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Prospect boys edge past Gilford and on to quarterfinals

Late penalty kick gives Timber Wolves 2-1 win over Golden Eagles

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — It was a game fitting of the eight vs. nine seeds in the Division III boys' soccer tournament as well as a game between neighbors and rivals as the Gilford Golden Eagles welcomed Prospect Mountain to town on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The Timber Wolves got a penalty kick in the final 10 minutes and freshman Orion Neathery delivered the kick to the back of the net to break a 1-1 tie and the Timber Wolves held on for the 2-1 win to earn a trip to



Gilford took the 1-0 lead with 28:38 to go, as Jevan Beale sent a long direct kick into the box and Wolpin was able to put the ball home for the 1-0 lead. Bryce Lounsbury had a shot go high for Prospect and Blake Pappaceno made a run for the visitors that Gilford's Luke Javalgi was able to clear from the zone. Omario Brooks also cleared an Orion Neathery cross.

The Timber Wolves tied the game with 23:04 to go in the first half, as Orion Neathery pushed the ball in

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Gilford Community Church hosting discussion of veterans' organization

GILFORD — On Sunday, Nov. 9, Sandra Newhall will be joining us to discuss a group she is passionate about, Humble Grunt Work, a local veterans' organization that honors all branches of the military.

In the spirit of CPL Eugene F. Burgess, Jr., their mission is to recognize and honor those who have served. He believed in getting the job done "grunt style" boots on the ground, letting nothing stop him from accomplishing his missions. They will work "grunt style" until every New Hampshire Veteran has been recognized. Leaving no one behind, only then will their mission be complete.

Humble Grunt Work is involved in the Honor Flight Program, bringing World War II Veterans to visit Washington, D.C., free of charge

and also has plans to lay over 800 wreaths at the NH Veteran Cemetery in December, honoring each of them by placing a wreath on their headstone, saying their name and thanking them for their service.

If you would like more information or to get involved, please visit their Web site, www.humblegrunt-work.org.

Located in Gilford at 19 Potter Hill Rd., the Gilford Community Church (GCC) is an inclusive, open community that welcomes believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. Viewable live on Facebook and available on YouTube, Sunday service at GCC takes place at 10 a.m. To learn more, or virtually attend service, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.

Prospect Mountain goalie Charlie Yeaton punches the ball out of the air as Gilford's Jevan Beale goes up to try and get his head on the chance in playoff action last week.

the quarterfinal round of the Division III tournament.

Knyte Neathery had a long direct kick for the Timber Wolves and Isaac Casale sent a shot on net for Prospect that Gilford goalie Gavin Forest stopped. Gilford's Kael Weber made a nice defensive stop on Orion Neathery and Casale had a cross into the box that Gilford's Christien Nunez cleared. Forest made a great grab in the crowd and Nunez and Brady Allesandro made a good run for the Golden Eagles that was cleared. Owen Wolpin also had a chance for the Golden Eagles that Blake Snell cleared out for Prospect.

New Durham Library's Caitlin Frost named Library Director of the Year



COURTESY
The Trustees of the Library stand with Frost after the award presentation. From left to right: Pat Mitchell, Marilee DeCoff, Caitlin Frost, Tara Gendron, and Bill Meyer.

MVSB supports Home Possible Project's fundraising for new community residence



COURTESY
Beck Reposa, MVSB AVP Branch & Business Development Officer (left), and Alyssa Richard, MVSB Universal Banker (right), present a donation to The Home Possible Board Members Cheryl Larose, Dorothy Piquado, Lisa DiMartino and Joel Fisher at the MVSB Gilford branch office.

GILFORD — The New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority recently awarded tax credits to The Home Possible

NEW DURHAM — More than 100 residents gathered last Tuesday evening at the New Durham Public Library to celebrate a milestone moment: the grand re-opening of the library's newly renovated, ADA-accessible entrance and circulation area, followed by a ceremony honoring Library Director Caitlin Frost as the 2025 Library Director of the Year.

The renovations, which were made possible through a combination of grant funding and community support, address long-standing accessibility barriers and ensure every resident can fully enjoy library services. The project included reconfiguring the once-narrow and awkward entrance, installing electronic door openers, and re-

placing the former counter with a wheelchair-accessible circulation desk. These improvements reflect the library's commitment to welcoming patrons of all ages and abilities.

Visitors mingled with staff, enjoyed refreshments, and explored the redesigned layout. Long-time patrons expressed appreciation for the smoother, more inclusive access to the building.

At 5:30 p.m., a representative from the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association recognized Frost's outstanding leadership, particularly her success in securing transformative funding for library growth, community programs, and facility upgrades. After this presentation, Frost cut the ceremonial

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ABA Monthly Member Highlight: The Alton Community Services

ALTON — Every month, the Alton Business Association sits down with one of our

Community Calendar November 6-13

Thursday, Nov. 6
At Gilman Library from six until eight, it's Guided Meditation—slow down, feel great!
In Alton Bay Center, come dance a while, Line Dancing with Jane will leave you with a smile.

Friday, Nov. 7
Belly Dancing at Pearson Road—shimmy and spin,
Fusion steps with Katie—let the rhythm begin!
At Gilford Library, kids craft and play, Storytime giggles start your day.

Saturday, Nov. 8
At the Gilford Church, hear the choir soar,
Voices in harmony, open door.
Across Alton's green, the vendors appear, for a Harvest Craft Fair to close out the year.

Sunday, Nov. 9
A Veterans tribute at 11 a.m. sharp,
Flags, salutes, and notes from a harp.
At Prospect Mountain gym, Timber Wolves meet, youth basketball sign-

ups—no defeat!

Monday, Nov. 10
Stretch out and breathe at Senior Yoga class, at Gilford's community hall—time will pass in peaceful ease as leaves still fall, flex and relax, one and all.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
From Alton to Gilford, parades roll by, marching bands and banners high.
Pause, remember, wave, and cheer—for all who served, both far and near.

Wednesday, Nov. 12
At the Gilman Library, Paint Night's the plan, with Anne Morrell guiding brush in hand. "Frosty Pines" is the scene to render—bring a friend, and make November tender.

Thursday, Nov. 13
Pilates at nine, Alton Bay hall—stretch, strengthen, balance, one and all.
Then to end the week, with hearts full and clear, say thanks to your neighbors—true friends live here.

amazing ABA members to get to know them a little better! We ask each member the same questions, providing an opportunity for our members to highlight the important work they do in our communities.

