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Award

Five businesses received the 2026 Employment Leadership Awards from the New Hampshire Department of Education's Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation for "a commitment to hiring, supporting and advancing individuals with disabilities in the workplace," according to a press release from the NH Department of Education. The award recipients are Concord Hospital Health System; Duprey Hospitality, Tru by Hilton in Concord; New Hampshire Hospital in Concord; St. Vincent de Paul Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Berlin, and Tractor Supply Co. in North Conway, the release said. "When employers focus on what individuals can do and provide the right opportunities and support, they open doors to meaningful careers and long-term success. We commend this year's honorees for their leadership and for showing other New Hampshire employers how hiring individuals with disabilities can make a real difference in our state's workforce," said Christopher Semonelli, administrator of VRNH, in the release.

Farm Con

The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire will hold its annual Winter Conference on Saturday, March 6, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, according to an Association email. "This year our theme is Resilient Roots, Radiant Horizons, which is both a tribute to where we've come from and an invitation to imagine, together, where we're going next," the email said. The event is seeking sponsors, exhibits, workshop proposals and speakers, according to the email and the conference website, nofanh.org/winterconference, where you can find details and get in touch with the conference coordinator.

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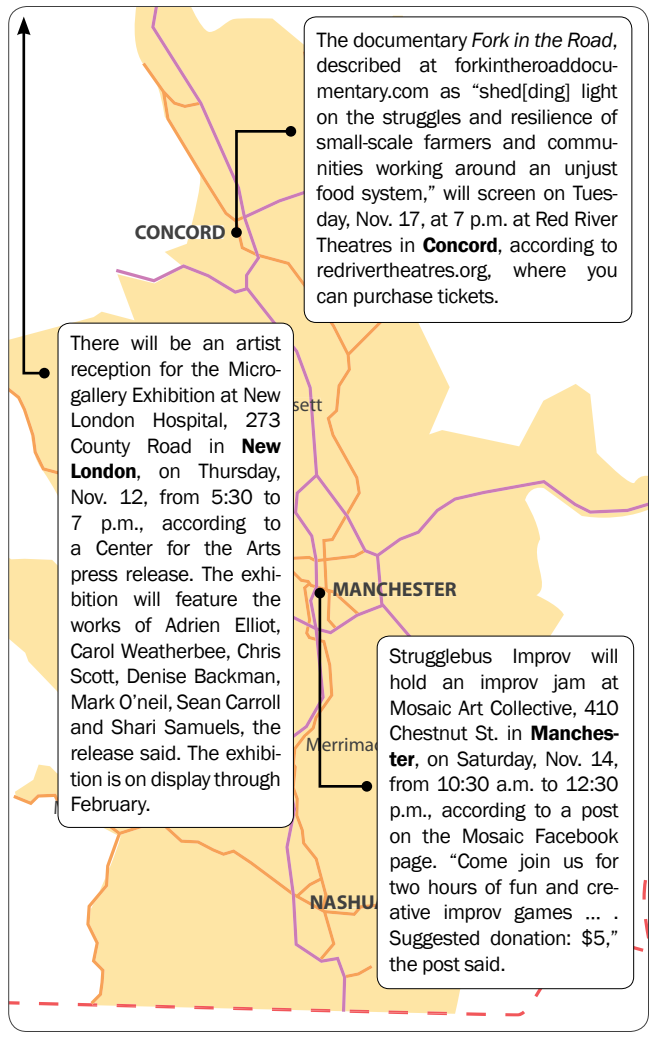
The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance is holding an event about "New and Original Uses for Historic Religious Properties" on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road in Derry, according to an email from organizers. Register at nhpreservation.org; the cost is $12.

Audition notice

The Community Players of Concord will hold auditions for a February production of *Agatha Christie's A Murder is Announced* (a Miss Marple mystery) on Monday, Nov. 23, and Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Community Players Studio, 435 Josiah Bartlett Road in Concord, according to a press release. "The show includes roles for 12, ranging in age from 25 to 60+," the release said. Register in advance at communityplayersofconcord.org/auditions.cpc, where you can also find character details and audition sides.

Auditions notice

Cue Zero is holding auditions for its 2027 season on Sunday, Dec. 6, and Monday, Dec. 7 at the Arts Academy of New Hampshire in Salem (which is also where rehearsals and performances will take place), according to a press release. "Be seen by all of the Season 8 directors at once" the release said. Upcoming shows include *Love Isn't Real* in late February, Trey Parker's *Cannibal: The Musical* in late April and early May, *Hedda Gabler* in June and Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* in October, according to cztheatre.com, where you can find the registration form to audition under "Upcoming Auditions" in the "Get Involved" tab. Callbacks for *Love Isn't Real* will take place in December, the release said.





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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Big turnout for the Manchester Marathon

Thousands of runners took part in the 20th Manchester Marathon Saturday, Nov. 8. According to a Nov. 8 online article by WMUR, "about 2,400 people ran in the Manchester City Marathon this year. There were people from 41 different states, five different countries and five provinces."

QOL score: +1

Comments: *According to MarathonGuide.com, the winners of the full marathon were Dean Allen from Chelmsford, Mass., in the men's division, with a time of 2:33:12, and Amelia Tucker from Weston, Mass., in 3:05:17. 8.47 percent of the runners qualified for the Boston Marathon.*

Looking for ancestors in the mills

According to a Nov. 9 online article by New Hampshire Public Radio, one often-overlooked resource for people searching for ancestors is the employment records from Manchester's mills. "People arrived in Manchester from all over the world to work in the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company's mills in the 1800s," the NHPR story read, "and some of their descendants still live in New Hampshire. The Manchester Historic Association has nearly 500 boxes of documents on the textile mills' employees and operations going back centuries."

QOL score: +1

Comment: *According to the NHPR article, many of the mills' employee records are accessible online but people researching their family trees can search through records in person. Visit manchesterhistoric.org/catalog-holdings.*

Our eight-legged nemesis persists

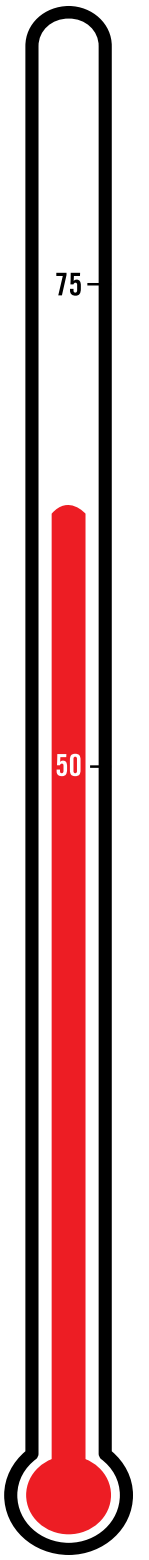
New Hampshire Public Radio broke the bad news in a Nov. 6 online article that some very cold days over the past few winters have not brought down the population of ticks in the state. Laura Ferguson, a biologist at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, confirmed in the article that cold weather can kill ticks but only if they are exposed to temperatures lower than -10 degrees C [14 degrees F]. In Nova Scotia, for instance, during a recent polar vortex "we hit -26 [Celsius] degrees overnight…," Ferguson said in the NHPR article. "And then underneath the leaf litter and snow cover, it was minus six for maybe an hour. That was as low as it got."

QOL score: -1

Comment: *The story also noted that ticks infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease seem to survive cold temperatures better than their uninfected tick colleagues, because of course they do.*

QOL score last wee: 61
Net change: +1
QOL this week: 62

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Pats still have chance at playoffs?



The Big Story: Pats Playoff Chances Take a Hit

There's still a long way to go, but after seeing the Patriots bombarded by **Jordan Love** and the Packers receivers in a sloppy, turnover-plagued 45-27 loss on Sunday, Patriot Nation has got to be worried.

They are now 5-4, and with Detroit, Buffalo, Minnesota and KC dead ahead (combined record 24-6) in their next five games they do not have an easy path to the 10 wins they'll likely need to get into the playoffs. Especially with next week's "easy game" against winless San Diego involving travel to Germany and the early start that comes with European games.

Buckle up; it's going to be a rough five weeks ahead.

Sports 101: Name the only person to have led the NCAA, NBA and ABA in scoring in a season.

News Item: Patriots Creamed by Green Bay

• ***Good*** – Nothing. This was a total embarrassment.

• ***Bad*** – The worst game ever by a factor of 5 for **Christian Gonzalez**, who got destroyed all game long as the D gave up 45 points.

• ***Ugly*** – **Drake Maye** had another three-interception game and the D gave up 45 points.

• ***Grade*** – F- for their worst game on both sides of the ball.

News Item: NFL at Mid-Year

• ***NFC North*** – This is the toughest NFL division. Only problem is the Pats play all four, where the record is already 0-2, with Detroit up next in Munich on Sunday.

• ***Surprises*** –

(1) **NFC East** With the Giants in first and just two years after winning the SB, Philly is in last place after NY gave them their seventh straight loss Sunday.

(2) **L.A. Rams** The SB-favored Rams are just 5-4 and already three games behind SF.

(3) **NFC South** Even the Jets could compete here as all four teams have just three wins and either five or six losses.

(4) **Seattle** With that defense they still have four losses after a shellacking by the Bears in Week 8.

News Item: Election Day

We saw the most ever former athletes/announcers run for public office last week, with mixed results.

Yankees slugger **Mark Teixeira** won a seat in Congress from Texas. One-time Auburn Coach **Tommy Tuberville** was elected governor of Alabama.

Michelle Tafoya lost her race for Senate in Minnesota. Which being a sideline reporter for MNF totally prepared her for, I guess. **Jay Feely**, the ex-NFL kicker, got booted by Arizona voters in his bid for Congress.

The Numbers:

19 – years old at which **Blades Brown** became the youngest PGA Tournament champ in 88 years (1938 for the mathematically challenged) when he fired a 9-under final day 63 to win the World Wide Technology Championship Sunday.

40.1 – scoring average after 10 games for **Luka Doncic**, which puts him on pace to be the first to average over 40 points a game since **Wilt Chamberlain** went for 44.8 in 1962-63.

… Of the Week Awards

Thumbs Up – Game of the Week – Victor Wembanyama: For being the newest member of the 50-point 20-rebound club by going for 54 and 24 along with eight blocks in a matchup of the NBA's two wonder boys as San Antonio beat Dallas and **Cooper Flagg** 112-111 in a barn-burner.

That's All She Wrote Award: Goes to LIV Golf, which filed Chapter 11 after its last-ditch attempt to find financing failed.

Sports 101 Answer: The great and somewhat forgotten **Rick Barry**, who led NCAA scorers by averaging 38.1 with U of Miami, led the ABA with the Oakland Oaks (34.0) and led the then San Francisco Warriors (35.6) in 1966-67.

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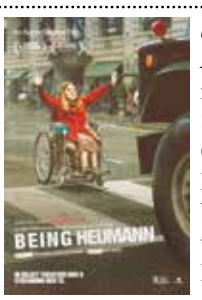




This Week

BIG EVENTS NOVEMBER 12 AND BEYOND

Saturday, Nov. 14



Being Heumann (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. with a post-film discussion with Emmy-winning filmmakers Samuel and Dan Habib, according to redrivertheatres.org, where you can purchase tickets. The movie is based on the memoir *Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist* by Judy Heumann, the "Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in the Department of Education" during the Clinton administration, according to judithheumann.com.

Friday, Nov. 13

The "2026 Small Works/Big Impact" show is open at the Creative Ventures Gallery, 411 Nashua St. in Milford, through Thursday, Dec. 24, with an opening reception on Friday, Nov. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. where you can meet the artists, according to creativeventuresfineart.com. "All the artwork is under 12 [inches] in size plus frame," the website said.

Saturday, Nov. 14

The **Currier Museum of Art**, 150 Ash St. in Manchester, will offer its Second Saturday free admission for New Hampshire residents on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Racial Unity Team's annual Art and Poetry Challenge exhibition will open in the Community gallery (with an official opening at 2 p.m.). and there will be an art-making activity from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., according to a press release. See currier.org.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Mosaic Art Collective, 410 Chestnut St. in Manchester, will hold an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., for its new exhibition "**Works With Paper**," which runs through December, according to a Mosaic email. See mosaicartcollective.com.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Meanwhile, over at the Mosaic Arts Collective Studio Gallery, 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester, the New Hampshire Potters Guild will hold an opening event for its exhibit **"Clay Stories: NHPG Biennial 2026"** on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. The show will run through Dec. 22. See nhpottersguild.org.

Saturday, Nov. 14

Nashua Chamber Orchestra, nco-music.org, will hold its fall concert, "Brahms and Shepherds," Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Nashua Community College and Sunday, Nov. 15, at 3 p.m. at the Milford Town Hall, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets. "It will feature multi award-winning 11th grade cellist Benjamin Mandigo in a performance of the 2nd movement of Dvorak's Cello Concerto. The spotlight will also fall on native New Hampshire composer Larry Mizen. The orchestra and guest Nashua Choral Society will perform his work based on the '23rd Psalm, The Divine Shepherd.'" Other program works will include Mozart's "Il Re Pastore Overture," Brahms' "Nanie," and Beecham's arrangement of Handel's "The Faithful Shepherd Suite," according to a press release.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Put down that Red Ryder BB gun with a compass in the stock and a thing which tells time and head to **An Evening with Peter Billingsley and *A Christmas Story***, featuring a screening of the film and an audience Q & A, at the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St. in Concord) on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets.



Save the Date!

Friday, Nov. 20

The dance studio Danceworks Movement Design will present ***Marilyn***, directed by Tanya Bosse, on Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 1 p.m., at the Amato Center for the Performing Arts in Milford, according to an email from Danceworks. "*Marilyn* is a contemporary dance production that takes a closer look at the life of the iconic actress and the cost of fame. Emotional and glamorous, this production by DanceWorks Movement Design will leave you breathless," according to a post on Danceworks' Facebook page. For tickets, go to buy.tututix.com/danceworksmovementdesign.

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A LOOK AT HOLIDAY SEASON MUSICAL PERFORMANCES



By Michael Witthaus
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In December 2011, Heather Pierson performed *A Charlie Brown Christmas* for the first time at a venue not far from her home in Conway. A piano player who as a kid was first drawn to jazz by Vince Guaraldi's music on the 1965 holiday TV special, she originally intended the evening as a one-off.

The audience that night had other ideas, however. The show's grown into an annual, region-wide affair.

"It's become this tradition, not just for me and my trio, but also for families that come out," Pierson said by phone recently. "It's just amazing to watch people bringing their kids and watching the kids grow, year after year. It's such a beautiful tradition, and the music is just so joyful."

There are 90 or so holiday concerts happening in our region before the big day, with musical genres across the spectrum. There's big band shows, retro swing from Squirrel Nut Zippers, jazz vocals from The Bean Tones, singers like Abriel Scharff and Chris Isaak, orchestras doing holiday pops, and choral concerts. The holiday shows fill not only venue's December schedules but performers' as well.

Pierson's seasonal shows have evolved to include non-Christmas songs from Guaraldi's catalog, and every year seems to add more venues to her schedule. Upcoming are two shows each at Hermit Woods Winery in Meredith and Concord's BNH Stage.

Over time, old songs take on new elements for Pierson and her trio.

"That's the nature of jazz," she said. "What can we do differently and what works? There's also something really magical about bringing people around that particular recording that has meant so much to so many people over so many decades, just to get people in a room experiencing it."

Pierson will also do two Dec. 20 shows during The Word Barn's *12 Nights Of Christmas* at Orchard Chapel in Hampton Falls. She's played the series since it began in 2022, after launching online during the pandemic. Word Barn co-founder Ben Anderson praised the chapel as a quintessential New England holiday setting.

