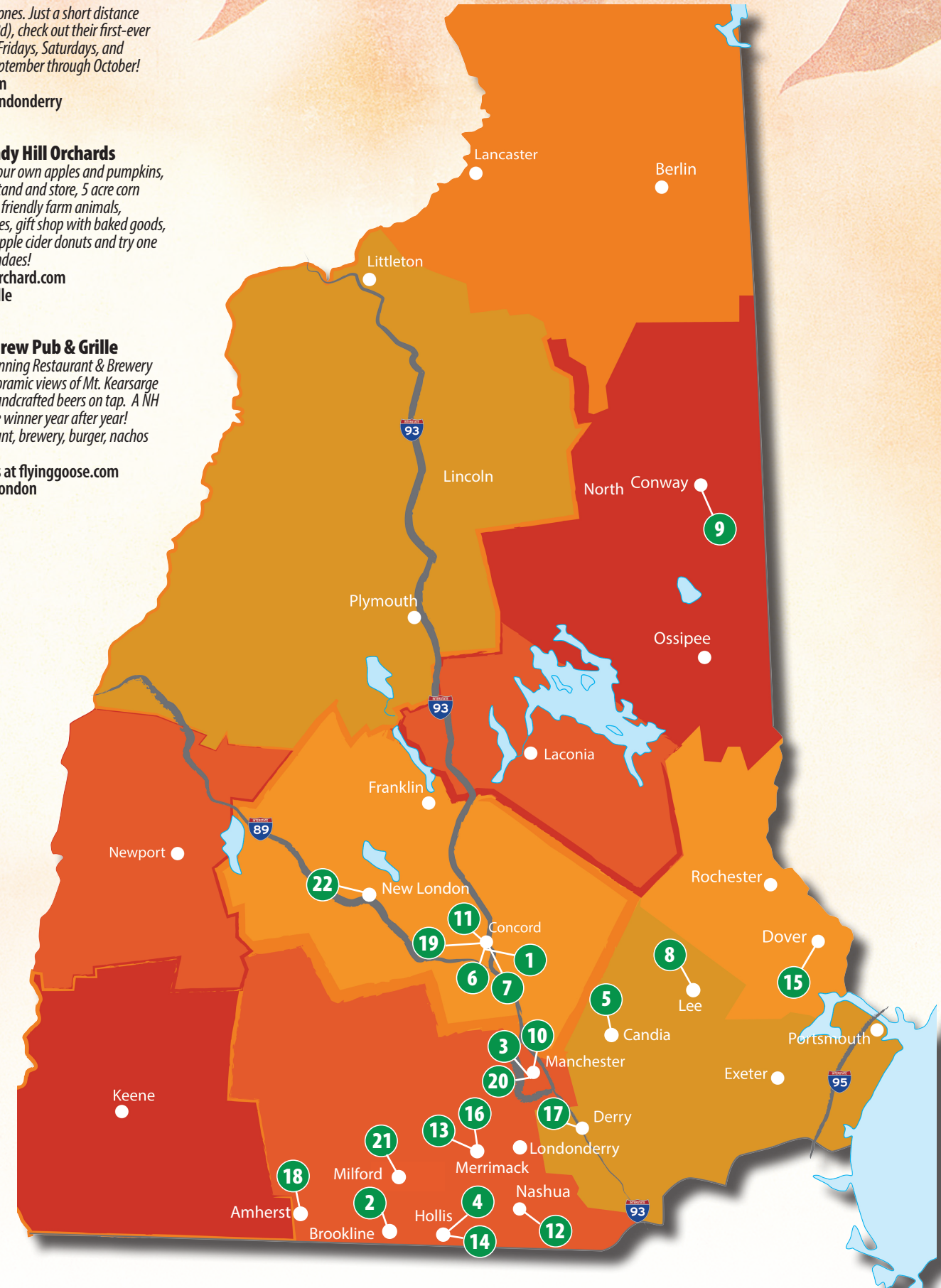
• **Public Night Mazes**
September 26, Oct 10 & 24
A fun, non-scary adventure under the stars. Bring your flashlight or navigate in the moonlight for an added challenge. A cider donut and bonfire awaits you at the end.
coppalhousefarm.com
118 N River Rd (Rt 155), Lee
603-659-3572

5. Pumpkin Festival at Charmingfare Farm October 3, 4, 10, 11 & 12

Charmingfare Farm
Bring the whole family for the ultimate family-friendly fall event! Enjoy a scenic horse-drawn hayride, petting zoo, cornstalk maze, pumpkin picking, and more fall activities for kids. visitthefarm.com
774 High St., Candia
603-483-5623

21. Oktoberfest for MAPS School October 4

MAPS SCHOOL
A family fall festival, returns to The Mile Away from 12:30-5 p.m. with authentic German food and beer, live polka music, cider pressing, petting zoo, story walk, and yard games. This year's event benefits MAPS Public Charter School! Buy tickets here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/oktoberfest-a-family-friendly-fall-festival>.
TICKETS: 21+ Adult Admission — \$25
Ages 13-20 / Designated Drivers — \$15
Children Ages 4-12 — \$10
Babies & Toddlers Ages 3 and Under — FREE





News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
jfladd@hippopress.com

• **Cookie news:** The Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains, the local sales force during the upcoming Girl Scout cookie season, announced two new cookies for sale, according to a Sept. 8 release. Patch Pals, developed with BARK, is the Girl Scouts' first cookies specifically for dogs, the release said. Girl Scout Sparkables, developed with Partake, is described as a "crunchy oatmeal cookie [that] features chocolate chips and is dotted with colorful sprinkles" and is gluten-free, nut-free and vegan and "designed to avoid the nine major food allergens," the release said. Cookie season runs Jan. 1 to March 14, 2027, and will feature the two new cookies for sale online only. Attendees at the Saturday, Oct. 3, Expo at the NH Sportsplex in Bedford will be able to taste the Girl Scout Sparkables, the release said. See girlscoutsgwm.org.

• **Beer by the river:** The 2026 Manchester BrewFest will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. in Arms Park (10 Arms St., Manchester) on Saturday, Sept. 19. Expect vendors, live entertainment, and excellent beer enthusiastically served. VIP tickets are \$60, general admission tickets are \$50, and designated driver tickets are \$20. Visit manchesterbrewfest.com.

• **Tailgating in Concord:** Arts Alley (20 S. Main St., Concord, 406-5666, artsalleyconcord-nh.com) is bringing New England football to its Courtyard this season with courtyard watch parties beginning Sunday, Sept. 20, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Cheer on the Patriots on a big screen. There will be lawn games and heaters. Food and drink will be available from the Rose and Rye Diner. All ages are welcome. Visit artsalleyconcordnh.com/event/courtyard-tailgate.

• **Pie festival in Milton:** On Saturday, Sept. 19, the New Hampshire Farm Museum (1305 White Mountain Hwy., Milton, 652-7840, nhfarmmuseum.org) will hold its 18th Annual Pie Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. According to the Museum's website, "Our judges will be ready to sample pies and award prizes in a variety of categories. The public is also invited to sample pies from local bakeries and vote for the people's choice for best professional baker." Admission is \$15 per person, free for pie-makers, and \$5 for children under 12. Visit nhfarmmuseum.org/event/great-nh-pie-festival.

• **Cookie decorating in the Gate City:** Local Street Eats (112 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 402-4435, local-streeteats.com) will host a Fall Cookie Decorating Night Tuesday, Sept. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. Led by "Cookie Queen" Katie Soleau of Posy Cottage Cookies, it will be a night of cozy, creative, sugar-coated fun. Tickets are \$35 each, all supplies included. Visit local-streeteats.com/events/cookie-decorating-night.

FOOD

Good times at Glendi

Giant Greek food fest is a labor of love

By John Fladd
jfladd@hippopress.com

Each fall St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Manchester hosts Glendi, a Greek food festival that has come to be one of the most important food events of the year for its fans. This year Glendi will start on Friday, Sept. 18, and run through Sunday, Sept. 20. This is the Festival's 47th year.

George Skaperdas is Glendi's director. "It is the biggest single fundraising event for St. George," he said.

"Glendi means 'good time,' though there really isn't an English word that translates the word," Skaperdas said. "It includes hospitality and giving, friendship, you know ... I want to say being nice, but I know that that sounds so corny. But there you go. It's about giving back and 'here's what we do,' 'here's what we're all about,' it's about our culture, our heritage. Sure, it has to do with the church and all that, but there are plenty of church fairs all over the place, but there's only one Glendi and that's us."

In practical terms, Skaperdas said, that boils down to food. A lot of food.

"There's almost 3,000 pounds of lamb this year," he said. "And another thousand pounds' worth of chicken. Then of course you have the gyros, the combination of pork and lamb and

Glendi

Where: St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 650 Hanover St., Manchester, 622-9113

When: Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 20. Open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Enjoy food, dancing, live music (Friday and Saturday, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.), vendors selling Greek items, raffles and more, according to the Cathedral's website.

More: stgeorgenh.org/activities/glendi



Food at Glendi. Courtesy photo.

beef, and putting it inside the pita bread with the tzatziki, the cucumber and garlic dressing. If you start walking around our campus, our grounds, on Thursday morning at 7 o'clock in the morning, you're going to start smelling baking lamb because they're going to start preparing over a ton of lamb shanks on Thursday morning to have them ready for when we open Friday at 11 a.m."

Lamb shanks come from the shin area of a sheep. Because they are made of hard-working muscles, they have a lot of flavor but also need to be cooked "low and slow" for a very long time to make them tender, so the team at Glendi starts them in ovens inside a day before they go on the grill, Skaperdas said.

"They're baked and then they're braised, first," he said. "Our Greek word for grandfather is Papou. We use 'Papou's secret sauce.' I can't tell you what's in it, but if you want to help us in the kitchen we'll tell you how it's made."

In addition to the lamb and the chicken and everything else from the grill, there are other stations around the festival with different Greek foods. There are sit-down meals under the big



Pastries prepped for Glendi. Courtesy photo.

tent, but there are stations where visitors can double down on particular dishes, Skaperdas said.

"You know, our sweets," he said. "The pastries, the baklava, the galaktoboureko, which is a Greek custard dish with phyllo dough, the koulourakia, which are the baked butter cookies."

Skaperdas pointed out that months of planning and hundreds of volunteer hours go into pulling off a festival of this size.

"It needs to be talked about how thankful my co-chairs and I are for the hundreds of hours that the volunteers put into this," he said. "The planning for this started in February and it continues right up until we unlock the doors. This is strictly the work of volunteers; it's a labor of love. We're not just about bringing our culture and our heritage, and our food and our hospitality to Manchester and surrounding areas. We do this because we love to."

"My favorite tagline," Skaperdas said, is, "You know when you're done eating, but give it a couple of minutes and then eat some more" — just until you're satisfied, but there can always be a little bit more satisfaction." 🍷

A twist on a famous drink, and games

Downtown Dirty Shirley Crawl brings book series to life

By John Fladd
jfladd@hippopress.com

Alex Pellerin, the event coordinator for Bookery in Manchester, said that while it is perfectly possible to take part in Saturday's Dirty Shirley Bar Crawl without knowing any of the cultural references behind it, there is an actual literary theme to the event.

"There is a really popular book series called *Dungeon Crawler Carl*," Pellerin said. "It's recently exploded in popularity. In the books there's a cat named Princess Donut who talks, and at [a bar called] the Desperado Club she finds out she really likes Dirty Shirley Temples [very similar to the popular non-alcoholic drink

Shirley Temple, with grenadine and ginger ale, but with a vigorous slug of vodka]. She eventually gets cut off from them and can only have regular Shirley Temples."

"So we are hosting this event in conjunction with [Granite State] Comicon," Pellerin continued, "to give folks who are going to Comicon some things to do after the event. [Comicon] will end around 5 p.m. and we want to continue the celebration and community-building. We thought it would be fun to connect people to other businesses in the area while celebrating the book series and Comiccon. We're [organizing] a Dirty Shirley Bar Crawl to find the best Shirley Temple in what we would call The Dungeon, but really on Elm Street."

Each of the participating bars and restaurants will serve its take on a Shirley Temple, both "dirty" and traditional. Crawl participants will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites, and the bars will earn bragging rights.

Pellerin said the Dungeon Crawler Carl series is popular with readers of all ages and interests, and the Dirty Shirley Crawl will reflect that.

"It's 100 percent inclusive," she said, "whether you drink or not. And we know that doing a bar crawl isn't everybody's thing; [Bookery] is going to actually be staying open later. Typically we're only open till 7 p.m., but that night we're going to be open until 9 p.m., and in the store from 5 to 9 p.m. we'll be doing Dungeon Crawl-

CONTINUED ON PG 24 ▶

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral

GLENDI

A CELEBRATION OF GREEK CULTURE & HERITAGE



FREE ADMISSION!
FREE SHUTTLE!

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

Friday & Saturday 11am-10pm

Sunday 11am-3pm

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL 650 HANOVER ST, MANCHESTER, NH

Rain or
Shine!

FEATURING:

Live Music, Food, Dancing, Pastries,
Taverna, Raffles, Shopping and more!



OFF-SITE PARKING WITH SHUTTLES:

McDonough School: Friday 3-10pm | Saturday 11am - 10pm | Sunday 11am - 3pm

Derryfield Park Lot: Friday 6-10pm | Saturday 4-10pm | Sunday 11am - 3pm

Shuttles available Friday 6pm - 10pm; Saturday & Sunday all day

FOOD SERVICE ENDS AT 9PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY
603.669.2167



Chapter #44

Anagnost Companies

Christos & Barbara
Chrisafides and Family



Puritan



BRADY-SULLIVAN
CORPORATION



Citizens Bank



DRYER
MANAGEMENT



McHugh Funeral Home
Funeral Home & Crematory

Spiros
Mitsopoulos, MD



CHRIS
PAPPAS
U.S. SENATE



QUIRK CARS

The Vailas Family





Hannaford

NORTH SIDE PLAZA
Your kind of place!

DW Highway North, Manchester
NorthSidePlazaNH.com

Visit our other stores • Cityside Laundromat • Fantastic Sams
 Illuminate Power Yoga and Healing Center • Hannaford Supermarket
 H & R Block • Mathnasium • Radiant Nail & Spa
 Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse • Workout Club • Zizza Pizza

Dirty Shirley Bar Crawl

When: Saturday, Sept. 19, from 5 to 9 p.m.
Where: along Elm Street in downtown Manchester. A statement from Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, 836-6600, bookerymht.com) reads, “While we anticipate that most participants will visit locations individually, a larger group will depart from the bookstore at 6 p.m. following a specific route. Below is the complete list of participating bars, with the locations on the main group route being underlined/bolded.”

