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Gilmanton throwing 'Christmas Extravaganza' on Saturday

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GILMANTON — One of the Lakes Region's oldest towns is starting a new holiday tradition, with the Gilmanton Christmas Extravaganza, a community party being held on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Gilmanton Community Church.

The event will feature a marshmallow snowman building contest, musical performances from all ages of local talent, a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas," a carol sing-along, and a visit from Santa Claus. There is no cost to attend the event.

Raelynn Cottrell, organizer, said the Gilmanton Café donated a "huge at-home movie basket" as the prize for the snowman contest, and the Corners Library provided books for all of the children who attend.



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She said that she hopes the Extravaganza will take hold in Gilmanton and grow into a bigger event next year.

"I have lived in town my whole life, I love Christmas, I wanted to create a community event where everyone could enjoy each other, be neighborly, and enjoy the spirit of the holiday," she said. "It has honestly been a wonderful experience to see the community come together to create this."