This month's spotlight is a bit different. The ABA is highlighting an organization whose data was collected prior to the Nov. 1 nonrenewal of SNAP benefits. With demand steadily rising, we encourage the community to consider donating to support local families in need.

Thanks to the generosity of Alton residents and dedicated volunteers, Alton Community Services (ACS) continues to make a powerful impact. Over the past year, ACS has served 118 families, distributing an average of 5,000 meals' worth of food each month. In total, 54,910 pounds of food—valued at \$104,329—were received through the Food Bank and Fresh Rescue programs.

Requests for help continue to grow, with a 15 percent increase in families served and a 10 percent rise in non-food assistance such as transportation and household necessities.

One of the greatest ongoing needs is for personal care items—including shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, laundry detergent, and feminine hygiene products. Every contribu-

tion, whether goods or financial support, helps ACS continue its vital work for our community as they do not receive no government funding and rely on community support.

For more information or to get involved, contact Chris Racine at altoncs32@gmail.com or visit the Alton Community Services Web site.

— Alton Business Association

Q: Tell us about your business

A: Alton Community Services, aka the Alton Food Pantry, provides services for the less fortunate families residing in the Town of Alton. Our main purpose is to provide food assistance however, with our strong network, we are able to assist families in need with additional support/assistance.

ACS has a volunteer Board of Directors of which I, Chris Racine, am the Director. We also host Operation Blessings for families in need for Thanksgiving dinner. We also host Mrs. Santa Fund that distributes gifts for children within the Town of Alton.

Q: Tell us about yourself

A: I have been Director of Alton Community Services for eight years now. I retired from Profile Bank as a Loan Officer in late 2024, and as a retiree it seems I am

busier than when I was working!! I have lived in Alton for 20 years and enjoy our community.

Q: How did your business get started?

A: The Alton Community Services is 25 years old. It started with three to five Alton Residents who were members of our Churches... all committed to assisting the less fortunate families and created "the food pantry."

Q: What has your relationship with the Alton Business Association done for you or your business?

A: The ABA continues to be a strong supporter of ACS with financial donations from various Town events that the ABA underwrites. As a former Board Member of the ABA, I certainly appreciate all the time, energy, and commitment it takes to host events... Kudos to all ABA members in supporting their Town.

Q: What do you value most about this community?

A: Alton is a small community with a big heart... that is why it's my home!

Q: Why did you want to open your business in this community?

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Q: What business accomplishment are you most proud of?

A: The commitment of assisting the families residing in Alton who are less fortunate. Some families need our assistance on a short-term basis while others are in need of our assistance for longer periods of time...either way ACS is there for assistance!!

Q: What does the future hold for you and your business?

A: We look for continued growth not only in clientele but with assistance at various levels.

What is one piece of advice you wish you had as a new business owner?

Support your community and our community will support you!

Q: How can people who want to learn more about you or your business get in touch with you?

A: For more information or to learn how you can help, please contact Chris Racine at altoncs32@gmail.com, call 603-833-3482, or visit Alton Community Services' website. Everyone is welcome to visit us at 11C Village Circle in Alton.



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Gilford Parks and Recreation news

BY BRITNI STEWART
Director
Gilford Parks and Recreation

Youth Basketball registration deadline is Nov. 7!

Gilford – The Gilford Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Program for Gilford children in grades 1–6. The registration deadline is Friday, Nov. 7. Registration forms are available in the Town Hall Lobby, on the Parks and Recreation Department Web site at www.gilfordrec.com, and in the Parks and Recreation Office. Participants may also register online through RecDesk by clicking the “New Online Registration” link on the department’s

website. Please note that registrations submitted after Nov. 7 will be accepted based on availability only.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 527-4722.

Nov. 10 – Passport to Austria – Tour

Once again, Peter and Monica Sawyer will take us on a virtual journey to Austria with a captivating pictorial presentation. The program

will begin at 11 a.m. at the Gilford Community Church in the Fellowship Hall. Following the presentation, guests will enjoy a delicious meal featuring Austrian goulash (braised beef and potatoes), a side of carrots, baguette with butter, and a chef’s choice dessert. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and water will also be provided. The cost for the program is \$11.

Please be sure to RSVP by Wednesday,

Nov. 5.

Nov. 24 – Lunch and a Little “Name That Tune”

Join us at the Gilford Community Church, Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy a delicious lunch of meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, a veggie, rolls and butter, and a Chef’s choice dessert. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and water will also be available. After lunch is served, we will pipe up the music and take a walk down “Memory Lane” and test our brains with some snippets of songs from the past several decades. The cost for the program is \$11.

Please be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 19.

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LRCC hosts first Big Crab Cook-Off competition for high school culinary students

LACONIA — On Oct. 28, students from culinary programs at eight New Hampshire high schools filled the Culinary Arts kitchen at Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) to compete for top honors in the inaugural Big Crab Cook-Off Competition. A partnership between Heron Point Seafood, the New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association Education Foundation (NHLRAEF), and LRCC, the competition was created to showcase skills and foster culinary creativity in a fun way. Despite stiff competition, Plymouth Regional High School cooked the competition, finishing in first place and was awarded a combined \$4,500 allocated between the school and team members.

The event showcased both the culinary talents of state high school students and the state-of-the-art culinary facilities at LRCC.

“We were happy to host the event and have the opportunity to show our new kitchen facilities to potential LRCC students from all over New Hampshire,” said Chef William Walsh, a professor in the LRCC Culinary Arts program.

As the official sponsor of the Big Crab Cook-Off, Heron Point donated fresh crab for both practice and competition. Rick Spalding, vice president of sales and marketing at Heron Point Seafood, said that crab was selected to provide an opportunity for students to explore an unfamiliar protein.

“Crab is not heavily



utilized in this neck of the woods. These students probably know crab cakes, but we want to challenge them. What else can you do with it?” he commented.

Students enrolled in Culinary 1 or Culinary 2 classes at high schools from around the state rose to the challenge to demonstrate their culinary skills. During the 45-minute competition, they prepared, cooked and plated dishes before a panel of judges including Chef Derek Bissonette and Tom Weir of Heron Point Seafood; Joe Linnehan, COO of Tinios Hospitality Group and a New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association board member; and Bryce Haines, a current LRCC student, former ProStart competitor, and proud recipient of the Heron Point Seafood Scholarship.

