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Concord Winter Fest returns for sixth year

The Hotel Concord and Intown Concord are thrilled to announce the return of Concord NH Winter Fest for its sixth consecutive year, Jan. 26 to 28. The event promises a weekend filled with ice-carving demonstrations, competitions, vendors, and a variety of family-friendly activities.

Friday, Jan. 26

Lawn

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Art & Bloom at Kimball Jenkins 3 to 9 p.m.: Sponsored ice carvings - State House

5 to 7 p.m.: Free wine tasting at Wine on Main

Saturday, Jan. 27

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Art & Bloom at Kimball Jenkins. 10 a.m.: Red River's \$5 movie – "Singin' in the

11 a.m.: Ice carving competition starts on The State



Courtesy of Intown Concord

Activities are offered on the State House Lawn at a past Winter Fest in Concord.

House Lawn

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Vendors Garden on Capitol Street. and food trucks on Capitol

11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Beer 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Tele-

scope viewing with the

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center at The State House Lawn

1 to 4 p.m.: Free wine

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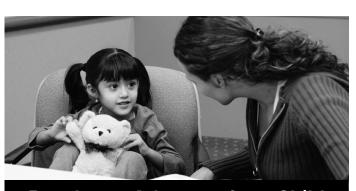
3 p.m.: Ice carving competition ends

3:30 p.m.: Awards an-

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4 p.m.: First Day Festival concludes

Sunday, Jan. 28

11 a.m.: Ice carving viewing starts on The State House Lawn

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Vendors and Food Trucks on Capitol Garden close on Capitol Street

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Beer Garden on Capitol Street

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Snow-ga with Blossom Yoga in front of The State House

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Doggie meet and greet with Darbster Rescue

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Telescope viewing with the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center on the State House Lawn

2 p.m.: Vendors and Beer Street

2 to 4 p.m.: Winterfest Family Dance Party with Mr. Aaron at Bank of NH Stage – tickets are \$10 each for kids (18 and under). Grownups get in free with

at least one paid child.

This outdoor event, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 27 and 28, offers a unique experience for attendees to witness icecarving demonstrations, participate in various winter activities, and enjoy the festive atmosphere. Please come prepared for the elements.

For more information about Concord NH Winter Fest, visit intownconcord.org.



Courtesy of Intown Concord

Ice carvers take place in the competition in front of the State House at a previous Winter Fest downtown.



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Fun facts about February

February is National Chocolate Month

February 7th is Send a Card to a Friend Day

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book of the week

'Manner of Death.' by Robin Cook

(2023, 337pages, genre: medical thriller)

Dr. Jack Stapleton and NYC Chief Medical Examiner Laurie Montgomery are into the mysback with another chapter in the medical examiner's office in NYC. What starts out as a simple way to interest a senior pathology resident in his required month of rotation at the office turns as the resident, looking to avoid actually attending autopsies, proposes a research project into recent suicides, and quickly

stumbles into something

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unbelievably sinister.

Follow as Jack and Laurie are also pulled tery, where they eventually expose and stop the greedy doctors who are behind the attempt to cover up their company's li-

ability through the nastiest means possible.

The book ends with a

change in direction for Dr. Montgomery's career, leaving readers to anticipate what she might end up involved in next, as she gets out of administration and back into hands-on forensic pathology.

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New show opening



The upcoming exhibition at TVAS features the work of Susan Rock of Bow.

February 3 to March 2

The upcoming exhibition at TVAS features the work of Susan Rock, of Bow. The exhibit, "An Artist's Musings on Lincoln Today and Mixed Media," opens Feb. 3. Rock is a multimedia artist whose work has been exhibited throughout New Hampshire. One of her watercolor scenes received an Artist of Merit Award in Two Villages Art Society's Summer Member Show.

An avid gardener, Rock often depicts garden scenes and still life floral arrangements. She also uses paint to express her interest in President Abraham Lincoln. "I thought about our current national dilemmas and find hope for the future through Lincoln's words," she says. About a third of the work in the exhibit is associated with Lincoln, his accomplishments, and his legacy.