Diz’s
Stashbox
Without
The Shaskeen
Boards & Brews
Bad Brgr
Strange Brew
 Thirsty Moose
 Shoppers
 Industry East
 Hop Knot
 Critical Mass Coffee
 Manchester Distillery



Photo by John Fladd.

◀ CRAWL FROM PG 22

er Carl-themed activities, games, giveaways and raffles. We’ll have a bunch of fun Dungeon Crawler Carl merch for people to purchase too. So for anyone not interested in doing the Crawl there’s still stuff going on here they can participate in, or they could do both. We’re turning this whole place into a dungeon, which will be very, very exciting.”

“For instance,” Pellerin said, “we’ll have a High Rollers Roulette Wheel, which is a classic in the Desperado Club, where people can win different prizes — or maybe not win some prizes — based on what the wheel gives you. We’re going to have a photo booth, There will be some voting activities for readers’ favorite book, and we’ll build a ‘Mob’, which is like building monsters that people get to collaborate on. It’s going to be really fun. We’re really excited.”



**PATIENCE & PERSEVERANCE
HARD CIDER**

Available on draft and in 4 pack cans to go

Crisp and lively with a prominent bouquet and dry finish. 4.7% ABV. Check our limited edition varieties only offered on draft in house!



Open Every Day for Lunch and Dinner
 See our full menu at FlyingGoose.com
 603.526.6899 • 40 Andover Road, New London, NH

**CONCERT SERIES
ORDINARY ELEPHANT**
 Thurs, Oct. 1st, 7:30pm



Amphora
GREEK TAVERNA

THE SEASON'S BEST FALL COCKTAILS ARE HERE



Authentic Greek Scratch Kitchen made with the highest quality, fresh ingredients.

WINNER
HIPPO BEST OF 2024
BEST OF THE BEST!

Scan to Order Take Out or to See the Entertainment Schedule Live Music Wednesdays

603-537-0111 AMPHORANH.COM
 55 CRYSTAL AVE. #3, DERRY, NH
 FOR EVENTS AND CATERING: INFO@AMPHORA.COM



DRINKS WITH JOHN FLADD

A fall pudding

Traditionally the most fall-ish dish in New England was arguably this pudding. Over the past few decades it has slipped into obscurity, but it is warm and hearty and almost requires you to wear flannel. This recipe is adapted from a collection of holiday recipes that ran in the Boston Globe on Dec. 23, 1923.

1 cup (156 g) yellow cornmeal

“A lump of butter the size of an egg” – let’s call it ¼ cup (½ stick)

“1 cup molasses” – Molasses was the inexpensive sweetener of choice in New England for generations. For modern tastes it is a little bitter. Let’s go half-and-half with molasses and maple syrup: ½ cup (170 g) molasses, and ½ cup (156 g) maple syrup.

1 egg

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon each ground ginger and cinnamon

– alternatively, 1 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice

1 quart (4 cups/908 g) milk

1/3 cup chopped, crystalized ginger (around 50 g)

Another 2 cups (454 g) cold milk

1 cup (227 g) water

The original 1923 recipe recommends cooking everything on the stovetop, then baking it in a bean pot. If you cook it in an oven-proof pot, you can cook it, then move it to the oven. I like to use a 3-gallon soup pot with a tight-fitting lid.

Preheat your oven to 275°F — the 1923 recipe recommended a “slow oven.”

In your oven-proof pot, bring the quart of milk to a boil over medium heat.

Turn the heat down to medium-low, and whisk in the cornmeal, butter, molasses/maple syrup, egg, salt and spices. (If you’re worried about the egg cooking before you can get it mixed in properly, maybe stir it in with the molasses and syrup before you add them.) Whisk continuously until



A fall pudding. Photo by John Fladd.

the mixture comes back to a boil and thickens up, then stir in the crystalized ginger pieces.

Mix the remaining milk and the water together, then gently pour them on top of the cornmeal mixture. If you pour it over the back of a spatula, it should go on top without splashing. Your goal here is to top the pudding with a layer of liquid.

Cover the pot with a lid, and transfer it to the oven. Bake it for four hours.

After the four hours are up, remove the pot from the oven, and set it aside to cool.

You can take the lid off and look inside if you want to, but be aware that at this point the pudding is the stuff of nightmares. A hundred years ago puddings were commonly made using a process called “wheying.” A pudding would be baked covered with a layer of milk — or even cream, if you were fancy. As it baked, the dairy fats and proteins would get absorbed into the main body of the pudding, leaving a layer of whey on top. It is supposed to be there. But to modern eyes it just looks wrong. It is better for your peace of mind not to look at it until the pudding has had a chance to meditate and self-actualize.

After half an hour or so, whisk the whey back into the pudding, then serve it warm, with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. 🍷

Weekly Dish

Continued from page 22

• **Coffee cupping in Derry:** The Derry Public Library (64 E. Broadway, Derry, 432-6140, derrypl.org) will host a coffee-cupping workshop Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 6 to 7 p.m. Presenter Rob Fitzgibbon will give you a look at where coffee comes from, how it is made, and its history. There will be coffee samples for tasting, and guidance on what to look for in coffee, from aroma to taste. This workshop is free of charge, but participants must register online.

• **Farm fun:** Moulton Farm, 18 Quarry Road in Meredith, will hold Mack-a-Palooza — in honor of MacKenzie “Mack” McNamara and to benefit the Mack MacNamara Scholarship for Inter-Lakes

High School or Moultonborough Academy students — on Friday, Sept. 18, 5 to 7 p.m. The event will also kick off corn maze season. “Local food and beverage companies, including local breweries, will be set up throughout the farm’s four acre corn maze giving out samples of their products the evening before the corn maze opens to the public. Food trucks, music, and a huge inflatable obstacle course will also be part of the festive event,” according to a press release. “Moulton Farm’s corn maze will be open 7 days a week starting at 8 am from September 19 through November 1,” the release said. Purchase tickets and find corn maze information at MoultonFarm.com. 🍷

PRINTING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
RESTAURANT + RETAIL PRINT SERVICES
 Menus + Take Out Menus
 Lamination Services | Posters
 Mounted Posters | Signage
 Wall Decals | Window Posters

hippo prints

CALL OR EMAIL:
 603.382.1380 | PRINTING@HIPPOPRESS.COM

New England SHARPENING Company Inc.

Full service sharpening for home and industrial tools.

10% OFF with this ad

Pricing & Order Forms at: nesharpening.com
 I also sharpen saws and axes.

28 Charron Ave. #14, Nashua
603-880-1776

144048

firefly *Inspired Classic American Fare*
HANDCRAFTED COCKTAILS, LOCAL BEERS, WINES BY THE GLASS

Brunch | Lunch | Dinner | Patio Dining | Takeout | Special Events
 22 Concord Street, Manchester, NH | 603.935.9740 | www.fireflynh.com

147244

179 Years and 7 Generations of Family Farming

30+ Apple Varieties

BROOKDALE FRUIT FARM

Best Pick Your Own Farm

WINNER
 HIPPO BEST OF 2024
 FARMERS PICKS

Enjoy the Harvest Season!
 Corn Maze, Hayrides, Ice Cream Stand
 Cider donuts, Fresh Veggies, Breads &
 Goodies, Gourmet Foods & Cheeses, Mums & Fall Decor

For current PYO conditions, Scan or Call our Picking Info Line (603) 465-2240
BrookdaleFruitFarm.com | (603) 465-2240 | 41 Broad St. Hollis, NH

148723

POP CULTURE

MUSIC, BOOKS, MOVIES AND MORE

Josiah Queen, *Mt. Zion* (Capitol Records)



Some weeks I take 'em as they come, and even though I reviewed the new Stryper album just a couple of weeks ago, another Christian rock album gets an ups today, the newest (it's from last year but his people want me to talk about it, and I'm an easy mark today) from a 23-year-old Christian rocker from Florida who's had two albums go platinum. I'm not religious at all but do have a weakness for Christian rock (I told you before about that live version of Brandon Lake's "Resurrection Power" that's so awesome I can barely stand it, even if I suspect it's a ripoff of something decent from Creed, not that I've heard more than two Creed songs, the second of which only insulted my ears because I was accidentally watching wrestling).

Before we proceed, I think this kid's name is hilarious, like I'll bet that in the 1970s half the garage bands in America thought about naming themselves "Josiah Queen" and may have even mocked up a logo, but musically this particular Josiah is big into Zach Bryan on the cool-breeze heartland-banjo-rock side and Mumfords and Kings of Leon on the arena-bombast side. It's all awesome, and, I'm sure, like all Christian rock, blatantly stolen from different places, but hey man, the good kids do deserve their heroes, I suppose. Oh, and yup, my aforementioned home-dog Lake sings on here too ("Can't Steal My Joy"). A —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

Kevin Sun, *Kevin Sun I/Kevin Sun II* (Endectomorph Music)



A lot of self-exploratory artistry for a bro to process here, in the form of two simultaneously released albums and you can just belay the snark about the economic sense of releasing two separate discs as opposed to a single two-disc digipak because I don't want

to hear it. In fact, this jazz saxophonist knows you were going to open your yap about it, and his excuse is that, and I quote, "it's more like a pair of video games set in the same universe, each with its own style and cast of characters." Regardless, we can cut him some slack, firstly because each disc has a different threesome backing the man (led by pianist Christian Li on the more reflective *II* and guitarist Max Light on far more animated *I*), and secondly because the guy's a genius, pulling stunts like hammering a waltz into a busy 4/4 (Ryuichi Sakamoto's "Chanson") and wedding ever-increasing tension to ever widening thickness in the aptly titled "Hold Music." One not to miss. A+ —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Onward we trudge into the yawning black hole that is popular music in America this year (which I believe the Chinese have dubbed The Year Of The Xenomorph), as we look at the new CD releases of Friday, Sept. 18, from as sensible a distance as possible. Long list of new ones this week, which, to my delight, is indeed so big that I don't have to bother sampling anything from Neil Young's new album, *Second Song*, with his new band **The Chrome Hearts**, I'll take the good news wherever I can get it these days; I assume it's the usual bunch of messy, off-key-sung tunes featuring our gimmick-voiced hero grousing about Trump or AI or whatever he's been mumbling about lately while not actually doing anything about all the nonsense, what would we do without rock stars making half-cocked sociopolitical statements, folks, I ask you. But more relevant to Generation X, the generation currently running the country from the C suite, we have a new album titled *Apples For Isaac* coming out from Liverpool, U.K.'s **Echo & the Bunnymen**, whom I'm still mad at because several years ago I had mooched passes to a show they were playing in Boston (I think it was at The Paradise club), and I drove there because my wife would rather get dental work than drive in Boston, and we got there a little late and hence they wouldn't let us in, I assume because we missed one of the two songs they play that more than three people reading this could identify by name (before you start racking your brain, you're thinking of "Killing Moon," which you misidentified as being a Cure song the first 20 times you were exposed to it). Nevertheless I have never been mean to the band in these pages, unless you count the last paragraph, at least not that I can recall, and the singer and guitarist are still on the team, so I will give the new single "The Light That Surrounds You" a fair chance to impress me, let me move the barf bag closer to my Golden Sculpted Throne of Judgment, OK all set. Oh, what even is this, it sounds like Franz Ferdinand in trudgy-boring mode, why on Earth are they trying to be relevant in this century? If you were at their show at Boston's Roadrunner club in June and they were playing this song, trust me, it was one of the times you were like "OK" and got in line at the bar for drinks, waiting for a song you actually know.

• Fans of hilariously overrated arena-rock superstars **Queen** have something to celebrate this week, as their drummer, **Roger Taylor**, drops new album *Violence Insane In A Beautiful World*. I assume he's only putting it out because Queen is more or less done, given that the band's guitarist, Brian May, is an astrophysicist (remember when he wrote a book about the planets or something-something, did I review that one here when his people sent it to me? If not, it was really boring and not at all Carl Sagan-like) who doesn't care about rock 'n' roll anymore, leaving Taylor to sink or swim on his own if he spent all the money he made during their almost-listenable era, meaning the coda of "Bohemian Rhapsody." Taylor's new LP's opening track, "I See You Now," is David Bowie-ish but super wimpy and maudlin; it might interest your great aunt if she hasn't been kissed since 1985.

• **Carly Rae Jepsen** sang "Call Me Maybe," remember those days? Her new album, *Day And Night*, has a single called "We Get By (Day and Night)" that's pretty decent, sort of Goldfrapp-ish and urban, I do like it.

• And finally, "unplugged metal" flamenco-guitar duo **Rodrigo y Gabriela** grace us with their newest full-length, *OurHome*. I've never been a fan of show-offy novelty acts and tend to lump these guys in with Buckets The Drummer, like I'd be more entertained if they wore rubber horsie heads as they played, but as usual the title track delivers its hard-driving whatever-it-is as succinctly as ever, you know, that "inimitable" Metallica meets Gene Autry vibe. —Eric W. Saeger 🍷

NOTE: Local (NH) bands seeking album or EP reviews can message me on Twitter/Bluesky (@esaeger) or Facebook (eric.saeger.9).

COME VISIT OUR FARM THIS FALL

APPLE PICKING & FARM STAND SEPT – OCT

mcleodorchards.com
WEEKDAYS 1–5:30 • WEEKENDS 10–5:30
735 North River Road Milford, NH • less than 1 mi. from Milford Market Basket

It's here. It's now. It's Cotton!

Want to get a taste of great food made fresh? Nothing tastes like COTTON.

