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Golden Eagles upset Huskies, move on to title game

Gilford football to face Laconia in Saturday's championship

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Sports Editor

SWANZEY — Against the undefeated top seed in Division III, the Gilford football team didn't seem too fazed.

When the Monadnock Huskies scored in the first quarter to take a 6-0 lead, the Gilford football team didn't seem to be fazed.

And in the end it was the Golden Eagles who left the top-seeded Huskies stunned on their home field, picking up the 26-13 semifinal win to advance to the finals against neighboring Laconia this coming Saturday afternoon.

And that's something that Gilford coach Brandt O'Hara is looking forward



The Gilford football team celebrates winning the Division III semifinal game against Monadnock on Saturday.

could write a better story," the Golden Eagle mentor said of the championship matchup. "For us, we went down there and lost by one point in an awesome game."

"Heading there, at their place, on their field, I can't imagine what it means for both towns and I'm looking forward to that on Saturday," he continued. "It's going to be awesome."

As for the semifinal game in Swanze, the Huskies scored on a one-yard run in the first quarter and the two-point conversion failed, giving the hosts the 6-0 lead after one.

The Golden Eagles came back in the second quarter, with Lukas Diaz

breaking through for a 90-yard touchdown run on the second play of the second quarter, capping off a drive that started at the one and tying the game at six. The Huskies threatened late in the first half, but the Gilford defense made a stand at the goal line to keep the game tied at six at halftime.

The Huskies had a couple other chances in the first, as a touchdown pass was dropped with 2:05 to go in the first half and also had an 18-yard pass called back on an ineligible player downfield at the end of the half.

Mark Uicker connected with Henry Sleeper for a three-yard touchdown pass on fourth and goal to cap

frame.

Uicker connected with Lucas Raleigh for a 20-yard fourth down touchdown pass with 7:50 to go in the game and Bryce Carroll converted the extra point for the 26-13 lead after a 51-yard drive. Uicker had a huge quarterback sneak on fourth down at the 26 that kept the drive alive.

Monadnock got the ball back but Raleigh came up with a big interception to keep the Huskies off the board and Gilford held tight for the 26-13 win to move on to the championship game.

Uicker finished 10 for 17 for 148 yards and two touchdowns, Diaz ran 12 times for 112 yards and a touchdown and caught two passes for 31 yards, Butler had 16 rushes for 62 yards and a touchdown, Raleigh had three catches for 51 yards and a touchdown as well as an interception, Sleeper had a pair of catches for 18 yards and a touchdown, Emmett Hughes had a pair of catches for 34 yards and also registered two defensive sacks for a loss of 15 yards.

After the Huskies moved the ball well on their first few drives, the Golden Eagles adjusted and O'Hara credited his team for making that adjustment.

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Festival of Trees returns for Light Up Alton Dec. 6 & 7

ALTON — The Alton Business Association invites the community to celebrate the season at the Festival of Trees, part of the town's Light Up Alton festivities. The event will take place at the Gilman Museum on:

- Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m.–2 p.m., with the raffle drawing Sunday afternoon

The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser supporting the Alton Community Services Mrs. Santa Fund, helping local families during the

holiday season. Local businesses and organizations display decorated trees and donate raffle items to raise funds while connecting with the community.

The town tree lighting takes place on Saturday at 5 p.m., featuring a live performance by the Prospect Mountain High School Chorus.

Additional giving opportunities include:

- The Giving Tree — Collecting nonperishable food items for Alton Community Services

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Barnstead Historical Society hosting Christmas Sale

BARNSTEAD — Celebrate at its annual Christmas Sale on Fire Station!

the Holiday Season with the Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.- Start with a breakfast sandwich

Barnstead Historical Society 1 p.m. at the Barnstead Parade

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Lakes Region Technology Center students explore healthcare careers at Portsmouth Regional Hospital

PORTSMOUTH — Students from the Lakes Region Technology Center's Health Science program recently attended the Portsmouth Regional Hospital Career Expo, where they had the opportunity to explore a wide variety of healthcare professions through interactive and hands-on learning experiences.

Throughout the day, students engaged directly with healthcare professionals representing fields such as nursing, laboratory science, emergency medicine, radiology, and physical therapy. They participated in a range of activities that provided real-world insight into the diverse career paths available within the healthcare industry.

Two students were in-



Students that attended the field trip: First row, left to right: Zoe Jane Ransom, Alexis Gomulka, Checotah Boisvert, Madison Lord, Billie Jo Murphy, Izabella Forest, Vaega Johnson, Sophia Dupell, Elliott Crouse, Ella Dodier, Anna Hebert, Annika Akey, Kayla Cegielski. Second Row Left to Right: Lila Francis, Tessa McCallum, Clara LeClerc, Savannah Wilson, Avery Gilpatrick, Ava Randall, Kilee Davis, Tucker Ivone, Kaylee Pert, Taylor Allar, Anna Cardinal, Peyton LeClair, MacKenzie Shea, Peyton Ghent, Alexis Fowler, Lillian Ferland

terviewed by WMUR, and several others were featured as they demonstrated skills and participated in career exploration stations. The event not only allowed students to gain valuable exposure to different medical careers but also to practice professionalism and communication skills in a real-world setting.

Health Science instructor Cheryl Krivitsky said the experience was both educational and inspiring for her students.

"This event helps our students see the many opportunities available in healthcare and encourages them to pursue careers where they can make a difference," Krivitsky said.

