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Folan, Drew earn First Team All-State honors

Tom Carr named Division III Coach of the Year

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The Division III golf coaches came together to choose All-State honorees for the fall 2025 season and there were a trio of local athletes on the list and one local coach as well.

Gilford’s Brayden Drew and Ryan Folan both earned First Team honors while Plymouth’s Sebastian Eisenbarth earned Third Team honors. Gilford coach Tom Carr was named Coach of the Year along with Monadnock coach Tyler Adams.

Joining Drew and Folan with First Team honors were Maddy Savary and Chase Connor of Bishop Brady, Owen Wilkinson of Stevens, Maddy Giampa of Pelham and Garrett Clark of Monadnock.

Second Team honors went to Caleb Skoog of



Ryan Folan earned Division III All-State First Team for his senior season.

Laconia, Keith Townsend, Mitchell Grunbeck, Henry Gardner and Griffin Moore of Derryfield, Gavin Ret-



Brayden Drew capped off his sophomore season by earning All-State First Team honors.

kevicz of Campbell and Oscar Taylor of ConVal.

Joining Eisenbarth in earning Third Team honors were Sean Dunn and Luke Bedard of Bishop Brady, Max Beaulieu of Trinity, Andrew Bernsden of Lebanon, Michael St. Pierre of Pelham and Daniel Brisson of John Stark.

Savary, the top player on the Bishop Brady team, was named the Division III Player of the Year.

Gilford and Plymouth finished tied for third at the Division III State Meet, which took place at the Owl’s Nest Vineyard Course in Ashland.

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PMHS joins Google Cloud Partner Advantage program to help train educators in Google technology

ALTON — Prospect Mountain High School recently announced that it has joined the Google Cloud Partner Advantage program as a Partner level partner for the Google Workspace for Education Service engagement model, providing Google Cloud customers the ability to train educators on the use of Google technology in the classroom and lead schools through transformative change by providing guidance in vision, learning approach, culture, and community.

As a Google Cloud partner, Prospect Mountain High School offers Google Cloud customers a team of highly qualified educators and Google for Education trainers that are available to help bring any K-12 organization’s Google implementation and productivity goals into realization.

Key features include:

- Google Workspace Apps for Education training
- Google Education Level 1 & 2 certification training for educational professionals
- Google Admin console training for IT administrators

“Becoming a Google partner marks a significant milestone in our commitment to educational technology leadership,”

said Matthew Dumond, Chief Technology Officer at Prospect Mountain High School. “Our high school is now uniquely positioned to share our deep, practical knowledge of Google Workspace and Google Admin console best practices with K-12 schools. This training is vital for helping educators and administrators build modern, secure, and collaborative learning environments for the future.”

Contact mdumond@pmsau.org or visit Prospect online at www.pmsau.org.

Prospect Mountain High School is a public high school located in Alton, and is attended by students from the towns Alton and Barnstead, as well as students from surrounding communities through the school’s open enrollment program. Prospect Mountain has been in operation since 2004. It is one of the Lakes Region’s most progressive high schools and is one of three state-approved “innovation schools” in New Hampshire. The high school’s mission supports personalization through differentiated courses of study to meet students’ individual needs. Prospect Mountain High School’s Granite State Academy online program, launched in 2025, is the state’s only virtual school hosted by a public school district.

Gilford Middle School Theatre kicks off new year with “Elf Jr.”

GILFORD — Gilford Middle School Theatre is thrilled to announce its upcoming production of “Elf Jr.,” taking the stage on Jan. 28, 30, and 31 at 7 p.m., with an additional matinee performance on Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held at the Gilford High School Auditorium.

This spirited musical features a dynamic cast of 57 talented Gilford Middle School students in grades 5–8, bringing the beloved holiday story to life with energy, heart, and plenty of holiday cheer. The production is directed by GMS Theatre Teacher Matt Demko, with musical direction by GMS Chorus Teacher Aidan Lamont, set and technical direction by Anthony El-

dridge, and costumes created by Karen Madon.

Adding to the collaborative spirit of the show, several Gilford High School Theatre students will serve as interns, supporting the production through choreography, costume assistance, character development, and scene rehearsal.

“‘Elf Jr.’ is a fun, joyful, and high-energy show with a meaningful message at its core,” says director Matt Demko. “Audiences will love keeping the holiday spirit alive a little longer with this lively and heartwarming production.”

Tickets will be available starting in early December.

Clearlakes Chorale presents Handel’s “Messiah”: a glorious Lakes Region tradition



Clearlakes Chorale, shown here at a recent rehearsal, will present Handel’s “Messiah” on Dec. 6 and 7 at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Alton. Tickets are available at Black’s Gift Shop and Bricks at the Lake in Wolfeboro, online at clearlakeschorale.org, and at the door.

ALTON — Clearlakes Chorale, Lakes Region’s community chorus, invites audiences to celebrate the start of the holiday season with the timeless majesty of Handel’s “Messiah.” Performances will take place Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. at St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Alton.

Few works in the Western choral repertoire have become as enduring a seasonal tradition as Handel’s “Messiah.” From its sweeping overture to its triumphant and well-known “Hallelu-

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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; Musical performance by the PMHS Choir; 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 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@ya-

hoo.com or parksrec@alton.nh.gov.

**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. 28–Dec. 4

In Alton Bay where the breezes play,

A craft-filled morning leads the way —

Saturday, Nov. 30, from ten until one,

The Gilman’s Holiday Fair brings seasonal fun.

Crafters and cocoa, gifts made with cheer,

A warm little start to the first week of December here.

Barnstead follows with lights aglow,

At the Town Hall Green where families go.

Sunday, Dec. 1 at five sharp bright,

The tree gets lit for the winter night.

Carols will drift with the crisp air’s bite,

A hometown gathering that feels just right.

In Gilmanton’s Corner, where snowflakes gleam,

The library hosts a winter-themed dream—

Tuesday, Dec. 3 from four to six,

A kids’ craft hour with glue, paint, and sticks.

Snowy creations and

stories are told,

Perfect for little ones, busy and bold.

Gilford’s chorus lifts spirits high,

At the Community Church where voices fly.

Thursday, Dec. 4 at seven p.m.,

A rehearsal open to the public again.

Come listen in as the singers prepare,

Holiday harmonies floating through air.