"When painting, the most I watch. important element for me is how the color speaks," she says. "It is ever fascinating to see how a loaded watercolor brush will react over icicle white paper, and then how another color merges and both speak poetry while mation on our website.

An opening reception with the artist will be held on Feb. 3 from noon to 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be available and music will be provided by Lindy and Charlie Head. More infor-

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- Adult Drop In Basketball: 12 p.m. 2 p.m. Green Street Community Center, 39 Green St, Concord.
- Aging Brain: 10 a.m. 11 a.m. Learn how our senses change as we age and the impact it may have on our day-to-day life. \$5. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord.

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- Concord Garden Club 21st Annual Art and Bloom Event: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Concord Garden Club 21st Annual Art and Bloom Exhibit Free. Kimball Jenkins Estate, 266 N. Main St, Concord. 6036884155. jesskbarnett@ gmail.com.
- Drop In Pickleball: 11 a.m. 2 p.m. City Wide Community Center Gymnasium, 14 Canter-

bury Rd, Concord.

- **Drop In Pickleball:** 8 p.m. 10 p.m. Green Street Community Center, 39 Green St, Concord.
- Nature In Focus: Images of Flora, Fauna, and Landscapes of New England: 11 a.m. 5 p.m. McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord.
- The Postman and the Rockstar: 5 p.m. A dynamic new photographic exhibition on site at Kimball Jenkins, in the mansion on Main St in Concord! Free. Kimball Jenkins, 266 N Main St, Concord. stacy@kimballjenkins.com.

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- Nature In Focus: Images of Flora, Fauna, and Landscapes

- **of New England:** 11 a.m. 5 p.m. McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord.
- Rock the Bands: 9 a.m. 9:55 a.m. Spend 55 minutes with Rhonda and tone your legs, arms, abs, and more! Fri, \$55. GoodLife Programs & Activities, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.
- Your Body Tune Up: Jan. 26, 9:45 a.m. - 10:40 a.m. Go at your own pace but get your heart rate up and benefit from a good workout. \$55. GoodLife Programs & Activities , 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@ goodlifenh.org.

Jan. 27

- Concord Garden Club 21st Annual Art and Bloom Event: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Concord Garden Club 21st Annual Art and Bloom Exhibit Free. Kimball Jenkins Estate, 266 N. Main St, Concord. 6036884155. jesskbarnett@ gmail.com.
- Hockey Game: 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road, Concord.
- Storytime Stations at the Heights: 9:30 a.m. Enjoy books, crafts, activities, and felt board/manipulatives at your

own pace with our self-guided stations. (Recommended for ages 0-9) Free. Heights Branch Library, 14 Canterbury Rd, Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.

Jan. 29

- Adult Drop In Basketball: 8 p.m. 10 p.m. Green Street Community Center, 39 Green St, Concord.
- Drop In Pickleball: 11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. City Wide Community Center Gymnasium, 14 Canterbury Rd, Concord.
- Drop In Pickleball: 9 a.m. 12 p.m. Green Street Community Center, 39 Green St, Concord.
- Purple Finches Youth Chorus Open Sing: 4:10 p.m. 7:15 p.m. Try out what it's like to be a Purple Finch at this free Open Sing. Times vary by age; check our web site or call for details. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St, Concord. 603-228-1196. ccms@ccmusic-school.org.
- Teens & Tweens Pizza Mania!: 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Join us for an evening that's all things PIZZA! We'll taste test & critique local pizzas, craft a pizza keychain or necklace, make dessert pizzas! Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord.