The success of the

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Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

Community forum on Recreation — Nov. 22

The Friends of Parks and Recreation group, a 501c3, is hosting an interactive community forum where Alton residents and families are invited to the Alton Central School on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.-noon to share their thoughts on Town playgrounds, walking paths, parks, trails and more. The Forum will feature Dr. Kendra LaRoche, PD, a professional consultant on Universal Design for inclusive playgrounds. Childcare, refreshments and light snacks will be provided. Plan to attend and discuss ideas for recreational improvements. For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109.

Light Up Alton — Dec. 6

The Town of Alton is

celebrating “Light Up Alton” on Saturday, Dec. 6 in the Alton Village on Main Street. Free events include: 5 p.m.- Tree Lighting at Town Hall sponsored by the Alton Business Association; 5:15-6:15 p.m.- Meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus inside the Gilman Library, and make a free craft at the Gilman Library (use rear parking lot entrance); 5-6:30 p.m.- Holiday Hayride loading up at Monument Square- sponsored by Alton Home and Lumber; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.-Festival of Trees at the Gilman Museum sponsored by the ABA; plus more to see and do. Light Up Alton events are free and are open to the public. For more information contact the Alton Parks and Recreation Department at 603-875-0109 or parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov.

“Light Up Alton”

decorating event

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department and the ABA are sponsoring a residential and business decorating event. Do you like decorating outside for the holidays, and want to share your display and cheer with others? Submit your physical address and optional photo by contacting parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 by Dec. 1. Maps with decorated locations will be available to the public after Dec. 5.

Weight training classes — Mondays and Wednesdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Weight Training Classes on Mondays and Wednesdays, with AFAA Certified Instructor Kellie Troendle, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Gilman Library for adults of

all ages and abilities. This program is ongoing. Build strong muscles and bones, increase flexibility and develop better balance. Bring light hand weights, a mat and water. For more information, contact parksrec@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Try a class for free. \$20 per month/session or \$5 drop in. Class not held Nov. 26, Dec. 1 & 3.

Pilates Classes in Alton Bay — Tuesdays and Thursdays

The Alton Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring Pilates classes at the Alton Bay Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. with certified instructor Donna Lee. All level adults are welcome for a full body, low impact class that will improve muscle tone, flexibility, balance and strength. Pre-registration is \$10 per class or \$15 drop in. Bring a mat and water.

For more information/register contact Donna at breathepilates1@yahoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

Walking Group — Tuesdays

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a walking group for ages 10 and up on Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. Are you looking to get active but running or hiking may be too much? Join us for a walk led by Sam from Alton Parks and Recreation each Tuesday morning. The group will start at the Parks and Recreation office (328 Main St.), continue around Alton, and loop back. Each walk will be roughly an hour at an easy pace. Supportive shoes are recommended. Contact parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 to sign up.

Hit the Trail! Hiking Programs offered for all levels
Join hiker, Bonnie

Dodge, for beginner focused hikes on Fridays or progressive hikes on Wednesdays. Hikes start at 10 a.m. at the trail head in Alton and surrounding towns.

Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109. Bring water, comfortable walking/hiking shoes, and a snack. A new trail location will be announced each week to the group. Program is free.

Dungeons and Dragons

Alton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a weekly Dungeons and Dragons adventure on Wednesdays at the Alton Bay Community Center from 6-8 p.m. The program is free for ages 18 and up. Sign up at parksrec-asst@alton.nh.gov or 603-875-0109 to secure your game slot. Join in the fun with friends or plan on meeting new people.

Community Calendar Nov. 20–27

Thursday, Nov. 20

The week begins with cheer and grace,
At 7 Pearson Road you'll find the place—
Rotarians meet from five-fifteen,
A social start, then business seen.
At Gilman Library lights glow warm,
At six comes meditation's calm—
A family hour starts at six,
Where stories, smiles, and laughter mix.

Saturday, Nov. 22

In Alton town from ten to noon,
Friends of Parks & Rec convene soon.
A forum open to all who care,
With plans and programs they'll gladly share.
(Their Facebook page confirms the day—
A chance to hear, to join, to say.)

Tuesday, Nov. 25

At six o'clock, with notes in hand,
The Select Board meets as scheduled and planned.
Alton's Town Offices set the scene,
Where civic talk stays sharp and keen.

Wednesday, Nov. 26

Town offices close at seven a.m.—
A pause before the holiday gem.
A quiet day for prep and pies,
For early sunsets, snowy skies.

Thursday, Nov. 27

Thanksgiving greets our towns once more—
With grateful hearts and plates that soar.
Rotary gathers at Pearson Road,
At five-fifteen their meeting's owed.
A social moment, warm and bright,
Before November says goodnight.

Unique places for holiday shopping

Although the holiday season is a relatively brief period, it still can consume months of time in regard to preparation, shopping and hosting. According to a SWNS Digital survey of 2,000 adults in the United States, the average American spends six weeks preparing for the holiday season. Five weeks are devoted to planning presents, meals and other essentials, while an entire week is just for decorating.

Shopping for presents can consume a lot of time, especially for those who aren't quite sure what to get. Thinking outside of the typical retail box may help with inspiration, and shoppers may encounter smaller crowds and find better deals. Here are some unique places to shop to grab great holiday gifts.

Pharmacies: While you're picking up your prescription or medicine cabinet essentials, take a spin around the store to see what else might be available. Typically, pharmacies have entire aisles dedicated to seasonal merchandise, so you might be able to find holiday deco-

rations, gift wrap, candles, pampering items, and even food-related items and gift baskets.

Farmer's market: Farmer's markets pop up in towns on set days of the week. Although plenty of farm-related produce and plants are available, these markets also attract many other small businesses. You can find craftsmen, jewelry makers, niche food sellers, and so much more.