"With its old wooden pews with thick cushions, candles and oil lanterns, it's a scene where you wouldn't be surprised to see a horse-drawn sleigh go by," Anderson wrote in an email. "This simple setting lets you shed the bustle of today's world, and just enjoy great live music … together with friends, family and neighbors."

Along with Pierson, the 2026 chapel concert schedule includes Halley Neal and Sam Robbins (Nov. 28), John Doyle, Mick McAuley and Cathie Ryan (Dec. 1), Susan McKeown (Dec. 2), Kat Wright & Brett Hughes (Dec. 3), Willie Watson (Dec. 4), The Scottish Fish (Dec. 5), Cóig (Dec. 6), Lunasa (Dec. 8), S. Carey (Dec. 11), Jordan TW Trio (Dec. 12), Liz and Dan Faiella (Dec. 13), High Range (Dec. 18) and the Community Candlelight Carol Sing on Dec. 19, Dec. 20 and Dec. 22.

When it comes to acoustic Christmas concerts, the region's most enduring figure is probably Harvey Reid. The Maine guitarist began doing holiday shows in 1984. After he married fiddle player Joyce Anderson, she became his musical partner. Their shows together are beloved.

"A lot of people tell me it's part of their Christmas, they get the family together and they come see us play," Reid said in a 2013 Hippo interview. "I take it very seriously, it's a responsibility. The biggest compliment I get is I made them feel connected with the real spirit of Christmas. That is pretty profound."

He continued, "I don't want to go around swaggering … but we can do that to people. Music is a kind of magic, and Christmas music has a magical power. If you hit people just right, you can get inside their heads and tinker around in there. It's powerful stuff."

On the other hand, Liz Longley is new to doing Christmas shows, though she wrote her first original holiday tune — on commission — 15 years ago. Longley's *Christmas Fuss*, an 11-song album with nine originals, drops Nov. 20. A little over a week later she'll start a holiday tour in Dallas that ends Dec. 20 in Derry.

"Now that I have a repertoire of Christmas songs, I'm ready to hit the road," Longley said by phone recently. "I'm hoping it becomes a show where people … can get into the holiday spirit in a calm and comforting way, outside of the chaos, hustle and bustle."

One of the new songs is the lively "Wake Up It's Christmas Morning," about restless kids on Christmas Eve. Longley has done it at a few shows, and fans seem to love it. "It's unlike anything I've written before. The energy of it is very childlike and fun. It's never too early in the season to play that one, I'm finding out."

Celtic music is well represented, including many shows from regional music treasure Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki.

"We've been doing holiday shows of some sort or another ever since we formed our trio 16 years ago," Tirrell-Wysocki said recently. "The Christmas season and its music is as meaningful to us as musicians as it is to listeners, so doing some special shows each year started as a fun way to acknowledge and celebrate."

The holiday concerts are among the fiddler and his band's favorites.

"There's something inherent in Celtic music that corresponds to the dark, reflective, introspective side of the yuletide season," he said. They'll do an afternoon show with the Spain Brothers at Manchester's Rex Theatre on Dec. 6, and their full schedule is on the jordantwmusic.com website.

"Many of us even outside the Irish or Scottish traditions associate some of those old sounds and moods with the holidays," he said. "Whether it be a soft, haunting piece reminiscent of moonlight on snow [or] rollicking jigs as a family gathers around a feast, I've always felt this music made a perfect soundtrack for the season."



Ryanwood Performs at Orchard Chapel 2025. Courtesy photo.

Holiday gigs

Know of a show not mentioned here? Let us know at adiaz@hippopress.com. See the websites for each event for ticket prices and purchasing information.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

An Evening with Peter Billingsley and *A Christmas Story* at Swope Theater (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 7 p.m. A screening of the 1983 holiday favorite, followed by a moderated conversation and audience Q&A with the actor who played Ralphie in the film.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Harvey Reid & Joyce Andersen at Congregational Church (881 First NH Turnpike, Northwood, woodpecker.com) 4 p.m. Fourth annual Peace & Joy concert from the married duo — Reid on guitar and fiddler Andersen. The first of several regional holiday-themed shows.

Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland at Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 5 p.m. Circus acrobatics and aerial acts paired with a live soundtrack of seasonal favorites. A family-friendly show mixing feats of balance with familiar Christmas music.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

Jessica Lynn's Very Merry Classic Christmas at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7 p.m. Country singer marks 10 years of her multimedia holiday tour, backed by her family band, dancers, marching bands, choirs and special effects like simulated snow.

Friday, Nov. 27

Trans-Siberian Orchestra at SNHU Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester, snhuarena.com) 2:30 & 7:30 p.m. With 20 years of touring, the holiday rock juggernaut returns with *The Ghosts Of Christmas Eve*, mixing symphonic metal, rock opera and storytelling backed by lasers and pyrotechnics.

Saturday, Nov. 28

The Ugly Seasonal Sweater Soiree at Swope Theater (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 7 p.m. Held in the Cap Center's main hall with festive music and the season's loudest knitwear. Wear a reindeer sweater and be ready to sing and dance to holiday favorites.

Sunday, Nov. 29

A Sinatra Christmas with Rich Di Mare & the Ron Poster Trio at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) at noon. "Rich and Ron's understanding of the Sinatra songbook coupled with their interactions on stage makes this Old Blue Eyes experience unique ..." the website said.

Viva Las Elvis: Elvis Christmas Tribute Concert at LaBelle Winery (14 Route 111, Derry, labellewinery.com) 1 p.m. "Starring award winning Elvis tribute artist Dan Fontaine and the

Memphis Sun Mafia Band," the website said.

Sister's Christmas Catechism at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 2 p.m. One-woman show starring a no-nonsense parochial-school nun on a quest to solve a holiday mystery of what happened to the Magi's gold, with audience members drafted into a living Nativity.

Silver & Bronze Granite State Ringers Holiday Handbell Concert at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst, labellewinery.com) 1:30 p.m.

A Charlie Brown Christmas with Heather Pierson at Hermit Woods Winery (72 Main St., Meredith, heatherpierson.com) 2 & 7 p.m. Pianist Pierson performs Vince Guaraldi's Peanuts-inspired jazz selections to celebrate the holiday classic.

An Irish Christmas at Unitarian Universalist Church (25 Main St., Peterborough, pfmsconcerts.org) 4 p.m. John Doyle, Cathie Ryan and Mick McAuley come together to perform Celtic-flavored seasonal selections.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Irish Christmas with John Doyle, Cathie Ryan and Mick McAuley at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. A festive celebration with three beloved Irish musicians performing in a program woven through with song and stories of the season.

Monkey Karaoke Jingle Jam with DJ Angie & Bob at the Flying Monkey (39 Main St., Plymouth, flyingmonkeynh.com) 7 p.m.

Chris Isaak - On Tour for the Holidays at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. The newly released *Everybody Knows It's Christmas* is Isaak's second career Christmas album and features 13 tracks of originals and covers.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Susan McKeown at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. McKeown, who has performed with Pete Seeger, Natalie Merchant, Lúnasa and Scottish fiddle master Johnny Cunningham, brings her *Winter Charms & Songs* show to a special venue.

Shaun Cassidy – Unwrapped: Songs & Stories for the Holidays at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. The '70s teen idol turned TV producer offers an intimate seasonal evening of holiday songs, his own hits and backstage stories from a long career.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Christine Fawson Quartet at Hermit Woods Winery (72 Main St., Meredith, eventbrite.com) 6 p.m. Jazz singer and trumpet player Christine Fawson and her outstanding trio play swinging arrangements of jazz and Christmas favorites

Kat & Brett Holiday Show with Tyler Bolles & Will Seeders at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. Two of Vermont's most beloved songbirds join forces once again for their annual holiday tour.

A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) 7:30 p.m. The Eric Mintel Quartet,



Gary Ho Ho Hoey. Photo by Fred Morledge.

veterans of shows at both the White House and Kennedy Center, draw from the Vince Guaraldi classic, along with reworked holiday standards and jazz covers.

Sara Evans at Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. The country hitmaker, known for "Suds in the Bucket" and "A Real Fine Place to Start," brings her Holiday Road Tour to the Lakes Region, with up-and-comer Braden Hull opening.

Friday, Dec. 4

Upper Valley Ringers Holiday Concert at Colby-Sawyer Black Box Theater (541 Main St., New London, colby-sawyer.edu) Handbell music and seasonal favorites from a community choir of experienced musicians who are dedicated to ringing. See centerfortheartsnh.org.

Willie Watson at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. A founding member of Old Crow Medicine Show, Willie Watson brings a special and intimate Home for the Holidays show.

Lúnasa at the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. Acclaimed Irish traditional band performs an Irish winter solstice celebration, marking the darkest days of the year with reels, jigs and airs built on pipes, flute, fiddle and their trademark driving bass.

Jingle Bell Jive at Lakeport Opera House (781 Union Ave., Laconia, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. Led by Jason Cohen, Jingle Bell Jive brings the spirit, excitement, and irresistible energy of the 1950s to Christmas classics and holiday favorites.

Vienna Boys Choir: Christmas in Vienna at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. One of the world's oldest boys' choirs, with roots going back six centuries, sings Austrian folk songs, classical masterpieces, popular songs and holiday favorites. Its touring choirs give some 300 concerts a year, prized for their pure tone.

Jingle Brass – Symphony NH Brass Quintet at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, symphonynh.org) 7:30 p.m. Symphony New Hampshire's brass quintet rings in the season with fresh arrangements of carols, bold fanfares and holiday tunes. An intimate, family-friendly alternative to the full-orchestra pops concert, in the cozy Rex.

A Charlie Brown Christmas Soundtrack with The Heather Pierson Trio at the Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org) 7 p.m. The trio is back for the fifth time to tackle

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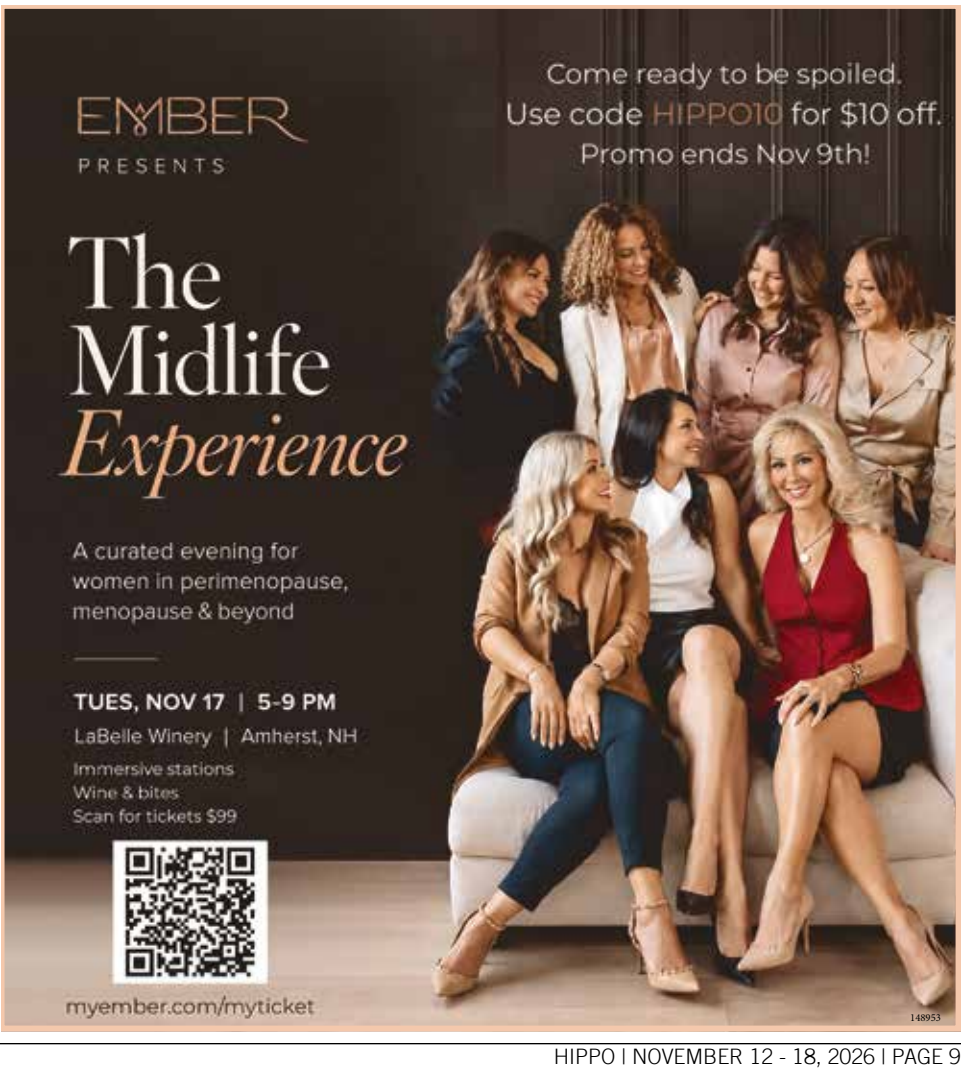
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Vince Guaraldi's classic album, the website said.

Gary Ho Ho Hoey at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) 8 p.m. Blues-rock guitarist Gary Hoey, whose instrumental take on "Hocus Pocus" was a '90s hit, brings his annual holiday show, built on his *Ho! Ho! Hoey* albums of rocked-up Christmas classics. Expect searing guitar versions of familiar carols.

Saturday, Dec. 5

NH Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Show at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) noon. "Love, Peace & Hope" continues an annual holiday tradition from the chorus, a program of seasonal choral favorites and uplifting songs.

Holiday Concert for the Meetinghouse at First Parish Congregational Church (47 E. Derry Road, Derry, fpc-ucc.org) 3 p.m. Seasonal favorites performed by the Granite Statesmen Men's Chorus in a historic restored sanctuary to support venue preservation.

MUSE: A Salute to Holiday Divas! at the Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, themusichall.org) 3 and 7:30 p.m. A salute to the holiday hits of Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston and Kelly Clarkson in the Music Hall's intimate lounge space, with "All I Want for Christmas Is You" surely on the setlist.

Harvey Reid & Joyce Andersen at Congregational Church (504 N. Barnstead Road, Center Barnstead, woodpecker.com) 4 p.m. The married couple's fourth annual Christmas concert, with Reid on guitar accompanied by fiddler player Andersen.

Lakes Region Symphony Orchestra at Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 7 p.m. Annual holiday pops concert, with guest vocalist Catherine Martinez. Suggested attire is a festive sweater for this evening of orchestral carols and seasonal favorites.

Scottish Fish Holiday Show at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. The Scottish Fish have been touring a seasonal version of their standard show for five years, featuring creative arrangements of familiar carols woven among traditional, contemporary, and original Celtic tunes.

The Scott Spradling Band Holiday Show at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) 7:30 p.m. Full big band, with live horns and guest vocalists, offers a swing-era holiday program of classics, newer seasonal songs and early rock 'n' roll like "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

The Irish Tenors: A Family Christmas at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. The trio that became a PBS phenomenon in the late 1990s brings its Celtic Christmas program of carols, Irish songs and tenor harmonies.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio & Spain Brothers at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) 2 and 4 p.m. *A Celtic Christmas* with two acts promises lively fiddle tunes, haunting airs and classic singalongs that put a fresh spin on traditional music.

NH Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 3 p.m. Nearly three decades old, the chorus brings its holiday program of seasonal favorites, sing-along numbers and songs of peace and goodwill.