Teams of two to three students from Concord Regional Technical Center in Concord; Dover Regional Career

Technical Center in Dover; Mount Washington Valley (MWV) Career & Technical Center in North Conway; North Point Career Technical Education in Colebrook; Pinkerton Academy in Derry; Plymouth Regional High School in Plymouth; Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth; and White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield participated. Each team was charged with creating a well-executed appetizer or entrée dish following a strict list of permitted ingredients and preparation requirements. Judging was based on four categories: taste and flavor, knife skills and technique, creativity and plating, and presentation.

The winners included:

- First Place – Plymouth Regional High School
- Sophie Kelsey and Alivia Menth prepared Crab Salad and Mango Salsa

- Second Place – MWV Career Technical Center
- Nirvana Clough and William Como prepared Coastal Crab Fusion
- The school received \$1,500 and students received \$200 each
- Third Place – Pinkerton Academy
- Layla Brown, Megan Gelinas, and Kiley Hewey prepared Crab and Mango Tower
- The school received \$1,000 and the students each received a Dexter knife set

Josh Cole from Portsmouth High School and Maddy Stice from Dover Career Technical Center each received a Dexter knife set in recognition of their strong performance.

NHLRAEF is dedicated to supporting the education of New Hampshire’s current and future workforce by creating and financially contributing to educational opportuni-

ties. The ProStart program, a nationwide, two-year high school program that combines classroom learning with real-world experience in culinary arts and restaurant management, is a key NHLRAEF initiative and Aimie Parisseau, executive director, was pleased to find that many of the teams participating in the Big Crab Cook-Off were using the competition to prepare for ProStart events. “That wasn’t the expectation, but it’s

awesome that students are excited. Events like the Big Crab Cook-Off continually promote and grow the program.” Heron Point sponsors additional competitions through the ProStart program.

With more than 35 degree and certificate programs, including pathways in Culinary Arts and Pastry Arts, LRCC delivers high-quality, career-focused education that fuels economic growth and strengthens communities across central New Hampshire.

About LRCC

Lakes Region Community College (LRCC), located in Laconia, New Hampshire, is a leading institution dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable education and training opportunities that meet the ever-changing needs of individuals, businesses, and communities. With a steadfast commitment to excellence, LRCC prepares its students for success in a rapidly evolving world. For more information, visit LRCC.edu.




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Gratitude season in the Lakes Region

November has a way of softening things. The roar of summer fades into the hush of bare trees and wood smoke. Across Alton, New Durham, Barnstead, and Gilford, the docks are stacked, the boats are under tarp, and the steady hum of summer traffic is replaced by something gentler—neighbors waving across the post office parking lot, the smell of pies drifting from kitchen windows, and the sight of kids crunching through frosted leaves on their way to the bus stop.

This is the in-between season: not quite the merriment of December, not the bustle of summer, but something quieter and, maybe, more meaningful. It's the time when these towns show what they're made of.

In every community, there's a small army of people whose work is rarely noticed but always felt. The folks at the local churches and food pantries who pack boxes of groceries so families can have full tables on Thanksgiving. The volunteers at the Gilman Library who keep the children's room alive with story hours and crafts. The veterans' groups who hang flags along Main Street, even in the biting wind. The teachers at Prospect Mountain and Gilford High who stay late to help a student prepare for finals or finish a college essay.

This is the season that belongs to them—the quiet givers, the steady hands. Gratitude isn't just a word that belongs to one holiday in November. Around here, it's a way of doing things.

We are lucky in these small towns. People notice when someone's struggling. They bring soup, or split firewood, or drop off a coat without a word. They turn out for spaghetti suppers and school fundraisers not because they must, but because that's what neighbors do. In a world that often seems too loud and too divided, there's comfort in knowing that kindness still finds its way through frost and fog, down every winding back road in Belknap County.

As the first snow dusts the mountains and the lake begins to still, we're reminded that gratitude isn't passive—it's something we practice. It's the decision to give, to show up, to care even when no one is watching.

So when the parades pass by on Veterans Day, stand a little taller. When the food drives start up, fill an extra bag. When the cold seeps in, open your door to a neighbor who might need help with theirs.

Because this season, more than any other, belongs to those small acts of decency that bind a community together.

We live in a place that endures the hard winters and celebrates the soft returns of spring. That endurance, that generosity of spirit, is something worth honoring—not only with words, but with action.

November doesn't shout. It whispers. It reminds us that gratitude, like the lakes and hills that shape these towns, runs deep and steady beneath the surface. All we have to do is notice.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN Monster

I was sitting here, getting enbluedicated by one sided political discourse on YouTube, when all of a sudden, the little spinney thing came on the screen and everything came to a screeching halt. I was just about to click myself off to another video trying to grab for my attention, but that had just become impossible. The internet was down.

It usually resets itself, or a power cycle of the router usually suffices. Not this time. Some automotive misadventure out on the road somewhere could be responsible. If that's the case, I might as well grab a book. I wondered if the TV worked. It's been so long, I actually don't know. How can one say that you might wonder. It's just not high on my priority list I guess.

I got ready for bed, read some in the book, checked

on my connection and it still wasn't connecting. What's one to do? I think I'll go to bed early and try for some additional sleep, if that's possible. My body works on it's daily clock which is stubbornly difficult to adjust. Gigs throw it way off. Lots of recuperation time required for them these days. I used to be totally unaffected by all that kind of stuff, not anymore.

The next day was sunny and nice, and I wasn't called to sub, so I went off to deliver a bill and got a new list of jobs to do. I took care of a couple, the others will need to wait.

After lunch, I was home pondering my list. My body said it was a good time to take a nap, I said that that would screw up the whole afternoon, so I headed out and installed some ladder hooks and decided that it

was a good day to do some mowing. Soon I was giving the pathways a nice short cut, then I raised it up and went to the leach field that hadn't been trimmed all summer. It was pretty long.

That's OK, though; I have a monster mowing machine that plows through pretty much anything. My old boss gave it to me. One of the things he liked to do on weekends was go to the dump. He was one of those hoarder sorts who collected things just to save them from being throw away. They might be useful to somebody. He already had a collection of lawn mowers and barely a postage stamp of a yard to use them on. This one would have been his prize jewel machine.

The problem was, he couldn't get it to work. He knew I was a fix it kind of guy who lived out deep in

the forest. My title may have been an engineer, but I was the guy that made sure that everything in the factory worked. He offered me the machine, and I jumped at it. I knew it had to be a beast, and had confidence that I could figure it out. Well, I did, and it's been my brush hog ever since. Any self respecting homeowner would never think to treat such a nice machine the way I do, heavens, it's built like a tank and never complains one bit.