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- Adult Drop In Basketball: J12 p.m. 2 p.m. Green Street Community Center, 39 Green St, Concord.
- Canterbury Singers Open Sing: 7 p.m. 8:15 p.m. Canterbury Singers is a non-auditioned, professionally directed choral experience for men and women. Join us for a free Open Sing and try us out. Free. Concord Community Music School, 23 Wall St, Concord. 603-228-1196. ccms@ccmusicschool.org.
- Drop In Pickleball: 11 a.m. 2 p.m. City Wide Community Center Gymnasium, 14 Canterbury Rd, Concord.
- Drop In Pickleball: 8 p.m. 10 p.m. Green Street Community Center, 39 Green St, Concord.
- French Club: 5 p.m. 6 p.m. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord.
- French Conversation Club: 5 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.
- Intro to Dungeons and Dragons for Adults: 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Free. Concord Public Library, 45 Green St., Concord. jsalemy@concordnh.gov.
- Low-Impact Kung Fu and Tai Chi: 12 p.m. 1 p.m. \$20 drop-in price. Multi-class bundles available for less. Zenith Martial Arts, 40 Thorndike Street, Concord. 603-513-9993. zenithmartialarts@gmail.com.
- Nature In Focus: Images of Flora, Fauna, and Landscapes of New England: 11 a.m. 5 p.m. McLane Center, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord.
- Pilates for 50: 10:15 a.m. -11:10 a.m. Class uses the Pilates technique for added resistance

to increase strength and flexibility. goodlifenh.org/activity/pilates-for-50-10/2024-01-30/. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord.kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.

Jan. 31

- BEMER Appointments: 11:45 a.m. 1 p.m. The effects of a single 15 minute BEMER session can last up to 12 hours. \$10. Call to register at 603-228-6630. \$10. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.
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- Come eat with us and support Pembroke Academy Yearbook Club!: 4 p.m. 8 p.m. Please support the Pembroke Academy Yearbook Club in their pursuit to upgrade equipment, attend educational workshops, & fuel their creativity. Free. 20% of meal value will be donated to PA by D'Angelo. D'Angelo, 126 Loudon Rd, Concord. 603-485-7881. kmyers@sau53.org.
- Drop In Pickleball: 9 a.m. 12 p.m. Green Street Community Center, 39 Green St, Concord.
- Hillsbrook Village at Allenstown: How to Handle Challenges of Dementia: 1 p.m. 3 p.m. This presentation will give you the tools to overcome the difficult moments you and your loved one may face. Free. GoodLife Programs & Activities, 254 N State St, Unit L, Concord. kgagnon@goodlifenh.org.
- Hockey Game: 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Douglas N. Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road, Concord





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Art contest spotlights youth mental health

Children's System of Care

Submissions are now open for the New Hampshire Children's System of Care (CSoC) sixth annual Magnify Voices Expressive Art Contest. Now through April 21, New Hampshire students in fifth through 12th grade are invited to submit a creative piece about their experiences and connections to mental health. An initiative of CSoC, Magnify Voices raises ordinator and NAMI NH

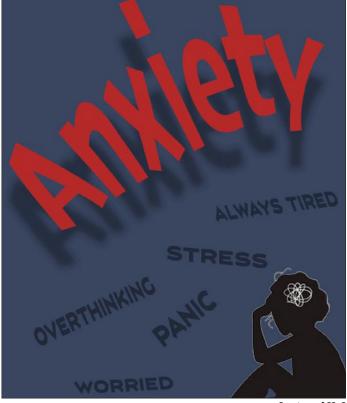
awareness, erases stigma, and effects change to help ensure the social and emotional health of youth in the Granite State.

"Youth mental health is a very serious issue that requires our understanding, attention and action, and we look to raise awareness of this through the Magnify Voices Expressive Art contest," said Deb Jurkoic, Magnify Voices Committee Co-

Family Network Coordinator. "Over the past five years, we have received many personal and powerful pieces of artwork from New Hampshire's youth. We continue to be impressed by their courage in sharing their stories to help others know they are not alone and to raise awareness of youth mental health."

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), one in six youth in N.H. experience a mental health disorder each year. Early intervention for mental health improves outcomes throughout life. In 2020, 57 percent of Granite Staters with depression age 12 to 17 did not receive any care. An inadequate mental health system negatively impacts individuals, families, and communities.

The NH Children's System of Care (CSoC) started Magnify Voices in



The 2023 Magnify Voices People's Choice Award went to high school student Makayla P. for her drawing titled The Shadows of Anxiety.

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2019 during Mental Health Awareness Month in May to highlight the inadequacies in the system that serves youth and families. The art contest is part of a larger, national effort to recognize the vital importance of positive mental health for a child's healthy development. Since the contest 260 youth entries.