The Joy of Christmas: Where Peace and Joy Begin at Immaculate Conception Church (216 E. Dunstable Road, Nashua ,eventbrite.com) 3 p.m. Nashua Choral Society sharing Christmas music that promises to bring peace and joy to challenging times.

Holiday Pops Concert: Brass & Strings at LaBelle Winery (14 Route 111, Derry, labellewinery.com) 1 p.m. Annual show, with chamber renditions by members of the NH Philharmonic Orchestra. Full cash bar before and after, with wine, cocktails, beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

A Cape Breton Christmas with Còig at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 4:30 & 8 p.m. Cape Breton classics, reels and jigs, world music, Irish themes all wrapped up in the spirit of the season for a joyful holiday program.

Christmas Music with The German Family at Lawrence Barn Community Center (28 Depot Road, Hollis, eventbrite.com) 6 p.m. *Christmas Joy: Through the Ages* program offers piano, vocals and strings with three generations of family performing seasonal favorites.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

David Benoit at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, jimmysoncongress.com) 7:30 p.m. Benoit has recorded more than 40 solo projects and scored iconic Peanuts animated specials. He has conducted symphonies worldwide, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic and London Symphony.

Celtic Christmas with Lunasa at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 5 and 8 p.m. Beloved band comes to the *12 Nights of Christmas* series with their joyous holiday show. Called "The hottest Irish acoustic band on the planet" by The Irish Voice.

Thursday, Dec. 10

Vintage Vocal Quartet Holiday Show at Hermit Woods Winery (72 Main St., Meredith, eventbrite.com) 6 p.m. Repertoire inspired by big bands, Nat King Cole, the Andrews Sisters, and Tommy Dorsey's Pied Pipers, as well as singers like Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Jo Stafford.

The LeeVees at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 7 p.m. Guster's Adam Gardner and The Zambonis' Dave Schneider formed The LeeVees in 2005 to anthem-ize Festival of Lights music; their album *Hanukkah Rocks* became a cult seasonal favorite.

The Unholy Three at Flying Monkey (39 Main St., Plymouth, flyingmonkeynh.com) 7 p.m. Lon Chaney stars in this 1925 silent movie that's accompanied live by Jeff Rapsis. The theater calls it probably the strangest Christmas-themed film ever made.



Harvey Reid and Joyce Andersen. Photo by Lauryn Sophia.

A Cape Breton Christmas with COIG at the Dana Center (Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, tickets.anselm.edu) 7:30 p.m. "With their renditions of timeless Christmas classics, they weave various influences into their Celtic holiday mix from Folk, Classical and Swing, giving your favorite carols a fresh and original sound," the website said.

The Wizards of Winter at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) 8 p.m. With alumni from Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Alice Cooper and Blue Öyster Cult, performing its rock opera *The Christmas Dream* with soaring harmonies, strings and stage theatrics.

Friday, Dec. 11

S. Carey with Hrishikesh Hirway at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. Special and intimate Home for the Holidays evening.

Holiday Glow at Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) Friday 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. Icon Series concert mixes holiday classics and contemporary favorites with strong vocals and theatrical flair. Eight performances over two weekends (Dec. 11–20).

Rockapella at Stockbridge Theatre (44 N. Main St., Derry, stockbridgetheatre.com) 7 p.m. The a cappella group made famous by PBS's *Where in the World Is Carmen Sandiego?* returns for its long-running annual holiday show, mixing Christmas songs with vocal remakes of pop and soul classics.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Compaq Big Band Holiday Hits at Big Bear Lodge (106 Route 13, Brookline, andresinstitute.org) Just enough seasonal tunes to be festive, with wide-ranging Big Band standards to round out the evening.

Dan & Claudia Zanes Holiday Sing-Along at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 11 a.m. The Grammy winner and his jazz vocalist wife recreate the sing-along parties of his childhood in New Hampshire, mixing Christmas standards with songs from around the world honoring Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa too.

Fezziwig's After Dark at the Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. The show is a 21+ Christmas revel from Powerhouse Theatre Collaborative, with a pre-show mixer, music and dancing, improv from the Circuit Breakers, an ugly Christmas sweater contest and a naughty Christmas carol parody cabaret.

Cherish The Ladies at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, ticketmaster.com) 7:30p The world-class all-female supergroup perform their acclaimed *A Celtic Christmas*, drawing from three hit holiday albums. Signature instrumentation, lush vocal harmonies, and breathtaking step dancing.

Jordan TW Trio Celtic Christmas at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. Putting a fresh spin on traditional Celtic music, the New Hampshire-based Jordan TW Trio delivers a dynamic show full of lively fiddle tunes, haunting airs and their own spin on yuletide classics.

Manchester Choral Society Holiday Concert at Ste. Marie Parish (378 Notre Dame Ave., Manchester, mcsnh.org) 7:30 p.m. Celebrating their 66th season with Poulenc's *Gloria*, Saint-Saëns' *Christmas Oratorio* and Vaughan-Williams' *Fantasia on Greensleeves* with strings, harp, organ, and soloists (Dec. 12-13).

Brass Attack Christmas Bash Dinner at Wolfeboro Inn (90 N. Main St., Wolfeboro, wolfeboroinn.com) 5:30 p.m. Springfield band brings its powerful eight-piece sound for a high-energy live music experience.

Sunday, Dec. 13

Nearly Diamond Concert: A Neil Diamond Holiday Experience at LaBelle Winery (345 Route 101, Amherst, labellewinery.com) at 12:30 p.m. The show "combines the timeless songs of Neil Diamond with the festive spirit of the season," the website said.

A Charlie Brown Christmas with the Heather Pierson at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 2 and 7 p.m. Pianist Pierson performs Peanuts, Vince Guaraldi's holiday classic score for the 1965 *Peanuts* special, from the bounce of "Linus and Lucy" to the wistful "Christmas Time Is Here."

Harvey Reid & Joyce Andersen Annual Christmas Concert at Old Meetinghouse (Main Street, Francestown, woodpecker.com) 4 p.m. Award-winning multi-instrumentalists and troubadours, the Maine couple draws from a deep and diverse repertoire of original, traditional and contemporary music.

Handel's Messiah at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church (21 Centre St., Concord, walkerlecture.org) 4 p.m. Baroque-era performance of the classic oratorio, presented by the Walker Lecture Series and conducted by Benjamin Greene, with professional soloists and a community chorus.

Glorificamus: Works for Choir and Brass at Peterborough Town House (1 Grove St., Peterborough, pfmsconcerts.org) 4 p.m. Advent-themed choral concert pairing a vocal choir with brass instrumentalists featuring works ranging from the Renaissance to Contemporary eras.

Swingin' Yuletide Big Band Show featur-

ing the NH Jazz Orchestra at the Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org) 4 p.m. "'A Swingin' Yuletide' brings together the timeless sounds of the big band era with the warmth and spirit of the season, featuring classic jazz favorites, beloved vocal standards, and festive arrangements of your favorite holiday tunes," the website said.

Liz & Dan Faiella Christmas Concert at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. Beloved Concord siblings bring to life the traditional Celtic and New England music of their roots, with crisp vocals, mesmerizing fingerstyle guitar, lyrical fiddling, and exhilarating rhythmic drive.

Monday, Dec. 14

Strafford Wind Symphony presents "Unwrapped: The Joy of Music, The Spirit of Giving" at the Rochester Opera House (31 Wakefield St., Rochester, rochesteroperahouse.org) 7 p.m. See straffordwindsymphony.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Hometown Holiday Concert – New Horizons Musical Organization at Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 7 p.m. Directed by Debbi Gibson, a family-friendly mix of traditional holiday favorites, creative twists on familiar tunes and new seasonal music. Free, but reserve a ticket.

Thursday, Dec. 17

Carols, Cookies and Community Sing-Along at First Parish Congregational Church (218 Central Ave., Dover, firstparishdover.org) 6 p.m. Carols and holiday songs are followed by an array of tasty cookies, beverages and conversation. Song books and bells to ring will be provided for all.

Buzz Ball at Swope Theater (44 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 7 p.m. The annual holiday season bash is always full of surprise guests and usually sells out weeks in advance. It blends the best in regional music with comedy and skits from the Morning Buzz team.

Queen City Improv Holiday Show at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org) 7:30 p.m. Manchester's improv troupe brings its holiday edition to the Rex: unscripted short- and long-form scenes and games built on audience suggestions, with the season providing plenty of fodder.

High Range at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. Part of the Home for the Holidays series, the rootsy acoustic band offers hard-driving music built on tight harmonies and sharp picking.

Squirrel Nut Zippers at Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. Jimbo Mathus leads the retro-swing band through its annual holiday show, with vintage jazz, New Orleans swing, klezmer and old-time sounds, including songs from their *Christmas Caravan* album and other hits.

Harvey Reid & Joyce Andersen Annual Christmas Concert at Flying Goose Brew Pub & Grille (40 Andover Road, New London, woodpecker.com) 7:30 p.m. The Maine couple stops at a venerable roots music venue that usually sells out, offering a diverse repertoire of original, traditional and contemporary music.



Jordan TW Trio Celtic Christmas. Courtesy photo.

Abrielle Scharff's Abby Holidays! at the Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, themusichall.org) 8 p.m. Singer Abrielle Scharff's holiday cabaret residency in the Music Hall's intimate lounge, four nights of seasonal songs in a club setting just steps from Portsmouth's Market Square holiday lights. (Dec. 17, 19 & 20)

Friday, Dec. 18

Canadian Brass: Wonderful Time of the Year at Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. With 135 albums along with 24 Grammy and Juno nominations, this world-famous brass quintet offers a mix of baroque, classical, jazz and holiday favorites.

Ishna at the Flying Monkey (39 Main St., Plymouth, flyingmonkeynh.com) 7:30 p.m. Incorporating stories, ancient Irish ballads, Christmas standards, lively fiddling and step dancing, a memorable holiday show from this traditional band, which regularly hosts sessiuns in Peterborough.

The Bean Tones at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, jimmysoncongress.com) 7:30 p.m. A holiday special from this Berklee College of Music-formed and now L.A.-based jazz vocal quartet blending vintage close-harmony traditions with a fresh, modern aesthetic.

Eileen Ivers: Joyful Christmas at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. Riverdance fiddler Ivers and her band mark the season with Irish and American roots music and foot-stomping fiddling, buoyed by a raft of instruments and voices.

Low Lily at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 7 p.m. Celebrate the winter solstice with instrumentals and songs. Between them, the trio plays mandolins, guitars, fiddle and banjo and sings three-part harmonies.

Saturday, Dec. 19

Mr. Aaron's Holiday Bash at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 11 a.m. Popular children's entertainer hosts a morning holiday dance party geared to kids and families. Wear ugly sweaters and enjoy dancing and singing to





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Christmas With The Celts at Stockbridge Theatre (44 N. Main St., Derry, stockbridgetheatre.com) 7 p.m. A wonderful combination of timeless ancient Irish Christmas Carols and lively Irish dance with modern contemporary songs but with Irish instrumentation.

Jon McLaughlin: Home for the Holidays at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, jimmysoncongress.com) 7 & 9:30 p.m. McLaughlin performs a mix of original holiday songs, classic Christmas tunes and fan favorite hits.

Clay Cook Holiday Concert at Lakeport Opera House (781 Union Ave., Laconia, etix.com). Zac Brown Band member performs holiday songs. At press time, tickets are only available by signing up for a waiting list for this show that's becoming an annual tradition.

Canadian Brass: Wonderful Time of the Year at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7:30 p.m. The famed brass quintet brings baroque, classical, jazz and seasonal favorites along with an engaging stage rapport.

NH Philharmonic Orchestra at Seifert Performing Arts Center (44 Geremonty Drive, Salem, nhphil.org) Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. The state's oldest orchestra plays its annual holiday pops under music director Mark Latham, a mix of classic and modern holiday hits traditionally capped by a visit from Santa. (Dec. 19–20).

Coming Home: A New England Christmas at the Park Theatre (19 Main St., Jaffrey, theparktheatre.org) 7:30 p.m. James Gedeon performs a show with music inspired by James Taylor, the website said.

Sunday, Dec. 20

A Piano Christmas with Robert Dionne at Majestic Theatre (880 Page St., Manchester, majestictheatre.net) 2 p.m. "A laid-back afternoon of interactive holiday sing-along fun that will make you smile," the website said.

Capital Jazz Orchestra: Holiday Pops at BNH Stage (16 S. Main St., Concord, ccanh.com) 3 p.m. Skip Poole leads the big band with vocalists CJ and Laura Poole through holiday swing, from Ellington's Nutcracker Suite to "Let It Snow," plus a world-premiere Rudolph medley arranged by Jerry Ascione.

Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra: Family Holiday Pops! at Portsmouth High School (50 Andrew Jarvis Drive, Portsmouth, themusichall.org) 3 & 6 p.m. The PSO's annual family concert blends traditional holiday music from around the world with familiar favorites, a sing-along and a few surprises.

Charlie Brown Christmas with Heather Pierson Trio at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 3:30 & 7 p.m. The Heather Pierson Trio (Heather Pierson, piano and vocals; Shawn Nadeau, bass; Craig Bryan, drums) offer their take on Vince Guaraldi's *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.



Heather Pierson makes ornaments. Courtesy photo.

Irish Christmas in America at Colonial Theatre (609 Main St., Laconia, etix.com) 5 p.m. Sligo fiddler Oisín Mac Diarmada produces evening of Irish seasonal music, song, dance and stories, with Cathy Jordan, Gráinne Hambly and uilleann piper Caoimhín Ó Fearghaíl, set against photographs of Ireland.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy: Wild and Swingin' Holiday Party at Nashua Center for the Arts (201 Main St., Nashua, etix.com) 7 p.m. The swing revivalists bring their annual holiday party, playing standards like "Jingle Bells" as well as "Run Rudolph Run" and a New Orleans-flavored "Frosty."

Liz Longley at Tupelo Music Hall (10 A St., Derry, tupelomusichall.com) 7 p.m. In support of her forthcoming EP, *The Holiday Fuss*, new seasonal songs merged with her 2020 EP *A Little Magic*, the singer-songwriter is on her first holiday tour.

Monday, Dec. 21

A Sinatra Christmas with Rich DiMare and Ron Poster at the Music Hall Lounge (131 Congress St., Portsmouth, themusichall.org) 5 p.m. (Dec. 22) & 7:30 p.m. Sinatra's swinging holiday recordings paired with signature hits in a festive saloon-style evening. (Dec. 21–22)

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Candlelight Carol Sing at Orchard Chapel (143 Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, thewordbarn.com) 6 p.m. Also Dec. 19 at 3 and 6 p.m. Beautiful and festive music of the season, in the quintessential New England setting of the Orchard Chapel, complete with oil lanterns and candles.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Christmas Vibes at Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club (135 Congress St., Portsmouth, jimmysoncongress.com) 7:30 p.m. Former Berklee College of Music faculty member and Christian McBride bandmate Warren Wolf brings his acclaimed holiday project to the stage, a master class on both the vibes and piano.

Saturday, Dec. 26

Candlelight concerts have two offerings at the Rex Theatre (23 Amherst St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org). Christmas Carols on Strings at 6 p.m. and Vivaldi's Four Seasons and more at 8:30 p.m.

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Boozy Bard

Theater company with an improv heart over-serves Macbeth

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Like the Comedy Central show *Drunk History*, which had inebriated commentators explaining the Civil War, women's suffrage or the invention of penicillin, *Sh!t-Faced Shakespeare* puts a drunk in the middle of a serious endeavor, acting. There's one important difference, though. They must remember lines from a play — or try to, anyway.

It can be more fun straying from that mark, SFS company member Evan Taylor explained in a recent Zoom interview.