New Durham’s seniors meet Monday at noon,

Sharing a potluck and songs of the season so soon.

At the Community Room with laughter and cheer,

They welcome all neighbors this time of year.

So wander, enjoy, let the week unfold—

In villages cozy and winter-cold.

From craft tables bright to tree-lighting nights,

The season begins with our small-town delights.

WOLFEBORO — The holiday season is just around the corner, and with it comes one of Wolfeboro’s most beloved traditions — the Festival of Trees Gala! This magical evening is fast approaching, and tickets are going quickly. Don’t miss your chance to join us for a wonderful night filled with delicious food, festive music, beautifully decorated trees, and an exciting silent auction. It’s the perfect way to kick off the holiday season with friends, family, and neighbors, all while supporting a great cause.

Mark your calendars, too, for Saturday, Dec. 6, when the Craft Show returns — a community favorite featuring local artisans and vendors offering handmade gifts, holiday décor, and unique treasures you won’t find anywhere else. It’s the perfect opportunity to shop local and find that special something for everyone on your list.

Be sure to visit the Wolfeboro Festival of Trees website to see the full schedule of events happening during the

two festive weekends the Festival is open. From Santa visits and music to family-friendly activities, there’s something for everyone to enjoy in this celebration of holiday spirit and community giving.

Get your gala tickets today and join us in making this year’s Festival of Trees truly unforgettable!

er. The book features 48 iconic views of the town, 12 for each season. Both paperbacks and hard covers are available. All are welcome.

“Wolfeboro Blessings” book signing on Nov. 29 at Country Bookseller

WOLFEBORO — Local photographer Helen Fernald will sign her new book,

“Wolfeboro Blessings,” on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Country Bookseller.

Gilford Community Church ushers in the holidays with Community Tree Lighting Service

GILFORD — Gilford Community Church (GCC) celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with their Annual Community Tree Light-

ing Service on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m.

“Each year, we kick off the advent season with our tree lighting service,” said GCC

Youth Director, Amber McLane.

Members of the church and community stand around a beautiful lit tree and sing Christmas carols. Our GCC youth take part in the service, performing holiday songs and readings.

“This is a special event that is sure to spark your holiday cheer,” McLane added.

The evening concludes with refreshments, including coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and brownies served

downstairs in our Fellowship Hall.

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 every Sunday at 10 a.m. To learn more, or virtually attend service, visit gilfordcommunitychurch.org.

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Christmas Candlelight Service at Center Barnstead Christian Church

BARNSTEAD — The Center Barnstead Christian Church will hold its Christmas Candlelight Service Friday, Dec. 19 from 7 – 8 p.m.

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The rise and quiet fall of Alton’s Old Bay Pavilion

ALTON — Long before the traffic lights and summer snack shacks, before smartphones found their way into beach bags, the shores of Alton Bay were defined by one building: the Bay Pavilion. For more than half a century, the Pavilion stood as Alton’s center of summer recreation, musical entertainment, and community gathering — a structure so prominent that early postcards rarely showed the Bay without it.

The Pavilion opened in 1884, built during the height of Winnepesaukee’s steamboat era. Alton Bay was the southernmost port on the lake, and with hundreds of passengers disembarking each week, there was a growing need for a venue that could host everything from dances to lectures. Local businessmen pooled

resources to construct a broad, two-story open-air hall along the water’s edge, large enough to hold close to 1,000 people. It quickly became the signature landmark of the Bay.

According to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, steamboat schedules during the 1890s were timed around Pavilion events, with the Lady of the Lake and the Mineola making special runs to handle crowds for orchestral evenings and summer balls. Newspapers of the era described the Pavilion as “one of the liveliest destinations south of The Weirs,” drawing visitors from Dover, Rochester, Farmington, and points beyond.

Source: <https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/>

During its peak decades

— roughly 1890 to 1920 — the Pavilion hosted vaudeville acts, political rallies, high school graduations, temperance meetings, and Saturday dances that lasted well into the warm summer nights. A traveling roller-skating company set up briefly in the early 1900s, and for a few years, an indoor bowling alley occupied a corner of the structure. It was, as a 1907 issue of the Farmington News called it, “a monument to lakeside recreation.”

But as the decades moved on, Alton Bay began to change. Rail service to the Bay had ended, automobile travel increased, and new entertainment venues slowly pulled crowds in other directions. The rise of motion-picture houses in the region — particularly in Laconia and Wolfeboro

— reshaped what families sought on a summer evening. By the 1930s, Pavilion attendance had thinned.

One major blow came in 1937, when a severe windstorm tore shingles from the roof and damaged the lakeside supports. The town briefly debated restoring the building, but the cost was high, and the ownership structure was complicated. Ultimately, the Pavilion’s decline continued, even as it remained a recognizable presence on the shoreline.

By the 1940s, the building had been partially closed, and in 1950 it was dismantled entirely. Few photographs remain, though the New Hampshire Historical Society holds several early images showing the ornate trim and wide porches that once overlooked the water.

Today, visitors to the Bay would scarcely know the Pavilion ever existed. The site has been rebuilt and repurposed many times, its original footprint lost to modern redevelopment and shoreline changes. Yet locals who grew up in the mid-century still recall hearing stories from grandparents about dances under lantern light, rowing across the Bay to catch an evening performance, or standing at the steamer dock watching passengers file toward the bright Pavilion doors.

Though the structure is gone, its influence remains

visible in the seasonal rhythm of Alton Bay. Community events, Lakes Region concerts, and summer gatherings echo the same impulse that first inspired the Pavilion’s construction: the desire to come together along the water.

The Bay Pavilion may no longer shape the skyline, but it continues to shape memory — a reminder of the role Alton Bay played in the social and recreational life of the region, and of the long tradition of community-building along the southern shore of Winnepesaukee.

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
- The Wishing Tree – Sponsored by Profile Bank, allowing attendees to fulfill holiday wishes for local children and families
- Hat & Mitten Tree – Sponsored by the Alton American Legion to benefit local veterans

For more information, visit www.altonbusinessassociation.com.

