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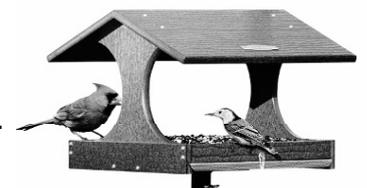
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By Jennifer Ryan
(411 pages, fiction, 2022)

Set in World War II, this story features three women who become involved in their small village's sewing circle. Famous dress designer Cressida Westcott loses her house and business to the Blitz in London. Escaping with just the clothes on her back, she has to return to her family manor house near Canterbury. Cressida had vowed never to return home because of her brother's disapproval of her and her career.

Her niece, Violet Westcott, thinks it is wonderful that her well-known aunt is returning. Violet has been groomed to grow up and marry a rich nobleman, and not to have any opinions or dreams for herself. But that starts to change when Violet

is conscripted and becomes the driver for a brash American officer.

And Grace Carlisle, the vicar's daughter, wants to marry and have a family of her own. She has her mother's wedding gown and hopes to restore it and wear it for her own upcoming wedding. Her fiancé, while a good man, doesn't bring up romantic feelings in her. Grace has convinced herself that this doesn't matter. But her paths cross with Hugh, Cressida's young nephew, who is now lord of the manor. And she remembers their carefree childhood together.

Clothing is rationed and very scarce because of the war. Many young brides don't have wedding gowns and have to get married in their uniforms or ordinary dress. Grace asks Cressida to help the Sewing Circle

take in donated wedding dresses to make them into something a bride would be proud to wear. It's a way to show the Germans that British customs are still being carried out, and joyful events are still happening despite the war. And it brings the women together. Cressida, Violet and Grace help other women celebrate their weddings with beautiful gowns. But will love ever be a part of their lives?

Author Jennifer Ryan has once again done extensive research for her latest book, *The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle*. Don't miss the very interesting and funny "Author's Note" in the back. If you like this title, try her others: *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir*, *The Spies of Shilling Lane* and *The Kitchen Front*.

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Backstage with Cap Center's Sal Prizio

Concord Young Professionals Network (CYPN) introduces you to the "Young Professional of the Month," Sal Prizio. Each month, the CYPN Steering Committee recommends a young professional in the community it thinks readers would enjoy getting to know better.

Sal Prizio

Where do you live? Concord, NH.



How old are you? 46.

Where do you currently work? The Capitol Center for the Arts.

Tell us a little bit about yourself. I have been working in the music industry for 25 years, starting out in the record business at Elektra Records.

After 10 years, I relocated to upstate New York and opened a 120-capacity coffee house live music venue during the great recession. From there, I moved on to various venues throughout upstate NY before obtaining the position as Executive Director for the Capitol Center for the Arts a year ago here in Concord. I love to produce, create, and build communities through the arts.

Why do you choose to live in the Greater Concord area? My family and I live in Concord because we really like the community. The schools are great, there is a bustling downtown, and you can't beat a 1.5-mile commute to work!

What is something you would like to see added or brought to Concord? I'd love to see more street festivals and free music concerts for the public throughout

the city.

What's your favorite part of your workday? My favorite part of the workday is when the venue is packed full of patrons having a good time at a show that the team has worked so hard at putting together. When you see the fruits of everyone's labor like that it's a really satisfying feeling.

Where did you go to school (all schools, back to Elementary)? Buttonball Elementary School (Glastonbury, CT), Glastonbury Highschool (Glastonbury, CT), Northeastern University, Music Industry Major (Boston, MA).

What do you like to do for fun? Play guitar, kayak, hike, rock-climbing, and spending time with my kids.

Favorite places to be? When I am not in the theater, which is actually one of my favorite places to be, I

love being out in nature.

Last book you've read? The Te of Piglet

How did you find out about CYPN and how has it benefitted your business or you personally? I found out about CYPN through work emails. As the executive director of a performing arts center in Concord, I think it is critical to connect with young professionals and engage our next generation of live entertainment patrons in a genuine manner.

Who is your greatest role model? My father, who taught me the importance of hard work, no shortcuts and to persevere in the tough times and enjoy the good times.

What's your favorite restaurant in Concord? Oh, I am not touching that one!

What's your favorite place to go in Concord? I really enjoy the vibrance of downtown and Main Street.

Favorite movie of all time? Star Wars... of course!