School (or church) bazaar: In an effort to raise funds for the PTA or other organizations, schools and churches often host holiday fairs and bazaars right before the holidays. Area businesses rent table space and set up booths with an array of different products for sale. This is a great spot to grab interesting finds all under one roof. Plus, you're supporting the local community in the process.

Home improvement retailer: Plenty of people will appreciate practical gifts that they can use in and around the home. A visit to a hardware store or home improvement retailer offers up aisles

of essentials for the do-it-yourselfer. While new shelving for the garage or a set of flashlights may not be the most glamorous gifts, these items can come in handy.

Craft store: Cater to recipients' favorite hobbies by ensuring they'll be flush with plenty of supplies. Craft stores have a bevy of items for every interest imaginable. They're also surprisingly good places to grab deals on picture frames, housewares, food-making supplies, and decorative items.

Specialty food store: Head to small specialty food stores to load up on unique items larger supermarkets might not carry. Ethnic markets may have flavorful and interesting ingredients to group together in a food basket that makes an ideal gift for transplants missing the flavors of home.

Before a person logs on to the internet for online shopping or heads to the nearest strip mall, he or she can explore various unique places to shop for holiday gifts.

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PETS OF THE WEEK

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Simi is the total package — handsome, loyal, and full of energy! This athletic boy loves to run, jump, and show off his playful spirit, so a home that can give him plenty of exercise and adventure is a must. Whether it's a long walk, a backyard sprint, or a good game of fetch, Simi is always ready to move.

Once his zoomies are out of the way, though, he's all about snuggles.

True to his velcro-dog nature, Simi loves nothing more than being right by your side, soaking up all the love he can get. When he gets excited, he proudly picks



up his favorite toy to show it off — and yes, he insists his harness goes around both him and his toy. Simi would prefer to be the only dog in the home without other pets- he loves to chase and hunt smaller animals for fun.

A man knows what he wants, after all!

Simi always looks dashing in his signature bandana and is ready to steal hearts (and maybe a few squeaky toys) wherever he goes. If you're looking for a loyal best friend with energy, style, and endless affection, Simi is your guy.



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Support Meredith Food Pantry at Nov. 26 Songwriter Round-Up

MEREDITH — Spend your Thanksgiving Eve at the next Songwriter Round-Up and you'll be helping to support the efforts of the Meredith Food Pantry. As we enter into a time of year in which we celebrate each other with Holiday meals and gifts, let's also remember those who are less fortunate in our community.

At the Nov. 26 Songwriter Round-Up show one-half of all ticket sales and tips will be donated to the Meredith Food Pantry. This gifting is being done through the generosity of the three singer-songwriters who will performing their original compositions on the stage of "The Loft" at Hermit Woods Winery. In addition, show attendees who bring a canned good for donation to the



Food Pantry will be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets to any upcoming Songwriter Round-Up show. These shows are made possible through the partnership between Katie Dobbins Music (Gilford) and Hermit Woods Winery & Eatery (Meredith) which

has brought the monthly music series Songwriter Round-Up to the Lakes Region. Held in the region's premier listening room, The Loft located on the second floor of the Winery, this series has been giving audience members a chance to experience the original music of talented singer-songwriters from the New England area and beyond. At each show three artists share their songs and stories in a unique in-the-round style performance. Held on the last Wednesday of each month, this intimate series features two different songwriters each month alongside host performer Katie Dobbins.

The next Songwriter Round-Up show takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 26, featuring the Lakes Region's own Katie Dobbins, a singer-songwriter who delivers her artistry with beautiful vocal tones wrapped in guitar and piano melodies, Mike Morris, a singer-songwriter from New Hampshire with a highly

creative spirit that he pours into in a genre he describes as "freestyle Folk," and Dane Anderson, a New Hampshire singer-songwriter who delivers honest, heartfelt lyrics that reveal truths gleaned from life experiences and seafaring adventures. All of these artists bring their own unique life-lyrics, melodies, and styles to the stage. This promises to be an evening of great original music and dynamic entertainment that you won't want to miss. Learn more about each of these artists on the Hermit Woods Winery Web site.

A complimentary wine tasting will begin at 5:30 p.m., the Loft opens at 6 p.m. for seating & dinner orders, and music starts at 7 p.m. Patrons can further enhance their evening by selecting from a menu of tasty items available from Chef Kaylon Sweet of Sweet Mercy's Kitchen. Tickets can be purchased in advance at hermitwoodswinery.com/the-loft or in-person at the Winery.

Wolfeboro Friends of Music presents Lúnasa



WOLFEBORO — Wolfeboro Friends of Music continues its 90th Anniversary Season with an Irish Winter Solstice celebration featuring supergroup Lúnasa Friday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m.

Named for an ancient Celtic harvest festival in honour of the Irish god Lugh, Lúnasa was formed in 1997 from members of some of the greatest Irish groups of the previous decade, an early review from Folk Roots magazine describing the band as an "Irish music dream team." From the start, the band's complex arrangements and unique sound reshaped the boundaries of traditional music and energized audiences the world over. Critical acclaim followed, MOJO

magazine named the band "the new gods of Irish music," adding that "nobody since the Bothies has wielded such a thrilling rhythmic underlay." Billboard raved that "anybody who listens can't help but find them contagious."

Having since sold more than a quarter of a million records and performed more than 2,500 shows across 36 countries, Lunasa has won multiple awards and become one of the most influential bands in the history of traditional music. Collaborations with singers Natalie Merchant, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, and Tim O'Brien and high-profile concerts at The Hollywood Bowl, New York's Carnegie Hall, Glastonbury Fes-

tival and Bercy Arena Paris helped broaden the band's audience and cement it place at the forefront of contemporary Irish music.

