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A person in a black winter jacket and hood is operating a red snowblower on a snowy trail. The snowblower is blowing a large amount of snow into the air. In the background, other people are visible, some standing and some walking. The scene is outdoors in a snowy environment.

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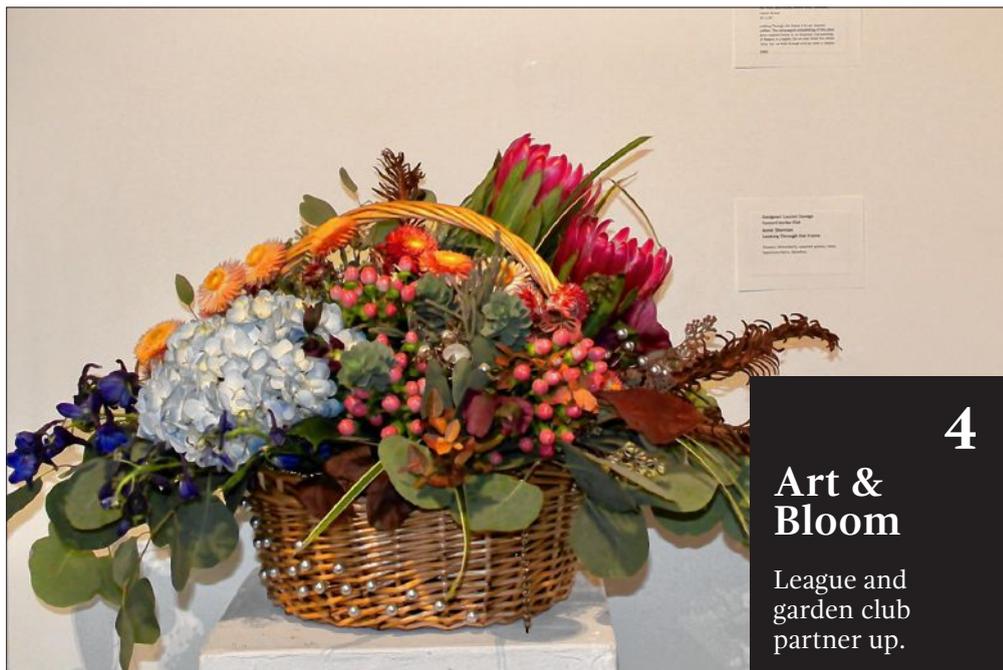
Ponds prepped for skating;
trails ready for skiing



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City newsletter

Skiing available at Beaver Meadow Golf Course and other winter activities in the capital city.



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Art & Bloom

League and garden club partner up.

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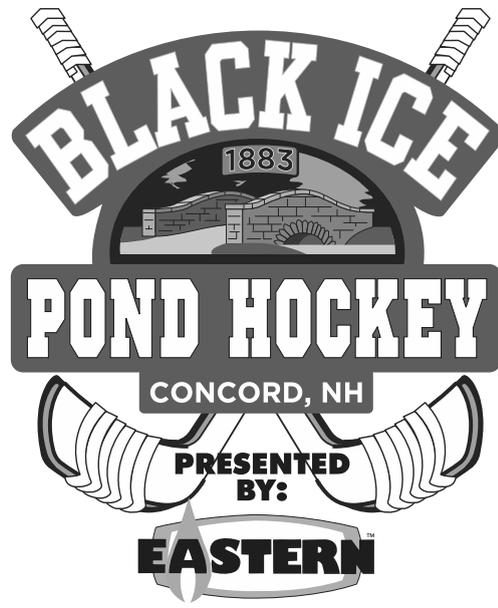
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Floral art exhibit to return

After a year's hiatus, the Concord Garden Club is pleased to return with the 19th annual Art & Bloom exhibit.

Art & Bloom is a Concord mid-winter tradition attracting art and flower lovers to enjoy beautiful floral arrangements paired with works of art. This year, the club is once again partnering with the League of NH Craftsmen. Club members and local floral professionals will create floral arrangements inspired by works of art and craft on display during the League's Biennial "Setting the Standard" exhibition.

"Art & Bloom is a wonderful way to bring flowers and color to New Hampshire in January. After a year away, members of the Concord Garden Club are thrilled to be able to come together to create these beautiful arrangements and share them with Concord," said Millie LaFontaine, chairwoman of the

Art & Bloom Committee and longtime gardener.