"When I'm in my room sadness and anger strangle my brain as I sit there and remain in my pain," writes middle school student, Kyra F., in her 2023 poem submission titled My Mind in Mere Minutes. "Thinking about everything - the happy girl appearances I'm trying to obtain, the weight I don't want to gain, the good friends and grades I'm trying desperately to maintain, and the fact that everyone must think I'm insane..."

Submissions for Magnify Voices can be in the form of a short video, song, performance, or interpretive dance (two minutes or less); an essay or poem (1,000 words or less); or a design medium such as a sculpture, photography, painting, or diorama. Twelve finalists

will be chosen by a panel of judges, including youth judges, and will be announced at the celebration event on May 22 at New England College in Henniker. The People's Choice Award will be voted on by the public and announced at the event. In addition to the celebration event, all subbegan, there have been over missions will be displayed at other exhibits and events around the state.

> Partner organizations include N.H. Department of Education Bureau of Student Wellness and Nutrition, NAMI New Hampshire, Endowment for Health, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, NH State Council on the Arts, NFI North, New Hampshire Coalition for Suicide Pre-



vention, New Futures, NH Department of Health and Human Services Bureau for Children's Behavioral Health, and NH Office of

the Child Advocate. For more information or to view the 2023 submissions and finalists, visit NHCSoC.org/magnify-

The N.H. Children's System of Care (CSoC) is transforming New Hampshire's children's behavioral health care services and supports into an integrated, comprehensive system of care. The Advisory Council, established by the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services and the N.H. Department of Education, is comprised of more than 50 child and family organizations and agencies across the state focused on improving mental health and addressing substance use disorders for children, youth, and their families. Through a network of resources and support, CSoC is youth and family driven and community based.









history

Jan. 25, 2002: Area lawmakers 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. 25, 1944: The state

announces the deer kill in last fall's open season at 5,137 and says it expects trappers to have a banner season on beaver in March. Pelts are expected to bring \$40 to \$60 each.

Jan. 25, 1960: Praising the New Hampshire primary during a speech to the Nashua Rotary Club, Sen. John F. Kennedy says: "The days when presidential candidates - unknown and untested - can be nominated in smoke-filled rooms by political leaders and party bosses have passed forever from the scene."

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, 2001: Lakes Region General Hospital and Franklin Regional Hospital have created a joint pool of nurses who will work in the critical care units of both facilities, the Monitor reports. The move addresses a serious shortage of nurses and presages a full merger that

will be announced later in the year.

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.

Jan. 27, 2003: The Concord City Council votes to

take the historic Rolfe barn through eminent domain, stopping Ken Epworth, the barn's owner, from dismantling the building and selling the parts to an unnamed client. The PenacookHistorical Society asked the city to step in so it can use the barn as a museum and community center.

Jan. 27, 1983: Concord native John Bluto makes a brief TV appearance on an episode of "Cheers." He plays an insurance salesman, a role he played in real life in Concord for more than 10 years.

Jan. 27, 1994: The temperature in Concord falls to 27 below zero, the city's third record low in eight days.

Jan. 27. 1848: Franklin Pierce returns home to Concord after leading a brigade in the Mexican War. A crowd of 3,000 to 4,000 people meet him at the city's new railroad station. Pierce has been gone eight months. In that time, the







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Concord town meeting has banned "bowling, saloons and circuses." Among those present for Pierce's welcome home is his old friend and Bowdoin College classmate Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Jan. 28, 2003: Twenty victims of a sexually abusive Massachusetts priest and more than 60 of their supporters confront New Hampshire Bishop John McCormack at a meeting in Salem, Mass., and demand repentance.

Jan. 28, 2002: Convicted killer and Monitor columnist Ray Barham, 72, dies from cancer in the state prison infirmary. He was convicted in 1983 of firstdegree murder after shooting his estranged wife's boyfriend, and started writing for the paper's editorial page in 1987. Editor Mike Pride will remember him by writing, "Ray joked about wanting to win the Pulitzer Prize. He said it was the only way to change the headline on his obituary. In fact, for many years it was his writing, not the killing, that defined him. He could not outlast the sentence he had brought upon himself, but his pen bore him through it."