Each show has one designated drinker and a sober cast. "The drinker is supposed to generate chaos, or do things wrong, or create something that breaks the world," he said. "Then all of the sober actors have to take whatever has broken the world — whatever doesn't exist within a classical Shakespearean play — and incorporate it; make it part of the show."

In one instance, a drunk Romeo accidentally died in Mercutio's place, forcing a quick pivot. "How do you do *Romeo and Juliet* without a Romeo?" Taylor recalled. "So Romeo says to Mercutio, 'I just married Juliet, take my place.' It's very satisfying for audiences to watch us struggle."

During one performance of *Macbeth*, which the company brings to Concord's BNH Stage on Nov. 14, an inebriated Lady M demanded a costume change. "She wanted to be the King, so I had to be the queen," Taylor said. "I had to put the tiara on and just go along with it."

Taylor found his way into the company after studying Shakespeare at Emerson College and playing Romeo in a Boston-area production. Castmates who'd done SFS suggested he audition. At first his drink of choice was beer; these days it's gin and tonic, which makes for fewer bathroom breaks.

The job, he continued, doesn't require a hard-drinking history.

"What makes a good drinker? Somebody who's going to be, first and foremost, kind when they're in that inebriated state," he said. "You want somebody who's going to be high-energy … and that's not everybody. I know people who are sleepy drunks. I know people who are angry drunks."

An imbiber is selected before every performance, and declining is an option.

"People who are slated to drink for a show always have the opportunity to back out, for any reason, and you don't need to give a reason," Taylor said. "It's an incredibly vulnerable thing to do, to impair yourself and then put yourself in front of possibly 500 people."

Four hours before curtain, the drinking begins — with significant staff assistance provided.

"It's a physically exhausting task," Taylor said, explaining that before a drop is poured, the show's wrangler, in charge of managing booze and food balance, and the showrunner check in with the designee. They will ask, "Do you want to drink today? How do you feel about it? Are there any goals, anything we should know?"

Getting smashed is the hardest part of the job. "A drinking shift is like having the night off. Anything you do wrong is everybody else's problem and not your own." The sober actors are left to pick up the pieces, he continued. "The drinker really has nothing to do but lie back, look pretty and be silly."

Asked about hangovers, Taylor said hydration is key, but added that the night of the morning after can be worse. "You will feel fine all day, and then right as the curtain music starts to play, a headache will come," he said. "You'll go, 'Oh no, I'm in for a rough one tonight.'"



Evan Taylor (Macbeth) and Nico Miller (Lady Macbeth). Photo by Emma Quinn Photos.

The Concord show runs 90 minutes, with a short intermission and no homework required. "People should come ready to have fun," Taylor said. "You don't have to know Shakespeare or be a huge Shakespeare nerd to enjoy this, but you might walk away loving Shakespeare a little bit more than you did before."

Sh!t-faced Shakespeare Presents *Macbeth*

When: Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
Where: BNH Stage, 16 S. Main St., Concord
Tickets: $34, ccanh.com

Art

Opening

• **"Clay Stories: NHPG Biennial 2026,"** an exhibit by the New Hampshire Potters Guild, will run Saturday, Nov. 14, through Tuesday, Nov. 22, at Mosaic Arts Collective Studio Gallery, 66 Hanover St., Suite 201, in Manchester, with a reception on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., nhpottersguild.org.
• **"Works with Paper"** Mosaic Art Collective, 410 Chestnut St. in Manchester, will hold an opening reception on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m., for its new exhibition "Works With Paper," which runs through December, according to a Mosaic email. See mosaicartcollective.com.

Arts & craft fairs

• **The Craftworkers' Guild** in Bedford atn Oliver Kendall House, behind the Bedford Public Library on Meetinghouse Road in Bedford, thecraftworkersguild.org, will hold its **November Hearth & Home Shop** through Sunday, Nov. 22, open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the website said.
• **Craft fairs** Find more craft fairs in the cover story of the Nov. 5 issue of the Hippo, available in the digital library at hippopress.com.

Exhibits

• **"A Sense of Place"** is open at Art 3 Gallery, 44 W. Brook St. in Manchester, art3gallery.com, according to an email from the gallery. "This new exhibit invites viewers to consider how artists react to their surroundings whether in a realistic interpretation of their space or an abstracted version based on emotion and imagination," according to an email from the gallery, which is open Monday through Friday, 12:30 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.
• **"Harvest Hues"** will run through Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Kimball Jenkins Mansion, 266 N. Main St. in Concord, according to kimballjenkins.com.
• **"Home Sweet Home,"** featuring fiber art, glass, and pottery from Lisa Almeida, Laura Morrison, Anne Boedecker, Verne Orlosk, Sarah Burns and Cheryl Miller, will run at Two Villages Art Society 846 Main St. in Contoocook, twovillagesart.org, through Saturday, Nov. 14, the website said.

Theater

• ***Fiddler on the Roof*** will run at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, through Nov. 15, 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, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m., according to palacetheatre.org, where you can purchase tickets.
• ***And Then There Were None***, the Agatha Christie story of "Murder. Suspense. 1930s," will be presented by The Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St. in Portsmouth, playersring.org, through Sunday, Nov. 15, with shows at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays (2 p.m. only on Oct. 31 and 2 and 7 p.m. on Nov. 1), according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.
• ***Crimes of the Heart*** will be presented by Bedford Off Broadway at Bedford Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, Friday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 15, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays, according to the Facebook page and bedfordoffbroadway.com.
• ***Frozen the Broadway Musical*** will be presented by Epping Community Theater, 38 Ladds Lane, Epping, eppingtheater.org, through Sunday, Nov. 15, (7 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays), according to the website, where you can check back for tickets.
• ***Frozen*** will be presented by Ovation Theatre Company, 61 Harvey Road, Londonderry, ovationtc.com, on Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, featuring a cast of mostly age 12 through adult, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.
• ***Murder in Black and White***, a mystery dessert theater fundraiser, will be presented by Franklin Opera House, franklinoperahouse.org, on Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Franklin Elks Lodge. 125 S. Main St. in Franklin, according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.
• ***Once Upon a One More Time,*** Fall Teen Mainstage production, will be presented by Peacock Players (peacockplayers.org) at Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua, Friday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 22, shows at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays according to the website, where you can purchase tickets.



INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Daytime lights complaints



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

One more comment about automatic headlights. You're all for using the automatic headlight setting. So am I, as long as there is a "Turn all the lights off" setting as well ... and here's why.

Just last night, I was camping. I needed to close the car windows before going to sleep. I turned the headlight switch to OFF, then turned the key so the window switches would work, and the car lit up like a Christmas tree, headlights shining into the surrounding campsites. Not a great way to endear yourself to your fellow campers.

There are other similar situations. Driving through a campground at night, pulling into the driveway at night and not wanting to shine the headlights into the house, coming in and out of a drive-in movie theater, if there's still one near you. And don't get me started on not being able to lock my key in the car on purpose! — Tom

We did hear from a few people who wanted to be able to pull into their driveway late at night without drawing the attention of sleeping family members. We call that "Sneaky Husband Mode."

Your camping situation is similar to that, minus, presumably, any late-night carousing. And you're right that there isn't always a way to avoid having the lights come on.

While all cars allow you to turn off the headlights completely, what shone into neighboring tents was probably your daytime running lights. I think all cars let you switch off the DRLs, too. On some, you can do it right from the headlight switch. Others have DRL controls in the vehicle settings section of the infotainment screen. Some others require a dealer visit. And some disable the DRLs whenever you apply the parking brake.

You'll have to check your owner's manual if you want to go completely black-ops. Just keep in mind that, if you turn off your DRLs on your way into a campsite, you'll have to remember to turn them back on so you maintain the safety benefit of being more visible to other cars during the day. Otherwise, you might realize six months later that you've been driving around without them.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE TREASURE HUNT

Hello, Donna,

Can you answer a question for me? I purchased this at a consignment store over the summer. I thought it was old and then a friend said it's not. It looks like old iron, painted. The measurements are 6" by 3" if that helps. There are no markings on it that I can see. What are your thoughts, Donna?

Thank you,

STF



Dear STF,

I just want to start off by saying it is a sweet bunny door knocker.

Unfortunately it is a reproduction of an earlier antique version. Sometimes it's really hard to tell.

But the casting is not as fine as an original. The detailing is not the same either. Now depending on the price you paid, I think it still has value as a bunny door knocker. If you paid for it as for an antique one then that's not right. When stores sell reproductions they should be marked as such.

Some people just want the look of an antique piece. But they should be charged as a look. Not the real thing.

I hope this answered your question. I hope you bought it for the charm, not for what it isn't.

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.





INSIDE/OUTSIDE

KIDDIE — POOL —

Family fun for whenever

Early holiday fun

• Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road in Tilton, will hold a **Holiday Festival** on Friday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m., according to a post on the outlets' Facebook page. "[G]uests can celebrate selfies with Santa, hot cocoa, holiday cheer and more," according to a press release, which said Santa will be near the Levi's store.

• Santa will also make an appearance at the **St. Kathryn's 2026 Christmas Bazaar and Penny Sale** at St. Kathryn's Parish, 4 Dracut Road in Hudson, according to a post on the church's Facebook page. The fair runs Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Santa is expected Saturday, 1:30 to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the post said.

On stage

• The Ovation Theatre Company will present ***Frozen*** on Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Derry Opera House, 29 West Broadway in Derry, featuring a cast of mostly age 12 through adult, according to ovationtc.com, where you can purchase tickets. Showtime is 7 p.m. both days as well as 1 p.m. on Saturday, the website said.

• The curtain rises on ***Once Upon a One More Time,*** a Peacock Players Fall Teen Mainstage production, at Janice B. Streeter Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua, Friday, Nov. 13, through Sunday, Nov. 22, shows at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays (as well as a 10 a.m. performance on Thursday, Nov. 19), according to the website, where you can purchase tickets. "Powered by the chart-topping hits of the undisputed Princess of Pop [Britney Spears], *Once Upon A One More Time* turns our favorite fairytales upside down with a clever twist! When a fairy godmother goes rogue and plops copies of *The Feminine Mystique* in the laps of classic heroines, the damsels embark on a quest to rewrite their stories and redefine 'happily ever after,'" according to the website.

Save the date

• The Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains will hold a **Cookie Palooza** for girls interested in learning more about Girl Scouts in kindergarten through sixth grade on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., according to a press release. "Learn how Girl Scouts and the cookie program help girls build confidence, leadership, business skills, and lasting friendships. There will be interactive activities, cookie-themed fun, and even a chance to taste the brand new Girl Scout Sparkables cookie," the release said. Go to 4agc.com/event/cookiepalooza to RSVP.

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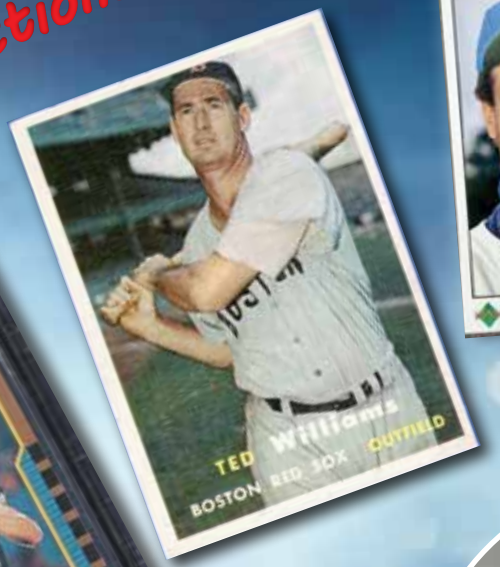
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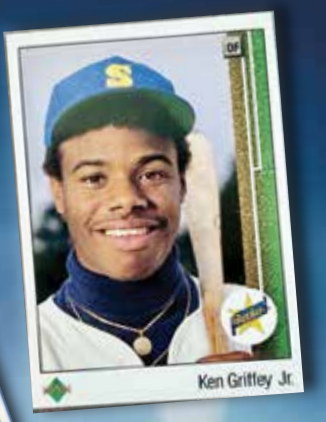
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weekly DISH

News from the local food scene

By John Fladd
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• **Wine AND cheese!** The 14th Annual Fulchino Vineyards Wine and Cheese Festival will take place Saturday, Nov. 14, and Sunday, Nov. 15, at the vineyard in Hollis with tickets available for time slots on each day, according to fulchinovineyard.com. Taste wines, artisan meats, cheeses, oils, vinegars and desserts, the website said.

• **Supper and suspects:** Chunky's Cinema Pub (707 Huse Road, Manchester, 206-3888, chunkys.com) will host "The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year," an 18+ interactive murder mystery experience and 5-course buffet dinner, on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a night of suspense, comedy, clues, and plenty of audience participation, presented by The Murder Mystery Co. While humbug hovers over the holidays, it's up to you to put on your detective hat and unravel the mystery before this Christmas comedy becomes a tragedy. Tickets are $75 each through the Chunky's website. The dress code is Festive and Fabulously Tacky.

• **Flavor of the month:** November's Flavor Quest at the Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4600, nashualibrary.org) for children grades K-5 will introduce cardamom. This hands-on food exploration will take place Monday, Nov. 16, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Take home a few recipes to try in your own kitchen.

• **Decorating cookies:** Posy Cottage Cookies will hold a cookie decorating class Monday, Nov. 16, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Station 101 (193 Union Square, Milford, 249-5416, station101nh.com). This event is perfect for all skill levels, recommended for ages 9+. Learn five Thanksgiving-themed cookie designs with four colors of royal icing. Posy Cottage Cookies will provide all the materials you need to create beautiful and delicious cookies. Tickets are $64.80 through eventbrite.com.

• **Charcuterie!** Just in time for the holidays, Local Street Eats (112 W. Pearl St., Nashua, 402-4435, local-streeteats.com) will host a hands-on Charcuterie Workshop with Cat Gilmour, owner of CG Boards & Co., Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sip, snack and learn how to build a charcuterie board that looks like you actually know what you're doing. Tickets are $71.21 through the Local Street Eats website.

• **Della Terra wine dinner:** There will be a wine dinner at the Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way, Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. featuring the wines of Della Terra. This will be a curated five-course dinner from the Fondi culinary team, paired with a selection of distinctive Italian wines representing regions and producers from across the country. Tick-

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FOOD

Holiday wines

Learn to pair your holiday favorites with a good bottle

By John Fladd
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Pairing wine with food, especially around the holidays, is not too complicated, said Lauren Stetson, owner of Wine on Main in Concord, but you have to learn something important: Pinot gris is not the same as pinot grigio.

"It's technically the same grape …," Stetson said, but "stylistically it's different; it's made differently. [Pinot gris is] more zesty and aromatic and mineral-driven. Maybe you'll get some floral notes to it, as opposed to pinot grigio that's kind of a simple white wine." She agreed that *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott provides a good metaphor: They are in the same family, but Meg would be a pinot grigio, and her younger, flashier sister Amy would be a pinot gris.

Stetson, who will teach classes on Tuesday, Nov. 17, and Wednesday, Nov. 18, on pairing holiday dishes, said that making a good pairing of food and wine pairing involves integrating traditions.

"I feel like over the holidays people have their own traditions around what they serve; it's part of their culture or their family history. My husband's family is very Italian. They have the tradition of the Feast of Seven Fishes. So it makes sense to lean into some delicious Italian wine from the region that they're from and that the food they're making is heralding back to." Like pinot gris. "We have a pinot gris in the store right now by a producer called Owen Roe. And I love it both for seafood but also it's a classic turkey wine as well, because pinot gris has some natural texture to it. For like more savory recipes or even seafood recipes with butter sauces and more savory notes, it has some texture and intensity that will stand up to that."