What is one of your life goals? Someday, I would love to write a book containing all the funny stories that have happened to me or others in the business backstage.

If you could visit any country, where would you go? Scotland – I have been there once and can't wait to go back. It's simply one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Where is the best place

you've visited? I have to say that going to my ancestral home in Italy and spending time with my relatives there has to be one of the best places I have visited in my life.

Who would you really like to meet? Geddy Lee – bassist from the band Rush.

Tell us a few interesting facts about yourself! I played in a band throughout my 20s, released 4 albums and toured the east coast. I am an avid history buff and regularly read non-fiction history books. I have an encyclopedic knowledge of random 80's trivia. I love fun old-school breakfast cereals!

The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce and CYPN are joining forces for their annual holiday networking party on Monday, December 12. Visit the Grapone Conference Center, which will be sparkling with holiday décor and a special light display from The New England Holiday Light Co. The Duprey Companies will present a spread of festive treats for you to enjoy while networking. The best part? We're waiving the registration fee so that you can support the Capital Region Food Program with a monetary gift! Sign up at concordnhchamber.com to attend this free event. Email events@concordnhchamber.com to sign up for CYPN email updates.

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Visit a pop-up or a craft fair

If you're looking for a unique gift to give your loved ones this year, and trying to shop local, look no further than one of New Hampshire's many talented artisans and crafters. Here are some craft fairs and markets you can visit this holiday season.

Through December

Concord Handmade Pop-up

This downtown favorite featuring local artists is returning for its 12th season and this year will be hosted inside Penumbra (10 N. State St., Concord). Penumbra is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. See facebook.com/concord-handmade for more information.

Dec. 10

Bishop Brady Craft Fair

Back in person, head to the Bishop Brady Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to enjoy New Hampshire artisans and crafters. The fair is at 25 Columbus Ave., Concord.

Christmas Fair and Cookie Walk

Immaculate Conception Church in Penacook will have homemade cookies, raffles and soup lunch during its sale of handcrafted items from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 10. Christmas items, bowl cozies, ornaments, wreaths, knitted and sewn items, candles, jewelry and more.

Festival of Trees

Hillsborough-Deering High School will host a craft fair and tree raffle on Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. More information at hccnh.org/trees

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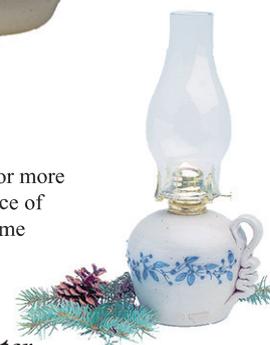
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Want a gift idea? Here's 12!

Concord locals submitted some of their faves for whatever holiday you are celebrating

By **EMILY MARSH**
Concord Chamber
of Commerce

Whether you are preparing for Hanukkah, the winter solstice, Kwanzaa, or Christmas, the upcoming holiday season is a special time for many of us, and shopping for gifts is often part of the celebration. Spread Joy, Shop Concord highlights local businesses in Concord, New Hampshire, and shares their stories, unique products, and best deals.

This year, Concord locals submitted their favorite gift

ideas to help you satisfy even the hardest-to-please gift recipients on your list. Get some inspiration, and shop in downtown Concord for more fun gift ideas.

1. A family membership at McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center or another unique museum.
2. Gift certificate at Thorne's of Concord (for adult friends and family).
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5. A pair of sunglasses, coupon for eyeglasses, contact lenses, or eye exam at EYEFIX Family Optical. Or pick up lens cleaner, visor clips, eyeglass chains for stocking stuffers.

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9. VIP Club membership at Wine on Main.



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Dec. 10

■ Paul Gormley at Downtown Concord Winter Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ Kimayo at Contoocook Cider Company from 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Acoustic Jam at Area 23 at 2 p.m.

■ Ian Archibold at Over the Moonfarmstead from 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Mikey G at Chen Yang Li from 7 to 10 p.m.

■ Secret Army (Holy Fool Opens) at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

Dec. 11

■ Eric Marcs at Con-

toocook Cider Company from 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Senie Hunt at Over the Moon Farmstead from 2 to 5 p.m.

■ Justin Cohn at Concord Craft Brewing from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 14

■ Kimayo at Uno Pizzeria & Grill from 6 to 9 p.m.

Dec. 16

■ The Hart of Sound (Colin Hart) from 6 to 9 p.m.