Art & Bloom will run Jan. 20 to 22; Thursday from 1 to 6:30 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public at the League's headquarters located at 49 S. Main St., Suite 100, in Concord.

COVID protocols will be in place with proof of vaccination or masks required.

For more information, visit concordgardenclubnh.com or nhcrafts.org.

Concord Garden Club is a non-profit organization of over 50 members who are interested in all aspects of gardening. The Club meets throughout the year for informational and social events focused around gardening topics. The Club is also involved in community service and efforts to beautify the landscape and gardens in the Concord area.



Courtesy of Genia Cohen Moses

A floral arrangement created for a past Art and Bloom event.

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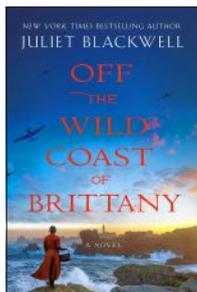


book of the week

Off the Wild Coast of Brittany

By Juliet Blackwell
(452 pages, fiction, 2021)

Natalie Morgen had a survivalist childhood. She and her sisters grew up in a family that believed that the end was near. They called their father the Commander and lived underground in a bunker, stockpiling food and learning to hunt and fish, to survive off the land. Natalie finally fled this life,



and reinvented herself. She taught herself French cooking, and met a French chef who became her boyfriend. Together they moved to a small island off the coast of Brittany, Île de Feme, back to his roots. They planned to take an old family home and renovate it into a guest house and restaurant. Natalie writes about her experiences and becomes a famous author, with many loyal readers. But then everything goes wrong. Her boyfriend, François-Xavier, doesn't return from a buying trip in Paris and has taken all their money! Natalie is left on the island, living alone, sad, discouraged, and without the means to continue to restore the guest home. Her sister Alex shows up out of the blue to visit. They are uncomfortable with each other at first but they slowly form a team along with Jean-Luc,

their lodger. They start to paint and renovate the old home. Alex finds an old cookbook hidden away in a cupboard that has recipes from the islanders during World War II when the island was occupied by

German soldiers. The other story-line is that of Violette, a young woman living on the island during the time of occupation. Violette says that she has an "unruly heart" and chafes at the restrictions placed on her by tradition. The men of the Île de Feme all leave to help France fight the war against Germany. But this leaves the women and children on the island to carry on alone with the enemy who are living among them. Violette struggles to help other islanders get enough to eat to survive. She starts the cookbook as an excuse to visit the other women. And she begins a friendship with Rainier, a German officer who is staying with them. But Violette and Rainier both have dangerous secrets.

I enjoyed this novel for its dynamic and realistic characters and vivid sense of place. The history of this rugged island is a character in its own right.

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XC ski trails open at Beaver Meadow

The city manager's office sent out the City Manager's Newsletter last Friday. The full newsletter can be found by going to concordnh.gov and clicking the "Newsletter" button. Here are some highlights:

XC ski trails

The cross-country skiing trails at Beaver Meadow Golf Course are open and are groomed daily as snow conditions allow.

For more information on the outdoor skating areas and XC Ski Trail map please visit concordnh.gov/1410/Winter-Activities.

City meetings

City meetings are held in person in Council Chambers at 37 Green St. (unless otherwise specified on the city's calendar). Upcoming meetings include:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment: Feb. 2, 7 p.m.
- City Council Monthly Meeting: Feb. 14, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board: Feb. 16, 7 p.m.



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Airport listening session

The city and the Airport Advisory Committee are holding an information session Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. at the Citywide community center at 14 Canterbury Road in Concord. Learn about the history of the Concord Municipal Airport, current and future projects, and opportunities for expansion. Bring questions, input and feedback.

City finalizes agreement with Breezeline

The City of Concord has finalized the cable television Franchise Agreement with Breezeline (formerly Atlantic Broadband) following approval from the City Council in December. This agreement brings an additional cable television system to the City and gives the community another option in the market.