After doing the leach field, I raised it up all the way and headed out into the woods to trim the small trees and other undesirables that have been growing up on my ski trails. What a machine. I could have kept going but it was getting late and believe it or not, I was getting pretty tired. I ran it out of gas and parked it. That should be it for the season. At least for the lawn mower. The tractor is another story, for another day.

I trudged into the house to get off my feet for a bit, then grabbed some swisschard from the garden, and threw together something with potatoes, onions, squash, swisschard, tomatoes and garlic, all from the garden. Plus wild mushrooms from a customer's yard and cheese from the store. It was surprisingly good for my home cooking.

With no idea what I would be doing tomorrow, I sat in my rocking chair typing this letter, when the phone rang. Wouldn't you know, it was the robot. Tomorrow, I'm going to be a math teacher. I'll slip my history of math book into my bag. Maybe I can enlighten the kids with some extraneous information.

E.Twaste
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Sgt. Bolduc of the Barnstead Police Department continues to set a great example and represent the department in the most positive light. In addition to being a consummate professional, he is always thinking of ways to improve the department and connect with the community. Bolduc recently purchased these books for Barnstead Elementary School through a community grant and got them donated to the library at BES. He also participated in the reading program at the school. Photo courtesy of the department's Facebook page.

Food security

When the stock market crashed in 1929, it didn't just erase fortunes—it erased certainty. Factories went dark. Payrolls vanished. The hum of American industry fell to silence, replaced by the hollow echo of empty stomachs.

By 1933, unemployment had soared to nearly fifteen million—more than one in five workers. Families who once counted on a paycheck now counted pennies, or borrowed bread from neighbors who were just as poor.

In city after city, long lines snaked around corners, men in threadbare coats clutching tin cups and children holding out chipped bowls. Hunger had no party, no region, no mercy.

And then came the dust. As if economic ruin weren't enough, the early 1930s brought a second catastrophe. The Great Plains—once called the nation's breadbasket—became a wasteland. Years of drought and over-farming tore the topsoil loose, and winds carried it east in storms so dense they turned day into night.

By 1934, one hundred million acres of farmland lay barren. Crops withered. Livestock suffocated. Entire families packed what they could onto rattling trucks and fled west, their lives reduced to dust and memory.

But out of that dust, compassion took root.

Ordinary citizens—neighbors, church groups, and volunteers—refused to wait for government relief that was still tangled in red tape. In living rooms and church basements, they poured kettles of soup, handed out bread loaves, and opened their doors to strangers. These homegrown soup kitchens ran on donations, not directives.

In Detroit, Capuchin friars opened a humble kitchen that would serve thousands each day, surviving on faith and flour. Even Chicago's most unlikely philanthropist, Al Capone, set up a soup line—not out of sainthood, of course.

Across the nation, gymnasiums became dining halls, union halls became food depots, and women's auxiliaries became engines of mercy. The system was imperfect and chaotic, but it worked.

No one knows exactly how many Americans were starving, but by 1932, a quarter of all families had no wage earner at all. Hunger was not a number—it was a cold morning, an empty pot, a mother whispering to her child, "We'll find something tomorrow."

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Out on the plains, where the dust blotted out the sun, the same story unfolded. Farm wives gathered wild berries. Neighbors shared seed and sugar. Churches turned barns into relief depots. At train stations, small-town committees left buckets of milk and bread for migrants heading west. And in California's orchards, locals organized food drives for the endless wave of families who had lost everything but their will to survive.

By the late 1930s, those collective acts of kindness—migrant relief kitchens, church pantries, and conservation efforts—had begun to turn the tide. Fields were reseeded. Families found work. The wind still blew, but hope had returned to the soil.

Things may change by the time you read this, but as of now, the federal government shutdown has halted the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—known to most as food stamps or EBT. More than 42 million Americans rely on that card to buy groceries and feed their families. A judge has ordered the administration to make the payments, but delays mean refrigerators are empty.

Wherever you stand on

the issue, I hope we can all agree that when the system pauses, the people must not.

Throughout our history, when hardship struck—whether in the breadlines of the Great Depression or the barren fields of the Dust Bowl—it wasn't bureaucracy that saved us. It was we, neighbors, who refused to look away. Church volunteers stirring soup at dawn. Farmers who shared seed they could barely spare. Americans have always filled the gap with compassion and courage, long before any program or policy could.

That's the tradition we inherit. That's what makes this country strong.

So go to the store. Pick up some rice, beans, noodles, pasta sauce, peanut butter, honey, and bread—whatever lasts and nourishes. Drop it off at your local food pantry. Share this with your friends and encourage them to do the same.

Please don't wait for permission or for Washington to solve it. The United States is swimming in food; no one should go hungry.

America's greatness has never come from government checks—it has come from human hands, and from hearts that move.

That's the American way.

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Gilford Public Library

Classes & Special Events

Nov. 6 – Nov. 13

Thursday, Nov. 6
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Living With Grief, 10-11 a.m.
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
Drop-In Craft: Felt Pies, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Stop by the Teen Room to DIY your own festive felt pies!
Sing-A-Long with Susan, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Pajama Storytime, 6-6:30 p.m.
Come enjoy a couple cozy stories with us and bring your stuffie!

Friday, Nov. 7
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Gather & Glow: A Holiday Chair Yoga Journey,

10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Drop-In Craft: Felt Pies, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.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.

Saturday, Nov. 8
Beginner Line Dancing, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 10
Fun and Fitness With Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-11

a.m.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11
CLOSED FOR VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday, Nov. 12
Geri Fit, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Stretch Yogaaah!, 10-11 a.m.
Card Games, 10 a.m.-noon
Check out an Expert, 10 a.m.-noon
Little Math Whiz, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Holiday Wooden Bead Door Decoration, 1-2 p.m.
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Wreath Wood Wall Decor.
Reiki Circle, 4-5:30 p.m.
Enjoy a peaceful pause this holiday season and receive a 10-to-15-minute Chair Reiki session with Lani Voivod, Carol Wallace, and fellow Reiki practitioners. Experience deep relaxation, release stress, restore balance, and leave feeling lighter, calmer, and renewed. Donations gratefully support the Friends of the Gilford Public Library.