Serving Dinner
Tues-Fri 5-8:30 PM • Sat 4-8:30 PM
75 Arms St, Manchester 603.622.5488
Reserve your table now online at www.cottonfood.com

POP CULTURE BOOKS

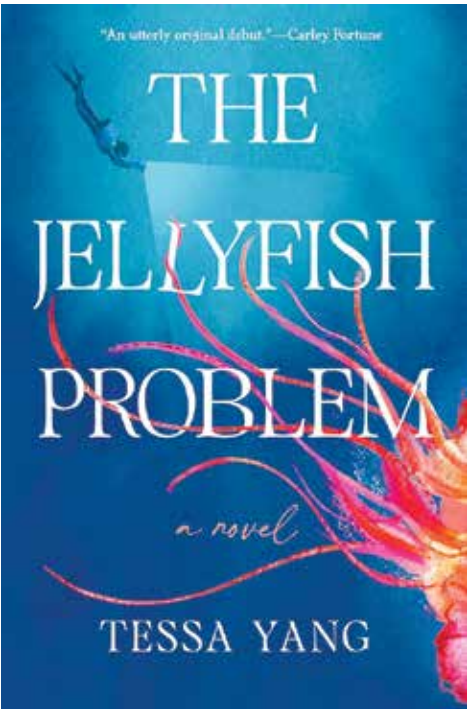
The Jellyfish Problem, by Tessa Yang (Berkley, 373 pages)

You’d never know it from the title, but Tessa Yang’s *The Jellyfish Problem* is a good, old-fashioned ghost story, the kind to lose yourself in on chilly weekends in October when you’re not out pumpkin spicing or leaf peeping. It’s a bit fantastical, as ghost stories usually are, and asks us to care a bit too much about an invertebrate that lacks a brain and heart. But this is a mystery/thriller informed by marine science, and we will learn about jellyfish whether we want to or not. The author, Tessa Yang, clearly intends for us to appreciate jellyfish more after reading her debut novel, but that may not be the effect.

Dr. Jo Ness is a marine biologist who has been obsessed with jellyfish since childhood, when she came across one at the beach and admired “a raw gray thing slouched on the sand like an angel’s lung dropped from heaven.” All grown up now, she worked her way into a job at a struggling aquarium where she tends jellyfish in the first, tiny stages of life while working on a book about jellyfish with her best friend — a brash South American scientist named Aldo who has a remarkable resistance to animal venom.

Jo, who always said she liked jellyfish more than people, made an exception for Aldo, but he died in a scuba accident seven months ago, and Jo is still mourning. They were diving together but became separated in poor visibility, and Jo is wracked by the sense that she was responsible for Aldo’s death.

His loss was the second blow since she finished college: The first was becoming



estranged from her college best friend, Nadia, a woman with whom she thought she had the makings of a romantic relationship. But Nadia went AWOL after commencement and they haven’t spoken in 11 years. She knows nothing about Jo’s current life other than that she had been obsessed with jellyfish. Then she unexpectedly calls and tells Jo she is living on an island off the coast of Maine and that they have a “jellyfish problem.”

Nadia doesn’t offer much more information and admits she hasn’t seen the creature herself. But Jo, listless and miserable since Aldo’s death, has plenty of accrued leave and books a

cross-country flight, interested not only in the mysterious jellyfish but also in the possibility of rekindling her relationship with Nadia, or at least learning why it abruptly ended.

What she finds there, however, is nothing she expected. Nadia is happily married and nowhere to be found. The jellyfish is singular, not plural. It is said to be a massive, brightly colored, luminescent creature that appears for three days at the time of the full moon and has a strange effect on the locals who see it. They regard the jellyfish as not a fascinating object of study but a literal sea monster, the kind that Jo’s Japanese mother used to tell her stories about when she was a child.

Complicating matters is the geographic isolation of Shattering Point, “800 acres of spruce forest and granite shorelines and bracing, choppy waters that deter all but the gutsiest swimmers.” Twenty-two miles off the Maine coast, the island is reachable by ferry twice a week, but only during the summer season. Other times, to get on or off the island, you have to take an air taxi or catch a ride with the mail boat, which only goes out once a week.

Even though the island relies on tourists during the summer, Jo is not universally welcomed. Some of the islanders are hostile to her, and as she tries to find Nadia and unravel the mystery of the jellyfish, which the people of Shattering Point call Clementine, there is a bitter divide about what should be done about the jellyfish. The danger is not exaggerated or imagined: People are physically affected by even seeing Clementine, and one man has to be hospitalized.

That said, Clementine is not the ghost of this story, but an apparition that Jo begins seeing,

which she understands to be a *yōkai*, a supernatural being that her mother used to tell her about.

The relationship Jo has with her mother is one of the many layers in the story: Her father, who used serve as an intermediary of sorts between mother and daughter, is dead, and their relationship is both distant and fraught, in part because the mother is resistant to her daughter’s sexual orientation and had been hoping that Jo would marry Aldo.

Each chapter of *The Jellyfish Problem* begins with an excerpt of the book that Jo and Aldo were writing, which serves not only to only impart jellyfish information but also to give us a glimpse of the closeness between the two. The conversation in the document’s editing notes grows poignant over time, and Jo begins to speak to her dead friend in editing mode, as if hoping he could see it. It’s a small but smart thing that Yang does to break up a novel that can feel overly long at times, especially when the suspension of disbelief is called for repeatedly.

When the explanation of everything arrives, it is — well, let’s just go with unusual: perhaps not wholly satisfying, but consistent with the novel’s intelligent foundation and supernatural overlay. The quirkiness of the story, however, is eclipsed by the gorgeous writing. Yang has the voice of a poet and hardly a page goes by without some elegant sentence construction that makes you take note of its grace. Give her bonus points, also, for assigning a cameo role to the University of New Hampshire. Wildcats beat jellyfish every time. **A** —Jennifer Graham

Books

Author events

- **Will Hackman** will talk about his book *Radically Reframing Climate Change* on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Toadstool Bookshop (12 Depot Square, Peterborough, toad-books.com).
- **Cristin O’Keefe Aptowicz** will talk about her latest book, *The Ballad of Fugitive William Parker: A True Tale of Love, Murder, Treason, and Ordinary Folks Who Saved America* on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m. at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4600, nashualibrary.org). Books will be available for purchase and signing.
- **Alexus King** presents her romance novel *Every Summer After You* on Saturday, Sept. 19, 1-3 p.m. at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com).
- **Jarvis Coffin** will talk about his new book, *Calmly on the Waters, Seasonal Essays from Monadnock*, on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 1:30 p.m. at Bound Together (95 W. Pearl St., Nashua, boundtogethernh.com).
- **Michael Koryta** presents his new gangster novel, *Die Famous*, on Monday, Sept. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St.,

Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com).

- **R.F. Kuang** will talk about her new novel, *Taipei Story*, on Monday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Music Hall Historic Theater (28 Chestnut St., Portsmouth, 436-2400), in conversation with NHPR *All Things Considered* host Julia Barnett. Ticket package is \$57.75 and includes a hardcover copy of the book; purchase tickets at themusichall.org.
- **Chris Panatier** presents his new horror novel, *Worry Box*, on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com).
- **Andy Beshear**, governor of Kentucky, presents his book *Go and Do Likewise: How We Heal a Broken Country*, on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 12:30 p.m. at Gibson’s Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, gibsonsbookstore.com), in conversation with former NH governor John Lynch.
- **Robert B. Perreault** will give a brief talk on the history of New England Franco-Americans as a context for a discussion of and brief readings from his novel *Courtship in Purgatory*, on Thursday, Sept. 24, 6-7 p.m. at Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester, 624-6550, manchesterlibrary.org).

- **Andrew Merton** presents his latest book, *Gloria Steinem Blurbed Me (And Other Miracles)*, on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, waterstreetbooks.com).
- **Alicia-Leigh Smith**, a local author, will hold a book launch and reading on Friday, Sept. 25, 5-6:30 p.m. at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com).
- **Priscilla Corriveau Drouin**, a NH author, will sign copies of her mid-grade novel *Desert Danger! Lost and Alone* on Saturday, Sept. 26, 1-3 p.m. at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com).
- **Robert B. Perreault** will discuss his historical novel, *Courtship in Purgatory*, on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. at Wadleigh Memorial Library (49 Nashua St., Milford, 249-0645). The program will include a brief introduction on the Franco-Americans of New England.
- **Emily Bean**, a local author, presents her novel, *Let You Go*, on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, waterstreetbooks.com).
- **Jodi Picoult** will be the keynote author for the NH Book Festival and will discuss her next novel, *Hollow*

Bones (publishing in late September) on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Chubb Theater at CCA (44 S. Main St., Concord). All seats \$50 plus \$9 per ticket fee; each ticket includes a copy of *Hollow Bones*. Purchase tickets via ccanh.com.

- **Jeff Kinney**, author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book series, will be the family keynote author for the NH Book Festival and will talk about his books on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chubb Theater at CCA (44 S. Main St., Concord). (Oct. 2 presentation is sold out.) All seats \$22 plus \$3 per ticket fee; each ticket includes a copy of *Rowley Jefferson’s Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2*. Purchase tickets via ccanh.com.

Book events

- **Horror Book Talk with ThePalo-maFiles** on Saturday, Sept. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com). Explore the dark side of fiction, share your love of chilling stories and trade thoughts with fellow fans.
- **Dirty Shirley Bar Crawl & Dungeon Crawler Carl themed games** presented by The Desperado Club in conjunction with Granite State Comicon, on Saturday, Sept. 19, 5-9 p.m.

at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com).

- **Bookish Bingo** Tuesday, Sept. 22, 5:30-8 p.m. at Cork N’ Keg Grill in Raymond. Entry includes all 10 games played. Prizes include bookish merch and more. Find Bookish Bliss books on social media for tickets.
- **NH Book Festival** is Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3, in Concord, with events at the Capitol Center for the Arts and on South Main Street. Saturday includes a costume parade at 9 a.m., author panels free and open to the public during the day, and a family keynote with author Jeff Kinney. For details see nhbookfestival.org.

History, stories, discussions & lectures

- **Japan: Spirited Away with Marlin Darrah** is part of the free Walker Lecture Series at Concord City Auditorium (2 Prince St., Concord), on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m., no tickets or registration required.

Book clubs

- **To Share Brewing Co.** 720 Union St., Manchester. Monthly. Second and fourth Thursday of every month, 6 p.m. RSVP required. Visit tosharebrewing.com or call 836-6947. Sept.

24: *Anxious People: A Novel*.

- **Bookery** Monthly. Third Thursday, 6 p.m. 844 Elm St., Manchester. Visit bookerymht.com/book-club for a list of upcoming titles or call 836-6600.
- **Science Fiction Book Club** meets on the third Thursday of each month at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com). There are no monthly assigned books, just exchanges of book recommendations with lively discussions.

Writer events

- **William Graser**, a NH author, will talk about his book *The Pros and Cons of Self-Publishing* on Saturday, Sept. 26, 1-3 p.m. at Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com).

Book sales

- **Book and Media Sale**, Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Church, 27 Pleasant Street, Concord. Huge selection including lots of children’s books. Record albums, DVDs, Compact Disc and book-inspired crafts, according to an organizer email. Cafe with coffee and baked goods til noon. “South Church is an open and affirming community, seeking racial justice,” the email said.

More of that

Alan Ritchson is always good for an Alan Ritchson type

By Amy Diaz
adiaz@hippopress.com

Playing into that one character you always play might not be the way to blaze a path to an Oscar, but it does seem to be a good strategy for earning a regular paycheck.

Take, for example, Alan Ritchson, traveling butt-kicker Reacher in the Prime Video series *Reacher*. In addition to playing a large man who has a code and beats up bad guys in that series (which ends its fourth season this week; a fifth season is expected, according to Wikipedia), Ritchson plays a large man who has a code and beats up bad guys in *Runner*, released in theaters last week, less than two months after the release of *Motor City*, another movie where he plays a large man who has a code and beats up bad guys.

Hank (Ritchson), who has a “big guy” name, as Owen Wilson’s Ben says, is a courier, running things both legal and legal-status-unknown around Brisbane, Australia, where he lives and works on his sobriety. He is charged with picking up a medical package at the airport, which is where he meets Ben, who explains that he, Ben, is part of the medical package. The item is a secured cooler keeping a liver viable for a sad little girl who needs a new liver and Ben is the guy who knows how to keep it at the right temperature and knows the code to open it.

Things immediately start to go wrong with this assignment as Hank realizes that he and the aggressively chatty Ben are being followed by two SUVs full of bad guys. Soon the shooting and car chasing and occasionally some punching and kicking get underway as Hank and Ben try to race the organ to an out-of-town hospital before it loses viability while a cartel boss’s desperate, sweaty son (Rodrigo Santoro) attempts to hijack it for his mother’s own use.

Just to really hammer home that all of the violence Hank and Ben participate in is For A Good Cause, we see the sick kid and her mother regularly and we spend a little too much screentime on Hank’s sad backstory with his own sad sick daughter. And if that doesn’t do it for you, the movie really underlines the Extreme Danger and Extreme Heroism by scoring a lot of the action with music that feels like it was maybe left over from some Angel Studios’ biblical epic’s battlefield scenes. (Angel, which I know largely for its Christian and Christian-adjacent films, is this movie’s distributor and apparently has also started to release some less overtly faith-based movies. TBD on what all that means.)

Not unlike other movies I talk about here, *Runner* piles on a lot of unnecessary story elements for its characters — Santoro’s character has a difficult relationship with his mother! Hank is still sad about his failed marriage!

These little extras aren’t needed because this movie’s core — overly talkative regular-guy Ben and strong silent type Hank — is very charming. They have good “guys who become buddies doing a task” chemistry, their respective skills help give energy and the right amount of humor to the action scenes. When the movie just gets out of their way, turns down the score and lets them do their things — Ritchson’s Reacher variant, Wilson’s Owen Wilson variant — we in the audience get the fun popcorn time the trailer promises.

In July theatrical release *Motor City* (available for rent or purchase), Ritchson, playing Vietnam vet and lunch-box-toting factory worker John Miller, is less crackling but still fun to watch. This action-revenge movie of few words lets 1970s production design, costuming and songs do most of the talking. Moments after Miller proposes to girlfriend Sophia (Shailene Woodley), cops are blasting smoke bombs into their home. Sophia and Miller end up under arrest, with police pulling bricks of cocaine out of his car, the car that hours earlier was briefly stolen from him. As we see in flashbacks, before she was with Miller, Sophia was the girlfriend of drug muckety muck Reynolds (Ben Foster) and now Reynolds, with the help of dirty cop Savick (Pablo Schreiber), is getting Miller out of the way. Miller goes to jail and Reynolds goes to Sophia, re-endearing himself to the woman who felt so betrayed by Miller. When she discovers Reynolds’ treachery and he gets violent, Miller’s friends (played by Lionel Boyce and Amar Chadha-Patel) break Miller out of prison to rescue Sophia.

Motor City is aggressive about its stylishness, from its slo-mo-enhanced action choreographed to Fleetwood Mac’s “The Chain” to every choice made with Woodley’s hair. It is very self-consciously Doing A Thing, which I found entertaining mostly and kind of endearing even when it felt like it tipped into A Little Much territory (which for me was when “Nights in White Satin” appeared on the soundtrack). For me, this movie boiled down to the appeal of Alan Ritchson and how he dances through his fight scenes with balletic precision, taking just enough punches so we don’t think he’s a robot.