■ Mary Fagan Jazz Combo at Area 23 at 8 p.m.

Dec. 17

■ Alex Cohen at Contoocook Cider Company from 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Acoustic Jam at Area 23 at 2 p.m.

■ Rebecca Turmel at Over the Moon Farmstead from 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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Stage shows

■ Bach's Lunch Concert: Canterbury Singers: Goin' Home – A Christmas Journey will be at Concord Community Music School on Dec. 8 at 12:10 p.m.

■ Turning Pointe Center of Dance presents The Nutcracker at The Concord Audi on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

■ Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' continues at HatBox Theatre on Dec. 9 to 11 and Dec. 16 to 18. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m., Sunday performances at 2 p.m.

■ The MET: Live in HD: The Hours will be at Bank of NH Stage on Dec. 10 at 12:55 p.m.

■ Symphony NH presents Holiday POPS! at The Concord Audi on Dec. 11 at 3 p.m.

■ Capital Jazz Orchestra's Holiday Pops will be at the Capitol Center for the Arts on Dec. 11 at 4 p.m.

■ The Morning Buzz Christmas Ball will be at the

Capitol Center for the Arts on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Show is recommended for ages 18+

■ Concord High School Chamber and Jazz Concert will be at The Concord Audi on Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

■ TR3 featuring Tim Reynolds with special guest SPARXSEA will be at the

Bank of NH Stage on Dec. 16 at 8 p.m.

■ Songweavers and Northern Lights Concert: Tending the Spark will be at Concord Community Music School on Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

■ Safe Haven Ballet performs The Nutcracker at Capitol Center for the Arts on Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

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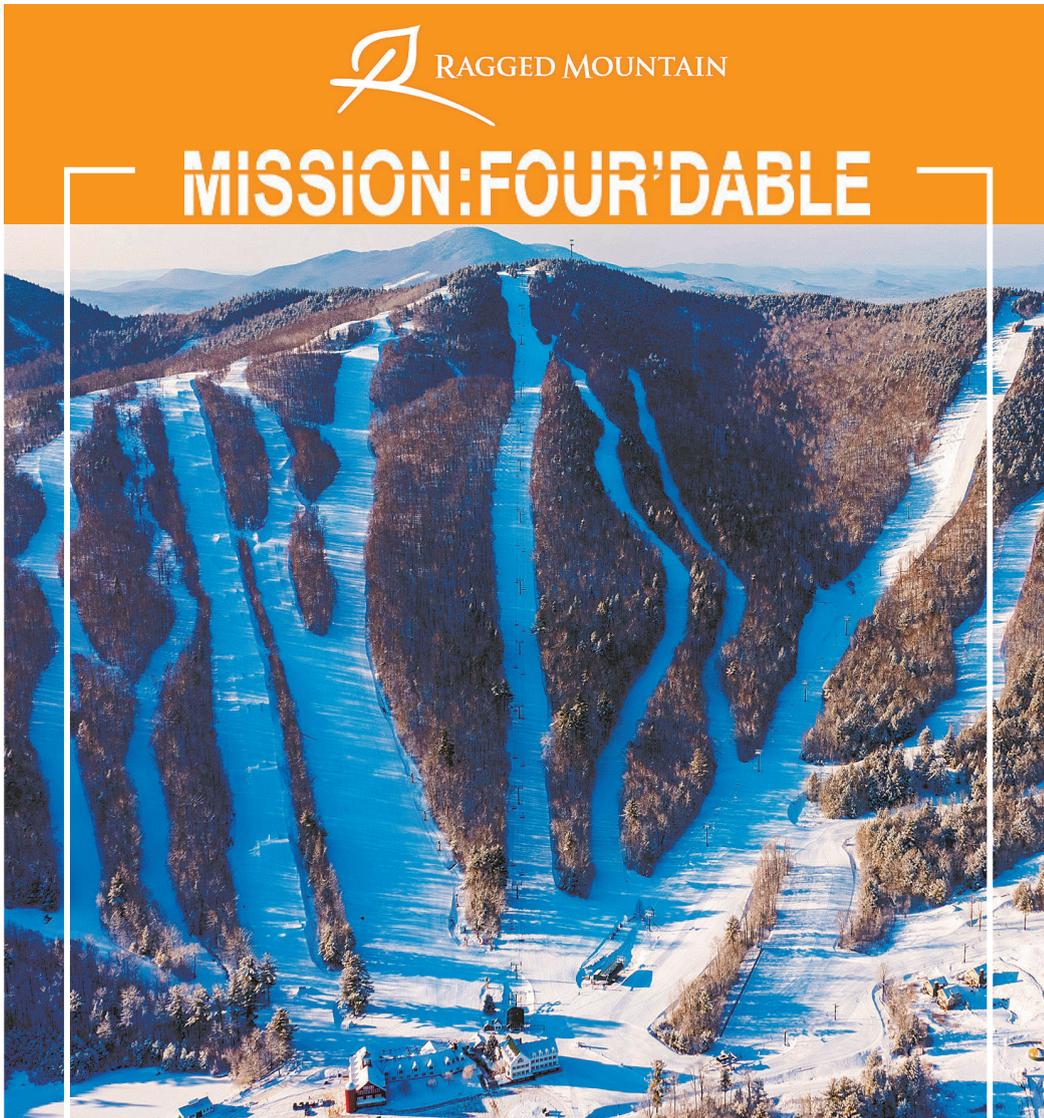
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This year, the drive-thru light show will feature a 150-foot RGB Tunnel of Lights, arches, toys, numerous scenes including the popular 12 Days of Christmas & much more. Crews will spend more than 650 work hours to set up more than 520 displays & 80 different scenes. Featured attractions will also include the fan-favorite 130-foot-long infield entrance and exit tunnels with more than 25,000 lights and the opportunity to roast marshmallows and toast s'mores over open fire pits.