Thursday, Nov. 13
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Fun and Fitness w/ Joyce, 10-11 a.m.
French Club, 4-5 p.m.
Bizarre Birds of the World, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

With over 10,000 bird species in the world, there are some extreme examples that stretch our understanding of what it means to be a bird. This entertaining and educational program features extreme examples of birds and bird biology. Video streams from YouTube are presented (in ZOOM and other online format

there can be sporadic A/V hiccups. Overall, clients report these as a minor inconvenience and still give this program high marks). Examples include the Hoatzin, Kakapo, Oilbird, Standard Wing Nightjar, and more. Presented by Steve Hale.
Pajama Storytime, 6-6:30 p.m.

Gilford

police log

GILFORD — The Gilford Police Department reported the following arrests from Oct. 27-30.

Ashley Marianna Luscher, age 31, was arrested on Oct. 27 for Theft By Unauthorized Taking.

Trevor Adam Duane, age 33, was arrested on Oct. 28 for Contempt and Violation of a Protective Order. Sydney Perras, age 34, was arrested during the same incident for Driving After Revocation or Suspension of License, DUI-Impairment, Domestic Violence-Simple Assault resulting in Bodily Injury or Physical Contact, Contempt, and in connection with multiple bench warrants.

Gilford Public Library

Top Ten requests (plus two)

1. “The Academy” by Elin Hilderbrand
2. “The Widow” by John Grisham
3. “The Picasso Heist” by James Patterson
4. “Secret of Secrets” by Dan Brown
5. “The Proving Ground” by Michael Connelly
6. “The Correspondent” by Virginia Evans
7. “The Frozen River” by Ariel Lawhon
8. “Braided Creek” by Ted Kooser
9. “A Slowly Dying Cause” by Elizabeth George
10. “The Impossible Fortune” by Richard Osman
11. “My Friends” by Fredrik Backman
12. “A Ferry Merry Christmas” by Debbie Macomber

Alton Parks and Recreation Community Connection

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.

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.

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.

Festive Christmas Fair at First Congregational Church of Pittsfield

PITTSFIELD — Do not miss this delightful annual Christmas fair! The Dorcas Guild of the First Congregational Church, 24 Main St., Pittsfield, will hold

its 2025 Christmas Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. There are knits, crafts, ornaments, baked goods, the “Unique Boutique,”

and more! The Silent Auction ends when the fair ends at 2 p.m.; successful bidders will be notified then. Both the rear and courtyard doors will be open. Wheelchair accessibility is through the rear door, where there is handicapped parking. For more information, call the church office at 603 435-7471.

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Brian can be a little nervous in new situations, but his soft nature and stunning looks make him impossible

not to fall for. With a bit of patience and kindness, he's sure to blossom into a loyal, loving companion who will quietly steal your heart.

If you're looking for a calm and affectionate cat to share your space — someone who brings comfort rather than chaos — Brian Wilson is the perfect match. A sweet soul ready for a gentle home to call his own.



Meet Simi!

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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Dan Fallon Band brings high-energy Americana Rock to The Loft at Hermit Woods

MEREDITH — Get ready for a night of exceptional live music, fine wine, and locally inspired cuisine as The Dan Fallon Band takes the stage at The Loft at Hermit Woods on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Known for their powerhouse Americana-rock sound, The Dan Fallon Band blends gritty vocals, electric soul, and blues-driven energy into an unforgettable live experience. Led by singer-songwriter Dan Fallon, the band has built a loyal following across New England, performing at venues such as the Bank of NH Stage, Nash and Revo Casinos, Tower Hill, the



Hazy Stage, and The Stone Church. With a sound that

lands somewhere between Chris Stapleton and The Black Keys, The Dan Fallon

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Dan Fallon – Lead Vocals, Acoustic & Electric Guitar, Lap-steel, Harmonica

Andrew Morrissey – Drums, Backing Vocals

Abe Hughes – Bass

Bryan House – Trumpet, Trombone, Keys & Vocals

Emily Streese – Vocals

Evening Schedule:

- 5:30–6 p.m.: Complimentary Wine Tasting
- 6 p.m.: Doors Open & Dinner Service Begins
- 7 p.m.: Show Begins (Drinks & Dessert available during the show)

Tickets: www.hermitwoods.com/events/dan-fallon-band

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The evening takes place in The Loft's intimate listening-room setting, designed to connect artists and audiences through a shared appreciation of live performance. Guests are asked to refrain from conversation during the show, creating a truly immersive experience unique to The Loft.

For more information about the band, visit www.danfallonmusic.com, or follow @danfallonmusic on Instagram and Facebook.

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Gilford's Omario Brooks and Prospect Mountain's Orion Neathery head after the ball in Division III tournament action last Wednesday.

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off a cross and the Timber Wolves were even at one. Allesandro sent a direct kick in on net that Prospect goalie Charlie Yeaton was able

to stop. Forest made a save on an Orion Neathery shot and Allesandro's direct kick chance that was cleared. Javalgi and Knyte Neathery exchanged long direct kick chances and Prospect's



Rylan Clifford heads the ball out of the zone during Prospect Mountain's playoff win over Gilford last week.



Gilford goalie Gavin Forest leaps to snare the ball in action against Prospect Mountain last Wednesday.

Dylan Pelletier had a shot go wide of the net. Wolpin made a run for Gilford that Prospect's Rylan Clifford cleared out and Ben Valles had a bid for the Golden Eagles that Yeaton stopped.

Casale made a nice throw into the box that Forest was able to grab and Wyatt Bubar made a run in for Prospect, with the shot going wide of the net. Zack Locke sent a shot wide for the Timber Wolves and Logan Dewitt cleared out a run from Bode McLean for the Golden Eagles. Clifford had a long direct kick in to Casale, who's shot was denied by Forest. Locke and Knyte Neathery had late chances for Prospect, with Forest making the stops and the game went to halftime with the score tied at one.

Casale had an early shot go wide in the second half and Clifford made a nice defensive stop on Wolpin. Brody Mosher had a good clear for Gilford and Clifford was able to clear a Gilford throw-in. Lounsbury just missed connecting with Pappaceno on a chance. Knyte Neathery also just missed connecting with Pappaceno and Gilford had a corner kick chance that Yeaton punched out of the box.

Wolpin and Nunez had a chance that Yeaton stopped and Allesandro had a bid denied by the Prospect keeper. Ben Coapland just missed connecting with Wolpin on a chance and Casale and Bubar teamed up on a bid that Forest handled. Carter Bruneau just missed connecting with Wolpin while Orion Neathery had a direct chance at the other end that Forest handled. Casale had

a bid denied by Forest and Orion Neathery cleared a Wolpin run. Nunez also had a cross into the box that Wolpin headed wide of the net.