Photo courtesy Unwined Cafe and Wine Bar.

Another natural wine to pair with festive food in November, Stetson said, is Beaujolais nouveau, an unaged French red wine that makes a hugely anticipated appearance this month.

"That would be excellent," she said. "It's nice and light like a pinot noir. It's very fruit-forward. And you could even put a little chill on it as well."

How well a wine works can be very situational, Stetson said. Something that pairs well with a particular food at Thanksgiving might not give you the same pleasure sitting on your porch in the middle of the summer.

"In our classes, we give kind of a food and wine pairing basic overview about which wines are very food-friendly and which wines are kind of more difficult to pair. But then the main focus of our class is we put it in action. So I get four bites from local places in town and pick four wines to go with them. And we use each of the four wine pairings to illustrate a different principle."

Emma Round, the owner of Unwined Cafe in Milford, agreed that there is no single guaranteed wine to pair with anything a family might serve during the holidays. Raised in England, she said it took her a while to even wrap her head around the decadence of an American Thanksgiving.

"Thanksgiving is really something," she said. "Thanksgiving is next level! But Thanksgiving food, it's obviously very diverse. You have a lot of different flavor profiles, with different sweetness levels. The range of acidity can be so broad that … it can be difficult to find a wine that can kind of do it all for what you have going on on the table. Which is a lot."

Given all that, however, Round agreed that Beaujolais nouveau wines are a good bet. "Beaujolais nouveau actually [arrive] the third Thursday of November, which is nice synchronicity. The great thing about the Beaujolais nouveau is it is low in tannins. It's very flavorful. So it's very versatile, it can go with a lot of things on your plate. It's also, more often than not, a little lower in alcohol. So when you're doing that marathon of a day, you're not going to peak too soon."

Wine in November

Wine on Main (9 N. Main St., Concord, 897-5828, wineonmainnh.com) will hold two holiday food pairing classes, Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets are $45 through the Wine on Main website.

Unwined Cafe and Wine Bar (1 Nashua St., Milford, 213-6703, unwinednh.com) is open 5 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 4 to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Serious pie

Have a slice, pick a fave for Goffstown library fundraiser

By John Fladd
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Once Upon a Pie is Goffstown's annual pie showdown. November and December are unofficially pie season, and this event puts pie-making squarely in the community's eye. It is a two-part event. On the morning of the pie celebration — this year on Saturday, Nov. 21 — participants will drop off pies they have made for judging. In the evening there is a community gathering where winning pies will be auctioned off, and the remaining pies will be sold by the slice. All the money raised will go to the Goffstown Public Library Foundation.

In New Hampshire, most town libraries have a set budget and are not allowed to raise additional funds. Goffstown has two volunteer groups, the Friends of the Library, and the Library Foundation. The Friends help fund library services, like passes to museums and special events. The Foundation helps maintain the physical facilities of the library. Evelyn Redmond is one of the event's organizers and a member of the Foundation.

"This year," she said, "[the Foundation] was able to fund storm windows that needed to be installed so that we can have the original windows removed and restored. because they are 117 years old. The Foundation paid 100 percent for the storm windows, and we also provided the funding to have bookcases rebuilt so that once the windows are restored people will be actually able to see the windows. They were previously covered by bookcases." Once Upon a Pie is the Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year, Redmond said. "We raised over $4,000 last year."



Courtesy photo.

"Right now I have on our entry form at least 13 different categories of different types of pies," she said. "We also have a separate category for town department entrants and for kids up to age 18." In the past there has been a heated rivalry between the Goffstown Police and the Parks and Rec Department. Redmond said that rivalry has changed in recent years, though.

"Parks and Rec has not been participating as

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Once Upon a Pie

Where: Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown

When: Saturday, Nov. 21. Pies must be dropped off at the Goffstown High School cafeteria between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. with a completed entry form. A pie sale ($3 per slice) and auction will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Visit gplnhfoundation.org/once-upon-a-pie.

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Spicy cider and chocolate-covered corn chips. Photo by John Fladd.

Combine all three ingredients over ice in a cocktail shaker. If the hot sauce is a little thick, feel free to swish the measuring spoon around in the cider to clean it off between spoonfuls.

Shake enthusiastically, then strain over fresh ice in a rocks glass.

This is a surprising drink. The sweetness of the cider balances the savoryness of the hot sauce. The cachaça has a slight muskiness that gives the overall enterprise a grown-up flavor. And then there's the hot sauce. It's not super-hot while you sip, but there is an aftertaste that leaves you with a little glow. Its vinegar works with the cider — it's almost a shrub.

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1 bag chocolate chips

Half a bag or so of Frito-style corn chips

Sprinkles

In a microwave-safe bowl, melt the chocolate chips, 30 seconds at a time, stirring thoroughly between zaps.

If you have a small pair of tongs or forceps, dunk and swish corn chips through the melted chocolate, and let them cool on parchment paper. If you feel so inclined, you can sprinkle sprinkles over each chip, or dunk them into a dish of sprinkles.

After coating a couple dozen chips, you might reach the limit of your attention span, particularly if you've had a couple of spicy ciders. If not, please, by all means, carry on. You might need to warm the chocolate back up. You can, however, crush up a few handfuls of corn chips and stir them into the chocolate, then spoon them onto more parchment paper to make rough bonbons. If you are making these with children, this might be the way forward, from the beginning.

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much. But we still have a very competitive police department. A couple of different members from the Police Department submitted pies last year. And the year before, we had more entries from the Public Works Department. But this year we have actually become a little more aggressive. We have invited the school district members to compete. So we'll see on the 21st whether that has encouraged more competition."

Redmond said that as Once Upon a Pie has gotten more successful over the years, she and the event's other coordinators have had to streamline how it is organized.

"We're all looking at how organized we were last year to be able to do it again this year. We spent time over the summer setting down our processes for each of the different tasks that we had to accomplish during the day, from pie intake to categorizing the different pies for the judging, to slicing and distributing the pie slices to the judges, and then compiling all the judges' votes, and then getting them assembled so we would have information for our emcees during the auction phase of the event. We were pretty proud of ourselves last year. We shortened the drop-off time frame so that we would have more time to do the other things that we need to do to get organized for judging. We had close to 50 volunteers throughout the whole day to accomplish everything. We actually got through our judging more quickly than we had in prior years, and the whole group that had been there starting at 9 o'clock in the morning [was] able to have a break at 3 in the afternoon before we had to return for the public part of the event. We were quite pleased with ourselves."

Weekly Dish

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ets are $322.50 each. Visit bedfordvillageinn.com/experiences.

• **Crafts! But first, treats:** The YMCA Allard Center of Goffstown, 116 Goffstown Back Road, will hold a Holiday Arts Market Monday, Nov. 23, through Thursday, Dec. 24. But first, check out the baked goods auction Nov. 16 through Nov. 23, according to an email from the Goffstown YMCA. "Bid on delicious homemade treats," the website said. See graniteymca.org.

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Moni Jitchell, *Aware* (self-released)



Nothing desperately wrong with this one, in either its style (it'd fit in perfectly on your mixtape between your basic Dillinger Escape Plan tune and anything by Black Flag) or its compactness (it's just two Scottish guys making all this racket, Grant Donaldson of Civil Elegies on drums and David Scott on electric 12-string guitar and drunken-sounding raving). The tunes are short, averaging around two and a half minutes, and it's as feral as anything you could ask for: The first minute of "No Offering" consists of Scott bellowing at the top of his lungs over a completely brainless but effective slow-core pseudo-riff. "Hear" reads like Fugazi after getting dropped on their heads; "aware" flirts with Sabbath-ish doom, and finally "Limp Eyes" brings the long-expected aggro-punk rinseout to put a bow on the package. There was obviously some effort expanding on the ideas in the studio, but I'm sure in a live setting it's two guys acting like their hair's on fire for 45 minutes. Pretty epic for being 100 percent DIY. **A+** *—Eric W. Saeger*

Miko Marks, *Hell Or High Water* (Redtone Records)



I talked about this at length on my public Facebook, but the short version is that traditional blues music is a dying art whose condition reflects the cruelly dilapidated, abandoned state of Appalachian (or, more broadly, rural conservative) America: Blues *was* America's folk music during the 20th century, but no longer. Much as it's a shocker for oldsters, young people barely ever hear it at all in their travels, save for the odd track from Billie Eilish or Killers; any AI bot will tell you that the only under-40somethings who regularly get exposed to it these days are music university students. So it's odd that this lady, who's released country and Americana records, chose that genre to jump into. She does a good job with it, her voice sounding appropriately muddy, exasperated and forlorn by turns, but she's too polished to evoke Bessie Smith and not trained enough to make people forget Etta James. That's not to say there's anything inherently wrong with her approach — there isn't — it's just it feels a bit calculated. **A-** *—Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

• Friday, Nov. 13, already, might as well get the frozen Thanksgiving turkey now, and boy, there's a lot of turkeys to choose from, because look at all the rock 'n' roll music CDs that are on the way, for your shopping pleasure! But let's be choosy about our turkey, this first album might not actually be one, because it's from **Blackhaine**, a British experimental rapper whose real name is Tom Heyes! In order to be different, this fella, who's worked with Atlanta hip-hopper Playboi Carti, enjoys incorporating "butoh" into his rapping music for some reason, butoh of course being a form of Japanese dance theater that "encompasses a diverse range of activities, techniques and motivations for dance, performance, or movement" and really has no set pattern, I'm sure it's fascinating and whatnot. Whatever, his new album is *Saints in the Wethouse*, and its featured single is "Northside Needs Me," a crazily aggressive, Death Grips-adjacent noise-hip-hop joint whose video fits its sound quite nicely, some dude getting roughed up by SWAT cops, probably because he hasn't paid any of his parking tickets. No, seriously, it's cool by me, the buzzing noise-beat is pretty rad, I'll admit.

• For those of you who are older and possessed of disposable income and vague memories of hanging out at loud rock clubs, which is what folks used to do before the internet ruined everything, the next tour from British arena-rock boomers **Def Leppard** will hit Boston's TD Garden on March 17 of next year, but there likely won't be a new studio album to promote, as they are more focused on past glories. They're currently pushing a hilariously expensive box set titled *Volume 4*, the fourth of six sets microwaving all their records, this one covering the albums they put out from 2015 through 2023, including *Diamond Star Halos* and their last one, *Drastic Symphonies*, which I've never listened to because I am a music snob. Yup, it's the time of the year for box sets, and this one offers a choice of six CDs at $77 or the whole mess on 180g vinyl for $299, why would anyone seriously do that.

• That Def Leppard box set will go sort of well with a set from now long-defunct glam-rockers **Hanoi Rocks**, who released a listenable-enough metal version of the old Creedence Clearwater Revival tune "Up Around the Bend" during the very brief time a few rock fans took them seriously instead of blindly assuming they were a Motley Crue cover band that had a saxophone player. This box set, *The Complete Collection 1981-1984*, can be had for around $70.

• Oh, thought you'd escape without having me shoving a holiday album up your nose, did you, too bad, because **Steven Page** releases one this week, *Steven's Greetings*! In 2009, Page quit the band Barenaked Ladies after singing all their hits, like the theme from the TV show *The Big Bang Theory*, the only song of theirs I can tolerate. In order to keep me completely ambivalent toward his output, this Santa Claus-themed collection offers as its focus single a joke song titled "Cheese Log," whose only redeeming feature is a list of ingredients for, you know, cheese logs (apparently they require cottage cheese, not that I'd ever want to make them myself).

• We'll close the week with pan-continental all-female band **Los Bitchos**, whose members are from Sweden, Britain and Australia. They specialize in 1970s cumbia, a Colombian dance genre, let me go see if their new LP *Los Bitchos & Friends Vol. 1* sucks or not. I dunno, the single, "El Pençe," sounds kind of Turkish, a folk style their guitarist favors. It's not bad, kind of fun. *—Eric W. Saeger*

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







Books

Author events

• **Kate Anslinger**, a local author of thrillers and detective mysteries, including the Grace McKenna series, will be at the Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com) on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1-3 p.m.

• **Susan Combs** discusses her book ***Wonder Women: The Untold Stories of Female Veterans*** on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at Balin Books (375 Amherst St., Nashua, balinbooks.com).

• **Jennifer Vaughn** presents her latest book, the holiday rom-com ***Christmas Baked In***, on Sunday, Nov. 15, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Once Upon Again bookstore (21 E. Broadway, Derry, onceuponagainbooks.com). Visit jvwrites.com.

• **L. Kharkiv**, a NH author and illustrator, will be at the Bookery (844 Elm St., Manchester, bookerymht.com) with her illustrated middle-grade novel in verse ***Into the Kryvolis Forest: A Ukrainian Fairy Tale*** on Sunday, Nov. 15, 1-3 p.m.

• **Howard Mansfield** discusses his latest book, ***Invisible Monuments***, on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 3 p.m. at Water Street Bookstore (125 Water St., Exeter, waterstreetbooks.com).

• **Carter Wilson** presents his latest thriller, ***When They Find Me***, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com), in conversation with fellow thriller author Lisa Gardner.

Virtual events

• **2026 Nature book club** hosted by NH Audubon is meeting quarterly via Zoom for facilitated discussions of books about nature. November book is ***Rebugging the Planet*** by Vicki Hird; discussion is Nov. 12, 6-7:30 p.m. Visit nhaudubon.org to register for a session and get a copy of discussion questions.

• **Bucky Lew and New Hampshire's Role in Integrating Sports** virtual lecture by sports writer Chris Boucher, presented by the NH Historical Society via Zoom on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. Free. Registration is required; go to the Programs & Events Calendar at nhhistory.org.

Book events

• **Deck the Shelves: Bookish Holiday Market** at DoubleTree Expo Center (700 Elm St., Manchester) on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will have 100+ makers and crafters; 40+ local authors; door prizes and raffles. See Bookish Bliss on social media.

History, stories, discussions & lectures

• **Tangled Lives: Native People and English Settlers in Colonial New England** presented by historian Jo Radner at the NH Historical Society (30 Park St., Concord, nhhistory.org) on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Poetry

• **Poetry Society of New Hampshire** holds monthly poetry readings at Gibson's Bookstore (45 S. Main St., Concord, 224-0562, gibsonsbookstore.com), with reading followed by an open mic. On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the headliner is the Percheron Poets, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Film

• ***You Can See Everything*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 12, and Friday, Nov. 13, 1:15 & 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 14, & Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 & 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 16, at 2:45 & 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m.. 2 & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 1:45 & 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 19, at 1:45 & 6:30 p.m.

• ***Wild Horse Nine*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 12, through Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 16, at 2:15, 5 & 7:45 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m., 1 & 4 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 19, at 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30 p.m.

• ***The Only Living Pickpocket in New York*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 1:45 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 13, 1:45 & 4:15 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1:45 & 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 15, 5 & 8 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 16, at 2:30 & 4:45 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 1:30 & 4:15 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 19, at 2 & 8 p.m.

• ***Fjord*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 4 & 7 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 13, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 14, at 4 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1:45 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. & 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4:45 p.m.

• ***Being Heumann*** (R, 2026) will screen at Red River Theatres in Concord on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. with a post-film discussion with Emmy-winning filmmakers Samuel and Dan Habib, according to redrivertheatres.org, where you can purchase tickets.