This is the fourth of nine concert performances comprising the current WFOM season running through June, 90 years of artistic excellence in service to New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Mount Washington Valley and beyond!

Season sponsors make Wolfeboro Friends of Music possible: Diana and Greg Jonas, Paul Zimmerman, Susan and James Scarborough, John Sandeen,

The Kalled Gallery, Bradley's Hardware, Carroll County Landscape, and YFI Custom Homes

Tickets are available for \$39.50 at the exciting new website: www.wfriendsofmusic.org; Or by email at: info@wfriendsofmusic.org, and at the door on the day of the concert.

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As the first chill of winter begins to touch our lake-country towns, it’s a good moment to reflect on the quiet strength of community in places like our little corner of New Hampshire. These are towns where the seasons shape our rhythms: summer tourists fade, the lake slows, and we turn inward — to each other, our neighborhoods, the routines we often take for granted.

We know the coming months bring work: snow removal, road maintenance, heating bills and the well-being of our neighbors, especially the seniors who call our region home. In towns of modest size, the budget sheets matter deeply. The local transfer station, the school bus routes, the library heating system — all touch everyday life more intimately than in a metropolis. And people notice. They care. They ask questions: “Will our property taxes go up? Can we maintain services? Are our schools ready for the winter storm if it hits?”

That’s healthy. It speaks of civic engagement. It speaks of people who live here year-round, who are invested in place, and who recognize that warm-weather livelihoods don’t pay all the bills. It’s a season for thoughtful planning, not just seasonal optimism. And it’s a time when the value of connection shows up: neighbors checking on one another if they haven’t seen each other for a week; volunteer boots turning out for the fire department; a concerned parent at the school board meeting speaking up for children’s safety.

In each of our towns, there is a sole proprietor, a volunteer fire chap lain, a retired teacher who still uses her voice at town hall. These people anchor us. They often ask for nothing more than acknowledgement — and perhaps the chance to pass their experience on to the next generation. It’s not glamorous, but it is vital.

Soon enough we will trade the lure of lake days for the solace of a fireplace, the hush of snowfall, the early twilight. And in that shift there is opportunity. Opportunity to build community in the slower season: a potluck at the seniors’ center, a book club at the public library, a snowshoe outing with the conservation commission. That matters. We discover each other again. We remember what we actually share — not just taxes, town halls and school budgets — but roads we travel, sunsets over the water, the same grocery aisles, the same mailboxes, the same concern for our children and elders.

So as winter approaches — quietly, steadily — let us not see it as a withdrawal from vitality. Let us see it as a different rhythm, one that invites us to lean in. Let us use the colder months to strengthen ties, to ask the hard questions of governance, to speak up when it matters, and to support each other when resources are limited. Because when the storms arrive — and they will — we’ll be stronger if we were connected before the first flake fell.

Local leadership, year-round citizens and newcomers alike: this is our moment. The lakes may freeze. The sidewalks may close. But the community endures. And in that endurance lies our true winter-warmth.



COURTESY
The Careers in Education students at Lakes Region Technology Center, under the direction of Patti Edson, participated in the Educators Rising statewide book collection. For three weeks our students joined nine other schools and collected just over 9,000 books. The students at LRTC are grateful for the support of the teachers, bus drivers, and members of the community who worked to help us collect a record number 3,279 books to be distributed to adult and children's shelters around our state.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Lopper Man

After getting side-tracked in every which way today, I found myself with some available time to spare. I remembered the other day when I spent a good portion of the afternoon lopping countless small trees and bushes that were just too out of the way to get to with the lawnmower that there were lots more that needed cutting.

I actually have a machine made just for this kind of thing. It's not one of those wimpy stringy thingies. It has an actual blade that can actually do some damage. When it was new it worked wonderful, but then it became hard to start. I found out that this ecological misadventure of adding ethanol to gasoline causes the fuel lines in such machines to deteriorate. I replaced my fuel lines and good Lord, it worked again for a couple more years. I just haven't had the patience to deal with it. It sits in

the shack awaiting my attention if I ever find the motivation.

Loppers are sometimes actually better as they don't inadvertently damage the trees next to where you're trying to cut. So I started on the other side of the woodshed than I worked the other day and attacked all the small saplings and raspberry plants I came across. Saplings because they're much easier to deal with before they turn into big trees, and raspberries because if you've ever tried working around, or walking through a raspberry patch, you'd understand that God wasn't fooling around when he told Adam about the thorns and brambles that he would be encountering.

If you can keep them under control, they're not so overbearing. When I first started my quest to get rid of them in my yard, I would mow them in the fall. Then the next spring

they'd be growing up bigger and badder than the year before. Then I discovered that I needed to mow them before they fruited their berries, in the spring. Then they wouldn't be reseeding themselves, and we know from reading the parable about the sower, that they'll reproduce a thousandfold. Everything growing on the planet lives under the commandment to “be fruitful and multiply.” That's universal.

My problem is that I've been very lax lately with my yearly household chores and lots of things have taken advantage of that. But as usual, once I get going, I just keep going until I have to stop. My back had been complaining for a while. I really need loppers with much longer handles. If I could only stand up straight and not need to bend over for every snip, I'd be much happier. My right wrist isn't terribly pleased with all my efforts either, but none of us are getting any younger, are we? Even though I was curling up like a snail, I kept reaching down to snip everything I saw as I headed back to the shack.