Beale made a good defensive stop on Pappaceno and Bubar had a bid handled by Forest. Prospect had a corner chance but could not convert and Caslae sent a long direct kick into the box that Valles cleared out for the Golden Eagles. Casale sent another shot wide and Orion Neathery's direct kick was saved. Prospect had a corner kick chance that bounced around in front of the net and Valles cleared the ball out.

The Timber Wolves were awarded the penalty kick with 8:44 to go and Orion Neathery delivered to give Prospect the 2-1 lead. Beale had a long direct kick that Clifford headed out of the box and Dominic Soucy made a run in for the Golden Eagles. Allesandro had a long shot denied by Yeaton and Snell and Orion Neathery had good clears for the Timber Wolf defense. Nunez made a run for the Golden Eagles and Prospect's Dewitt cleared out one last Gilford chance to give the Timber Wolves the 2-1 win.

Prospect moved on to face St. Thomas in the Division III quarterfinals, where they dropped a 4-0 decision.

Gilford finished the regular season at 9-5-2 to earn the eighth seed and Prospect Mountain finished at 8-4-4 to earn the ninth seed.

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Playhouse teens present “Peter Pan” prequel

MEREDITH — Come join us in Neverland! A recent Broadway hit, “Peter and the Starcatcher,” flies into Meredith and will take to the Winnepesaukee Playhouse stage from Nov. 6-9.

Winner of five Tony Awards in 2012, “Peter and the Starcatcher” is an innovative prequel to the Peter Pan story, telling how a miserable orphan turns into the boy who never grew up. It will be performed by talented teens as part of the Playhouse’s Education Department season.

This imaginative and adventurous play chronicles the adventures of Molly, a girl charged to protect a cargo of stardust from falling into the wrong hands, and a trio of orphans who find themselves thrust onto the high seas where they go on an adventure with sailors, pirates, natives, and mermaids.

Originally written as the



young adult novel, “Peter and the Starcatchers” by humorist Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, it was adapted as a play by Rick Elice and has music by Wayne Barker. Much like “Wicked” is a prequel to “The Wizard of Oz,”

“Peter and the Starcatcher” provides the back story to Peter Pan with some recognizable names (like the pirate Smee), and other new characters. In addition to finding out how the unnamed orphan takes on the name of Peter Pan,

audiences also see the moment Captain Hook earns his name!

“Peter and the Starcatcher” is a play with music and includes traditional songs as well as musical numbers created specifically for the show. It features a cast of thirteen local performers ages 12-18. It is directed by Madison Tayler Williams with music direction by Ryan Witham.

The Winnepesaukee Playhouse’s 2025 season is generously sponsored by Northeast Mill Services. Tickets can be ordered by calling (603) 279-0333 or online at www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org.



COURTESY

Ceremony--members of the public watch as Frost is awarded the Director of the Year.

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nial ribbon signaling the opening of the library.

“This library belongs to everyone,” said Frost. “These updates make sure that every resident, no matter their age or ability, can walk through our doors and be part of this community.”

Town officials and trustees praised Frost’s vision and dedication, noting that the library has become a true gathering place, one that’s not just for checking out books, but for socializing, learning new skills, and engaging with neighbors.

As the evening drew to a close, residents shared their excitement for the future.

The new entrance is just one piece of a long-term plan to keep the library thriving and responsive to the community’s needs.

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lic Library invites everyone to stop in during regular hours to view the upgrades, explore the collection, and take part in upcoming programs.

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OBITUARIES

Ann Catherine Geiger McKinna, 99

Gilmanton Iron Works, NH. After a brief illness, Ann Catherine Geiger McKinna, 99, died of natural causes at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia on October 20, 2025. Ann was a resident of St. Francis Rehabilitation & Nursing Home in Laconia at the time of her death but is better known as a long-time resident of Gilmanton Iron Works.

Services will be on November 4, 2025, 11 AM, at St. Katharine Drexel, 40 Hidden Springs Road, Alton, NH 03809, (603) 875-



2548. Mourners who are unable to attend in person can view the service here: <https://www.stkdrexel.org/special-events---funerals>

Services will be followed by a bereavement luncheon in the Church Hall. Internment at Smith Meeting House Cemetery, 451 Meeting House Road, Gilmanton, will be following the luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to St. Katharine Drexel in her memory. <https://www.stkdrexel.org/> Peaslee Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. (603)755-3535 <https://www.peasleefuneralhome.com>

Tanger Outlets welcomes the magic of the holidays with festive event lineup

TILTON — The holiday season is officially arriving at Tanger Outlets Tilton! Beginning in November, the center will celebrate with festive décor, bright traditions and big savings. Guests can enjoy shopping for local artisanal gifts, merry moments with Santa and more.

Tanger Tilton rang in the season, Nov. 1 & 2 with its seasonal Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, featuring more than 90 artisans and makers showcasing handcrafted gifts perfect for everyone

on the wish list. Guests can browse a festive mix of locally made treasures, including fishing lure jewelry, whoopie pies and scones, sublimated tiles, laser wood products, scarves and clips, sweater mittens, holiday wreaths, tabletop ornaments and more. Additional highlights include live chainsaw carving demonstrations by Elise, chalkboard mats for kids, and cozy knit items for the start of the season.

The celebrations continue the following weekend

on Nov. 7 from 4-6 p.m. with the Tanger Tilton Holiday Festival, a one-night event of holiday cheer by the playground area. Guests are invited to gather with family and friends for a magical evening featuring selfies with Santa, a hot cocoa bar presented by Service Credit Union and more festive fun to help everyone get in the holiday spirit.

For more information, please visit tanger.com/Tilton—and connect on Facebook and Instagram.

Liberty Academy to present public chartered school application to NH State Board of Education

MOULTONBOROUGH — After two years of dedicated preparation and rigorous review, the Founders of Liberty Academy will appear before the New Hampshire State Board of Education on November 19 to present its application to establish a new public chartered school in Moultonborough.

Liberty Academy will be using a curriculum provided by Hillsdale College's Barney Charter School Initiative (BCSI), designed to offer a classical liberal arts education focused on academic excellence, civic virtue, and moral character.

If approved, Liberty Academy would join a network of schools across the country committed to renewing American education through timeless principles and a content-rich curriculum. Liberty Academy's application represents the culmination of two years of development, research, and collaboration to ensure the highest standards of educational and organizational readiness.