Tickets are on sale for \$35

per carload and \$60 per bus, limousine or RV (add \$2 per person for vehicles containing more than 15 guests).

Yule Light Up the Night at New Hampshire Motor Speedway will take place on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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state, the importance of jumping, the mechanization of skiing, and how New England and New Hampshire fit into the big picture of America's ski culture.

Professor Emeritus of History at Plymouth State University, John Allen was awarded the International Skiing History Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009. He serves as historian for the New England Ski Museum in Franconia, and is the author of several books, including *From Skisport to Skiing: One Hundred Years of an American Sport*, *The Culture and Sport of Skiing from Antiquity to World War II*, and *A Historical Dictionary of Skiing*, *Skiing in the Eye of the Artist*, published in Vienna in October 2021, and *Traveling the Old Ski Tracks of New England* (forthcoming in late 2022). Allen has served as a consultant to several ski history documentary films.

Visit nhhumanities.org/programs for more.

Literary life of New England

Whatever did New Englanders do on long winter evenings before cable, satellite and the internet? In the decades before and after the

Civil War, our rural ancestors used to create neighborhood events to improve their minds. Community members male and female would compose and read aloud homegrown, handwritten literary "newspapers" full of keen verbal wit. Sometimes serious, sometimes sentimental but mostly very funny, these "newspapers" were common in villages across Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont and revealed the hopes, fears, humor and surprisingly daring behavior of our forebears.

On Saturday, Dec. 10 at 12 p.m., Jo Radner shares excerpts from her coming book about hundreds of these "newspapers" and provides examples from villages in your region. Hosted by Oscar Foss Memorial Library, event will be at the Barnstead Town Hall in Center Barnstead.

Family folk fun

Singing games, accessible "pocket instruments" like spoons and dancing puppets, tall tales, funny songs, old songs and songs kids teach each other in the playground – all "traditional" in that they have been passed down the generations by word of mouth- will be seen, heard and learned. On Sat-

urday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m., we will revisit 1850 or 1910 in a New England town, with families gathered around the kitchen hearth, partici-

pating in timeless, hearty entertainment: a glimpse into how America amused itself before electricity. This program, held at

Maxfield Public Library in Loudon, is recommended for adults and children ages 6 and above.