Breezeline, a subsidiary of Cogeco Communications Inc., is the eighth largest

cable operator in the United States. The company's network reaches more than 1.6 million businesses and households located in 12 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

After the company expressed interest in constructing and operating a cable television system in the City of Concord, in accordance with New Hampshire law, a public hearing was held before the City Council and public testimony was collected in the fall of 2021. In

October, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into contract negotiations. The parties successfully negotiated a cable television Franchise Agreement, and, on Dec. 10, the City Council authorized the City Manager to sign the finalized agreement. Both parties executed the agreement, and it became effective on Dec. 20.

"The citizens of Concord have been requesting additional options for cable television for some time. This agreement gives the community another choice for their cable television services and creates competition within the market," said

City Manager Tom Aspell.

"We are grateful that our franchise application was approved by City Council, bringing more choice for residents and businesses in Concord," said Fran Bradley, Director of Government Affairs for Breezeline. "We look forward to bringing this community Breezeline Fiber Internet with symmetrical speeds for the very first time, as well as Breezeline Stream TV and best-in-class voice products."

A substation is currently under construction off of Sheep Davis Road. Services are expected to be ready in the spring of 2022.

City sells \$12.78M tax-exempt bond

The City of Concord reported that it received competitive bids on Tuesday, Jan. 11, for a \$12.785 million 20-year general obligation bond issue. The City received nine bids in connection with the sale, and Raymond James & Associates purchased the bonds at an average interest rate of 1.596%. Bond proceeds will be used to fund various capital improvement projects approved by the City Council.

Prior to the sale, Standard & Poor's Global Ratings, a

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municipal bond credit rating agency, affirmed the City's bond rating of AA+. The agency cited the City's strong economy, very strong management, strong financial policies and practices, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity and very strong institutional framework as positive credit factors.

Concord PD and ACERT

Last week, Detective Murray headed out with the ACERT team to visit some families in our community.

The Concord Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team (ACERT) is made up of community service agencies and a community service police officer who responds when children have been exposed to trauma at home. Their job is to offer support and connection to community services and resources. Help from ACERT: (603) 230-4614.

Winter Reading Program

Winter Reading is back for all ages. The Winter Reading Challenge can be done in conjunction with

the Ultimate Book Nerd yearlong reading challenge for even more chances to win prizes! The program runs from Jan. 4 to Feb. 26. Register here or at the Main Library or Heights Branch.

Winter Festival and Black Ice Hockey Tournament

The Hotel Concord and Intown Concord are excited to announce Winter Fest will be returning for its fourth year in a row! Enjoy ice-carving demonstrations and meet some of New England's most talented ice carvers on Friday, Jan. 28 followed by an ice carving competition and Winter Fest on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is also the weekend of the annual Black Ice Hockey Tournament. For more information, visit

their website. White Street will be closed from Washington Street to just south of Blanchard Street from 8 a.m. on Jan. 26 through 10 a.m. on Jan. 31.

Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce presents a diverse offering of events for members and the public this month. Upcoming events will highlight the 2022 legislative session, being prepared for an OSHA inspection, workforce development, and provide networking for young profes-

sionals. Many of these events are offered virtually, or with a virtual option, so that all members of the community have access to this valuable programming. Learn more about the following events and register at concordnhchamber.com.

Virtual Meeting - Career Pathways to Your Business: On Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 10 to 11 a.m., learn how your business can influence workforce development in our region. In this session, our presenters will lead an interactive discussion, share success stories from local employers, and work in

breakout groups with meeting participants to develop practical strategies that engage students who are interested in pursuing careers in your field.

Meet Your Chamber: Enjoy a light lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 12 to 1 p.m. while learning about Chamber member benefits. Meet other area professionals, and see how you can participate in the Chamber's unique programs and community initiatives. Please note that attendees are requested to wear face masks at this event, unless eating or drinking.

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■ Craig Fahey at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
New Hampshire Music Collective Showcase at Area 23 at 7 to 10 p.m.

Jan. 21

■ Hip Hop Night at Penuche's Ale House at 9 p.m.
■ Frankie Boy and the Blues Express at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

Jan. 22

■ Eugene Durkee at the

Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon.

■ Paul Driscoll at Concord Craft Brewing from 3 to 6 p.m.

■ Chris Lester at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

■ Special Guests at Penuche's Ale House from 9 p.m. to midnight.

■ Lucas Gallo at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

■ Brian Anthony Booth Jam at Area 23 at 2 p.m.

■ Liam Spain and Friends at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ Beechwood and Boom-soss at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 8 p.m.