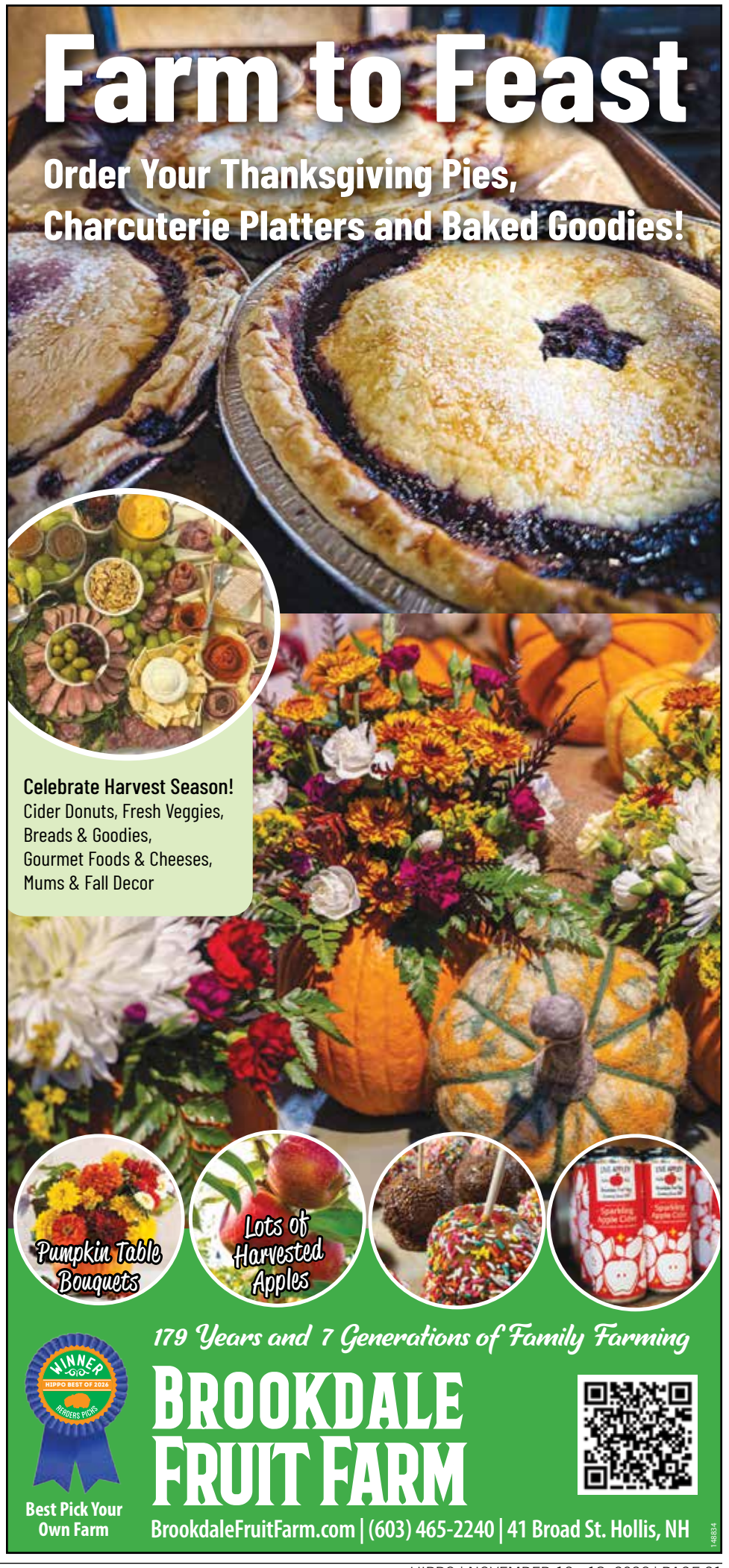
• ***Into the Whale*** (2023) a documentary will screen at Park Theatre in Jaffrey on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m.

• ***Actually, It Is Rocket Science*** will screen at BNH Stage in Concord, on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 3 and 6 p.m. "For over 30 years, Teton Gravity Research has defined ski and snowboard filmmaking. Join us for the 2026 film, featuring world-class athletes, breathtaking cinematography, and the biggest mountain adventures of the year," according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets..

• **An Evening with Peter Billingsley and *A Christmas Story***, featuring a screening of the film and an audience Q&A, will take place at the Chubb Theatre (44 S. Main St. in Concord) on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., according to ccanh.com, where you can purchase tickets.

• ***Fork in the Road*** (2026), a documentary, will screen on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m. at Red River Theatres in Concord, according to redrivertheatres.org, where you can purchase tickets. See forkintheroaddocumentary.com for more on the film.

• **The New England Animation Festival,** which will run Friday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Park Theatre in Jaffrey. See theparktheatre.org for tickets.







THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **String power:** Nickel Creek mandolinist and *Live From Here* host Chris Thile formed **Punch Brothers** in 2006 to push acoustic music's boundaries, winning a Best Folk Album Grammy in 2018 for *All Ashore*. The new *Unsung Adventures of Punch Brothers*, their first LP with fiddler Brittany Haas, arrived in the middle of a tour that began in May and ends a few days after a Concord show. Thursday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Swope Theater, 44 S. Main St., Concord, $49 and up, ccanh.com.

• **Rocking hard:** Longtime guitarist with Judas Priest singer Rob Halford's solo band, **Metal Mike** hits the region for a show that includes former Overkill drummer Ronnie Lipnicki in his Allstar Band. Michał Chlasciak is a Polish-American shredder, Berklee graduate and Metal Hall of Fame inductee. Setlists feature Halford, Fight, and Priest songs, along with PainmuseuM and solo material. Friday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m., Eastside Tavern, 43 Highland St., Rochester, $15, eventbrite.com.

• **Hip-hopping:** In 2022, Mayor of Flavortown Guy Fieri introduced **Sophistafunk** as the house band for *Guy's Ultimate Game Night* on Food Network. The celebrity chef and the funky trio have a long history together. One critic called them "Rage Against the Machine meets The Roots dipped in P-Funk." They'll play Jiggy's Birthday Bash with local hip-hop supergroup The Keyholders, and DJ SP1. Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Shaskeen Pub, 909 Elm St., Manchester, $20, 21+.

• **Midday music:** Though its namesake disappeared on an England to Paris flight in 1944, the **Glenn Miller Orchestra** carried on as an authorized ghost band, furthering the bandleader's legacy with ever-changing personnel. Since 2024, Uli Plettendorff has led the big band, after Wil Salden selected him as his successor. Jazzy Elizabeth Monroe is the featured vocalist at a pair of area shows. Sunday, Nov. 15, at noon and 4 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 10 A St., Derry, $47, tupelohall.com.

• **Cape blues:** A Monday night local spotlight stars **Johnny Hoy & the Bluefish**, led by a blistering harp player buoyed by Delanie Pickering, who made a mark on the Concord music scene in the mid-2010s with incendiary guitar playing and inspired singing. After relocating to the Cape, Pickering joined the popular Martha's Vineyard band after laying low for a while. Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Jimmy's Jazz & Blues Club, 135 Congress St., Portsmouth, $25, jimmysoncongress.com.

NITE

Two to four

Goodnight Moonshine Quartet performs at Word Barn

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Courtesy photo.

Eben Pariser and Molly Venter met in 2011 at Folk Alliance. In short order they were engaged and made an album together, 2013's eponymous *Goodnight Moonshine*. Venter was a member of folk trio Red Molly and Pariser was in Roosevelt Dime. They married in 2014. Twelve years and three kids later, the band they launched is growing.

Goodnight Moonshine became a quartet last year, almost by accident. While recording their third album, *Business Unusual*, mix engineer David Seitz suggested they flesh out the sound with a rhythm section.

"He said, 'This is really great, but … you should put a little bass and a little something in there,'" Pariser recalled in a recent Zoom interview, accompanied by Venter. "So we brought in our two favorite people that we were working with and circling at the time, and came out of that process with a band."

Upright bassist Adam Chilenski was an easy choice. A friend Pariser has known since he was 8 years old, he's played on all of their records and recently finished graduate school in jazz. Drummer Ryan Sands, whom Pariser calls "New Haven jazz royalty," was an unexpected get.

"He told me, 'I've always wanted to play folk music,' and I just scratched my head," Pariser said.

Following the sessions, the couple wondered if Sands had even enjoyed himself, and were pleased with his response. "When we got him the CD, he goes, 'I had the time of my life making that record,'" Venter recalled. A few shows in, Sands was calling them his favorite band to play with.

Goodnight Moonshine Quartet w/ Riverado

When: Friday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m.
Where: The Word Barn, 66 Newfields Road, Exeter
Tickets: $25, thewordbarn.com

"I think the jazz world expects one certain thing," she said. "Goodnight Moonshine has a lot of lanes, a lot of possibilities."

The record itself was born during pandemic-induced isolation. With twins on the way and the world shutting down, the couple stopped touring and stepped away from other projects, turning a spare bedroom into a studio.

"We were trapped," Venter said. "Once we had the twins, all we had was each other."

For Pariser the silence was revelatory. He'd long played electric guitar, but the stillness let him hear an acoustic as if for the first time. "I'd play a note and listen to it and feel like I needed to call everyone: 'Molly, come over. Have you heard this?' It changed me forever."

They wanted *Business Unusual* to bottle what happens on stage on a good night, and so recorded it mostly live.

"We tried to capture magic, and I think we did on a lot of them," Venter said. Her songs arrived in an equally unguarded way. She'd escape into a room with her guitar and let "gibberish" come out until phrases surfaced, then whole lines.

"After a while, it was like, 'Oh, that's what this is about,'" she said, her snippet-gathering akin to "weaving together the conversation from yesterday and the film I saw last year and the trip I took 20 years ago." On the standout song "Mystical Creatures" and others, she'd hand Pariser a bare melody for him to musically adorn.

At an upcoming Word Barn show the quartet will play a rundown of the album, which Venter describes as narrative songs with "a lot of meat in the lyrics," bookended by joyful ones. A few darker, what she termed "truthy," numbers occupy the middle space.

Working together wasn't easy, but it's improving.

"We used to joke we're a two out of 10 on teamwork," Pariser said. These days, audiences see them onstage exchanging gentle jibes but clearly enjoying each other. Both believe the takeaway message in their music is it's not too late to heal — for everyone. "Perhaps we *can* get along."

Goodnight Moonshine performs infrequently, so they try to make every time they play feel special.

"There's going to be some song in there that is magical," Pariser said, adding, "As long as we stay present for the whole show, it's an incredible experience." Venter offered a simpler thought.

"If you shut up and get with the beat," she said, "you'll find that we are all seamlessly interconnected."

Concerts

• **Jar of Flies (Alice in Chains tribute)** Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **The Outlaws** Thursday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **1 Wild Night (Bon Jovi tribute)** Thursday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., LaBelle Amherst
• **Johnny Folsom 4 (Johnny Cash tribute)** Thursday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry
• **Forever Ray: Honoring the Music of Ray Charles** Friday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Palace in Manchester
• **Tusk (Fleetwood Mac tribute)** Friday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **Blue Collar Men (Styx tribute)** Friday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., BNH Stage in Concord
• **The Four Horsemen (Metallica tribute)** Friday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters** Saturday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Andres Institute in Brookline
• **Alison Lupton** Saturday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., Blasty Bough in Epsom
• **Sarah Jarosz** Saturday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **Damn the Torpedoes (Tom Petty tribute)** Saturday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **Audrey Drake** Saturday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Hidden Gem in Wilton
• **Live and Let Die (Paul McCartney tribute)** Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Resurrection: The Matrix Has You (Goth Industrial Night) with DJ Sawtooth, DJ Hazyrd, DJ Siren,** Saturday, 8 p.m., Jewel in Manchester
• **Glenn Miller Orchestra** Sunday, Nov. 15, noon and 4:30 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• Taylorville (Taylor Swift tribute) Sunday, Nov. 15, 4 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **NH 39th Army Band** Sunday, Nov. 15, 4 p.m., Swope Theater at CCA in Concord
• **Footings with Caitlin Wilder** Sunday, Nov. 15, 4:30 p.m., Hidden Gem in Wilton
• **Cowboy Junkies** Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Nashua Center for the Arts
• **Candlelight: Tribute to Coldplay & Imagine Dragons** Thursday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **Laurie McAllister & Seth Glier** Thursday, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Flying Goose in New London
• **Shotguns & Roses (Guns N' Roses tribute)** Thursday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m., LaBelle Derry
• **Kansas** Thursday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Tupelo in Derry
• **Candlelight: Tribute to Queen & the Beatles** Thursday, Nov. 19, 8:30 p.m., Rex in Manchester
• **The Great Turkey Massacre with Primer 55, Redefined, Scarecrow Hill, The Grey Curtain, Found Piece, Under the Horizon, Pit Wolves, Throttle Hyde, Piss in Public** Friday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., Jewel in Manchester

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Greenside Lochmere Country Club, 360 Laconia Road, 528-7888

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The Local 15 E. Main St., 456-3333

Windham
Windham Restaurant 59 Range Road, 870-9270

Thursday, Nov. 12

Amherst
LaBelle: One Wild Night, 7:15 p.m.

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

Derry
LaBelle: Johnny Folson 4, 7:15 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Justin Bethune, 7 p.m.

Henniker
Henniker Brewing: Open mic hosted by Joel Begin, 5 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's: Corey Zwart, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: karaoke w/ George Cox, 7 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Andrea Paquin, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Doug Thompson, 5:30 p.m.

Londonderry
Stumble Inn: Michael Troy Trio, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Freddie Catalfo, 5:30 p.m.
Goat: DJ Prodigy, 9 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Cournoyer, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Jordan Holmes, 5:30 p.m.
Tortilla Flat: Johnny Angel, 6 p.m.

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

Nashua
Campo Enoteca: karaoke w/ KJ-Dave, 7 p.m.
Casey Magee's: open mic, 7:30 p.m.
Fody's: DJ Rich karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Shorty's: Lewis Goodwin, 5:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Matt Jackson, 5:30 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Jarred Garneau Group & The Gravel Project, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Felicia Light & Supernova, 7 p.m.

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

Salem
Copper Door: Bella Perrotta, 7 p.m.
Sevmar Mediterranean Bistro: Chad LaMarsh, 6 p.m.

Warner
The Local: Matt Borrello, 5 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 13

Bedford
Murphy's: ALXIA, 6 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Mickey Hutchinson, 6 p.m.

Concord
Feathered Friend: Kevin Horan, 6 p.m.
Forum: Benjamin Harris, 8 p.m.
Penuche's: Daemon Chili, 9 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: Stephen Decuire, 8 p.m.

Dover
Revo: Straight A's, 8 p.m.

Epping
Telly's: Brian Johnson, 8 p.m.

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Brian James Duo, 6 p.m.

Hampstead
Pickleball 603: Mike & Mo, 6:30 p.m.

Hampton
The Goat: Garrett Smith, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: Dave Macklin Band, 9 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: Trouble Again, 8 p.m.
Luk's: Wood Wind & Whiskey Duo, 6 p.m.
Lynn's 102: karaoke w/George Bisson, 8 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: Cory Malm, 7:30 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Tom Boisse, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Kyle Dumais, 5:30 p.m.

Litchfield
Luk's: Cross Border Bards, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Kat Ivy, 6 p.m.
Renegade's Pub: Huck, 7 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Blue Matter, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Bad Brgr: Hostile Media Company presents Major Moment, Visqueen, Frostline, Anatomy of a Thief and Koga, 8 p.m.
Backyard Brewing: Dave Zangri, 6 p.m.
Derryfield: Eric Grant Band, 8:30 p.m.
The Foundry: Dave Clark, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Jared Rocco, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: 7 Day Weekend, 9 p.m.
Revo: karaoke w/ DJ George Cox, 9 p.m.
Shaskeen: Very Special Guest, 8 p.m.
Stark Brewing: The Switch House Ramblers, 6:30 p.m.
Strange Brew: Peter Higgins, 8 p.m.
To Share Brewing Co.: Upright Dogs, 6:30 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Peter Pappas, 5:30 p.m.