"This has been a thoughtful and thorough process, and we are grateful for the opportunity to share our vision with the State Board of Education," said Jim Miller, one of the founding members. "Our goal is to partner with families and the community to provide students with an education that cultivates knowledge, wisdom, and virtue."

The founding members of Liberty Academy are actively working to collect letters of support from local parents and other community stakeholders. For more information about our charter school project, how to support us, and to stay updated, please visit www.libertyacademy-nh.org.

Following State Board approval, Liberty Academy will host an open house event to celebrate and to meet the community.

Follow the BCS Initiative (BCSI) The Barney Charter School Initiative, a project of Hillsdale College, supports the creation of classical charter schools across the nation. Its mission is to assist local citizens in founding schools that provide an education rooted in the classical tradition and in the principles of moral and civic virtue.

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How is the quality of your water body?

NEW DURHAM — 2025 Water Quality Reports are in on New Durham's lakes and ponds! How did your water body stack up?

Join us on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room for a presentation of the results of the 2025 water testing. Presenter Bob Craycraft is the lakes monitor program coordinator at UNH.

Water bodies covered by the reports will include Merrymeeting Lake, Marchs Pond, Chalk Pond, Marsh Pond, Jones Pond, Downing Pond and Shaws Pond. All are welcomed.

Church Service

SCHEDULE

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Alton	254 Powder Mill Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$740,000	Marc R. and Jennifer A. Rowe	Scott and Lindsay Shillieto
Alton	N/A	N/A	\$10,500,000	Sandy Point Beach Resort Inc.	Sandy Point 190 Jmb LLC
Barnstead	826 S. Barnstead Rd.	Single-Family Residence	\$710,000	James N. Webber	Richard H. III and Cynthia A. Clark
Gilford	1022 Cherry Valley Rd.	Farm/Forest	\$1,600,000	Remigijus Mikelenas and Kristina Mikeleniene	Brian P. and Bethany Degnan
Gilford	24 Green Acres Dr.	Residential Developed Land	\$275,000	Coapland RET and Brett M. Coapland	Bouchard Holdings LLC
Gilford	2164 Lake Shore Rd.	Residential Developed Land	\$637,533	Roha Enterprises II LLC	Bella View LLC
Gilford	Route 11B	N/A	\$2,050,000	Donald P. Allard and Allison L. Trepaney	Mark and Karen Siepka
Gilford	Runway 3517 Condo Unit A7	Condominium	\$140,000	Runway 3517 LLC	Craig and Cindy Weisman
Gilford	Runway 3517 Condo Unit B3	Condominium	\$185,000	Runway 3517 LLC	Andre F. Beauboeuf
Gilford	Runway 3517 Condo Unit B7	Condominium	\$140,000	Runway 3517 LLC	Steven G. and Tammy M. Brewer
Gilmanton	21 Canoe Lane	Single-Family Residence	\$300,000	David Pellegrino and Olivia Croteau	Sean R. Smith
Gilmanton	N/A	N/A	\$159,000	Gavin B. and Mary E. Macdonald	Joseph P. and Dwikorawati Grant

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Answer: Registered nurse

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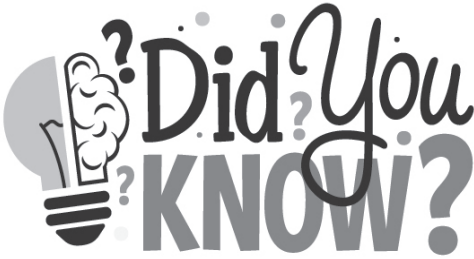
Health FACT:

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Answer: Nurse

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Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Nurse near ambulance

Golden Eagles roll past Newport to wrap up regular season



Liam Butler looks for running room during action on Saturday against Newport.

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

GILFORD — The Gilford football team wrapped up the regular season with a home game with Newport at The Meadows on Saturday.

The Golden Eagles battled through the wind and chilly temperatures to emerge with the 36-6 win to head into the playoffs with some good momentum.



Bryce Carroll boots the extra point for Gilford as Cayden Carroll does the holding in the final regular season game for the Golden Eagles on Saturday.

Newport got first crack at the ball and managed to pick up one first down before eventually being forced to punt. Gilford's first drive began with a Mark Uicker pass to Bryce Cook for a first down and then Liam Butler and Lukas Diaz took over. Diaz converted a fourth down and the Golden Eagles continued to move the ball, with Uicker connecting with Henry Sleeper inside the 20. Butler was able to run the ball in from 10 yards out with 2:30 to go and Bryce Carroll added the extra point for the 7-0 lead.

The Tigers took over and finished out the clock for the first quarter and they moved the ball before Emmett Hughes and Kennan Wilcox combined on a sack to end the Newport drive. Gilford took over and quickly marched down the field. Diaz, Butler and Uicker carried the ball down the field and Uicker connected with Sleeper for the touchdown pass with 7:06 to go. Carroll's extra point gave Gilford the 14-0 lead.

Quick trip to the city to prep for Milan-Cortina (and see Lindsey Vonn)

SPORTING CHANCE



By JOSHUA SPAULDING

Last April, prior to the Paris Olympics, I made the trip to New York City to attend the Team USA Media Summit, which was a great chance to hear from multiple athletes across multiple sports ahead of the Summer Olympics. I really enjoyed the experience and was looking forward to the possibility of Team USA doing a similar event ahead of the Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics.

Team USA announced the Winter Olympics Media Summit for last Tuesday and Wednesday in New York City. Originally, I was psyched to spend a few days with the Winter Olympic athletes until I realized that I was not going to be able to be there. I had committed to being the stage manager for the Village Players production of Sweeney Todd, which was in tech week last week, meaning we had rehearsal every night and being in New York for a couple of days did not fit into that schedule.

I still wanted to be a part



I made it to the Team USA Media Summit on Tuesday in time to catch the end of Lindsey Vonn's press conference.

of the event, so I registered and then kept an eye on the schedule as to who would be attending. Knowing I had Tuesdays and Wednesdays off from the Yum Yum Shop, I figured I could at least make an appearance there one day for a short period of time.

And when the schedule was announced, Lindsey Vonn appeared on the press conference schedule on Tuesday morning and that's the day I knew I had to be there. But I was also aware that I probably wouldn't be able to be there for very long.