Jan. 25

■ Paul Bourgelais at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 26

■ Brian Booth at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 27

■ Brian Booth at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 28

■ Masceo Williams and the Special Guests at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ Trunk O Funk at Penuche's Ale House at 8 p.m.

Jan. 29

■ Tim Hazelton at Hermanos from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

■ Alan Roux at Makris Lobster House from 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Mike Gallant Jam at Area 23 at 2 p.m.

■ Crooked Cash and Friends at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

■ Queen City Soul at Penuche's Ale House at 8 p.m.

■ Mikey G. at the Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon

■ Hank Osborne at Concord Craft Brewing from 3 to 5 p.m.

■ Karen Grenier at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

Stage shows

■ Bolshoi Ballet's broadcast of "Jewels" will be screened at the Bank of N.H. Stage on Jan. 23 at 12:55 p.m.

■ Comedy Out of the Box will be Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hatbox Theatre.

■ The Met's Rigoletto will be screened at the Bank of N.H. Stage at 12:55 p.m. on Jan. 29.

■ Mary & Me, a play by Irene Kelleher, will be per-

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■ **Licorice Pizza** (R) Brash 15-year-old Gary Valentine (Cooper Hoffman) enters a friendship with world-weary 25-year-old Alana Kane (Alana Haim) – a vulnerable union, which exposes differences in their experience and temperament. He’s a hustling small-time actor with Hollywood connections, while she’s still living at home, seeking direction in an unfocused life.

■ **C’mom C’mom** (R) While his semi-estranged sister (Gaby Hoffman) confronts



Emily Karel appears as Hannah in the play “Mary and Me” in 2019.

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This is a ticketed event, with a book purchase required for entry to the virtual event. Preorder *Violeta* directly from Gibson's Bookstore, or purchase a bundled ticket.

Born in Peru and raised in Chile, Isabel Allende is the author of a number of best-selling and critically acclaimed books, including *A Long Petal of the Sea*, *The House of the Spirits*, *Of Love and Shadows*, *Eva Luna*, *The Stories of Eva Luna*, and *Paula*. Her books have been translated into more than forty-two languages and have sold more than seventy-four million copies worldwide. She lives in Cali-

fornia.

Ticketing and registration required at eventbrite.com/e/228433931037.

'History of timekeeping'

Chad Orzel visits Gibson's Bookstore virtually to discuss his new book, *A Brief History of Timekeeping: The Science of Marking Time, from Stonehenge to Atomic Clocks*, on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. .

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Online only via Zoom. Registration required at eventbrite.com/e/230445698287.

The Geopolitical Concept of "The Middle East"

A Wings of Knowledge lecture through NHTI will be held Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. on the "Middle East."

The term "Middle East" is a changing geopolitical concept. Throughout recent history, this term referred to a political, a cultural, and a

geographical region with no clear boundaries. Moreover, this concept serves to generate stereotypes and misunderstanding. This multimedia presentation by Mohamed Defaa provides an analytical framework to understand the histories, social identities, and cultures behind this complex con-

cept of "Middle East."

For more information, please visit nhti.edu/.../wings-of-knowledge-the-middle-east.

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Jan. 20, 1968: New Hampshire loses its 100th military man in the Vietnam War. He is Eliot Guild of Keene, a 21-year-old Marine medical corpsman.

Jan 20, 1926: Nathaniel Lovell, a champion golfer at the Manchester Country Club, dies at the age of 25. The Granite Monthly magazine reports that the cause of death is "blood poisoning, which set in after the opening of a pimple on the golfer's face."

Jan. 20, 1973: The Monitor reports on downtown progress: "Storrs Street, long planned as a bypass to Main Street traffic congestion, will probably have a traffic light of its own soon."

Jan. 21, 2002: James Ewing, co-owner of The Keene Sentinel for nearly four decades, dies at the age of 85. During his tenure as publisher, the newspaper successfully campaigned for a wide range of causes including land-use planning, freedom of information and public services for the needy. After leaving day-to-day newspapering in the mid-1980s, he helped

launch the International Center for Journalists, a Washington-based training institute for journalists around the world.

Jan. 21, 1990: The new Concord Monitor building is dedicated off Sewalls Falls Road. In April, the staff will move into the building. The paper and predecessors to which it can trace its roots have been published in downtown Concord since 1808.