Gilford Public Library Classes & Special Events Nov. 27 – Dec. 4

Thursday, Nov. 27
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Friday, Nov. 28
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Saturday, Nov. 29
Beginner Line Dancing, 10am-11am

Monday, Dec. 1
Fun and Fitness with Joyce, 9-10 a.m.
Baby Storytime, 10-10:30 a.m.
Bits & Bytes: Computer Literacy, 11 a.m.-noon
This month’s session will be on the topic of getting the most out of your

Google searches.
Mahjong, noon to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2
Feel Good Fitness with Dottie, 9-10 a.m.
Senior Sculpt, 10-11 a.m.
Bridge, 10 a.m.-noon
Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Less Ache, More Awake, 11 a.m.-noon
Aches and pains from arthritis may become a barrier to regular exercise. Join Granite VNA Health Educator Brooke Noonan as we learn how exercise can increase strength, reduce joint pain, control swelling, and boost energy for those living with arthritis.
Death Cafe, 1-2 p.m.
Dungeons and Dragons,

3-4:30 p.m.
Intermediate Line Dancing, 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3
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.
Little Math Wiz is filled with fun math stories & activities! *Ages 3 - 6
Paint Group, 1-3 p.m.
Laughter Yoga, 1-2 p.m.
If you can breathe, you can Laughter Yoga! No special equipment required! Not only can Laughter Yoga increase happiness, but it

can promote a stronger immune system, reduce pain and lower stress. More contagious than a cough or sneeze, laughter relaxes the whole body. It triggers the release of endorphins, promoting an overall sense of well-being. Laughter really is the best medicine!

Thursday, Dec. 4
Senior Sculpt, 9-10 a.m.
Living With Grief, 10-11 a.m.
Dried Orange Ornaments, 3-4 p.m.
Make your own hanging decoration out of dried orange slices, they are perfect for hanging from a tree or over a cozy fire for a pop of winter color!
French Club, 4-5 p.m.

Furniture Masters talk & book signing with Richard Oedel at Makers Mill

WOLFEBORO — Makers Mill is pleased to welcome renowned maker, writer, and mentor Richard Oedel for a special evening talk and book signing on Monday, Dec. 1, from 7–8:30 p.m. in the downstairs flexroom at 23 Bay St., Wolfeboro. This free, public event invites the community to explore the world of fine furniture making through the eyes of someone who has lived it for decades.

Oedel has been making things his entire life. For more than twenty years, he has crafted fine furniture for clients from Boston to Qatar while sharing his knowledge freely with others. His new book offers a chance for readers to see not only his journey, but also the lives and stories of fellow makers whose work is often known only through the beautifully

crafted objects they create.

His talk will center on the new book and companion exhibition, “Joined Together: 30 Years of the Furniture Masters,” now on view at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. The book offers an inside look at the daily lives, philosophies, and creative processes of the Furniture Masters. In 1994, New Hampshire was home to a small but exceptionally skilled group of makers whose work was known mainly within studio furniture circles. With support from local leaders, they set out to preserve and carry forward the region’s centuries-long tradition of fine furniture making.

Over the next three decades, this group grew into one of the most cohesive and influential communities of

makers, educators, and writers in the country—raising standards of craftsmanship, founding prison education programs, and sharing their teaching around the world. “Joined Together” tells the story of their evolution, their craft, and their impact.

Local literary treasure The Country Bookseller, represented by Jeanne Snowdon, will be onsite with copies of the book available for purchase and signing.

This event is free and open to all and will be held on Monday, Dec. 1 from 7–8:30 p.m. at Makers Mill in Wolfeboro.

Makers Mill is a non-profit makerspace and vocation hub supporting creativity, craft, and community in the Lakes Region. Located at 23 Bay St., Wolfeboro, the makerspace offers class-

es, workshops, studios, and opportunities for makers of all levels. Free public tours are offered every Friday at 10 a.m. and the first Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.makersmill.org or call 603-569-1500.

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

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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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A season for small kindnesses

As Thanksgiving passes and December settles into the Lakes Region, the weeks ahead often feel like they move a little faster. The days grow shorter, errands grow longer, and the quiet routines of our towns give way to holiday bustle. Yet this stretch between late November and early December has always been a moment of quiet clarity for communities like the ones we inhabit—a time when small gestures carry more weight than they might in any other season.

It is easy to think of the holidays in grand terms: big gatherings, big decorations, big meals. But the fabric of this region has always been strengthened by modest, steady kindnesses. A neighbor shoveling a walkway before the sun rises. A volunteer spending an evening helping to sort donations at a church pantry. A parent taking a moment to thank a bus driver or teacher before winter break begins. A stranger holding a door for someone whose hands are full of packages. None of these gestures will appear on a calendar. They will not make headlines. But they matter.

New Hampshire towns thrive on this instinct to look out for one another. It has long been true that rural communities do not run on convenience—they run on commitment. That commitment shows up every time volunteers set out folding chairs for a community supper, or firefighters gather to train on a cold evening, or library staff prepare winter reading programs that help young families stay engaged during the darker months.

Kindness, especially at this time of year, is not an abstract virtue. It is practical. It is visible. It keeps people connected at a time when isolation can feel sharper than usual. It reassures those facing a difficult year that they have not been forgotten. And it reminds all of us that community is not built only in select board meetings or annual town votes, but in the small decisions people make every day.

As December approaches, there will be plenty of hustle and plenty of noise. But there will also be countless opportunities to pause, take stock, and extend a bit of goodwill—small acts that cost little and yet ripple outward in ways we often do not see.

A season built on gratitude should not end after one holiday. In the weeks ahead, kindness will continue to be our most durable local tradition.

Letter submission policy

Letters to the Editor must include the author's name, address, and a daytime phone number for purposes of verification in order to be considered for publication. Only the author's name and the town in which they reside will be published. Letters submitted without all of the required information will not be accepted.

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Meredith Village Savings Bank's Elizabeth Brothers, Mortgage Loan Officer NMLS# 69282, Tina Simpson, VP Commercial Loan Officer, and Samantha LeClair, Business Development Officer, recently presented a donation to the Belknap Special Operations Group (BSOG) in Alton. The team toured the organization's newly refurbished armored rescue vehicle and learned about their mission to protect and serve our communities during a training. BSOG was established to support law enforcement across Belknap County with a highly trained, specialized team of officers prepared to respond to high-risk situations beyond the scope of routine patrol operations. The program also enhances safety and readiness by offering classroom instruction and in-service practical training opportunities for patrol officers throughout the county.