If I had a well defined yard, I'd definitely be better off. Once again, I found myself heading off into the woods on one of my ski trails that was too constricted for the tractor, and even a

tough job for the lawn mower. Sometimes doing things by hand is the best way. It was definitely in need as I haven't gotten to trim it in years. The raspberry bushes were huge and reach out to rip your legs as you attempt to ski through them. I managed to widen it up nicely, now we just need some snow.

I can see you all cringing, “No, not snow.” The thermometer doesn't say it's time yet, but it certainly feels cold enough to me. I think it was 2011 that we had 18 inches on Oct. 30. I popped a hernia scooping all that heavy wet slop. I just felt something had happened. Took over a decade to figure that one out. And for what it's worth, it was pretty poor skiing that day too. But it was historic.

Maybe it's time to start wearing my long johns? It's always a wonderful feeling of added warmth when I do. I always wait too long to switch over to my lined work pants, fluffy bed quilt, and winter coats and hats in the wintertime. Those cloths that have been packed away all summer, it's time to be getting them all out. Heavier socks went on today. Flannel shirts are already the norm.

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Holiday Gift & Shopping Guide



Budget-frendly holiday shopping tips

Holiday shopping and entertaining involve a whirlwind of activity to round out the end of the year. The holiday season also tends to be an expensive time of year. According to Capital One Shopping, the average spending for holiday travel, gifts and entertainment expenses is \$1,638. The National Retail Federation says American consumers spend an average of \$997.73 on gifts and other holiday items each Christmas.

For some people, adding an additional \$1,000 to their November or December budgets can be challenging, and many individuals seek budget-friendly solutions for their holiday celebrations. The following

guidelines can help corral spending this year.

Set a budget

It's impossible to keep a budget if one is never established in the first place. Determine how much you can comfortably spend on gifts, travel and entertaining, as well as any other holiday expenses. Once the number is calculated, divvy up spending accordingly.

Plan your list

Make a list of everyone you need to purchase gifts for, along with gift ideas and estimated costs. Set a dollar amount for each individual, particularly if you will not be spending the same amount on each person. Having numbers in black and white, and com-

paring them to what you have allocated for gifts, will enable you to see whether you are overspending or on budget.

Shop early

Begin holiday shopping as early as possible, even months before the holidays arrive. Such an approach enables you to take advantage of sales as they come up. Also, you will not fall victim to impulse buys or last-minute purchases because you are under a time crunch.

Track spending

Utilize whatever method works for you to keep apprised of spending. It may

be jotting down numbers on a piece of paper or using a budgeting app on a smartphone. Having a clear idea of what you have spent and any dollars remaining will help you keep your overall spending in line with your budgeted amount.

Get coupons

Signing up for stores' loyalty programs can enable you to receive members-only coupons or digital codes to your phone or email. Compare the discounted final price with other stores' offers to make sure that you are getting the best deals. Browser extensions also can search auto-

matically for coupons and apply them to the checkout when online shopping.

Use credit cards wisely

Credit cards come with various perks, many of which are points or cash back accumulated with each purchase. Utilize a card that works best for your needs, whether it's to get airline miles or score extra spend-

ing money for a particular retailer. Only charge what you can pay in full when the bill arrives; otherwise, the benefits may be negated by high interest rates.

Holiday spending can derail financial plans for those who do not establish a firm budget and commit to spending wisely towards the end of the year.



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MICHAEL McMAHON — KEENE SENTINEL
Lucas Raleigh (12) and Liam Butler (9) celebrate a Gilford touchdown during semifinal action against Monadnock.

FOOTBALL
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“I think it was a couple of different factors. One, you don’t want to use it as an excuse, but that bus ride, I think we just had to wake up a little bit,” O’Hara said. “That first drive they took, I don’t know if we just had to get the crack of the pads go-



MICHAEL McMAHON — KEENE SENTINEL
Mark Uicker fires off a pass during his team’s upset of top-seeded Monadnock in the Division III semifinals.



MICHAEL McMAHON — KEENE SENTINEL
(Left) Lukas Diaz celebrates his 90-yard touchdown as teammates come to join him in action in the Division III semifinals.

ing a little bit for us to wake up.
“There were little schematic things that we did in between, but not enough for me to say that was the end all be all, I think the kids just matched the intensity after that first drive,” the Golden Eagle coach continued.

He also praised his team’s offense for keeping the Huskies off balance all day.

“We’re lucky to have some of the skill that we have and the height, but we have some good hard-nosed runners that do a good job between the tackles,” O’Hara mentioned. “We were trying to keep that balance to stay true to who we are, but we had to take advantage of what they were giving us.”

Gilford will play in the Division III championship at Laconia High School on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 1 p.m.

Michael McMahon of the Keene Sentinel contributed to this report.

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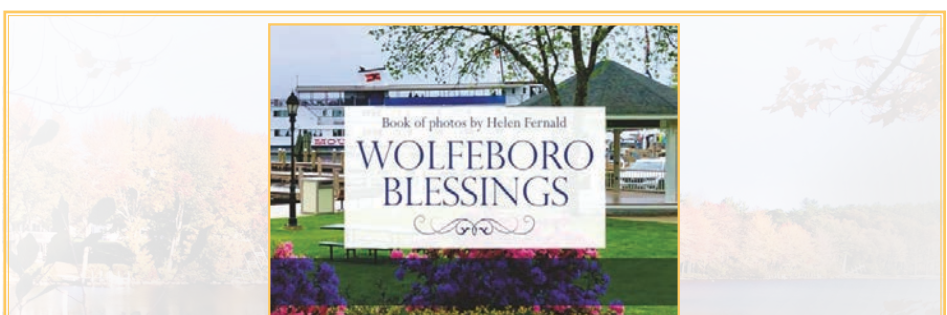


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WOLFEBORO — Storyteller, educator, and award-winning author, Michael J. Caduto is coming to The Country Bookseller just in time for the holidays for a reading and signing from his new book Friday, Nov. 28 from 1-3 p.m.