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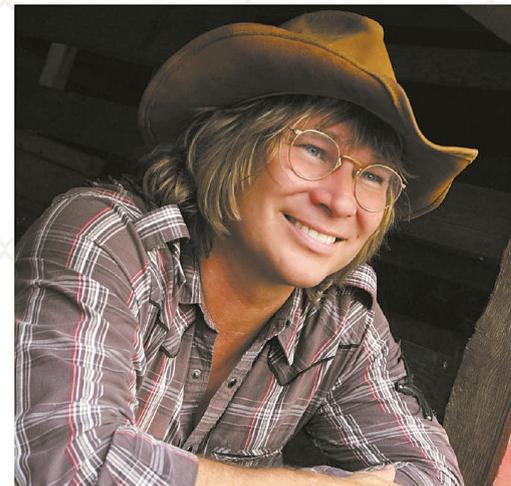
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Nutcracker: Act II

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Ballet Company (SPSBC) will be presenting The Nutcracker: Act II on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9 and 10

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Paul's School campus. The show is free of charge and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. Each show will last approximately one hour, and all ages are welcome. The house will open thirty minutes before curtain.

Although not required for admission, the SPSBC invites guests to bring toy donations for holiday distribution to local children through Concord charitable organizations. Donated toys should not exceed \$25 in value and should be unwrapped.

Since the virus that causes COVID-19 is still circulating in and beyond our community, we encourage people who come to our campus to be fully vaccinated and remain home even if you have the slightest sign of upper respiratory infections which may include congestion, cough, and sore throat. Masks are optional.

For more information visit sps.edu/arts/dance.

Business After Hours

The Greater Concord

Chamber of Commerce and Concord Young Professionals Network (CYPN) are joining forces for their annual holiday networking party on Monday, Dec. 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

December's Business After Hours takes place at the Grappone Conference Center, which will be sparkling with holiday décor and a special light display from The New England Holiday Light Co.

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city news

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:

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:

- City Council Meeting: Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board: Dec. 21, 7 p.m.

Happy Holidays from Beaver Meadow

Happy holidays from all of us at Beaver Meadow Golf Course and thank you for another great golf season. The winter simulator league began on Dec. 5. Hours of operation for league season will be Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Letters to Santa

Come by the library through Dec. 16 to write a letter to Santa! The library

has all the materials you need to write a letter and we will make sure that it gets mailed.

New Green Street Community Center Roof

Taking advantage of some fine, late season weather, crews from Kevin Smith Roofing recently replaced the Green Street Community Center roof. The old roof was installed in the 1990s and was nearing the end of its service life. Work such as this is critical to protecting the City's investment in its

public properties. Additionally, extra insulation was added as part of this project to reduce energy

use, saving tax dollars while reducing greenhouse gas

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Wreaths across America

The annual Wreaths Across America event will be held nationwide on Saturday, Dec. 17. The mission for National Wreaths Across America Day is "Remember, Honor, and Teach." Ceremonies across our great nation including Arlington National Cemetery will be celebrating this great event.

You will have the opportunity to attend one of our Wreaths Across America ceremonies as well as having the honor of laying a wreath on a Veteran's grave to show your gratitude for their military service.

The following cemeteries in Concord and Penacook will be participating: Old North Cemetery, Blossom Hill / Concord Cavalry Cemetery, Old Fort Cemetery, Maple Grove Cemetery, Woodlawn Cemetery, and Horse Hill Cemetery. Please contact Cemetery

Administrator Jill Huckins for the times of these events as well as information on how you can donate a wreath to this worthy cause. Jhuckins@concordnh.gov, 603-225-3911.

Open gym

Family drop-in basketball at the City Wide Community Center runs on Wednesdays through Dec. 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. Family open gym is Tuesday, Dec. 27, 5 to 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 29, 5 to

6:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

All children must be supervised by parents or guardians. For supervision purposes, parents or guardians can bring a maximum of six kids.