Ritchson, of course, isn’t the only actor playing his standard character and serving up action in recent releases.

Ryan Reynolds plays that one Ryan Reynolds character who is here a fighter pilot during the *Top Gun*-era Cold War in *Mayday*, an Apple TV movie. Troy (Reynolds) is tasked with operating the camera on a spy mission over Soviet territory. When his plane is shot down, he winds up behind enemy lines and is found by Nikolai (Kenneth Branagh), an American-culture-loving former KGB



Motor City

agent who insists on Troy calling him “Nik” and is delighted to have real-life Maverick in his house. When Troy nixes Nik’s suggestion that they just wait out the end of the Cold War safely in Nik’s cabin, the two have to work together to get Troy to safety without Nik being arrested for being a traitor. Chasing them down is Volkov (Marcin Dorocinski), a glasnost-hating KGB agent hoping to use this situation to return the U.S.S.R. to its former hardline glory.

That all of these characters seem more naive than they should be for who they are is probably my biggest beef with this otherwise good-natured, goofy caper-like movie. There is some silliness to the “Russians are people, just like us!” elements of Troy’s journey. But Branagh’s heft helps to cut Reynolds’ patter-based glibness and the result is a highly watchable light bit of comedy.

Also playing his one character is Jason Statham in *Mutiny*, an August release that showed up last week on VOD for rent or purchase. Statham is Cole Reed, a former British military guy and also former British cop who is now the bodyguard for a shipping magnate Tibu (Ramon Tikaram), who treats Cole like family and buys him a fancy watch and is the stand-in for Cole’s cop father, who died during a police raid or something and Cole feels responsible and this is way too much backstory for a movie that was trying to sell itself by boasting it had the same director as *Plane*. *Plane* got right to the Plane of it all. *Mutiny* takes too long to get us in an actual ship on the actual water. The action kicks off on dry land when Tibu, who is about to sell his company, is ambushed. Cole nearly gets him to safety but Tibu is shot and has just enough time to say “take care of my crappy adult son” (not an exact quote) before dying. Cole then seeks the men who killed his beloved employ-

er, which leads him to sneaking onto a cargo ship. Also on the ship is Angie (Annabelle Wallis), the third mate, who has her own irrelevant backstory. These are the good guys on the ship; everybody else (captain played by Roland Møller plus a bunch of henchmen I couldn’t keep straight) is a bad guy. What Cole and Angie, separately at first and then together, discover is that the ship is part of a human trafficking operation and some of the refugees aboard this particular ship are in dire need of medical attention. To get the help they need, Cole and Angie will need to kick, punch, shoot and stab their way through the bad guys.

There is one particularly fun scene of balletic hand-to-hand combat featuring Statham near the movie’s end. It stood out to me for how much more interesting it was than most of the action that preceded it. Statham does a lot of his Statham thing but the movie doesn’t have the fun this kind of action-focused affair should have. We are watching *Mutiny* for Mutiny, and all that implies in terms of sassy one-liners and creative violence, not a rumination on father-son relationships and not a study of the different ways human traffickers can be bad. A movie like this can put its characters in scary settings with bad people, and those characters should take it seriously, but the movie where a guy fights another guy with a giant hook shouldn’t take itself so seriously or weigh itself down.

I feel like recent Amazon Prime Video release *The Runner* also had action-entertainment potential, but it just doesn’t work, I think this is in part because the movie has no faith in itself or in lead Gal Gadot. In a movie that feels like smooshed together bits of other movies, Gadot plays Maia, a London prosecutor and single mom to diabetic kid Noah (Rory Wilmot). She drops her son off at school and then goes on a run before a big day in court



Mutiny

where she’s meant to question the one witness who can put away the criminal on trial. Early in her run, she gets a call on Noah’s phone from a man (Damian Lewis) saying he has Noah and needs her to do exactly what he says if she wants to see her son alive again. Naturally, the task is killing the witness and she has about an hour to run a needlessly far distance to his hotel (no Uber in London?) and get the job done before Noah dies of the diabetic coma Damian Lewis (called simply “The Caller” on IMDb) has put him in.

Most of the action is Maia running through

the city while talking to Damian. Along the way she tries to figure out how to tell someone what’s happening. This story feels like a copy of a copy of some similar movie that would have starred, for example, Jason Statham, but the movie never figures out a clear lane to stick to — is Damian Lewis a creepy sadist who gets his kicks from this or a professional just doing a task? Is Maia just a regular-lady mom trying to save her son or does she have some weird violent past? Or is Gal Gadot just so unsuited for this part, however well she might physically sell the action elements, that the movie doesn’t know how to compose her character? I vote for that option. One of the many signs of the movie’s total lack of faith in Gadot is the strange close-ups, shaky cams, slo-mos and other camera effects applied to Gadot, particularly in scenes where you might need an actor to convey an emotion. You get the sense that either Gadot couldn’t portray, like, panic or rage, or the moviemakers decided to add the character’s emotions in post. Either way, it highlights the overall limpness of her performance and adds to the “cheap story told cheaply” feel of the whole endeavor.



Film

Venues

Bank of NH Stage in Concord 16 S. Main St., Concord, banknhstage.com

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

Chunky’s Cinema Pub 707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com

Cinemark Rockingham Park 12 15 Mall Road, Salem

Fathom Entertainment fathomentertainment.com

The Flying Monkey 39 Main St., Plymouth, 536-2551, flyingmonkeynh.com

Milford Drive-In 531 Elm St., Milford, milforddrivein.com

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

Park Theatre 19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org

Peterborough Community Theatre 6 School St., Peterborough, pctmovies.com

Red River Theatres 11 S. Main St., Concord, redrivertheatres.org

Regal Fox Run Stadium 15 45 Gosling Road, Newington, regmovies.com

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

Smitty’s Cinema 630 W. Main St., Tilton, 286-3275, smittyscinema.com

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

Wilton Town Hall Theatre 40 Main St., Wilton, wilontownhalltheatre.com, 654-3456

Film

• **Practical Magic 2** (PG-13, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 4 and 7 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 18, at 2, 5 & 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, noon, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 20, at 1, 4 & 7 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 21, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 10, 4 & 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 1, 4 &

7 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m.

• **Late Fame** (2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 4:15 p.m.

• **Coyote Vs. Acme** (PG, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 18, at 3 & 8:15 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, at 12:15, 5:30 & 8:15 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 21, at 7:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 4:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 2 & 7:15 p.m.

• **The Passion of the Christ** (2004) will screen via Fathom Entertainment, fathomentertainment.com, through Sept. 17, according to the website, where you can find screening theaters and times.

• **Coyote vs. Acme** (PG, 2026) will screen at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Tony** (R, 2026) will screen at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6:45 p.m.

• **The Cycle of Love** (NR, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 6:45 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 18, at 5:45 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, at 2:45 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 20, at 7:15 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 21, at 4:15 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m. & 7:15 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 4:30 p.m.

• **Practical Magic 2** (PG-13, 2026) will screen at the Peterborough Community Theatre on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, and Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 3 and 7 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m.

• **Transformers: The Movie: The Apology Tour 40th Anniversary Screening** will screen via Fathom Entertainment, fathomentertainment.com, Sept. 17 through Oct. 1, accord-

ing to the website, where you can find screening theaters and times.

• **Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom** (PG, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatre in Concord on Friday, Sept. 18, at 2:30, 4:45 & 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 19, at 1, 3 & 6 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 20, at 1:30, 3:45 & 6 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 21, at 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 10 a.m., 4:30 & 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 1:30, 3:45 & 6 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 24, at 4:30 p.m.

• **Inside Out 2** (PG, 2024) will screen in Derryfield Park in Manchester on Friday, Sept. 18, at 8:15 p.m., according to a post on the Manchester Parks & Recreation Facebook page. BYO chairs, blankets and snacks, the post said.

• **Primetime** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 4:15 & 7:15 p.m.

• **Ha-Chan, Shake Your Booty!** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 4 & 6:45 p.m.

• **Movies in the Park** takes place in Riverfront Park in Tilton, hosted by the Hall Memorial Library (hallmemoriallibrary.org), on Fridays throughout the summer, with the park opening at 6 p.m. and the movie starting at dusk. According to the website, the upcoming schedule is *Hercules* (Sept. 25).

• The **Manhattan Short Film Festival**, manhattanshort.com, will screen at NHTI in Concord on Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 26, at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 27, at 2 p.m., according to the website, where you can get information about the 10 finalists that will be screened. Participate in the global voting and check back with the website on Monday, Oct. 5, to see the winner.

Since 1975
BALDASSARI PAINTING

- Interior/Exterior Painting
- Residential
- Wall Papering/Wall Paper Removal
- Ceiling Repairs - Power Washing

FREE ESTIMATES
LICENSED & INSURED
EPA LEAD CERT.

Fred Jr. Baldassari

(603) 840-6044 or (781) 953-6890
WWW.BALDASSARIPAINING.COM

Family owned and operated
for 50+ years, 3 generations

LICENSE #163053

FREE local Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening

Early Detection Saves Lives

**Call Equality Health Center
603-225-2739**

Equality HEALTH CENTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Department of
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 25 & 26 | 6PM-9PM

\$50,000 OFF-ROAD

RICHES DRAWINGS

1 LUCKY WINNER WILL RIDE AWAY IN A BRAND-NEW ATV EACH NIGHT!

PLUS, WIN YOUR SHARE OF \$50,000 IN PRIZES!

Start earning entries now. Earn 100 entries per 10 Tier Points.

Must be present to win. Prizes and actual vehicle model may vary. Grand prize of ATV will be awarded in the form of a credit to the dealership. Management reserves all rights. Gambling problem? Call 603-724-1605 or visit NHProblemGambling.org.

NEW HAMPSHIRE’S LARGEST GAMING DESTINATION

LEARN MORE AT THENASHCASINO.COM | f @
310 DANIEL WEBSTER HWY, NASHUA, NH 03060

THE Nash CASINO

RED RIVER THEATRES

We want to hear from you!

Help shape the future of your nonprofit independent cinema.

Take our 2026 Community Survey

Share your feedback by October 2nd.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO TAKE THE SURVEY NOW

After completing the survey you will have the chance **enter a drawing** for a chance to win a **5-pack of movie passes**. Pass packs will be awarded to five winners!

www.surveymonkey.com/r/Red_River_Survey_2026

THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
mwitthaus@hippopress.com

• **High time:** With an uncanny resemblance in both looks and voice, **Remembering John Denver** features singer-guitarist Ted Vigil paying tribute to the folksinger. His act has earned praise from members of Denver's own band. Vigil's lively set runs through classic songs like "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "Leaving on a Jet Plane," "Rocky Mountain High" and "Calypso." Thursday, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, \$40 and up, palacetheatre.org.

• **Swede shred:** Amidst a tour modestly called Freedom World Crusade, Swedish metal band **HammerFall** stops in Derry for a show that includes fellow countrymen Evergrey. Led by founder Oscar Dronjak and longtime vocalist Joacim Cans, the band is closing in on three decades of its classic, powerful sound, with songs about medieval battles, fantasy figures, and Templar knights. Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, \$50 and up, tupelohall.com.

• **Nu thing:** A weekend of nu metal and EDM, the **Weirs Beach Music Festival** is built around the Tool-loving 3 Degrees – A Tribute to Maynard James Keenan, which also draws from A Perfect Circle and Puscifer. The band performs at 7 p.m. on Sept. 19, but the event has more, including Charing Cross, Hollow Virtue, Frank EB and DJ MM3, as well as Big Stage Karaoke. Friday, Sept. 18, through Sunday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m., Big House, 306-322 Lakeside Ave., Laco-
nia, bighousenightclub.com.

• **Multi core:** A bill crowded with heaviness is topped by Texas hardcore stalwarts **Soul Exchange**, whose latest single "Cash and Cold Hands" packs a punch — one fan described it as "moshing with chains." Also performing at the all-ages show are Pure Bliss (characterized as "boulder-crushing"), Wise Choice, Infernal Diatribe, Selfish Act and Montreal alt rockers Tarbox. Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Bungalow Bar & Grill, 333 Valley St., Manchester, \$15, @bigboybookings.

• **Dog day:** Motley Mutts Rescue holds its fifth annual **MuttFest**, with music from Nightshade & Gold singer Lauribeth, Jimmy & the Barhoppers and Chasing Ghosts. With a mission "to help dogs in need by providing the highest quality care on their journey to an approved forever home," the organization works primarily with dog rescuers in the South. The event has raffles, food trucks and beer. Sunday, Sept. 20, noon, 603 Brewery, 42 Main St., Londonderry, motley-muttrescue.org. 🐾

NITE Comicon comedy

Jay Chanoine headlines Queen City Center afterparty

By Michael Witthaus
mwitthaus@hippopress.com

As his comedy special *Chanoinigans* hit YouTube on Halloween Day last year, Jay Chanoine already had enough new material for a follow-up. A week later he flew south to do a half hour of it at the Altercation Comedy Festival in Austin. His headlining set got a standing ovation.

Chanoine will debut the full special Sept. 19 at Queen City Center.

"I think this is the strongest hour of material that I've ever written," he said as he prepared to do a quick set for a food pantry benefit at Manchester's Shaskeen Pub recently. "I am so proud of this new batch."

The show is the latest in a series harkening back to a weekly comedy night at the Shaskeen, where Chanoine did his first open mic in 2009. Matt Barry, another comic who also started there, though a bit later, also appears, with Brienna Woodward rounding out the bill.

Future shows in the QCC series, booked by Nick Lavalley's Wicked Joyful, include Kendall Ferrall on Oct. 3, Sam Jay (HBO, *SNL*, Netflix) on Oct. 21, Alex Giampapa on Nov. 21, and two nights from Tina Friml (Comedy Central) on Dec. 11 and Dec. 12. A New Year's Eve bash is also slated, with a lineup still being finalized.

Chanoine's show is also part of Granite State Comicon, and telling jokes is only part of what the confirmed pop culture nerd will be doing at the event. He'll also moderate a few celebrity panels, including one with Felicia Day, whose movie spinoff from her gamer-themed series *The Guild* just broke a Kickstarter record.

Additionally, he'll run panels with voice

actors from *Teen Titans* and the *Grand Theft Auto 5* video game.