LETTERS FROM EDWIN

Hardballs

There I've done it. I've been feeling so chilled lately, that this morning I pulled open the bottom drawer of my dresser and grabbed a set of long johns. I've been teasing that idea for a week or so now, but now they ain't coming off till springtime.

It was instant comfort. The 62-degree house temperature was relatively comfortable. I lit the stove anyways. The wood in the October to November stack in the shed is so old that there's not much heat left in it. It's for times like these where you don't want to roast the place up so as to be tempted to open some windows. That's sacrilege for someone like me who put in all the work to fell, cut, split, haul, and stack all the wood into the shed, and then hauling it to the wood box in the house so it can be placed into the wood stove and finally burned.

I had to open the windows once. A new housemate took it upon himself commandeer the fireman position. When I wandered into the house after working outside all day in the cold, wearing many layers of insulative ware, I found the temperature in the

house was above eighty. He jovially greeted me dressed only in his boxers, all proud of his thermal accomplishment. That was our first disagreement. He didn't live here very long.

My first job today was taking down the 12-foot skeleton and a flying witch, along with other Halloween decorations, and replacing them with Christmas ones. This required me to use my ten-foot step ladder. Working up there the temperature was much warmer than at floor level. My hat and coat came off instantly, then my vest soon after. I remained pretty warm, climbing up and down the ladder then up the stairs to put the stuff away. It figures, my first day wearing LJ's.

A couple days later was opening day for rifle season, and I joined a friend in the woods hoping to see an antlered buck of large proportions. The flannel lined pants made a showing for that one. Thinking of large proportions, the reality of proportions comes glaringly obvious when you return to winter garb.

Realizing this, the second pair of lined pants I bought thirty

threes instead of my usual thirty twos. I've been wearing that size since high school. All that added under clothing expands the circumference of the surrounded, or at least tries to squeeze things into compliance.

Needless to say, all the pants I have are pretty much 32 waists. This produces some tight fitting situations at this time of year. There's a little bit of extra squeezing required in trying to get the button or clasp hooked. I usually can manage. My doctor suggested I put on more weight, as my BMI is low. I'd have to get a whole new set of outer wear. The inner stuff stretches.

So yesterday morning, I was all decked out into my Sunday best and stopped at the monthly all you can eat breakfast extravaganza beforehand. I've been very good about reducing the serving size of my meals as my physical output diminishes, but when going to an all you can eat breakfast buffet, old habits get revived. I always have been able to consume copious amounts of food stuff. So I did.

After arriving at

church, my usual next regular function kicked in and I headed off to take care of that necessity. In performing this activity, one needs to release one's circumferential supports. When I was finished, I couldn't get the button hooked. There was just too much internal pressure for me to get that extra distance to accomplish it. Heavens! What can I do?

There are reasons why I insist on wearing a belt, and this was one of them. I just left it unbuttoned and lucky for me, even though it was pretty invisible, my vest covered up the possibility of this action ever being detected. It's hard when thirty fours are just too big and thirty threes aren't standardly stocked. Sometimes life hits you with hardballs.

I kind of skipped lunch. I defrosted a container of soup from twenty twenty and dumped it in a pan and heated it up. Holy tamoli! Was it spicy. Did I really make that?

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Many people find that the great outdoors is the perfect place to spend their days. Activities run the gamut from hunting and fishing to hiking and camping. Plenty of other interests, like birdwatching or mountain biking, also maximize time spent in the outdoors.

According to the "Outdoor Participation Trends Report" from the Outdoor Industry Association, gateway activities like hiking, camping and fishing each gained more than two million new participants over the last year. There's also been a surge in participation in such activities among seniors and youth, contributing to a more multigenerational outdoors experience. There's also been participation growth among Black and Hispanic Americans, indicating long-term momentum toward equity and inclusion.

- When it comes to holiday giving, tapping into the interests of outdoor enthusiasts is a great way to offer gifts that will be used and appreciated. Here are some ideas when making holiday shopping lists.
- First aid kit: No matter the activity, having an up-to-date and well-stocked first aid kit can be a lifesaver when spending time in the outdoors. The kit should include items like splints and bandage wraps for immobilizing ankles or limbs in the event of sprains.
 - Quality wool socks: Nothing can derail an outdoor adventure faster than wet, cold or blistered feet. Wool socks are a must because they are moisture-wicking, warm and comfortable.
 - Insulated, waterproof jacket: A high-quality

- jacket for outdoor adventures that will be efficient at trapping heat, wind-proof and water-resistant is a thoughtful gift. Patagonia is a popular brand of outerwear, but retailers like Columbia and REI also merit consideration.
- Trail shoes or sandals: Supportive, comfortable and non-slip footwear is a given when enjoying the great outdoors. Depending on the activity, there are plenty of options from boots to hikers to trail sandals to consider.
 - Waist pack: Packing light for short jaunts in the wilderness may include stocking a waist pack (also known as a fanny pack) with must-have items. They are lightweight, comfortable and spacious enough for the essentials without getting bogged down by a backpack or another bag.

- ing the great outdoors, and many activities happen during dawn and dusk when light may be at a premium. A headlamp keeps things hands-free and sheds light on surroundings or up-close tasks, like setting up fishing hooks or field dressing game.
- Satellite communi-

- cator: A satellite communicator can keep outdoors enthusiasts safe and at ease when off the grid. Certain regions have spotty cell coverage, and satellite devices will do better at sending out messages or SOS signals should something go awry.
- Hiking poles: Tele-

