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Premium Reserved Parking Space Raffle at Pleasant Mountain for the 2026–27 ski season

BRIDGTON — The Bridgton–Lake Region Rotary Club is raffling a Premium Reserved Parking Space for the entire 2026–27 ski season, generously provided by Pleasant Mountain Ski Area. This important new fundraiser will support local Rotary programs addressing food insecurity, literacy, veterans, and students in need of clothing and other essential items.

The idea for the fundraiser came from Rotarians Lisa Ryan and Patty Burns, who saw an opportunity to reach a new audience while supporting Rotary's local service projects. Both Ryan and Burns serve as Ambassadors at Pleasant Mountain and have developed strong relationships with the resort's staff and skiers over the years.

The Rotary Club has a long history of successful fundraising events. The Great Bridgton Duck Race, now in its 27th year, and the Charity Golf Classic, in its 16th year, remain beloved community traditions—though they require significant volunteer effort. The Shred-a-Thon, in its 4th year, provides valuable community service but generates little revenue. The Premium Reserved Parking Space Raffle offers a fresh way to connect with skiers and season passholders, many of whom may not live locally but visit Pleasant Mountain regularly, especially on weekends.

Pleasant Mountain welcomed the idea and readily agreed to work with Rotary and its two volunteer organizers. "We hope this is the start of a successful and ongoing collaboration. This charity fundraiser is important to our Club," said Rotarian Patty Burns. "The Pleasant Mountain Ski Area staff are a pleasure to work with."

All tickets are sold online through Maine Online Raffles (MOR), the Rotary Club's trusted platform partner. MOR provides a state-approved charitable gaming system, including secure checkout, verified entries, and Maine Gambling Control Unit compliance. Purchasers must be over 18 years of age and physically in Maine at the time of purchase. Rotary members may encourage participation, but all sales occur directly through the MOR platform.

For more information — or to enter the Premium Reserved Parking Space Raffle — visit: BridgtonRotary.MaineOnlineRaffles.com

Raffle ticket sales close December 6, 2026. Early sales have been strong, with 90 tickets sold as of October 27.

For more information about the Bridgton–Lake Region Rotary Club, visit *lakeregionrotary*.com or follow the Club on Facebook.



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MOVIE REVIEW by Lucas Allen

You Can See Everything

(A24)

A lot has been written and talked about the notorious health pioneer Elizabeth Holmes, who managed to defraud investors in bringing her dream company Theranos to life, only to be convicted and sentenced to prison. The widely acclaimed Hulu limited series "The Dropout," starring Emmy and Golden Globe winner Amanda Seyfried as Holmes, may have been enough, but perhaps there's more to her than what the media portrays. The new documentary "You Can See Everything" from acclaimed filmmakers Nathan Fielder ("Nathan for You") and Lance Oppenheim (this year's terrific "Primetime") takes the viewer on a mind-bending journey through the lens of both filmmaker and subject.

With 34 days until her prison sentence, Holmes invited Fielder to document her private life with her partner, hotel heir Billy Evans, and their two young children. The documentary's birds-eye view helps reveal the couple dealing with the fallout of her 2018 trial and indictment not just with the Hulu miniseries, but with the way the media tends to portray her as a pathological liar and manipulative. At the same time, they reveal early plans to resurrect Theranos and perfect her original vision once more. Doubtful, Fielder tries to understand her ambitions through both Billy and her supportive parents.

After the beginning of her prison sentence, Billy is left in charge of running Theranos and immediately comes off as controlling, including taking over the making of the documentary. It is especially alarming when Fielder finds out that Evans is using her image to promote the newly rebranded company and create an AI double of her, along with using her social media accounts. However, the filmmaker has a few tricks up his sleeve to save his project.

With a nearly three-hour documentary, the pacing can be slow at times, though it is more of a stylistic choice by the filmmakers. Its pace is there to make the viewer feel right at home in the lives of these subjects and, at the same time, let them process each moment to understand the events that follow. In fact, getting used to slow pacing helps to surprise the viewer when the film's second half drops the shoe.

Fielder certainly has a close eye on his subject, especially when he involves himself heavily in their lives. Throughout the feature, he can peel back the layers on their personalities to the point where there is something hidden beneath them that is eye-opening and terrifying. There is a scene where he shows Holmes and Evans a clip of the classic Abbott & Costello routine "Who's on First" as a way to show how such hilariously confusing miscommunication pretty much mirrors how they are trying to bring their new ambition to the table. It also turns this documentary into a subversive and incendiary indictment on how the blurred line between fact and fiction can be misconstrued to get to the truth.