"My personality has two sides; take a comic book and a comedy stage and put them together," he said. "I've wanted to do a comedy show to tie into Granitecon for years — because that's me, man, and those are my people. Get them in a room where I can do jokes for them."

The show starts promptly at 6:30, with doors at 6, and there's a reason for the early start.

"They always do an after party at Shaskeen on Saturday night at 8," Chanoine said. "Comicon stuff ends at 5, so there's this gap in the middle of your nerdy Saturday. I was like, let's give them a nerdy thing to come do in between."

It caps a big year that included a trip to Alaska for the Before You Die Festival.

"The people that run it are friends of friends; we've been connected online," Chanoine said. "It's been a destination thing that I wanted to do eventually, and this year they were saying it might be the last one. I was like, well, I need to go, to cross it off the list."

He's not surprised to be one of a few Shaskeen comics — Barry's another — to still be around many years later.

"I definitely knew I'd still be doing it at this point," he said. "I mean, the first time I did stand-up, I was 12 years old. It was something I'd been in love with since I was about 6 or 7. I always wanted to be the funny friend, I was always cracking jokes and trying them out on different groups of friends."

By the time he stopped playing in punk bands and walked on stage at Shaskeen for the first time, he was more than ready.

"I was already in that writing process. I was already doing it, and turns out part of it was just that I was an undiagnosed autistic kid, and I was trying to kind of formulate this practiced personality." When he was diagnosed in 2024,



Jay Chanoine. Courtesy photo.

it was more confirmation than revelation, and his doctor said he might not want to make it official. Nope, Chanoine replied. "I'm going to need there to be a piece of paper for me to talk about this on stage as much as I plan to," he told her. "I'm going to need us to be 100% sure before I make fun of this disability."

Even with that medical stamp, his new special is consistent with Chanoine's 17 years as a standup. "It's always been, just take this," he said, with a smile stuck between amused and incredulous, waving at his oversized glasses, worn-in Misfits T-shirt and red plaid pants, "and put it into a microphone. And it's definitely more of that." 🐾

Jay Chanoine, Matt Barry & Brienna Woodward

When: Saturday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Queen City Center, 215 Canal St., Manchester

Tickets: \$20 at wickedjoyful.com

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Weekly comedy nights

• **Wednesdays** Ruby Room at the Shaskeen in Manchester, 9 p.m.

Open mic comedy nights

• **Moka Mic hosted by Alex Lachance** Moka Pot in Manchester, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m.

• **This Must Be the Mic co-hosted by Tucker Sampson** Hop Knot in Manchester, Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

• **Laugh Attic hosted by Danny Pee** Strange Brew in Manchester, Thursdays, 8:30 p.m.

• **Candia Road Brewing hosted by Pete Trubble Morse** 840 Candia Road, Manchester, first and third Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Events

• **David Nihil** Rex in Manchester, Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m.

• **Attic Roasts!** Strange Brew in Manchester, Friday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m.

• **Jay Chanoine, Matt Barry, Brienna Woodward** Queen City Center in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Sarah Tollemache/Dan Doherty** Moka Pot in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m.

• **Bob Marley** Flying Monkey in Plymouth, Saturday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tim McKeever** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.

• **Mark Scalia** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.

• **Joey Carroll** McCue's in

Portsmouth, Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.

• **Comedy Night** Press Room, in Portsmouth Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

• **Natalie Cuomo** Nashua Center for the Arts, Thursday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.

• **Kerri Louise** Chunky's in Manchester, Thursday, Sept. 24, 8 p.m.

• **Josh Day** Moka Pot in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 26, 6:30 p.m.

• **Jessica Kirson** Chubb Theatre in Concord, Saturday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

• **Kyle Crawford** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m.

• **Kyle Crawford** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m.

• **Terry Fator** Casino Ballroom in Hampton, Sunday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.

• **Colin Mochrie & Brad Sherwood: Asking for Trouble** Palace in Manchester, Thursday, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.

• **Forrest Shaw** Moka Pot in Manchester, Friday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

• **Heather Shaw** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Saturday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

• **Ed "The Machine" Regine & Friends** Fulchino Vineyard in Hollis, Saturday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m.

• **Frank Santos Jr.** Rex in Manchester, Saturday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

• **October Comedy Night** Rockingham Ballroom in Newmarket, Saturday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m.

• **Jody Sloane** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, Oct. 3, 8

p.m.

• **Steve Bjork** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m.

• **Chazz Palminteri's A Bronx Tale Live** Nashua Center for the Arts, Sunday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

• **Nurse Blake** Nashua Center for the Arts, Monday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.

• **David Sedaris** Chubb Theatre in Concord, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.

• **Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue** Music Hall in Portsmouth, Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

• **Jon Stetson** LaBelle Amherst, Thursday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

• **Justin McKinney** Palace in Manchester, Friday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

• **Stephen Lynch** Music Hall in Portsmouth, Friday, Oct. 9, 8 p.m.

• **Tyrus Murdoch** Rochester Opera House, Saturday, Oct. 10, 7:30 p.m.

MUSIC THIS WEEK

Alton Bay Foster's Tavern 403 Main St., 875-1234	Canterbury Canterbury Farmers Market 9 Center Road	Dover Cara Irish Pub & Restaurant 11 Fourth St., 343-4390 Otto 431 Central Ave., 697-4150 Revo Casino & Social House 887b Central Ave., revocasino.com	The Goat 20 L St., 601-6928 L Street Tavern 603 17 L St., 967-4777 McGuirk's Ocean View Restaurant & Lounge 95 Ocean Blvd. Sea Ketch 127 Ocean Blvd., 926-0324 Wally's Pub 144 Ashworth Ave., 926-6954 Whym Craft Pub & Brewery 853 Lafayette Road, 601-2801	Tower Hill Tavern 264 Lakeside Ave., 366-9100	ond St., 627-RIBS Pint Sized Pub at Bert's Beer & Wines 545 Hooksett Road, Manchester, 413-5992 Puerto Vallarta Mexican Grille 865 Second St., 935-9182 Revo Casino & Social House 1279 S. Willow St., revocasino.com Salona Bar & Grill 128 Maple St., 624-4020 Shaskeen Pub 909 Elm St., 625-0246 Stark Brewing Co. 500 Commercial St., 625-4444 Strange Brew 88 Market St., 666-4292	Temple St., 484-7400 Fody's Tavern 9 Clinton St., 577-9015 Peddler's Daughter 48 Main St., 821-7535 The Spot 217 Main St., thespotnashua.com Spyglass Brewing 306 Innovative Way, 546-2965 Stella Blu 70 E. Pearl St., 578-5557 Union Public House 194 Main St., 699-8112	Otto 110 Brewery Lane, 802-6886 Press Room 77 Daniel St., 431-5186 Thirsty Moose Taphouse 21 Congress St., 427-8645
Atkinson Merrill's Tavern 85 Country Club Drive, 362-8700	Chichester Flannel Tavern 345 Suncook Valley Road, 406-1196	Epping Holy Grail 64 Main St., 679-9559 Telly's Restaurant & Pizzeria 235 Calef Hwy., 679-8225	Hampton Falls Applecrest Farm 133 Exeter Road, 758-1686	Manchester Bad BRGR 1015 Elm St., Manchester, 606-8806, bad-brgr.com Backyard Brewery 1211 S. Mammoth Road, 623-3545 Bookery 844 Elm St., 836-6600 Bungalow Bar & Grill 333 Valley St., 792-1111 Derryfield Country Club 625 Mammoth Road, 623-2880 Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740 The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925 Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022 The Goat 50 Old Granite St. Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789 The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159 KC's Rib Shack 837 Sec-	New Boston Molly's Tavern & Restaurant 35 Mont Vernon Road, 487-1362	Newmarket Stone Church 5 Granite St., 659-7700	Rochester Governor's Inn 78 Wakefield St., 332-0107 Porter's 19 Hanson St., 330-1964 Spaulding Steak & Ale 78 Wakefield St., 332-0107
Barnstead JJ Goodwin's: 769 Suncook Valley Road, 269-0059	Concord The Barley House 132 N. Main St., 228-6363 Feathered Friend 231 S. Main St., 715-2347 The Forum Pub 15 Village St., 565-3100 Hermanos Cocina Mexicana 11 Hills Ave., 224-5669 Lithermans 126B Hall St., 219-0784 Tandy's Pub & Grille 1 Eagle Square, 856-7614 T-Bones 404 S. Main St., 715-1999 Uno Pizzeria 15 Fort Eddy Road, 226-8667	Epsom Hill Top Pizzeria 1724 Dover Road, 736-0027	Hudson The Bar 2B Burnham Road Luk's Bar & Grill 142 Lowell Road, 889-9900 Lynn's 102 Tavern 76 Derry Road, 943-7832 T-Bones 77 Lowell Road, 882-6677	Mason The Range 96 Old Turnpike Road, 878-1324	Meredith Twin Barns Brewing 194 DW Highway, 279-0876	Pembroke Cavern Sports Bar 351 Pembroke St., 485-7777 Pembroke City Limits 134 Main St., 210-2409, pembrokecitylimits.com	Salem Copper Door 41 S. Broadway, 458-2033 Dreo 254 N. Broadway, 824-6337 T-Bones 311 South Broadway, 893-3444
Bedford Copper Door 15 Leavy Drive, 488-2677 Murphy's Carriage House 393 Route 101, 488-5875 T-Bones 169 S. River Road, 623-7699		Exeter Sea Dog Brewing Co. 5 Water St., 793-5116	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon 92 Route 125, 369-6962		Merrimack Homestead 641 DW Highway, 429-2022 Tortilla Flat 595 DW Highway, 424-4479	Pittsfield Over the Moon 1253 Upper City Road, 216-2162	Seabrook Backyard Burgers & Wings 5 Provident Way, 760-2581 Chop Shop Pub 920 Lafayette Road, 760-7706 Red's Kitchen + Tavern 530 Lafayette Road, 760-0030
Bow Chen Yang Li 520 S. Bow St., 228-8508	Contoocook Gould Hill Farm & Contoocook Cider Co. 656 Gould Hill Road, 746-3811	Gilford Beans & Greens 245 Intervale Road, 293-2853 Patrick's 18 Weirs Road, 293-0841	Laconia 405 Pub & Grill 405 Union St. Fratello's 799 Union Ave., 528-2022 Naswa Resort 1086 Weirs Blvd., 366-4341 T-Bones 1182 Union Ave., 528-7800		Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740 The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925 Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022 The Goat 50 Old Granite St. Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789 The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159 KC's Rib Shack 837 Sec-	Portsmouth The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122 The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628 Jitto's 3131 Lafayette Road, 436-9755	Warner The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333
Brookline The Alamo Texas Barbecue & Tequila Bar 99 Route 13, 721-5000		Goffstown Village Trestle 25 Main St., 497-8230			Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740 The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925 Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022 The Goat 50 Old Granite St. Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789 The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159 KC's Rib Shack 837 Sec-	Portsmouth The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122 The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628 Jitto's 3131 Lafayette Road, 436-9755	Windham Windham Restaurant 59 Range Road, 870-9270
Candia The Barnyard / Town Cabin Pub 285 Old Candia Road, 483-4888	Derry Fody's Tavern 187 Rockingham Road, 404-6946 T-Bones 39 Crystal Ave., 434-3200	Hampton 935 Surf Shack North Beach, 935 Ocean Blvd., 926-2500 The Galley Hatch (Tino's Kitchen is upstairs), 325 Lafayette Road, 926-6152			Firefly 21 Concord St., 935-9740 The Foundry 50 Commercial St., 836-1925 Fratello's 155 Dow St., 624-2022 The Goat 50 Old Granite St. Great North Aleworks 1050 Holt Ave., 858-5789 The Hill Bar & Grille McIntyre Ski Area, 50 Chalet Ct., 622-6159 KC's Rib Shack 837 Sec-	Portsmouth The Gas Light 64 Market St., 430-9122 The Goat 142 Congress St., 590-4628 Jitto's 3131 Lafayette Road, 436-9755	

Thursday, Sept. 17	Telly's: PB and Jamz, 7 p.m.	Manchester Derryfield: Swipe Right Duo, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Bob Pratte, 5:30 p.m. Goat: DJ Prodigy, 9 p.m. Strange Brew: Jonny Friday, 8 p.m.	Jody, 7 p.m.	Candia The Barnyard: Steve Haidachuk, 6 p.m.	Gilford Beans & Greens: Anthony St. Peter, 5:30 p.m.
Auburn Auburn Pitts: Halfway to St. Paddy's Day with Black Pudding Rovers, 5:30 p.m.	Epsom Hill Top: music bingo w/ Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.		Rochester The Governor's Inn: Saguaro and The Form, 6 p.m.	Center Harbor The Taphouse: Clinton Lapointe, 6 p.m.	Hampton 935 Surf Shack: Johnny Angel, 5 p.m. Galley Hatch: Brian Walker, 5 p.m. The Goat: Seth Newton, 9 p.m. L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. Sea Ketch: Matt Jackson, 6 p.m. Wally's: groove Grove, 9 p.m.
Bedford Copper Door: Chris Lester, 5 p.m. Murphy's: Lewis Goodwin, 5:30 p.m. T-Bones: Jamie Hughes, 5 p.m.	Hampton L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m. Whym: music bingo, 6:30 p.m.	Mason The Range: Jamdemic, 5 p.m.	Salem Copper Door: John Chouinard, 5 p.m. T-Bones: David Hoffman, 5 p.m.	Concord Feathered Friend: The Edd, 6 p.m. Forum: Better Roads, 8 p.m. Lithermans: open mic night, 6 p.m. Sunfox Farm: Ferni, 4 p.m.	
Chichester Flannel Tavern: Good Vibes Music Bingo, 6 p.m.	Hudson Luk's: Holiday & Slopes, 6 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m. T-Bones: Matt Jackson, 5 p.m.	Merrimack Homestead: Eddie Sands, 5:30 p.m. Tortilla Flat: Joe Winslow, 6 p.m.	Tilton Dox: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.	Derry Fody's: Erik Ruhmann, 8 p.m.	Hudson Luk's: Eddie Sands, 6 p.m. Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.
Concord Sunfox Farm: Anthony St. Peter, 5:30 p.m. T-Bones: Jordan Holmes, 5 p.m.	Kingston Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/DJ Cox, 7 p.m.	Milford Riley's Place: open mic, 7 p.m.	Warner The Local: Paul Driscoll, 5 p.m.	Dover Revo: Stray Dog, 8 p.m.	
Conway Revo: karaoke w/ DJ Bobby Freedom, 8 p.m.	Laconia 405 Pub & Grill: Willy Chase, 6 p.m. Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 5:30 p.m. T-Bones: Paul Lovely, 5 p.m. Tower Hill: Luke Skyrocketer karaoke, 9 p.m.	Nashua Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m. Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m. Union Public House: Jodee Frawlee, 5:30 p.m.	Friday, Sept. 18	Bedford Murphy's: Bella Perrotta, 6 p.m.	Laconia 405 Pub & Grill: Dave Clark, 7 p.m. Fratello's: Paul Warnick, 6 p.m. Naswa: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m. T-Bones: Doug Thompson, 5 p.m. Tower Hill: Weirs Beach Music Fest, noon
Derry Fody's: music bingo, 8 p.m. T-Bones: Ken Budka, 5 p.m.	Londonderry Stumble Inn: Chad LaMarsh, 7 p.m.	New London Flying Goose: High Horse, 7:30 p.m.	Brookline Alamo: Jake Alden, 6 p.m.	Epping Holy Grail: Jackie Lee, 6 p.m. Telly's: Amanda Dane Band, 8 p.m.	