- scoping hiking poles are adjustable and lightweight, and offer extra support and balance when on trails.
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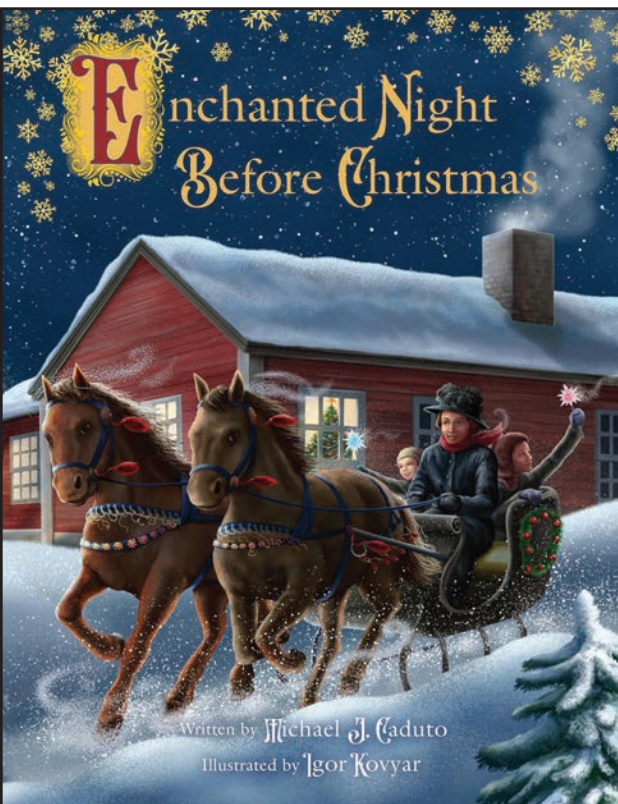
WOLFEBORO — Storyteller, educator, and award-winning author, Michael J. Caduto is coming to The Country Bookseller just in time for the holidays for a reading and signing from his new book Friday, Nov. 28 from 1-3 p.m.

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. One magical Christmas Eve, while the family sleeps, an extraordinary event occurs that transforms their holiday and their lives forever.

Inspired by a genuine rural tradition from the foothills of the Green Mountains, “Enchanted Night Before Christmas” is a timeless fantasy that reminds us that the most meaningful gifts are those we share with others. It also features a delightful gingerbread spice cookie recipe from King Arthur Baking Company.

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All Saints Church partners with American Red Cross to host community blood drive

WOLFEBORO — All Saints Church will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 258 Main St., Wolfeboro.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call 603 569-3453 or sign up online at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code <<code>>.

All Saints’ Church is committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations,” said Carolyn Sundquist, Blood Program Leader. “This blood drive is our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives.”

Blood is a perishable product that can only come from volunteer blood donors. With someone in the U.S. needing blood every two seconds, blood products must be constantly replenished, according to the Red Cross.

“We urge community members to donate blood and help ensure that patients in local hospitals have a supply of blood ready and waiting before an emergency occurs. There’s no better feeling than knowing that your blood donation may give someone a second chance at life.”

According to the Red Cross, donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

About All Saints Church

We are an Episcopal Church whose mission is to share the love of God by welcoming and caring for people who come through our doors and going outside our doors to engage in thriving, powerful ministries that provide meaningful help to our community.

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Barnstead Historical Society hosting Christmas Sale

BARNSTEAD — Celebrate the Holiday Season with the Barnstead Historical Society at its annual Christmas Sale on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Barnstead Parade Fire Station!

Start with a breakfast sandwich from the Tiede Farm Smokehouse. Shop from a variety of returning craftspeople, as well as three new participants offering everything from embroidered items, watercolor cards, live-edge wood art, photographs, and homemade cookies and other treats. The Historical Society’s books will be available to purchase and you can take a chance on a wide variety of raffle items. Flyers are available at the town hall and library listing each participating vendor, as well as the town Web site.

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“Pets of OFML” 2026 desk calendars will be coming to the library for \$8! Proceeds from our desk calendar sales go to fund library programs. This would make a great gift for all the pet lovers in your life, and support literacy at the same time. Supplies are limited, so hurry in or call to reserve your copy today!

Oscar’s Elves are back in the house! Some of us are terrible at wrapping (and rapping), and could use some assistance. Those gifted with wrapping talent are here to help with all of your holiday wrapping needs. We will have wrapping paper, tags, bags, and ribbon. Bring in your gifts to have them wrapped while you check out what the library has to offer. The wrapping is free, but you’re more than welcome to give a donation to the library to be used to fund future programming (and maybe for training for the w-rapping-impaired). Call or

email to get your own 30-minute time slot. We are available from Dec. 2 to Dec. 19, on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., and Thursdays and Fridays 3:30-7 p.m.

Home School Group: Join us Fridays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for a mix of stories, simple science/learning activities, and a creative art/craft activity that all go along with a theme for the week. The activities are geared towards kids ages 4 and up, and younger siblings are welcome to come along. There will be an event posted ahead of time on their Facebook group (Barnstead NH Library Homeschool Group) for each weekly meet-up, so you’ll always know what to expect and if you need to bring anything.

Music and Movement Storytime, a.k.a. Little’s Love to Learn! Join us on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for an interactive storytime filled with stories, songs, and loads of sensory play designed specifically for toddlers.

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. is Children’s Storytime. Visit us at the library for stories, crafts, and singing. Then experience the cozy ambience in the children’s area, which has all sorts of neat things to do. Make new friends. Set up playdates. Check out books, movies, and

games, play with the trains, Legos, and puppets. Come for the learning, stay for the fun!

Start your week off with Yoga Monday! Gentle Hatha-Flow runs from 10:15-11:40 a.m., Senior/Beginner/Chair Yoga is noon to 1 p.m., and Intermediate Hatha-Flow lasts from 5:30-6:50 p.m. Classes are by donation (suggested \$8). All are welcome and encouraged to attend, regardless of ability to donate.

Jamming Tuesdays at OFML: 6-8 p.m. (ages 18 and up). Do you play a string instrument? Well then, dust it off and come make music with us! On the first (Dec. 2) and third (Dec. 16) Tuesdays of the month, join us for jam nights at the library (in the meeting room). No need to be an expert—just bring your instrument and a love of music. Share a few tunes, trade chords, get feedback (if you’d like), and most of all, have fun!

Our Read the Room (new name, same club) Book Club (ages 18 and up) takes place on the first Wednesday of the month (Dec. 3), from 6-7:30 p.m., in the library. This month’s book will be “Because We Are Bad” by Lily Bailey. Next month’s book will be “Thursday Murder Club” by

Richard Osman. Books are available at the library. Bring food, bring thoughts, bring a friend!

Let’s Write a Novel! Join us in the library’s meeting room for a series of structured classes on the how-to’s of writing a book. This class typically runs from 6-7:30 p.m. on the last Friday of the month, but is being changed to Friday (Dec. 12) due to the upcoming holidays. Budding writers, 16 and older, ignite your passion for storytelling, discover how to build your hero’s journey, and take your novel from concept to can-do!