For a brief glimpse, this

is what the schedule on Tuesday eventually looked like for me. The wakeup call was 1:35 a.m. and I was out the door by 2 a.m. for the drive to Boston. I parked near South Station and boarded the first Amtrak train out of the station at 5 a.m. The planned arrival was about 10 minutes before 9 a.m., which would put me at the Javits Center about five minutes into Lindsey Vonn's press conference. However, the train was delayed, and I ended up getting to the venue with about five minutes left in her press conference. I stayed for two

more press conferences, including a panel that included New Hampshire's Caroline Harvey, a member of the US women's hockey team, before I headed back to Moynihan Hall for an 11 a.m. train back to Boston. The train arrived at 3:30 p.m., I got in the car and headed north amongst the traffic on Route 1 and got to rehearsal (with a brief stop) at 6:05 p.m., just in time to get Sweeney Todd under way.

Every day is a long day in my world, but that was a lot of train travel. I spent just about two hours in the city and more than eight

hours on the train. But I did get to see Lindsey Vonn and I made it to my commitment at the theater.

Wednesday marked 100 days until the start of the Milan-Cortina Olympics and as part of the Team USA Media Summit there was a special ceremony at the Empire State Building (I attended a similar ceremony in April of last year). Personally, it also made me realize that I need to book a flight to Milan soon. I sent the final payment for my accommodations and have spent some time perusing the most recent publications regarding the media services and facilities available to us once we arrive.

The sixth Olympic experience is right around the corner. Time to start preparing a bit more I guess.

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Newport went three and out on their next drive and Gilford needed just one play to find the end zone, with Diaz breaking free for the 68-yard touchdown with 4:20 to go and Carroll's extra point made it 21-0 in favor of the Golden Eagles. Liam Sullivan had a sack on third down and Gilford got the ball back.

Diaz and Butler carried the ball and Uicker connected with Cook on fourth down to keep the drive alive. Cook caught another Uicker pass and Gilford appeared to get in the end zone with a long pass from Uicker to Lucas Raleigh, but the play was called back on a penalty. However, one play later Raleigh caught the ball and got inside the five before Butler ran the ball in with less than a second to go and Gilford took the 28-0 lead to the halftime break.

Newport was able to score in the second half, but the Golden Eagles added their own score and took the 36-6 win to finish out the regular season.

The Division III tournament kicks off on Saturday, Nov. 8, at the home of the higher seed.

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Tilley runs to 11th at Meet of Champions

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

HUDSON — The top runners from around the state descended on Alvirne High School in Hudson on Saturday for the NHIAA Meet of Champions, which brought together the top finishers in each State Meet the previous week in Manchester.

Gilford’s Maria Tilley was the top local runner, finishing in 11th place overall with a time of 18:52, which also placed her as the second Divi-

sion III runner. Plymouth’s Elli Englund was the next local finisher, crossing in 25th place in a time 19:30 and Hailey Watts of Moultonborough crossed in a time of 19:48 for 33rd place overall.

Ceili Irving of Newfound ran to 56th overall in a time of 20:31 and teammate Emerald Briggs was 71st overall in a time of 20:57. Elsa Bartlett of Inter-Lakes finished in 85th place overall in a time of 21:19 and Addison Alpers of

Newfound finished in a time of 22:18 for 112th place overall. Newfound’s Reece Cutting was 129th in a time of 23:36 with teammates Sophie Garlick-Drake in 143rd place in 31:56 and Morgan Hemingway in 144th place in 32:25.

In the boys’ race, Newfound’s Colin Foster led the locals with a time of 16:08 for 17th place overall with teammate Brady Harker in 41st place in 16:47 and Plymouth’s Tate Hayman finished in a time of 16:59

in 52nd place overall.

Profile’s Collin Reeder finished in 77th place with a time of 17:32, Newfound’s Connor Hemingway was 83rd in a time of 17:38, Grady Steele of Kingswood finished in 100th place in 17:54 and Belmont’s Wyatt Divers finished in 113th place in 18:18. Newfound’s Wyatt Towne was 133rd in 19:35, and was followed by teammates Jacoby Beyer in 136th in a time of 20:28, Matthew Rearick-Ahne in 139th

place in 21:17 and Loukas Raptis in 140th place in 21:35.

Sports Editor Josh-

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Craigie named to LEC Sportsmanship Team

GILFORD — Senior Alyssa Craigie (Gilford) represented Plymouth State University women’s tennis when the Little East Conference (LEC) announced its postseason awards on Thursday.

Craigie earned a spot on the LEC Sportsmanship Team, recognizing her integrity, respect for opponents, and leadership both on and off the court.

Craigie served as the Panthers’ top singles player throughout the fall, competing entirely at the number one position. She tied for the team lead with five dou-

bles victories, pairing with multiple partners to give PSU a consistent presence in the top flight.

A steady contributor throughout her career, Craigie finishes among the program’s all-time singles wins leaders, ranking 31st in program history.

Plymouth State won two of its final three matches to finish with a 3-8 overall record and a 2-6 mark in LEC play. PSU narrowly missed a postseason berth, falling just one game short of qualifying for the LEC Tournament.

HOME POSSIBLE

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Project, a Lakes Region nonprofit providing long-term supportive housing for adults with developmental disabilities. The organization is fundraising to build a new community residence in Gilford, which will feature 12 private individual apartments, a shared kitchen and dining room, family room and more. MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) is proud to purchase \$10,000 in tax credits to support their efforts.

"We are grateful to MVSB for this generous donation, which brings us one step closer to building our flagship community residence for adults with developmental disabilities," Lisa DiMartino, Board Chair, The Home Possible Project. "Our goal is to promote independence, foster a true sense of belonging and create a warm, inclusive

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"At MVSB, we are committed to supporting organizations that strengthen our communities and create opportunities for individuals to live fulfilling lives," said Cathy Sleeper, MVSB Regional Vice President. "The Home Possible Project’s vision for inclusive housing will have a lasting impact in the Lakes Region, and we are honored to play a role in helping bring it to life."

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“Everyone in our community deserves a safe environment to thrive in and we are so grateful to New Beginnings for the vital work they do to bring security and comfort to those in crisis,” said Tina Simpson, MVSB Vice President Commercial Loan Officer and New Beginnings Board Member. “This event is one of their most important fundraisers to continue those efforts and we hope the community will join us in supporting this entertaining and meaningful evening.”

The event will feature cocktails, dinner, dancing and an online silent auction. Dress code is business or cocktail attire. Go to newbeginningsnh.org/gala for more information and to purchase tickets.

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