Music, live and in person

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



FROM YOUTUBE TO YOU

Sarah Tollemache has made a name for herself with a pair of comedy specials available free YouTube. She's also appeared on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert* and *The Late Late Show with James Corden*, and now she's appearing at the Moka Pot (8 Hanover St., Manchester, 854-5921, facebook.com/TheMokaPotNH) on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6:30 p.m. See sarahtcomedy.com/tour for a link to buy tickets to the show that will also feature Dan Doherty, Amanda Tobey and Ethan Cannon, the ticket page said.

NITE MUSIC THIS WEEK

Litchfield

Luk’s: Jimmy D, 6 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Stephen Decuire, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Small Town Stranded, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.
Bad BRGR: Scissorhash, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: Heather Anne Duo, 6 p.m.; Boston City Rhythm, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Ian Archibold, 6 p.m.
Fratello’s: Jared Rocco, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: Trash Party, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: open mic, 5:30 p.m.
The Hill: Jack Plante, 5:30 p.m.
Revo: karaoke w/ DJ George Cox, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Peter Higgins, 8 p.m.

Mason

The Range: The Machine, 6 p.m.

Meredith

Twin Barns: Willy Chase, 5 p.m.

Merrimack

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

Milford

Riley’s: Joe Law Band, 7 p.m.

Nashua

Casey Magee’s: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Fody’s: Jordan Holmes, 10 p.m.
Spyglass: Sonic Avionics, 6 p.m.
Union Public House: Chris Cavanaugh, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston

Molly’s: Dalton Sayball, 6 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Mighty Mystic & The Riki Rocksteady All-Stars, 7 p.m.

Pembroke

PCL: Benjamin Harris, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield

Over The Moon: The Space Dogs, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth

Black Rock: Peter Pappas, 5 p.m.
Gas Light: Dancing Madly Backwards, 7 p.m.; Johnny Angel, 9:30 p.m.
Jitto’s: Max Sullivan, 7 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Business Time, 9:30 p.m.

Rochester

The Governor’s Inn: Curmudjun, 7 p.m.
Granite State Fair: Nicole Knox Murphy, 4 p.m.

Salem

Dreo: Paul Lussier, 7 p.m.

Seabrook

Red’s: Jodee Frawlee Duo, 8 p.m.

Windham

The Windham Restaurant: Chad LaMarsh, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Alton Bay

Foster’s Tavern: Dakota Smart, 6 p.m.

Bedford

Murphy’s: Ken Budka, 6 p.m.

Bow

Chen Yang Li: Justin Cohn, 7 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Travis Rollo, 6 p.m.

Candia

The Barnyard: 2 of Us, 6 p.m.

Concord

Feathered Friend: Trade, 6 p.m.
Forum: Paul Hubert, 8 p.m.

Contoocook

Contoocook Cider Co.: Tyler Levs, 1 p.m.

Derry

Fody’s: A Little Less Duo Trouble, 8 p.m.

Dover

Otto Pizza: Amanda McCarthy, 4 p.m.
Revo: Deja Voodoo, 8 p.m.

Epping

Telly’s: Sum X 4, 8 p.m.

Gilford

Beans and Greens: Karen Grenier, 6:30 p.m.
Birch Hill Farm: Lilly Innella, 5:30 p.m.

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Wood Wind & Whiskey, 7 p.m.

Hampton

The Goat: Codie Welch, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
McGuirk’s: Pop Farmers, 3:30 p.m.; The Pour Men, 8 p.m.
Sea Ketch: Clint Lapointe, 1 p.m.; Freddie Catalfo, 6 p.m.
Wally’s: Igorrr, 8 p.m.

Hampton Falls

Applecrest: Reunion Hill, 1 p.m.

Hudson

Luk’s Bar: Paul Driscoll, 6 p.m.

Laconia

405 Pub & Grill: Dave Xangri, 7 p.m.
Fratello’s: Rebecca Tumel, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Jamie Hughes, 6 p.m.; Swipe Right Band, 6 p.m.
Naswa: Marlena Phillips, 5:30 p.m.
T-Bones: Jordan Holmes, 1 p.m.; Brendan Gill, 5 p.m.
Tower Hill: Weirs Beach Music Fest, noon

Litchfield

Luk’s: Shakedown Station, 6 p.m.

Londonderry

Coach Stop: Eddie Sands, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: The Slakas, 8 p.m.

Manchester

Backyard Brewery: Mark Dionne, 6 p.m.
Bad BRGR: Thumzdown, Chunky Love, Wired for Sound, 8 p.m.
Derryfield: J-Lo, 6 p.m.; Dancing Madly Backwards, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Tom Boisse, 6 p.m.
Fratello’s: Peter Papas, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: DJ Prodigy, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Joe Duford, 4 p.m.
The Hill: Paul Gormley, 5:30 p.m.
Revo: DJ Paterson, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: Racky Thomas Band, 9 p.m.

Mason

The Range: Town Meeting, 5 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Sean Coleman, 5:30 p.m.

Milford

Riley’s: White Horse Reunion with Truffle, Ballou Brothers, Aces and Eights, Bat Magoon & Oliver Sudden, 1 p.m. (see Facebook for schedule)

Nashua

Casey Magee’s: Bobby Lane, 8 p.m.
Fody’s: Clinton Lapointe, 10 p.m.
Peddler’s Daughter: Best Not Broken, 9:30 p.m.
The Spot: Thank You Bass Player with Tim Doucette, Jason Skulls, Kelsea Brumaghim, Michael Mendonca, Nathan Sanel, Christopher Beaton, Shane McWilliams, John Clifford, 6 p.m.
Union Public House: Ian Archibold, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston

Molly’s: Jodee Frawlee, 6:30 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: Chickenshack, 7 p.m.

Pembroke

PCL: Country Outlaws, 2 p.m.; T Street, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth

Black Rock: Zak Lombard, 5 p.m.
Gas Light: Amanda McCarthy, 11:30 a.m.; Chuck Clough, 3 p.m.; D-Comp Trio, 7 p.m.; Joe Winslow, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Otto Pizza: Jeff Line, 4 p.m.
Press Room: Ester Rose, 8 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Jump The Line, 9:30 p.m.

Rochester

The Governor’s Inn: Dancing Madly Backwards, 7 p.m.
Granite State Fair: Nicole Knox Murphy, 4 p.m.

Salem

Dreo: Chad Lamarsh, 7 p.m.
Field of Dreams: Andrew McManus, noon

Seabrook

Red’s: Dave Ayotte Duo, 8 p.m.

Tilton

Greenside: Absent Minded, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Auburn

Auburn Pitts: Joppa Flatts, 1 p.m.

Bedford

Copper Door: Steve Aubert, 11 a.m.
Murphy’s: Joe Winslow, 4 p.m.

Brookline

Alamo: Mikey Hutchison, 5 p.m.

Candia

Barnyard: Blaming Abbey, 3 p.m.

Concord

Feathered Friend: Benjamin Harris, 3 p.m.
Lithermans: The Womps, 1:30 p.m.

Contoocook

Contoocook Cider Co.: Garrett Smith, 1 p.m.

Greenland

Bird Dog Cider: David Corson, 3 p.m.

Hampton

935 Surf Shack: Andrea Paquin, 5 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally’s: Twin Fin, 8 p.m.
Whym: Max Sullivan & Anthony LiPetri, 1 p.m.

Hampton Falls

Applecrest: The Rick Watson Band, 1 p.m.

Hudson

Lynn’s 102: live music, 4 p.m.

Laconia

Fratello’s: Doug Thompson, 6 p.m.
M/S Mt Washington Cruise: Ralph Allen, 10 a.m.
T-Bones: Jamie Hughes, 1 p.m.; Clint Lapointe, 5 p.m.
Tower Hill: karaoke w/ DJ Tim, 9 p.m.

Lee

Flag Hill: Dave Zangri, 1 p.m.

Londonderry

Stumble Inn: Dalton Sayball, 4 p.m.

Manchester

Bookery: Nick Lilley, 1 p.m.
Bungalow: Martial Law with Hands of Stone, Supplication & Krull, 5 p.m.
Derryfield: Justin Bethune, 5 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 10 a.m.
Harpoon: Doug Mitchell, 1 p.m.



Revo: music bingo, 6 p.m.

Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.

Mason

The Range: Billy The Kid and Friends, 3 p.m.

Milford

Riley’s Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.
Stonecutters Pub: Mullen Around, 4 p.m.

Nashua

Penuche’s Ale House: Jae Mannion, 4 p.m.
Spyglass: Kevin Horan, 2 p.m.
Stella Blu: D Comp, 3 p.m.

Newmarket

Stone Church: community jam, 4 p.m.; open auditions, 6:30 p.m.

Pittsfield

Over the Moon: Tug Wildwood, 3 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Dan Morgan, 11:30 a.m.; Stephen Decuire, 3 p.m.; Sum X 4, 7 p.m.
Press Room: 4 Cool Dude and a Baby Grand, 8 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: DJ Millzy, 10:30 p.m.

Salem

Copper Door: Yvonne Aubert, 11 a.m.

Rochester

Governor’s Inn: Wood Wind & Whiskey Band, 5 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21

Bedford

Murphy’s: Clint Lapointe, 5:30 p.m.

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, 8 p.m.

Laconia

T-Bones: Mike Forgette, 5 p.m.

Manchester

Bad BRGR: acoustic open mic night with Jonny Friday, 7 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Revo: music bingo, 6 p.m.

Salona: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 6 p.m.

Nashua

Fody’s: karaoke night, 9:30 p.m.
The Spot: open mic, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Tim Theriault, 6 p.m.
The Goat: Musical Bingo Nation, 6:30 p.m.
Press Room: Proelium, G Wagon & DGM, The Band of Make Believe, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Bedford

Murphy’s: Tyler Levs, 5:30 p.m.

Concord

Barley House: Irish session, 6 p.m.
Tandy’s: open mic, 8 p.m.

Hampton

L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Laconia

T-Bones: Jodee Frawlee, 5 p.m.

Manchester

Fratello’s: Jordan Quinn, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: karaoke w/ King of Karaoke, 8 p.m.
KC’s Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: Lisa Marie, 8 p.m.

Mason

The Range: Nick Mariany, 6 p.m.

Merrimack

Homestead: Jessica Olson, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua

Fody’s: music bingo, 8 p.m.
The Spot: Karaoke with Jamie V, 7 p.m.
Spyglass: Kelsie Delyani, 5 p.m.

Portsmouth

Gas Light: Lewis Goodwin, 6 p.m.
Press Room: Cherokee Social w/ Coyote Smoke & Whitney Walker, 7 p.m.

Rochester

Porter’s: karaoke, 6:30 p.m.

Seabrook

Backyard Burgers: music bingo with Jennifer Mitchell, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Atkinson

Merrill’s Tavern: Ricky Lauren, 8 p.m.

MR. STEER

MEATS & MARKETPLACE

NOW HIRING!

Immediate positions open.

-  **Cashier**
-  **Meat Counter**
-  **Deli**

\$17-25 an hour
Flexible Hours

Please apply in store

603-434-1444

27 BUTTRICK RD, LONDONDERRY, NH RTE. 102

148704



HELP WANTED

PART-TIME + FULL-TIME

DELI MAESTRO
SANDWICH + SALAD
SPECIALIST
STOCK
SPECIALIST
RETAIL
ASSOCIATES

BE A PART OF THE
BEST OF EVERYTHING!

FULL TIME, PAID VACATION,
FLEXIBLE FAMILY SCHEDULE, FUN,
CO-WORKERS, AMAZING WINES,
TRAINING & TRAVEL PROVIDED

send resume in confidence to:
info@angelaspastaandcheese.com

PERSONAL SHOPPING & CURBSIDE

Hours: Mon-Fri: 9-6 Sat: 9-2
815 Chestnut St., Manchester NH
AngelasPastaAndCheese.com
603.625.9544

148237



www.pitco.com/careers

| Now Hiring

To apply: go to
www.pitco.com/careers.

Current Positions:

- Assemblers
- Sheet Metal Operators
- Shippers



Start Your Next Career with Pitco

BUILD A
SUSTAINABLE
CAREER

WE ARE A
MANUFACTURER
OF FOOD SERVICE
EQUIPMENT

PITCO IS THE #1
PROVIDER OF
FRYERS IN THE
WORLD

147984



JOB FAIR

Sunday, September 27, 2026
Interviewing: 8am - 12pm

There are many full-time and part-time job opportunities:

Guest Service Guest Services Lost & Found Fun Squad Retail Shop Repair & Tuning Rental Shop Rental Cashier	Food & Beverage Kitchen Line Cook Cafe Cashier Bartender Barback Pub Waitstaff Facilities Lodge Cleaning	Instruction Ski Instructor Snowboard Instructor Kids Programs Race Crew Specialized Roles Training Required Patrol First Aid Room	Terrain & Snow Terrain Terrain Park Ranger Groomer Operator Snowmaking Lift Attendant Tubing Park Attendant Base Area Ticket Checker Parking Attendant Shuttle Bus Driver
--	--	---	--

Fill out an application online at patspeak.com
If you enjoy working in a great atmosphere, are dedicated to providing quality customer service, hardworking, friendly and ambitious we want you to join our team!