Milford
American Legion Post 23: Jennifer Mitchell band, 8 p.m.
Riley's: Steve and Mike, 5 p.m.; The Apathetics, 7 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: karaoke, 9:30 p.m.
Fody's: The Motivators, 10 p.m.
Lost Cowboy: The Nate Ramos Band, 7:30 p.m.
Union Public House: Ian Archibold, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Bob Pratte, 6 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Dub Apocalypse, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Sons Lunaris, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: Ashborne, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth
Black Rock: Dani Sven, 5 p.m.
Gas Light: Zak Lombard, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 9 p.m.
Jitto's Super Steak: Max Sullivan, 7 p.m.
Press Room: Knorrwood, 8 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Neon Lighthouse, 9:30 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 adiaz@hippopress.com.



PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY COMIC

For the past 20 years **Orlando Baxter** has kept New England comedy fans in stitches. He's played at international comedy festivals, made a comedy special for Dry Bar and starred in the indie film *Seventeen*. Don't miss him at the Moka Pot (8 Hanover St., Manchester, 854-5921, facebook.com/TheMokaPotNH) on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. See website for tickets.

Salem
Dreo: Dan Morgan, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: Take Two Duo, 8 p.m.

Tilton
Greenside: Chris Powers, 6 p.m.

Windham
The Windham Restaurant: Chad LaMarsh, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov, 14

Bedford
Murphy's: Clint Lapointe, 6 p.m.

Bow
Chen Yang Li: Mikey G, 7 p.m.

Bristol
Bristol House of Pizza: Nicole Knox Murphy, 6 p.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Cody Knapp, 6 p.m.

Concord
Concord Craft Brewing: Lucas Gallo, 6 p.m.
Feathered Friend: Davi Sven, 6 p.m.
Forum: Acoustic Circle with John Farese, 2 p.m.; Emily Jayne, 8 p.m.
Penuche's: Limit Break, The Faith Ann Band Trio, 9 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Chris Lester, 1 p.m.

Derry
Fody's: Jamie Hughes, 8 p.m.

Dover
Auspicious Brew: Bitter Pill, Ollie Gullick, Lynda Mandolyn, 8 p.m.
Revo: AlterEgo Band, 8 p.m.

Epping
Holy Grail: Max Sullivan, 6 p.m.
Telly's: J-Lo, 8 p.m.

Hampton
The Goat: Codie Welch, 9 p.m.
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: 80s Rewind Party with Wildside, 9 p.m.

Henniker
Henniker Brewing: Benjamin Harris, 3 p.m.

Hudson
Luk's Bar: Wooden Soul, 6 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: All That 90's, 8:30 p.m.

Laconia
405 Pub & Grill: Dave Zangri, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Amanda McCarthy, 6 p.m.

Litchfield
Luk's: Tim Kierstead, 6 p.m.

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Paul Lussier, 6 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Swipe Right Band, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Bad Brgr: Dead Within Days, Bonginator, Whispers of Andromeda, 8 p.m.
Backyard Brewery: Dan Fallon, 6 p.m.
The Foundry: Ryan Williamson, 6 p.m.
Fratello's: Bella Perrotta, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: The KR Show, 9 p.m.
Great North Aleworks: Joe Duford, 4 p.m.
Revo: Caylin Costello, 9 p.m.
Shaskeen: Sophistafunk, 8 p.m.
Stark Brewing: Common Ground Band, 6:30 p.m.
Strange Brew: Hey Moe, 9 p.m.

Meredith
Twin Barns: Tom Boisse, 5 p.m.

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

Milford
Riley's: Joe Law Band, 8 p.m.

Moultonborough
Buckey's: Dan & John, 6:30 p.m.

Nashua
Casey Magee's: Boom Lava Reggae Band, 8 p.m.
Fody's: Sugar Bush, 10 p.m.
Peddler's Daughter: GoodFoot, 9:30 p.m.
Union Public House: ALXIA, 7:30 p.m.

New Boston
Molly's: Matt Bergeron, 6 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Andy Klosenski, 4 p.m.; Lexi James & Wildheart, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Addison Chase, 7 p.m.

Pittsfield
Over the Moon: Nathan Hill, 6 p.m.

Portsmouth
Gas Light: Stephen Decuire, 9:30 p.m.
The Goat: David Leshinski, 9 p.m.
Press Room: The Betsi Feathers, 8 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Category 5, 9:30 p.m.; DJ Tuggboat, 10:30 p.m.

Salem
Dreo: Eddie Sands, 7 p.m.

Seabrook
Red's: The Jay Gratton Band, 8 p.m.

Tilton
Greenside: Justin Jordan, 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Bedford
Copper Door: Lilly Innella, 11 a.m.

Brookline
Alamo: Jordan Holmes, 5 p.m.

Concord
Sunfox Farm: Amanda McCarthy, 5 p.m.

Contoocook
Contoocook Cider Co.: Dan Fallon, 1 p.m.

Derry
Sabatino's: Chad LaMarsh, 5 p.m.

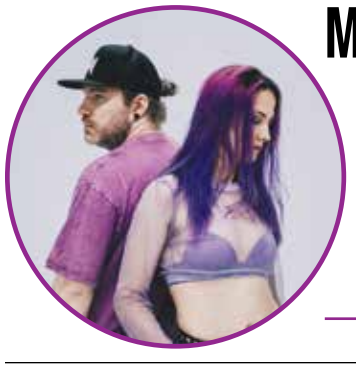
Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.
Wally's: line dancing, 6 p.m.
Whym: Max Sullivan, 1 p.m.

Laconia
Fratello's: Denise Sanborn, 5:30 p.m.

Lee
Flag Hill: Lewis Goodwin, 1 p.m.

Londonderry
Renegade's Pub: Carter on Guitar, 1 p.m.
Stumble Inn: Jonny Friday, 4 p.m.

Manchester
Bad Brgr: The Forest Forgets, Boarzoy, Fracture Type, 8 p.m.
The Goat: Chris Toler, 10 a.m.
Revo: music bingo, 6 p.m.
Strange Brew: One Big Soul Jam, 7 p.m.
To Share Brewing Co.: open mic, 4 p.m.



MAJOR VICTORY LAP

Over the past year, rising alternative rock stars **Major Moment** have released their debut album and toured the country with fellow up-and-comers Plush. They rock Bad Brgr (1015 Elm St., Manchester, 948-1404, badbrgr.com/event-schedule) on Friday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. See website for tickets.

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NITE MUSIC & EVENTS

Milford
Riley's Place: blues jam, 1 p.m.

Nashua
Sky Meadow: Justin Jordan, 11 a.m.
Spyglass: ODB Project, 2 p.m.

Newmarket
Stone Church: Irish Matinee, 4 p.m.; open auditions, 6:30 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Frank EB, 3 p.m.

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

Portsmouth
Press Room: Steeplechase, 7 p.m.
Thirsty Moose: Alterego, 9:30 p.m.

Salem
Copper Door: Nate Comp, 11 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 16

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

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: open mic, 6 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Hudson
The Bar: karaoke with Phil, 8 p.m.

Manchester
Bad Brgr: Acoustic open mic hosted by Jonny Friday, 7 p.m.
The Goat: 603 line dancing, 7 p.m.

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

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

Dover
Slow Burn Lounge: Max Sullivan, 7 p.m.

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Kingston
Saddle Up Saloon: beginner line dancing, 7 p.m.

Manchester
Fratello's: Stephen Decuire, 5:30 p.m.
The Goat: karaoke night w/ King of Karaoke, 8 p.m.
KC's Rib Shack: Paul & Nate open mic, 7 p.m.
Strange Brew: David Rousseau, 8 p.m.

Merrimack
Homestead: Jordan Quinn, 5:30 p.m.

Nashua
Campo Enoteca: karaoke w/ KJ-Dave, 7 p.m.
The Spot: karaoke with Jamie V, 7 p.m.
Spyglass: Harrison Borsh, 5 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Old Time Jam, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Atkinson
Merrill's: Chris Lester, 6 p.m.

Candia
Barnyard: Boots on the Ground line dancing, 5:30 p.m.

Concord
Forum: JD and the Stonemasons, 8 p.m.
Tandy's: karaoke, 8 p.m.
Uno Pizzeria: Mikey G, 6 p.m.

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

Hampton
L Street: karaoke, 9 p.m.

Jaffrey
Park Theatre: open mic, 6:30 p.m.

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

Laconia
Fratello's: Michael Werning, 5:30 p.m.

Manchester
Bad Brgr: Blues Night, 7 p.m.
Fratello's: Eddie Sands, 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: Jonny Friday, 5:30 p.m.

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

Newmarket
Stone Church: karaoke night, 8 p.m.

Pembroke
PCL: Cinnamon Jazz Trio, 7 p.m.

Portsmouth
Press Room: Sorry Safari, Mother Nimbus, & Opaline, 8 p.m.

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

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

Events
• **Matt Shore Does Songs at You** Word Barn in Exeter, Thursday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
• **Emo Phillips** McCue's in Portsmouth, Friday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m.
• **Lenny Clarke & Friends** Chunky's in Manchester, Friday, Nov. 13, 8:30 p.m.
• **Orlando Baxter/Jack Burke** Moka Pot in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.
• **Lenny Clarke** Saturday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., Park Theatre in Jaffrey
• **Steve Sweeney** Headliners in Mancheseter, Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
• **Amy Tee** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
• **Bob Marley** Swope Theater in Concord, Saturday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.
• **An Evening with Peter Billingsley & *A Christmas Story*** Swope Theater at CCA in Concord, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.
• **Conor Janda** Music Hall Lounge in Portsmouth, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
• **Laugh Attic Invasion** Shaskeen in Manchester, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9 p.m.
• **Andrew Della Volpe/Christine Hurley/Cory Rodrigues** LaBelle Amherst, Thursday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m.
• **Maxwell Shultz/Robbie McCluskey** Beijing & Tokyo in Concord, Thursday, Nov. 19, 8:30 p.m.
• **Comedy Showcase at the Laugh Attic** Strange Brew Tavern in Mnahcester, Friday, Nov. 20, 8 p.m.
• **Mike Hanley** Headliners in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m.
• **Frank Santorelli** Chunky's in Manchester, Saturday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m.

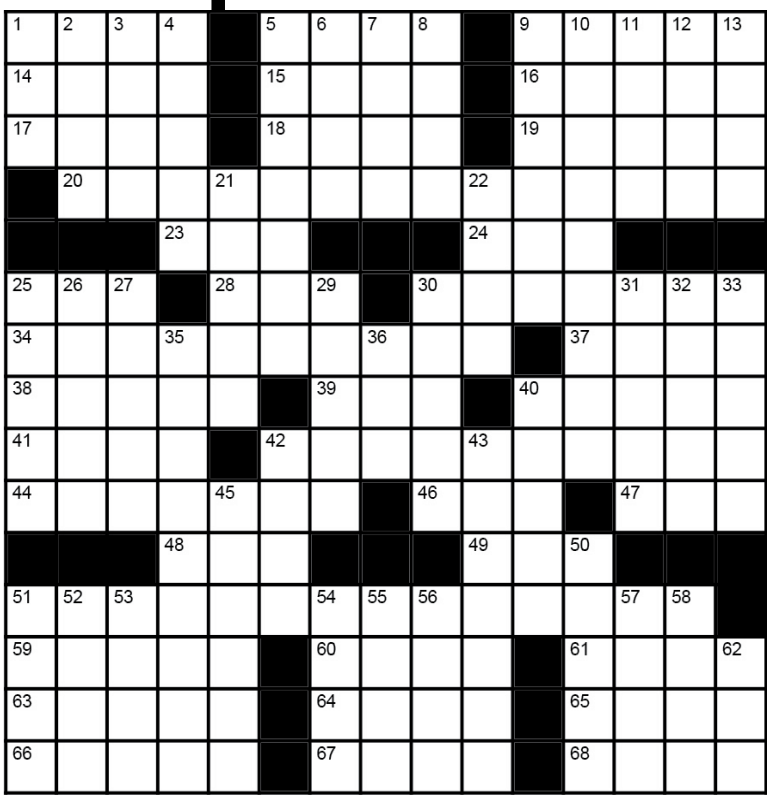


BLUE RIBBON BLUES

Is **Ronnie Earl** the winningest blues guitarist in New England? The four-time Blues Music Award winner has played with B.B. King and Buddy Guy, and now he's coming to the Andres Institute (16 Route 13, Brookline, andresinstitute.org) on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. See website for tickets.

ROCK AND ROLL CROSSWORDS BY TODD SANTOS

Just a puzzle with no self-esteem



Across

1. '(Sittin' On) The Dock On The Bay' Redding
5. Apple product that got killed by iPhones
9. Bowling For Soup song they will check out?
14. Diamond David Lee __
15. 'Hold The Line' rockers
16. '12 Lumineers smash (2,3)
17. 'O' sing/songer Damien
18. 'Have You __ Her' Chi-Lites
19. Guns N' Roses 'Sweet Child __' (1,4)
20. 'My Girl' guys (3,11)
23. 'Angry Johnny' lady
24. Bad word sung about in gospel
25. Ace ended things: '__ Over Now'
28. Bright Eyes say this girl is 'In The White Coat'
30. This Ryan did 'The Weary Kind' from Crazy Heart
34. Hole basswoman __ der Maur (7,3)
37. '11 Strokes single 'Taken __ Fool' (3,1)
38. Chuck Woolery band The __-Garde
39. Coachella caregivers (abbr)
40. Like better seat section
41. '00 Radiohead Grammy-winning album (3,1)
42. Billy Joel saw 'Scenes From An Italian' one 44. Shinedown song for foes
46. Wilson of Heart
47. Arcade Fire sing of this 5th 'Month'
48. Diana Ross 'All For __'
49. Metallica is cold when 'Trapped Under' this
51. Isaac Hayes funk song for '71 film (5,4,5)
59. 'Voices Carry' singer Mann
60. Talking Heads "All we needed was __ to break our fall" (1,3)
61. South Park soundtrack __ America
63. 1995 'Alice In Chains' lead-off single
64. Cream got everything they want: '__ Glad' (2,2)
65. Guided By Voices say '__ Scientist' when getting their B.S. (1,2,1)
66. Offspring's misspelled '__ Get Away'
67. Brothers and cousin band Kings Of __
68. 'Children Of The Revolution' band (1,3)