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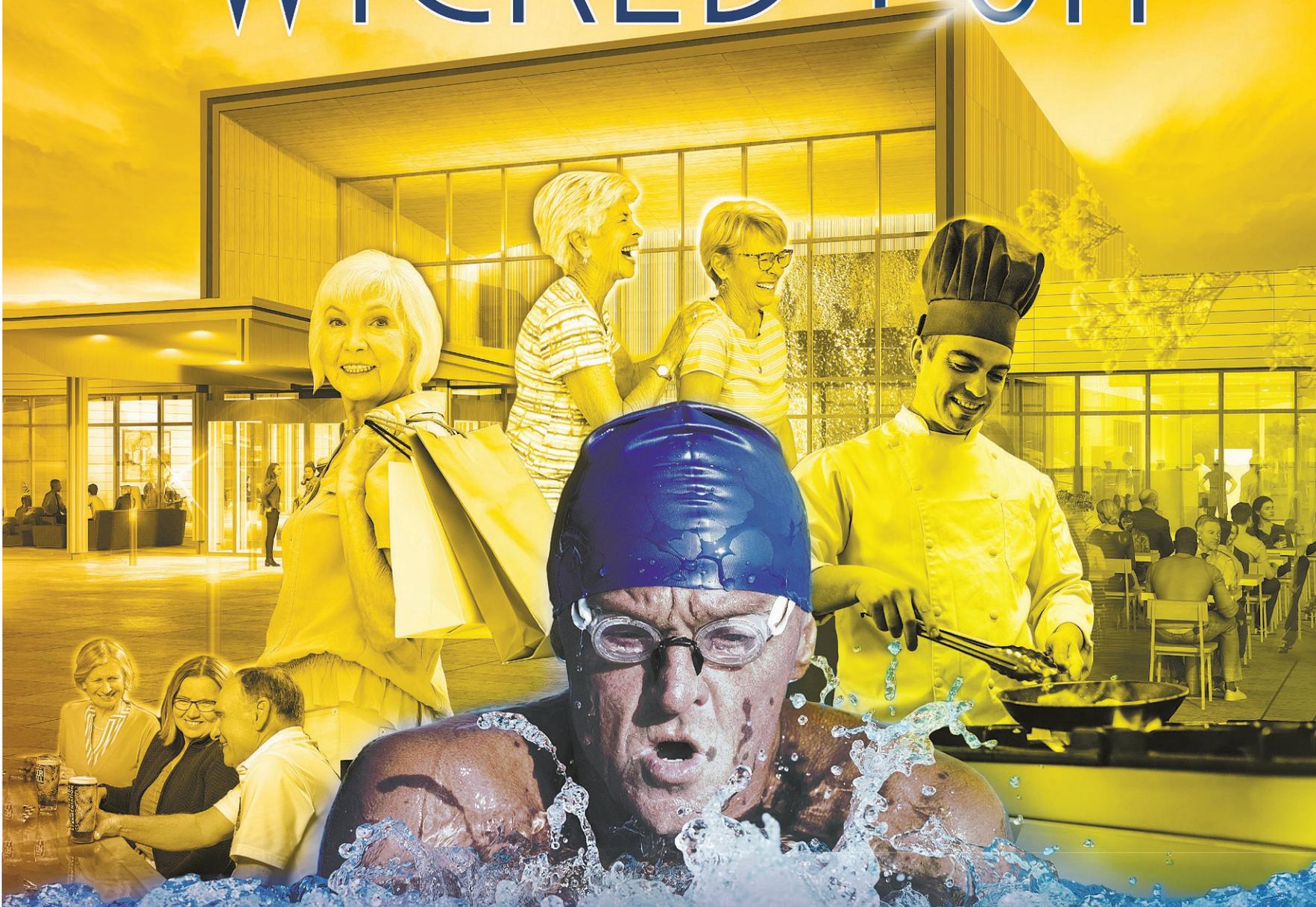


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this week in history

Dec. 8, 1979: Concord City Manager Jim Smith rescinds the fire department's ban on live Christmas trees in public buildings.

Dec. 8, 2001: Former Franklin city manager James Pitts will start work in January as Bow's second town manager, the Monitor reports. "I've always admired the way the town had a lot of pride in itself," Pitts said. In Bow, he continued, there's "a strong focus on a community spirit. I am delighted to get a chance to be part of that."

Dec. 8, 1732: A royal grant establishes the township that will one day be Boscawen, although the name will not be bestowed for 28 years. In 1760, Royal Gov. Benning Wentworth will name the town for a British admiral, Sir Edward Boscawen.

Dec. 8, 1880: The holiday season opens in Hopkinton with a lecture on the second floor of town hall by the Rev. S. C. Keeler. His topic: temperance.

Dec. 9, 1979: Concord School Superintendent Calvin Cleveland says a group of Gideons will not be allowed to distribute Bibles in the schools, saying it would open the "floodgate" to all religions.

Dec. 9, 2001: Franconia's Bode Miller wins his first World Cup victory, a giant slalom. He's the first American man to do so since 1983.

Dec. 9, 2000: David Souter of Weare is one of four U.S. Supreme Court justices to dissent from a decision to halt the presidential recount in Florida. Lawyers for the campaigns will return to the court in two days to argue whether and how that recount should resume or whether the election should be declared over.