BENEFITS INCLUDE:
FREE SKIING/SNOWBOARDING + VARIOUS MOUNTAIN DISCOUNTS

PATS PEAK Ski Area • 686 Flanders Road • Henniker, NH 03242 • patspeak.com

148679



**ST. JOSEPH
HOSPITAL**
A Member of Covenant Health

NOW
HIRING



INCREDIBLE BENEFITS INCLUDING

No co-pay or deductible with our HMO and PPO when using a St Joseph Hospital provider

Generous BAYLOR RN Program

50% Reimbursement for YMCA childcare

Tuition Reimbursement

Discounted Gym membership at YMCA

Accredited Vizient RN Residency Training

Wellness & Empathy Focused Employer

ABOUT ST
JOSEPH
HOSPITAL

St Joseph Hospital is a full-service, not-for-profit Catholic healthcare system serving the Greater Nashua area which includes a 208-bed acute care hospital and numerous outpatient clinics.

Contact Us

Text HAPPY to 78000

www.stjosephhospital.com/careers/

172 Kinsley St, Nashua, NH
603-884-3400



143356

ZUMBADOR

 AgaveMatchmaker

TOP 10 BLANCO TEQUILA
OF 2025

Additive Free

Kosher Certified
Tahona Crushed Agave
Estate Grown

Regular: \$25
On Sale for **\$23**



#101134



148740

Barnstead
JJ Goodwin's: Good Vibes Music
Bingo, 6 p.m.

Bedford
Murphy's: Peter Pappas, 5:30 p.m.

Canterbury
Canterbury Farmers Market: Steve
Furbish, 1 p.m.

Concord
Forum: Joe Messineo, 8 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria and Grill: Ryan Wil-
liamson, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Laconia
T-Bones: David Hoffman, 5 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Colin Hart, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Cox karaoke, 8 p.m.
Strange Brew: open mic w/ Jordan
Quinn & Scott Armstrong, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Doug Mitchell, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
Riley's: karaoke, 7 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: karaoke, 8 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: Becky Berk & Paul
Twomey, 5 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.

Rochester
Spaulding Steak & Ale: Eric Bisson,
6 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: Justin Jordan, 7 p.m.

Concerts

Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., Flying
Monkey in Plymouth

• Nicole Zuraitis Friday, Sept. 18,
7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• Dark Star Orchestra (Pink Floyd
tribute) Friday, Sept. 18, and Satur-
day, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Casino Ball-
room in Hampton

• Studio Two (Beatles tribute) Fri-
day, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., Chunky's in
Manchester

• Hammerfall/Evergrey/Elvenking
Friday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m., Tupelo in
Derry

• Nautanki New Hampshire (Bol-
lywood, Punjabi & South Indian DJ
Night) Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 p.m. at
Jewel in Manchester

• Town Meeting Saturday, Sept. 19, 5
p.m., The Range in Mason

• Swarmiefest with Sepsiss, The
Grey Curtain, GRIM the Acro-
nym, Singe, Eljer P. Sloan, 3FD
Saturday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m., Jewel in
Manchester

• Bosey Joe Saturday, Sept. 19, 7
p.m., Listening Room in Wilton

• Devine Nix Saturday, Sept. 19, 7
p.m., Franklin Public Library

• Etch & the Youngs/Straight As
Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Andres
Institute in Brookline

• Ella Corinna/Biggest Beast/Scott
Crocker Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.,
Button Factory in Portsmouth

• Chickenshack Saturday, Sept. 19,
7 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket

• Seconds Out (Genesis tribute) Sat-
urday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Rex in
Manchester

• Skynyrd's Hatchet (Lynyrd Sky-
nyrd/Molly Hatchet tribute) Saturday,
Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Park Theatre in
Jaffrey

• Aldo Nova Saturday, Sept. 19, 8
p.m., Tupelo in Derry

Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., Flying
Monkey in Plymouth

• Nicole Zuraitis Friday, Sept. 18,
7:30 p.m., Jimmy's in Portsmouth

• Dark Star Orchestra (Pink Floyd
tribute) Friday, Sept. 18, and Satur-
day, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Casino Ball-
room in Hampton

• Studio Two (Beatles tribute) Fri-
day, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., Chunky's in
Manchester

• Hammerfall/Evergrey/Elvenking
Friday, Sept. 18, 8 p.m., Tupelo in
Derry

• Nautanki New Hampshire (Bol-
lywood, Punjabi & South Indian DJ
Night) Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 p.m. at
Jewel in Manchester

• Town Meeting Saturday, Sept. 19, 5
p.m., The Range in Mason

• Swarmiefest with Sepsiss, The
Grey Curtain, GRIM the Acro-
nym, Singe, Eljer P. Sloan, 3FD
Saturday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m., Jewel in
Manchester

• Bosey Joe Saturday, Sept. 19, 7
p.m., Listening Room in Wilton

• Devine Nix Saturday, Sept. 19, 7
p.m., Franklin Public Library

• Etch & the Youngs/Straight As
Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m., Andres
Institute in Brookline

• Ella Corinna/Biggest Beast/Scott
Crocker Saturday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m.,
Button Factory in Portsmouth

• Chickenshack Saturday, Sept. 19,
7 p.m., Stone Church in Newmarket

• Seconds Out (Genesis tribute) Sat-
urday, Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Rex in
Manchester

• Skynyrd's Hatchet (Lynyrd Sky-
nyrd/Molly Hatchet tribute) Saturday,
Sept. 19, 7:30 p.m., Park Theatre in
Jaffrey

• Aldo Nova Saturday, Sept. 19, 8
p.m., Tupelo in Derry

• Whitney Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.,
3S Artspace in Portsmouth

• Nellie McKay Saturday, Sept. 19,
8 p.m., Music Hall Lounge in Ports-
mouth

• Blue Collar Men (Styx tribute)/
Doobie Brotherhood (Doobie Broth-
ers tribute) Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m.,
Rochester Opera House

• Mark Winters Sunday, Sept. 20,
1:30 p.m., Averill House in Brookline

• Forever Simon & Garfunkel Sun-
day, Sept. 20, 2 p.m., Rex in Man-
chester

• Joshua Bell & the Portsmouth
Symphony Orchestra Sunday, Sept.
20, 3 p.m., Music Hall in Portsmouth

• Celtic Thunder Sunday, Sept. 20, 7
p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord

• Lee Brice/Grace Tyler Sunday,
Sept. 20, 7 p.m., Casino Ballroom in
Hampton

• Will Hoge Sunday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.,
Word Barn in Exter

• Brian Dolzani Sunday, Sept. 20,
7:30 p.m., Listening Room in Wilton

• UB40 Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.,
Music Hall in Portsmouth

• The Pretty Reckless Tuesday,
Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Casino Ballroom in
Hampton

• Swipe Right Wednesday, Sept. 23,
5:30 p.m., Arts Alley in Concord

• The Billy Joel Legacy: A Tribute
Experience Wednesday, Sept. 23,
7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord

• Lori Diamond & Fred Abatelli/
Anelise Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7:30
p.m., Concord City Auditorium

• Tophouse Wednesday, Sept. 23, 8
p.m., 3S Artspace in Portsmouth

• RDMTION Thursday, Sept. 24,
7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester

• Lorrie Morgan Thursday, Sept. 24,
7:30 p.m., Chubb Theatre in Concord

FAB FOUR REDUX

If you loved The Beatles' early years you won't want to miss **Studio Two**. This Milford-based tribute band focuses on how the Fab Four sounded before they came to America. They headline Chunky's (707 Huse Road, Manchester, chunkys.com) on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. See the website for tickets.

HIPPO | SEPTEMBER 17 - 23, 2026 | PAGE 34

I’m so puzzled I could cry

Across

- Off-the-cuff crowd talk (2,3)
- Lyricist icon with last name David
- Really bad music, slang
- First name in Helmsley properties where stars stayed
- Cole Porter put out a lawn sign: ‘Love For ___’
- Life saver, as a role model musician
- ‘Modern Love’ and ‘Rebel Rebel’ icon (5,5)
- Yeah Yeah Yeahs song for Mother of Horus

- Screaming Jets are a tight unit: ‘All For ___’
- “Here is the money that I owe you, so you ___ pay the bills”
- Motley Crue ‘God ___ The Children Of The Beast’
- When a friend gets a #1 you call them and do this
- ‘15 All That Remains song ‘This Probably Won’t End ___’
- Justin Timberlake song he sang about his Mexican girl?
- John Mellencamp ‘Between ___ And A Tear’ (1,5)

- Kurt Cobain’s daughter Frances ___ Cobain
- Iconic Poison song ‘Every ___’ (4,3,3,5)
- Hall & Oates ‘No Child Should ___ Cry On Christmas’
- What band did on the road
- Papa Roach feel insulted: ‘Kick In ___’ (3,5)
- Italian singer for zilch
- ‘64 misspelled Hank Williams movie starring George Hamilton Your ___ (7,5)
- Suspecting Johnny Lang says don’t ‘___ Me’ (3,2)
- “Moon” lyric in Portuguese songs
- PC alternative with garageband app
- ‘Moral Of The Story’ lady
- “Some day you ___ caught beneath the landslide in a champagne superno-va” (4,4,2)
- The Cult song on Basketball Diaries for a night sky winker
- Swedish band hard rockers secretly like, perhaps
- Backstage gin’s partner
- Devandra Banhart ‘___ About Tellin’

R&R answer from pg 51 of 9/10

L	I	E	T	O		U	H	H		T	H	I	S
O	F	M	A	N		P	I	A		W	A	Y	W
A	S	I	C	E		M	T	V		A	L	P	H
N	O	T	E	A	S	Y		E	X	I	L	E	O
						T	N	T		R	A	T	
L	E	T		D	A	L	E		C	I	T	Y	O
E	A	R	N		R	O	A	D		N	O	O	N
T	R	I	O		R	E	L	A	Y		D	U	L
I	T	B	I	G		B	Y	M	E		D	A	Y
T	H	E	R	E	V		O	N	L	Y		M	A
						T	A	T		U	L	E	S
T	H	I	N	A	I	R		T	O	R	U	F	U
H	O	T	I	N		I	D	O		O	Z	O	N
E	M	I	L	Y		A	J	R		L	I	M	I
N	E	S	S			D	O	O		D	E	A	T

- A Story’
- They’ll be the ‘Roundabout’
- Billboard magazine, e.g
- Down
- ‘Blood on the Brick’ guy Nova
- ‘So Easy (To Fall In Love)’ Olivia
- Hank Williams is losing her: ‘Why Don’t You ___ Me’
- Slipknot feels evil: ‘The Devil ___’ (2,1)
- ‘Feel Like Makin’ Love’ band (abbr)
- Jake Owen shouts ‘Yee ___’
- Ms. Dynamite is on the ___ G Inda-house soundtrack
- Stray Cats’ bassist named Rocker
- TLC member that’s not “T-Boz” or “Left Eye”
- Usher will do this to fan that snuck closer
- Sony Music Entertainment- owned label
- Hank Williams Jr “The ___ is gaining and it’s plain to see, there’s a dozen of them and just one of me”
- Tracks
- Prohibit band from TV show or do this
- ‘99 Ben Harper album gets hot first: ‘___ Shine’ (4,2)
- You solve a music one in this puzzle
- Ben Lee ‘The ___ Of Venus’
- Arctic Monkeys “There’s not ___ you couldn’t slip through” (1,3)
- Archers Of Loaf song about a wed-ding drink raise?
- In ‘The Battle Of Armageddon’ Hank Williams sang of “nation against nation” in this
- 70s rock grp. that used violins
- Elvis Presley ‘Viva ___ Vegas’
- Some rappers come from this, then

- get rich
- ___ Told You Lately That I Love You (4,1)
- Chris Brown has finally ‘___ The Light’
- Lynyrd Skynyrd is ‘On The ___’ for a #1 album
- 61 Down band sang “A big thing ___ small, the winner takes it all” (2,1)
- The color of the flowing ‘River’, to Hank Williams
- Hollywood hush-hush document (abbr)
- ‘03 Fall Out Boy album ‘Take ___ Your Grave’ (4,2)
- Country music TV show from 69-93 (3,3)
- Since zombies dine on us, Faith No More sang ‘Zombie ___’
- ‘02 No Doubt hit ‘___ Good’
- Before Big Audio Dynamite Mick Jones was in this band
- Melissa ___ Der Maur
- Blueswoman Bonnie
- ‘12 Madonna album
- In the thick of, as a fan in the crowd
- ‘Finally’ dance lady Peniston
- “Straight is the gate and narrow is the ___”
- Fall Out Boy “Who will ___ when I wake up next to a stranger” (1,2)
- Nightmares On Wax weighs ‘195 ___’
- Brian May ‘The Gov’ ___’

© 2026 Todd Santos
 Todd's books are available on Amazon.

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

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

©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Difficulty: ★

King Classic Sudoku

Puzzle B

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

©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Difficulty: ★★

King Classic Sudoku

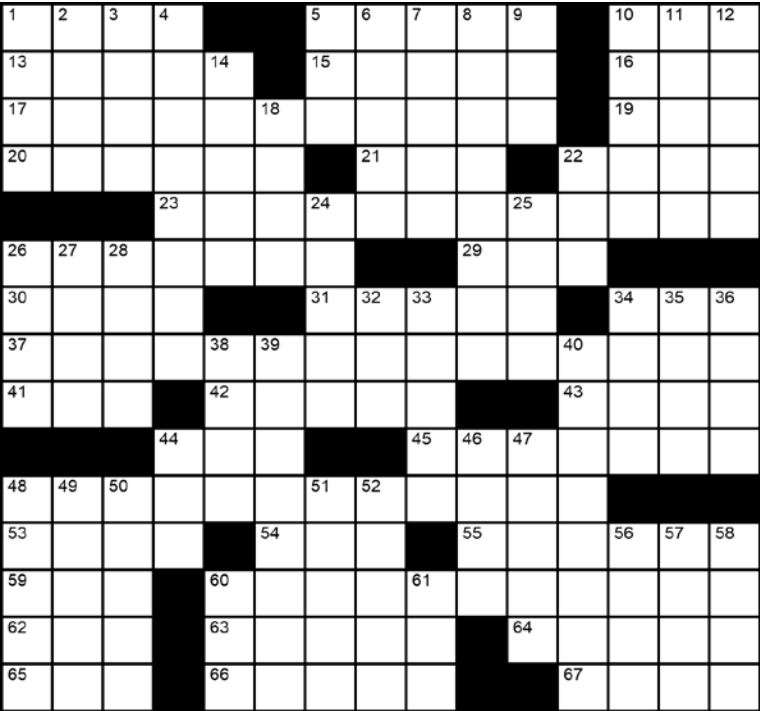
Puzzle C

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

©2026 King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Difficulty: ★★★

“Gimme An E”—a change of position.