The first half of the film centers squarely on Holmes herself basically a loving mother and a smart businesswoman, but there is still an air of mistrust about her that is just as fascinating. After she goes to prison, the second half deals with Billy's growing control and paranoia as a business owner, leading to some uneasy moments for Fielder to confront. When you put these two halves into perspective, it leaves you with questions about each of their sanity and how they really function as a couple.

At first, Seyfried appears mainly to help reenact Fielder's conversations with Holmes alongside actor Christopher Abbott as Billy, coming off as unnecessary padding. But her involvement becomes clearer as the second half rolls along, as a way for anyone who has seen "The Dropout" to rethink when fact and fiction overlap. Not to mention, watching the actress be herself and take on her Holmes role a little differently could be something award-worthy in its own way.

Without hyperbole, "You Can See Everything" certainly lives up to the hype for being a pop culture explosion while also carving out its own space in the documentary genre. It will provoke different reactions from audiences everywhere about the nature of subjectivity versus exposing the real truths. In the end, it is an unforgettable experience from beginning to end that absolutely surprises at every turn.

THE MOVIE'S RATING: R (for language and some graphic nudity)

THE CRITIC'S RATING: 3.75 Stars (Out of Four)

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Rotary raises awareness about polio during October Eradication Month

BRIDGTON - October is Polio Eradication Month for Rotary International, and the Bridgton–Lake Region Rotary Club is using this time to remind the community that polio still exists in the world — and outbreaks can occur when vaccination rates fall. "Polio is only a plane ride away," noted Rotarian Dr. Lisa Ryan, a pediatrician in western Maine. "Vaccination remains the best protection against sometimes deadly childhood diseases." Rotary, in partnership with the Gates Foundation, continues to fund global eradication efforts that provide vaccines for polio, measles, and other preventable illnesses.

Michael McGovern, Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee and a member of the South Portland–Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, highlighted recent progress. "With only three cases of polio reported this year as of mid-August, Pakistan is making great strides," he said. "The remaining challenges come from a few communities where vaccinations are not allowed." As reported in the October 2026 issue of Rotary Magazine, Pakistan shares a porous border with Afghanistan, the only other country where polio remains endemic, complicating eradication efforts due to political and security concerns.

Reflecting on her 2025 travels in the Philippines, Carol Madsen of the Bridgton–Lake Region Rotary Club noted the shared commitment between nations. "I was surprised and pleased by the common interests between our countries. When the Philippines learned what the U.S. was doing to fight polio, they quickly mobilized to protect their children."

Rotary's involvement in polio eradication began in the Philippines. According to Rotary International, on September 29, 1979, Rotary President James L. Bomar Jr. administered the first drops of oral polio vaccine to a child in Makati City, Philippines launching a nationwide immunization program that reached roughly six million children. This early success inspired Rotary to make polio eradication a global priority.

Rotary launched PolioPlus in 1985 and became a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 1988, alongside UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the United Nations, USAID, and later the Gates Foundation. Today, Rotary's 45,000 clubs and 1.2 million members across more than 200 countries remain key funders of the effort. For the past two decades, the Gates Foundation has matched Rotary donations 2:1.

Rotary District 7780 — covering southern Maine and coastal New Hampshire — contributes about $60,000 annually to PolioPlus. With the Gates Foundation match, that impact grows to approximately $180,000 each year.

"We are committed to making a difference in the world, and eradicating polio remains one of Rotary's most important initiatives," said Dr. Ryan, recent past president of the Bridgton–Lake Region Rotary Club.

The Bridgton–Lake Region Rotary Club also supports local initiatives in literacy, scholarships, food insecurity, veterans' programs, and more. The club meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Bridgton Alliance Church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. For more information, visit LakeRegionRotary.com or the club's Facebook page.

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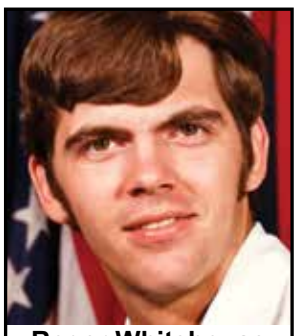
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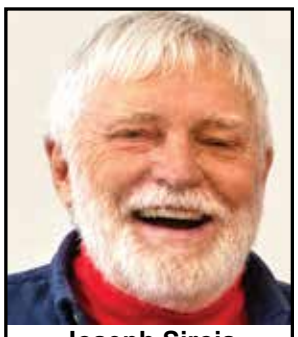
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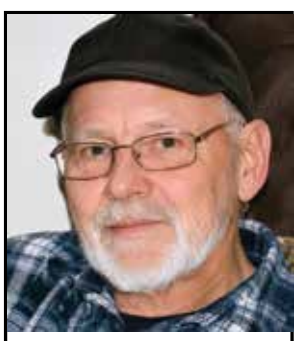
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