Caduto has authored more than 20 books that have been published in numerous languages, and have sold more than 1.2 million copies worldwide.

In his latest picture book, “Enchanted Night Before Christmas,” we meet the Sherman family, who may not have much, but they

care deeply for one another and extend their generosity to others. They create gingerbread cookies as holiday gifts, lovingly decorating them for family and friends.

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that transforms their holiday and their lives forever.

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others. It also features a delightful gingerbread spice cookie recipe from King Arthur Baking Company.

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Trio of Golden Eagles earn field hockey All-State nods

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The state’s field hockey coaches announced the All-State honorees at the conclusion of this fall’s season and there were numerous locals on the lists.

In Division III, First Team honors went to Berlin’s Emma Rancloes, Olivia Richard and McKenna Kelley and Gilford’s Catherine Fay and Grace Southworth. Second Team honors went to Kennah Scott and Emily Smith of Berlin and Denessa Williams of Winnisquam and Honorable Mention was given to Berlin’s Cloey Vien, Gilford’s Riley Coutts and Winnisquam’s Zariah Moore and Camilla Cote.

Also earning First Team honors were Ryan Barrett and Autumn Meier of Hopkinton, Iris Traffie and Kiahna Farrey of Mascenic, Makenna Houston and Ellie McGrody of Mascoma, Jillie Ouellette and Elizabeth Benware of Stevens and Riley Thomas and Leah Walsh of St. Thomas.

Second Team honors were also presented to Marcella Tonge of Bishop Brady, Mia Lambert of Conant, Emma Pelletier of Hopkinton, Stella Syversten and Reagan Billado of Kearsarge, Evelyn Shippee of Mascenic, Georgia Kondi and Aubrey Elizabeth of Mascoma, Makayla Harwood of Monadnock, Lillian Clark of Stevens and Elizabeth Holden of St. Thomas.

Also earning Honorable Mention were Ava Archambault and Ella Blanchett of Bishop Brady, Autumn Burgoyne of Conant, Mary Maughan and Lauren Vetter of Hopkinton, Ava Nolan of Kearsarge, Ava Haavisto and Hailey Saari of Mascenic, Tori Petty, Samantha Harkins, Sophia Smith and Abby Harkins of Mascoma, Jade Dutton of Sanborn, Olivia St. Aubin and Callie Demars of Stevens and Talula Gregg, Emma Massicotte and Bea Burlage of St. Thomas.



Catherine Fay was named to the Division III All-State First Team for the fall season.

named Defensive Player of the Year and Makenna Houston was named Offensive Player of the Year. Mascoma’s Danielle Pushee was named Division III Coach of the Year.

For Division II, the lone local player earning First Team honors was Plymouth goalie Carmen Donis while Second Team honors went to Kingswood’s Issy Fournier and Plymouth’s Lucia Sakin. Earning Honorable Mention were Kennett’s Abigail Smith, Izzy Fitzsimmons and Noli Houde, Kingswood’s Addy Ingham, Adelle Harrington and Avery Gilpatrick and Plymouth’s Trista Strickland, Diorah Hussey and Amelia Avery.

Joining Donis in earning First Team honors were Bow’s Josie Johnson and Peyton Vaughn, Derryfield’s Rosie Blake, Hanover’s Greta and Sophia Mancini, Hollis-Brookline’s Paige Shirley, Merrimack Valley’s Lauren Bailey, Oyster River’s Eliza Farewell, Nora Rogers and Rowynn Pickering, Souhegan’s Mariellah and Oriannah Dart and John Stark’s Caylin Worthen and Claudia Dustin.

Joining Fournier and Sakin in earning Second Team honors were Bow’s Kaylee Jacques and Madelyn Hebert, Ava Koslowski of Derryfield, Joia Collins of Hanover, Ashley Disco, Brooke Bouchard and Caroline Crawford of Hollis-Brookline, Hannah

Dubuc of Merrimack Valley, Sadie McLeod of Oyster River, Ella Russell and Emeline Godin of Souhegan and Ava Friberg and Zoe Lawson of John Stark.

Also earning Honorable Mention for Division II were Ainsley Herrick and Elise Jacques of Bow, Kaelyn Samuelson of ConVal, Ella LaFlamme and Tyl-Elle Fulton of Derryfield, Addyson Olszewski, Anna McGuirk, Jenna O’Connor and Madeleine Barich of Hollis-Brookline, Addison DeCew, Kaitlin Dennis and Maxine Lundeen of John Stark, Claire Kelly, Harper Rancourt and Kate Clary of Lebanon, Nora Cardin, Lily Webster and Paige Bernier of Milford, Abbey Thompson and Julia Michael of Merrimack Valley, Grey Bowden and Maggie Aldous of Oyster River, Ashlyn Barker, Ava Strazzeri and Phoebe Morris of Pembroke and Amelia Warecki and Avery Wybomey of Souhegan.

Oriannah Dart and Caylin Worthen were named Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Paige Shirley was named the Defensive Player of the Year. Souhegan coach Kelli Braley was named Division II Coach of the Year. Fournier was also named to the New Hampshire Twin State Team, which will take on Vermont in June.

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Grace Southworth capped off the season by earning Division III First Team honors.