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Down

1. 2nd Cars vocalist Benjamin
2. "Do it __, Mountain Dew!" (2,2)
3. Linkin Park needs to scratch: 'Cure For The __'
4. Cake count them to sleep then '__ Go To Heaven'
5. Pearl Jam 'Binaural' hit 'Nothing As __' (2,5)
6. Shakespearean '02 Taproot hit?
7. 'Sevas Tra' metal band
8. Whitesnake '__ Turn Away'
9. '86 Ozzy hit '__ The Dark' (4,2)
10. '15 Offspring single for a chase scene: '__ You'
11. Midwestern state-inspired Over The Rhine album
12. 'No Myth' Michael
13. Crystal Gayle 'Don't It Make My Brown __ Blue'
21. Archers Of Loaf song about a goner?
22. Rev. Horton Heat "Set my beer in the crease below my chest,__ to give my beer a little nest (2,2)
25. Steven Tyler '__ My Own Sunshine' (1,4)
26. 'Round And Round' R&Ber Campbell
27. 'Mama Weer All Crazee Now' band
29. Yim of Monsters Of Folk
30. Trevor Smith or rapper __ Rhymes
31. Radiohead EP 'Airbag/__ I Driving?' (3,2)
32. Large indoor concert site
33. Megadeth guitarist Friedman
35. U2 'Stuck __ You Can't Get Out Of' (2,1,6)
36. You put them in papers to sell gear
40. Midday meal a star may miss during soundcheck
42. What Sublime wanted to get off in 'Badfish'
43. This Jennifer danced to 'I'll Be There For You' in a fountain
45. Bonnie Tyler "__ hero, I'm holding out for a hero" (1,4,1)
50. '73 Humble Pie album making you finish lunch (3,2)
51. 'I Don't Mind At All' Bourgeois __
52. Blur sang of 'Yuko & __'
53. Discharge, like what smoke out of Ace Frehley's guitar will do
54. Rain Parade 'Emergency Third __ Power Trip'
55. Offspring "She's pawing and grabbing __ now" (2,2)
56. Confident Stereo Kicks: "Always seemed so sure that you love __" (2,2)
57. Mark Wahlberg thriller movie with Bush's 'Machinehead'
58. Like ballad compared to ripper
62. Shock rockers take it to Nth degree or this

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NITE SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. *See last week's puzzle answers on pg 29.*

King Classic Sudoku **Puzzle A**

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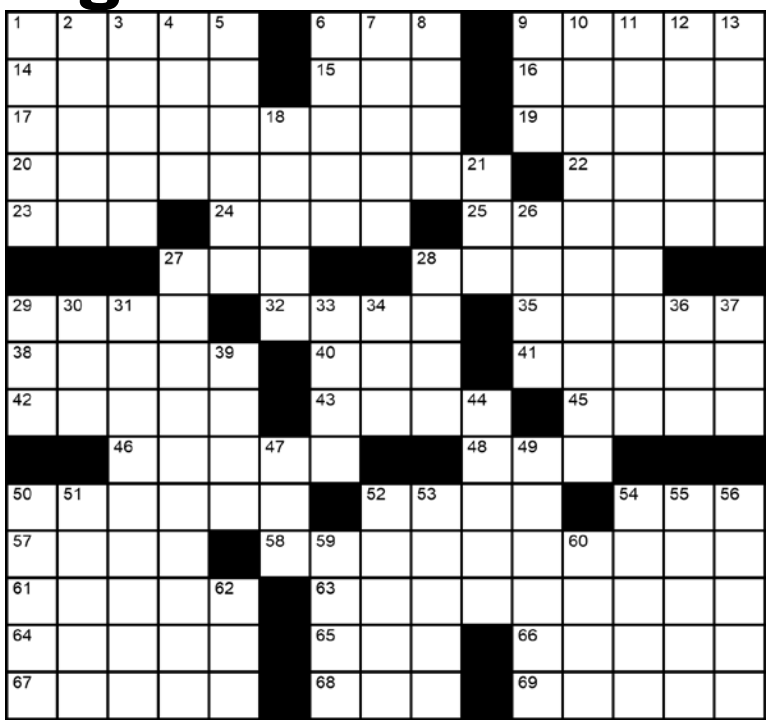
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1. Component of some salads
6. An HMO may require you to have one
9. Fall blossom
14. Nomo in the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame
15. "The Serpent and the Rope" novelist Raja ___
16. Get going
17. Mischievous visages
19. Airport circlers
20. Breakfast maker's reattempt?
22. Annoying one
23. Furtive
24. Personal emanation
25. Sigourney Weaver sequel of 1986
27. AMA members
28. Pac-Man enemy
29. Archbishop Desmond
32. Montreal baseball player, once
35. Integra maker
38. Detergent brand formulated for baby clothes
40. Pursue office
41. Late 1990s toy fad
42. Blunder
43. Ripening element
45. "Come Back, Little Sheba" playwright
46. Like most toothpaste
48. Have lunch
50. British mathematician and author (and "Celebrity Traitors" player) Fry
52. Daily Planet reporter Clark
54. Principle of Eastern religion
57. "___ all possible ..."
58. Obvious pop-up observation at breakfast?
61. Pumbaa's pal
63. Classification for yttrium or ytterbium
64. Blintz relative
65. Vat contents, maybe
66. Beach
67. "Siddhartha" author Hermann
68. Little ___ (viral late 2000s pitchman for Starburst Berries and Cream)
69. Grad student job

Down

1. Processes food?
2. Opponent
3. Impart knowledge to
4. ___-driving vehicle
5. "Great news!"
6. Earlier in time
7. Graphic design software company based in Australia
8. Be a model
9. ___-J (indie rock band)
10. Part of a maritime breakfast?
11. April filing
12. Aquafina competitor
13. Sits for a bit
18. Upcycle, maybe
21. Cheerleader's cheer
26. Bakery purchase
27. Comment about a breakfast item being the best?
28. Not there anymore
29. QB stats
30. Decorative server
31. Pub quiz creations
33. Revealing picture
34. Pooch with a curly tail
36. Late SCOTUS member
37. Yes vote
39. Subway option
44. "Cold Mountain" star Zellweger
47. Shakespearean pronoun
49. Bear witness
50. Sudden snag
51. Blazing
52. ___ Lumpur, Malaysia
53. Messed up
54. Judgement deck?
55. Jetson family pet
56. "Everything else" category
59. Like folk traditions
60. Diamond Head's island
62. "Born," in some announcements

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Find and Circle...

- Four parts of the hand ☑☐☐☐
- Three seasons ☐☐☐
- Three punctuation marks ☐☐☐
- Two four-letter countries ☐☐
- Egg-layer from Down Under ☐

Last Week's Answers: QUARTER NICKEL PENNY DIME / GUAVA LEMON MANGO APPLE / MOUSE MOOSE CAMEL SKUNK / NORTH SOUTH / NILE OHIO

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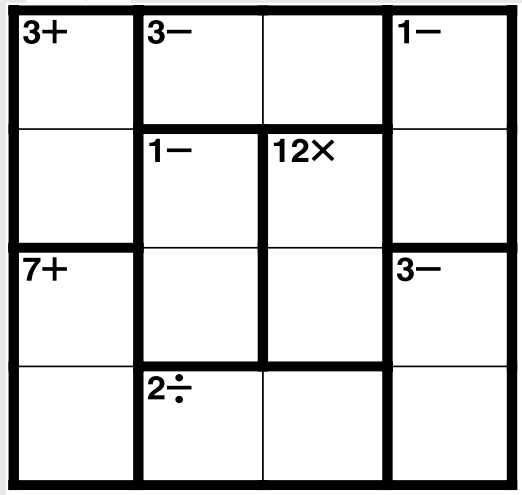
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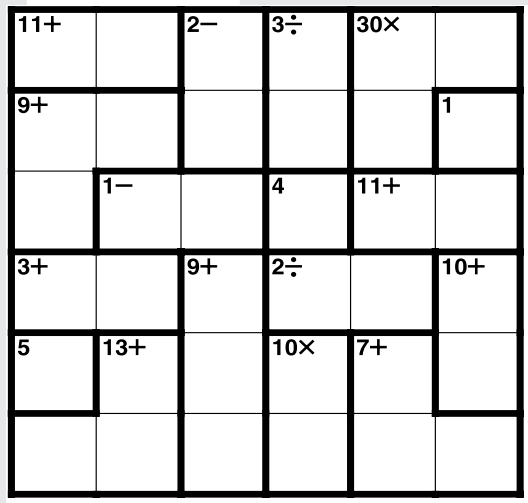


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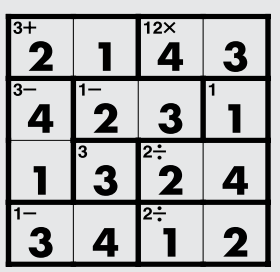
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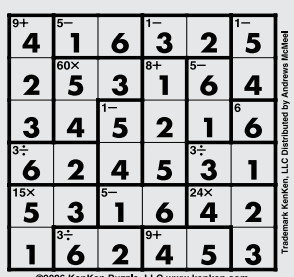
1. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
3. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS



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Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) *And remember, the fresher your pecans, the better your pie will be.* Who's ready to go pecan picking?

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) *Dinner guests will flock to the kitchen to devour the Confetti Corn Fritters and Little Carrot Ginger Pancakes hot off the stove.* And you will shoo them away, because guests need to stay out of the kitchen.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) *In addition to a visit to the Walker Art Center, these flawless pancakes are a compelling reason for making a stop in Minneapolis. ... I had to pester Doug Grina, the cook and co-owner of Al's Breakfast, for the secret to his art.* Go for the pancakes, stay for the art.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) *I find that you get the most flavor into your bean salad if you toss them with a vinaigrette or other dressing while they are still warm.* What your bean salad needs is more flavor.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) *Michigan's cherries, once ripe, don't last long. They're in season for a glorious three weeks, usually between mid-July and early August.* Don't miss out!

Aries (March 21 – April 19) *Some say ranch dressing was originally conceived for use on salads, but an opposing group claims it began as a dipping sauce for fried zucchini.* All that matters is the ranch in front of you right now.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) *But if you're looking for a new stuffing to accompany your turkey, I have to say that the cornbread mixture I recently devised is the best I've ever made.* Tomorrow's could be even better.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) *There are apple pies and then there are* apple pies. Which one do you want?

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) *An apple called Honeycrisp is hard to resist, but what does one do with it?* Savor it.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) *In my formative years, I was a Brownie and advanced all the way up to Senior Girl Scout. ... I never dreamed then that one day I'd make s'mores from scratch.* It's only obvious in retrospect.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) *Every fall, when fresh cranberries start arriving in the markets, I start plotting out the different ways to use this indigenous American fruit before it disappears soon after Christmas.* You've got to think ahead *and* be creative.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) *Once we're deep into winter, a search through the markets for fresh pumpkin is futile, and I end up making dishes with butternut squash and sweet potatoes.* Use what you've got.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 host of the 1896 Olympics (6)	_____
2 host of the 1912 Olympics (9)	_____
3 host of the 1994 Olympics (11)	_____
4 host of the 1998 Olympics (6)	_____
5 host of the 2010 Olympics (9)	_____
6 host of the 2018 Olympics (11)	_____
7 host of the 2024 Olympics (5)	_____

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Last Week's Answers: 1. NOVEMBER 2. UNIFORM 3. FOXTROT 4. QUEBEC 5. ZULU 6. SIERRA 7. VICTOR

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Sudoku Answers from pg 27 of 11/5

Puzzle A

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

Difficulty: ★ 10/19

Puzzle B

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

Difficulty: ★★ 10/20

Puzzle C

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

Difficulty: ★★★ 10/22

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Stranded Ashore

Approximately 200 passengers — mostly American — are stranded in Cambodia after the residential cruise ship they were on canceled its voyage about halfway through its three-year itinerary. The Associated Press reported that on Oct. 27, the MV Odyssey gave passengers just seven hours' notice to vacate the ship, which disembarked from Ireland in October 2024. Villa Vie Residences cited rising fuel costs — from $1,800 to as high as $8,000 per month — as the reason for the abrupt ending to many passengers' dreams for retirement. "Passing the full increase on to residents is not a realistic solution. Our focus now is on supporting residents, crew, and employees," the company said in a statement. *AP, Oct. 29*

Wait, What?

An ambulance driver is accused of abandoning a patient en route to a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, on the evening of Oct. 28, WOIO reported. The driver was transporting a female patient with chest pain to the Cleveland Clinic, got lost and reportedly told her he was finished driving for the day. He then called a rideshare to pick him up. Once the driver, who worked for a private ambulance company, left, a Cleveland EMS unit showed up, provided medical care and took the patient to a hospital. A statement from the private ambulance company stated they are looking into the incident. *WOIO, Oct. 39*

Halloween High Jinks

A woman who helped herself to nearly an entire bucket of candy at an Alabama home on Halloween has been fired from her job, AL.com reported. A homeowner's video footage showed two women coming onto a porch and taking the candy left out for trick-or-treaters. One of the two women, who took multiple large handfuls of candy, happened to be wearing a T-shirt with a local restaurant's name on it. The homeowner took note of that and made sure the restaurant was aware of the incident. The restaurant stated the woman who took the candy said she had taken the candy back and apologized, but the homeowner told the restaurant that did not happen. A restaurant spokesperson said, "Lying to us after knowing how important everything is and how important we told her this is to us and to the entire community ... we basically told her that she can no longer be working with us anymore."*AL.com, Nov. 1*

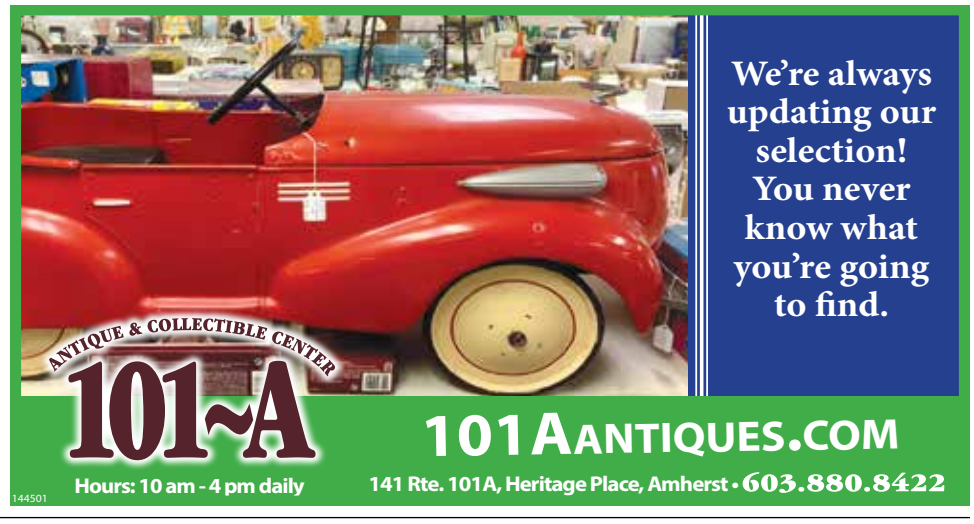
Rare Find

A never-before-seen Georgia O'Keeffe painting valued at $3 million was discovered in a New York apartment, the New York Post reported on Nov. 5. A Rhode Island woman, known only as Betsy, found the 1930 painting, titled "Near Abiquiu, New Mexico," underneath a row of fur coats in her elderly aunt's closet while helping her aunt prepare for hospice. Her aunt — who spent her career as a Foreign Services worker — received the artwork as a graduation gift in 1963 and hung it up through the 1980s; she put it away after being discouraged by a nosy guest, and it stayed in storage until its recent discovery. With her aunt now passed, the painting will go to Christie's to be auctioned off on Nov. 17. Until then, the painting will be on display for a free exhibition. Proceeds from the auction will go to charity and to family members. *New York Post, Nov. 5*

Queen of the Buffet

A red-shouldered hawk was found unable to fly away from a Virginia driveway, KTLA reported on Oct. 30. After checking the bird — named RSHA 26-2599 — for trauma, bruising, broken bones and other possible explanations, veterinarians finally figured out why the hawk couldn't take flight. According to a social media post by the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center, "The diagnosis: At over 910g in weight, she was too darn fat to fly!" Experts say obesity in wild animals is rare, so they launched an investigation and found that a neighbor's chickens had been disappearing at a shocking rate in the area the hawk was found. The wildlife center said, "This queen was picking off the buffet of easy prey set out before her, eating her fill, and then snoozing in the trees nearby until she was ready to eat again." Experts point to this story as an example of why people should not feed wildlife, intentionally or unintentionally. *KTLA, Oct. 30*

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