On Saturday, Dec. 13, Barnstead is holding a Community Christmas Event! All you fans of Hallmark’s Holiday movies, you’ll want to check this out. There will be a cookie walk, storytelling at the library, a presentation on the origins of Christmas, and a toy drive and a tree lighting event with Parks & Rec! Details are still being hammered out, so be sure to check the OFML Web site’s community calendar or the OFML Facebook page for more information.

It’s a special Storytime with Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m.! Grown-ups, if you can, please bring a wrapped new or gently

used book to exchange after story time. But in case you forget we will have extras on hand.

On Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., we’re doing a Holiday Paint and Sip Night (18 and up). Are you feeling anxious about the upcoming holidays? Or do you just like to paint? Whatever the reason, join us for a stress-free evening of painting, music, and mocktails!

Family Crafternoon is a family-focused event that happens every third Friday of the month (Dec. 19), at 3:30 p.m. Join us this month and make your own gingerbread house (with graham crackers)! All supplies will be provided—but they’re limited, so come early and join the fun!

MESSIAH

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jah Chorus,” Handel’s masterwork continues to resonate with audiences nearly 300 years after its premiere. This year’s concert will feature an orchestra and guest soloists from Boston’s New England Conservatory, joining Clearlakes Chorale’s dedicated local singers to bring this beloved oratorio to life.

“It has been eight years since Clearlakes Chorale last presented Messiah,” Director Andy Campbell notes, “and that feels like far too long for Wolfeboro and the surrounding towns to have been without this radiant work. Each time we return to ‘Messiah,’ I’m struck by how alive it still feels. The music itself never changes, yet it always meets us differently—reminding us of hope after quiet seasons, of light returning. As we’ve rehearsed, I’ve been moved by the sense of community this music creates—between singers, orchestra, and audience.”

“This is a truly inspired work,” says Chorale founder and past President Bruce McCracken. “Messiah has drama, excitement, inspiration—it’s all there. We believe our audience members will depart transfixed and transformed for the better.”

There is incredible lore surrounding Messiah. Scholars marvel that Handel completed the work in just 24 days, from Aug. 22 to Sept. 14, 1741. Legend has it that to this day people stand during the Hallelujah chorus of Handel’s “Messiah” because King George II was moved to do so at its London premiere in 1743. It was improper to sit when the monarch was standing, so the audience followed suit, and so began a centuries-old tradition—though the origin of this tradition remains under scrutiny and has not been definitively proven! Concert details: There

is an evening show on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m., and a matinee on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Both performances take place at St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 40 Hidden Springs Rd., in Alton.

Tickets are \$20, and free for children and students, making this an ideal event for families looking to enjoy the arts together. Tickets are available at Black’s Gift Shop and Bricks at the Lake in Wolfeboro, online at clearlakeschorale.org, and at the door.

“For so many people, hearing ‘Messiah’ marks the true beginning of the holiday season,” says longtime alto Laura Cooper. “Performing this music is a joy, and sharing it with our community is even more meaningful. It’s uplifting, dramatic, and deeply human—exactly the kind of beauty we all need this time of year.”

Founded in Wolfeboro more than four decades ago, Clearlakes Chorale is a nonprofit ensemble committed to making high-quality choral music accessible to all. Concert proceeds support the organization’s mission to bring live choral music to the Lakes Region and to provide local singers with an artistic home rooted in camaraderie, musicianship, and community spirit.

Soprano section leader Carrie Kinzmaier adds, “There’s nothing quite like the energy of Messiah. Singing it feels like a gift—and hearing it surrounded by neighbors and friends is a wonderful way to usher in the season.”

Whether you’re a longtime fan of the oratorio or hearing it for the first time, “Messiah” promises soaring melodies, stirring choruses, and the kind of shared musical experience that brings warmth to a winter weekend. For more information, please visit clearlakeschorale.org or email clearlakeschoralenh@gmail.com.

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Alton	N/A	N/A	\$936,000	Susan Armstrong and Michael Sklader	Brian Rockwell and Lorrice Bedard
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Barnstead	N/A	N/A	\$60,000	Tary D. Locke	Ralph and Gail Tucci
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Gilford	N/A	N/A	\$120,000	Joseph Lardner and Stefanie M. Lantz	Jeremy P. and Kristine L. Dale
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Answer: Cranberry sauce

Golden Eagles, Timber Wolves earn soccer All-State nods

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire Soccer Coaches Association has announced the postseason awards for the recently-concluded boys' soccer season and there were plenty of local athletes on the numerous lists.

In Division III, Second Team honors went to Berlin defender Hudson Goulet, midfielder Boyd Poulin and forward Dillon Boucher and Belmont defender Brock Smith, midfielder Brody Ennis and forward Evan Martinez. Honorable Mention went to White Mountains Regional goalie Landin Foss and forward George Welch, Gilford defender Jevan Beale, midfielder Christen Nunez and forward Owen Wolpin, Prospect Mountain defender Knyte Neathery and forward Wyatt Bubar, Belmont defender Derik Matthews, midfielder Wyatt Carroll and forward Bronson Giles, Newfound midfielder Zach North, Berlin defender Christopher Charron, Winisquam midfielder Xavier Mondesir and Inter-Lakes forward Landon Richards.

Division III First Team honors went to goalie Grady Burch of Kearsarge, defenders Brady Livas of St. Thomas, Cooper Russell of Kearsarge, Reed DeWitt of Hopkinton and Zachary Hearne of Fall Mountain, midfielders Fin Murphy of Hopkinton, Bryce Selby of Kearsarge, Andrew Wood of Trinity and Ryan Resch of St. Thomas and forwards Angus Forman and Luke Daly of St. Thomas and Nolan Linstad of Hopkinton.

Also earning Second Team honors were goalie Tyler Charette of Trinity, defenders Jacob Messer of Kearsarge and Connor Cote of Trinity, midfielders Kristof Cauley of Hopkinton and Alex Crowe of Hillsboro-Deering and forward Mouad Yzzgoh of Derryfield.