Riley Coutts was named to the Division III All-State Honorable Mention team.

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Nov. 20 – Nov. 27

Thursday, Nov. 20
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness w/ Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Now Showing, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Join us for a showing of “Fantastic Mr. Fox” (PG)! Based off the

Roald Dahl book, director Wes Anderson tells the story of Mr. Fox, a retired chicken thief who's taking a dip back into the life of crime for the sake of his eccentric family and for himself.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Book Discussion:

History of Sound, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
This month's book is “The History of Sound” by Ben Shattuck. Led by Rhetta; books are available at the front desk.
Pajama Storytime, 6-6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 21
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Gather and Glow: A Holiday Chair Yoga Journey, 10-11 a.m.
Step into the season with warmth and, community and light with Certified Yoga Teach-

er, Reiki Master, and Professional Muse Lani Voivod. She offers six weeks of joyful, cozy practices to help you stretch, breathe and shine through the heart of November and December. Each class blends gentle movement, mindful breath work, and guided relaxation, inviting you to cultivate gratitude, connect with community, kinder inner light, and find peace in the festive season. No experience necessary. Cost: \$45 for the six-week series
Classes: Nov. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 5, 12, 19. (10-11 a.m.)
Hand & Foot, noon to 2:30 p.m.
Happy Crafters, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Advanced Conversational German, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Lower Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25
Feel Good Fitness w/ Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Join Dottie Bergeron for a fun hour of stretching, toning, balance and low impact cardio for all levels!
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Homeschool Group, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 26
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yoo-hoo!, 10-11 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22
NO EVENTS, FLOOR CLEANING
Monday, Nov. 24

Thursday, Nov. 27
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

SPORTS

Prospect Mountain hosts fall sports awards

Alton, Barnstead students also honored at annual ceremony



Taylor Greenwood was named the Female Fall Athlete of the Year and was presented the award by Athletics Director James Christie.



Athletics Director James Christie presented the Male Fall Athlete of the Year to Knyte Neathery at last week's fall sports awards.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School wrapped up the fall sports season and invited athletes from Alton Central School and Barnstead Elementary School to join in on the fun on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Athletics Director James Christie welcomed everyone and went through a review of the season for all of the schools and had a few highlights to point out to the assembled crowd in the high school auditorium.

The first standout he brought up was the Barnstead Elementary boys' cross country team, which finished first in every regular season race and then ran to second place in the state championships.

The second standout was the Alton Central boys' soccer A team, which finished the regular season at 17-0-1 and went on to win the Lakes Region championship at



Charlie Yeaton was presented the Timber Wolf Student Athlete Award at last week's fall sports awards.

the end of the season.

And the final standout was varsity boys' soccer coach Cory Halvorsen, who reached the 100 varsity wins plateau during the regular season.

Christie also thanked the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) that helped to lead activities throughout the entire season and also thanked the Prospect Mountain Booster Club, which has continued to grow throughout

the years and this year sponsored media day pictures, packed food for teams taking long road trips, sold concessions at games and generally contributed to the atmosphere of the fall sports season.

Christie also read letters from all of the season's coaches, recapping the season that each team had.

The Alton Central and Barnstead Elementary coaches also selected one athlete from each

team to receive the Prospect Award. Christie also presented the NHIAA Sportsmanship Award to athletes from each of the high school teams. Multiple requests to get the full list of award winners were not successful as of deadline. If we receive these lists moving forward, we will publish the complete list.

The Timber Wolf Student Athlete award was up next and Christie presented the Male Student Athlete Award to Charlie Yeaton and the Female Student Athlete Award was presented to Jenna Sykes.

The final award of the ceremony was the Fall Athlete of the Year. The Male Athlete of the Year was presented to Knyte Neathery and the Female Athlete of the Year was presented to Taylor Greenwood.

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Gilford police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 31 to Nov. 16.

Stephen J. Legro, age 53, and Renee Ann Legro, age 49, of Gilford were arrested on Oct. 31 for Resisting Arrest or Detention and Obstructing Government Administration. Several juveniles were also arrested during this incident for Unlawful Possession of Alcohol and/or Intoxication.

Bruce W. Cabana, age 50, was arrested on Nov. 5 in connection with a warrant.

Joshua T. Skinner, age 19, was arrested on Nov. 6 in connection with a warrant.

Devan Justice Cameron, age 27, was arrested on

Nov. 6 for Sale of Tobacco to a Minor.

Briana L. Plume, age 33, was arrested on Nov. 6 for operating a motor vehicle after suspension of registration.

Nicholas Perreira, age 38, was arrested on Nov. 7 for Operating after Certification as a Habitual Offender.

Krystal G. Hibbard, age 47, was arrested on Nov. 7 in connection with a warrant.

Robert L. Spaulding, Jr., age 29, was arrested on Nov. 8 in connection with a warrant.

Velvet Elaine Weeks, age 54, was arrested on Nov. 13 for Criminal Trespassing, Receiving Stolen Property, and Criminal Mischief.

Gilford Public Library

Top 12 Requests

1. “The Black Wolf” by Louise Penny
2. “The Widow” by John Grisham
3. “Secret of Secrets” by Dan Brown
4. “The Picasso Heist” by James Patterson
5. “Exit Strategy” by Lee Child
6. “The Academy” by Elin Hilderbrand
7. “The King’s Ransom” by Janet Evanovich
8. “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans
9. “Nash Falls” by David Baldacci
10. “The Proving Ground” by Michael Connelly
11. “Nobody’s Girl” by Virginia Robert Giuffre
12. “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon

PSU women’s lacrosse hosting youth, high school clinics Dec. 7

PLYMOUTH — Plymouth State University women’s lacrosse head coach Becky Dale announced that the program will host a position-specific skills clinic for youth and high school players in December.