Jan. 21, 1766: At Concord's first legal town meeting, Lieutenant Richard Hasseltine is elected moderator. Among the other elected town officials are tythingmen, a sealer of leather and a scaler of lumber.

Jan. 22, 1942: The Monitor reports that rather than wait for the draft, 32 men have enlisted at the Concord recruiting office for the duration of the war. Eleven are from Concord. Most have signed up for the air corps and been sent to Missouri to train.

Jan. 22, 1808: Gilmanton Academy burns to the ground.

Jan. 22, 1811: A cow belonging to Abner Farnum Jr. of Concord gives birth to a two-headed calf.

Jan. 23, 2000: Concord's Tara Mounsey is named one of two defensemen on the Hockey News All-World Team of the 1990s. Mounsey's Olympic teammate Cammi Granato is the other American in the starting six; they are joined by three Canadians and a Finn.

Jan. 23, 1938: The Sacred Heart Hockey Club, composed mostly of young Concord men of French Canadian descent, plays Butterfield of Quebec at the White Park rink. A crowd of 1,167 pays the 15-cent price of admission.

Jan. 24, 2000: U.S. Supreme Court Justice David Souter of Weare writes the majority opinion for a divided court upholding strict dollar limits on political contributions. Such restrictions are justifi-

able, Souter writes, because "Democracy works only if the people have faith in those who govern, and that faith is bound to be shattered when high officials and their appointees engage in activities which arouse suspicion of malfeasance and corruption." January 24, 1857: The mercury drops to 37 below zero in Concord.

Jan. 24, 1988: For the first time in a decade, Aerosmith has a hit album. "Permanent Vacation" is in the Top 20 and has sold 1.3 million copies. "All those people who thought Aerosmith was dead were dead wrong," Steven Tyler, who formed the band in Sunapee in 1970, tells the L.A. Times.

Jan. 25, 2002: awmakers approve \$24.2 million worth of renovations and additions to the Merrimack County jail, wrapping up years of discussion on whether and how much county taxpayers should pay to reduce the facility's crowding.

Jan. 25, 2000: Concord receives nearly 9 inches of snow, hardly an extraordinary occurrence for late January; however, it is the first significant snowstorm of the season, and for that to come in late January is unusual.

Jan. 26, 2003: Nearly 200 people gather outside St. Joseph's Cathedral in Manchester to support victims of clergy abuse, organized by New Hampshire Voice of the Faithful and the Coalition of Catholics and Survivors.

Jan. 26, 1839: In Concord, rain falls for 24 hours straight. The Merrimack rises 15 feet in 15 hours. Several bridges are destroyed.

Jan. 26, 1984: Webster Bridges, chairman of the state Sweepstakes Commission, brings a sample of the state's newest instant lottery games to the State House. Gov. John Sununu buys a scratch ticket and promptly wins \$2.

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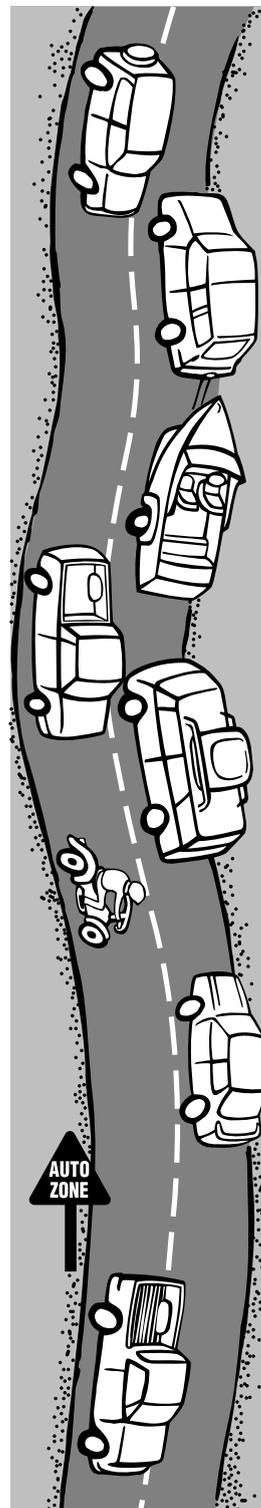


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