Honorable Mention was also awarded to goalies Kai Gaspard of Stevens and Henry Thresher of Bishop Brady, defenders Jake Oliv-



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Christen Nunez of Gilford was named Division III All-State Honorable Mention for the fall season.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Prospect Mountain's Knyte Neathery was named Honorable Mention All-State for Division III.

iero of Derryfield, Brannon Wieters of Kearsarge, David Cameron of Bishop Brady, Aidan Hemmerling of Mascoma, Luke St. Pierre and Evan Parker of Fall Mountain, Cooper Cunningham of Sanborn, Zephaniah Grandmaison of Somersworth and Evan Clark of Raymond, midfielders Bryce Ballou of Mascoma, Elias Cooper of Kearsarge, Andrew King of Bishop Brady, Aaron. Hughes of St. Thomas, Lennon Doescher of Fall Mountain, Juan Sandoval of Derryfield and Drey Seppala of Conant and forward Carmine Bactad of Fall Mountain.

In Division IV, First Team honors went to Gorham goalie Mason Roberge, defenders Gabe Roy of Woodsville and Landon Hoyt of Moultonborough, midfielder Ryan Walker of Woodsville and forwards Eli Vasconcelos of Woodsville and Matt Driscoll of

Moultonborough. Earning Second Team honors were goalie Caleb Ilsley of Woodsville, defenders Connor Roy of Littleton and Cayden Cloutier of Moultonborough, midfielders Matt Kelley of Moultonborough and Marcus Hampson of Littleton and forward Shawn Walker of Woodsville. Honorable Mention went to defender Max Whitman of Lin-Wood, midfielders Silas Backler of Gorham and Wyatt Weeden of Lin-Wood and forwards Aury Perez of Littleton and Liam Ringelstein of Moultonborough.

Ilsley, Hoyt, Roy, Ryan Walker, Driscoll and Dominic Gherardi of Woodsville were all named All-Tournament Team, Moultonborough's Eric Porusta was named Division IV Coach of the Year and Craig Langlois of Gorham was named Division IV JV Coach of the Year.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Jevan Beale of Gilford earned Division III All-State Honorable Mention for the soccer season.



JOSHUA SPAULDING
Wyatt Bubar of Prospect Mountain earned Honorable Mention for Division III All-State.

Also earning First Team honors were defenders Matt Napoletano and Jack McKinney of Newmarket, midfielders Aidan Murphy and Jackson Pelland of Epping and Jonas Blackwood of Concord Christian and forward Blake Snyder of Epping.

Second Team honors also went to defenders Grady Jutras of Hinsdale and Vito Anzalone of Wilton-Lyndeborough, midfielders Brennan Zhe and Kaiden Doucette of Newmarket and forwards Colton Durant of Newmarket and Owen Burrell of Concord Christian.

Honorable Mention was presented to goalies Jackson Malone of Portsmouth Christian, Micah Pouliot of Concord Christian and Wesley Desrosiers of Mascenic, defenders Dylan Smith of Sunapee, Brayden Leland of Portsmouth Christian, Owen Jackson of Holy

Family, Kam Duffy of Monadnock and Owen Clark of Pittsfield, midfielders Enzo Yoneku of Holy Family, Tommaso Alborghetti of Wilton-Lyndeborough, Vinny Santamaria of Colebrook, Jackie Prompradit of Newmarket and Hunter Taylor of Hinsdale and forwards Ian Thompson of Colebrook, Bennett Money of Portsmouth Christian and Vitaliy Cisneros of Holy Family.

In Division II, Kingswood midfielder Brady Moulton and forward Nate Cloos earned First Team honors, Plymouth midfielder Ben Daigneault earned Second Team honors and Kingswood defender Thomas Benker, Kennett defender Yioner Pirona and Plymouth defender Turner Oldenburg and Bobcat midfielder Lucas Van De Moere all earned Honorable Mention.

Joining Moulton and

Cloos in earning First Team honors were goalie Adam Correau of Campbell, defenders Amadu Diallo of Pembroke, Nico Bellabona of Oyster River, Ethan Bellino of Campbell and Nehemiah Billings of Lebanon, midfielders Max Scopel of Oyster River, John Constantine of Hollis-Brookline and Brady Marcotte of Campbell and forwards Xander Ahn of Oyster River and Nathan Roche of Campbell.

Earning Second Team honors alongside Daigneault were goalie Anthony Guttwein of ConVal, defenders Charlie Ferland of Lebanon, Ryan Dolder of Bow, Jonas Weed of Merrimack Valley and Ciaran Duffy of Bow, midfielders Chris Ledger of Hollis-Brookline, Keilan Cox of Oyster River and Max Cail of ConVal and forwards Brady Colgan and Tommy Maskwa of Coe-Brown and Andrew Desmarais of Hollis-Brookline.

Honorable Mention was also presented to goalies Dylan Hawkins of Pembroke, Darian Bachelor of Milford and Ian Sinclair of Hollis-Brookline, defenders Andrew Duclos and Grayson Daly of Souhegan, Tiegian Barb of Milford, Josh Barich of Hollis-Brookline, Espen Anderson of ConVal and Kobe Berton of Pelham, midfielder Milles Saunders of Lebanon, Rutger Gilliland of Merrimack Valley, Rowan Schlosser of Bow, Brody Ricci of Pembroke, Benji Madory of Lebanon, Deems Brant of Oyster River, Clayton Dutile of Laconia, Owen Gitchell of John Stark and Oliver Ford of Coe-Brown and forwards Grayson Ahn of Oyster River, Matei Botha of Bow, Sean Murphy of Pembroke, Avery Grolljahn of John Stark, Weston Hickman of Souhegan, Jacob Watts of Pembroke and Milo Cocola of Bow.

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Rainey Hinds named Second Team All-State

BY JOSHUA SPAULDING
Sports Editor

REGION — The New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association has announced the All-State teams for the recently-concluded season.

In Division II, First Team honors were presented to Kingswood's Opal Grupp while Second Team honors were given to Gilford's Rainey Hinds.

Joining Grupp in earning First Team honors were Izzy Grenier and Kelli Daniel of Coe-Brown, Ivy Armstrong-McEvoy of ConVal, Claire Starosta of Hanover, Savannah Watson of Milford, Claire Jorgenson and Leah Lynskey of Oyster River and Savanna Comeau of Somersworth.