Dec. 10, 1883: Nervous customers make a run on the China Savings Bank of Suncook. "The bank had heretofore borne a reputation of soundness, but of late there has been some ac-

knowledged mistakes in the management of the institution," the Weekly Union of Manchester reports. The presence of state bank commissioners makes depositors nervous, and by 10 a.m. 200 are waiting in line, demanding their savings in full. "Their deposits range from small sums up to \$2,000. The total deposits of the bank aggregate nearly \$200,000," the Union reports.

Dec. 10, 1968: Hannah Hardaway is born. She will pitch a perfect game in softball for Moultonborough Academy but gain even more acclaim for her freestyle skiing. She will overcome a serious knee injury to win the national championship in moguls and dual moguls. Her first World Cup victory will come in January 2001.

Dec. 10, 1993: Barry Stem's 967 acres on Concord's Broken Ground, proposed over the years as a site for a golf course, a luxury housing project, a

hotel and conference center and an office park, are sold at a foreclosure auction for \$286,501.

Dec. 10, 1991: At St. Paul's School in Concord, Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas tells students that if he were the Democratic nominee for president, he would not stand still for attacks on his character. "No-

body's going to question my patriotism, my devotion to this country or my values without paying a price if I can extract it," he says.

Dec. 11, 1979: In Washington, the House votes to allow states to decide for themselves whether to spend Medicaid money on abortions. New Hamp-

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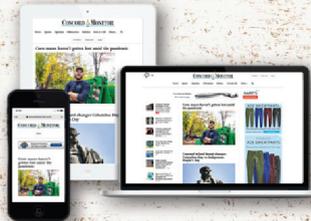
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shire's congressmen split their votes: Democrat Norm D'Amours votes yes; Republican Jim Cleveland votes no.

Dec. 11, 2000: An early-morning fire at the Royal Garden Apartments in Concord leaves 37 people homeless. The community will respond with offers of clothing, shelter, even Christmas gifts for the kids.

Dec. 11, 1907: New Hampshire artist Benjamin Champney dies of influenza at 90. A friend writes to one of Champney's old students: "Mr. C. painted right up to the day he was taken with the grip – had painted several hours that day – and he did some of his best things too."

Dec. 12, 2000: About 100

Concord residents voice concerns about a retail development proposed for the city's South End. For two hours, the crowd fires off questions about traffic, the demolition of old buildings and the impact on the neighborhood's quality of life. In coming months, the proposal will be revised and then rejected by the city planning board.

Dec. 13, 2001: Less than five days after being introduced as Notre Dame's football coach, George O'Leary resigns amid revelations that he falsified information about his academic credentials and playing career. He admits that he lied about playing football for three years for the University of

New Hampshire, which he listed on his resume.

Dec. 13, 1774: Paul Revere gallops into Portsmouth to urge dissidents there to guard their arms and gunpowder because of Parliament's recently passed ban on the export of munitions to the American colonies. His warning leads to a false rumor that British troops are marching north to guard the arsenal in Fort William and Mary in Portsmouth Harbor.

Dec. 13, 1776: Washington, New Hampshire, becomes the first town named after the general.

Dec. 13, 1863: Major Edward E. Sturtevant of Concord, a member of the Fifth

New Hampshire Infantry and the state's first Civil War volunteer, is killed leading his regiment in a suicidal assault during the Battle of Fredericksburg. His body is not found. His men assume it is one of many stripped and buried on the field.

Dec. 14, 2002: Nearly 30 years after Patricia Immen worked as a bookmobile clerk for the Concord Public Library, she's appointed as the library's new director, the Monitor reports.

Dec. 14, 1999: For the first time in more than a decade, the Concord teachers union authorizes its leadership to call for a strike vote if a settlement on a new three-year

contract is not reached within the week.

Dec. 14, 1774: A crowd of 400, led by Thomas Pickering, a sea captain, and John Langdon, a merchant, gathers in downtown Portsmouth in response to British strong-arm tactics, including a ban on the importation of guns and powder. The crowd ignores the royal governor's efforts to disperse it and marches on Fort William and Mary, where the garrison of six British soldiers wisely surrenders. The crowd hauls down the British colors and carries off 100 barrels of gun powder, some of which will be used in the Battle of Bunker Hill.



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