Jan. 28, 2001: Dartmouth students and other residents of Hanover say they're in shock after hearing that two of the college's professors were murdered in their home the day before. It has been 10 years since the last murders in Hanover; in 1991 two female students from Ethiopia were killed with an ax.

Jan. 28, 2000: Mel Bolden, the charismatic portraitist and political activist who became a friend to people of all ages around the Concord area, dies on his 81st birthday. Bolden, whose artistic career spanned six decades, gained particular notoriety for his portraits of Concord teacher Christa McAuliffe, who died on the same day in 1986 in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. One of the portraits hangs in the National

Air and Space Museum.

Jan. 28, 1986: The space shuttle Challenger explodes 72 seconds after liftoff, killing all aboard, including Concord High teacher Christa McAuliffe.

Jan. 28, 1947: Jeanne Shaheen is born. She will direct Gary Hart's 1984 presidential campaign in New Hampshire, represent the Seacoast in the state Senate and, in 1996, be elected the state's first woman governor.

Jan. 30, 2002: Here's a good reason to watch more television and eat more candy, the Monitor reports. Concord native Jeremy Ellison-Gladstone is now appearing in a Snickers ad demonstrating the dangers of going too long without chocolate.

Jan. 30, 2000: As many as 5,000 of the names on Con-

cord's voter rolls shouldn't be there, the Monitor reports. The extra names include people who have moved away or died, as well as people who are listed more than once. "We have about 24,000 registered voters," City Clerk Sharon Dery says, "but I think we're closer to having about 19,000."

Jan. 31, 1986: On a frigid night, thousands gather in the State House plaza for a memorial service for Christa McAuliffe. "Her teaching has not ceased," says Rev. Chester Mrowka.

Jan. 31, 1952: The Concord City Council debates plans for the construction of Storrs Street to relieve traffic downtown. There is no name yet for the new street, so it is referred to as Concord's "Baby Bypass."

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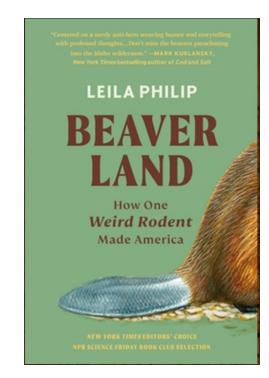




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Food bank receives \$10K donation

Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) is helping to fight hunger, and its root causes, with a \$10,000 donation to New Hampshire Food Bank. The contribution will not only feed families and individuals across the Granite State, it will also support programming and education to those in need. According to the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA), an estimated 6.2% of New Hampshire residents experienced food insecurity from 2020 to 2022. "We're incredibly grateful for The Merrimack's generous donation," said Nancy Mellitt, Director of Development, New Hampshire Food Bank. "Every donation makes a difference and goes toward our ultimate goal of eliminating hunger and improving the quality of life for New Hampshire residents." The New Hampshire Food Bank, a program of



Catholic Charities New Hampshire, has been working to relieve hunger in the Granite State since 1984. In 2023, as the state's only Food Bank, the New Hampshire Food Bank efficiently procured and distributed more than 16.3 million pounds of food to

people in need through more than 400 non-profit registered agencies. For more information about the New Hampshire Food Bank, please visit nhfoodbank.org.For more information about the New Hampshire Food Bank, please visit nhfoodbank.org.

Award-winning writer Leila Philip visits Gibson's

Award-winning writer Leila Philip will visit Gibson's Bookstore on the paperback tour for her masterful work of narrative science writing, "Beaverland: How One Weird Rodent Made America." "Beaverland" is a masterful work of narrative science writing. This book highlights, through history and contemporary storytelling, how this weird rodent plays an oversized role in American history and its future. She follows fur trappers who lead her through waisthigh water, fur traders and fur auctioneers, wildlife managers, PETA activists, Native American environmental vigilantes, scientists, engineers, and the colorful group of activists known as beaver believers. Mark your calendar for the Wednesday, Feb. 21, event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. No registration is required.



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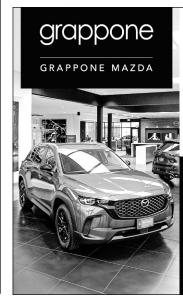
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