Joining Hinds with Second Team honors were Hanover's Ellie Molina, Milford's Piper Greenhalgh, Oyster River's Aubrey Young, Pelham's Sophia Guinazzo, Somersworth's Emily Runions and Paige Demers, Souhegan's Julianna Koch and Alaina



COURTESY

Rainey Hinds of Gilford was named Division II Second Team All-State for the fall season.

Hathaway of St. Thomas. Honorable Mention for Division II went to Ava VanHorn and Zadi Marshall of ConVal, Hudson

Cusimano of Hanover, Ella Giuliano of Manchester Central, Gabrielle Linkkila of Laconia and Somersworth's Kylie Pet-

tengill.

Somersworth's Savanna Comeau was named the Division II Player of the Year.

In Division III, Liv Chandonnait of Belmont and Kiera Moynihan of Inter-Lakes were named Division III Co-Players of the year.

Joining the two of them in earning First Team honors were Madi MacDonald of Belmont, Alyssa Snow of Inter-Lakes and Ava Mardis of Moultonborough. Second Team honors went to Sadie Sturgeon of Belmont and Emily Doda and Lillian Lybrand of Inter-Lakes and Honorable Mention went to Belmont's Gabby Murphy and Newfound's Evie Bastarache.

Also earning First Team honors were Farmington's Anna Cardinal, Mascenic's Lyla Somero, Raymond's Lucille Donohue and Trinity's Ava Tetu.

Second Team honors were also presented to Conant's Nex Harris,

Concord Christian's Evelyn Doan, Farmington's Jacelyn Doyle and Zoey Johnson, Portsmouth Christian's Bea Monahan and Trinity's Kallie Davalos.

Also named Honorable Mention were Epping's

Rachel Mazzone, Mascenic's Fiona Alix, Portsmouth Christian's Marion Spurr and Raymond's Madelyn Donohue.

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Football coverage in next week's edition

Due to early holiday deadlines, the story from the Gilford football team's appearance in the Division III championship game on Satur-

day will appear in next week's edition. Check out Salmon Press Sports on Facebook or SalmonSportsGuy on X for updates on the game.

Hartwick College student-athlete earns Empire 8 Women's Soccer All-Conference Honors

ONEONTA, N.Y. — The Hartwick women's soccer program has landed three Hawks on the Empire 8 All-Conference list, the conference announced Nov. 11. First-year Ella Grupe of Freehold, N.Y., sophomore Millie Caldon of Gilmanton, and junior Trinity Irizarry of Greenwood Lake, N.Y., earned All-Conference Second Team honors.

As a rookie, Grupe notched 4 goals and 4 assists, including a game-winning goal at Keuka on Oct. 4. In addition to the All-Conference selection, Grupe was recognized as the Empire 8 Rookie of the Year for the standout debut season with the Hawks.

While Caldon put up 4 goals this season, including the lone tally in a victory over RPI on Sept. 7, as well as 2 assists. Irizarry was another incredible asset to the team this year, starting every game for the Hawks as a defender and shutting down multiple

crucial scoring opportunities for opposing teams.

In addition to the All-Conference selections, the Empire 8 named senior Nicasia Santos of Flemington, N.J., as Hartwick's representative for the Empire 8 Tomorrow's Leaders Team, an honor given to those who have distinguished themselves and consistently exhibit the critical traits of an outstanding sportswoman.

About Hartwick College

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NHTI women's soccer falls in National Championship game

Flood, Davignon part of historic season for Lynx

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The NHTI women's soccer capped off its historic season as national runner-up following a 3-1 loss in the National Championship against top-seeded UC-Clermont, last Monday.

The Cougars started with the majority of possession early, creating the game's first scoring opportunity when Reece Odrobina fired a shot that was saved by Lynx goalkeeper Hailey Knight. Clermont continued their offensive threats early, earning a corner kick and firing a shot that was stopped by Knight.

Despite the early opportunities, the Lynx struck first when Prospect Mountain graduate Piper Flood found the back of the net in the 19th minute. Late in the half, Clermont added more offensive pressure, earning three corner kicks while adding a trio of shots in a six-minute stretch. The Cougars got their breakthrough in the 41st minute when Kaylee Rose blasted a shot past Knight to even

the score at one apiece headed into halftime.

NHTI's top ranked defense stood tall to open the second half, blocking a pair of shots within the first 10 minutes of the second 45. The Lynx offense had some opportunities of their own, but the Cougars' goalie Jordan Geis was up to the task, stopping a Flood shot in the 61st minute.

Clermont's second goal of the game came off a counterattack when Rose drove along the byline and found a cutting Alexis Taylor who scored to give Clermont its first lead of the title match. The Cougars continued to control the pace of play and 15 minutes later, Taylor delivered the knockout blow with her second goal of the game. With the win Clermont finished as national champions for the third straight season.

"Having so many upperclassmen on the roster really helped us out all year, especially this past weekend," said head coach Heidi

Crockett. "At this same tournament last year, we played nervously. This year we were much more composed, even when things got tough in the third game. To me, that speaks volumes as to how tight knit of a group this is and how much everyone respected each other. The team chemistry was huge for our success this year and it resulted in them being national finalists."

The 2025 Lynx are historic, finishing as national runner-up for the first time in program history, while notching 14 wins, second most all-time. The Lynx also featured four All-Americans and ranked top six for every team statistic, both offensively and defensively, in USCAA Division II.

"It is so surreal," said Crockett. We had just won our first game at USCAA nationals last year, the jump we made being the number two seed, going undefeated in pool play without giving up a goal and making the national championship...I

am still trying to wrap my head around it. This group is so special, and the best part is that they embrace this. They worked hard to make their success happen, and I love that they will always be remembered as the team that accomplished this."

In addition to Flood, former local high school players on the team include Belmont's Darci Stone, Gilford's Leah Davignon and Kennett's Moira Irish. The team is coached by Gilmanton native Heidi Crockett.

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Pamela J. Cooley

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Gilford Rotary holding Christmas Tree sale at Fireside Inn



GILFORD — The Gilford Rotary Club will launch their 39th season of selling Christmas trees to benefit local charities Friday Nov. 28– Sunday Dec. 7 at The Fireside Inn and Suites parking lot, 17 Harris Shore Rd. off Route 11-B across from Patrick’s Pub.

Granite VNA offers Caregiver Connection in Wolfeboro

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