Across

- 1. Letter between Juliet and Lima?
- 5. Forfeit voluntarily
- 10. Bryan Cranston’s “Malcolm in the Middle” role
- 13. Cynthia of “Wicked”
- 15. “This ___ a drill!”
- 16. Pub quaff
- 17. Food served in an Olympic-sized swimming pool?
- 19. Animated image
- 20. “Stormy” seabird
- 21. Simon Cowell NBC show, for short
- 22. Play group?
- 23. Character in a Copenhagen production of “Sherlock Holmes”?
- 26. Like a melody in F# while the harmony is in C, e.g.
- 29. Fitting
- 30. Shakespeare’s river
- 31. Speech therapy issues
- 34. Three Gorges project
- 37. Furry animal feature, if it were only missing a stripe down the back?
- 41. Indeterminate number
- 42. Comedian Chieng
- 43. Clay-like soil
- 44. Comedian Mayall of “The Young Ones”
- 45. “I Love Lucy” surname

Jonesin’ from pg 52 of 9/10



- 65. Took charge of
 - 66. Sibilant summons
 - 67. Classics IV lead singer Dennis
- Down**
- 1. Seaweed type
 - 2. “Dies ___” (“Day of Wrath”)
 - 3. Dryer trap collection
 - 4. Cooked too long
 - 5. Gaming console with a fitness component
 - 6. Black tea from India
 - 7. “The Princess Bride” swordsman Montoya
 - 8. “The Sound of Music” family name
 - 9. French summer
 - 10. “Horrible” Viking, in the comics
 - 11. Top-name celebs
 - 12. Southpaw
 - 14. Arctic, e.g.
 - 18. Radius counterpart
 - 22. Bill in “Bloom County,” e.g.
 - 24. Actress Pompeo
 - 25. ___ facto (therefore)
 - 26. “Roll Tide” school, for short
 - 27. Novelist Turgenev
 - 28. Bourdain biopic of 2026
 - 32. Particle in a cloud chamber
 - 33. “Heidi” creator Johanna
 - 34. New Look designer Christian
 - 35. Barely at all
 - 36. “I must have missed the ___”
 - 38. Chicago paper nickname
 - 39. All “Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji” pieces, technically (if you can pluralize Picassos and Monets ...)
 - 40. It shares space with the question

- 48. Offerings at a “The Dark Knight Rises”-themed taqueria?
- 53. Splitting it releases energy
- 54. Recognize
- 55. “The English Patient” setting
- 59. Obtained
- 60. Outerwear items for Tarzan’s companion?
- 62. N.Y.-to-Boston dir.
- 63. Young child, informally
- 64. “___ to you!”

WORD★Roundup™
by David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle...

The Monkees (last names) ☒ □ □ □ □

Four six-letter elements ☐ □ □ □ □

Three six-letter things that can be worn ☐ □ □ □

He stole from the rich: _____ ☐ □ □

Batman’s alter ego: Bruce _____ ☐ □

Last Week’s Answers: MONTANA OREGON NEVADA TEXAS OHIO / CRITIC COSMIC CIVIC CYNIC / MYSTERY SPORTS NEWS / VALLEY CANYON / MOROCCO

© 2026 David L. Hoyt, Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication

6/15

T K J A C K E T R W S H
M O N H O O D E J N I C
U D R E T B P N O E L T
I B O K S P C Y N T V E
L P T L O M Z A E T E M
E H N C E D I W S I R L
H R O B I N P T C M P E
R A D I U M Z G H M B H

- mark
 - 44. “Automatic for the People” group
 - 46. Words repeated before “sin” in a Pet Shop Boys lyric
 - 47. Alternative to first class
 - 48. Schmear spot
 - 49. Right wrongs
 - 50. “I heard you”
 - 51. Tears to bits
 - 52. Oboes and saxes, e.g.
 - 56. Prefix with space
 - 57. Waze offerings, for short
 - 58. Helper, in brief
 - 60. Monogram of the 11th U.S. president
 - 61. Write quickly
- © 2026 Matt Jones

KENKEN
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2÷ 3 7+

2- 3- 1- 2×

1- 2÷ 2- 4+ 5- 3- 6+ 7+ 9+

©2026 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

CHALLENGING

2÷ 2- 2- 4+ 5- 3- 6+ 7+ 9+

©2026 KenKen Puzzle, LLC www.kenken.com

RULES

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

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

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

7+ 4 3 2 1
2- 1 4 3 2
3 2 1 4
2 1 4 3

12× 6 4 5 2 3 1
2 3 4 6 1 5
3 6 1 4 5 2
1 5 2 3 6 4
5 2 3 1 4 6
4 1 6 5 2 3

KenKen® is a registered trademark of KenKen Puzzle LLC. ©2026 KenKen Puzzle LLC. All rights reserved. Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication. www.kenken.com

SIGNS OF LIFE

All quotes are from *Michael Symon’s 5 in 5 for Every Season*, by Michael Symon, born Sept. 19, 1969.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *A peach salad might not be a typical accompaniment, but it really livens up the whole dish. Think outside the typical.*

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *It’s amazing what you can find on supermarket shelves these days. Back when I was a young cook, you couldn’t even find radicchio! It’s there if you look.*

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *Something magical happens when you combine berries, red onions, and tangy, salty feta. It sure does.*

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Fall also means tailgating with friends, and in Cleveland that means kielbasa, beer, and sauerkraut. Just because our team never makes it to the playoffs anymore doesn’t mean that we can’t have fun and eat well! Woooooooooo!*

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

Don’t be shy with the lemon and Parmesan; they are what makes the [White Bean Crostini with Arugula] sing. Don’t be shy.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

I wouldn’t say no to this great pasta any season of the year, but it is especially nice on those lazy fall Sundays when you’re parked in front of the fireplace watching golf. Say yes to pasta.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Some dishes are classics for a reason, I guess. Look for the reason.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

There are so many great fresh chile peppers available these days that it’s fun to experiment with them. You might like it, you might not, but you’ll learn something.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Havarti is a great melting cheese, and when its gooey creaminess is punctuated by

crisp, tart green apples, amazing things happen. Punctuation matters.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *In fall — and winter — we tend to go overboard with all the heavy comfort foods. That’s why I love to mix in lighter dishes.... Not too heavy, not too light.*

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *I admit that I was slow to join the pomegranate party. But some of my chef friends who are huge pomegranate pushers got me to see the light. Tread carefully with the pomegranate.*

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *Broccoli was one of the few foods I didn’t like to eat growing up, but now I appreciate it so much more. A little oil, a little pepper. 🍷*

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

- 1 Norwegian currency (5)
- 2 Chinese currency (8)
- 3 Egyptian currency (5)
- 4 Indonesian currency (6)
- 5 UAE currency (6)
- 6 Malaysian currency (7)
- 7 Ukrainian currency (7)

SOLUTIONS

UND	NG	RU	YVN	IN
BI	PI	RH	DI	RI
ONE	NM	AM	KR	HR
IA	RE	AH	PO	GIT

Last Week’s Answers: 1. ORGAN 2. RECORDER 3. TRIANGLE 4. VIOLA 5. CORNET 6. FLAGEOLET 7. BANJO

© 2026 Blue Ox Family Games, Inc., Dist. by Andrews McMeel

Sudoku Answers from pg 51 of 9/10

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★ 8/24

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★ 8/25

Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 8/27

THE ULTIMATE NEW HAMPSHIRE NIGHT OUT...

at Tupelo Music Hall, New Hampshire’s award-winning venue.

SEPTEMBER 25

GUITAR MONSTERS

JOHNNY A & JON BUTCHER WITH SPECIAL GUEST DAVE AMATO

SEPTEMBER 26

JOHN CAFFERTY

AND THE BEAVER BROWN BAND

SEPTEMBER 29

STRYPER

OCTOBER 2

UNFORGETTABLE FIRE

A TRIBUTE TO U2

OCTOBER 3 & 4

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

DINNER + SHOW & SHOW-ONLY TICKETS AVAILABLE

OCTOBER 9

KASHMIR

THE SPIRIT OF LED ZEPPELIN LIVE

10 A ST, DERRY, NH

WWW.TUPELOMUSICHALL.COM

603-437-5100

147444

OF COURSE IT TASTES GREAT

IT'S CINNAMON, VANILLA AND AMERICAN WHISKEY

Sassy Sour

2 oz Hard Cinnamon

1 1/2 oz sour mix

Pour into ice filled glass

Garnish with fresh lemon wedge.



VERY SMALL BATCH
CRAFT CINNAMON WHISKEY
MADE RIGHT HERE IN NH
FIND US IN THE SCHNAPPS/CORDIAL AISLE
ROCKYPEAKSPIRITS.COM

148450

35% ALC/VOL (70 PROOF) DRINK RESPONSIBLY

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY ANDREWS MCMEEL SYNDICATION

I Do Not Like It, Not One Little Bit

It started with some posts and AI-made memes. Now authorities are warning of some strange social schemes. Newsweek reported on Sept. 10 that the Cat in the Hat, the character of Dr. Seuss fame, is at the center of a viral social media trend that has made its way around the globe. Images and videos — sometimes AI-generated, sometimes of a real person in costume lurking outside of homes and schools at night — of the Cat in the Hat are accompanied by menacing text warning of where the “Cat” is headed next and listing specific people or schools as its next targets. Students in Kansas, Georgia, Alabama and Kentucky have been apprehended and face criminal charges for participating in the hoax, and school districts in Pennsylvania, North Dakota and Minnesota have put their communities on alert. In Canada, the online hoax turned into a real nightmare when a teenage girl in British Columbia was chased by someone wearing a Cat in the Hat costume. She arrived home safely, but authorities are still looking for the perpetrator. “People should understand that behavior intended as a prank can have serious consequences when it causes another person to reasonably fear for their safety,” said Corporal Devon Gerrits of West Kelowna RCMP. *Newsweek*, Sept. 10

Dumpster Diving Gone Awry

An alleged dumpster diver had to be rescued from a garbage truck on Sept. 2, the LA Times reported. A driver for Recology, a commercial waste collection company, picked up and emptied a dumpster, and then ran the trash compactor before hearing yelling from inside the truck and calling 911. When firefighters arrived, they couldn’t just reach in and pull the man out — he might have had crush injuries — or have the driver dump all the trash out, which could have released hazardous material, such as glass, batteries and even vermin. What followed was a two-hour rescue effort. Paramedics were able to get an IV in the man’s arm while firefighters carefully removed the trash with pike poles. The man was conscious when firefighters reached him, and he was taken to a local hospital. The extent of his injuries was undisclosed; one firefighter suffered a laceration injury during the rescue but is in stable condition. *LA Times*, Sept. 3

The Golden Age of Air Travel

An unnamed Italian man made it all the way from Miami to Turin, Italy, with a dried crocodile head in his luggage, The Guardian reported on Sept. 8. The Turin unit of Italy’s financial police squad said in a statement that the man wrapped the head in brown packing paper in an evidently feeble attempt to keep it from the astute eyes of customs officers. The man was swiftly taken into custody upon discovery of the croc, and is accused of

smuggling a specimen belonging to a protected species. If convicted, the man could have to pay up to \$270,000 USD or face a prison term of up to one year. *The Guardian*, Sept. 8

Rubber Duckie, You’re the One

Police in Chatham County, Georgia, are looking for an unusual suspect. Among his questionable behavior? “Becoming infatuated” with a rubber duck that he played with for 10 minutes while soaking in a hot tub — uninvited — at someone else’s home. According to WOTC, video footage from Sept. 1 shows an unidentified male trespassing on private property and going for a dip in the pool before availing himself of the hot tub sometime between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. He also helped himself to over \$1,000 worth of beach towels before riding away on his bicycle. “It’s obviously not the biggest crime we’ve dealt with this month, but it has a lot of ick-factor,” the local police department said in a social media post. “So, we’d like to find this guy so he doesn’t do this to someone else.” *WTOC*, Sept. 9

Not-So-Speedy Delivery

CBS News reported on Sept. 3 that the City of Denton Animal Services in Texas was contacted by employees at a local FedEx office after they discovered an unusual attempted shipment — 191 tortoises and turtles. The shelter took custody of the animals and contacted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which began an investigation. The turtles and tortoises were then moved to the Dallas Zoo for secure shelter. “This unusual rescue is just one example of how our animal services team supports the community,” the animal shelter said. “We’re grateful for the strong partnerships with our animal welfare colleagues, who help us coordinate responses in unique situations like this.” *CBS News*, Sept. 3

Price Check on Corn Snakes

Shoppers browsing at the Heron Foods grocery store in Maryport, England, recently got a little more than they bargained for. On Sept. 2, BBC reported that a baby corn snake had been found in the bread aisle. “Crumbs,” as the snake was called, was first taken to a local veterinary practice but ended up being put in the care of an animal education organization. Ben Nicholson of Pet Encounter said the organization has rescued more than 20 snakes so far this year. Whether Crumbs had been abandoned in the grocery store or had escaped from somewhere is unclear, but Nicholson said he believes high costs and a lack of education are playing parts in pets being abandoned. *BBC*, Sept. 2

Sources according to [uexpress.com](https://www.uxpress.com). From the editors at Andrews McMeel Syndication. See [uexpress.com/contact](https://www.uxpress.com/contact)



LUXURY APARTMENTS

DOWNTOWN MANCHESTER

LIMITED AVAILABILITY • CALL TODAY!



IN-UNIT
LAUNDRY



KEYLESS
ENTRY



FITNESS
CENTER



DOWNTOWN
LOCATION



ANIMAL
FRIENDLY



Designer Flooring & Finishes • Garage Parking • Fitness Center
Secure Package Receiving • Walk To Dining & Entertainment

NOW LEASING

BOOK A TOUR TODAY!

📞 603.318.2936 🌐 1230elmstreet.com



1230

ELM STREET

1230 Elm St., Manchester, NH 03101



Affordable, Quality Dentistry for the Whole Family

- ✓ GENERAL DENTISTRY
- ✓ RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
- ✓ COSMETIC DENTISTRY
- ✓ PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
- ✓ INVISALIGN

We Welcome
New Patients!



Visit our website
deerfieldfamilydentist.com



Give us a call
(603) 463-7240



49 Cotton Rd
Deerfield, NH