The clinic is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Bank of New Hampshire Field House in ALLWell North.

Youth Session (grades 5-8) will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. and the high school session (grades 9-12) will take place from noon to 2 p.m.

Each session will focus on position-specific instruction, with skills and drills tailored to draw specialists, midfielders, attackers, defenders and goalies. Participants should select their position during

registration and bring appropriate lacrosse equipment and indoor sneakers.

Check-in opens 30 minutes prior to each session.

The youth session fee is \$30 per player, while the high school session costs \$50 per player. To help expedite check-in, participants are asked to bring printed, signed waivers.

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Gilford	97 Tate Rd.	Residential Developed Land	\$690,000	Province Realty Trust LLC	Gregory J. and Gretchen Enns
Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$65,000	Julie Cupp	Jeffrey Ursillo
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Community holiday concert at Congregational Church of North Barnstead Dec. 6

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This is truly a don't miss event! Bring your kids, your neighbors, and invite friends as we create community and start traditions in a magical space with shared live music, sure to leave you with the joy and hope of the season. You will not be disappointed. See you on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. Tickets, by donation, available at the door (or call 603-776-1820). Suggested donation is \$20 per person or \$35 for the family.

SHAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT KITCHEN MANAGER

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TOWN OF NEW DURHAM PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025
7:00 PM @ NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

Christopher and Katie Marchuk

You are hereby notified that a hybrid Public Hearing will be held in person and over Zoom by the New Durham Planning Board on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the New Durham Town Hall. The hearing is regarding a Subdivision, Major – Design Review within the Residential, Agricultural, Recreational Zoning District and the Wetlands Conservation Overlay submitted by Steven M. Oles, of Norway Plains Associates, Inc., on behalf of Christopher and Katie Marchuk for property at Map 270, Lot 015, at Five Meaderboro Road, New Durham, New Hampshire. The full application is on file at the New Durham Town Offices for review during normal business hours. If you have any questions on Zoom meeting, please contact the Land Use Assistant at ndlanduse@newdurhamnh.gov or the Planning Board.

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Alton Garden Club delves into terrariums



ALTON — The October meeting of Alton Garden Club was held in Michelle Hanley's barn, which she had expertly decorated for Halloween with a Pirates of the Caribbean theme. Once again, creativity was on display everywhere, amazing our attendees who enjoyed viewing the various rooms,

especially one that included a cardboard pirate ship and another showing a plank awaiting someone's walk into the sea. Thank you to Michelle for hosting this fun Halloween event!

This month's speaker, Diane Norton, showed us how easy it is to make terrariums that can be filled

with tropical plants or succulents. She was assisted by Roberta Mank, and they explained that the first step was finding glass containers by checking swap shops, yard sales or second-hand stores. Once purchased and cleaned, small pebbles, sand or crushed shells should be placed in the bottom for drainage. Next, charcoal should be added to purify any accumulating water, followed by a layer of wet sphagnum moss. Potting soil, specific for the type of plant you will be using, is next. Then it's time to add small plants, taking into consideration their anticipated growth. The final touch could be decorations, such as tiny pumpkins, fake flowers or even little gnome figurines added for color. Several lovely terrariums made by Norton and Mank were given as gifts to a few lucky attendees. Peggy McKinney thanked them for the presentation, and members then enjoyed a few minutes of socialization with fall beverages and tasty treats provided by this month's Hostess Committee.

This was the end of our presentation schedule for the year, with our November luncheon the final meeting for 2025. During that time, we will elect officers and participate in our annual collection for the Alton Food Pantry and Mrs. Santa Fund. During winter months we will complete program scheduling for 2026, which is now in progress and promises to be a season of high interest to all with a love of gardening. We wish all of our neighbors a winter of health, comfort and renewal!

Kingswood National Honor Society welcomes new members



WOLFEBORO — The Kingswood Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 21 new members on Nov. 13 at Kingswood Regional High School. The 2025 inductees include Lexi Baker, Graham Burke, Kayla Cegielski, Kelsie Davis, Jacob Dubuc, Sophia Dupell, Laura Fernandes, Tiana Fowler, Adelle Harrington, Anna Johnson, Adaline King, Caroline Kinzmaier, Kiernan Kolodner, Cassidy Libby, Megan Nicol, Ewan Nicoll, Alexis Olkkola, Zachary Pickle, Dean Richards, Ryan Santerre, and Reid

Swinerton. NHS member Oliver Noel kicked off the induction with a warm welcome and then led attendees through the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, NHS members Cooper McCourt, Brady Moulton, Michael House, and Bryce Sandlin expanded upon each of the four NHS pillars. Principal Paul Famulari led the inductees through a recitation of the NHS Pledge, welcomed each inductee by name and presented their membership card and pin. Thomas Benker then closed the ceremony with some thoughtful

words about the organization. The Kingswood Chapter of the NHS, now 40 members strong, is active in our community. Members run a Saturday morning mentorship program known as Kingswood and Kids. They read and reenact

stories for students at all the elementary schools through the Kingswood Reads program. Additionally, members support the community by raising money for local charities and facilitating events at the high school.



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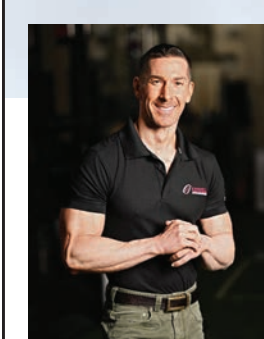


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